



Hoyt-Sullivan Park

March 29, 2017

City of Somerville

Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development

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Landscape Architect: Klopfer Martin Design Group

Schedule:

June 2015: 1st public meeting

December 2015: City receives PARC grant funding from State

May 2016: KMDG hired as Landscape Architect

June 2016: 2nd public meeting

September 2016: 3rd public meeting

March 2017: 4th public meeting to present final design

Construction anticipated to begin in April

Objectives for tonight's meeting:

Review final design of park

Answer any questions about the upcoming construction

Goals of the redesign:

Goals for all Somerville Park and Playground Renovations

- 1) **Activate the space to provide for the long term physical and mental health of Somerville residents.**
- 2) **Improve safety and security** Lighting
 - Improve visibility - fewer hiding spaces
 - Provide at least two entrances
- 3) **Improve ADA accessibility**
 - Meet ADA compliance requirements and provide additional access whenever possible
- 4) **Improve the quality of the tree canopy**
 - Add trees. Select appropriate species
 - Incorporate quality plantings methods and proper spacing
 - Consult with arborists. Remove unsafe and unhealthy trees
- 5) **Increase environmental sustainability**
 - Remove asphalt and hard surfaces to reduce heat island effect
 - Make surfaces permeable to improve reduce storm water runoff
- 6) **Listen to the community, provide high quality, attractive, and functional designs that meets the needs of neighborhood.**
 - Provide good circulation routes
 - Interesting focal points
 - Provide active and passive spaces for all ages

What we heard from the community:

Provide **VARIETY OF PLAY TYPES** and experiences

Focus on younger children, but provide play opportunities for all ages



Goals of Redesign

Capitalize on **GRADE CHANGE** for play experience and create a fully **ADA ACCESSIBLE** park



Berlin, Germany - Rehwaldt Landscape Architects



Alfortville, France - Espace Libre



Malov, Denmark - Adept Architects



SFU Burnaby Childcare, BC, Canada - space2place

Goals of Redesign

Improve **SIGHTLINES** and **LIGHTING**



Strengthen the visual connection between the park and the adjacent **RAILROAD** corridor



Goals of Redesign

Preserve the central **BEECH TREE** and support its long term health

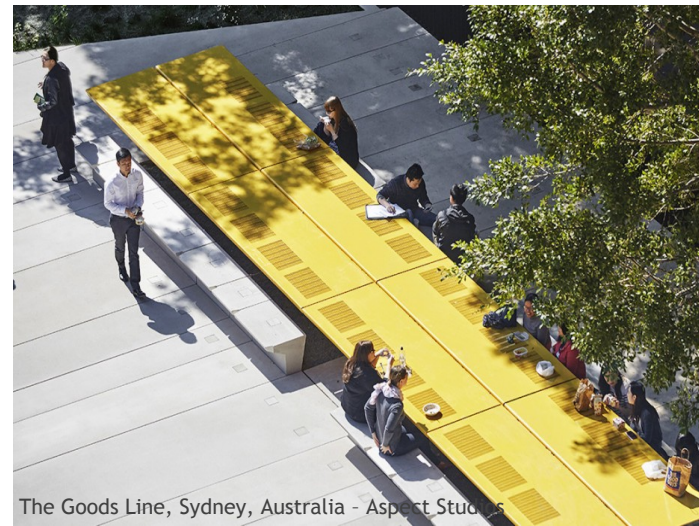
Preserve existing healthy trees and provide new trees to maintain the green and **SHADY CHARACTER** of the park



Include social **GATHERING** space that feels visible and safe



Kenney Park, Somerville - CBA Landscape Architects



The Goods Line, Sydney, Australia - Aspect Studios

Incorporate **SUSTAINABLE** design elements and **ARTISTIC** features



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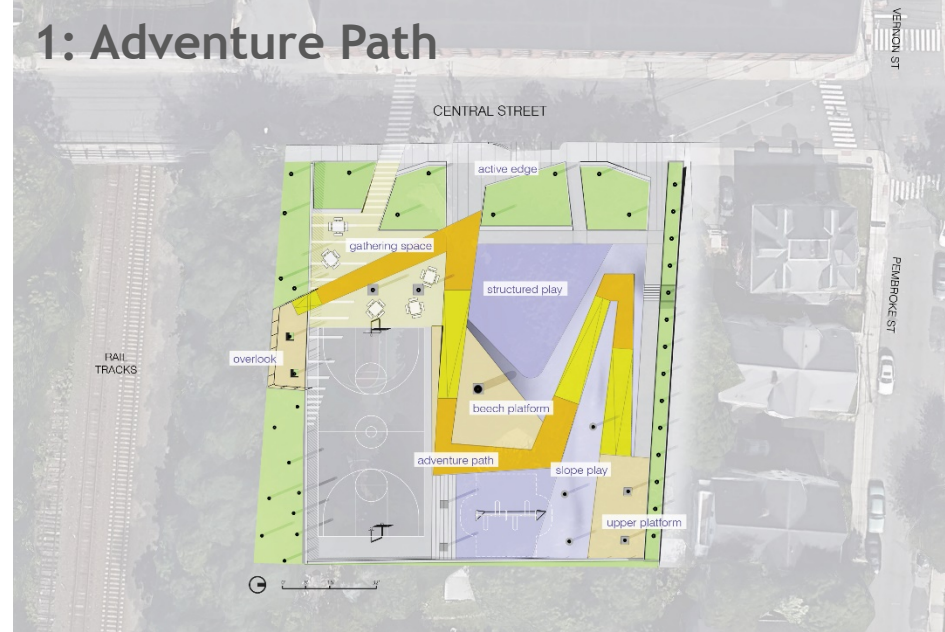


Goals of Redesign

- Provide safety surfaces, but minimize poured in place rubber
- Lots of support for keeping a sand play area
- Specific requests for monkey bars, spinner
- Incorporate a circuit for bikes and scooters into the accessible path
- Include natural materials, features and native plantings as much as possible
- Maintain a basketball court, but doesn't need to be full court
 - Multiple types of use for court
 - Lower hoop for younger children
- Overlook will be popular and heavily used
- Keep same number of swings or add more
- Water play element can be small and should be interactive
- Provide spaces that allow for flexible use
- Allow visual porosity, but securely fence playground
- Improve security and safety, provide good lighting
- Provide seating throughout the park



Existing Conditions Plan





MATERIALS LEGEND

- PLANTING
- ASPHALT PATH WITH GRAPHICS - COLOR TBD
- RUBBER SURFACING
- ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER
- PERMEABLE PAVERS
- DECK AT BEECH

Proposed Site Materials



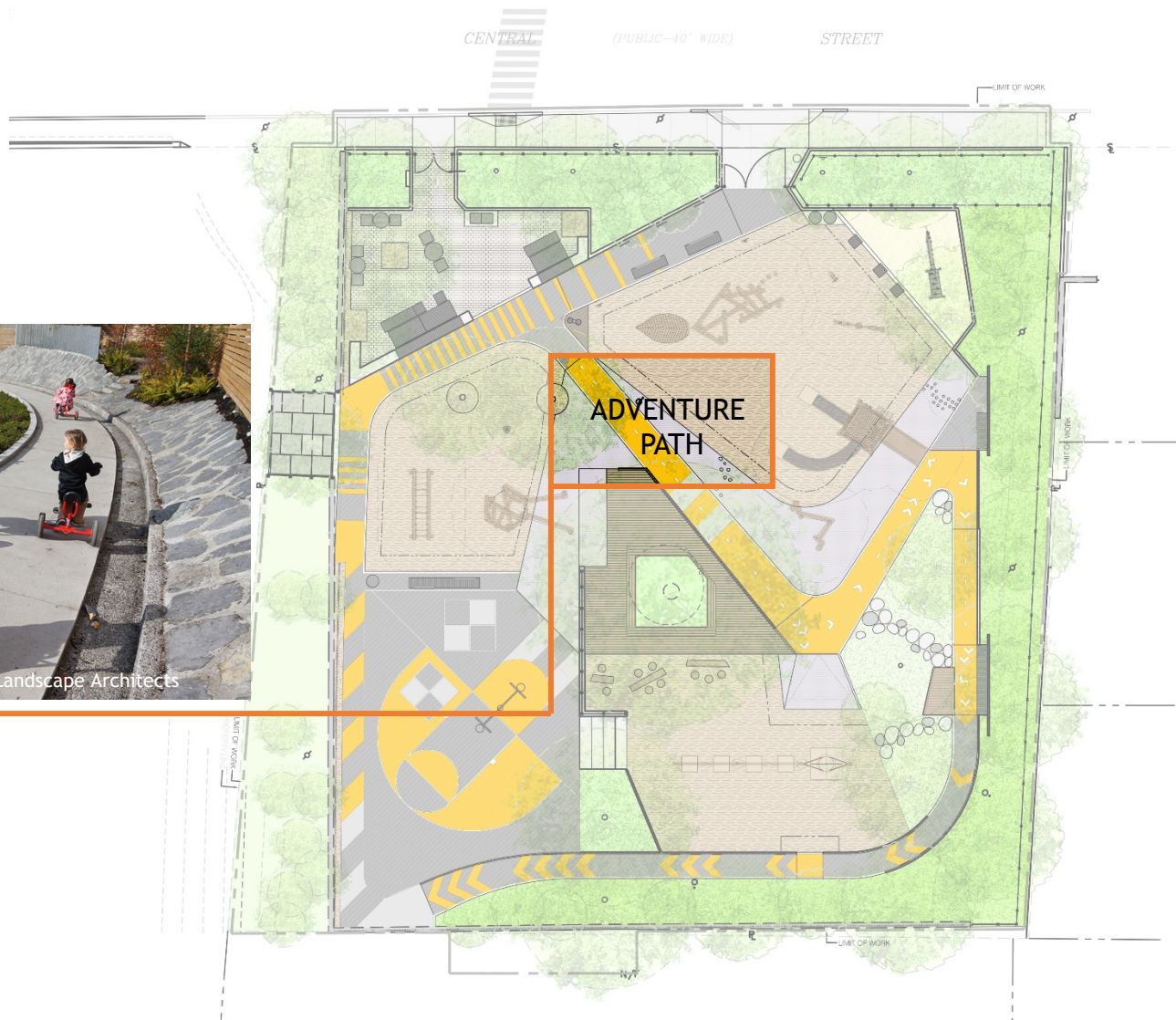
Paley Park - Zion & Breen

Program Tour

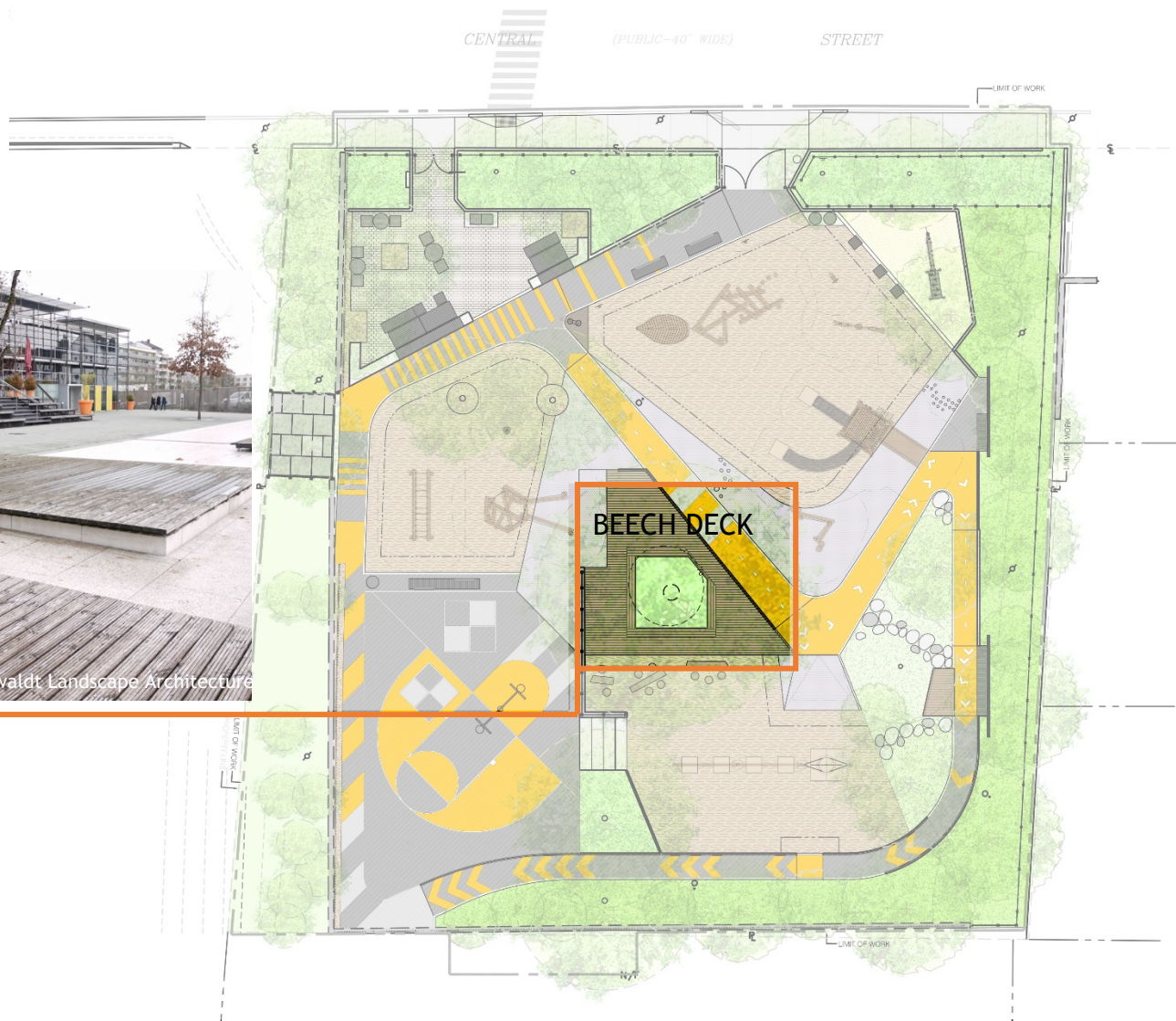


Program Tour

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SFU Childcare - Space2Place Landscape Architects



Burghausen Playground Rehwaldt Landscape Architecture

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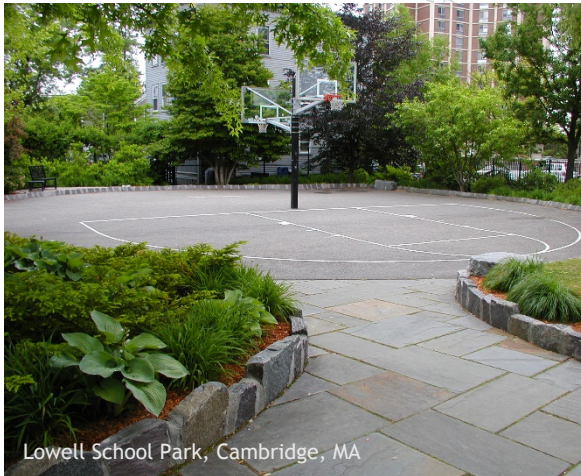




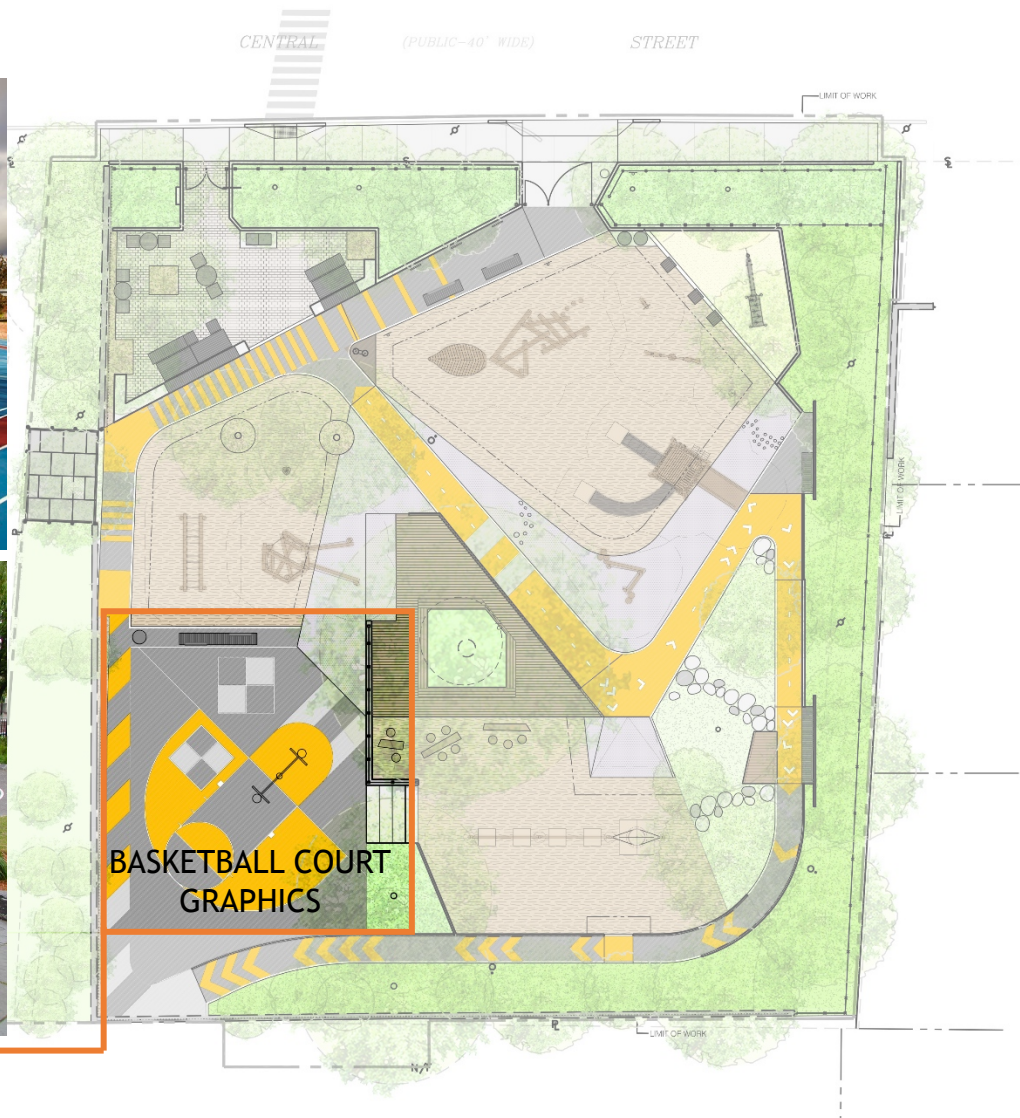


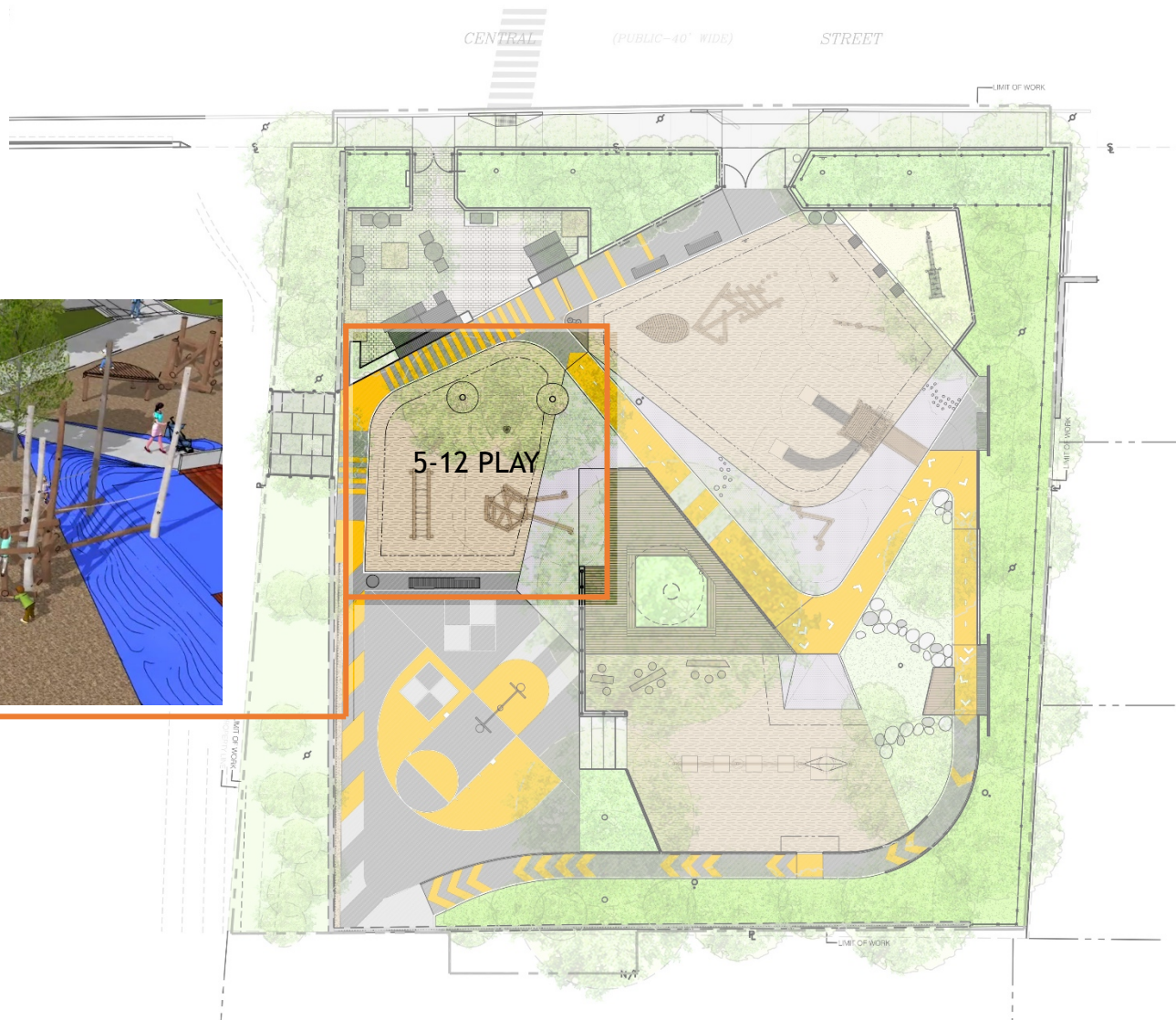


Box Hill Gardens - Aspect Studio



Lowell School Park, Cambridge, MA



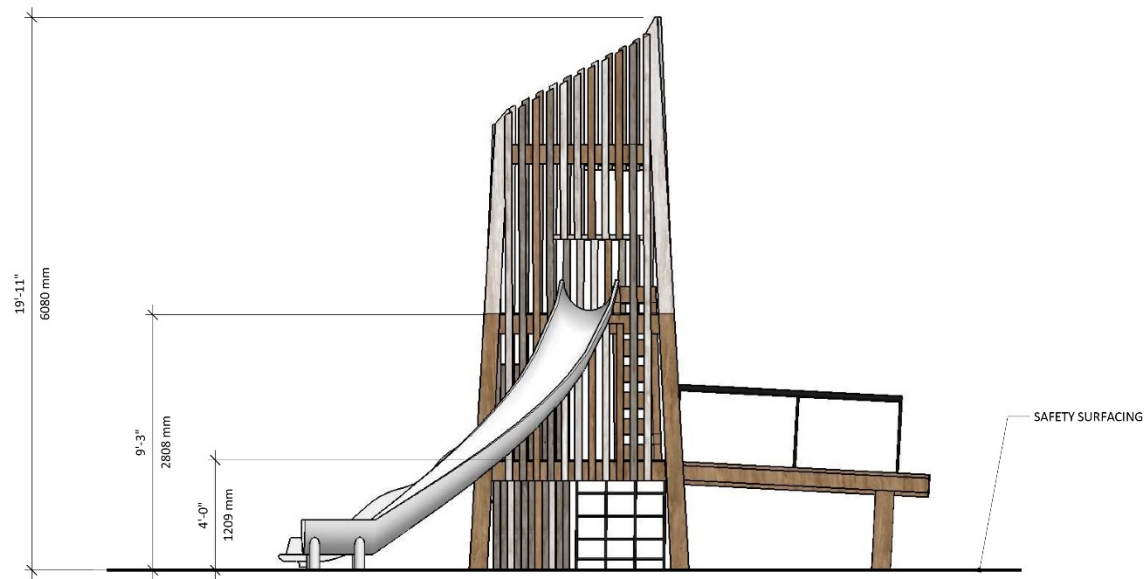
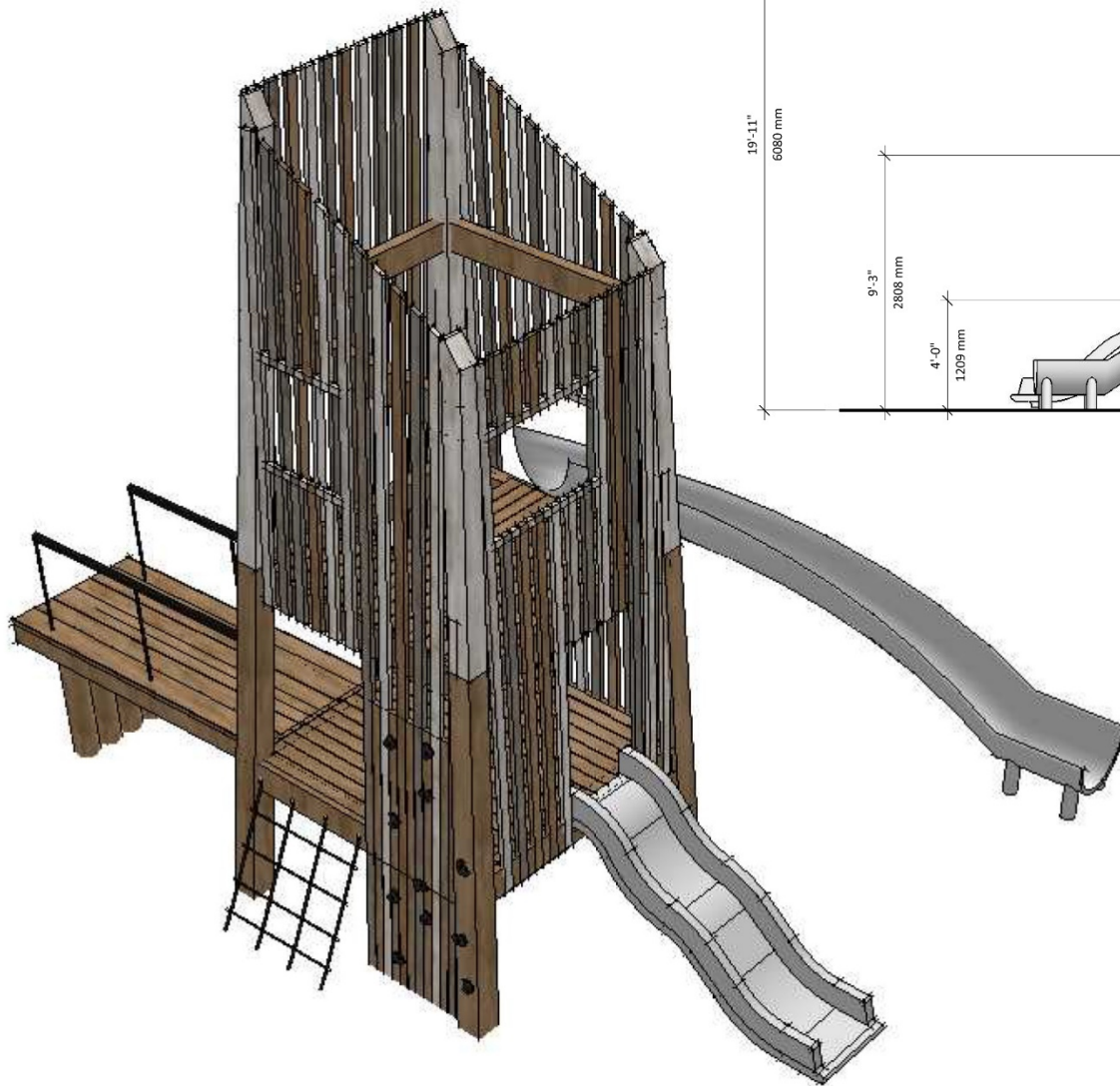


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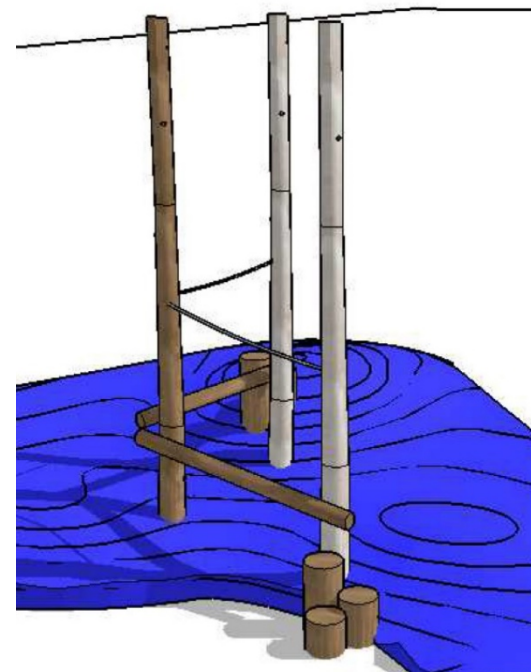
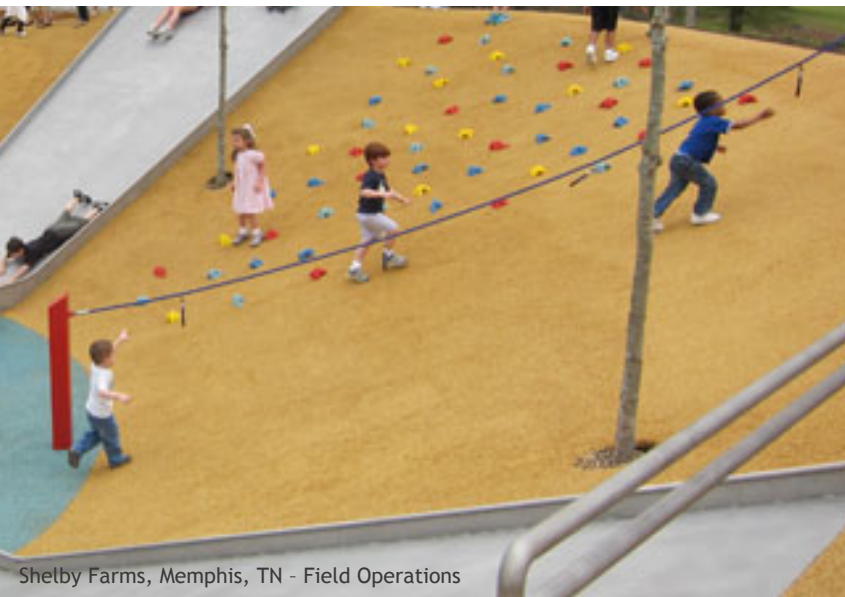


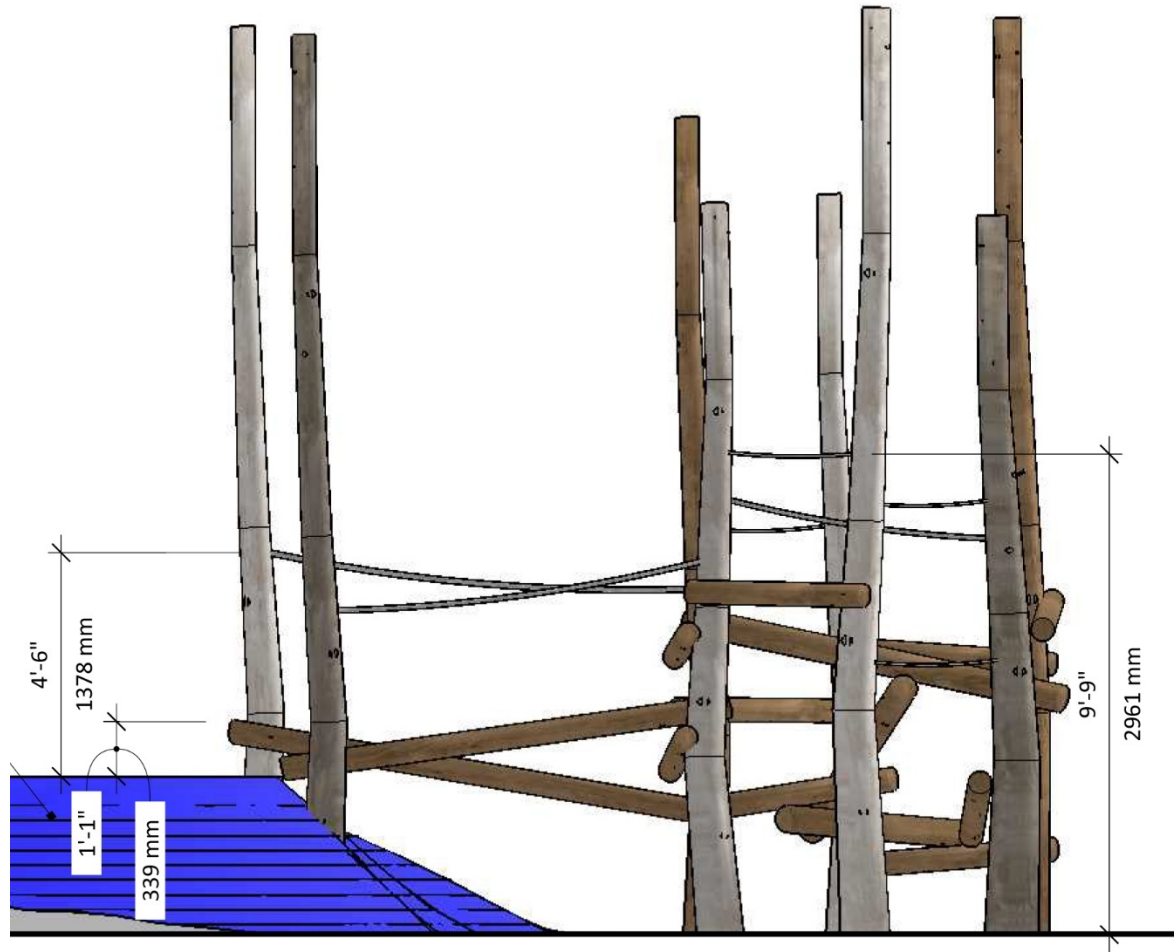
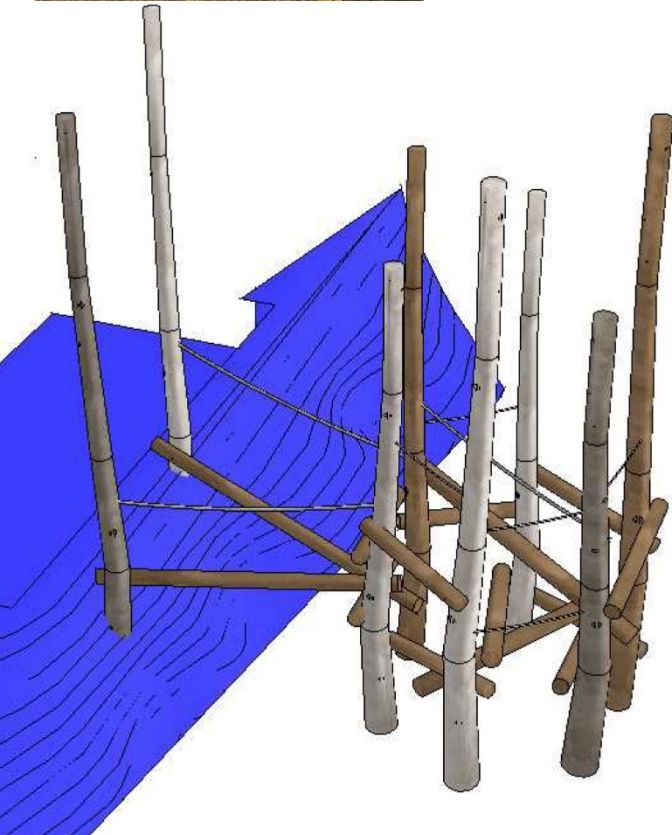
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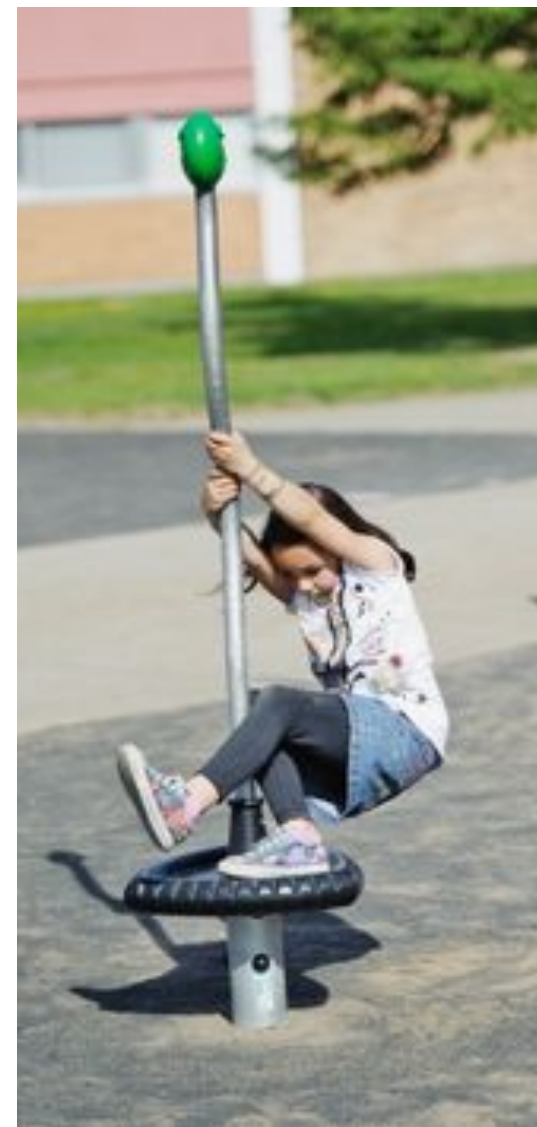














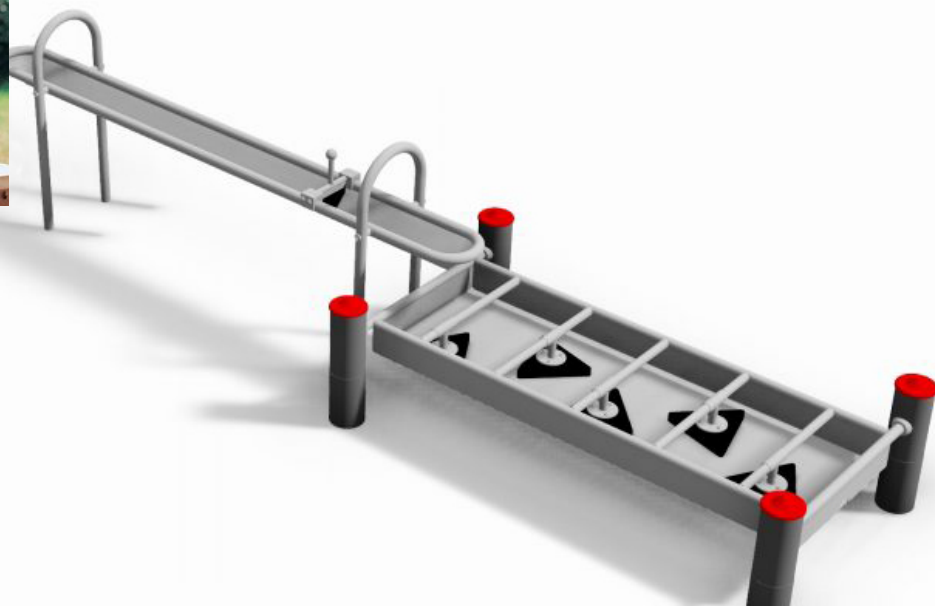
Play Equipment: Swings

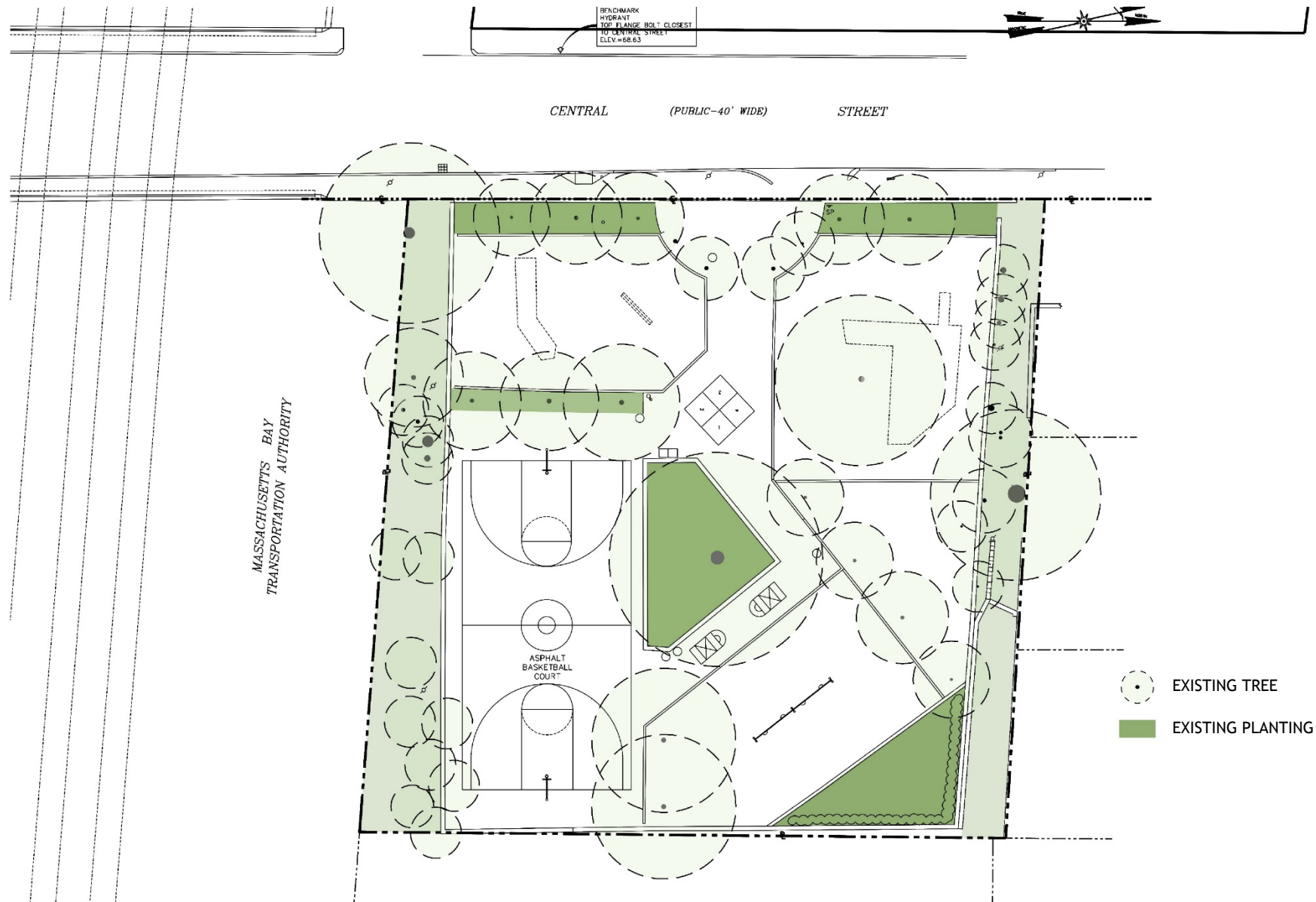


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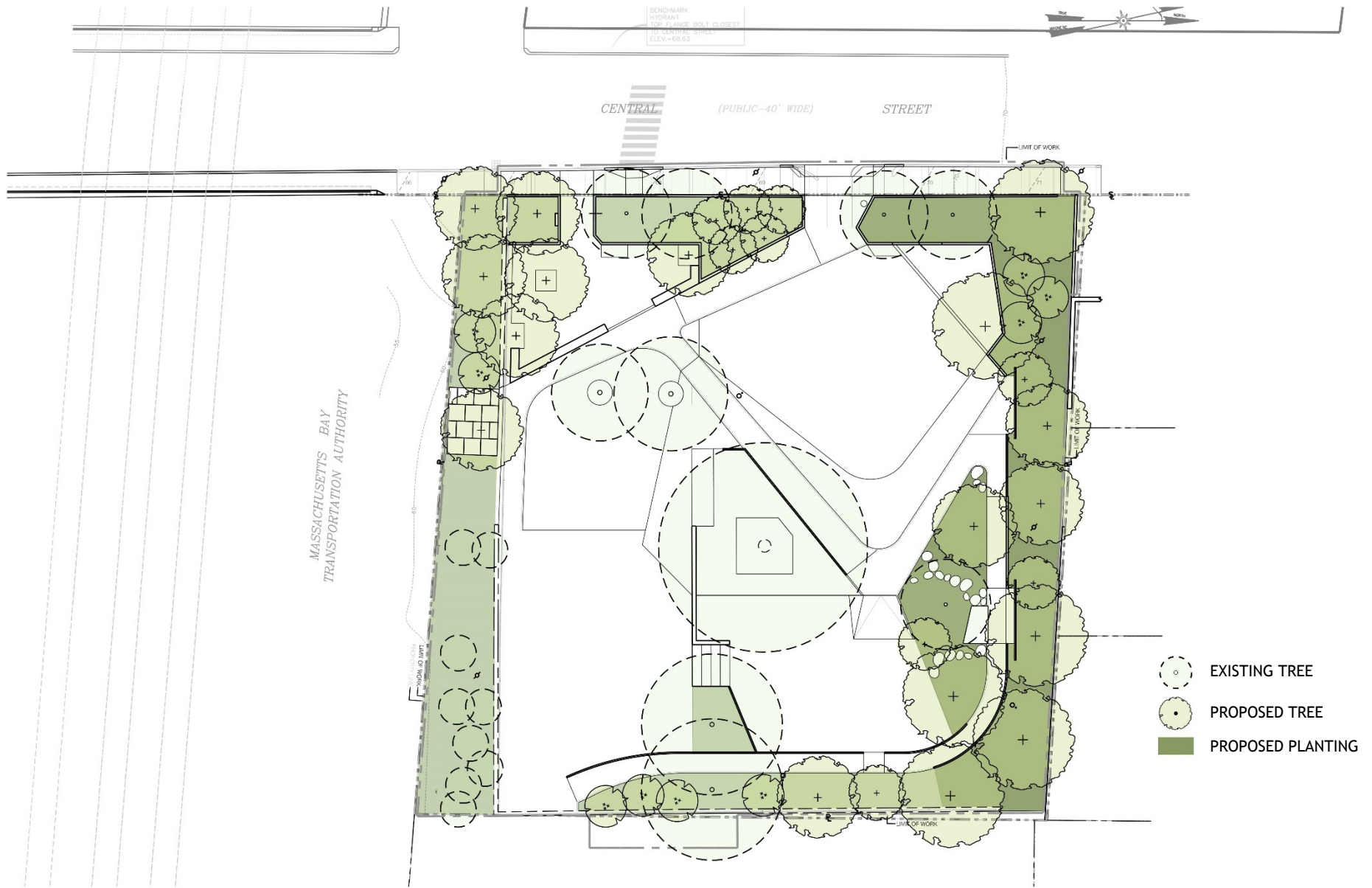


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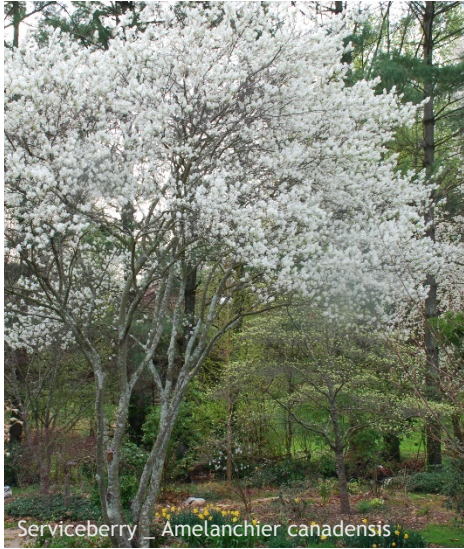




Green Space: Existing



Green Space: Proposed





Arrowwood_ *Viburnum dentatum*



Fothergilla



Chokeberry _ *Aronia melanocarpa*



Inkberry _ *Ilex glabra*





No Mow Grass



Fragrant Sumac, *Rhus aromatic*, "GroLow"



Red Twig Dogwood _ *Cornus sericea*



Rosebay _ *Rhododendron maximum*





THANK YOU!

Questions/Comments

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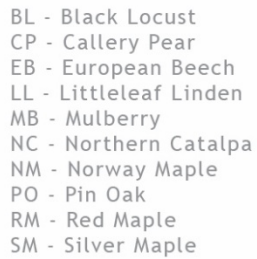
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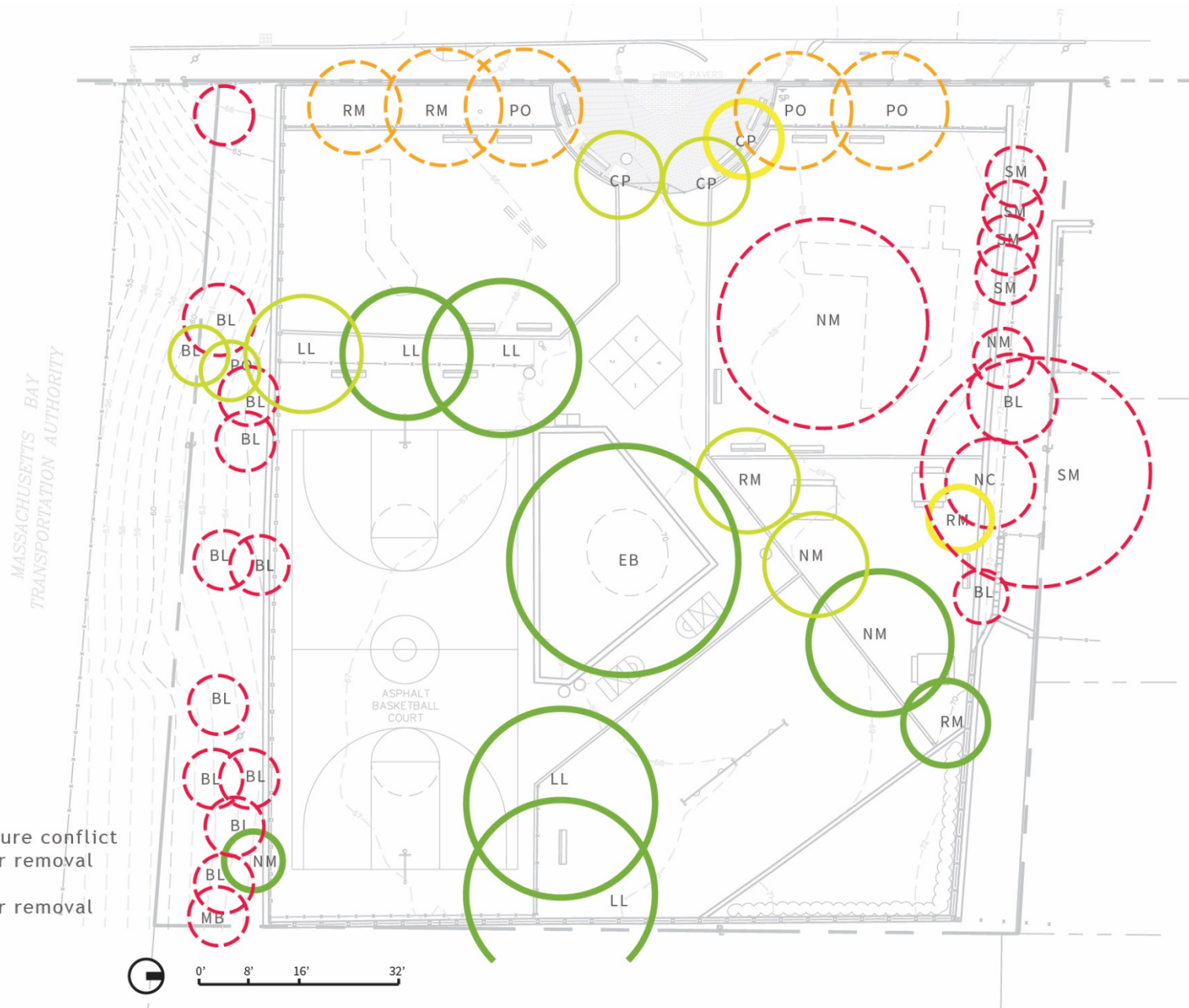
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Tree Canopy:

- Arborist's Assessment
- Unhealthy trees on site



- Good condition
- Fair condition
- Poor Condition
- High risk/infrastructure conflict
-recommended for removal
- Utility conflict
-recommended for removal





Surface conditions:

