

City of Alexandria, Virginia



Joseph Hensley Park Renovation

**Park and Recreation Commission
January 21, 2021**

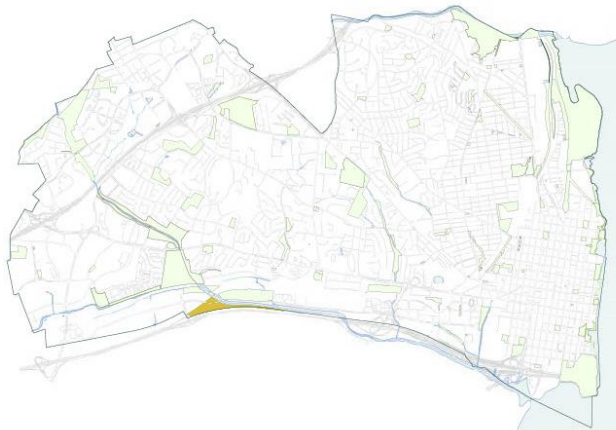


Commission Actions



1. Commission to provide a recommendation on the amendments to the 2014 Joseph Hensley Park Plan.

JOSEPH HENSLEY PARK



Park and Recreation Commission endorsed on March 20, 2014 with adjustments outlined in endorsement letter

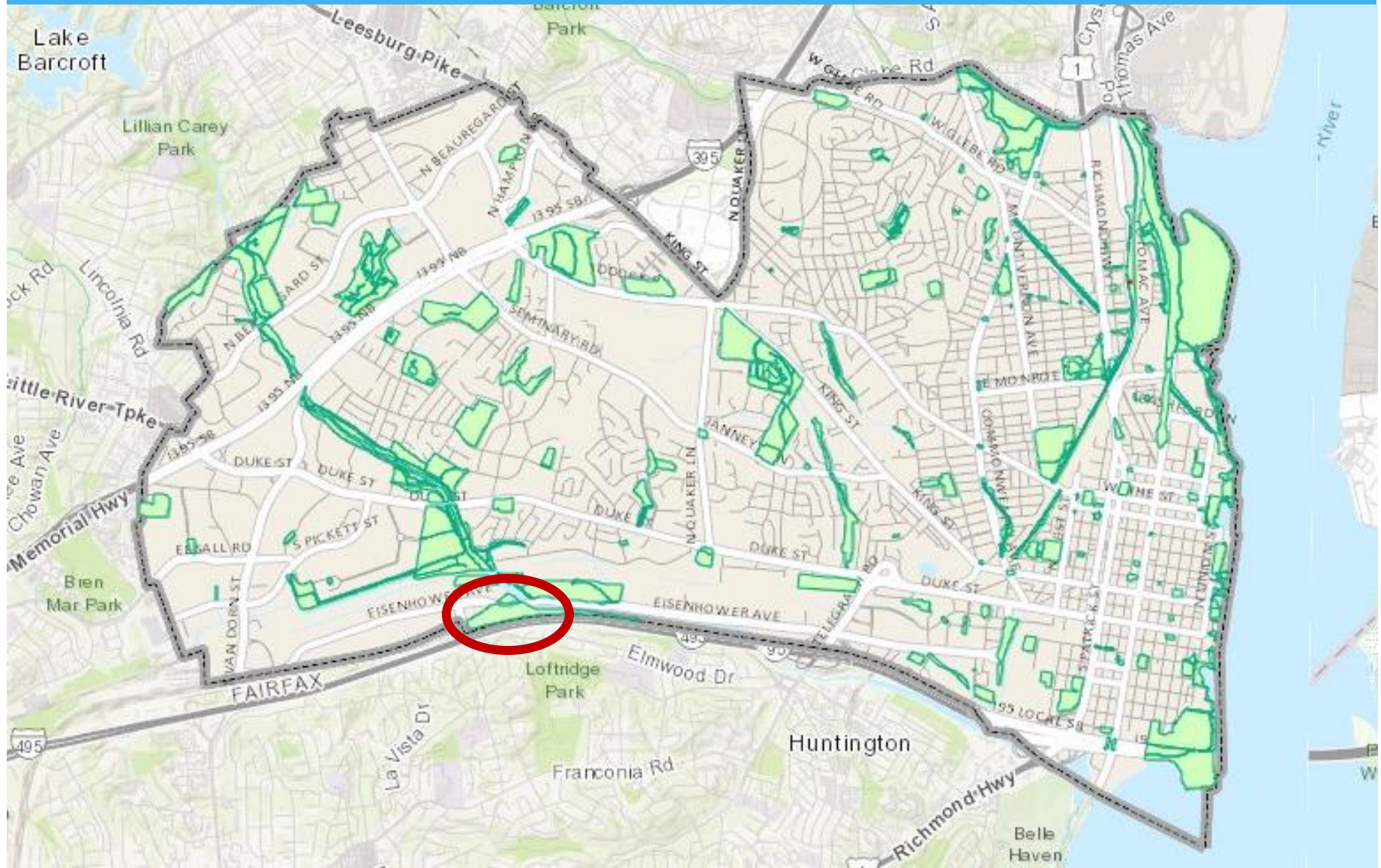


Public Hearing Agenda

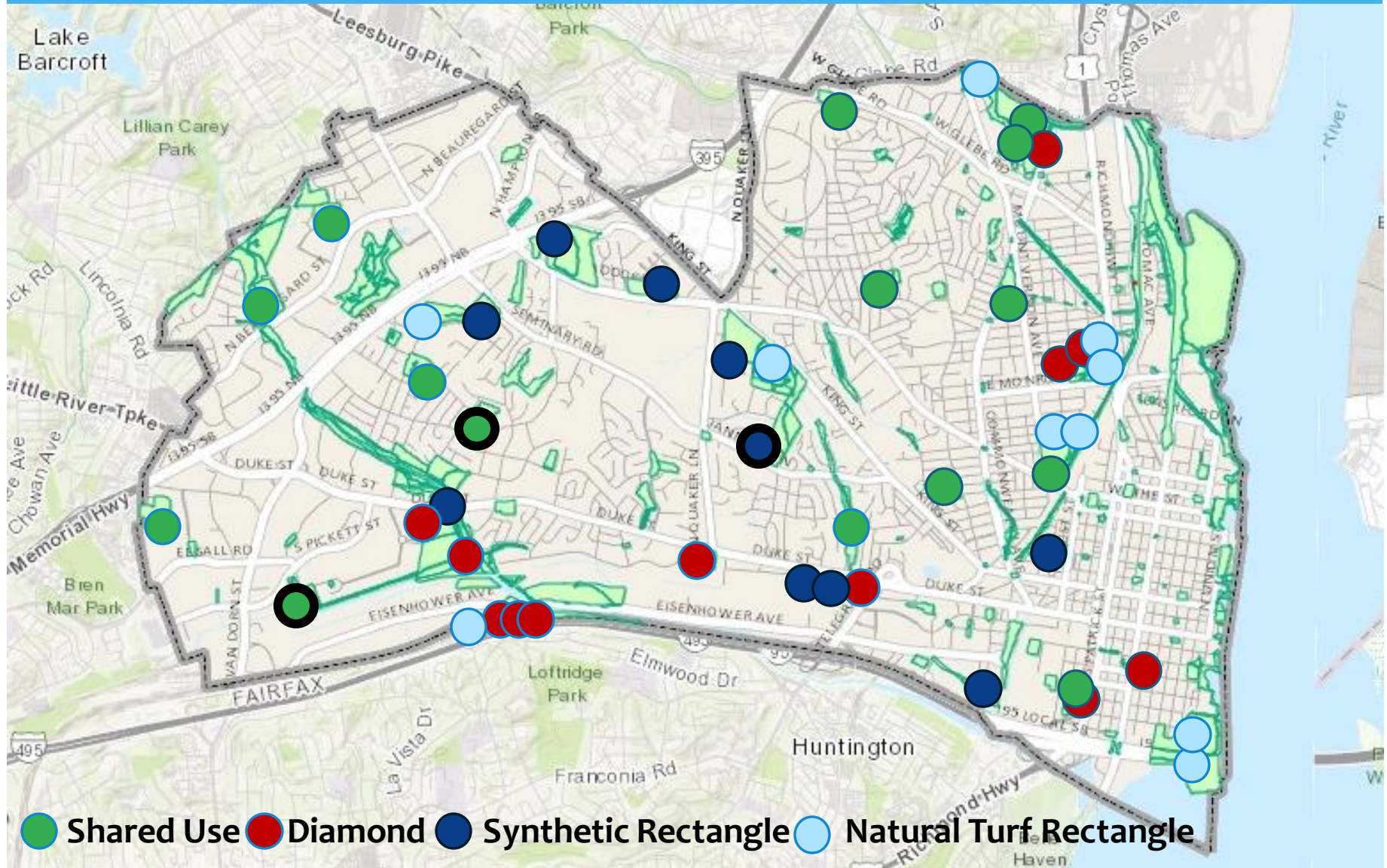


1. Staff Presentation
2. Commission Questions
3. Public Comments
4. Commission Discussion and Recommendation

Site Location



City Field Distribution Map



Existing Conditions



HENSLY PARK: EXISTING CONDITIONS

	HARD TRAILS		PARK BOUNDS
	STAIRS		ATHLETIC TURF
	HARDSCAPE SLOPE SEATING		

2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan



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Recommendations

1. Upgrade fields with standard dimensions of NFHS or other governing body for adult sports
2. Replace, upgrade & reorganize sport field lighting to accommodate new fields
3. Convert soccer field to artificial turf and replace slope with retaining wall and access ramps
4. Expand and increase capacity of parking lot
5. Formalize driveway with turnaround and accessible parking
6. Relocate restrooms central to entry areas
7. Provide accessible ramp to connect upper and lower areas
8. Provide new shelter, play feature, multi-use courts & adult fitness equipment
9. Plant new trees to replace trees removed in field reorientations & expansions
10. Provide new parking lot
11. Extend driveway to allow one-way traffic exist and additional weekend parallel parking
12. Provide safety improvements at park entrance
13. Relocate equipment storage and maintenance area
14. Provide accessible walkway to pavilion and accessible viewing areas at stairs



Proposed Plan Amendments

(resulting from site constraints identified in design phase)

- 1. Recommendation 1:** Replace the two eastern diamond fields with one regulation sized adult softball field and a flexible natural turf playing area.
- 2. Recommendation 3:** Shift the synthetic turf rectangular field north and east on the site to fit within the property boundary and establish the field dimensions as 300 by 165 feet (100 by 55 yards).
- 3. Recommendation 4:** Reduce the number of parking spaces in the upper parking lot and relocate the spaces to other parts of the site.
- 4. Recommendation 5:** Provide accessible parking in the parking lot and provide accessible pathway to the restrooms and picnic area.
- 5. Recommendation 8:** Relocate the play space to the top of the hill near the restrooms and move the second shelter to the east side of the lower field.
- 6. Recommendation 10:** Expand the proposed parking lot east of the hill to replace reduced parking in the upper parking lot (*Recommendation #4*).
- 7. Recommendation 11:** Eliminate the second access point to Eisenhower Avenue and consolidate parking in the lower lot.
- 8. Recommendation 13:** Keep the Equipment Storage and Maintenance Area in the current location.

Joseph Hensley Park



Community Comments received by 1/20/2021

All community comments received by the deadline are posted on the Commission website and were sent to the Park and Recreation Commissioners prior to the public hearing.

Reoccurring comments and concerns are listed below:

- Need for synthetic turf on all fields, not just the rectangular field
- Need for additional indoor or outdoor futsal courts and tennis courts
- Need for synthetic turf diamond fields to support softball and baseball
- Additional Capital Improvement Program projects to install additional synthetic turf fields, futsal courts and lights



Commission Discussion

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Additional information:

Joseph Hensley Park webpage

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/119380>

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Site Constraints - 2014 Pan



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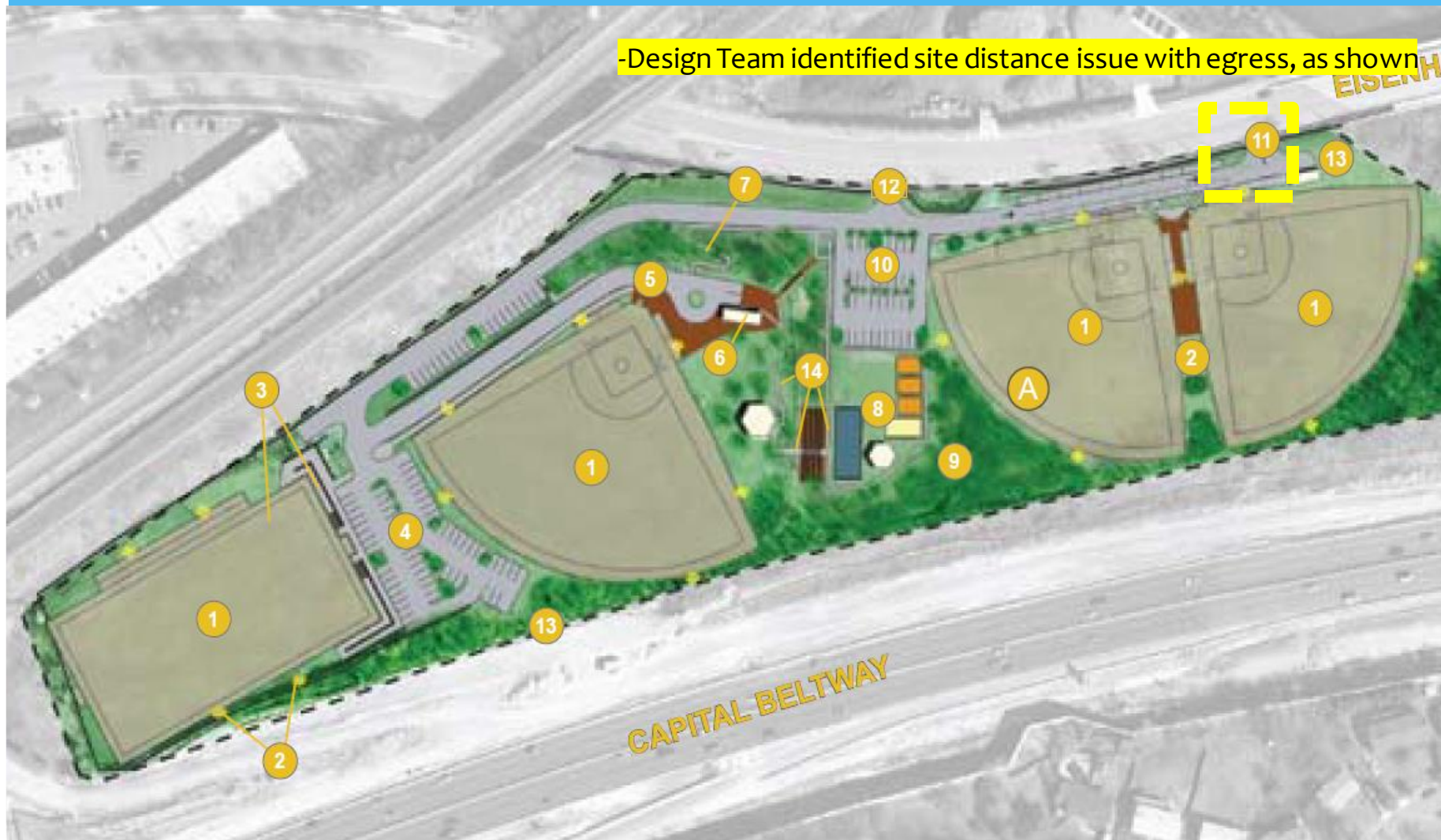


-Plan priority to increase parking and improve ADA access ramps affected
-Limits opportunity to increase field size without diminishing priorities and increases costs

Site Constraints - 2014 Plan



-Design Team identified site distance issue with egress, as shown



Site Constraints - 2014



-End of road and maintenance facility encroach into RPA.
-Storage not an allowable use in RPA per Zoning Code



Site Constraints - 2014 Plan



- Delineation shows wetlands in these areas
- Requires shift in field locations or smaller field dimensions

Park Features in "Core" Area



ACCESSIBLE RAMP

PERVIOUS PAVERS

RESTROOM FACILITY

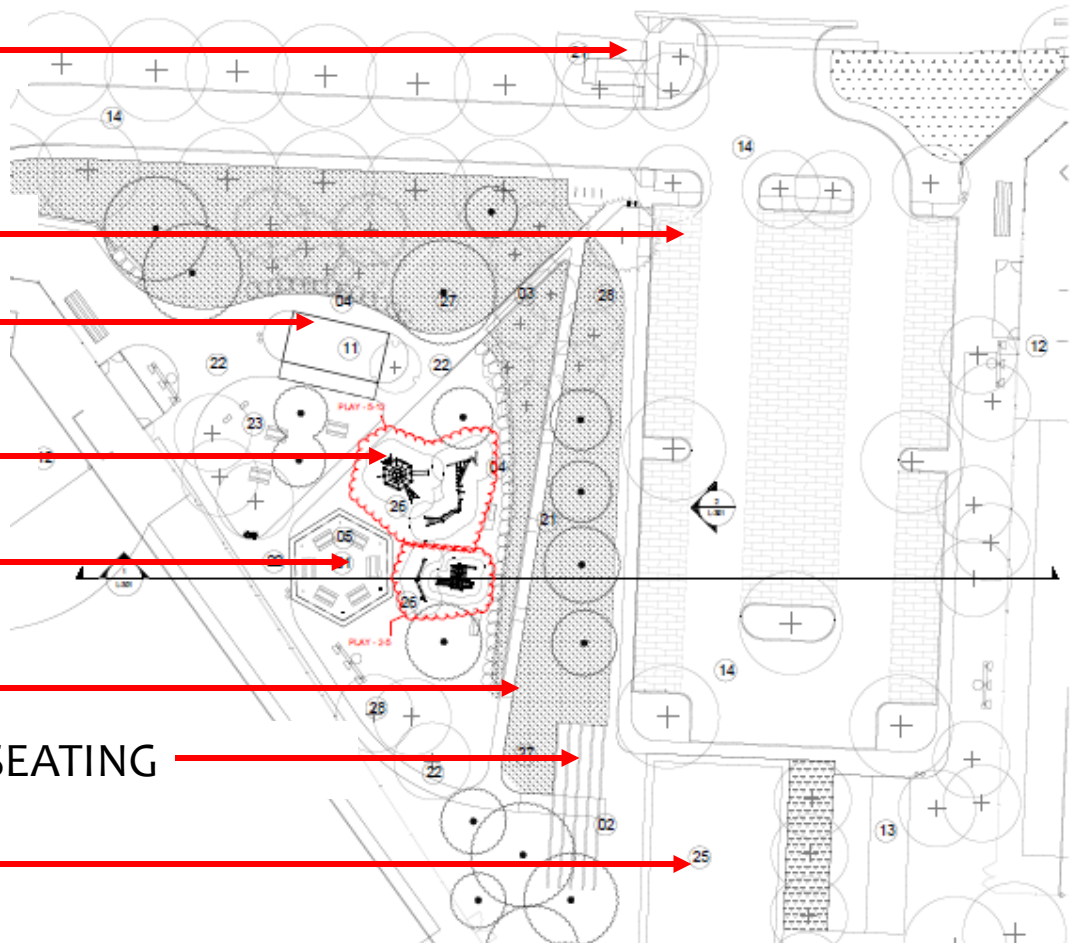
PLAY STRUCTURES

RELOCATED PICNIC SHELTER

ADA ACCESS RAMP

RENOVATION OF TIMBER SEATING

MULTI-PURPOSE COURT



Restroom Facility



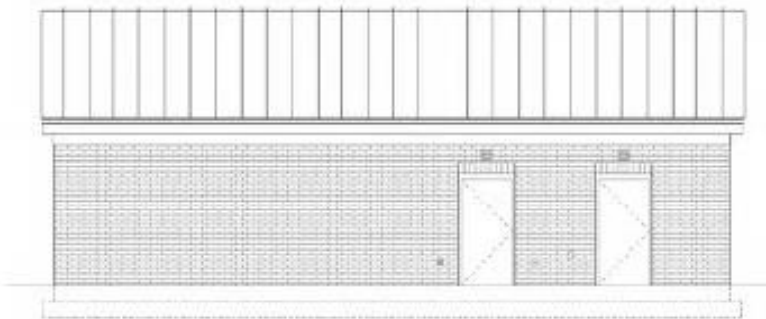
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1/8" = 1'-0"



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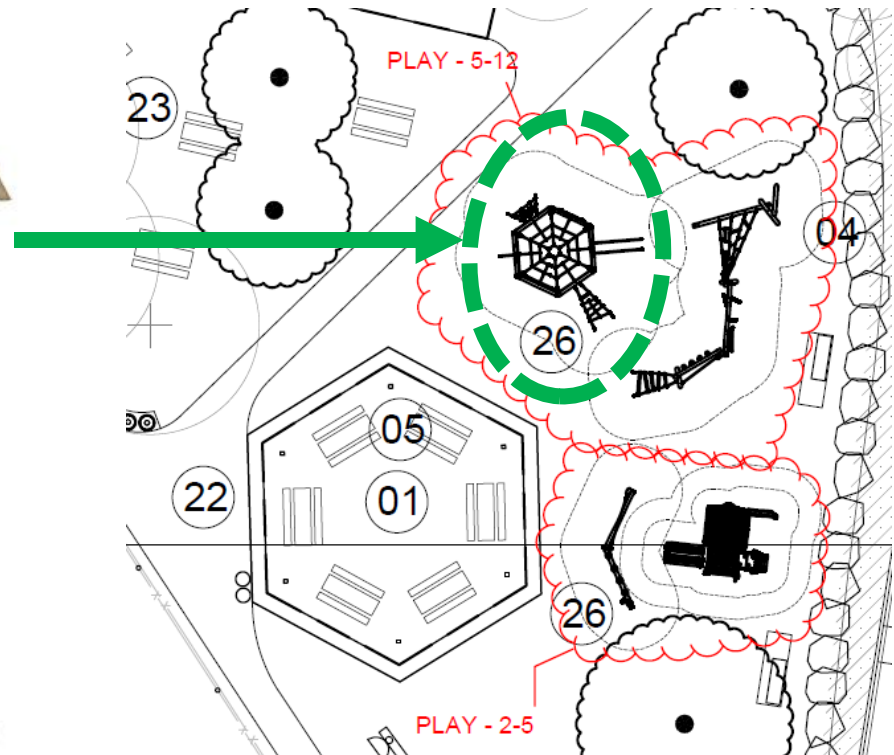


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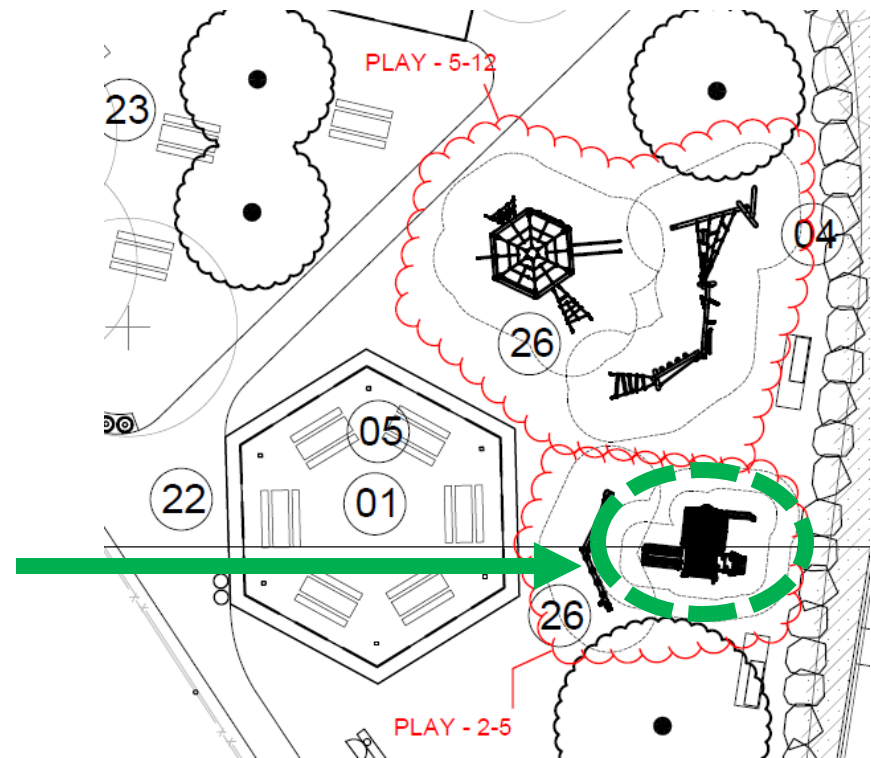


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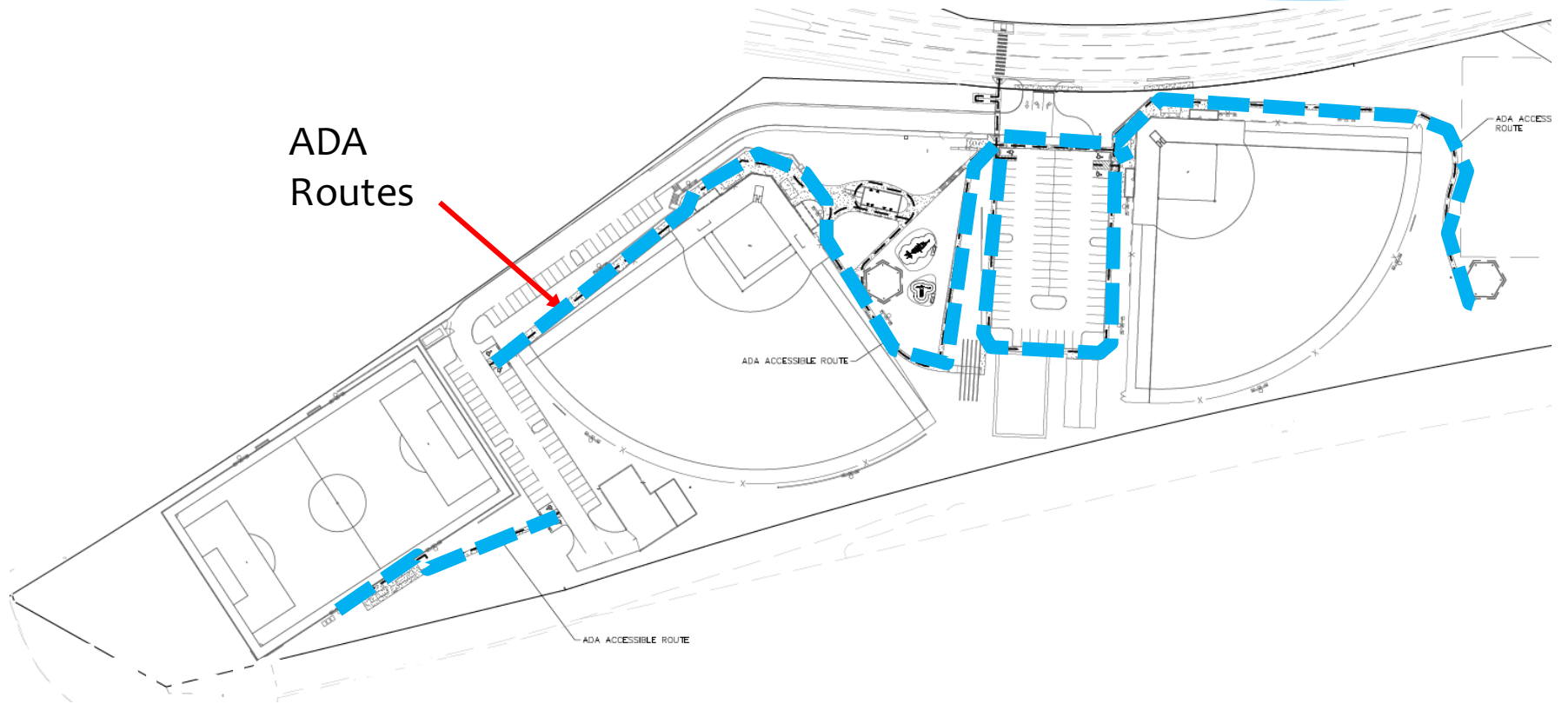
Playspace for ages 5-12



Playspace for ages 2-5



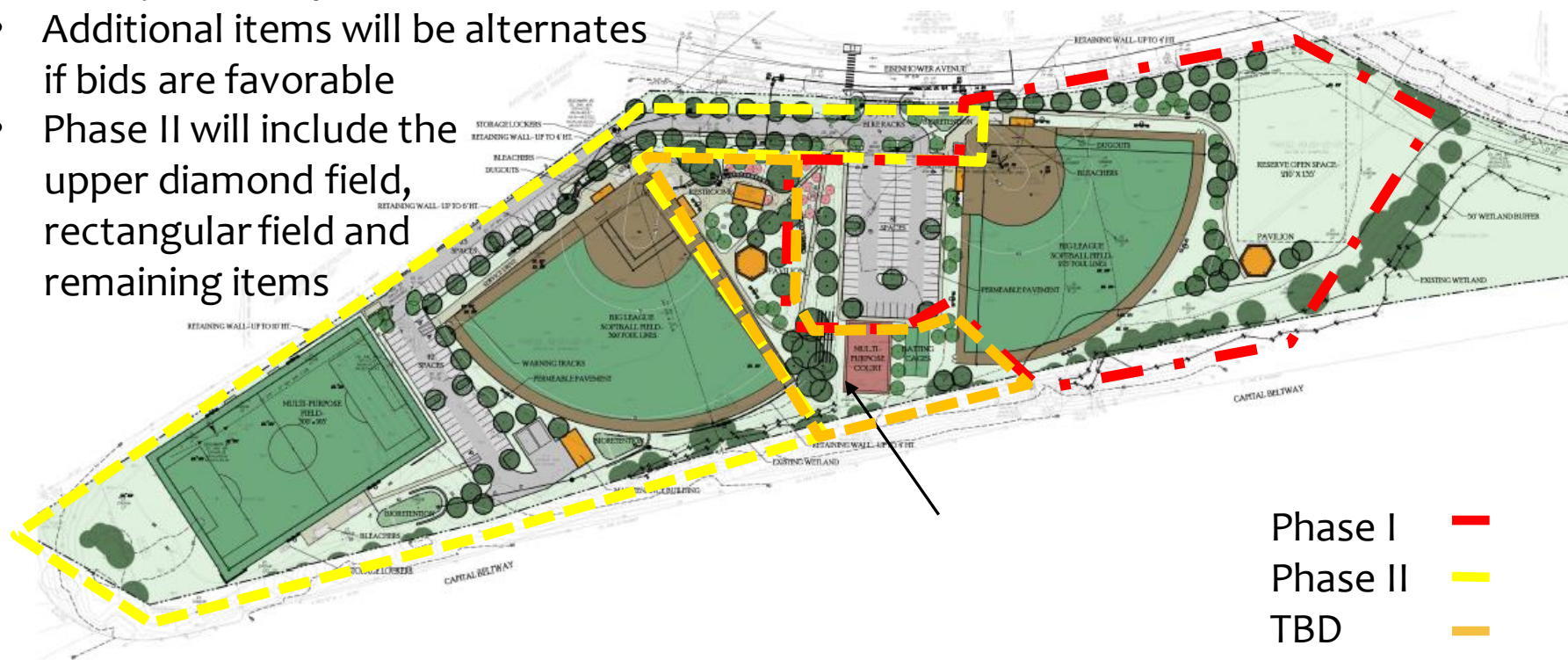
ADA Access Routes





Implementation Phasing

- Phase I will include the lower diamond field, the open field area, the new parking lot, the restroom facility, ADA improvements and stormwater
- Additional items will be alternates if bids are favorable
- Phase II will include the upper diamond field, rectangular field and remaining items



Vegetation



Information regarding trees/invasives

- Total number of trees to be removed -
 - Trees that are invasive
 - Trees that are dead/hazards
 - Trees that are healthy
- Total number of trees to be planted
 - Native trees
 - Non-Native trees
- Invasive species management