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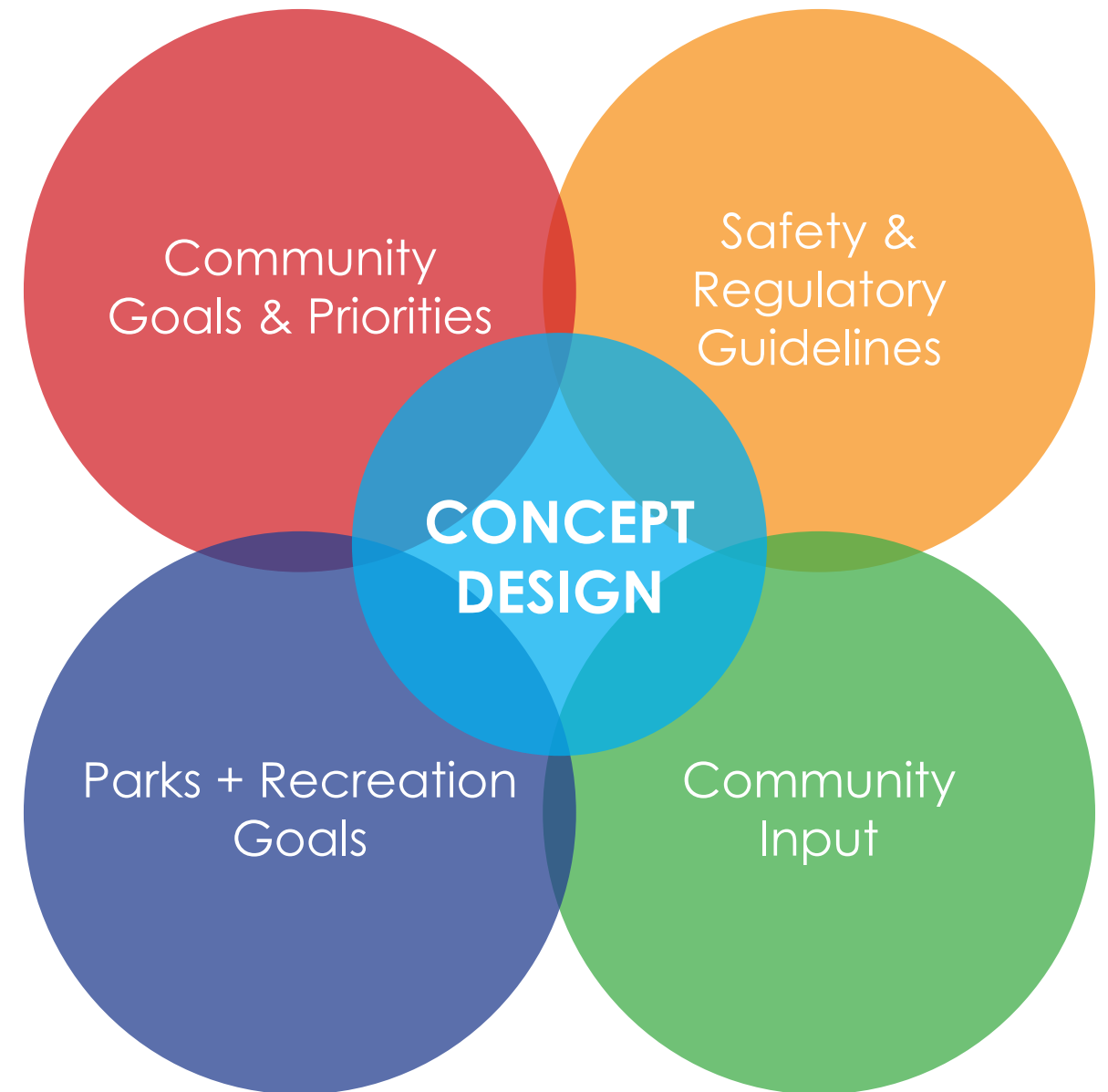
PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTION

The Lewis Family Foundation | Project Proponent
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Boston Parks & Recreation Department (BPRD) | Property Owner
Robert Rottenbucher & Nathan Frazee

Weston & Sampson | BPRD Representative
Cheri Ruane & Cassie Bethoney

Activitas | Lead Designer
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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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WHAT WE'VE HEARD TO DATE

- The City needs to step up and make improvements to the park.
- At the playground in Clifford Park, rubber safety surfacing should be installed instead of the mulch that is planned. Needles hide in the mulch, which makes it an impossible task to find and remove them.
- Perimeter fence around the park will not be locked.
- Do not create areas where someone can hide and be out of sight; safety and security issue. More patrolling and safety on the ground is needed.
- The improvements must account all members of the community, from senior citizens to youth users. A walking path around the park was endorsed for multigenerational use.



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WHAT WE'VE HEARD TO DATE

- Places to sit for families and groups that are independent of the bleachers and grandstand for sports use.
- Do not eliminate existing program from the park. Keep tennis! No shared basketball and tennis on one court. Need space for playing soccer as well.
- Circulation through the park is very important especially from 1010 Mass Ave.
- A family space/zone at Norfolk Ave. is a plus.
- Streets leading to the park are busy and there are dangerous traffic intersections. Consider how to make passage into the park safer.
- There was discussion over natural versus synthetic turf.



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1. Who is the Lewis Family Foundation
2. We started this process 1.5 years ago. Why are we investing in Clifford Park and Newmarket? What is the goal of this investment?
 - Make it a hub for youth sports development and community, and reach out to 5,000 young people
 - Improve Accessibility
 - Improve Safety
3. Clifford Park - Two Tracks
 - Future of the Park - Clifford Park Design Process, Lewis Family Foundation
 - Current Concerns - City-led Process



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4. Community Design Outreach - surveys, second community meeting, in-person meetings for additional input including:

- Mason Elementary School - Principal Laretta Lewis Medley and Maria Pontes
- Mason Community Pool - Andres Ramirez
- Boston Bengals - Domingos DaRosa
- Boston Collegiate Charter School - Shannah Varon
- Representative Liz Miranda's Office

5. Long-lasting support - Form a Friends of Clifford Park

- Leverage a diverse community-led group that will help serve the park in permanence



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Design Strategies

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NATURAL SURVEILLANCE

- Design the space to allow visibility by legitimate users and keep unwanted behavior under observation
- Make the offender's behavior more easily noticeable
- Provide a strong and clear visual connection between street, sidewalks, and interior of park
- Lighting design is appropriate for urban areas and provides adequate coverage



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NATURAL SURVEILLANCE | Landscape

- 6-foot, 2-foot rule
- Thin out brushy undergrowth to promote visual connectivity
- Prevent secluded areas/hiding spots
- Create frequent access points in park
- Create vertical and horizontal clear zones for sight distance
- Keep parking areas flat and open to allow for sufficient visibility and surveillance

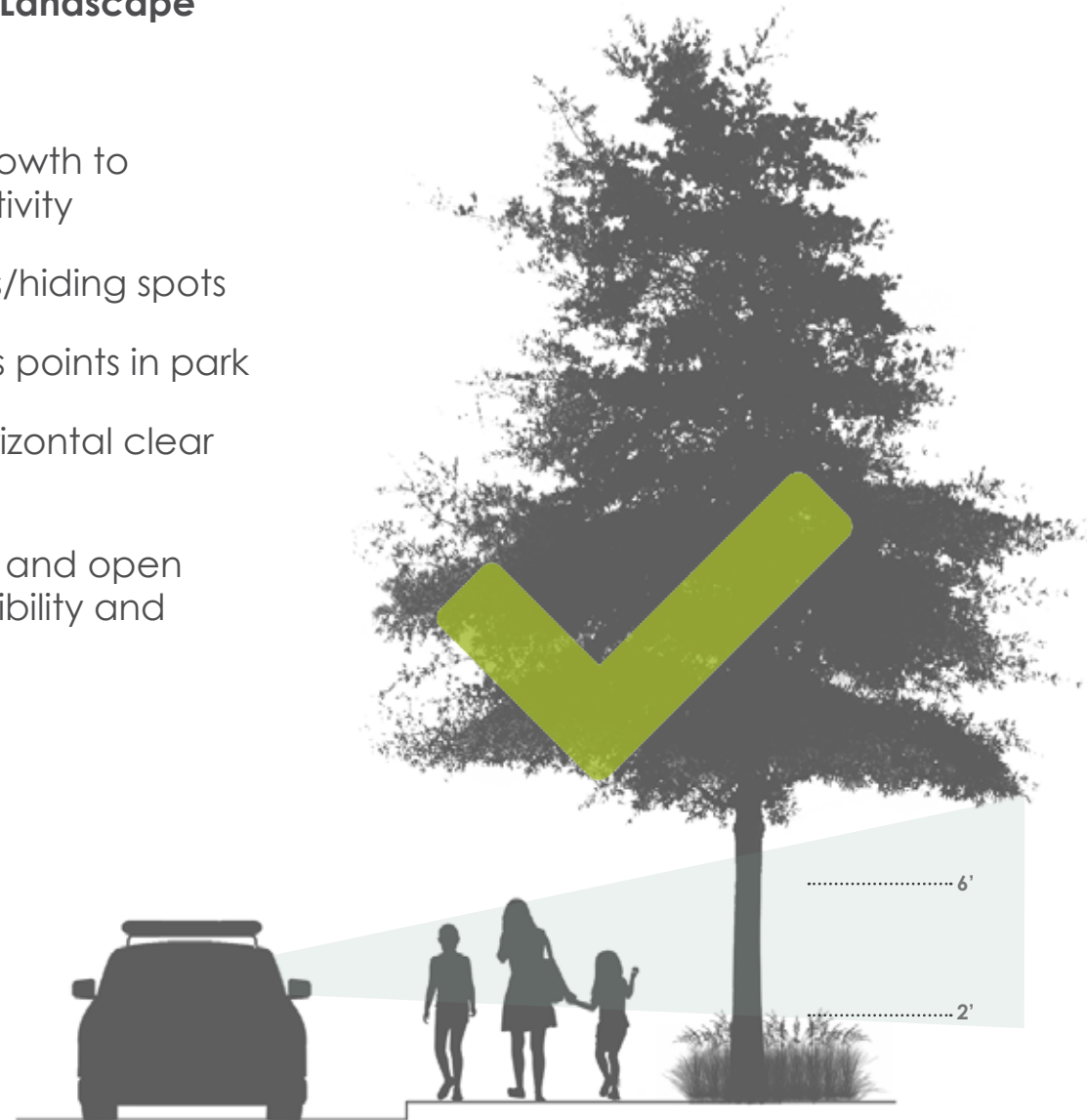


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NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL

- Use program elements to discourage unwanted behavior
- Create the perception among offenders that there is risk associated with illegal behavior
- Use signage to direct visitors to entrances and park elements
- Strategically locate entrance points without completely disconnecting the use
- Gates will NOT be locked



Dr. Loesch Family Park | Dorchester



Legion Memorial Field | Weymouth, MA

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TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT

- Clear displays of ownership encourage respect for property and discourage unwanted use
- Use design elements such as sidewalks, hardscape, landscaping, and low fencing to help distinguish between various public areas
- Signage indicates the park is maintained, “owned” and creates a sense of place; indicates that investment has been made



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MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT

- Clean, repair, and landscape needs routinely in the park
- Repair vandalism as soon as possible
- Encourage use of the space for the intended program and discourage abnormal and inappropriate use
- Maintenance signals that someone cares about the space and is likely to defend it against intruders or vandalism



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Lovell Field | Weymouth, MA

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Updated Design Concepts

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OPTION 1

Natural Grass

Square Feet - 225,000ft²

Fields

- Football (4" Lines - White)
- Soccer (4" Lines - Yellow)
- Baseball (~330' Outfield)
- Softball (200' Outfield)
- Youth Baseball (200' Outfield)



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OPTION 1

Perimeter Fencing

Length - 2,595'

Height - 6'

Playground/Tot Lot - 6,162 SF

Gathering Plazas - 5

Basketball Courts - 1

Spectator Seating & Press Box

Approx. 1,000 seats

Splash Pad - 1,567 SF

Park Entrances - 5



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OPTION 2

Natural Grass

Square Feet - 222,625ft²

Fields

- Football (4" Lines - White)
- Soccer (4" Lines - Yellow)
- Baseball (~330' Outfield)
- Softball (200' Outfield)
- Youth Baseball (200' Outfield)



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OPTION 2

Perimeter Fencing

Length - 2,275'

Height - 6'

Playground/Tot Lot - 3,649 SF

Gathering Plazas - 4

Basketball Courts - 1

Spectator Seating & Press Box

Approx. 1,000 seats

Fitness Area - 2,375 SF

Measured Walking Trail

Approx. 1/2 Mile

Tennis Courts - 1

Park Entrances - 4

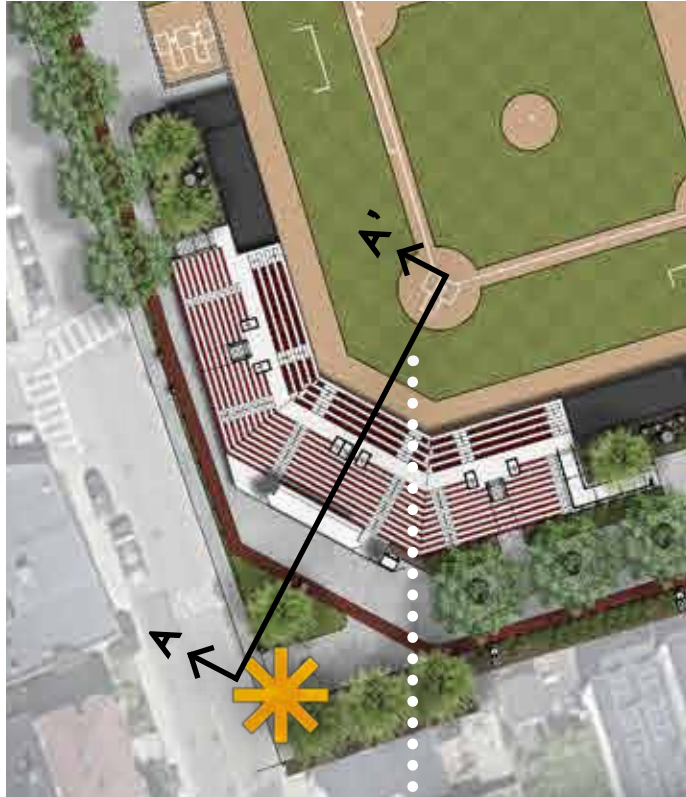


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Section | Options 1 & 2



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OPTION 3

Natural Grass

Square Feet - 211,150ft²

Fields

- Football (4" Lines - White)
- Soccer (4" Lines - Yellow)
- Baseball (~330' Outfield)
- Softball (200' Outfield)
- Youth Baseball (200' Outfield)



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OPTION 3

Perimeter Fencing

Length - 2,616'

Height - 6'

Playground/Tot Lot - 7,625 SF

Gathering Plazas - 4

Basketball Courts - 1

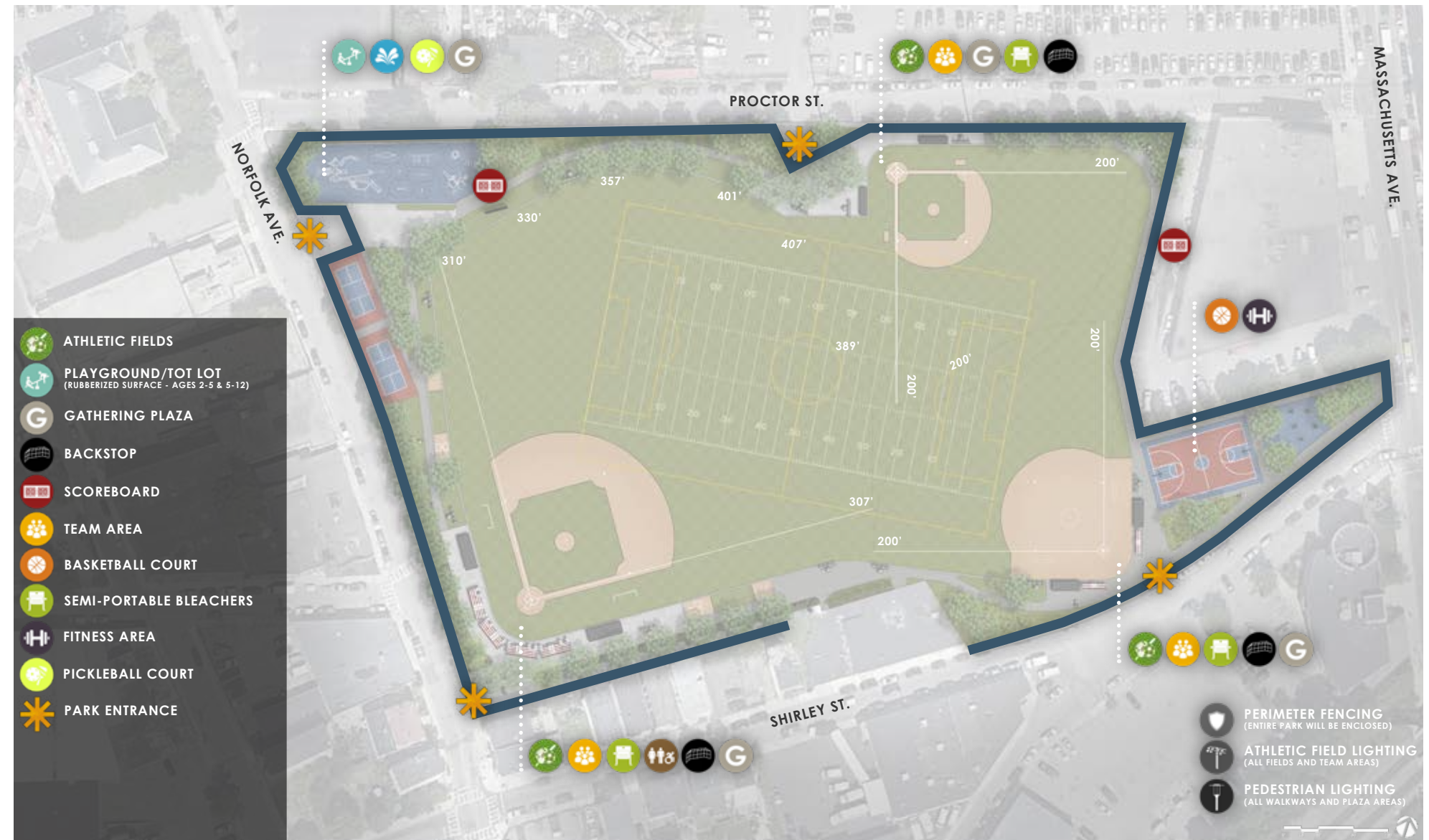
Semi-Portable Bleachers

Approx. 620 seats with
room for expansion

Fitness Area - 1,650 SF

Pickleball Courts - 2

Park Entrances - 4



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OPTION 4

Natural Grass

Square Feet - 211,150ft²

Fields

- Football (4" Lines - White)
- Soccer (4" Lines - Yellow)
- Baseball (~330' Outfield)
- Softball (200' Outfield)
- Youth Baseball (200' Outfield)



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OPTION 4

Perimeter Fencing

Length - 2,465'
Height - 6'

Playground/Tot Lot - 4,860 SF

Gathering Plazas - 3

Basketball Courts - 1

Semi-Portable Bleachers

Approx. 620 seats with
room for expansion

Fitness Area - 2,375 SF

Measured Walking Trail

Approx. 1/2 Mile

Tennis Courts - 1

Park Entrances - 4

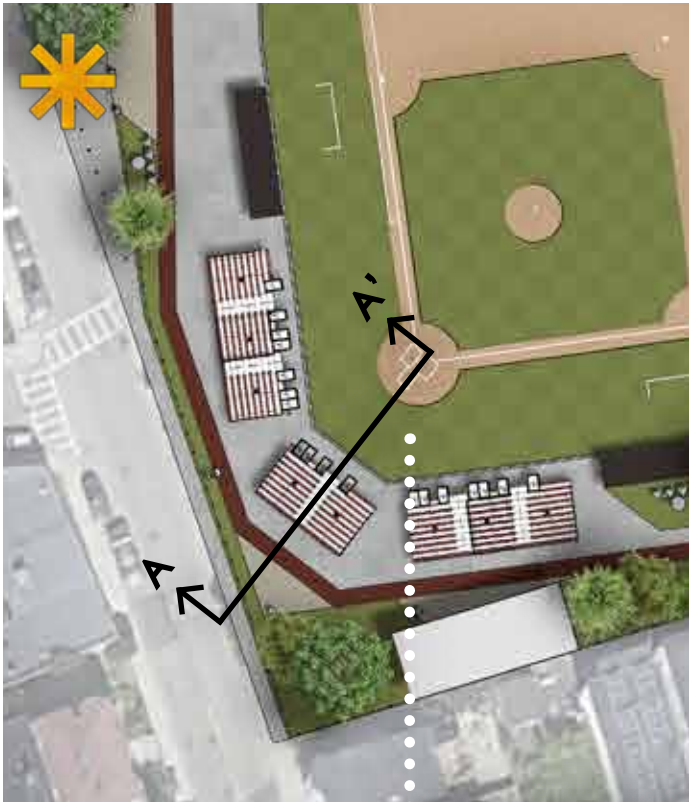


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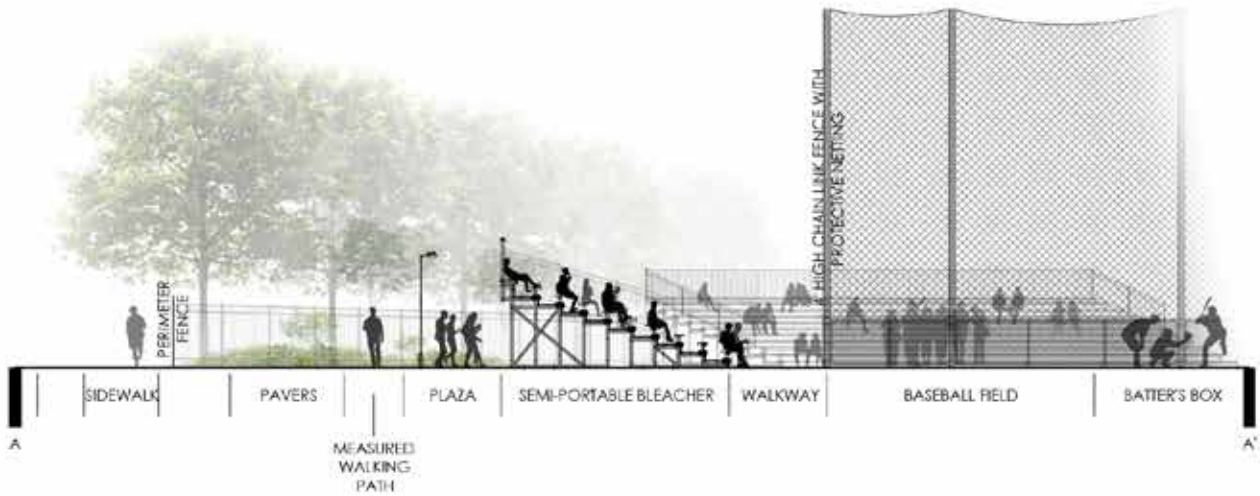
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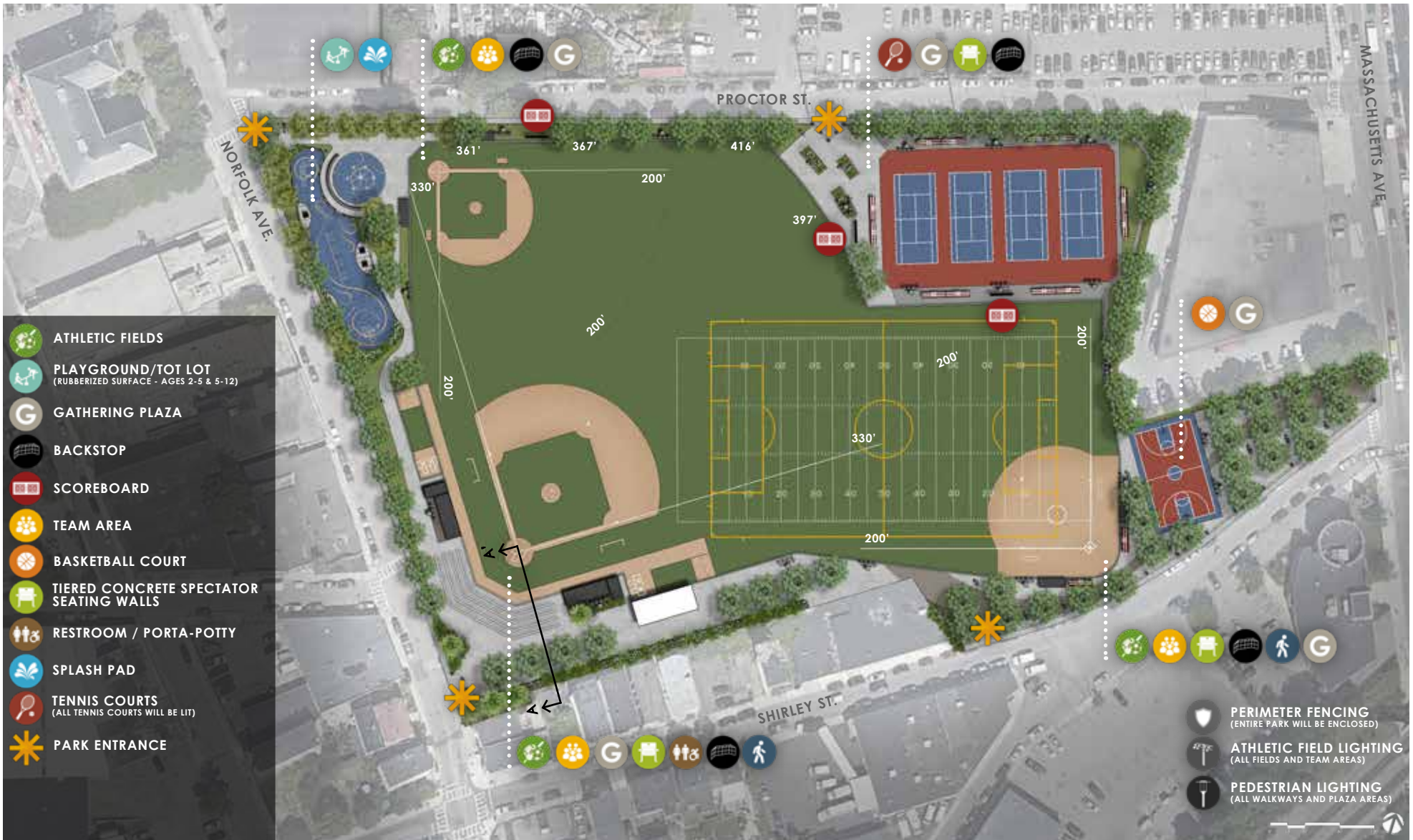
OPTION 5

Synthetic Turf

Square Feet - 211,150ft²

Fields

- Football (4" Lines - White)
- Soccer (4" Lines - Yellow)
- Baseball (~330' Outfield)
- Softball (200' Outfield)
- Youth Baseball (200' Outfield)



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OPTION 5

Perimeter Fencing

Length - 2,575'

Height - 6'

Playground/Tot Lot - 6,162 SF

Gathering Plazas - 5

Basketball Courts - 1

Tiered Concrete Spectator Seating Walls

Approx. 383 seats

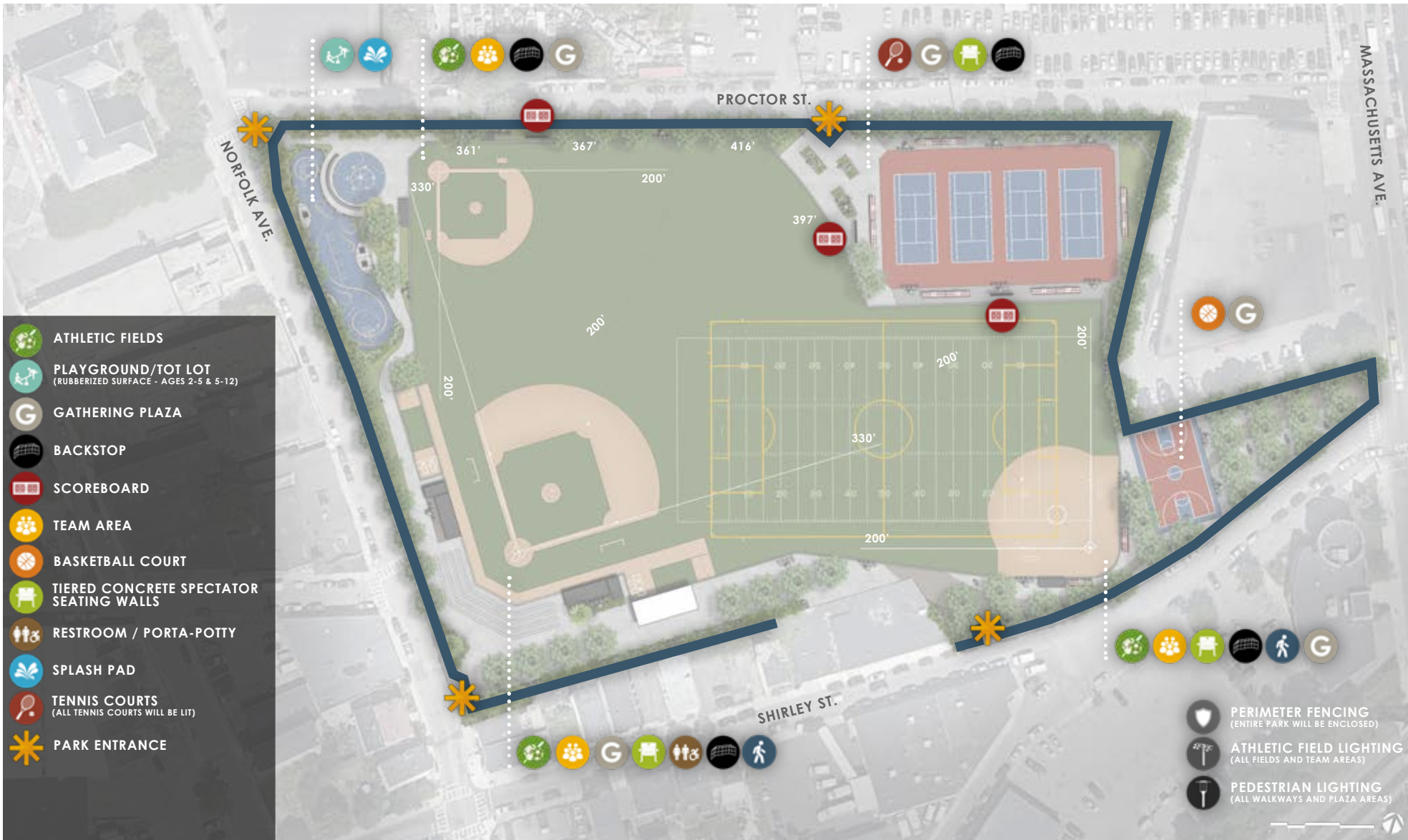
Fitness Area - 2,375 SF

Measured Walking Trail

Approx. 1/2 Mile

Tennis Courts - 1

Park Entrances - 4

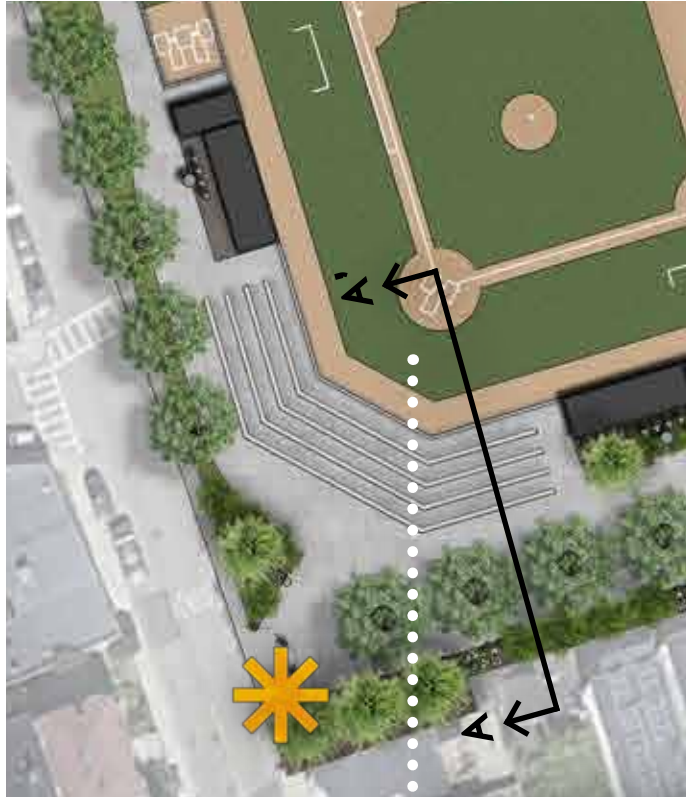


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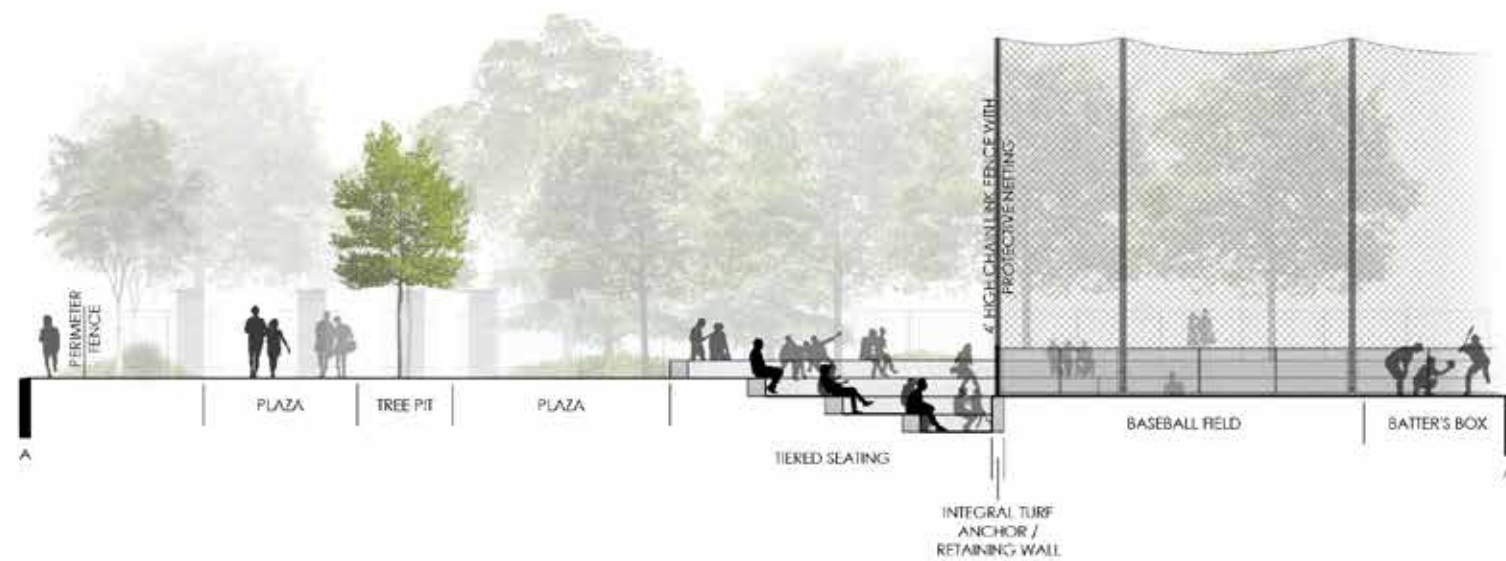
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SUMMARY OF FEATURES

	SYNTHETIC TURF	NATURAL GRASS FIELD	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	YOUTH BASEBALL	PERIMETER FENCING	PLAYGROUND / TOT LOT	GATHERING PLAZAS	BASKETBALL COURTS	SPECTATOR SEATING	SPLASH PAD	TENNIS COURTS	PICKLEBALL	FITNESS AREA	MEASURED WALKING TRAIL	PARK ENTRANCES
OPTION 1		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	6,162 SF	5	1	1,000 SEATS	1,567 SF					4
OPTION 2		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3,649 SF	4	1	1,000 SEATS		1		2,375 SF	1/2 MILE	4
OPTION 3		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7,625 SF	4	1	232 SEATS			2	1,650 SF		4
OPTION 4		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4,860 SF	3	1	620 SEATS	740 SF	1		1,645 SF	1/2 MILE	4
OPTION 5	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	6,162 SF	5	1	383 SEATS	1,567 SF	4				4

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Precedent Images | Playground

Hunters Point South Park | NYC

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Precedent Images | Splash Pad

Rose Kennedy Greenway | Boston

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Precedent Images | Tennis and Basketball

The Fens Basketball Court | Boston, MA



Prince Street Tennis Courts | Boston, MA



Billings Field | West Roxbury, MA

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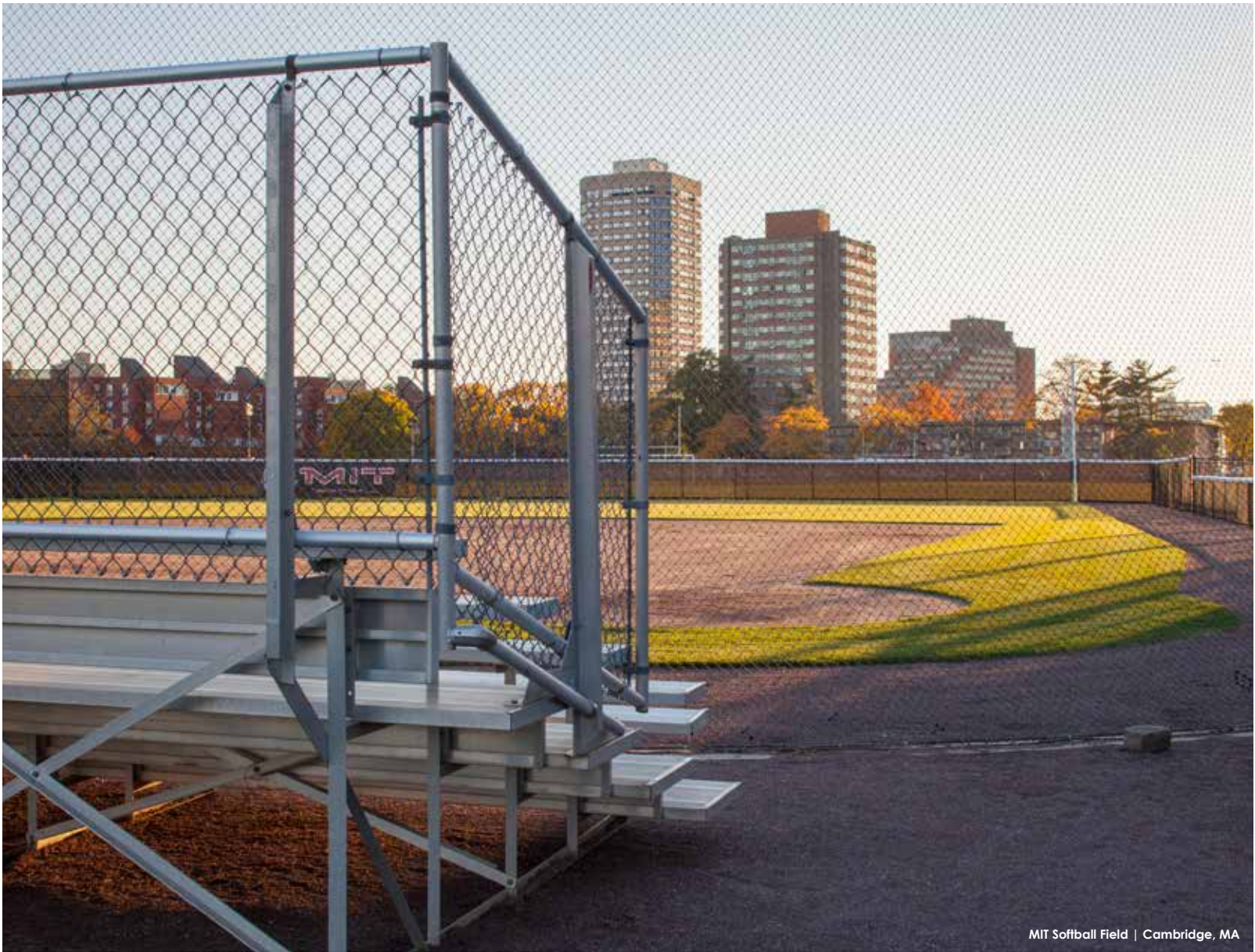


Morrison Field | Westwood, MA



Precedent Images | Urban Baseball Field

Daly Field | Boston, MA



MIT Softball Field | Cambridge, MA

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Precedent Images | Gateways & Plazas

Central Square | Cambridge, MA



Pulaski Park | Northampton, MA



Marlborough Middle School | Marlborough, MA

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Questions | Discussion | Next Steps