



Improvements to
McConnell Park
Community Meeting #2



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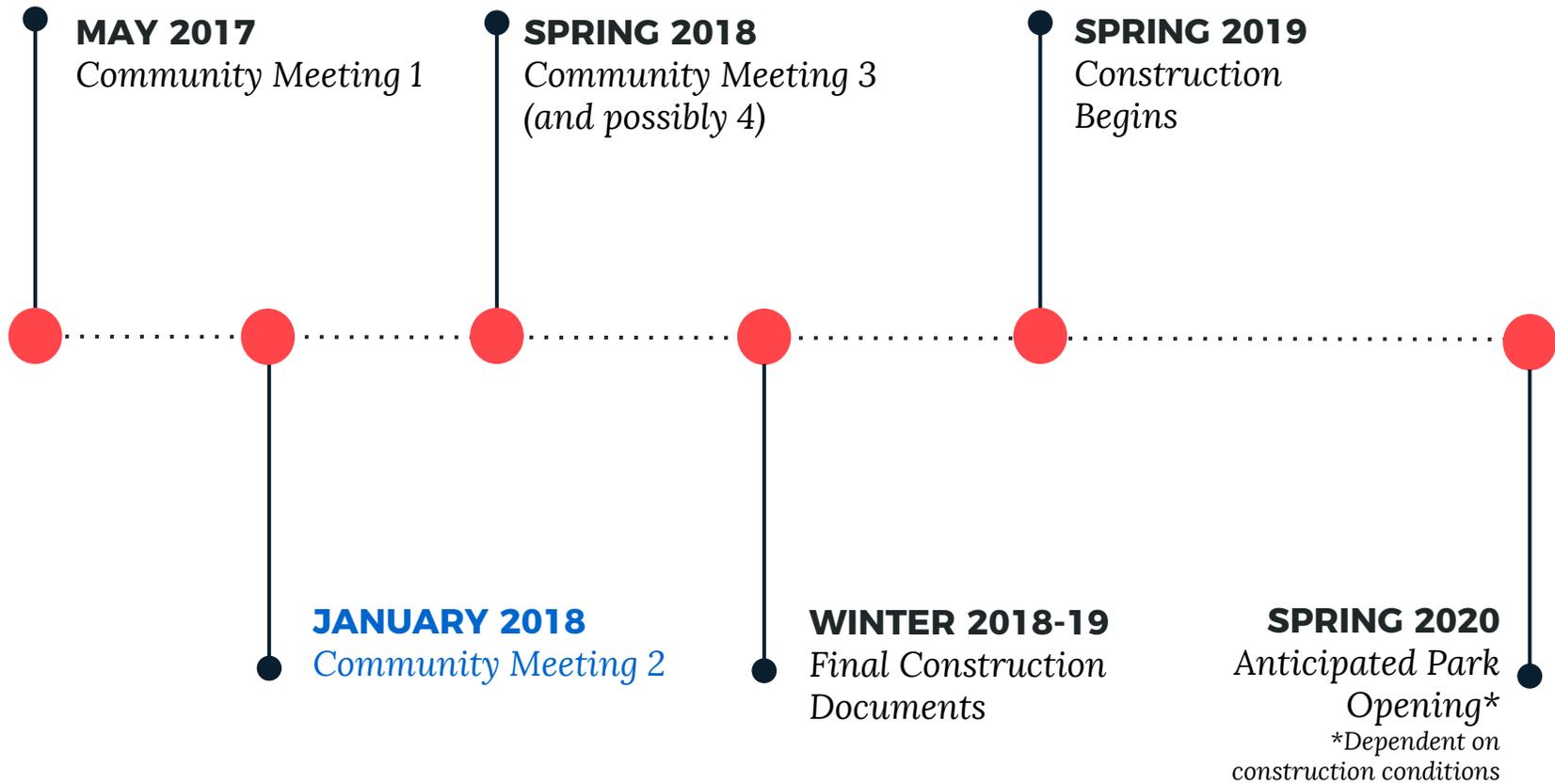
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LISTENING & DISCUSSION

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. The image shows a mix of houses and apartment buildings, some with parking lots. A baseball field is visible on the left side, and a beach is at the bottom. A road with traffic runs along the left edge. The text 'BUILDING A NEW PARK TOGETHER' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the upper left quadrant.

BUILDING A NEW PARK TOGETHER

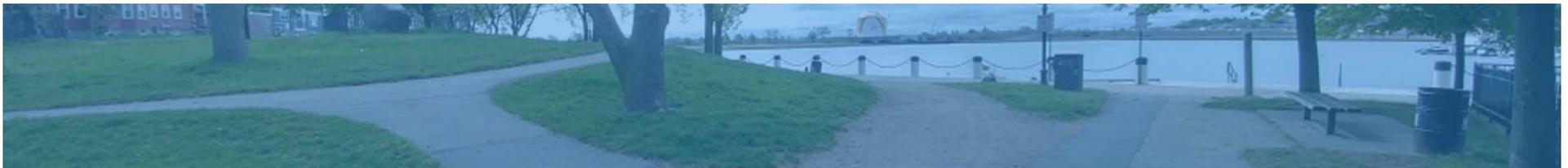
PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



Community Meeting #1 - What we heard from you

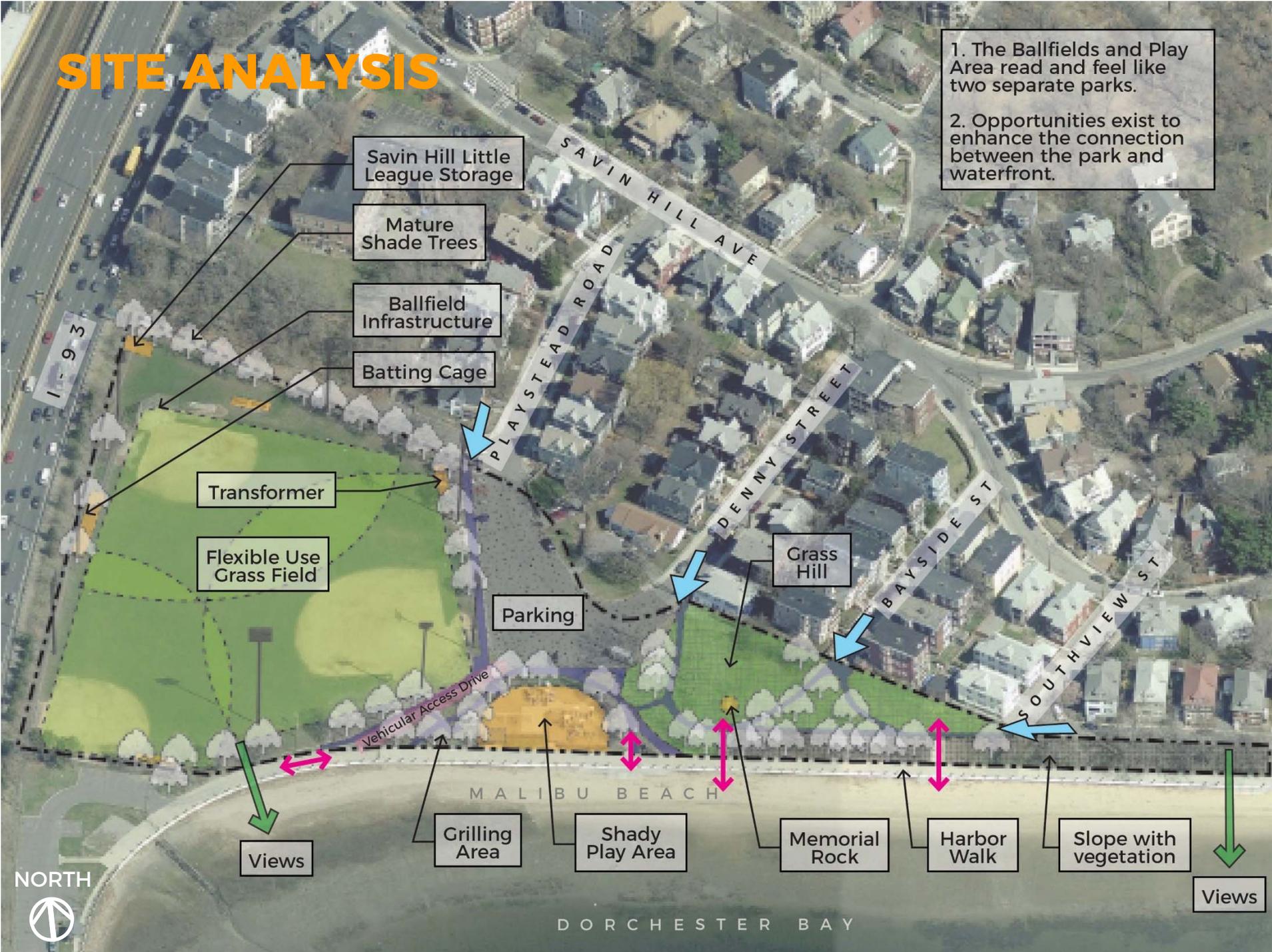
- **The park is loved by the neighborhood and is a premier waterfront destination for the residents**
- **Parking is an ongoing issue - unorganized, unenforced, and lacks emergency access**
- **Consider field layout for multiple sport uses, but Baseball/Little League/Softball should remain the primary use**
- **Improve field drainage and/or Synthetic Turf surfacing**
- **Interested in the addition of a Challenger League ball field**
- **Modernize sports lighting**
- **Sport equipment storage should remain**
- **Imaginative and interactive playground with increased accessibility**

- **Ongoing Coordination:**
 - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
 - Boston Police Department (BPD)
 - Boston Transportation Department (BTD)
 - MassDOT
 - Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)
 - Public Works Department (PWD)
 - Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)
 - Climate Ready Boston
 - Conservation Commission



SITE ANALYSIS

1. The Ballfields and Play Area read and feel like two separate parks.
2. Opportunities exist to enhance the connection between the park and waterfront.



EXISTING PERMITTED USE ACTIVITIES

Savin Hill Little League

- Baseball (ages 4-15)
- Challenger (ages 6-14)
- Youth Softball
- Adult Softball
- Soccer (ages 4-13)
- Kickball



NON-PERMIT SITE AREAS



UNVEIL TABLET TO CAPT McCONNELL

More Than 10,000 Attend Exercises at Field at
Dorchester Named in His Honor



Left to Right—Private Harrison, Capt McConnell's orderly; Sgt Mark McConnell, Last Brewer of
A Company, 11th Mass; 1st Lt. [unreadable]; 1st Lt. [unreadable]. In the Background—Stone tablet in
memory of Capt McConnell.



Walking, jogging, reading, social interaction, sun bathing, frisbee, yoga, picnicking, and others...

RECENT STORM EVENTS



1/4/2018 Photo via Brian Taylor



1/4/2018 Photo via Twitter



High Tide 11/6/2017 +/- 12ft.
Photo via W&S

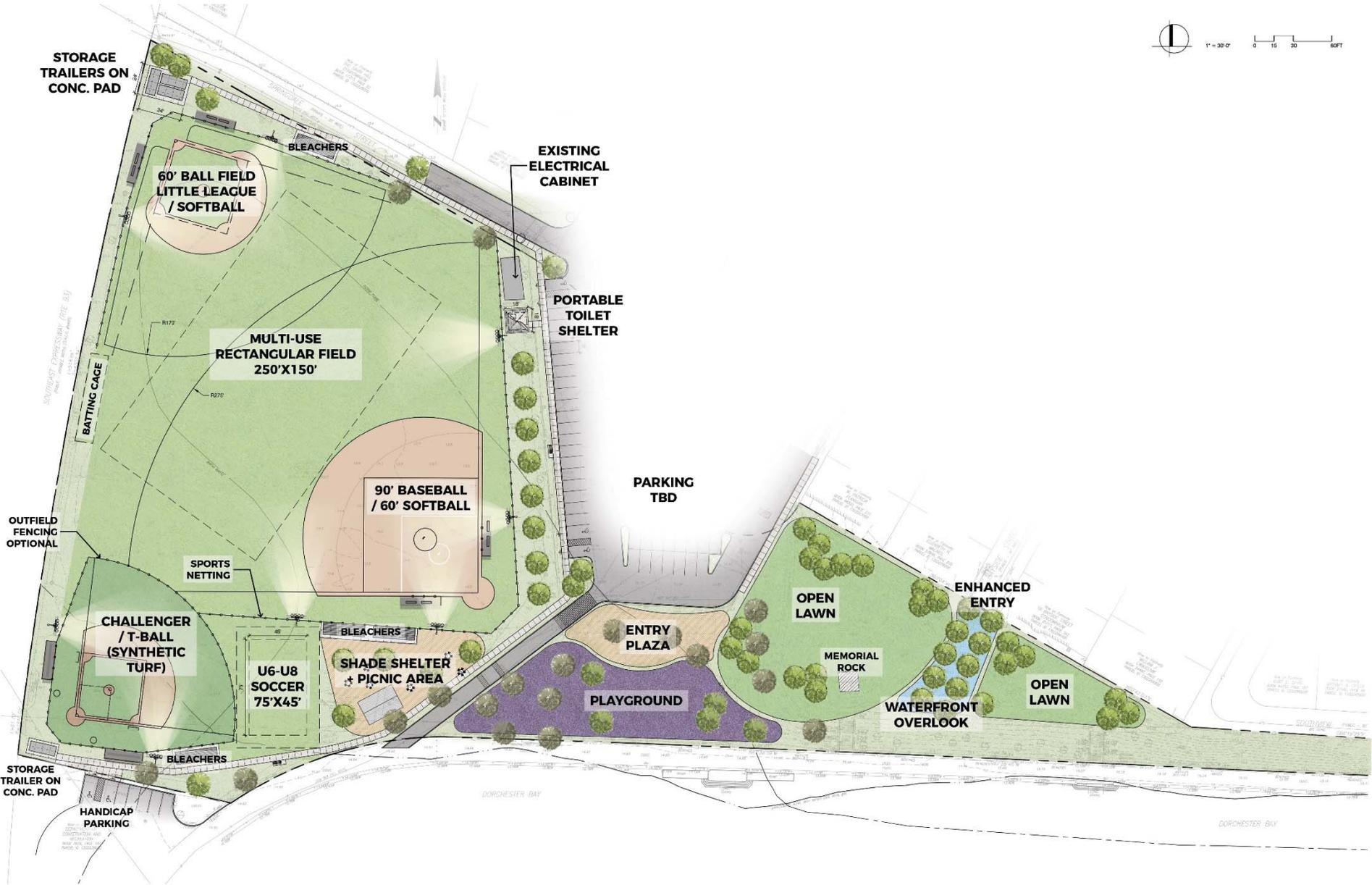


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CONCEPT PLAN 1



CONCEPT PLAN 2



PRECEDENT IMAGES - FIELDS



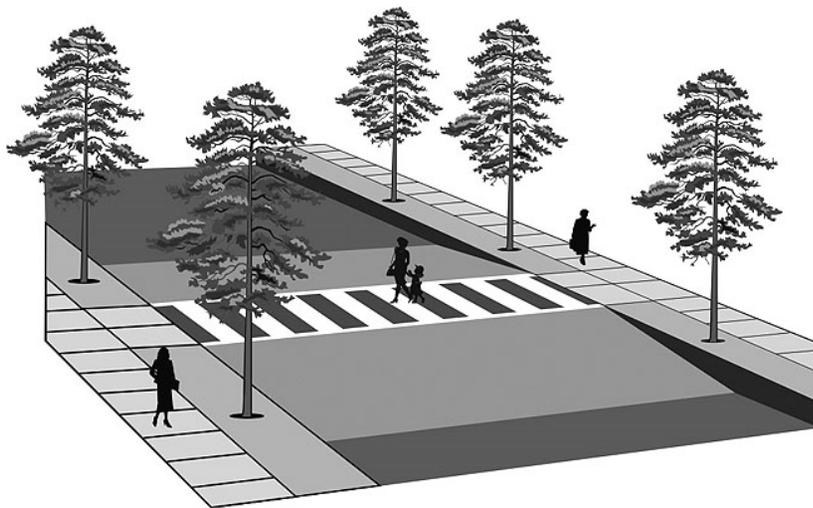
PRECEDENT IMAGES - PLAYGROUND



PRECEDENT IMAGES - PASSIVE / PLAZA



PRECEDENT IMAGES - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Field Alternatives:

- Combined Little League / Baseball vs separate 90' / 60' base paths
- Natural vs. Synthetic Turf

Playground Locations:

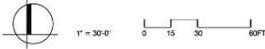
- Next to fields vs. existing location

Entry Plaza:

- Vehicular separation vs. integrated with traffic calming devices

Other thoughts or concerns?

CONCEPT PLAN 1



CONCEPT PLAN 2





THANK YOU!

Next Meeting Date TBD

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311



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