

Improvements to **PETERS PARK**



Dedication of Park in South End in Memory of George and Sadie Peters



This tribute is but small recognition for the contributions they made for more than four decades to their adopted country and chosen neighborhood in Boston.'

The Peters who came to America in 1908 from Kear-Hilda, Lebanon, and settled in the South End with five children, set an example in the community which valued hard work, civic spirit, patriotism and brotherhood among various ethnic groups.'

Both were active communicants St. George's Syrian Church in the South End with Mr. Peters serving as canter for thirty-five years. He was a conscientious worker in the shoemaking industry for years, retiring for illness four year before his death in 1954. Mrs. Peters was honored guest at the April, 1975, groundbreaking for the park on Bradford Street just six months before her death. The park recreation facility in the neighborhood they helped enrich will be formally dedicated on Mr. Peter's birthday in the presence of many admirers of the couple.

The Boston City Council joins in adding its respect and tribute to these loyal, law-abiding citizens who helped make the South End a healthy and viable community, and be it further this Council officially registers its approval that a fitting living memorial in the form of a public park will help keep green the memories of George and Sadie Peters and many others like them for their quiet service to their neighborhood.

~ Boston City Council, Minutes of Meeting July 3, 1976

PROJECT OVERVIEW



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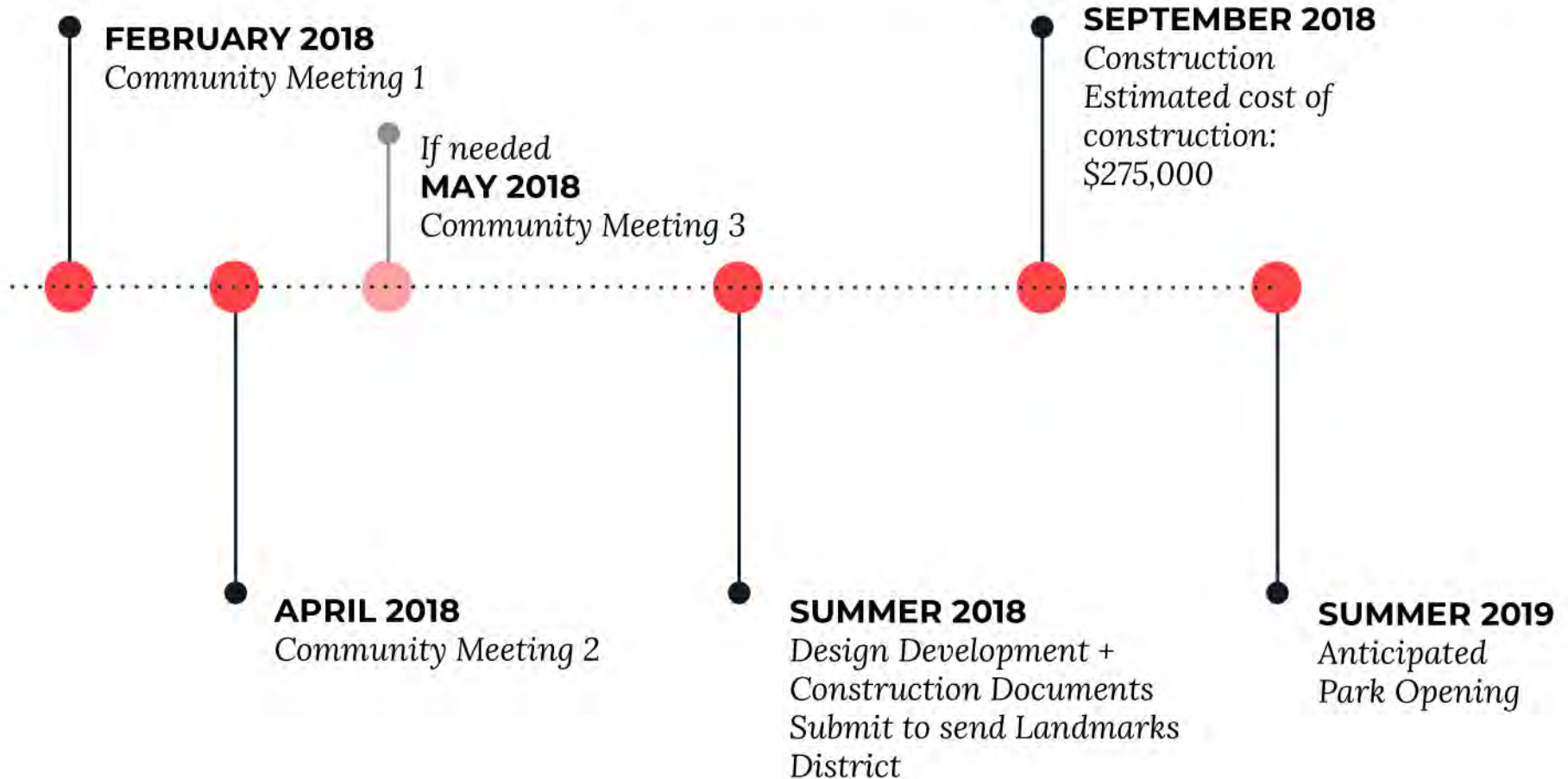
PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

FUNDING

225 Albany: \$70,000
345 Harrison: \$200,000
Capital Funds: \$100,000

SPENDING

Design: \$55,500
Construction: \$275,000
Contingency: \$39,500





CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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



PARKS & RECREATION GOALS

- **Accessible and available to all**
- **Diverse, balanced, and efficient mix of uses**
- **Meaningful and inclusive community engagement**
- **Adaptive and resilient landscapes**
- **Promote connections**



PETERS PARK GOALS

- **Keep the parts of the park that work well – courts, playground, ballfield, dog park**
- **Use strategic interventions to improve the circulation system & paving conditions**
- **Improve the long term health of the adjacent areas by addressing the circulation patterns**



PARK TIMELINE

PARK
ESTABLISHMENT

Peters Park



Design+
Construction

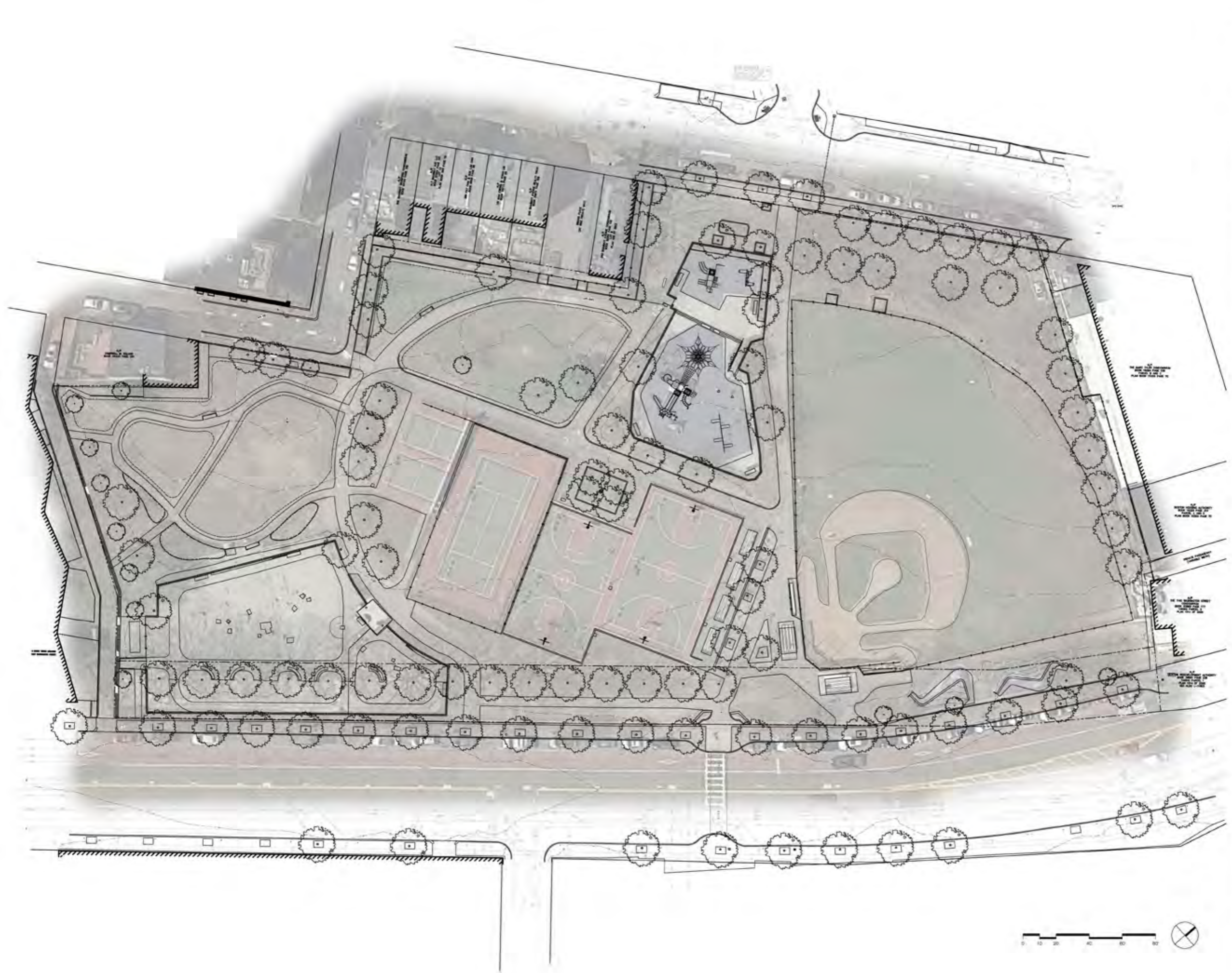


Park
Maintenance



Friends
Group





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EXISTING CONDITIONS

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Current Project Area

Peters Park



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First Public Meeting Summary

How do people use the park?

- Dog Park, the actual dog park and walking one's dog through the entire park.
- A pleasant place to pace through.
- Socializing.
- Sports.

Comments mentioned by almost all groups.

- Keep the trucks out of the park!
- Trash can be brought to the edges if it keeps the trucks out.
- Keep people and trucks from cutting the corners of the paths.
- More and better plants are needed but not between dog park and Washington Street sidewalk.
- Protect plantings – frustration with maintenance was expressed.
- Water is needed for the health of the plants.
- Some are in favor of turning desire lines into official paths, especially northeast of the ball field, others are not.
- More benches, ping-pong tables, or chess tables but others are worried about homeless people hanging out in park.



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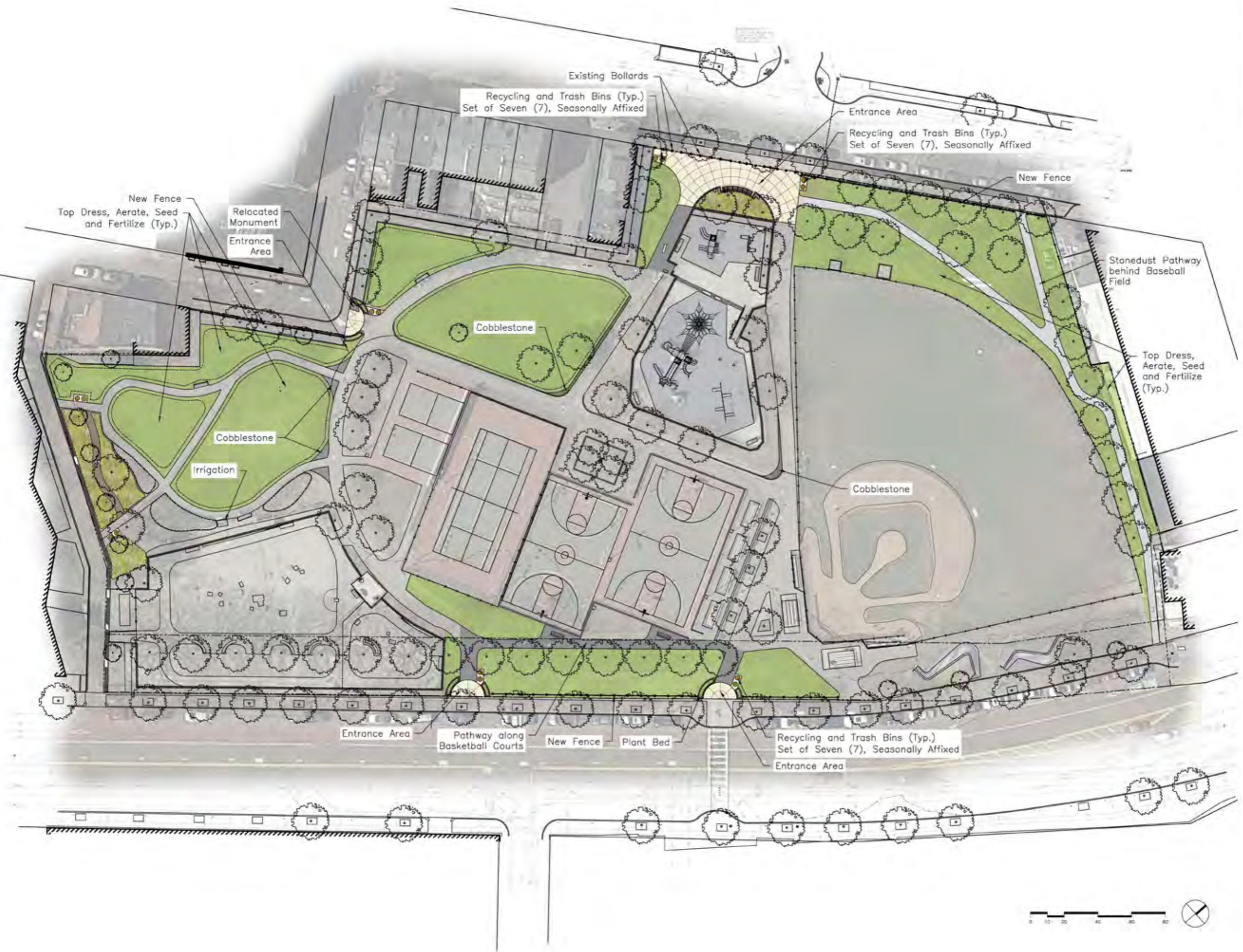
Recommended approach to responding to communities input.

- Control edges. Add fences and/or bollards along edges but make sure maintenance vehicles can cut across park once they are in it.
- Once trucks can't drive into park, repair the lawn and cut across areas.
- Interesting and durable plant palette.
- Investigate viability of expanding irrigation into garden area, understanding that the Friends Group will take it on.
- New paths to replace desire lines without compromising existing trees.
- New furniture and game tables where appropriate.
- Palette of materials should blend with existing park.
- Move trash receptacles to perimeter of park and permanently affix in place. Use smaller receptacles with smaller openings to limit dumping of household trash.



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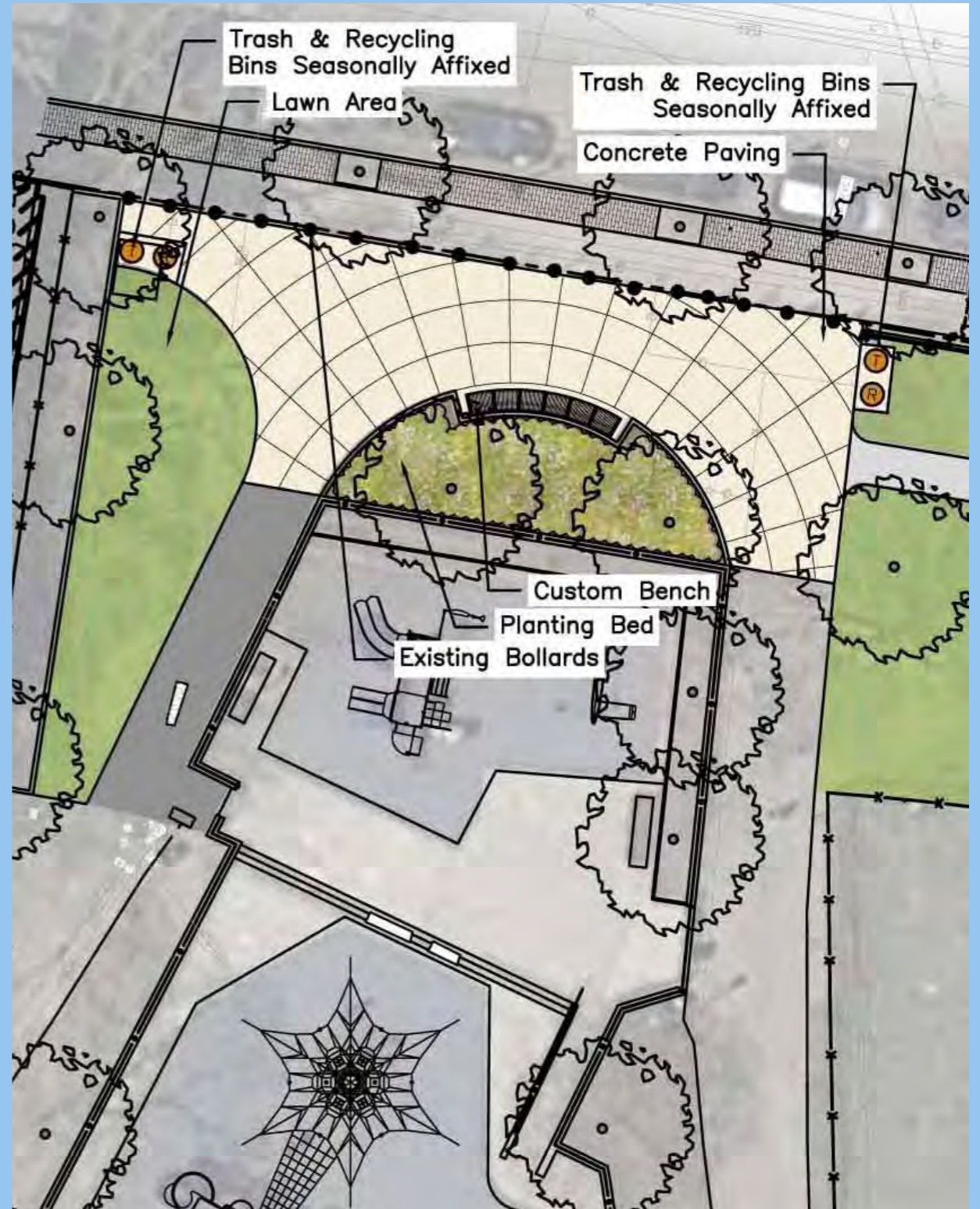


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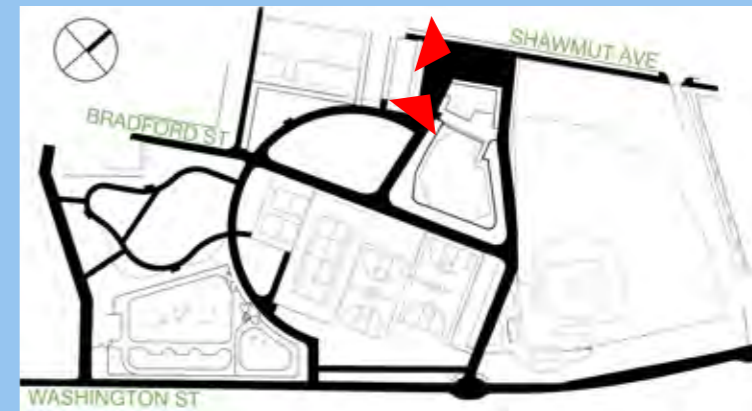
Proposed Conditions - Concept One



View looking west along Shawmut Ave.

Bollards located at the northern boundary would remain along the proposed concrete plaza within Concept One.



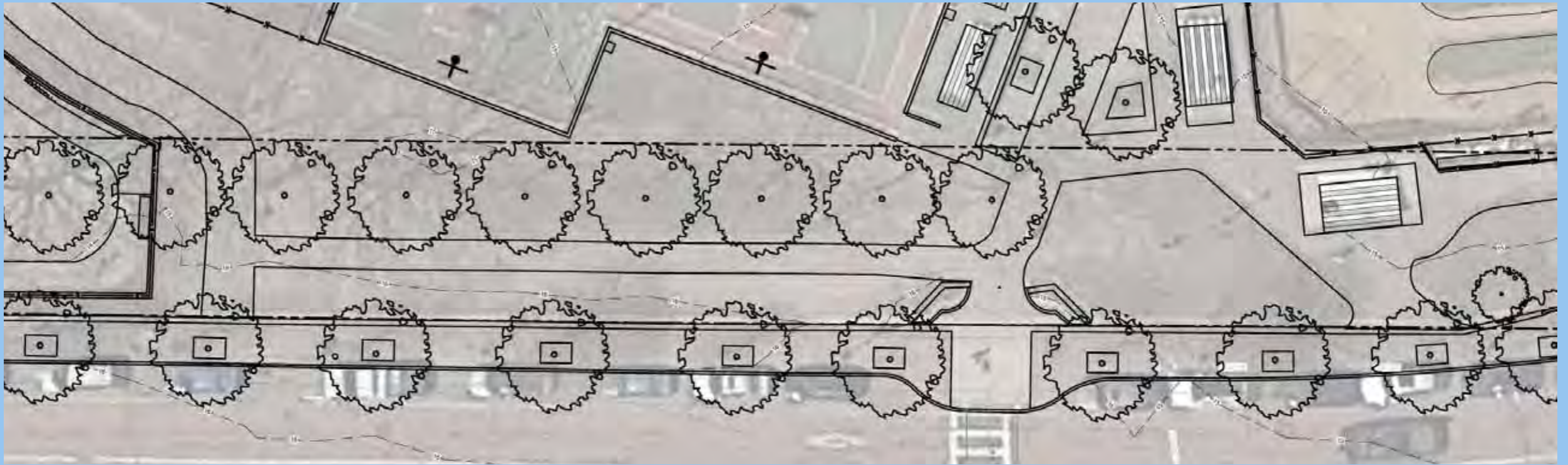


Views looking north and northeast along Shawmut Ave.

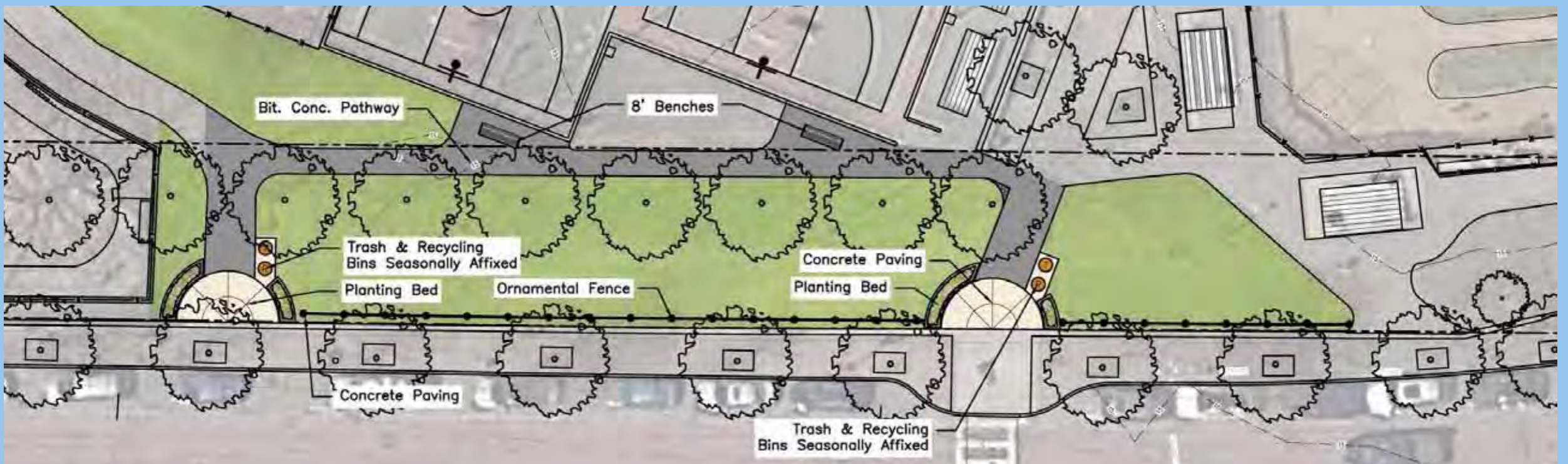


Bricks at the northern entrance of Peters Park will be removed within the proposed concepts.





Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions - Concept One



Views looking east between the basketball court and Washington Street



The existing desire line along the basketball court becomes a pathway in Concept One.

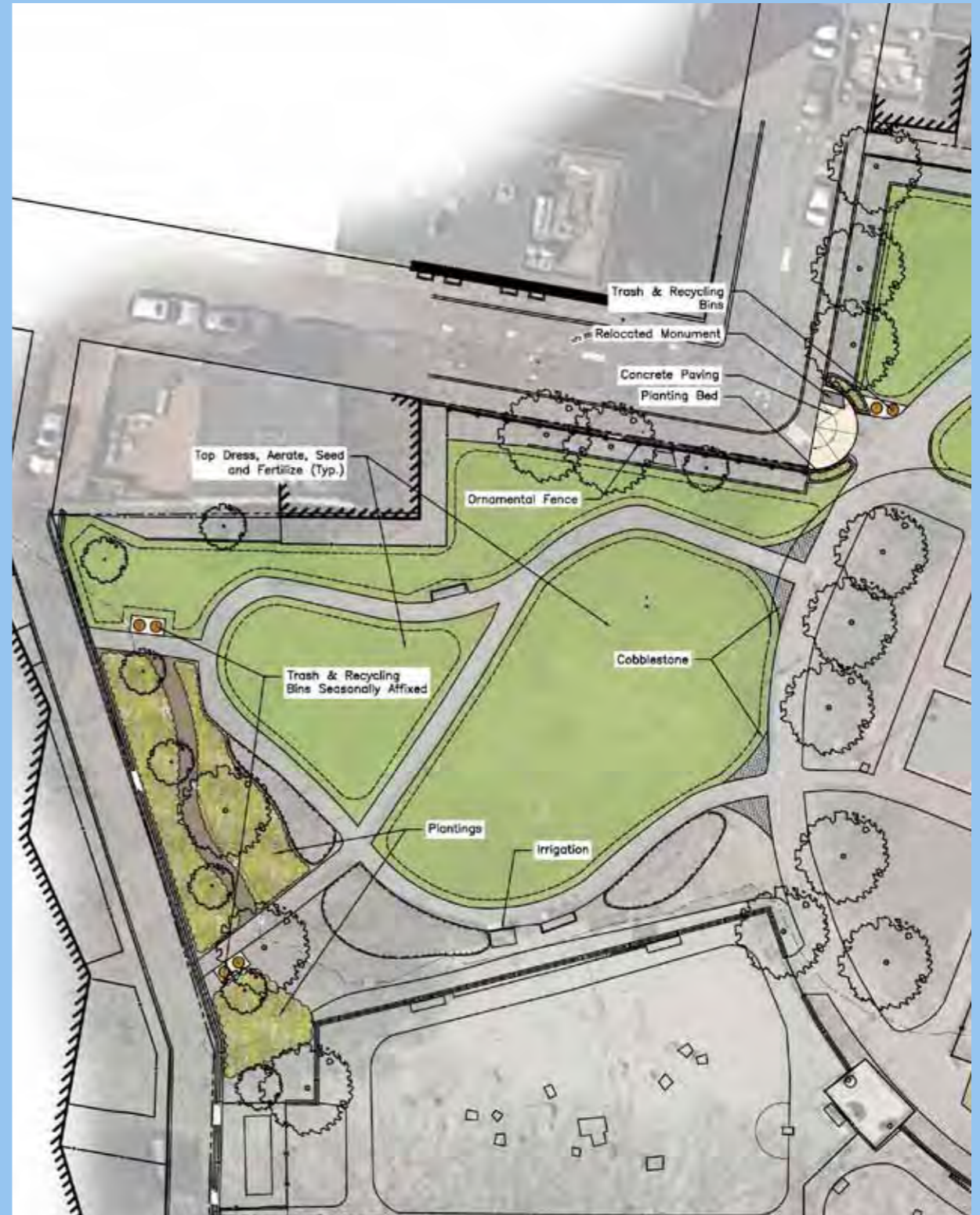


View looking west from pathway along Washington St.

To prevent pedestrians from cutting into the park, Concept One proposes a fence along Washington Street.



Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions - Concept One



View looking south

Area of well worn lawn is proposed to be reseeded within both concept designs.



Views looking southeast and west along Washington St.



The well worn area along the southern perimeter of the park will be planted with shrubs within the concept designs.



View looking southwest
along Bradford Street

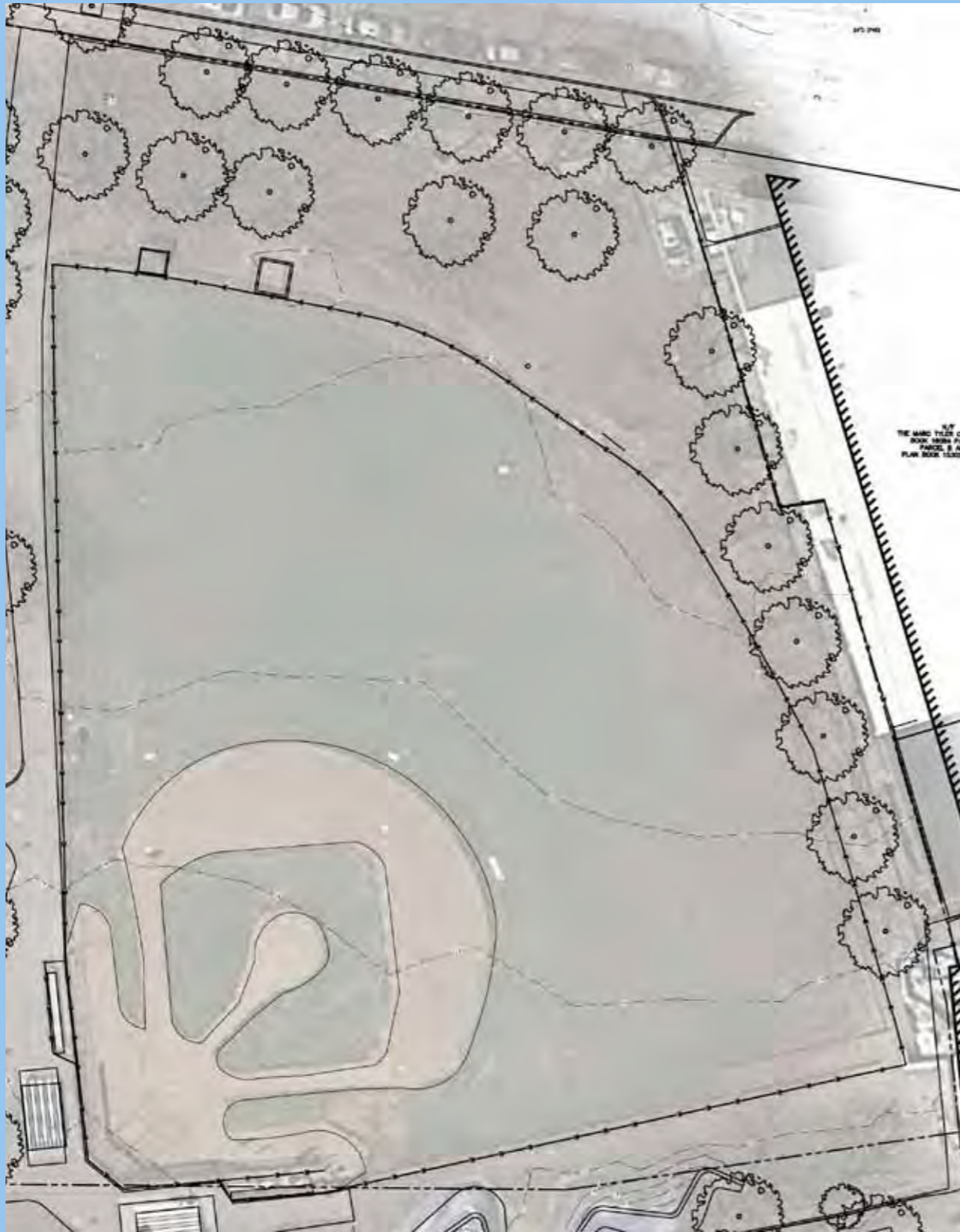
Existing entrance from Bradford Street will be more formal within the proposed designs.



Views looking north and south near Bradford St.



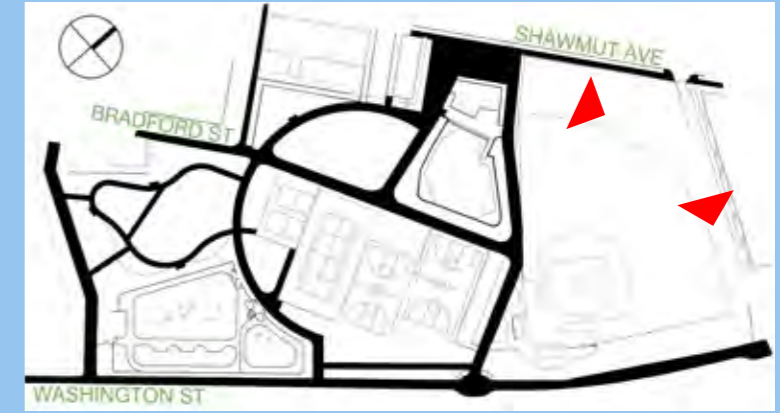
Pedestrians cut through between brick sidewalk and the park's pathway.
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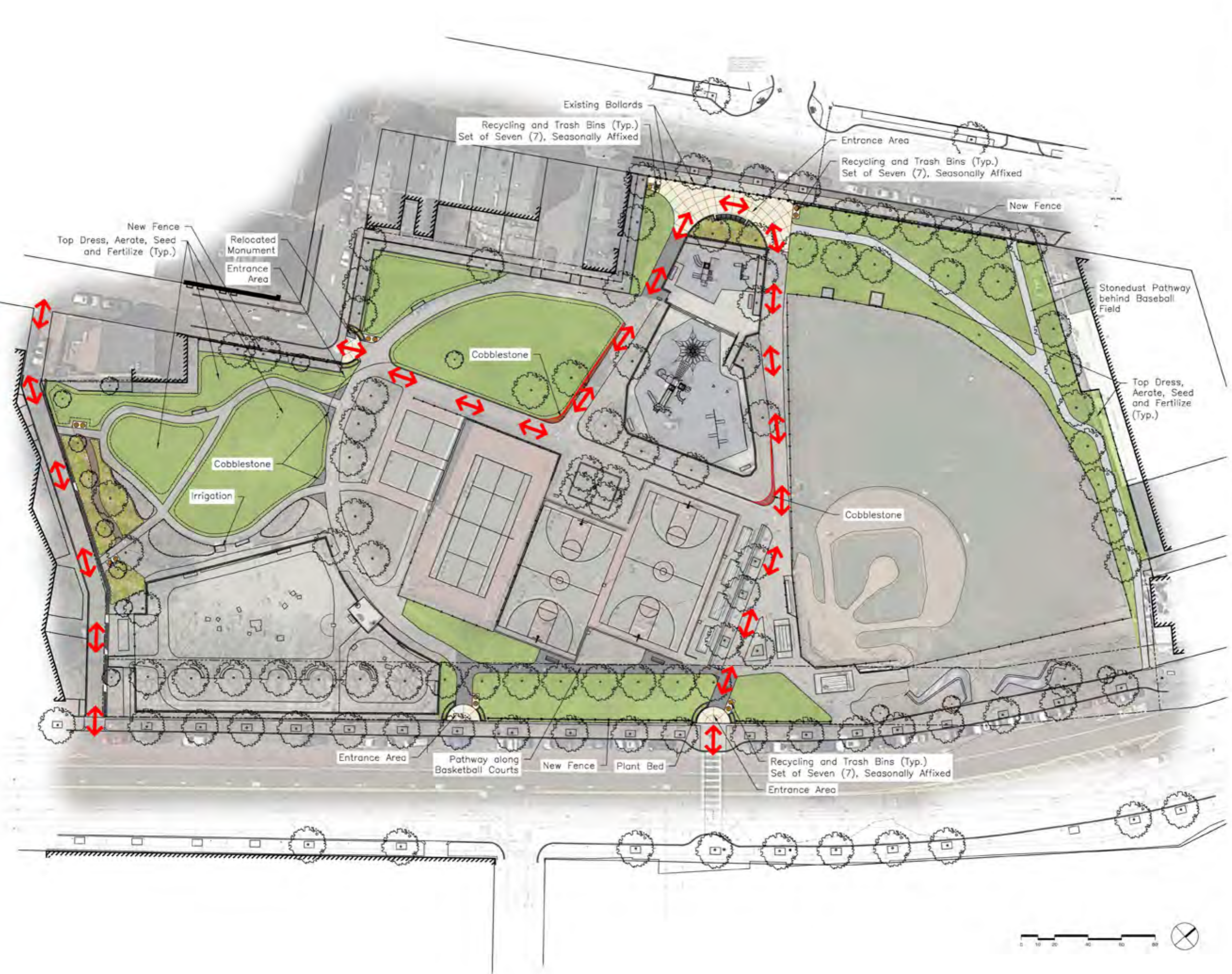
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Looking northeast and east beyond the baseball outfield

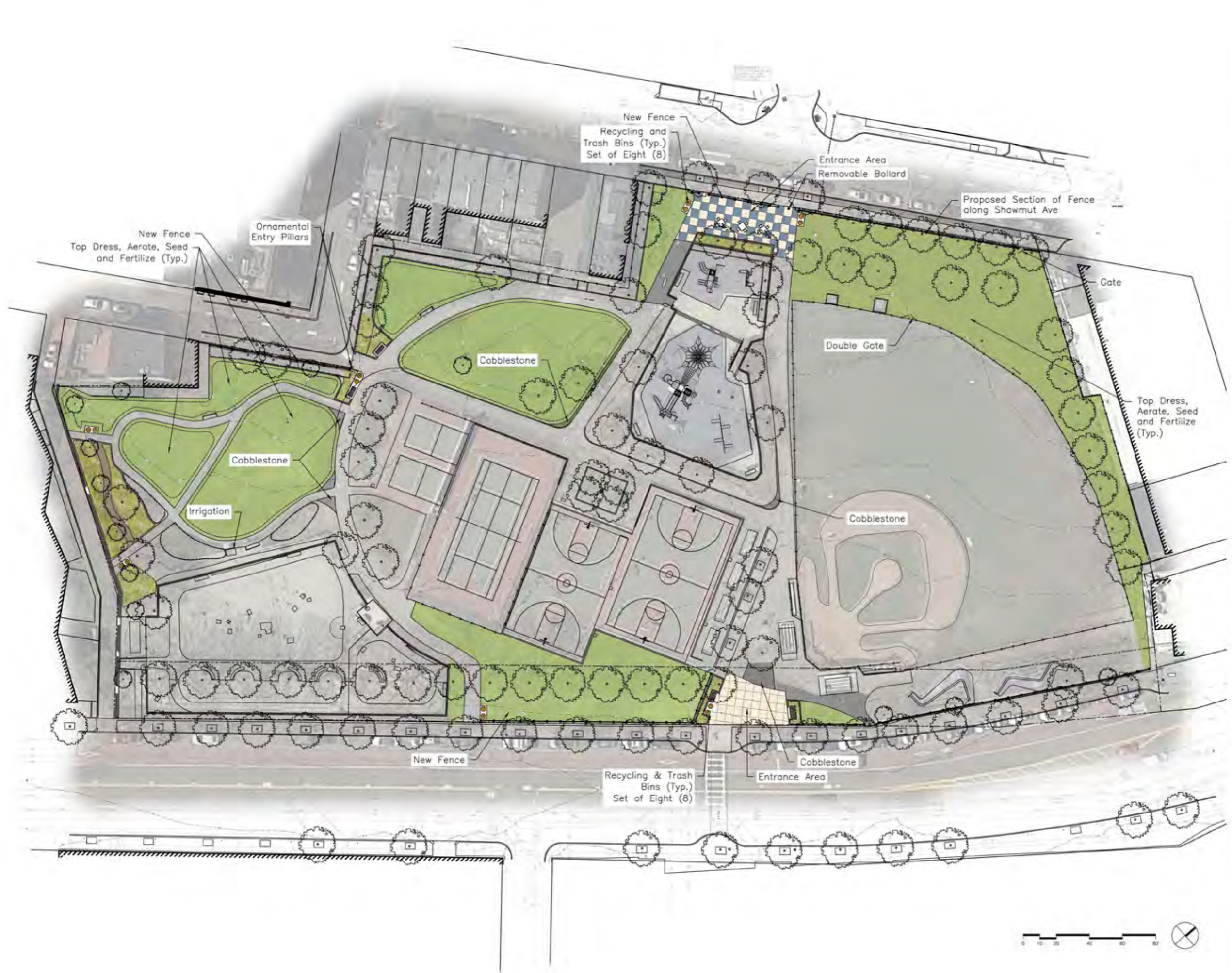


A strong desire line exists along the outfield fence of the baseball field in Concept Design One. A stonedust pathway is proposed in this area connecting Shawmut and Washington Street.



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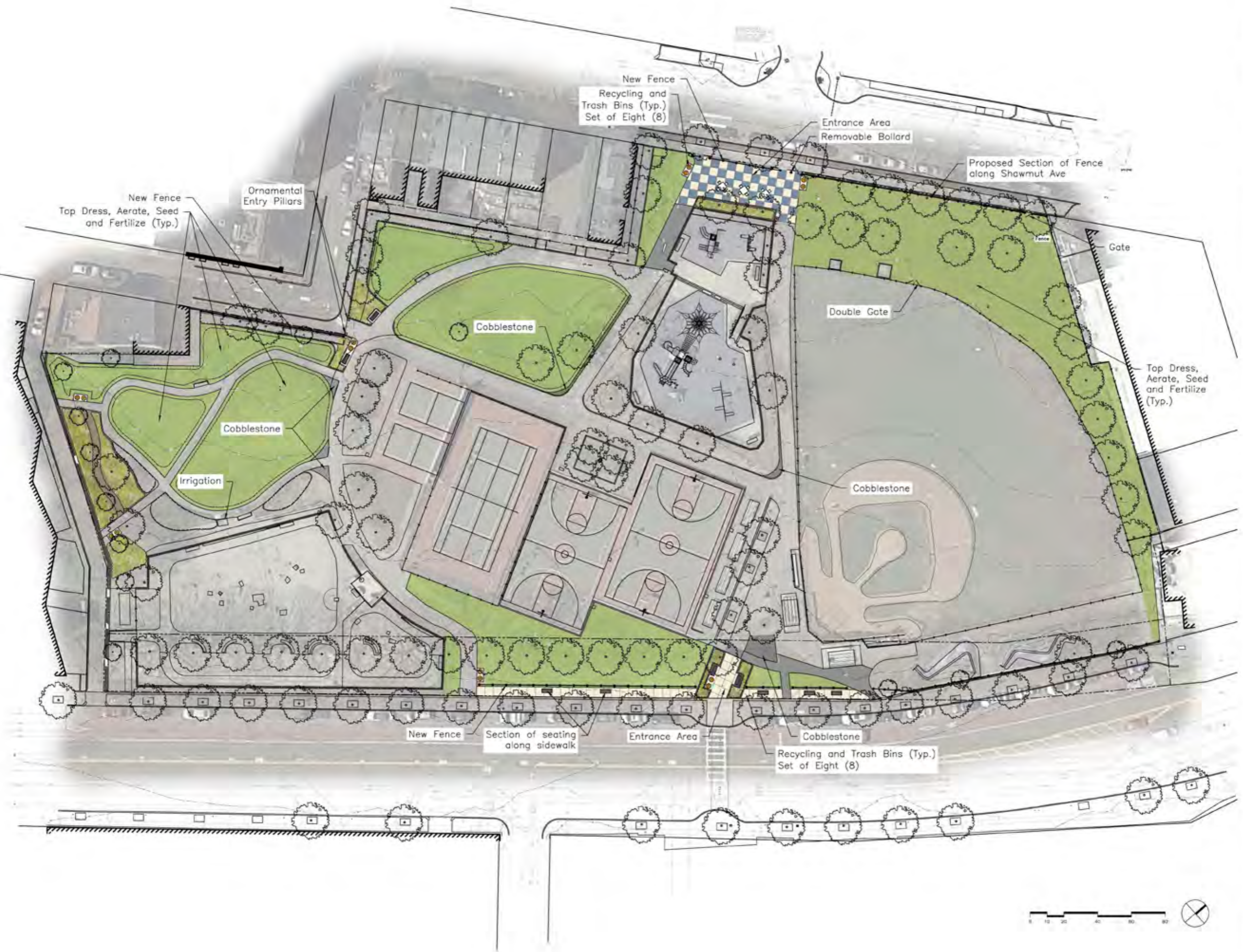


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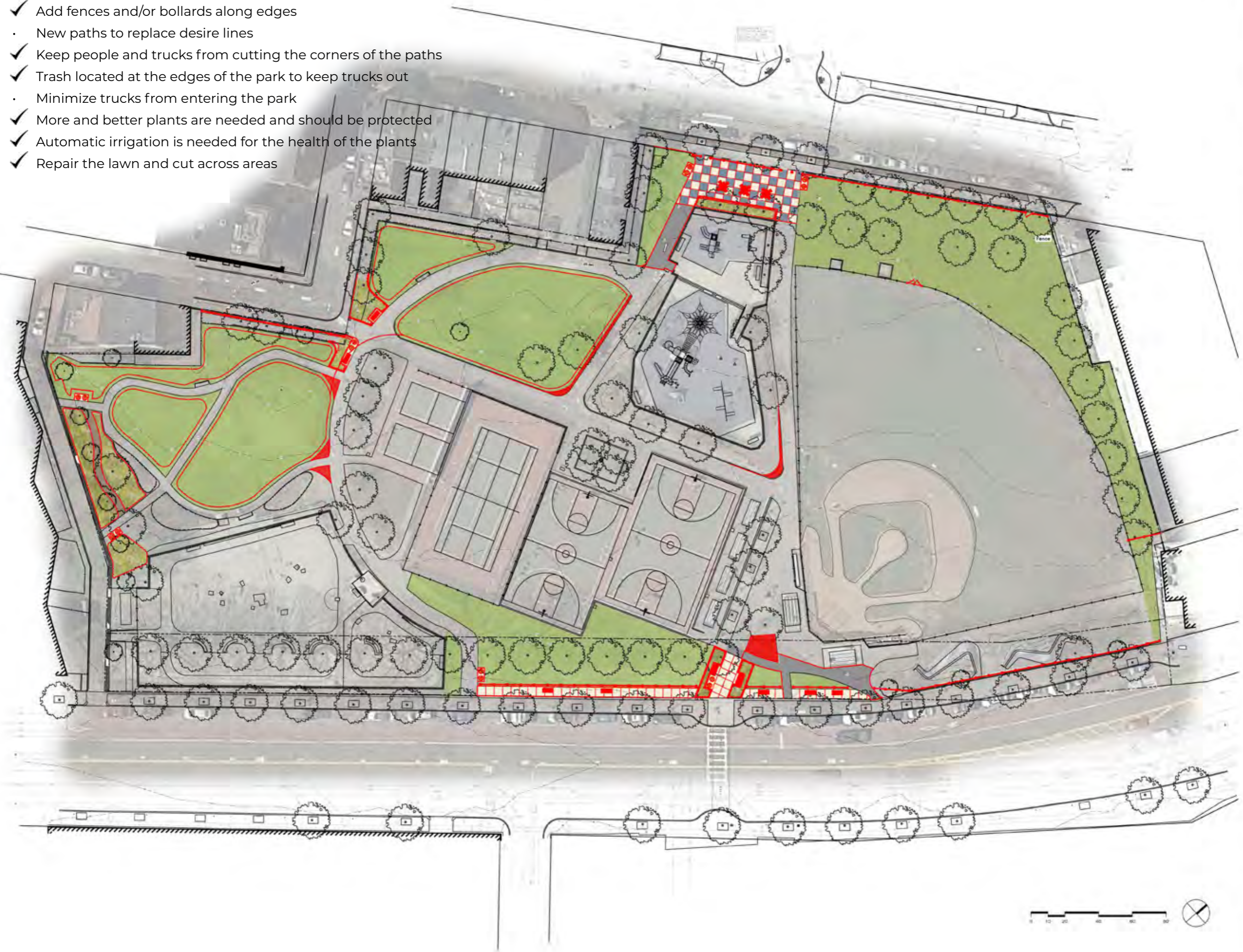


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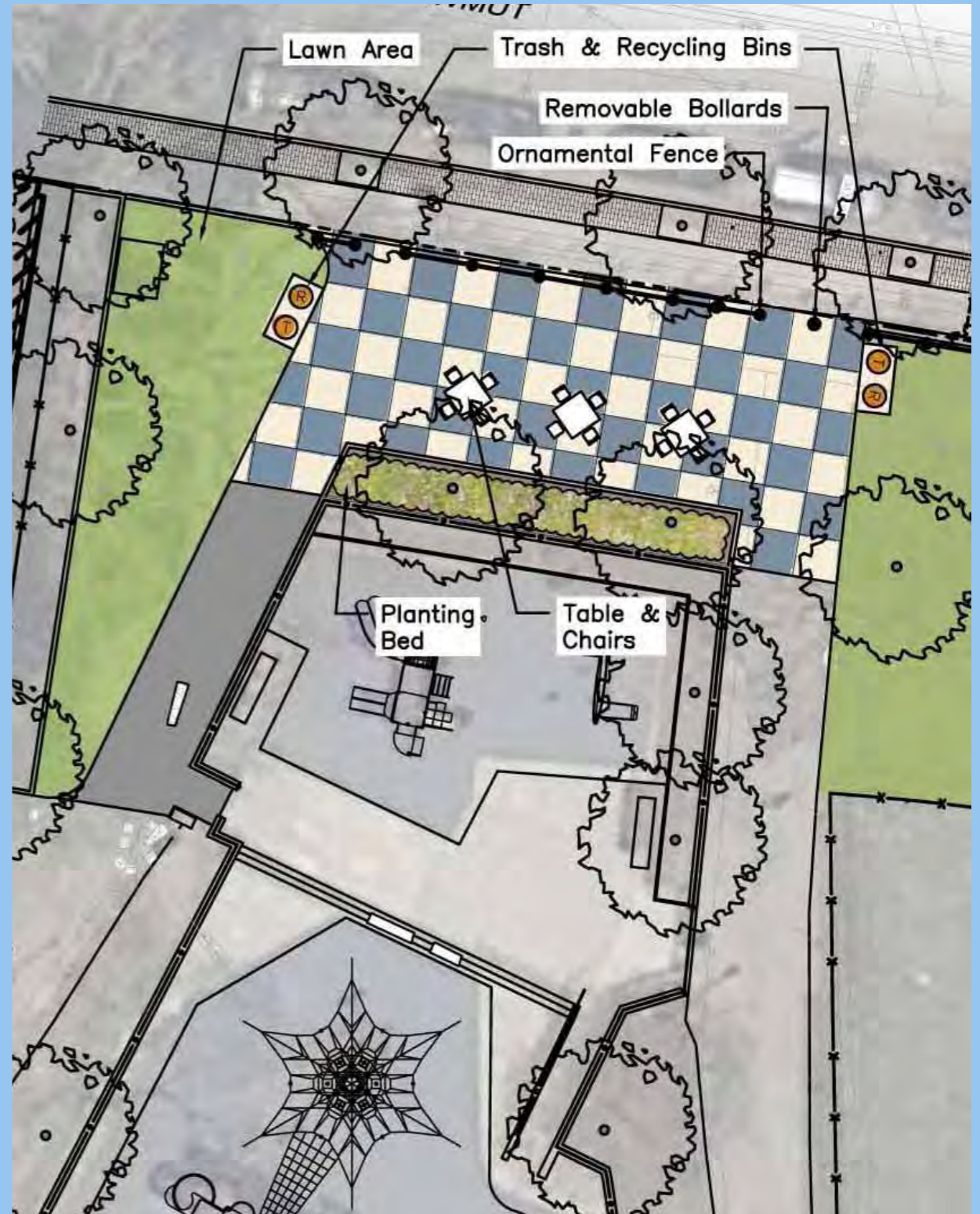


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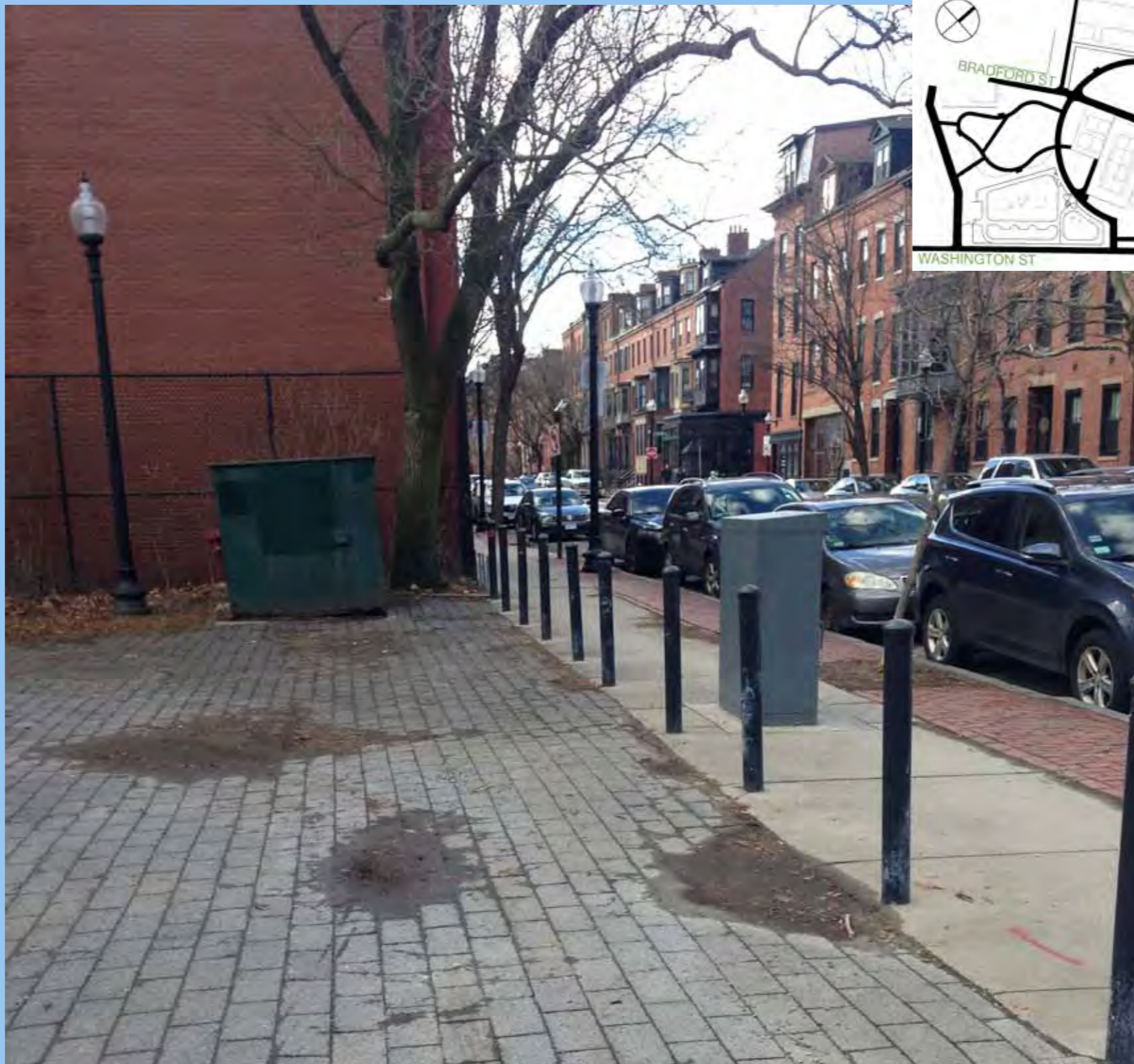
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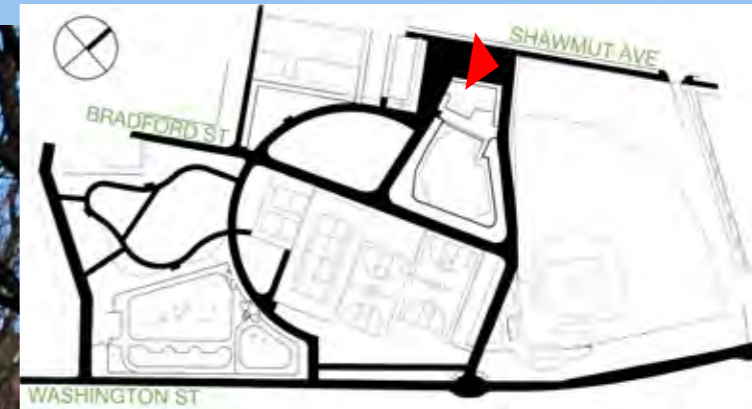


Proposed Conditions - Concept Two



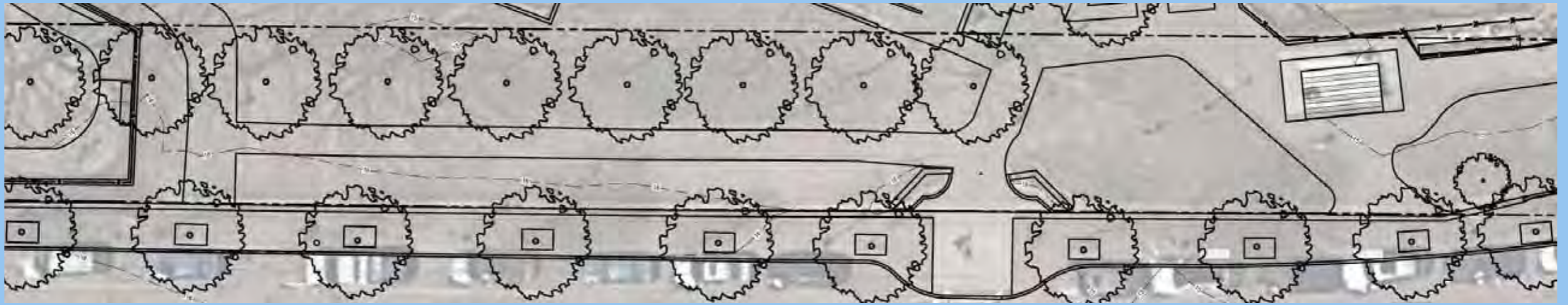
View looking west along Shawmut Ave.

The bollards located at the northern entrance of Peters Park are proposed to be replaced with an ornamental fence in Concept Two.



View looking northeast near Shawmut Ave.

Within Concept Two, a fence and new concrete entrance space is proposed along Shawmut Street.



Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions - Concept Two "A"



Proposed Conditions - Concept Two "B"



Views looking northeast and west near Washington Street



The pathway will be relocated along Washington Street to expand the sidewalk providing the opportunity for additional benches for seating and a fence prevent people from cutting through.



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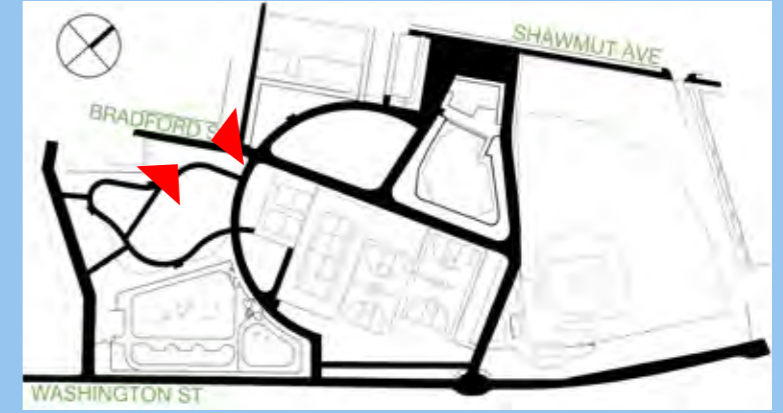


Proposed Conditions - Concept Two



View looking southwest towards the passive walking area

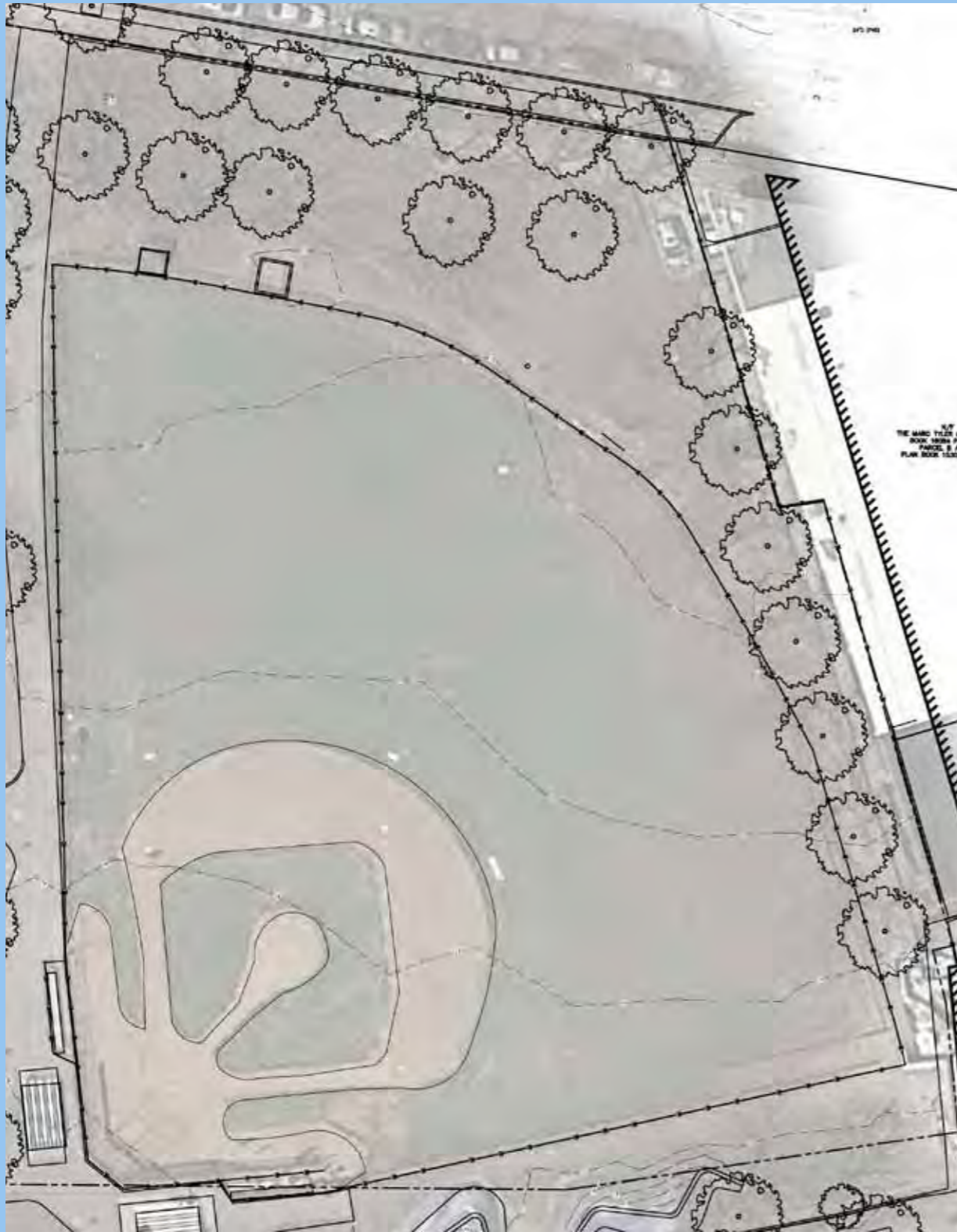
Corners of pathway are heavily worn from foot traffic.



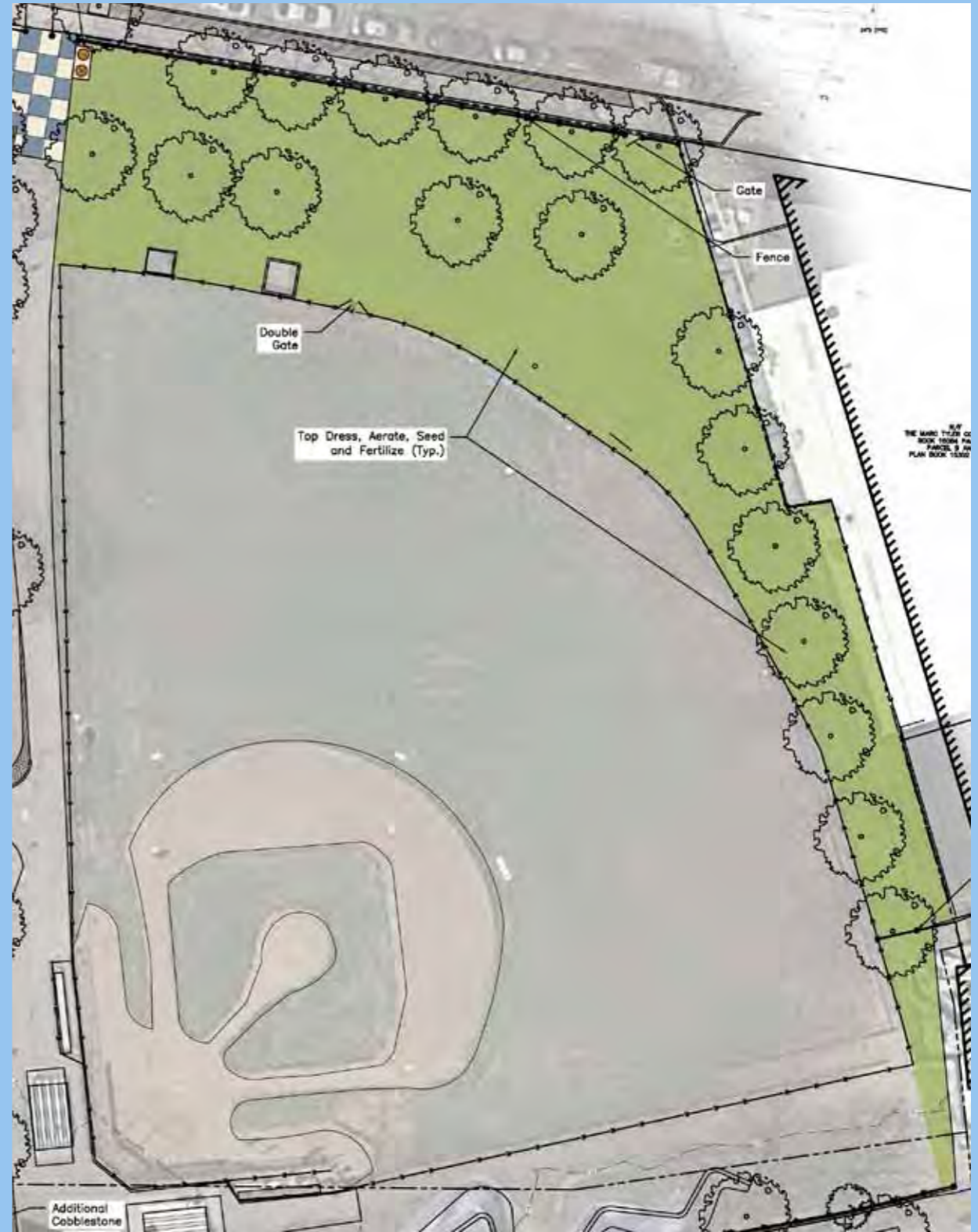
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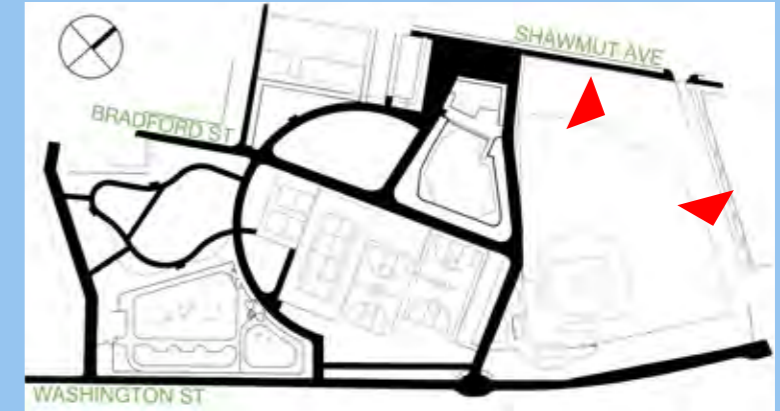
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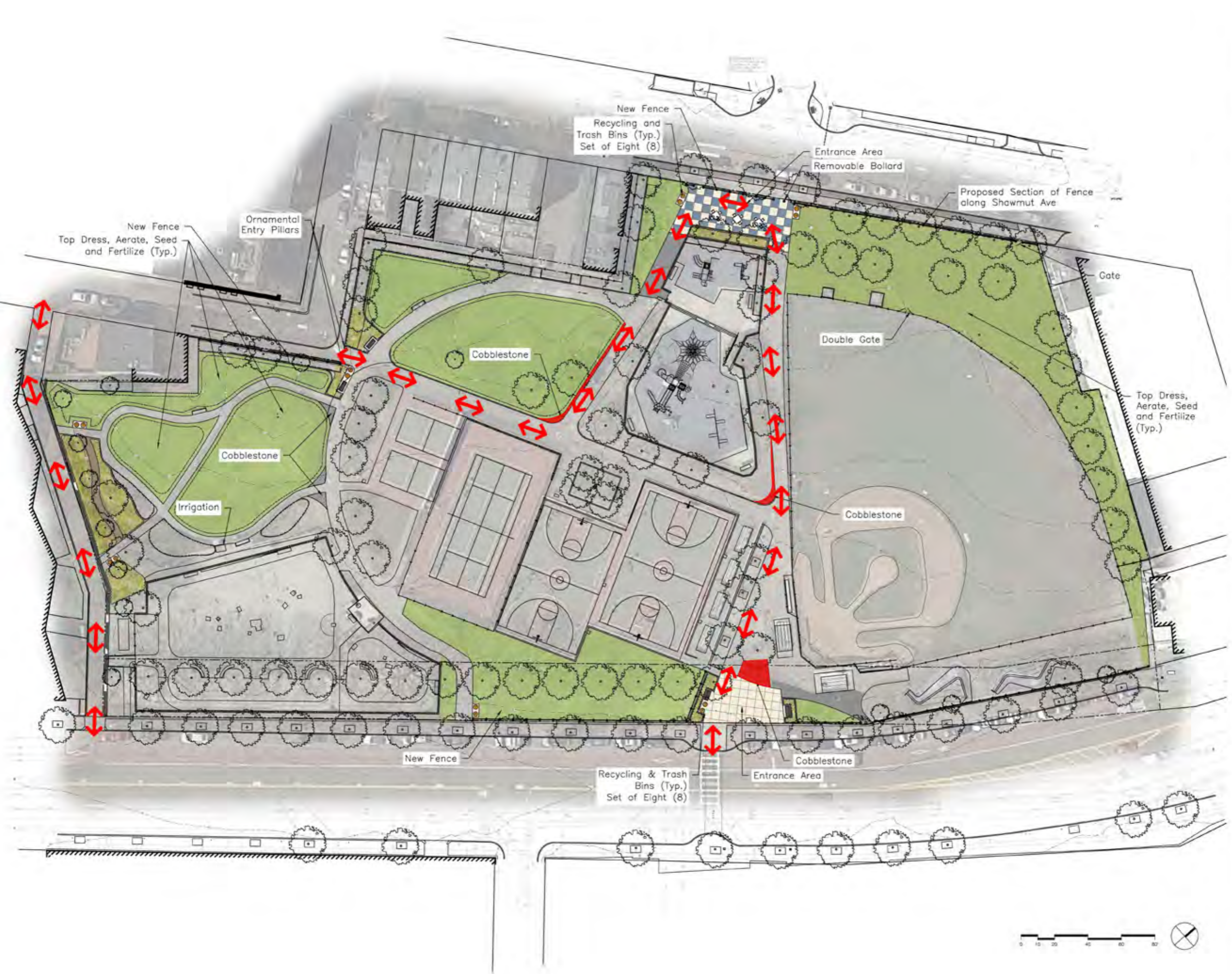
Proposed Conditions - Concept One



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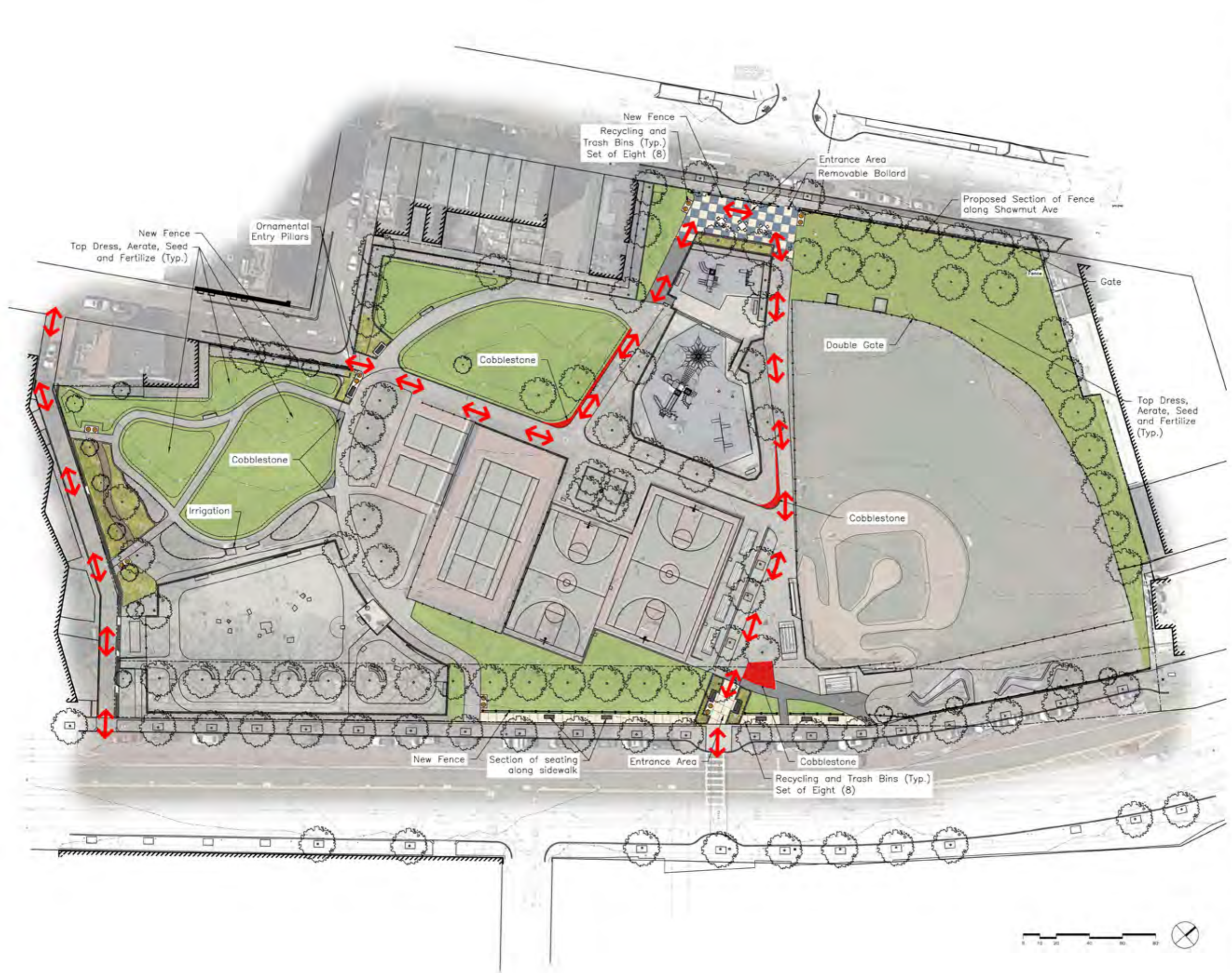
Concept Two proposes to locate fences in key places to prevent the heavy cut through occurring along the baseball outfield fence.



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Entry Arch



Receptacles



Benches



Fencing

