

FIDELIS WAY PARK



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Boston Parks and Recreation



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We want to ensure this conversation is a pleasant experience for all and that all community members/stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions and feedback.

Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/ providing comments, so that all attendees are able to participate in the meeting.

Keep questions/ comments project-specific and not personal to yield solution-driven discussion.

Please wait until all attendees have had the opportunity to ask a question/ provide a comment before providing additional questions/ comments.

*You can always set up a conversation with **Max Sell**, max.sell@boston.gov, to further discuss the project or process.*

ZOOM TIPS

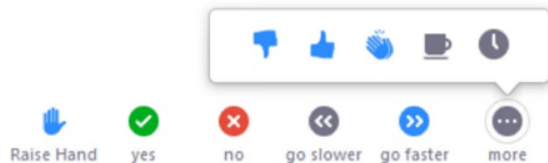
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

DURING THE PRESENTATION:



VIA WEB:

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DURING THE Q&A:



JOINING VIA PHONE?

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VIA WEB:

Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions



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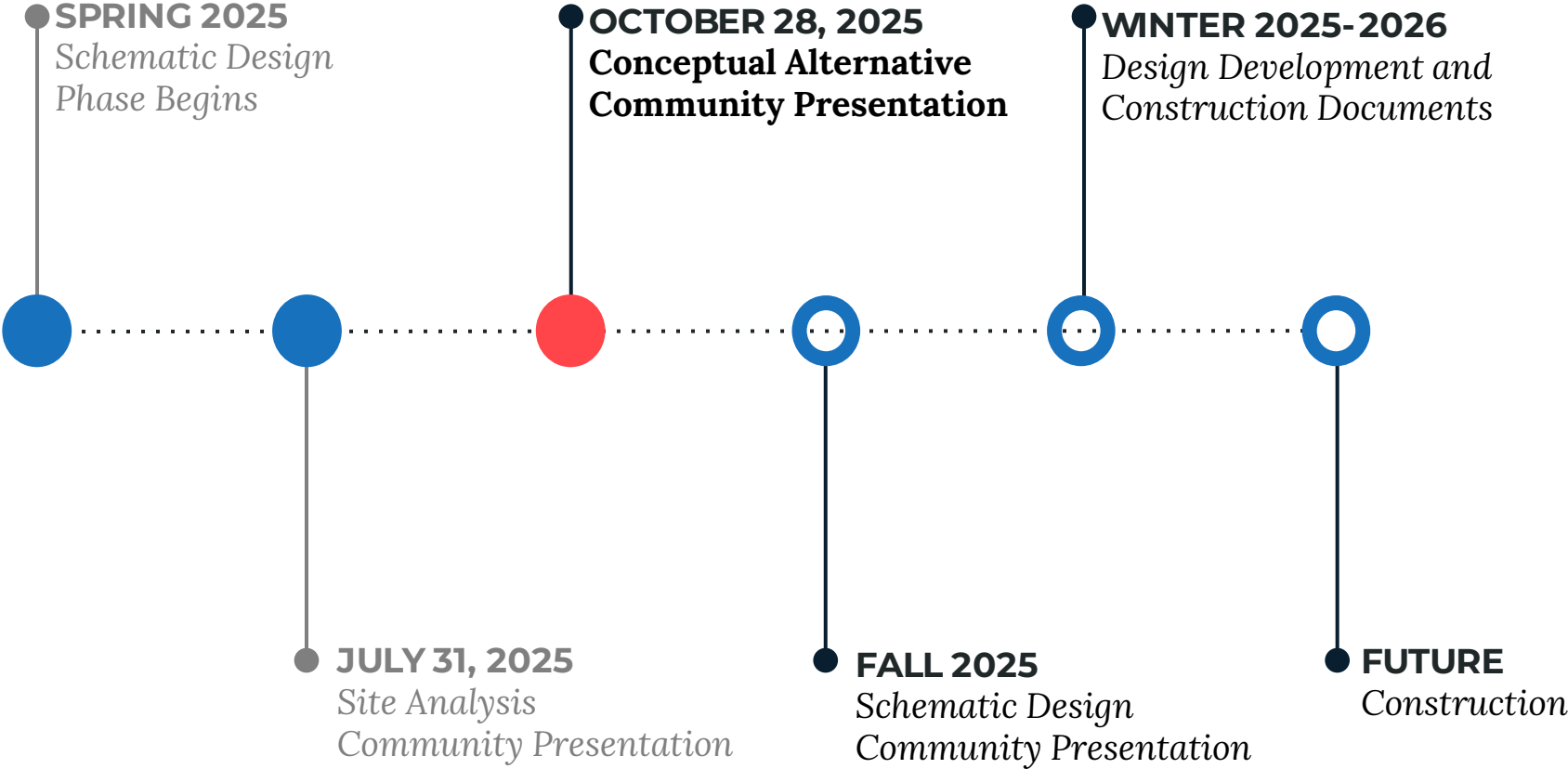


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PROJECT OVERVIEW

A photograph of a park playground. In the center is a large play structure with a red roof, yellow railings, and two slides. To the left of this structure are monkey bars. The ground is covered in wood chips. In the foreground, there is a concrete curb and a paved area. The background is filled with green trees under a clear sky.

PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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



PARK & 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

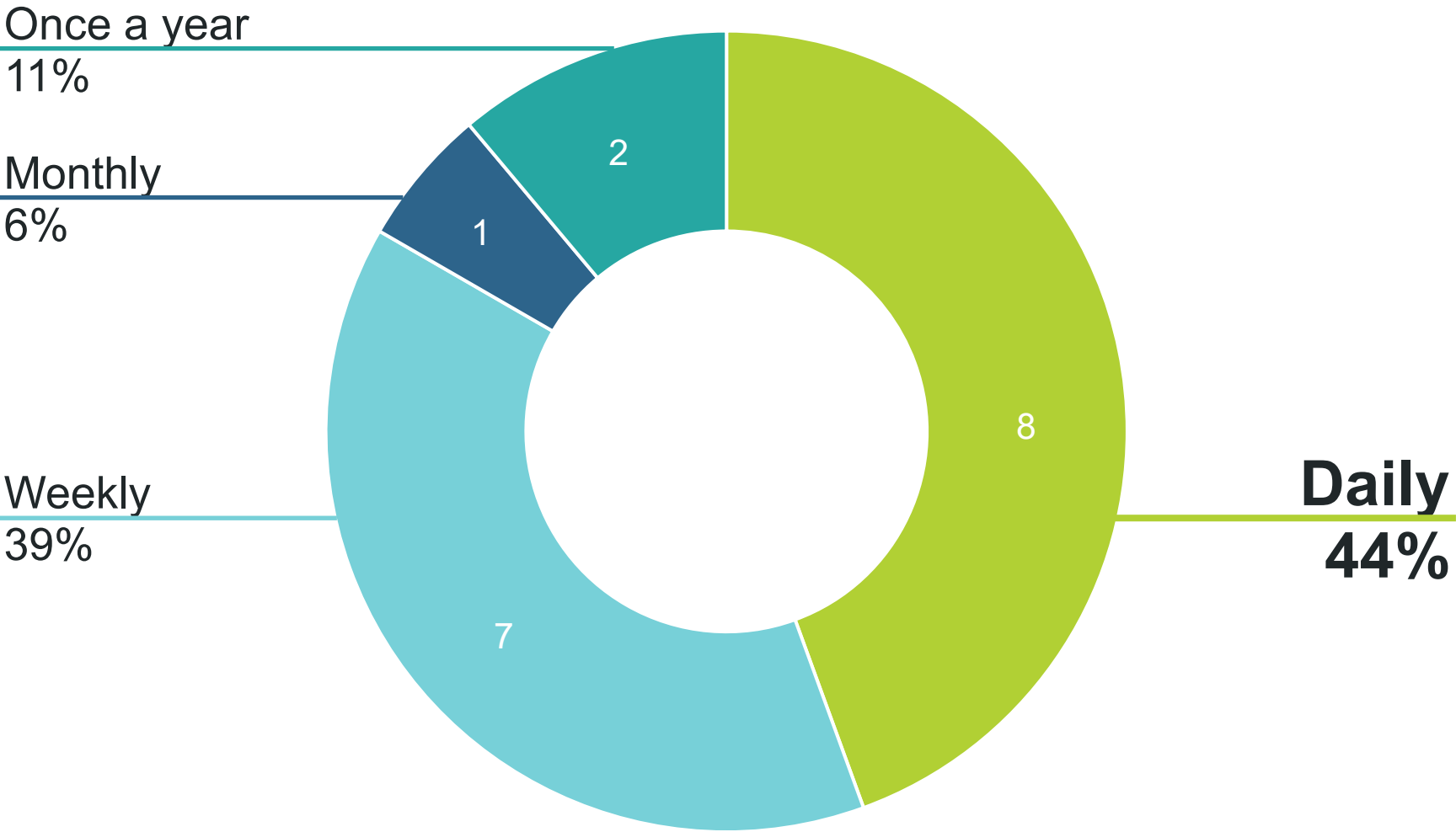




SURVEY RESULTS

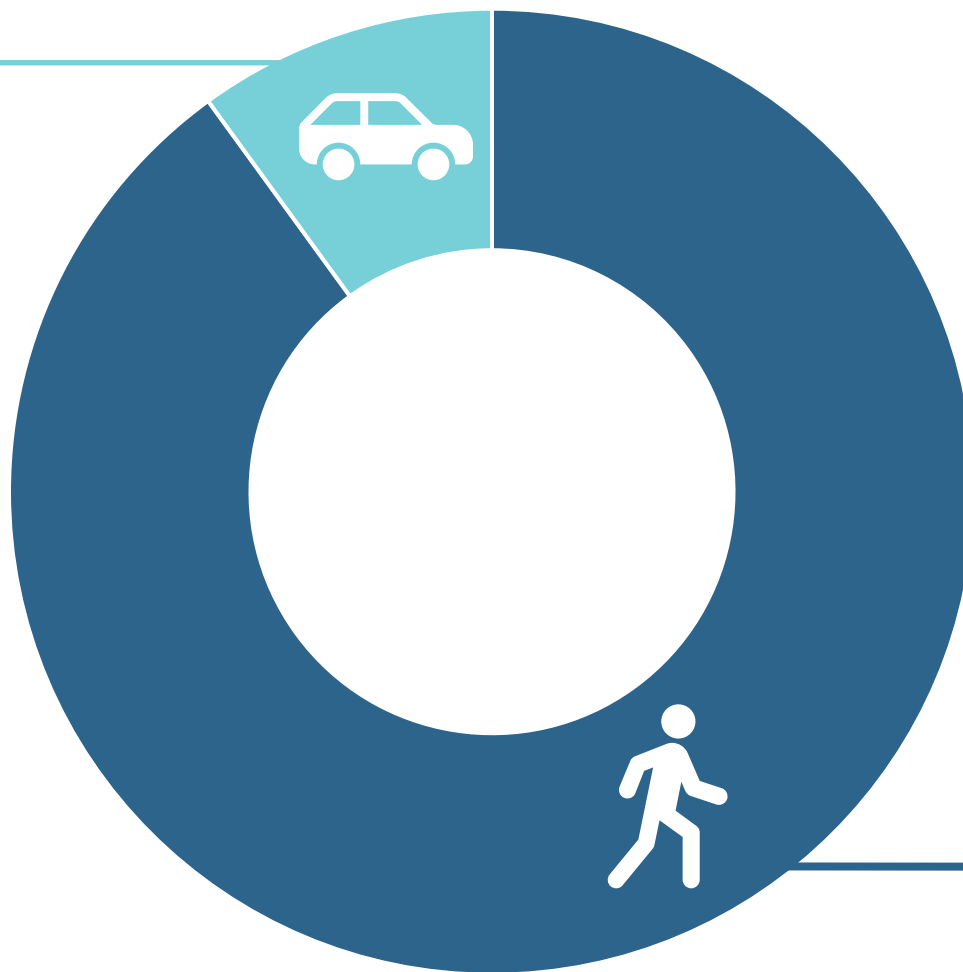


How often do you visit Fidelis Way Park?



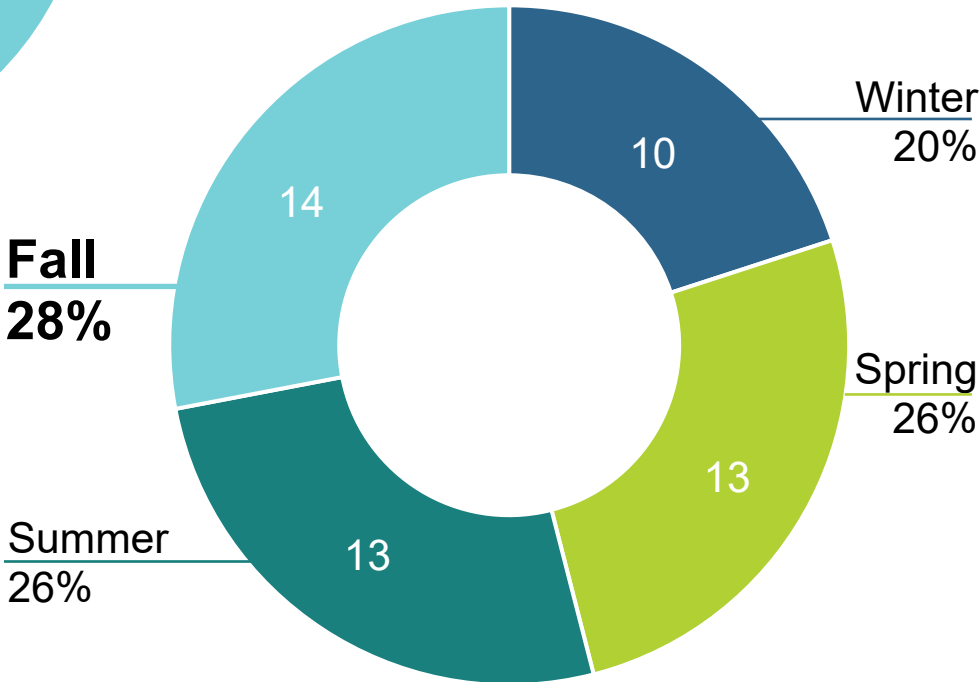
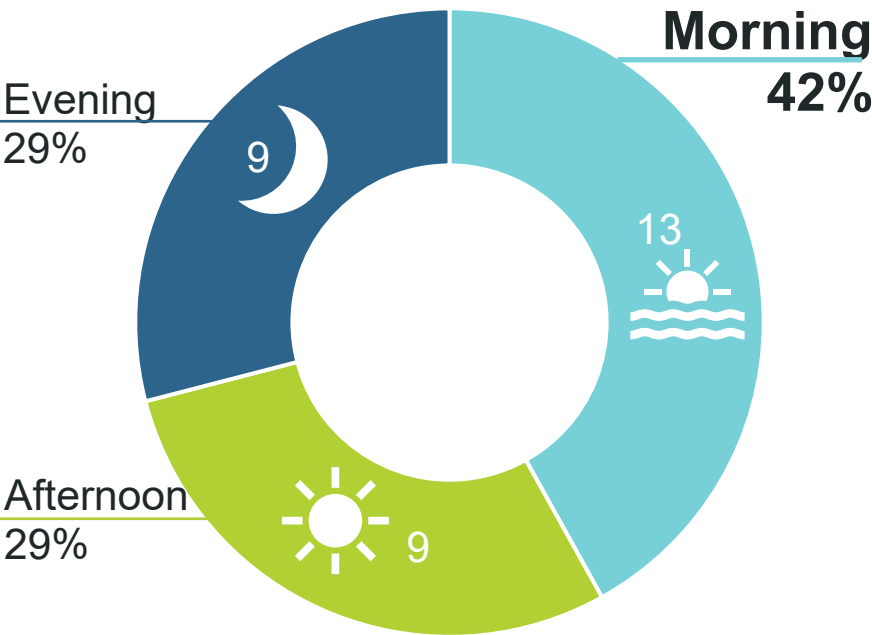
How do you typically get to Fidelis Way Park?

10%
by car

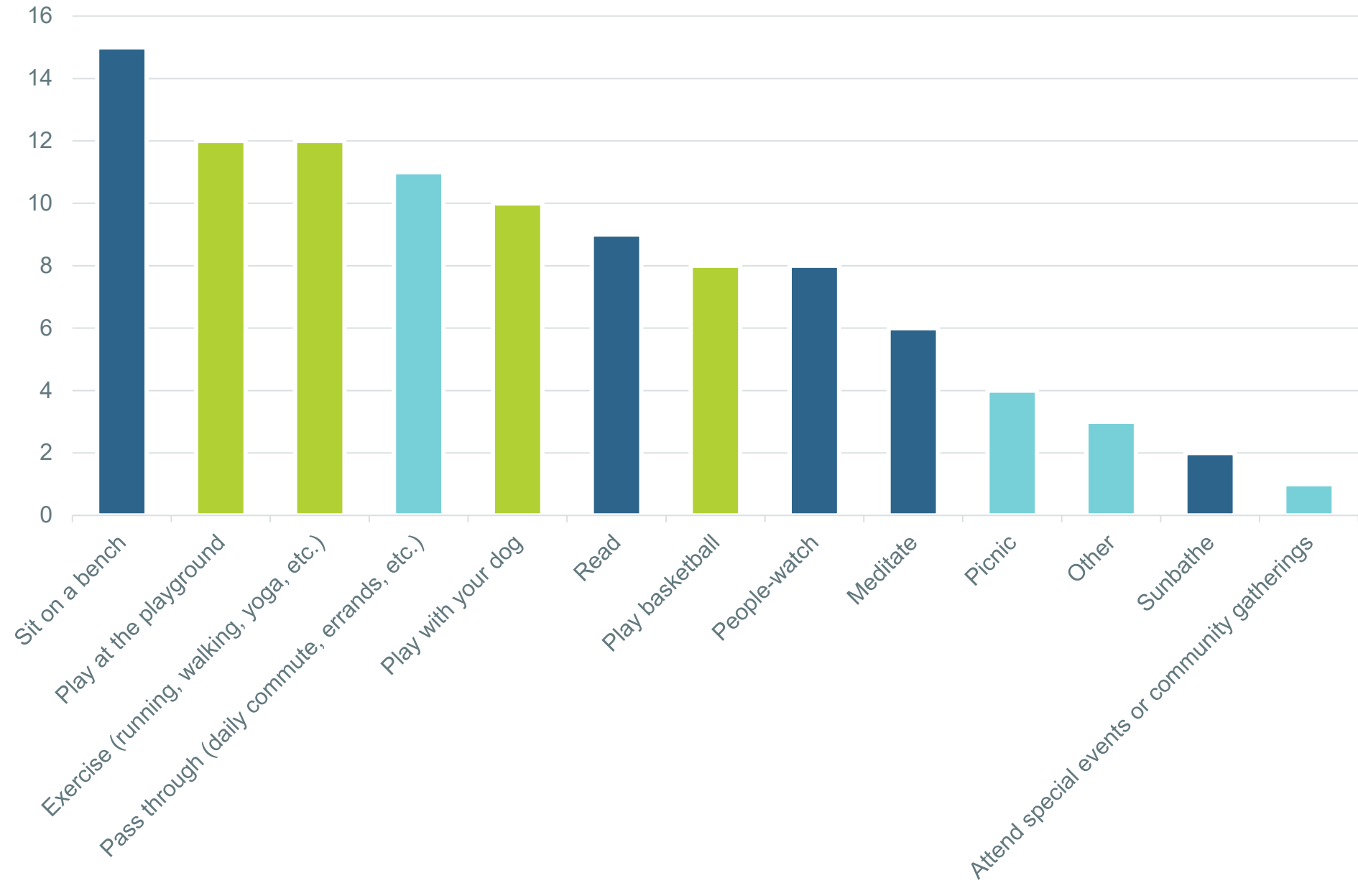


90%
by foot

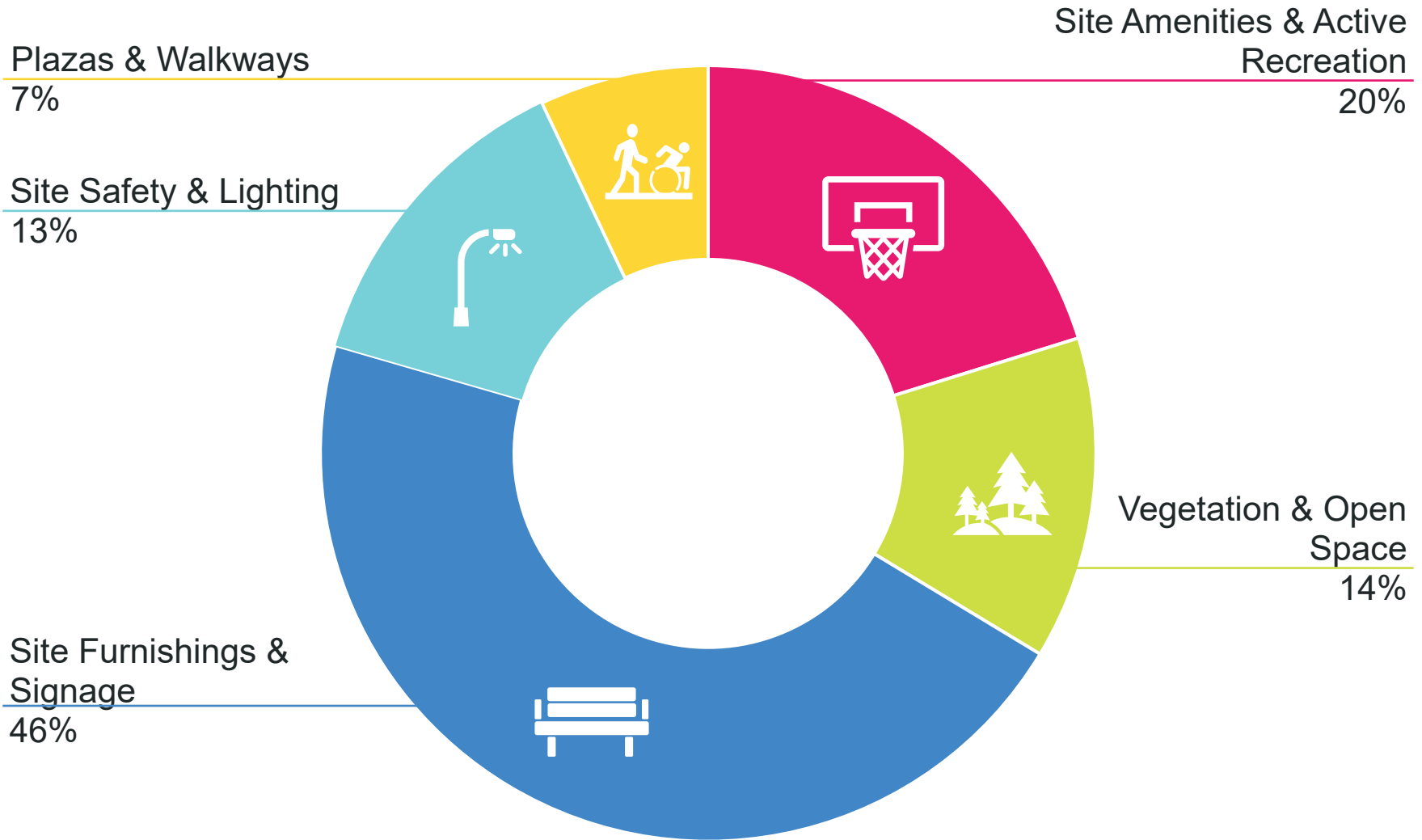
When do you visit Fidelis Way Park?



What activities do you usually do here?



What amenities (existing or new) matter most to you?



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Shade Pavilion, 13

Signage (Wayfinding, Interpretive, Etc.), 8

Picnic Tables, 16

Bulletin Board/
Community Board, 12

Benches, 24

Barbeque Grills, 9

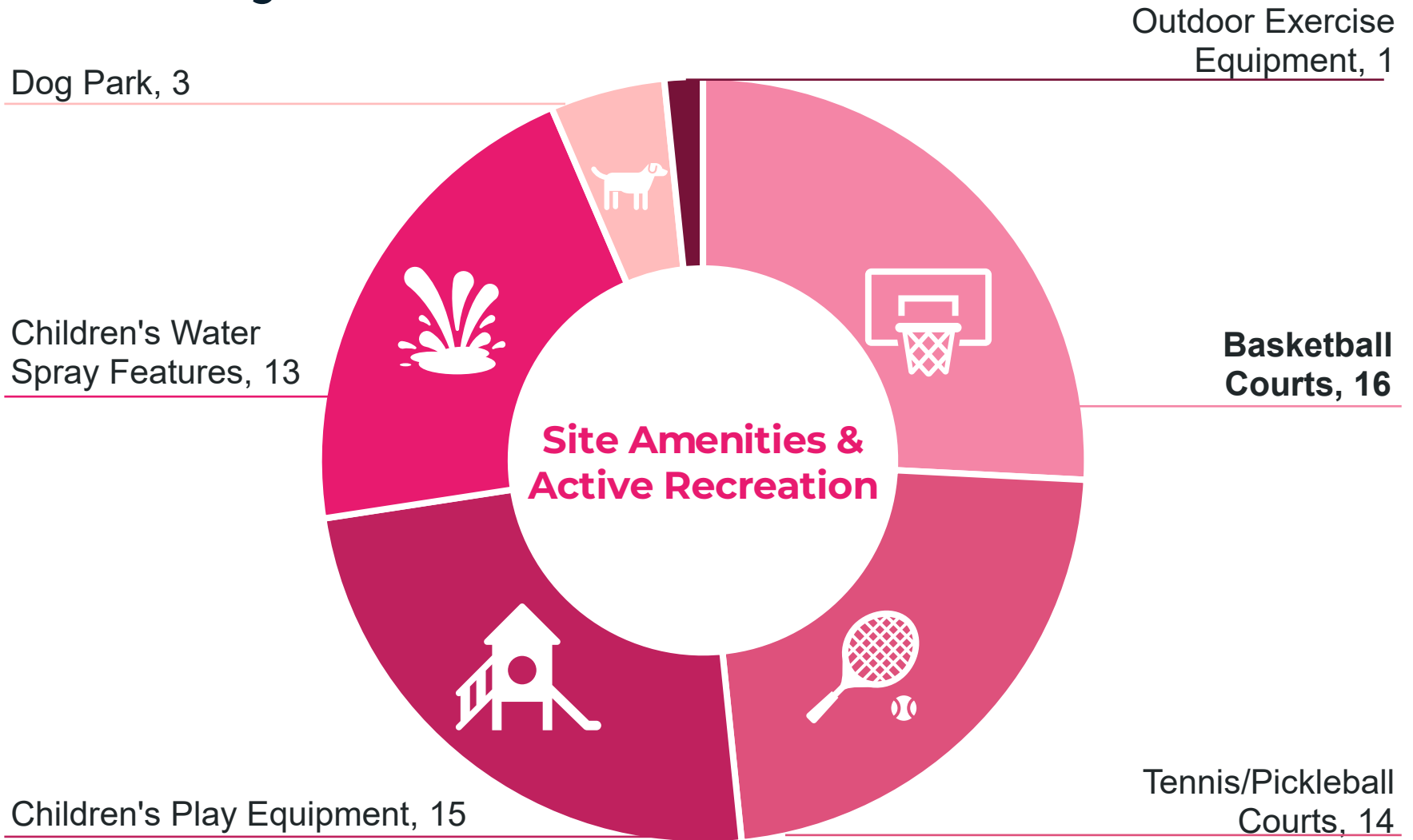
Drinking Fountains, 18

Table & Chair
Seating Areas, 18

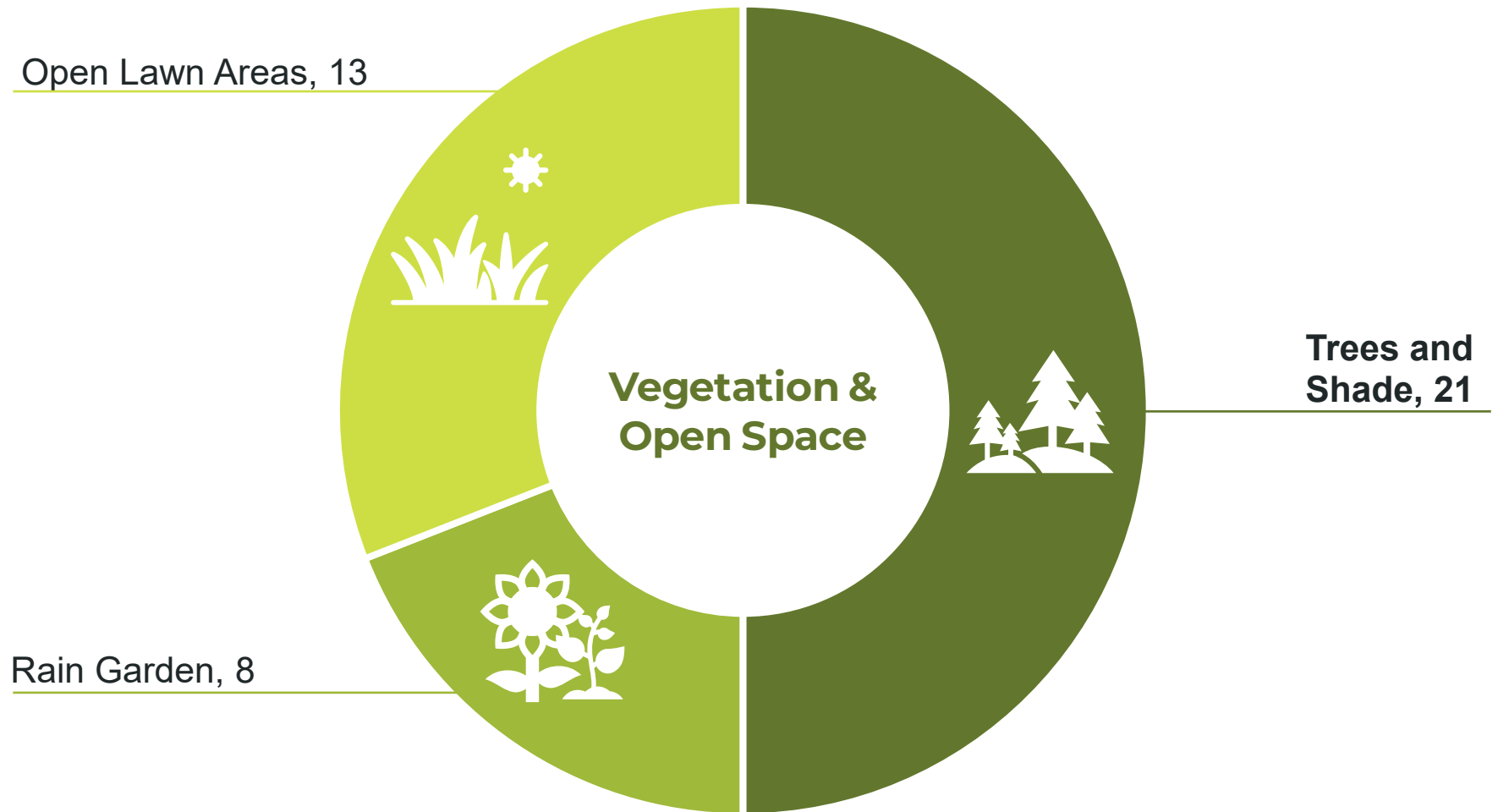
Trash Receptacles, 25



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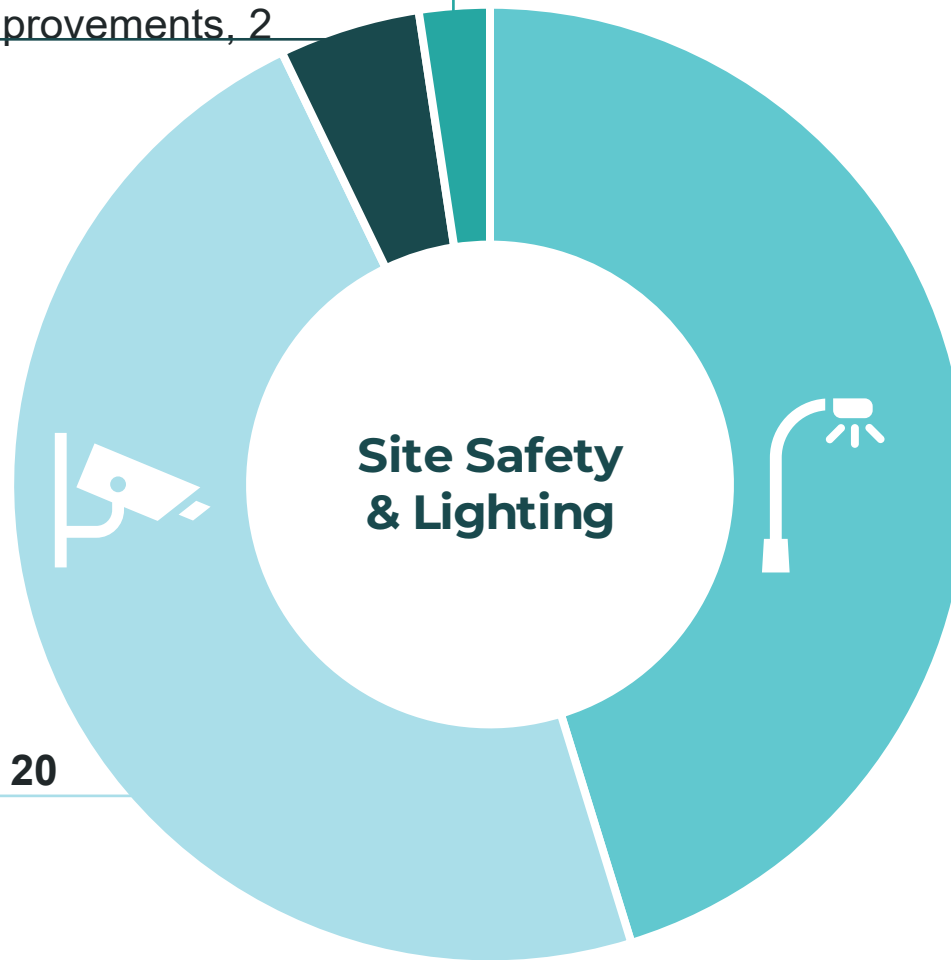
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Blue Boxes, 1

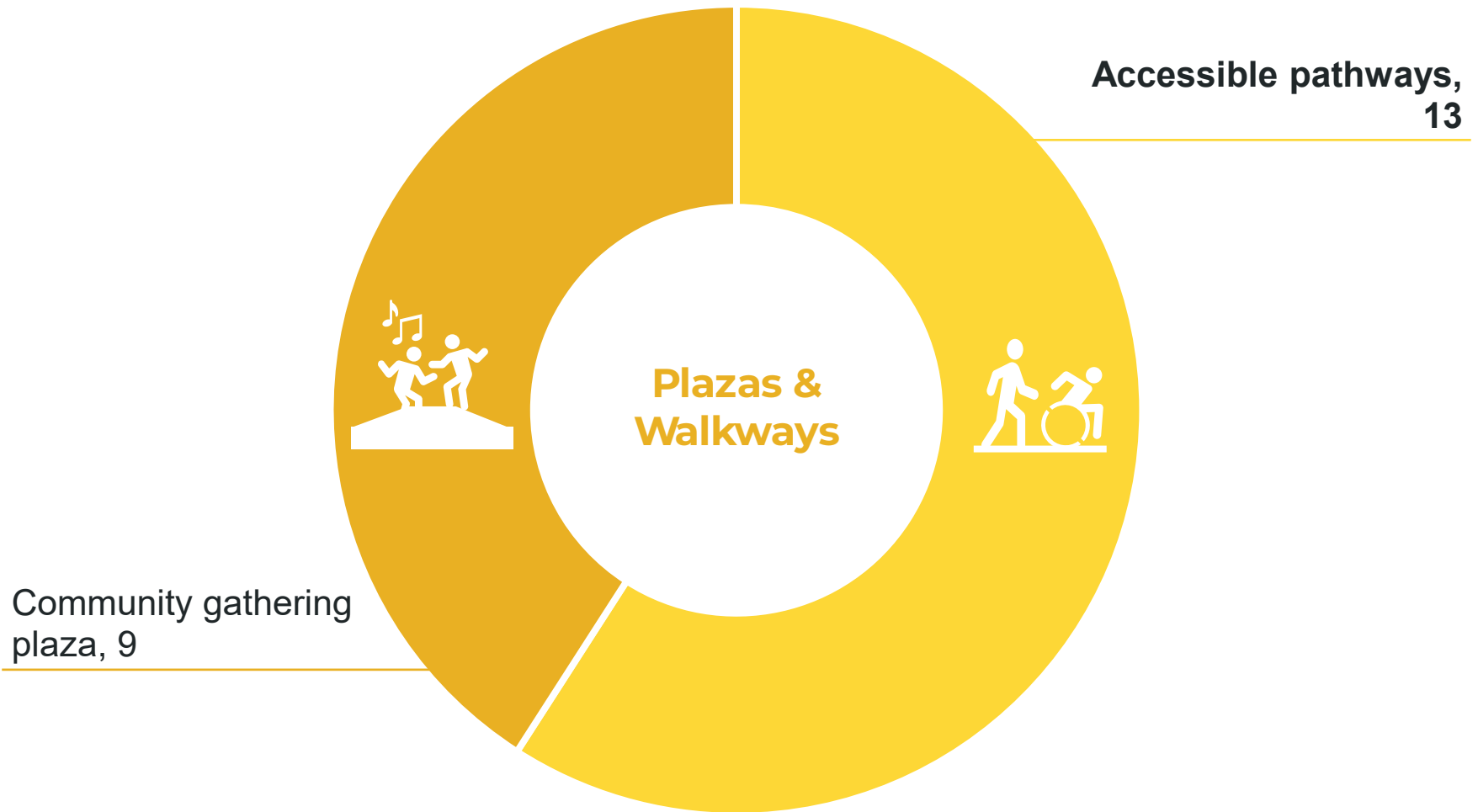
General Security Improvements, 2

Security Cameras, 20

Night Lighting, 19



What amenities (existing or new) matter most to you?



What would you most like to see improved with the park redesign?

Design & Aesthetics

10%

General Beautification/Updating
More green and shade
Level lawn and address drainage issues
More effective use of space

Maintenance

18%

Mowing and pruning
Parking and bike enforcement
Shovel/plow in winter
Generally cleaner

Site Furnishing

10%

More benches/seating
More tables
More trash receptacles
More drinking fountains

Playgrounds

15%

Add splash pad
Playground improvements
Separate toddler playground

Dog Park

8%

Separate large and small dogs
Fence

Wayfinding

2%

More signage

Safety & Security

21%

Add/improve lighting
Address dangerous litter
Address general safety & security

Accessibility

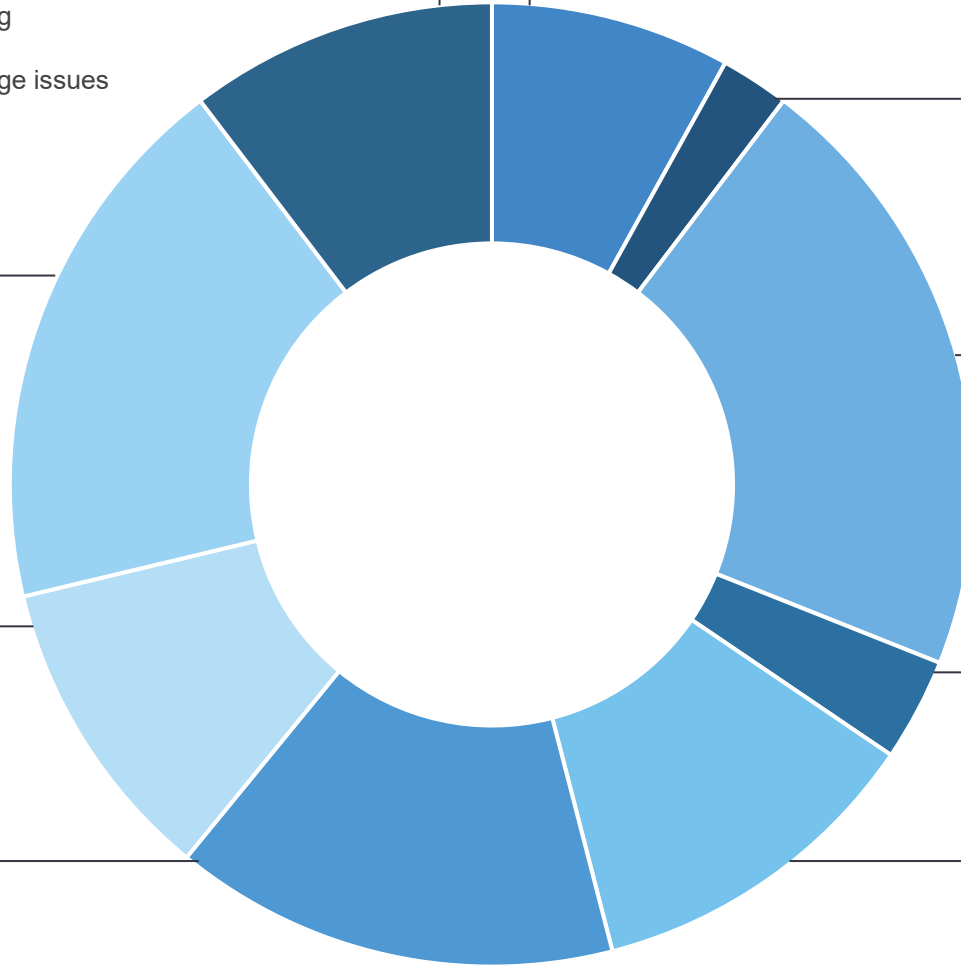
4%

General accessibility

Sports Courts

12%

Update/improve basketball court
Add soccer nets
Add pickleball
Add tennis



**“[Fidelis Way] Park is a
beautiful hidden
gem that is
underutilized.”**

**“The large grassy area
on the playground side
would be used more if it
were flat.”**

**“A safe fun
playground that
toddlers can have fun in.”**

**“Sprinklers or
something you can get
wet in”**

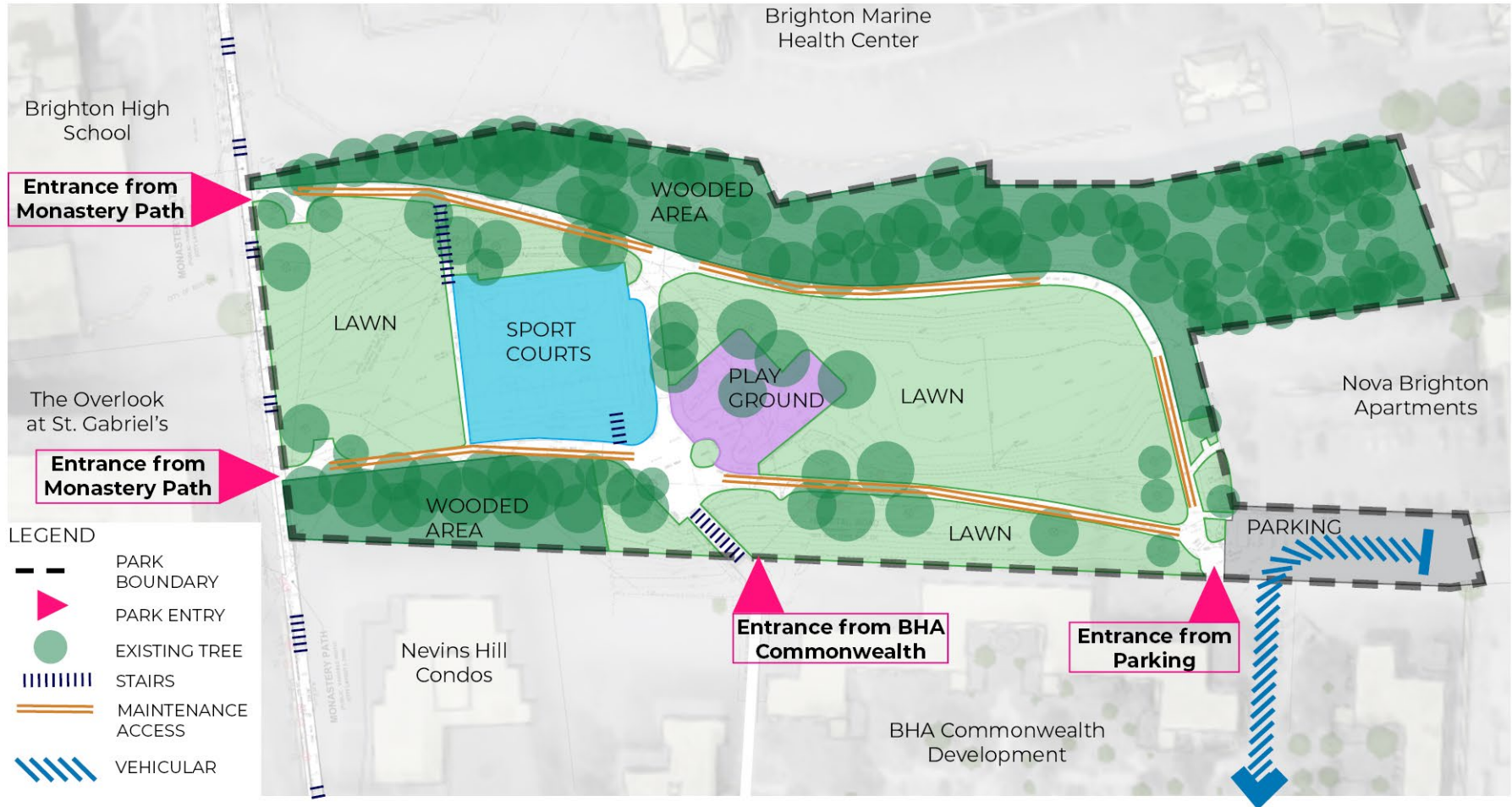
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

1. Fidelis Way Park is **part of people's routines**.
Neighborhood residents visit often and use it to move through the neighborhood, play at the playground, and exercise.
2. People value the **playground & sport courts** but recognize **room for improvement** in both.
3. People **strongly prioritize** improvements to **site furnishing & safety**.
4. There is interest in adding a **cooling feature** like a **splash pad** or **shade structure**.

CONCEPT DIAGRAMS

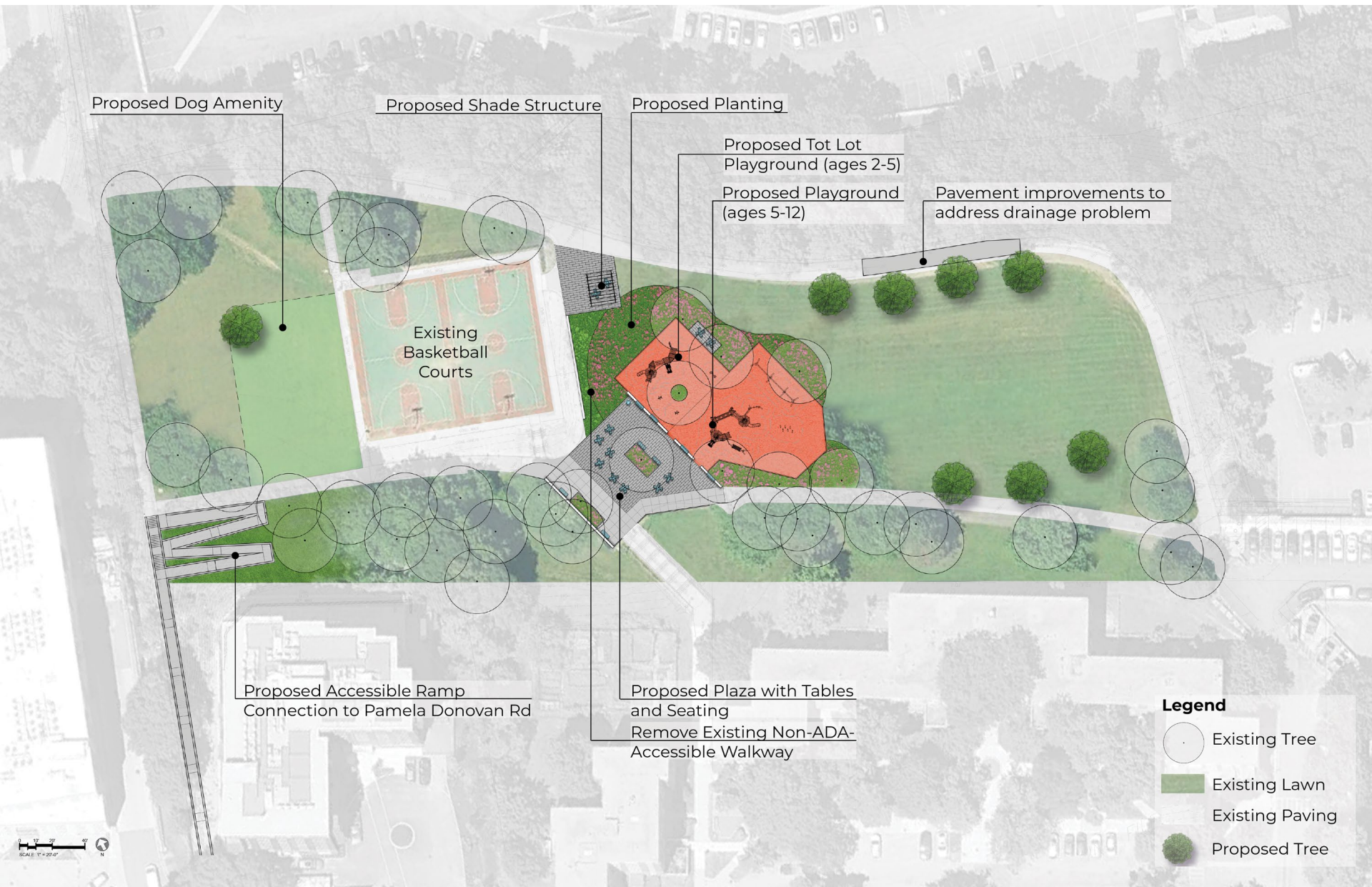


REMINDER: EXISTING CONDITIONS



CONCEPT 1

PLAYGROUND, DOG AREA, PLAZA + SHADE STRUCTURE



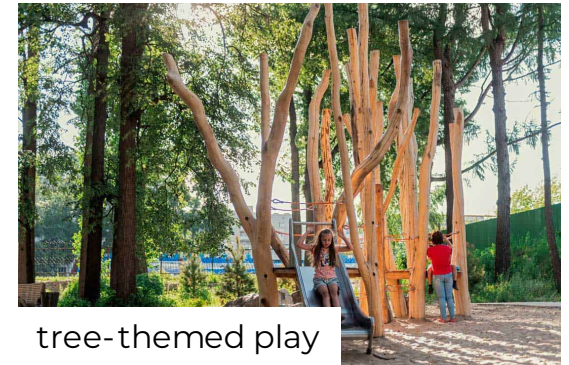
CONCEPT 1: PRECEDENT IMAGERY



shade structures



play equipment



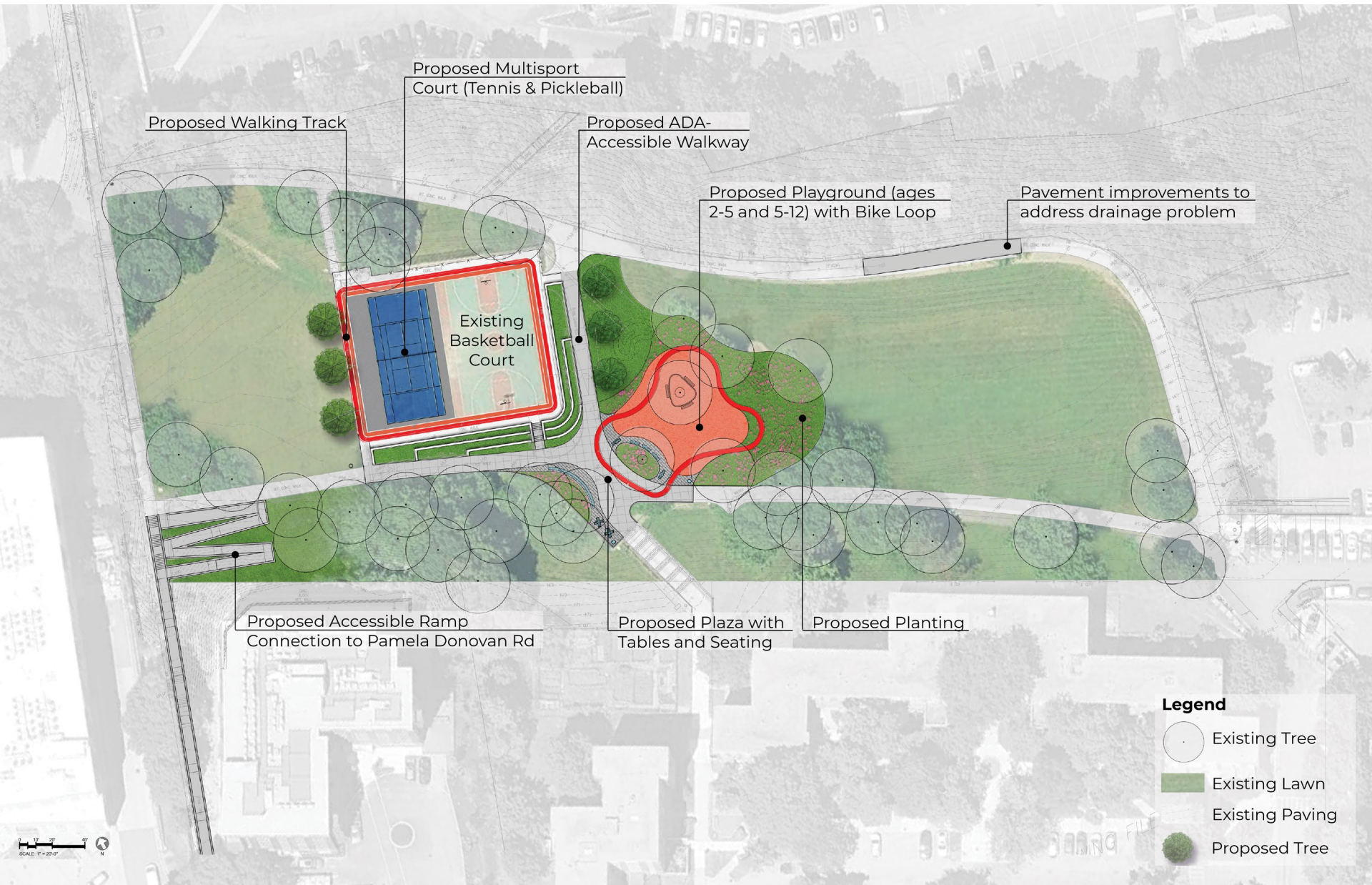
tree-themed play



dog amenity

CONCEPT 2

PLAYGROUND, SPORT COURT + TERRACED SEATING

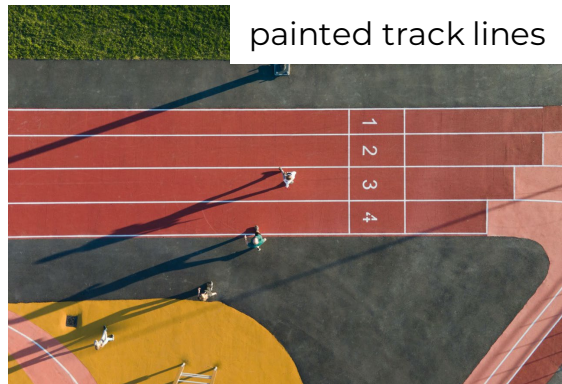


CONCEPT 2: SPORT COURT PRECEDENT IMAGERY

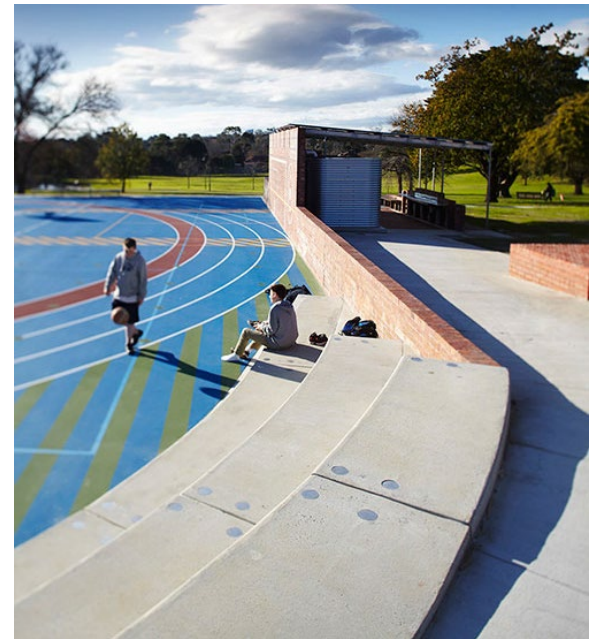
brightly painted multipurpose sport court



terraced seating at court



painted track lines



CONCEPT 2: PLAYGROUND PRECEDENT IMAGERY

ages 5-12 play tower

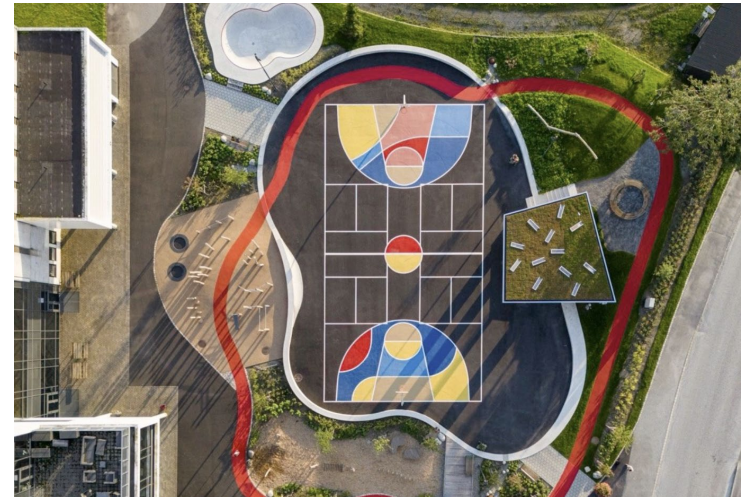


bike loop

ages 2-5 imaginative play



embankment play



*Note: All play areas will have rubber safety surfacing.

CONCEPT 3

PLAYGROUND + SPLASH PAD



CONCEPT 3: PLAY AREA PRECEDENT IMAGERY

in-ground spray features adjacent to playground



play equipment tower and slide



natural play + planting



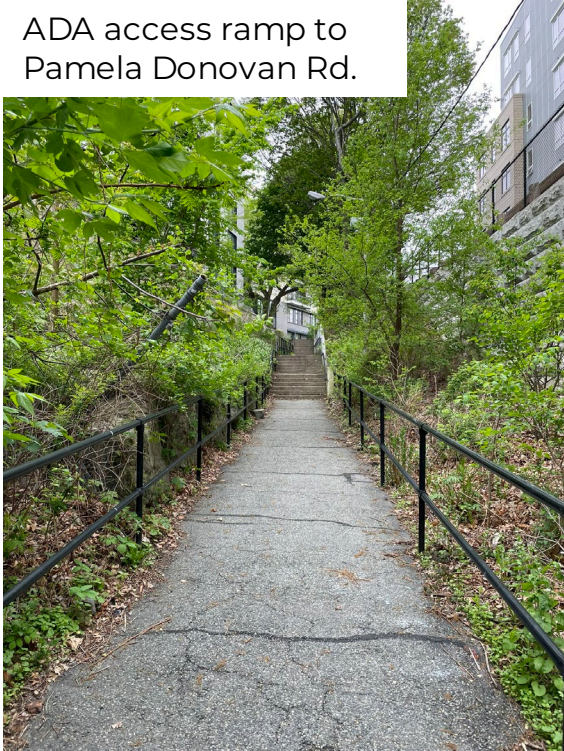
robinia equipment

embankment play

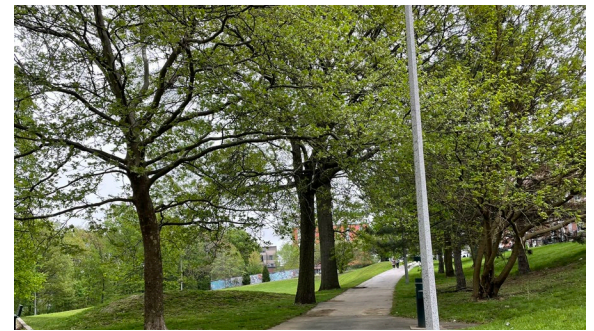


ALL CONCEPTS INCLUDE:

ADA access ramp to
Pamela Donovan Rd.



lighting improvements



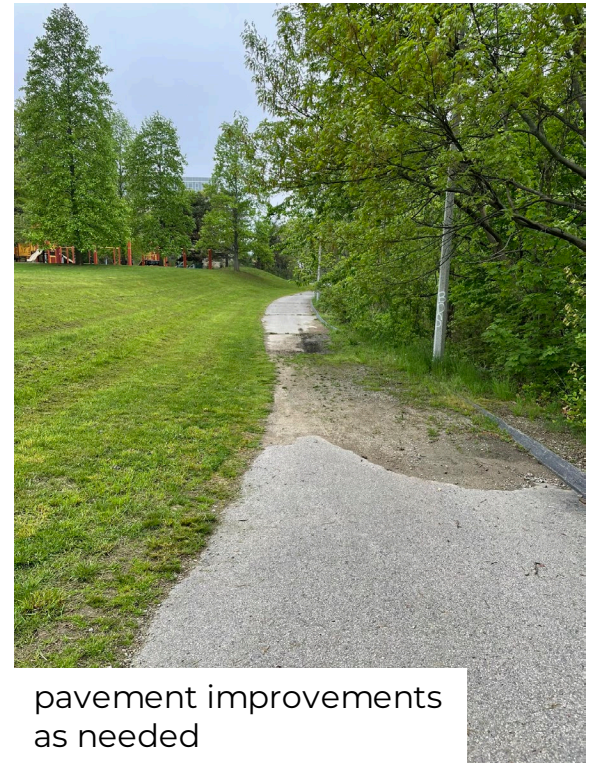
preservation of existing trees +
planting and seeding as needed



furnishing updates



play equipment updates



pavement improvements
as needed

COMPARISON



- Dog Amenity
- Shade Structure
- Large Plaza
- New Playground (Ages 2-5 and 5-12)



- (1) Renovated Sport Court with embankment seating
- Walkway accessibility improvements
- New Playground (Ages 2-5 and 5-12)



- Small Splash Pad with in-ground fixtures
- New Playground (Ages 2-5 and 5-12)



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

- What site design elements are most important to you? (e.g., playground, splash pad, designated dog area, sport courts)
- What lighting improvements are needed?
- What playground equipment are you interested in? What age range?
- Are there improvements you'd like to see that we haven't included in these concepts?
- What did you like least about these concepts?
- After seeing the results of the neighborhood survey, are there things you disagree with or want to discuss further?

[CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO THE COMMUNITY SURVEY](#)



THANK YOU!

Next Meeting Date & Time To Be Determined

For questions, maintenance requests or
concerns regarding any of our
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