

Community Briefing

IMPROVEMENTS TO DAISY FIELD



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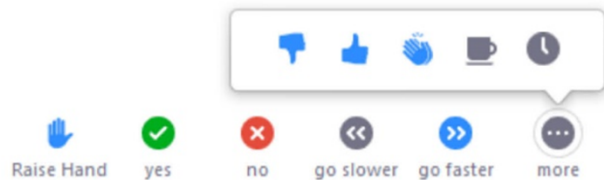
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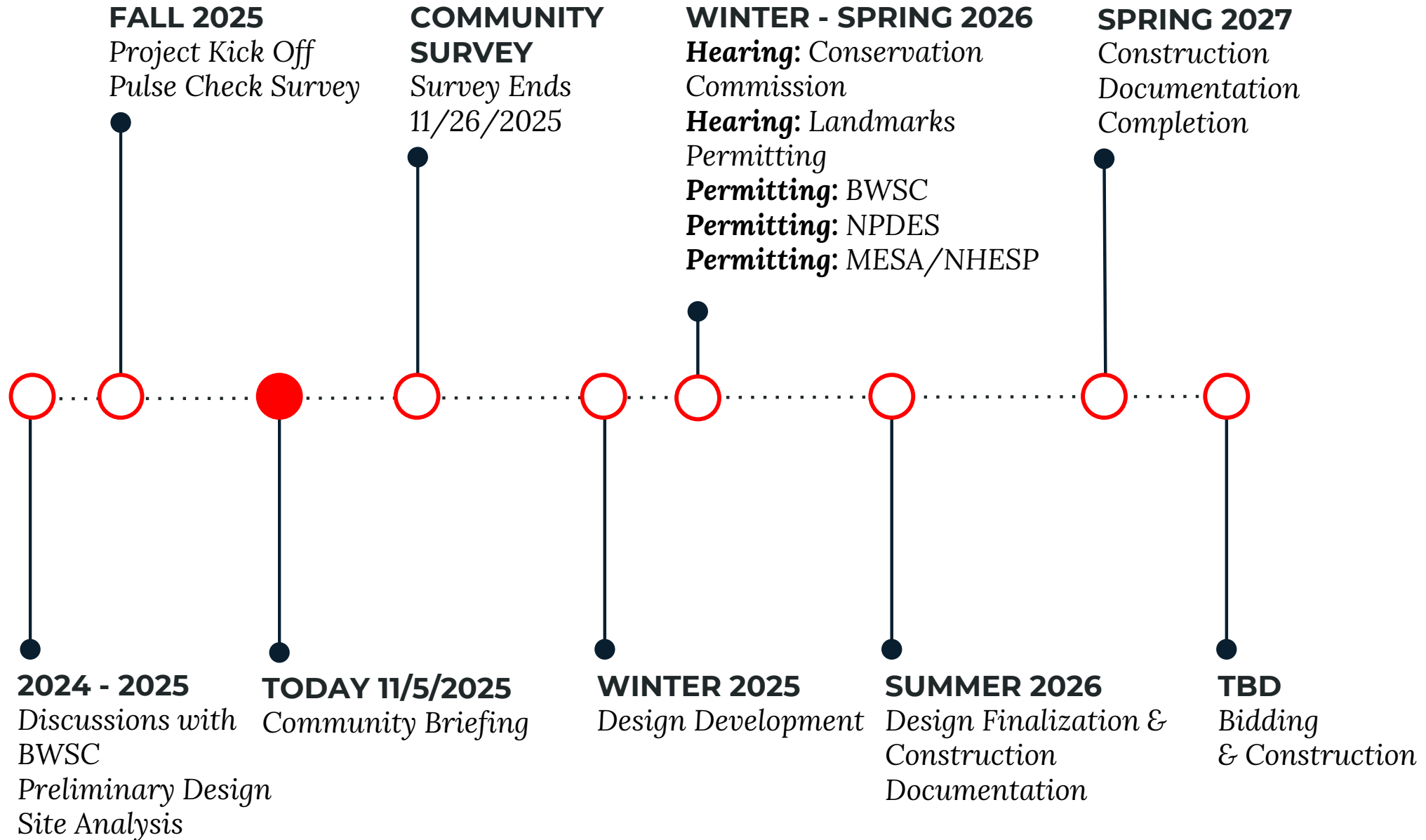
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PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT SCHEDULE





CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

- **Delivering Exceptional Constituent Services**
- **Green and Growing**
- **Family Friendly**
- **Closing the Racial Wealth Gap**
- **Healthy and Safe**



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

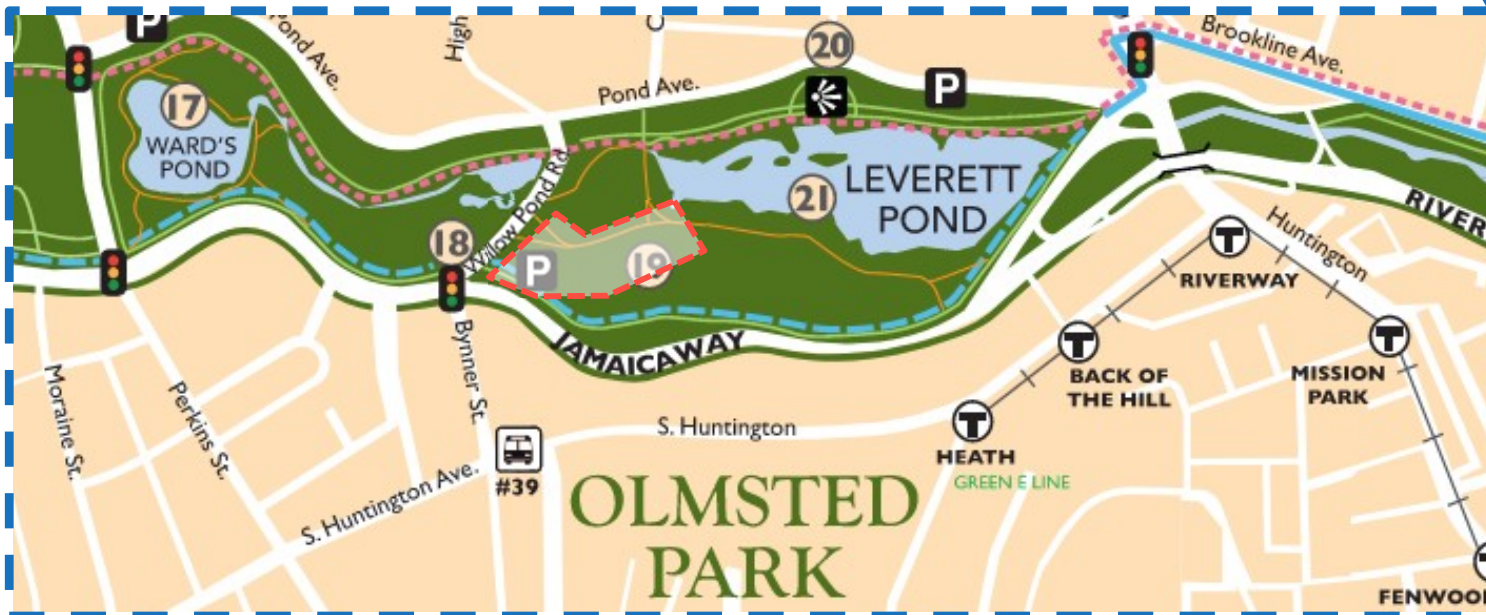
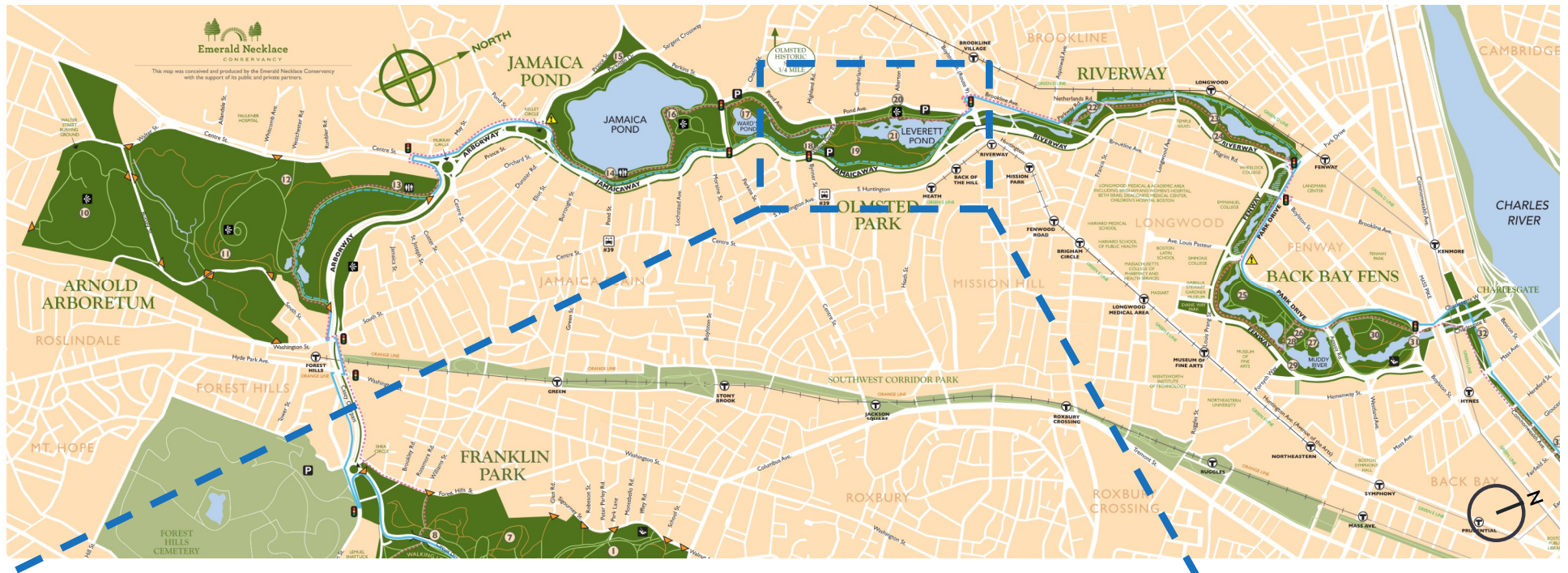


SITE ANALYSIS



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HISTORICAL CONTEXT – EMERALD NECKLACE TODAY

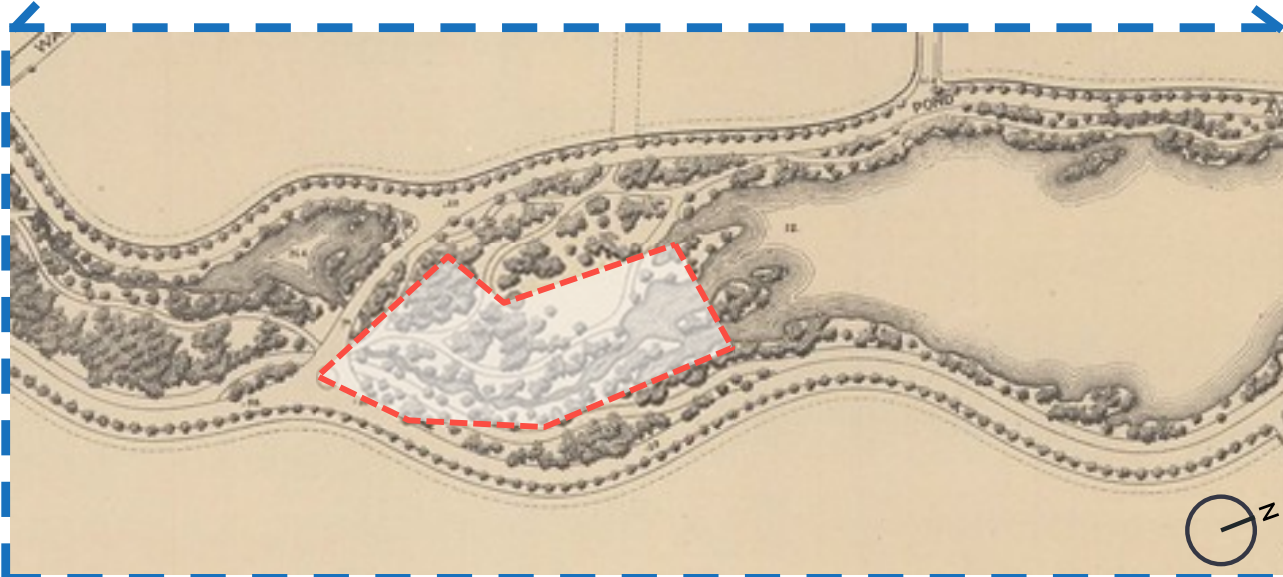
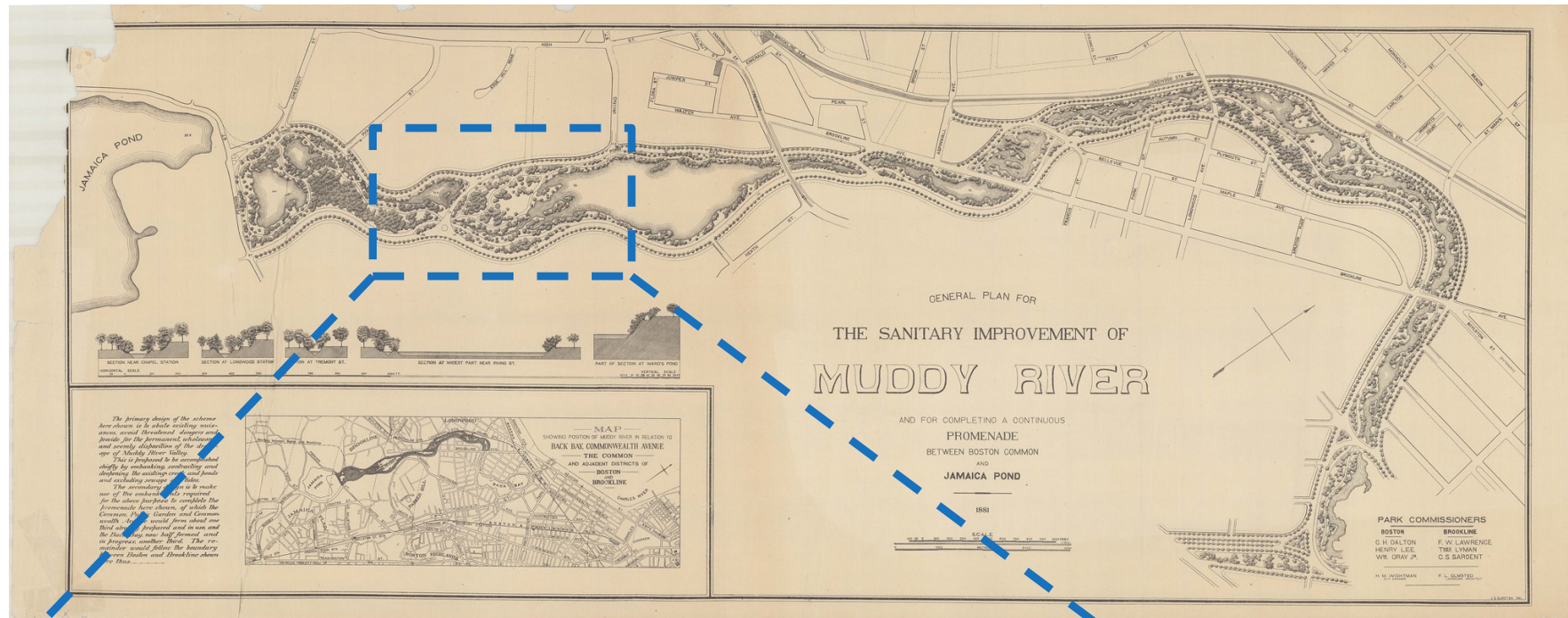


19 Daisy Field

Olmsted originally designed this as a large meadow surrounded by woods. Today, playing fields serve community groups for little league, softball, soccer and touch football.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT – MUDDY RIVER 1881



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HISTORICAL CONTEXT: 1899 - 1931



1899



1931

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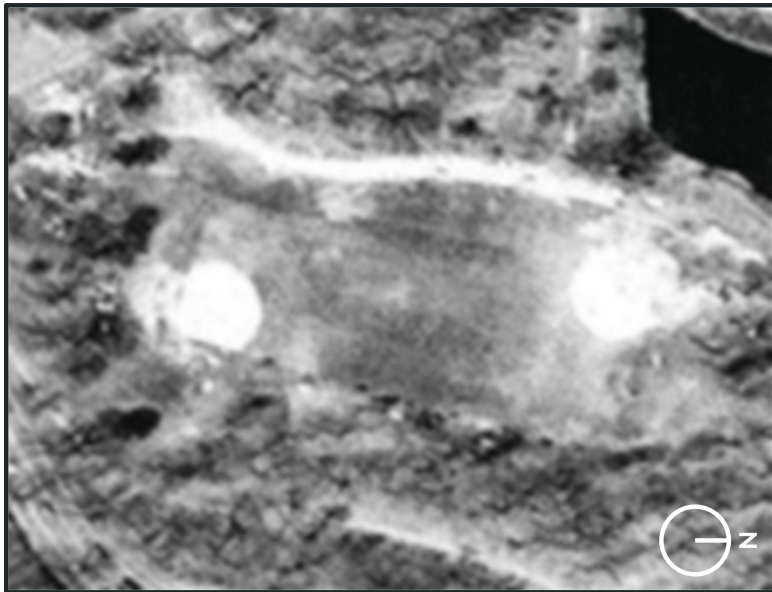
HISTORICAL CONTEXT: 1952 - 1995



1952



1995



1978

EXISTING CONDITIONS

SITE CONTEXT

LEGEND

----- Emerald Necklace

..... City Line

==== Jamaica Way



EXISTING SITE

PROJECT SCOPE



SITE ANALYSIS

TYPES OF LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

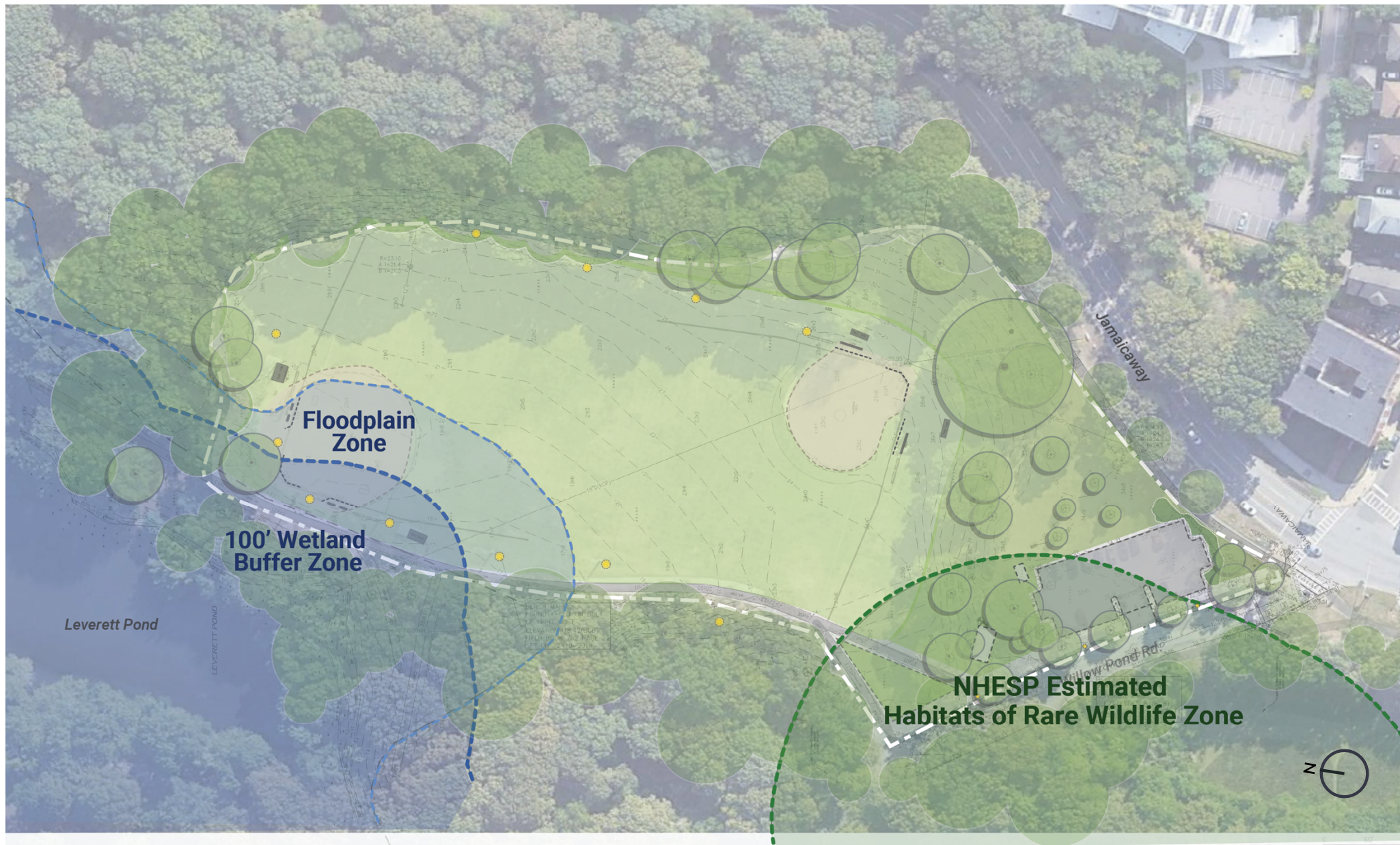
LEGEND

- (1) Passive Open Space
- (2) Athletic Use Zone
- (3) Dirt Path/Promenade
- (4) Woodlands



SITE ANALYSIS

NEARBY HABITAT/PROTECTION ZONES



SITE ANALYSIS

ATHLETIC FIELDS



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Ball Field 2: Little League

Infield is all infield mix vs traditional grass diamond and raised pitcher's mound



Spectator Seating

Rusted rails, eroded lawn, not accessible



Team Area

No shade, no pavement, benches too small for full team



Ball Field 1: Softball

Undersized backstop, severe erosion of infield, team and spectator areas not accessible



Team Area: Ball Field 1



Team Area: Ball Field 1

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ATHLETIC FIELDS



Field Lighting
Outdated



Porta Potty – Poor Location,
not visually screened (at main
entry to park)



Bike Racks – outdated and lack
access



Trash Cans - outdated



Utility Area/Lighting Electric
Boxes



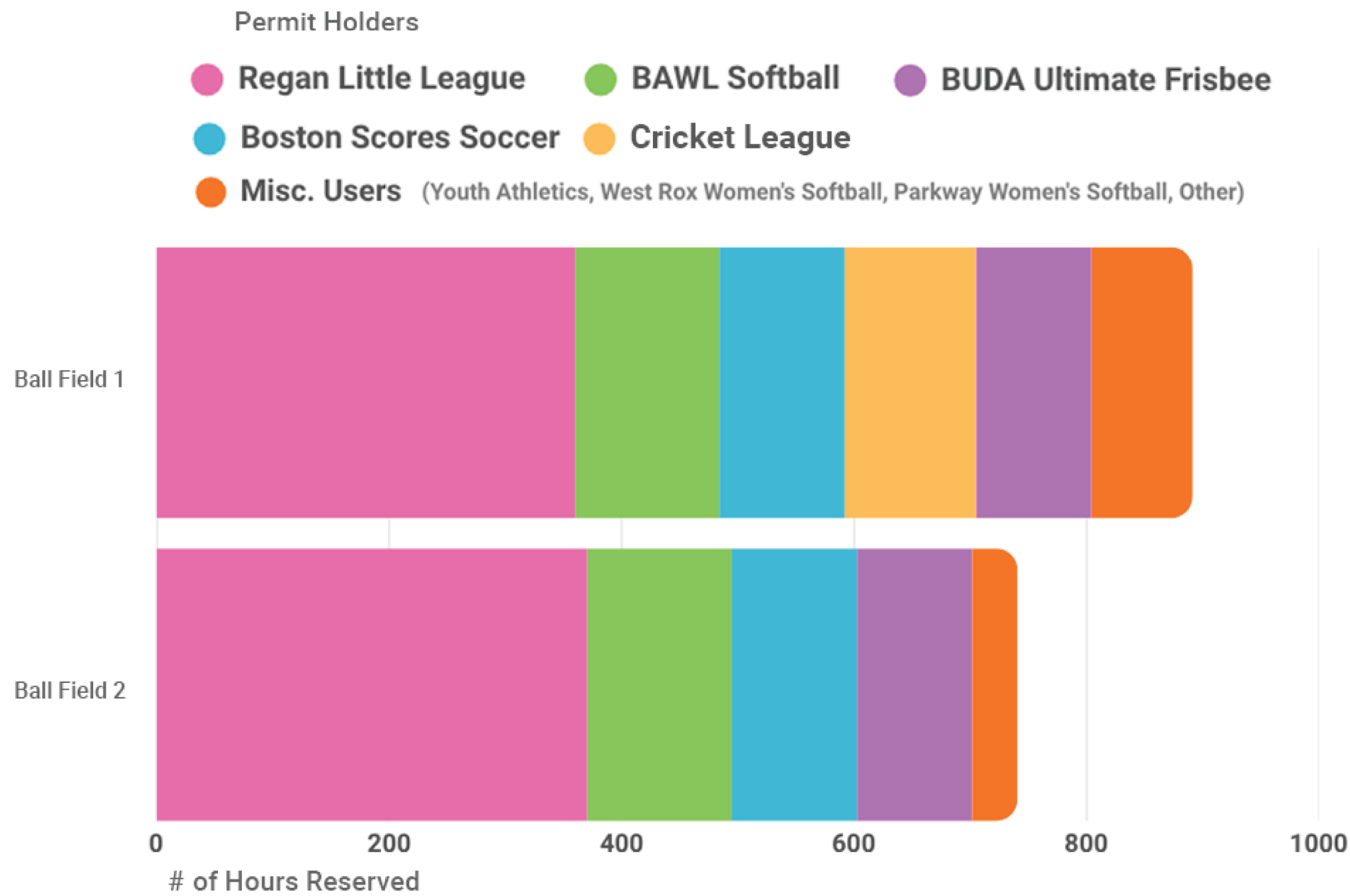
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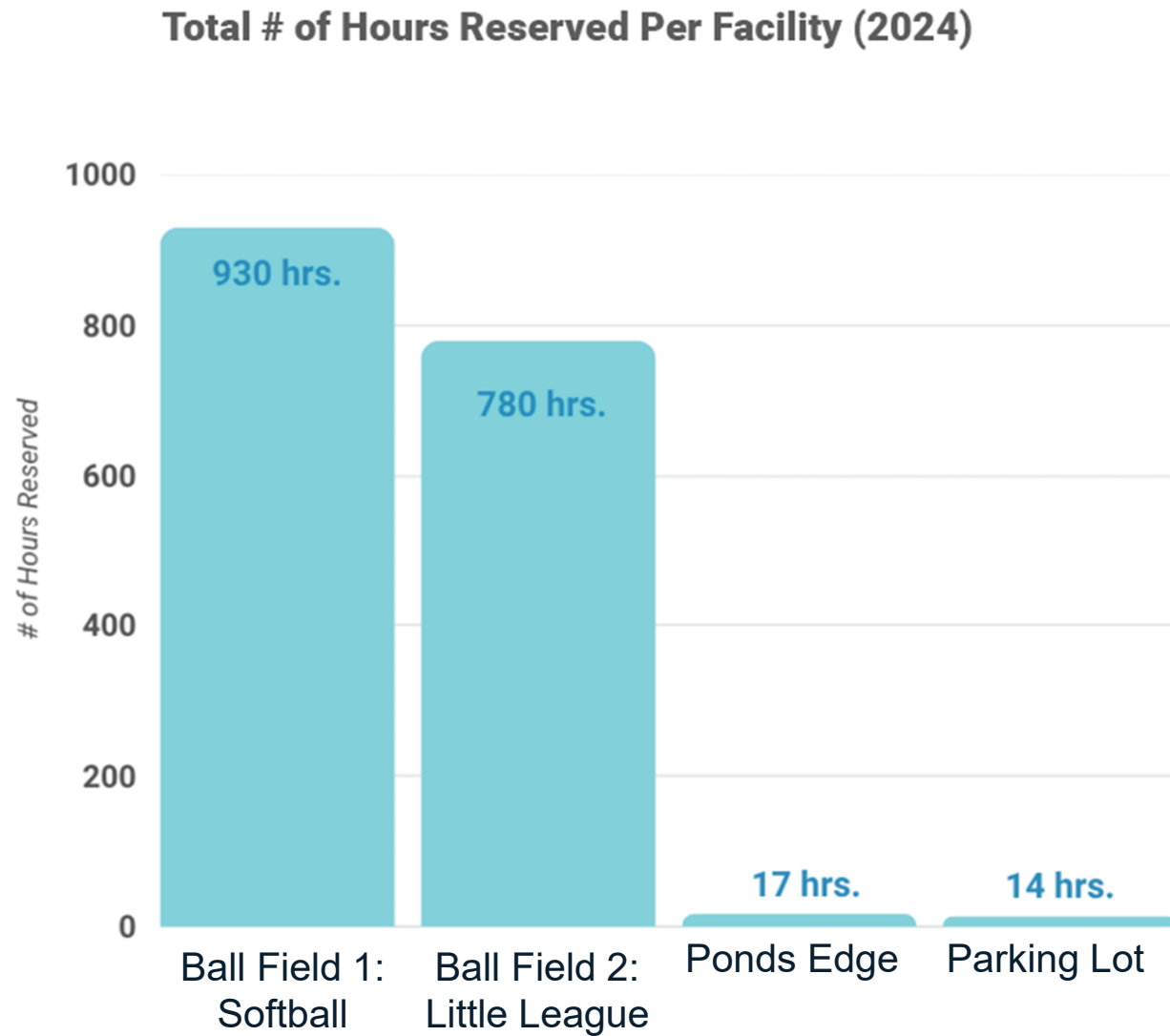
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ATHLETICS PERMIT HOLDER ANALYSIS



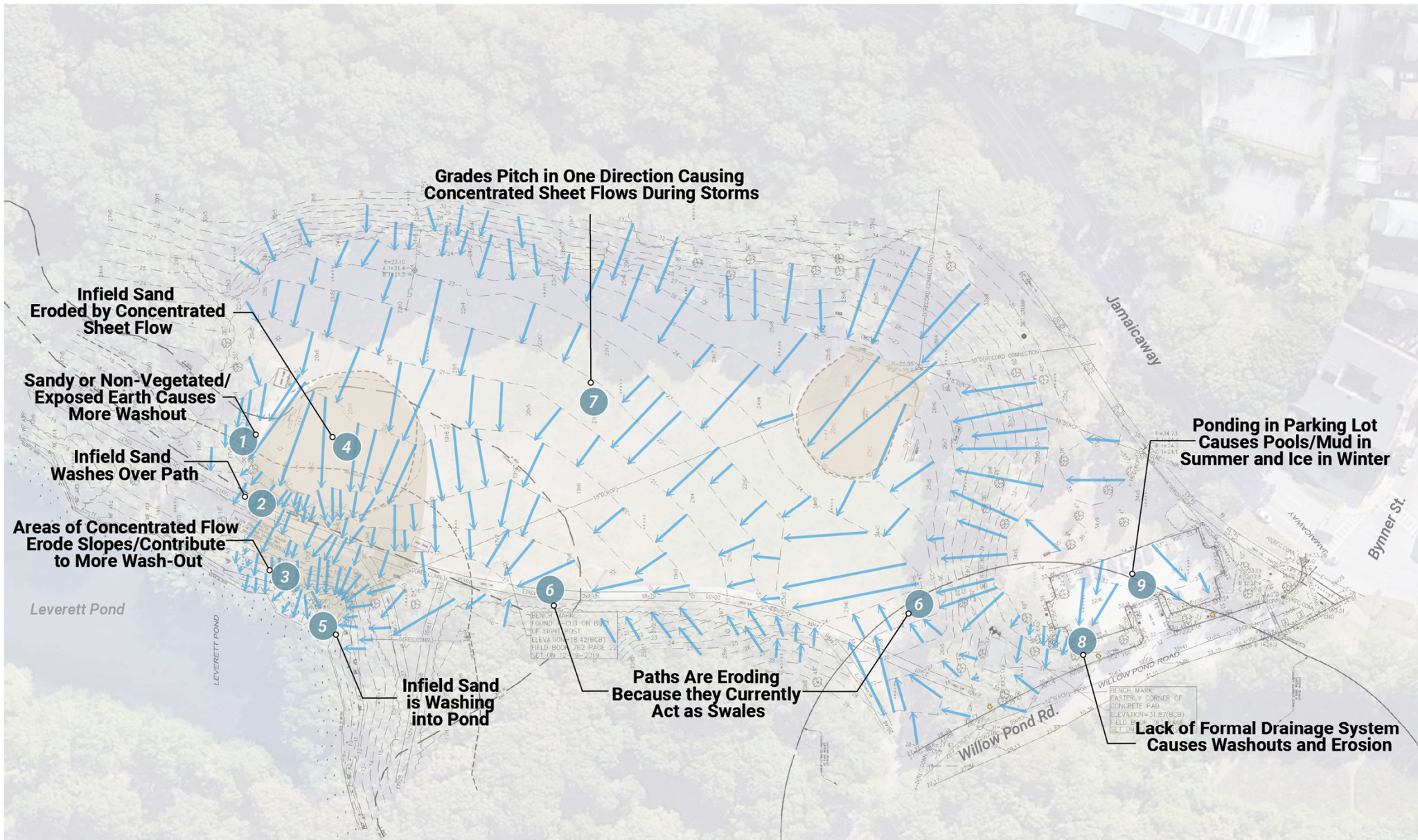
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DRAINAGE, PONDING, & EROSION



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DRAINAGE, PONDING, & EROSION – SITE IMAGES



Parking Lot – Poor drainage/ponding



Severe erosion at Field 1 - Softball Field



Infield mix washout at Field 1



Erosion and Infield mix washout from Field 1



Infield mix washout from Field 1 on walkway



Erosion and Infield mix washout from Field 1 into pond embankment

SITE ANALYSIS

CIRCULATION – IMAGES OF EXISTING CONDITIONS



Perimeter Path / Emerald Necklace Connection



Asphalt Path along Jamaica Way



Perimeter Path / Asphalt Pavement



Jamaica Plain neighborhood connection – Desire Lines, non-accessible



Pedestrian/Non-Official Vehicular Access from parking Lot – Desire Lines, non-accessible



Pedestrian/Non-Official Vehicular Access from parking Lot – Desire Lines, non-accessible

PROPOSED DESIGN



WHAT WE HEARD IN 'PULSE CHECK SURVEY'

"WHAT DOES THE PARK NEED"

- Full size soccer field
- One less ball field
- Like the lights
- Grass is great
- Some benches or chairs to sit on would be nice.
- More trash cans and a recycling bin would be nice
- Clear walking paths
- Better control of parking
- Landscape improvements that will put an end to the flow of dirt into Leverett Pond.
- Formalize the path along Willow Pond Road
- I love the pathways
- Tasteful seating areas for spectators - something that blends in with the environment
- Some kind of signage of ways for the public to reserve the space
- Pickleball courts
- Drinking water bubbler
- Absolutely NO new features, and no paving is needed, the park is great soft green space
- Connection across Willow Pond Road
- Parking along Willow Pond Road
- Maintaining ball fields

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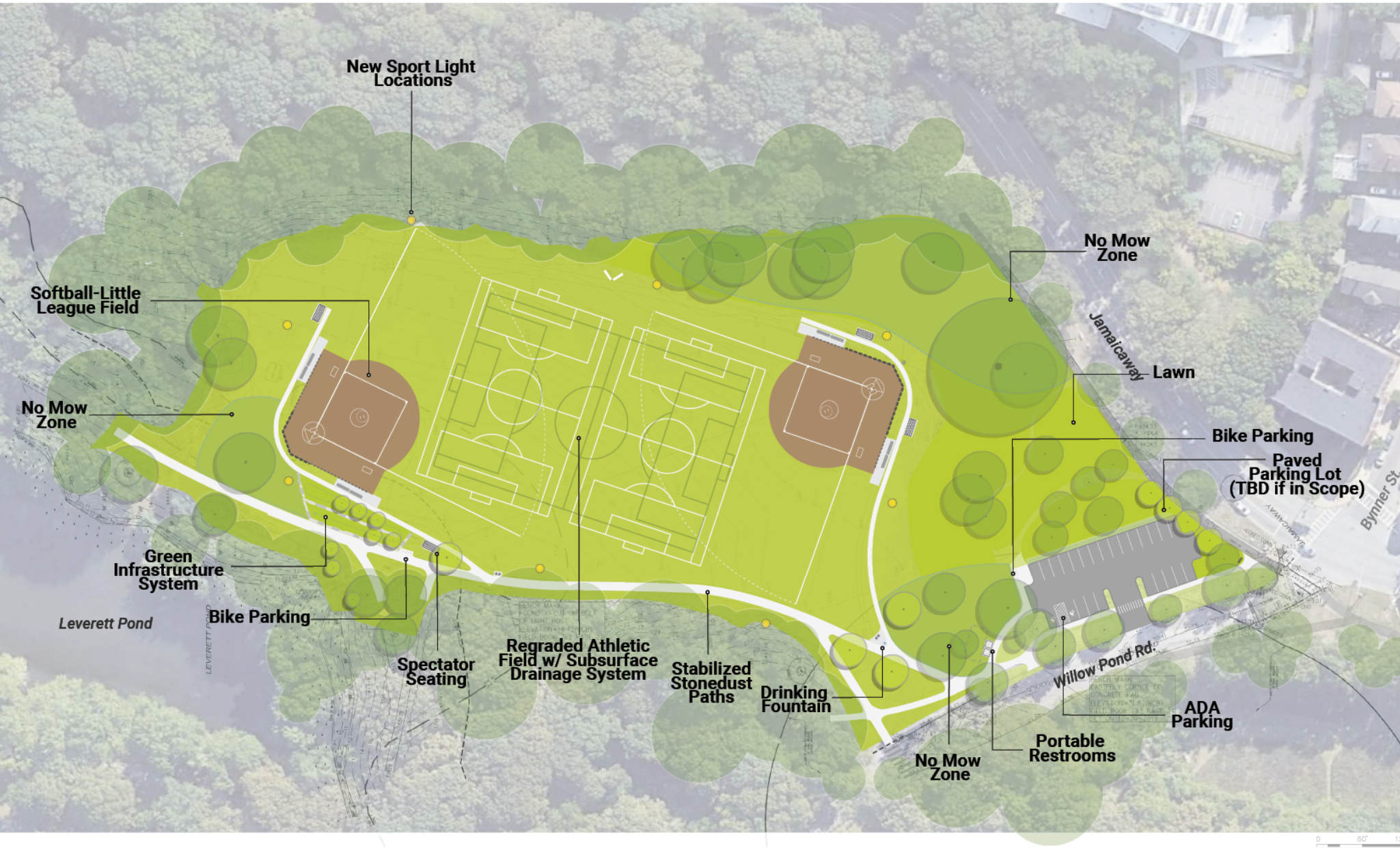
"WHAT DO ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE PARK?"

- It's **connections** to transit, and the emerald necklace.
- The **natural areas - trees, water & birds.**
- Letting my dog run around, the **nice grass, sense of community, the quiet** and lack of cars.
- That **it's wide open**
- Walking through it; kids playing soccer and baseball
- It is open to all community members. **Different sports have access. The natural setting.**
- **Quiet**, the nature and the lack of hard surfaces.
- I primarily use it as a linear park and either walk or ride a bike by the park. Continued improvement for non-car transportation would be great!
- Privileged to live so close this park
- **The green space, the birds, the accessibility**, the open grass field in a lovely park that doesn't have that feature
- **Rec fields with nearby woods and pond**

EXISTING SITE PLAN DIAGRAM



PROPOSED SITE PLAN



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PEDESTRIAN AND ADA ACCESSIBLE CIRCULATION



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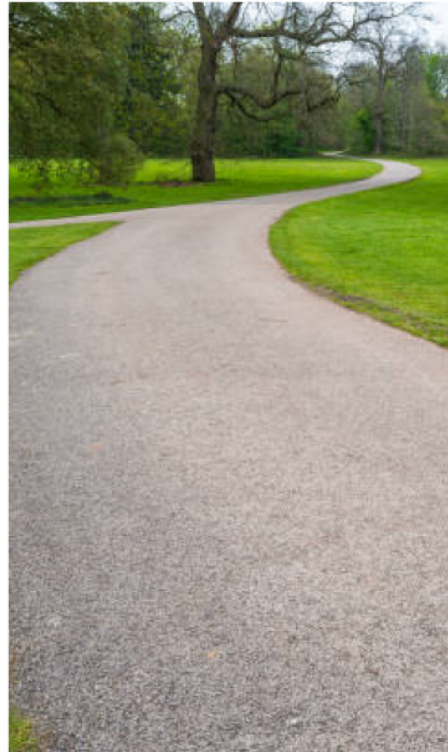
MATERIALS PALETTE



Multi-Use Open Lawn



Granite Blocks



Stabilized Stone Dust Path



Rain Garden



Terraced Rain Garden



No-Mow/Seasonally-Mown
Pollinator Zone



Seeded Athletic Field



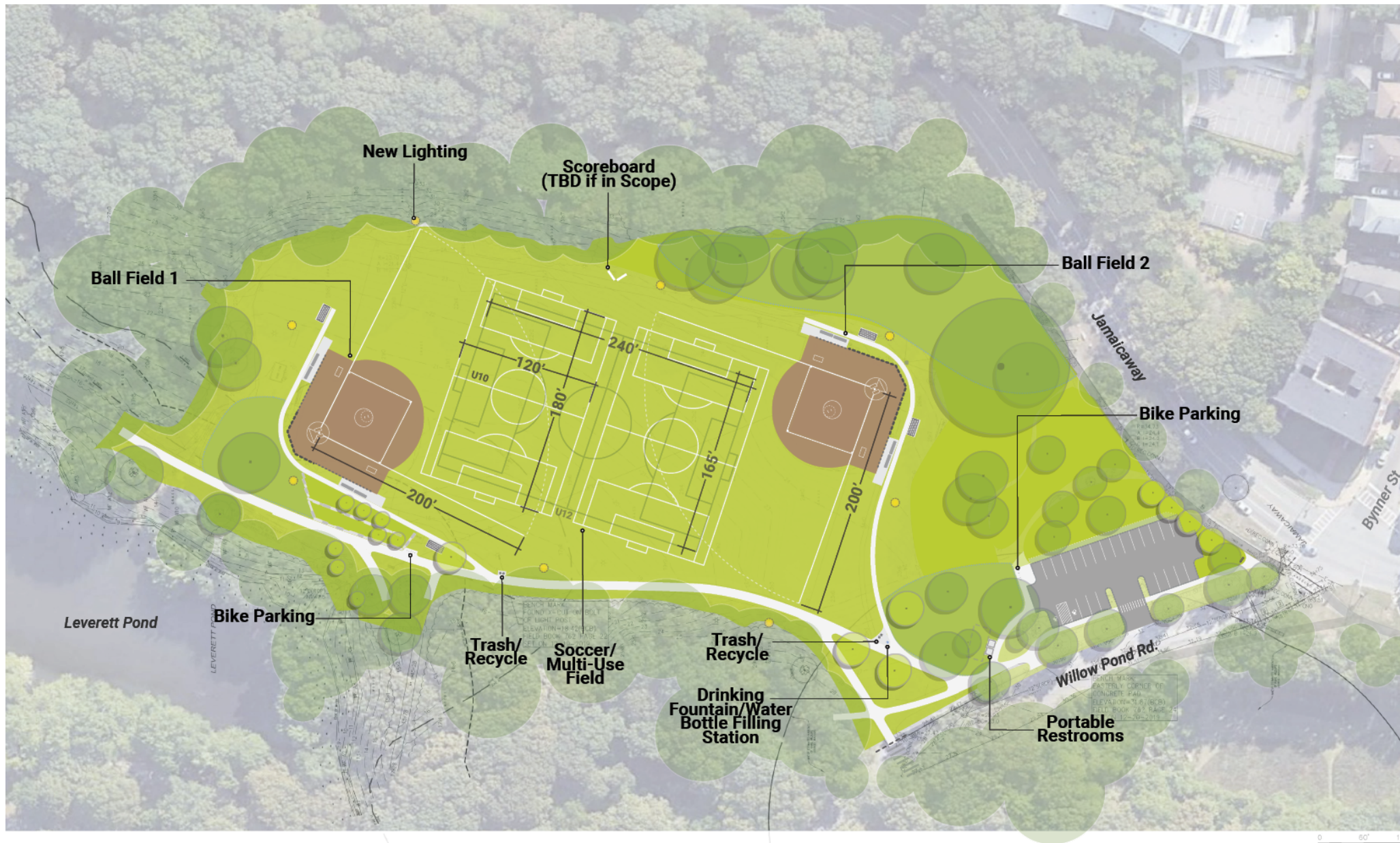
Rain Garden Adjacent to
Regraded Parking Lot



Granite Blocks at Rain
Garden

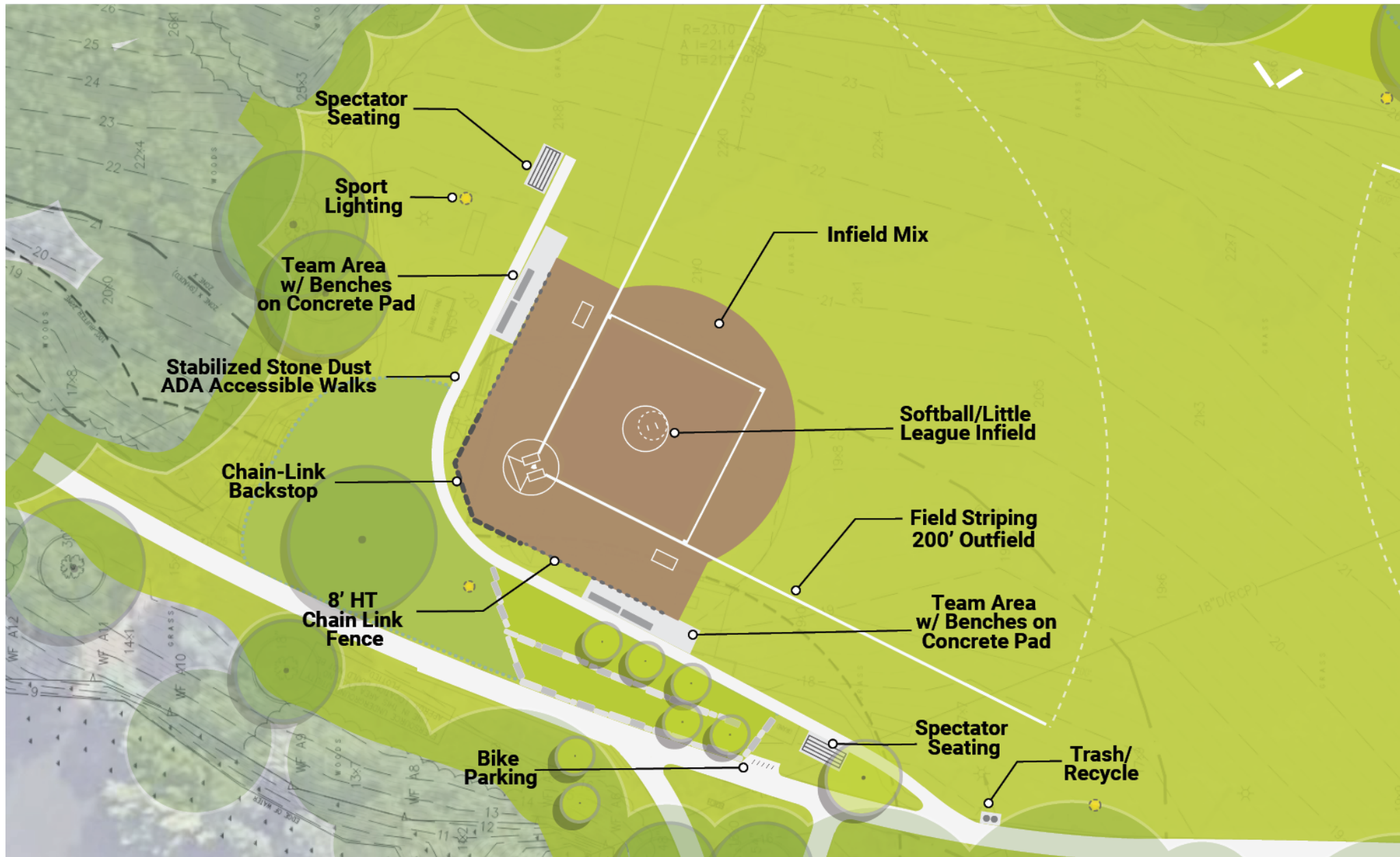
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ATHLETIC FIELD AND AMENITIES



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ATHLETIC FIELD AND AMENITIES – ENLARGEMENT PLAN



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ATHLETIC AMENITIES



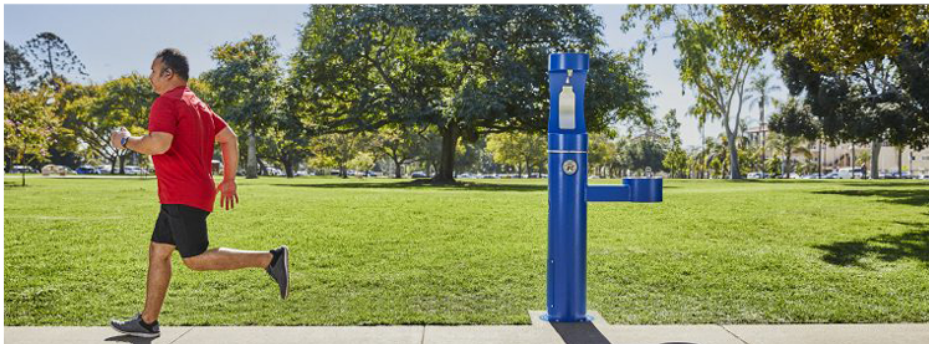
BPRD Bike Rack



BPRD Trash Receptacle



Player Bench



BPRD Water Bottle Filler



Spectator Seating (Bleachers)



Overlapping Little Leagues/Softball Field



Ball Field Back Stop

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

STAKEHOLDER WISH LIST

(TBD IF THESE CAN BE INCLUDED)

Shaded Dugouts



Storage Containers

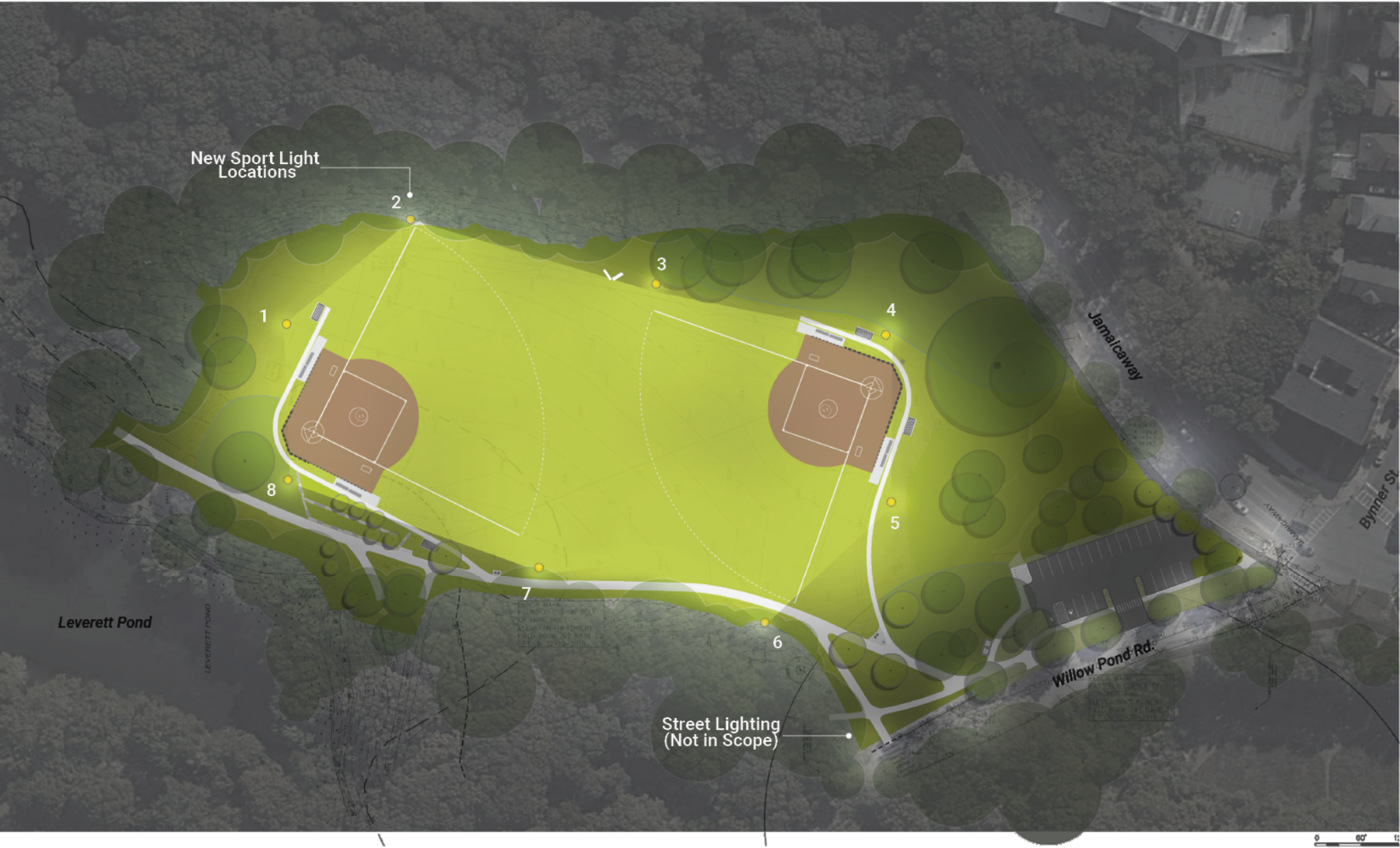


Electronic Scoreboards



PROPOSED SITE PLAN

LIGHTING



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LIGHTING PRODUCTS

What Matters in Lighting Technology

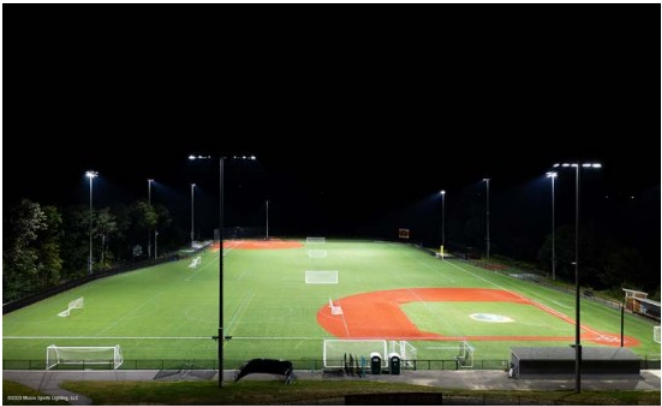
Light Control



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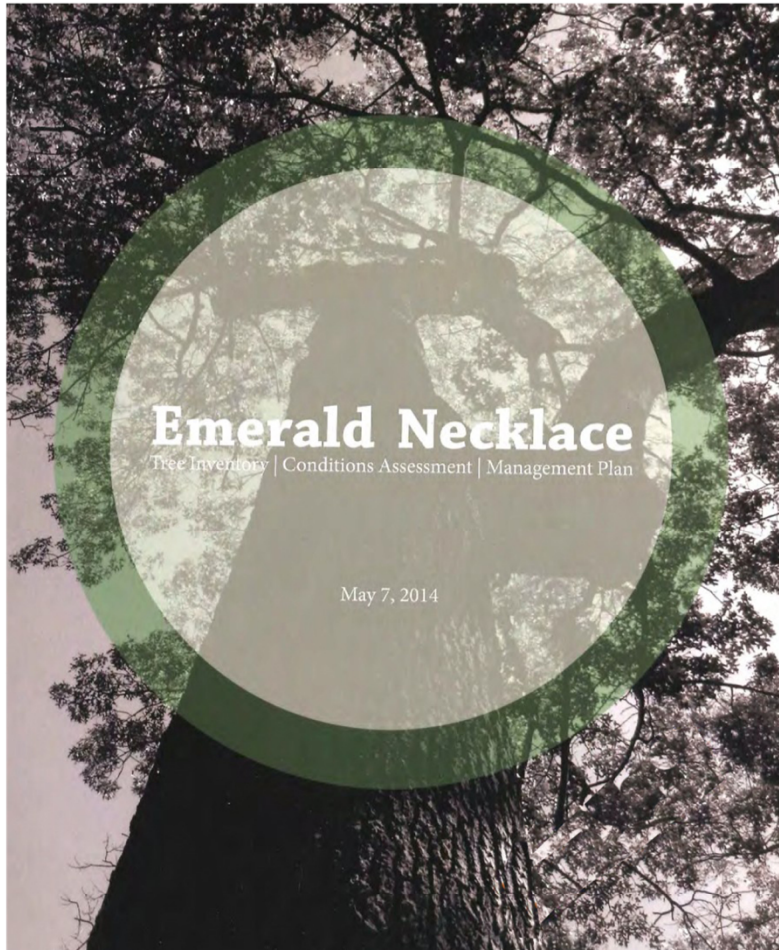


Solutions for Lighting



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PLANTING PALETTE – EXISTING INFORMATION & RESEARCH

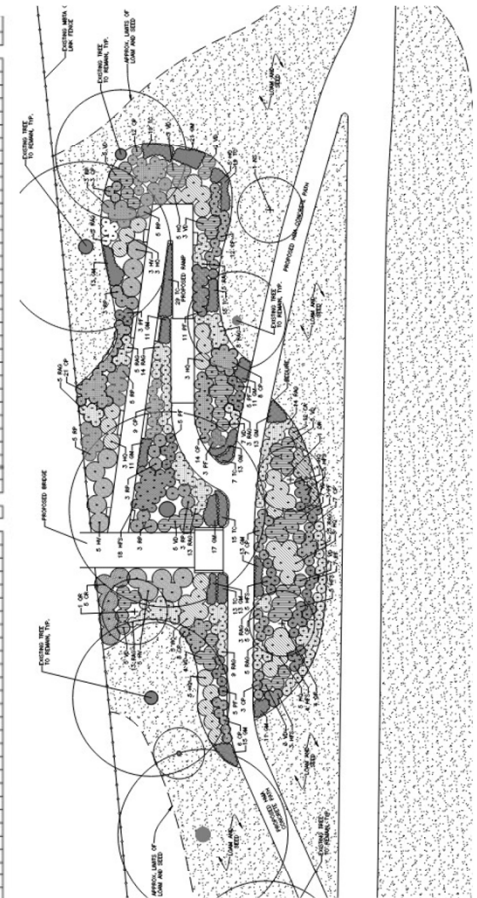


**Emerald Necklace Conservancy's
Tree Inventory, Conditions
Assessment and Management Plan**

MASTER PLANT LIST:

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KEY	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPACING	COMMENTS
TREES						
AF	2	ACER X FREEMANII	FREEMANS MAPLE	3" CAL.		
AR	6	ACER RUBRUM	RED MAPLE	3" CAL.		
BA	5	BETULA ALLEGIANENSIS	YELLOW BIRCH	2.5" CAL.		
BL	4	BETULA LENA	SWEET BIRCH	2.5" CAL.		
CCA	1	CERCIS CANADENSIS	EASTERN REDBUD	2" CAL.		
CC	5	CARPINUS CAROLINIANA	AMERICAN HORNBEAM	2.5" CAL.		
CF	1	CORNUS FLORIDA	FLOWERING DOGWOOD	2.5" CAL.		
CR	2	CLADYSTROPHES KENTUCKIA	YELLOWWOOD	2.5" CAL.		
CO	1	CELTIS OCCIDENTALIS	HACKBERRY	3" CAL.		
GD	3	GYMNOCLADUS DIOICUS	KENTUCKY COFFEETREE	2.5" CAL.		
LT	3	LIRIODENDRON TULIPIFERA	TULIPTREE	3" CAL.		
LS	2	LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA	AMERICAN SWEETGUM	3" CAL.		
NS	1	NYSSA SYLVATICA	BLACK GUM	3" CAL.		
OV	2	OSTRYA VIRGINIANA	AMERICAN HORNBEAM	2.5" CAL.		
PO	1	PLATANUS OCCIDENTALIS	AMERICAN PLANTREE	3" CAL.		
QB	1	QUERCUS BICOLOR	SWAMP WHITE OAK	3" CAL.		
QI	1	QUERCUS IMBRICARIA	SINGLE OAK	3" CAL.		
QM	1	QUERCUS MICROCARPA	BUR OAK	3" CAL.		
QPH	2	QUERCUS PHELLOS	WILLOW OAK	3" CAL.		
UA	2	ULMUS AMERICANA 'VALLEY FORGE'	VALLEY FORGE AM. ELM	3" CAL.		
UV	2	ULMUS AMERICANA 'PRINCETON'	PRINCETON AM. ELM	3" CAL.		
48 total tree count						
SHRUBS						
ARA	15	ARONIA ARBUTIFOLIA 'BRILLIANTISSIMA'	CHOKEBERRY	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
CEP	21	CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS 'SUGAR SHACK'	DWARF BUTTBUSH	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
CLE	26	CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA	SWEET PEPPER BUSH	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
CLE2	21	CLETHRA ALNIFOLIA 'RUBY SPICE'	RUBY-SPICE SWEET PEPPERBUSH	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
COA	6	CORNUS AMOMIUM	SILKY DOGWOOD	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
COS	11	CORNUS SERICEA	RED-TWIG DOGWOOD	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
COF	36	COTONEASTER HORIZONTALIS	COTONEASTER	18-24" HT.	2'-0" O.C.	
DIV	15	DIERVILLA LONICERA	DWARF BUSH HONEYSUCKLE	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
FOT	5	FOTHERGILLIA MAJOR	FOTHERGILLIA	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
ILE	24	ILEX GLABRA	INKBERRY	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
IVE	3	ILEX VERTICILLATA (S-1 FEMALE: MALE)	FEMALE AND MALE WINTERBERRY	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
ILE2	29	ILEX GLABRA 'SHAMROCK'	SHAMROCK INK BERRY	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
IVE2	29	ILEX VERTICILLATA 'RED SPRITE' (S-1 FEMALE: MALE)	RED SPRITE WINTERBERRY	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
LEU	25	LEUCOTHOE RACEMOSA	SWEETBELLS LEUCOTHOE	18-24" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
LIB	17	LINDERA BENZON	SPICEBUSH	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
MYG	5	MYRICA GALE	SWEETGALE	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
MYP	19	MYRICA PENNSYLVANICA	BAYBERRY	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
POT	7	POTENTILLA FRUTICOSA	BUSH CINQUEFOILS	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
PYA	15	PYRUS ARBUTIFOLIA 'BRILLIANTISSIMA'	CHOKEBERRY	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
RHA	70	RHUS AROMATICA	FRAGRANT SUMAC 'GRO-LOW'	18-24" HT.	2'-0" O.C.	
ROC	15	ROSA CAROLINA	CAROLINA ROSE	18-24" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
SAM	7	SAMBUCUS CANADENSIS	ELDERBERRY	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
SPF	14	SPIRAEA PRINIFOLIA	BRIDAL WREATH SPIRAEA	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
SYM	36	SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS	SOAPBERRY	18-24" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
VIA	43	VIBURNUM ACERIFOLIUM	MAPLELEAF VIBURNUM	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
VIC	6	VIBURNUM CARLESII	KOREAN SPICE VIBURNUM	24-30" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
VID	3	VIBURNUM DENTATUM	ARROWWOOD	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
VID2	9	VIBURNUM DENTATUM 'KLMSEVENTEEN'	LITTLE JOE ARROWWOOD	24-30" HT.	4'-0" O.C.	
VIP	6	VIBURNUM PLICATUM VAR. TOMENTOSUM	DOUBLE-LEAF VIBURNUM	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
VIO	4	VIBURNUM TRILOBUM	HIGHBUSH CRANBERRY	30-36" HT.	6'-0" O.C.	
542 total shrub count						
PERENNIALS						
MO	23	TACHILEA 'MOONSHINE'	MOONSHINE TARRROW	1 GAL.	1'-0" O.C.	
WIL	28	BAPTISIA TOMITORIA	YELLOW WILDINDIGO	1 GAL.	2'-0" O.C.	
GER	20	GERANIUM MACULATUM	WILD GERANIUM	1 GAL.	1'-0" O.C.	
CIN	8	OSMUNASTELUM CINNAMOMELUM	CINNAMON FERN	1 GAL.	2'-0" O.C.	
RUD	12	RUDIBECKIA SPECIOSA	BROWN EYE/SUSAN	1 GAL.	1'-0" O.C.	
YEL	25	XANTHORHIZA SILLIPICISSIMA	YELLOWROOT	1 GAL.	2'-0" O.C.	
135 total perennial count						

**Olmsted Park/Riverway
Plant Lists**



**Carlton St. Footbridge
Planting Plans
(Brookline)**

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PLANTING PALETTE – PROPOSED PLANTING AREAS



PROPOSED SITE PLAN

PLANTING PALETTE – CHARACTER IMAGES



No Mow Zones/Native Understory Areas



Native Shrubs, Perennials, Understory Plantings



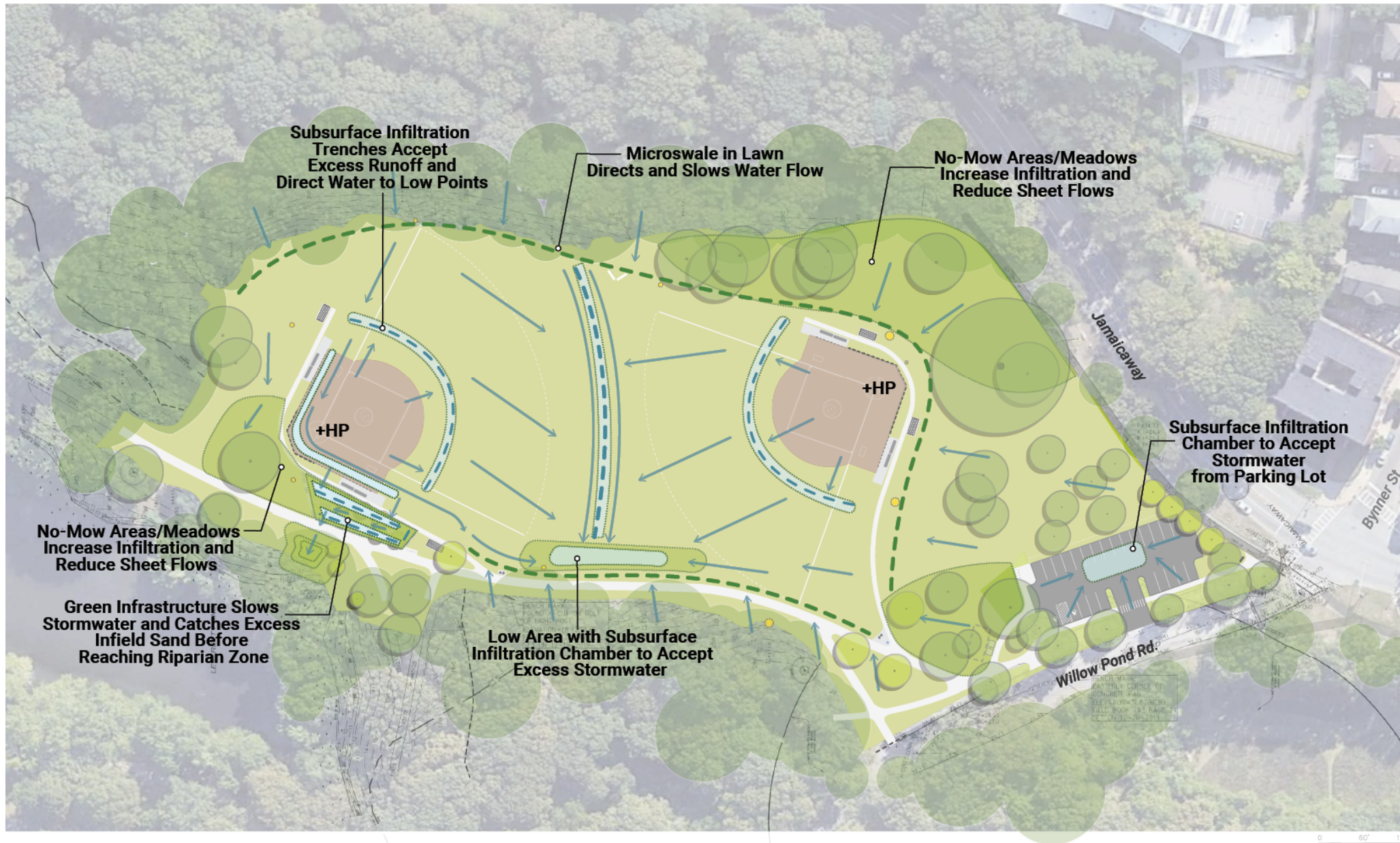
Mown Lawn Areas



Native Tree Plantings

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DRAINAGE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



PROPOSED DESIGN PLAN

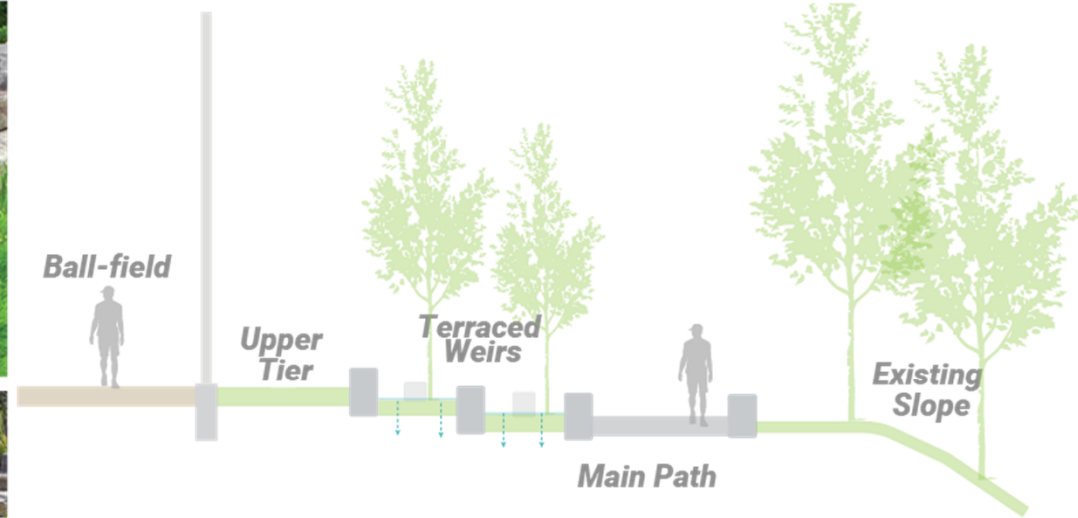
GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM



Existing Conditions Showing Washout



Proposed Condition Character Images



Terraced Rain Garden Concept Section
Not to Scale

PROPOSED SITE PLAN



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

Please complete this survey to provide us with your thoughts.

Survey Closes 11/26/2025

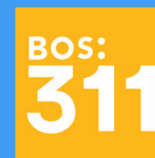
[Daisy Field Survey](#)





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