



Improvements to  
**DEWITT  
PLAYGROUND**

August 7, 2018  
Boston Parks and Recreation



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# PROJECT TEAM

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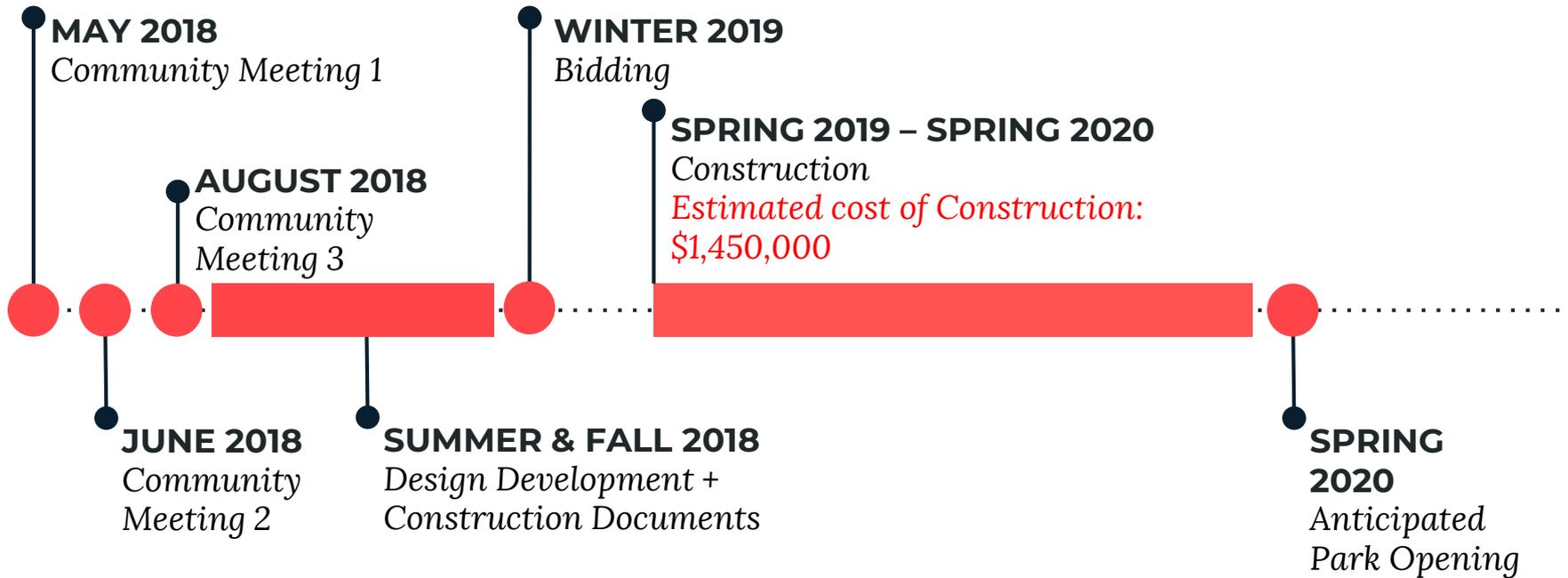
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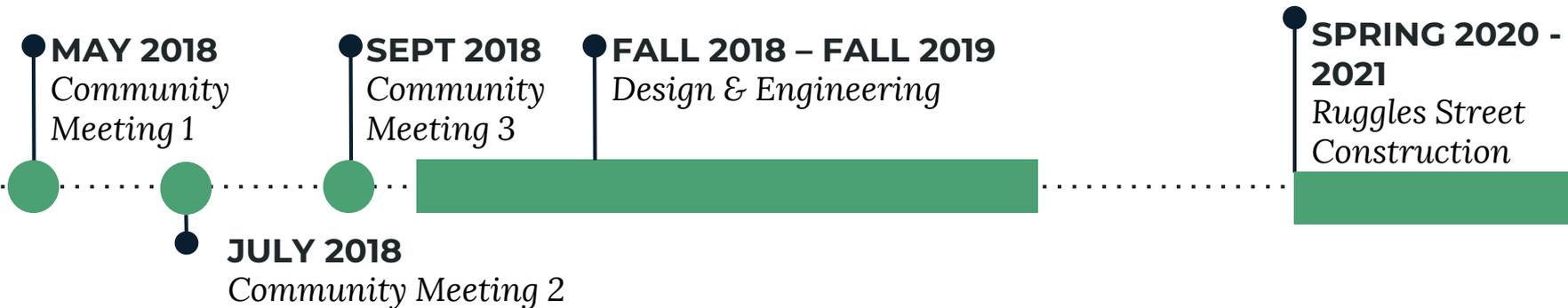


# PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

PARK



RUGGLES ST.





# CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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- **Expanding walkable access to parks**
- **Addressing equity**
- **Climate resilience**
- **Health**
- **Housing and community building**



# PARK & RECREATION GOALS

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- **Preserve And Protect Existing Trees**
- **Expand Usable Park Area**
- **Improve Universal Access**
- **Enhance Park Visibility**
- **Improve Access to Parks**
- **Design Flexible, Multi-functional Park Spaces**



# DEWITT PLAYGROUND

## Existing Conditions





RUGGLES ST.

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STOP









Maintenance Vehicular Access Routes

Cabot-Downing Access

Ruggles St. Access

Dewitt Dr. Access

Madison Park Ct. Access

The Boston Central Adult High School

# Public Comments from Previous Meetings

- Increase age range of park users and make it more accessible
- Allow for flexibility of uses
- Concerns with violence and homeless hangout
- Need for shade to mitigate heat
- Desire for concerts, movies, amphitheater, farmer's market, walking loop/wellness activities, arts programs, community gardens, and activities for young kids
- 2 full Basketball & 2 ½ Courts should stay, and include seating for players & spectators
- Place basketball courts off the streets
- Provide lights for basketball (currently ped. lights only) as well as pedestrian lighting
- Include fitness equipment
- Provide a nice lawn area
- Activate the spaces adjacent to the sidewalk
- Coordinate events at the park with the Community Center
- Drinking fountains are needed

# Site Context



# Design Concepts



Concept 1a



Concept 1b

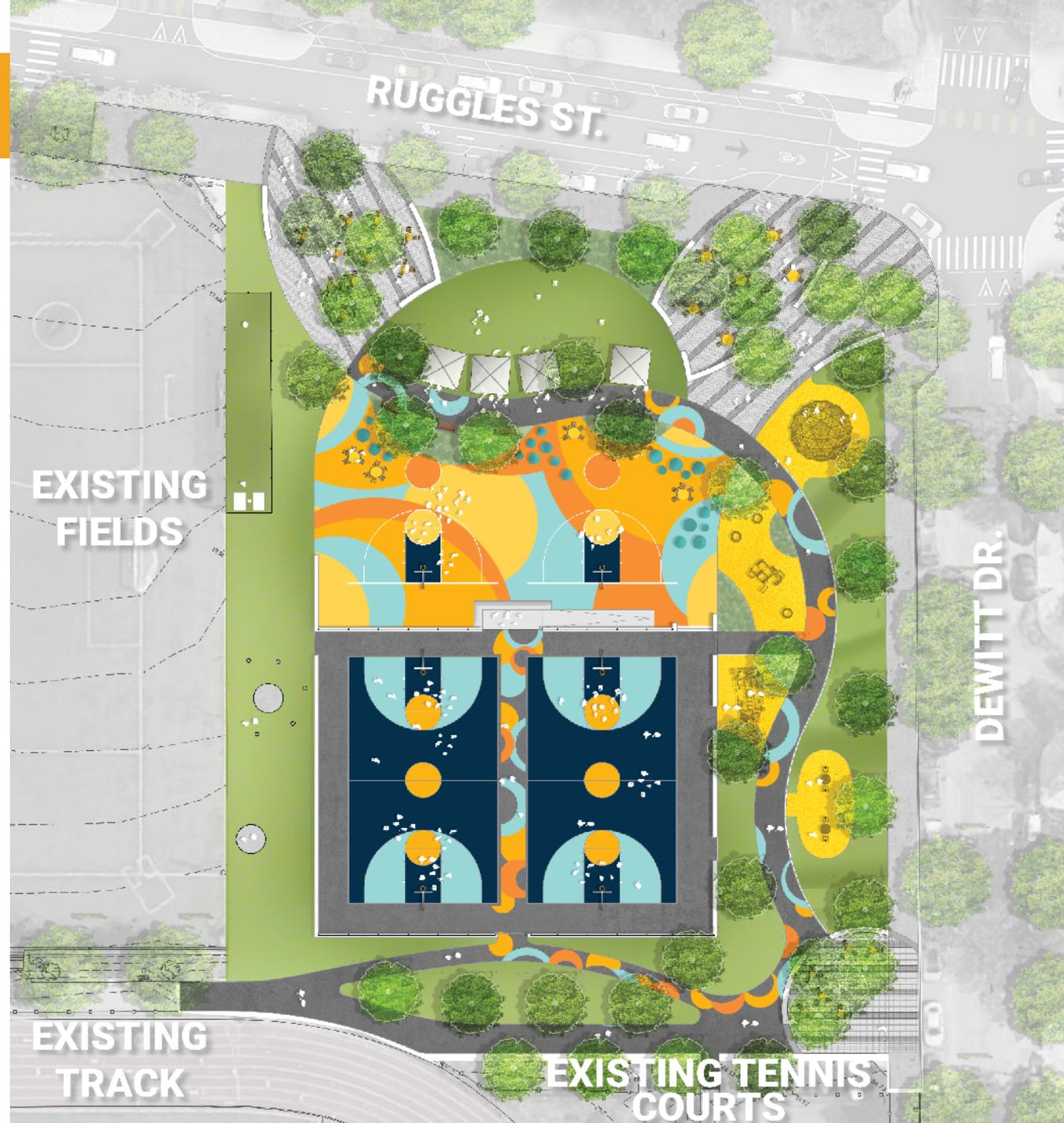


Concept 2a



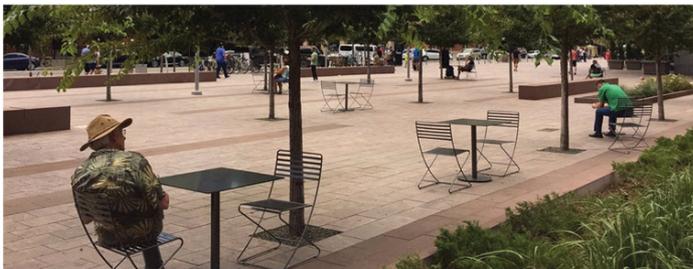
Concept 2b

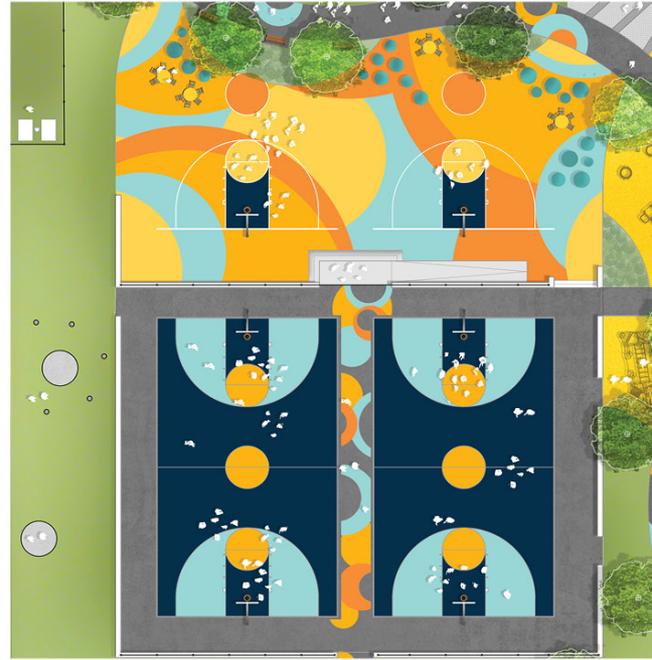
# “Final” Concept



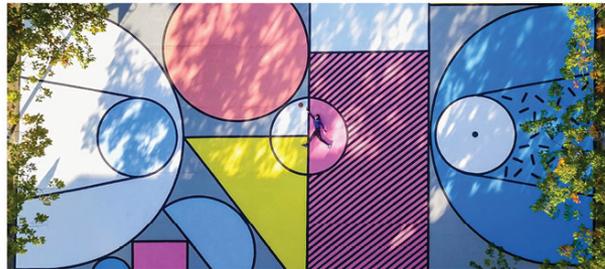


public plaza





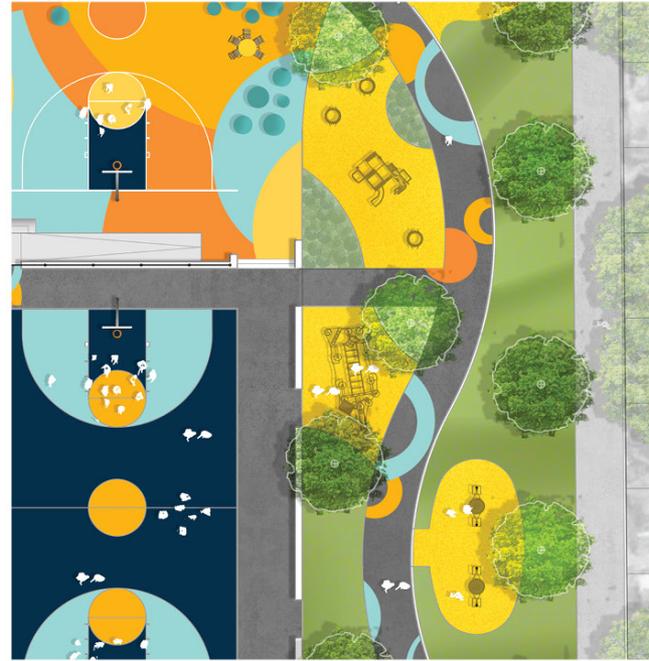
**basketball courts**





play zones





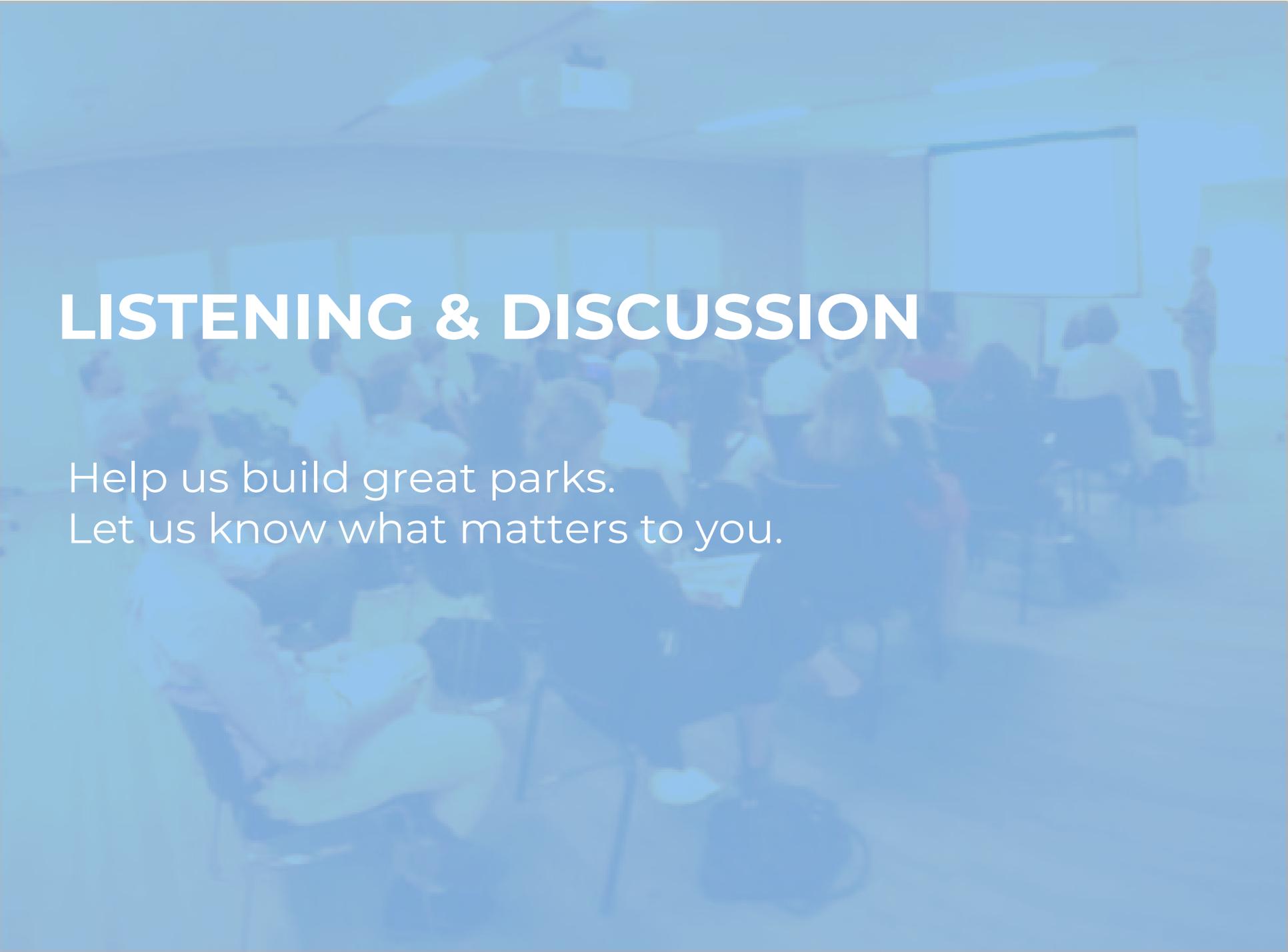
fitness structure





**lawn areas**





# LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.  
Let us know what matters to you.

# THANK YOU!

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



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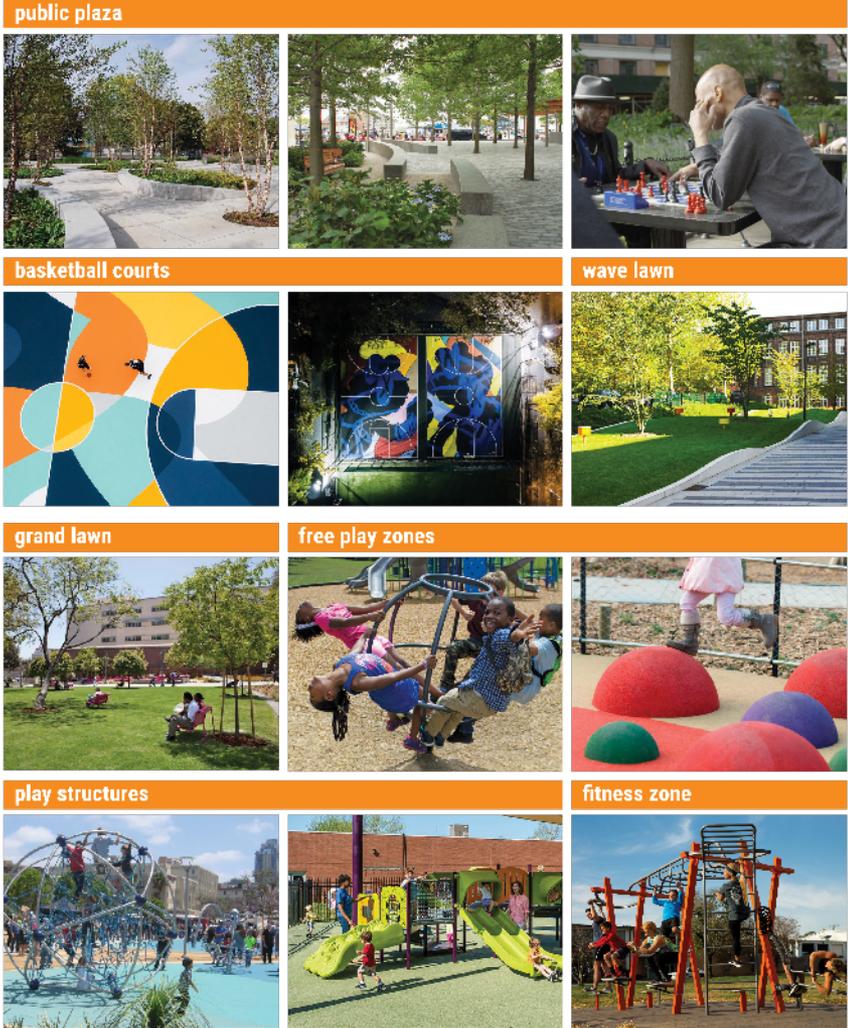
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## CONCEPT DESIGN PLAN



# CONCEPT IMAGES

## PARK PROGRAM EXAMPLES



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