# Harry Downes Playground/Field Improvements

# Welcome Everyone!

- Introduction — Goals, Process, Design Review
- Value and Significance of the Park
- Opportunities and Constraints
- Baseline Improvements
- Preliminary Design Alternatives
- Open Discussion

# Design Review Process

- Establishment of a Design Review Committee;
- Meetings/Public discussion of alternative solutions;
- Vote of concept by the Design Review Committee
- Final presentation to and vote by Park and Recreation Commission; and
- Development of construction/engineering bid package by Town staff.
- Bid/Contract Award
- Construction Oversight
- Estimated Project Budget: 2.45M
  - 1M Playground, Natural Lawn Field, Entrances & Paths within these areas
  - 1.45M Synthetic Turf Field, Track, Paths, Fence, Comfort Bld.

# Project Goals and Priorities

- Universal access to and within the park;
- Treatment of the park's perimeter and entries to address issues of accessibility;
- Redesign for new playground to include play equipment for all ages and resilient safety surfacing;
- Consideration of site furniture and destinations for seating and picnicking throughout the park;
- Reworking the grading and drainage to direct runoff appropriately;
- Upgrading and renovating the natural athletic field;
- Replacing synthetic turf field system & track, and;
- Upgrade and improve access to restroom and storage area.

# Project Timeline

Meeting 1: Gathering Input from the Community June 20th

Meeting 2: Discussion of Alternatives September

Meeting 4: Preferred Design with Budget Feb./March 2018

Development of Construction Documents

**SUM 17** **FALL 17** **WIN 18** **SPR 18**

Evaluate Input and Determine Priorities to develop design alternatives July and August

Meeting 3: Development of Design with Associated Costs Dec/Jan 2017-2018

Meeting 5: Park and Recreation Commission April

Bidding and Contract Awarded

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# Existing Conditions - Survey

# Significance of the Park

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# Opportunities & Constraints

Park entrances and circulation

Edge Conditions

Playground

Site furnishings and destinations

Drainage and grading

User safety

Natural Field

# Baseline Improvements

Universal access

Treatment of park perimeter and entries

New playground

Site Furnishings and destinations within the park

Drainage and grading

Safety of users and game safety

Natural Field improvements

# Comments Heard

- Universal access to and within the park and connections of the two sides of the park;
- Separation of long jump from multi-use side of the park;
- Redesign for new playground;
- Existing trees and character of the park is important to maintain;
- Perimeter fence should be evaluated for condition and location;
- Outreach to the Brookline Housing Authority;
- Support for the multi use park including the green dog program.

# PRELIMINARY DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

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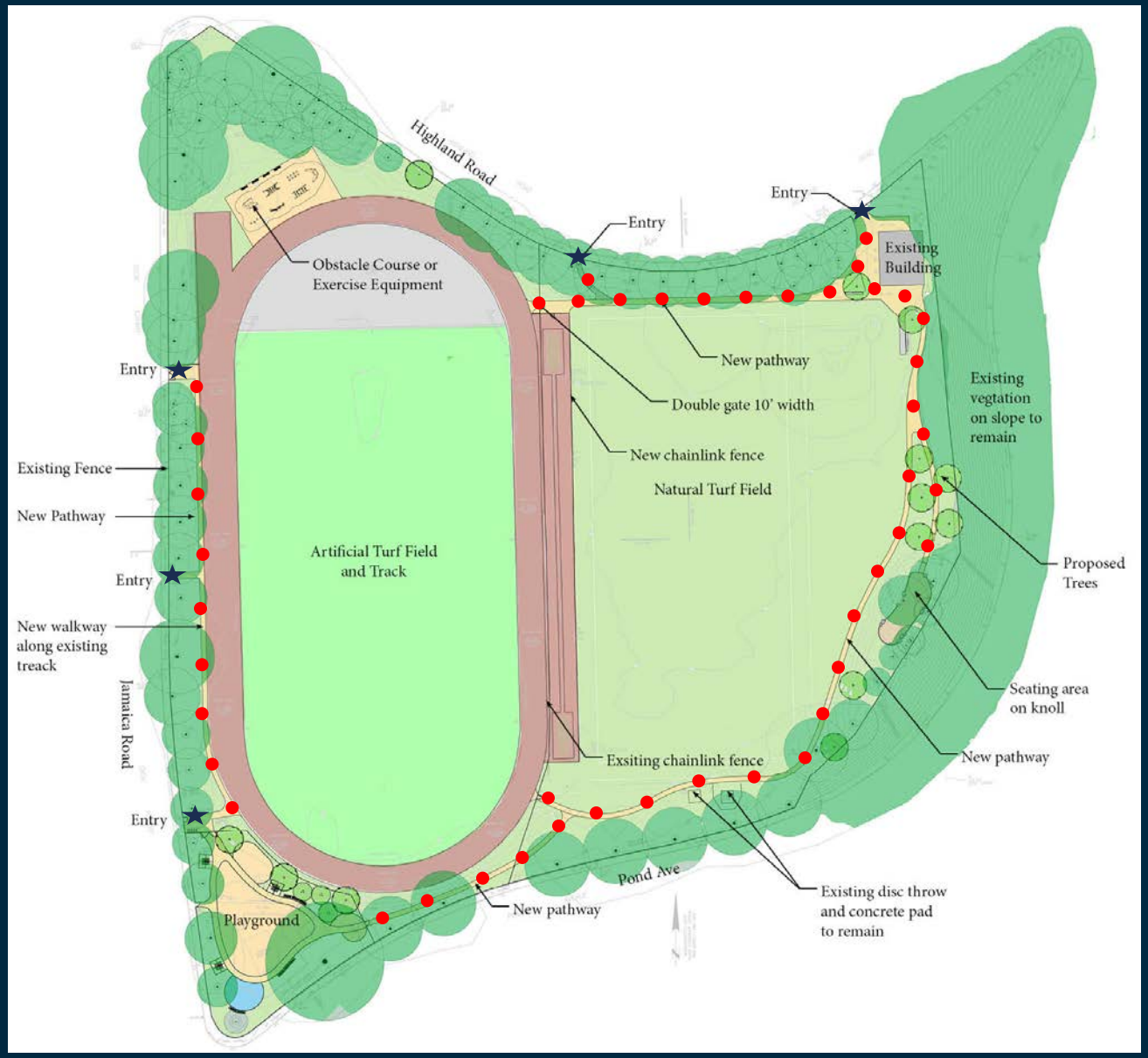




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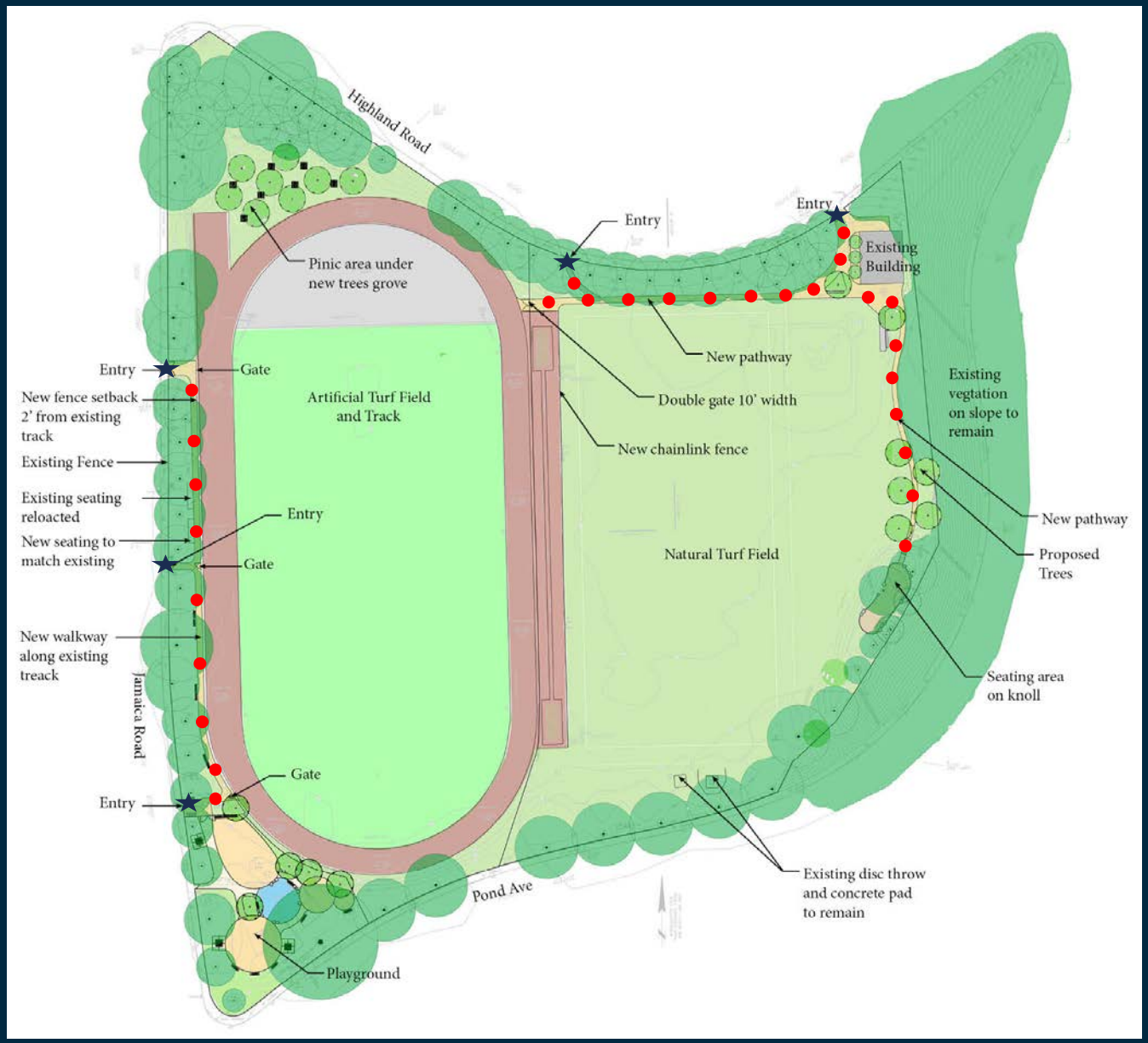

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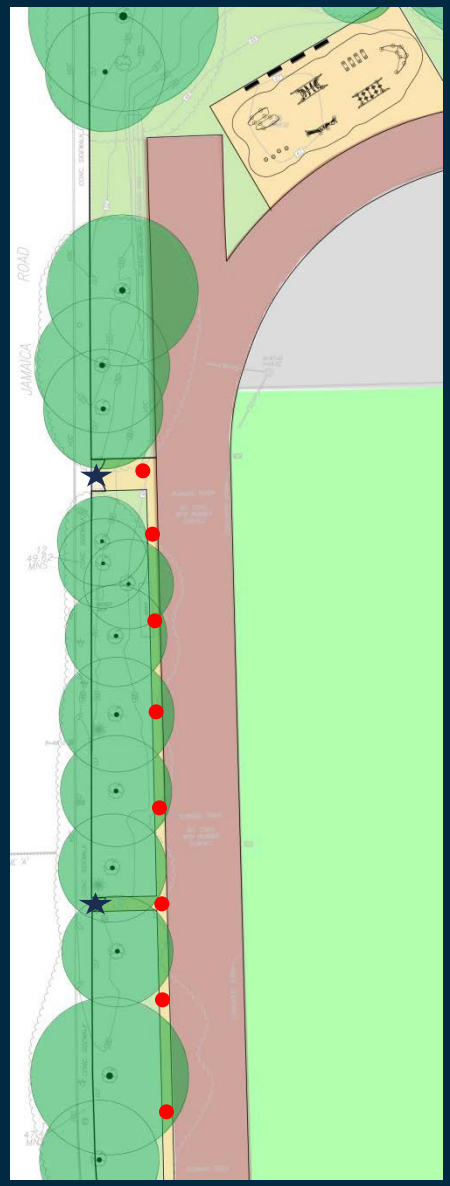

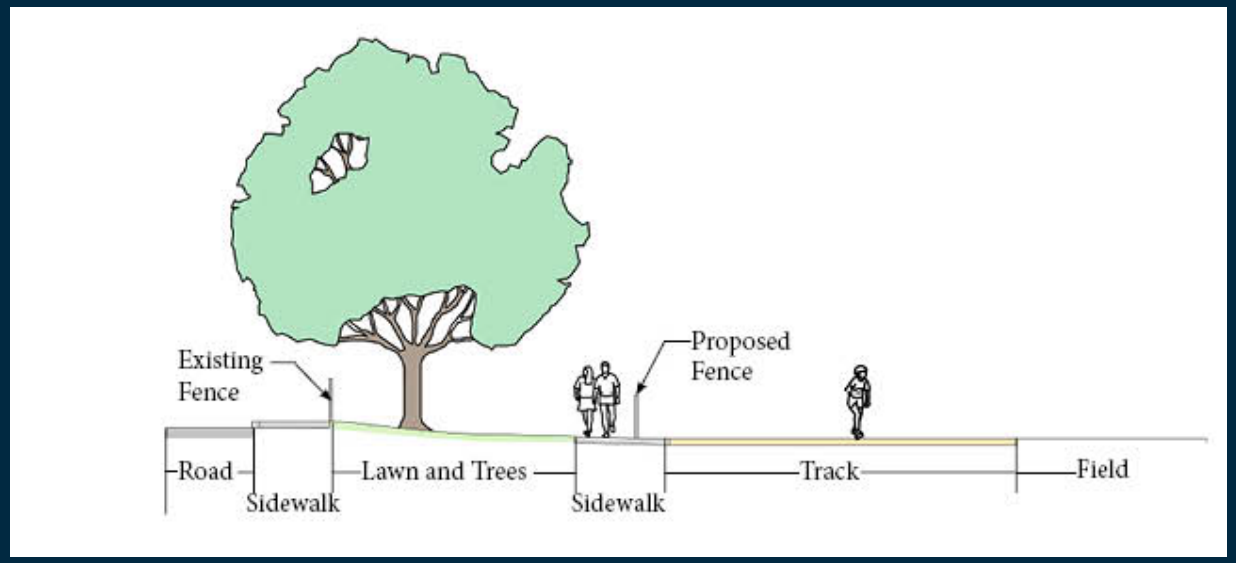

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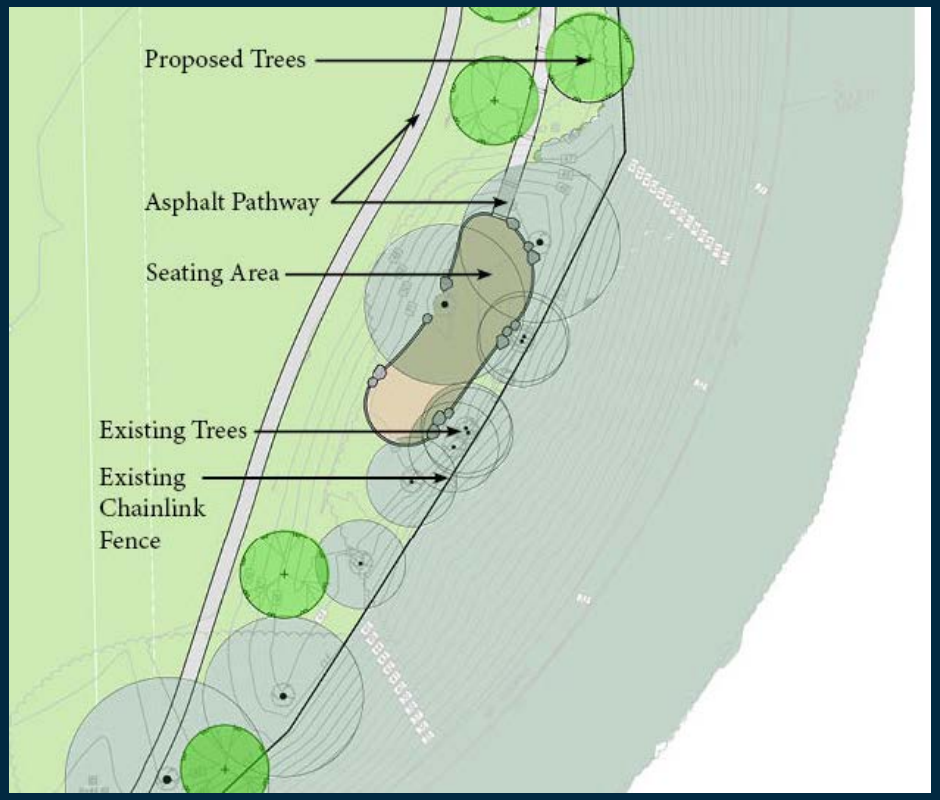

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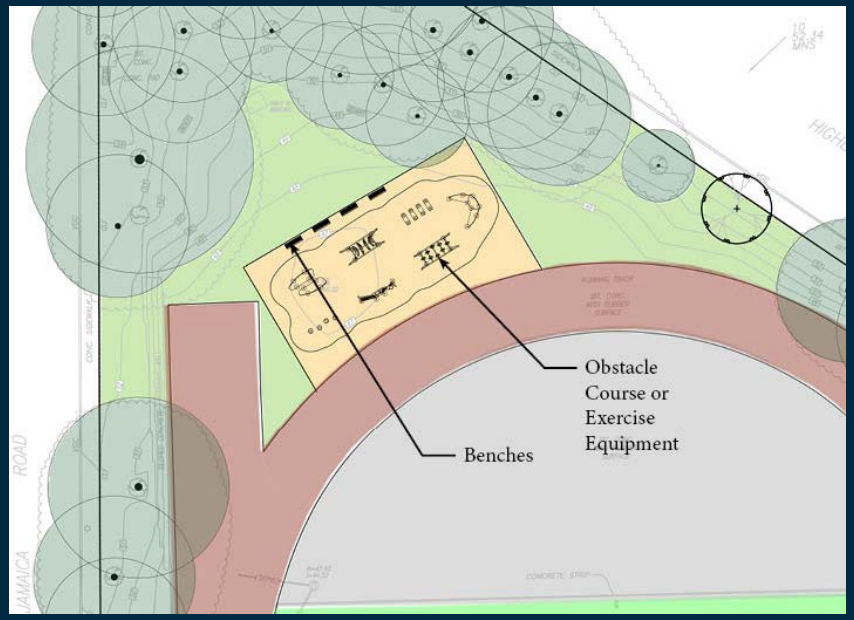

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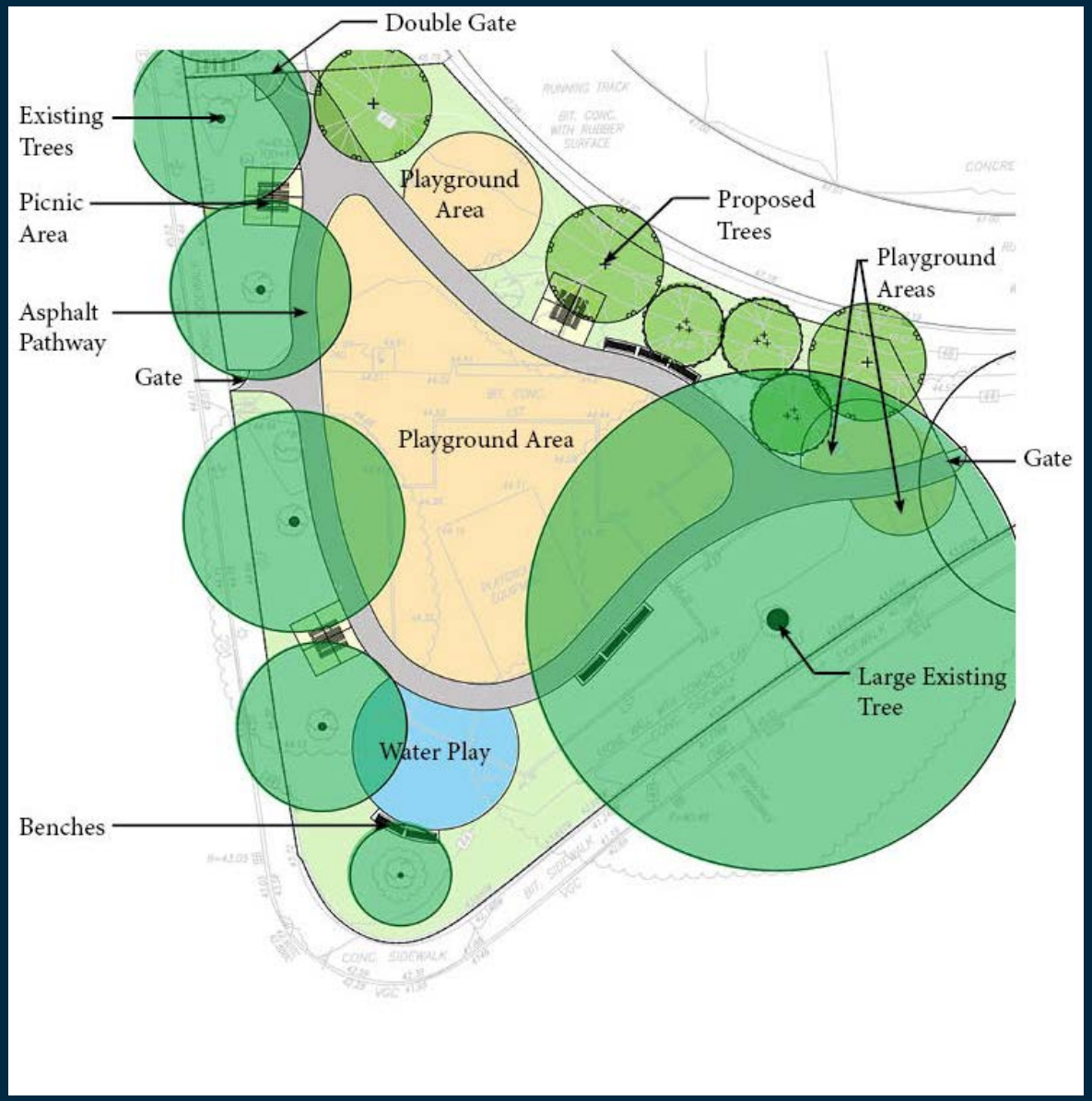

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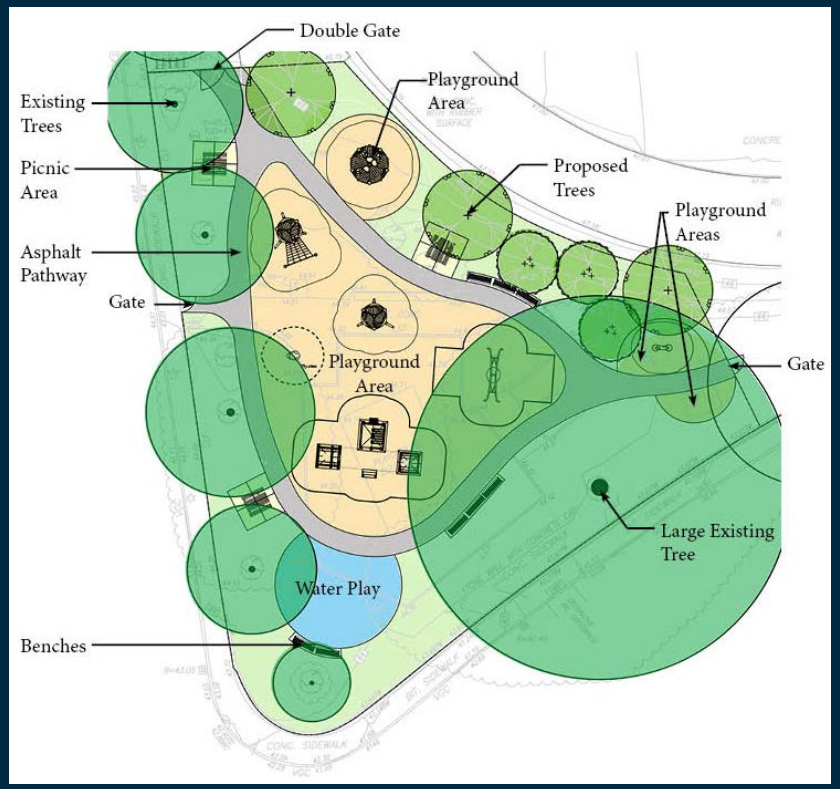

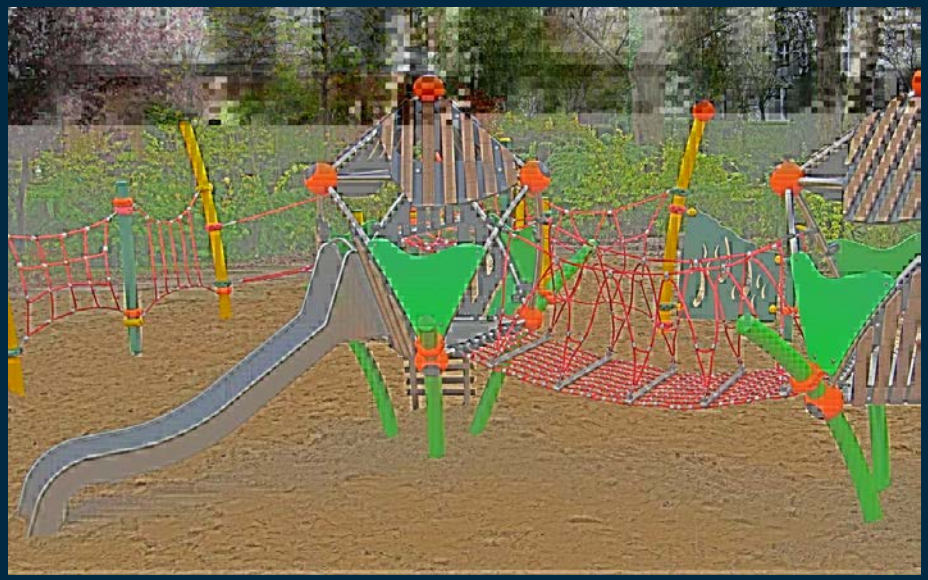

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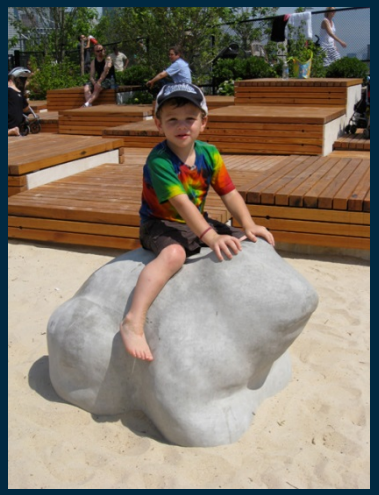

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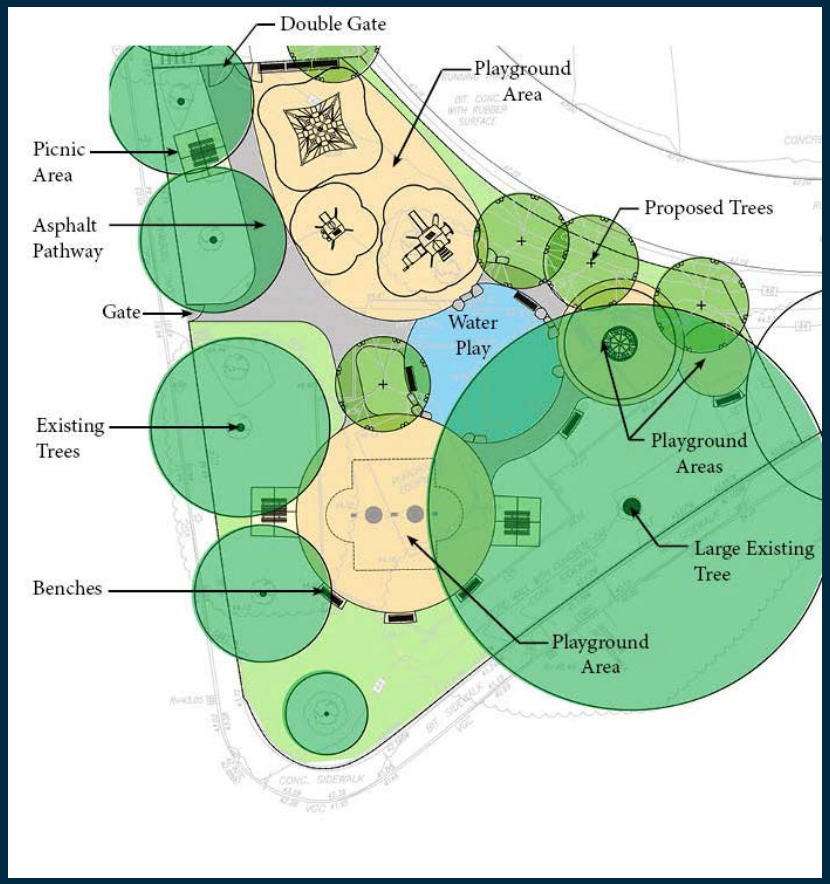

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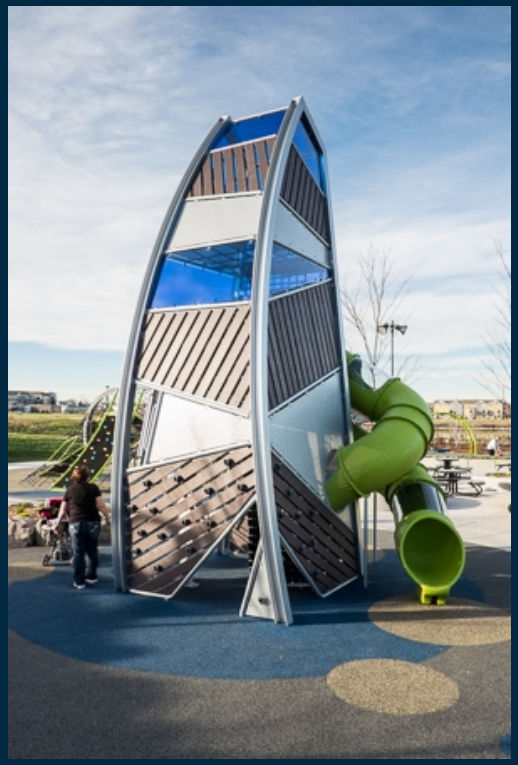

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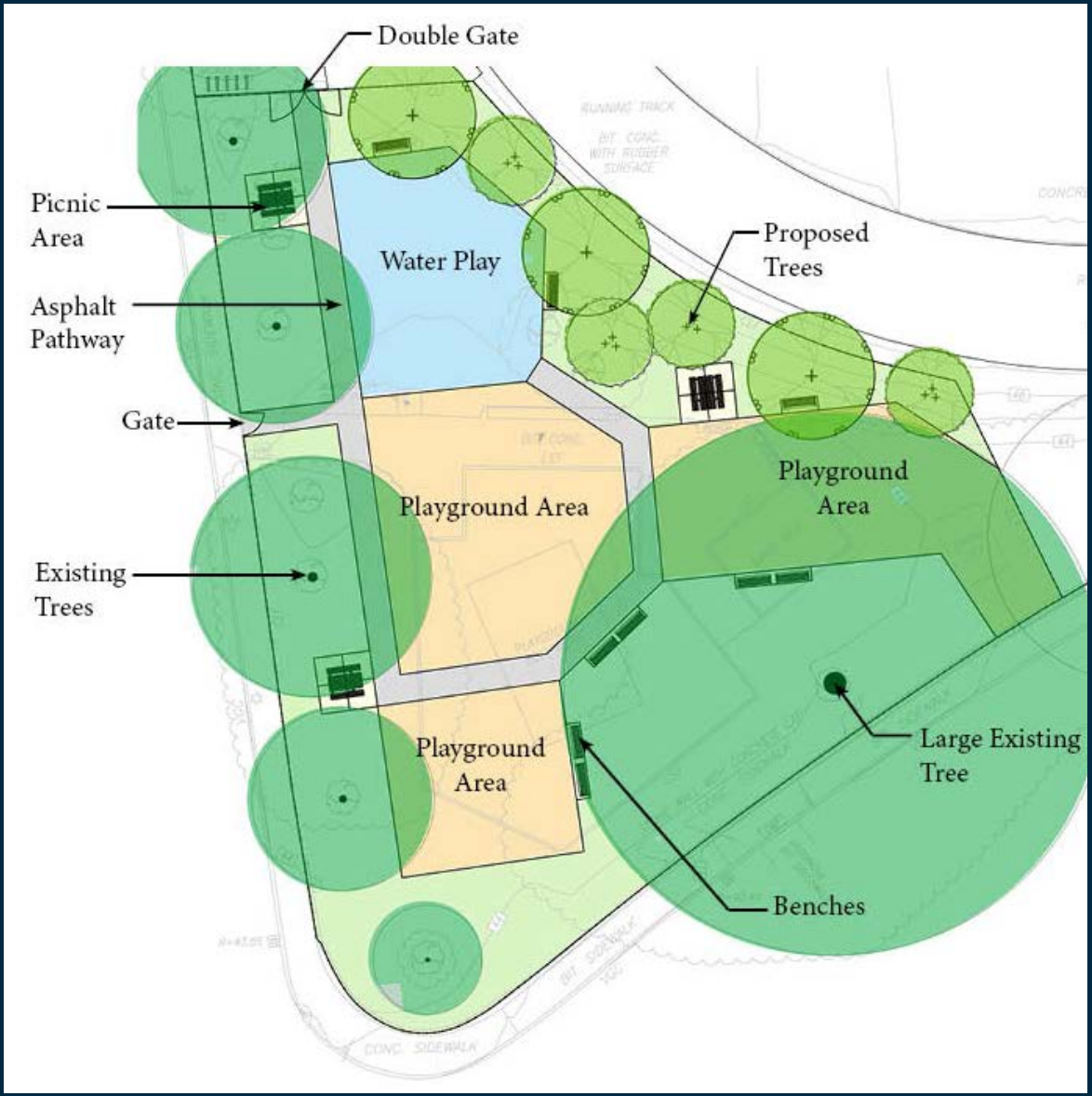

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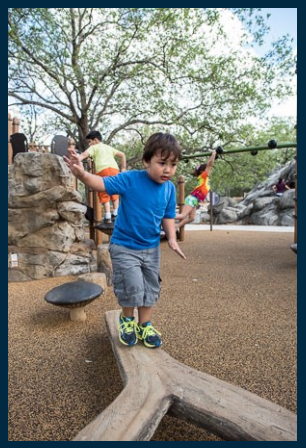

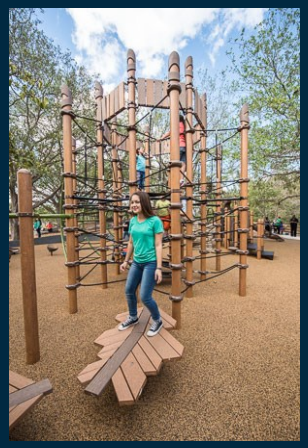

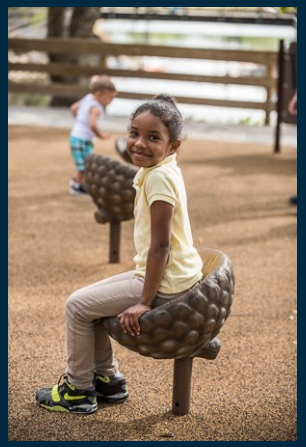

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# Thank you for coming!

# Contact Information

## Your input is valuable - Please contact us with your ideas!

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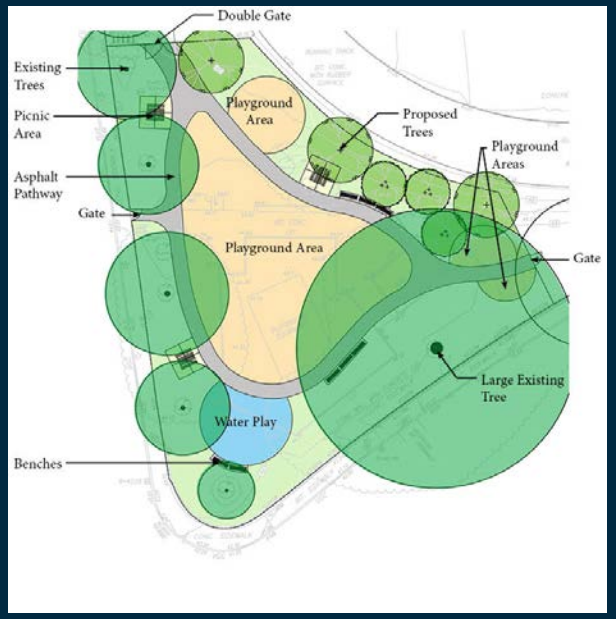


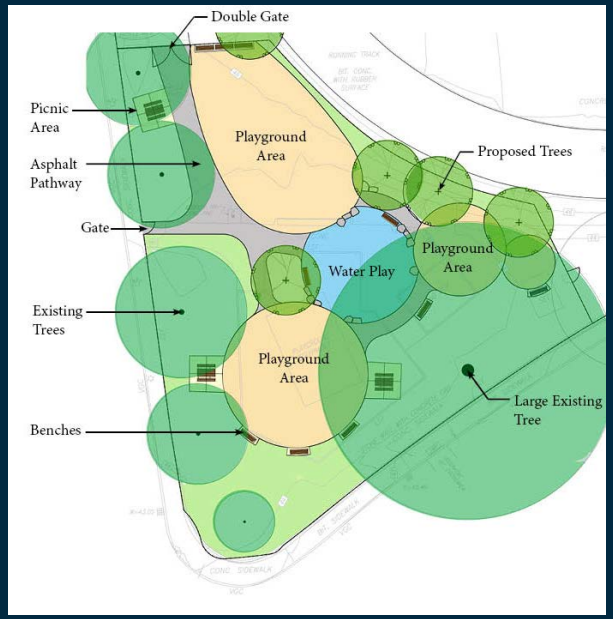
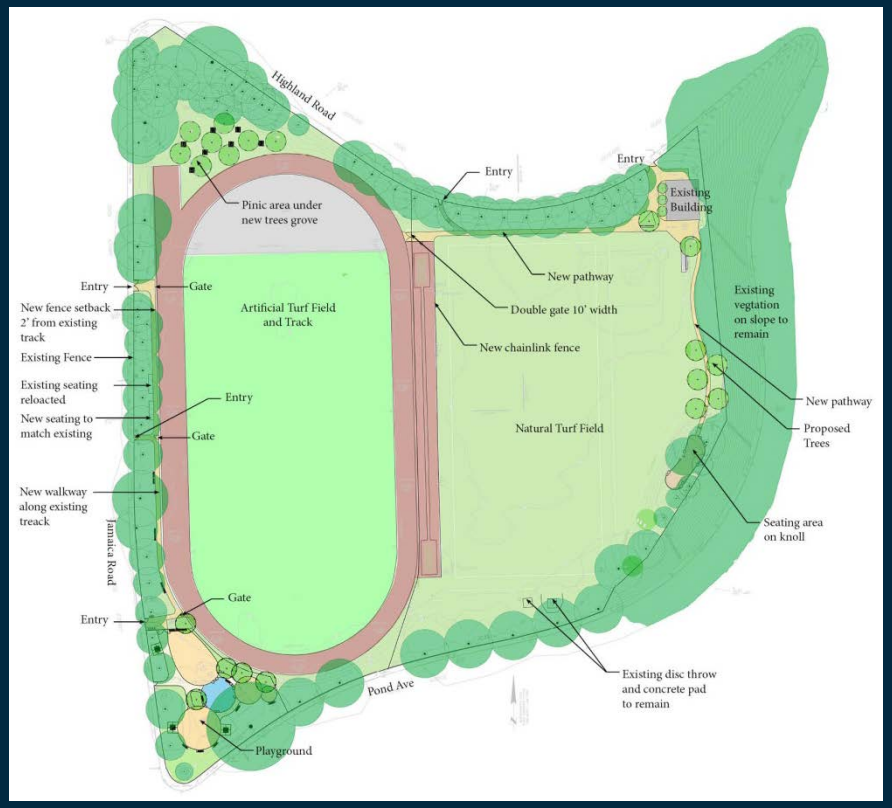
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