

A photograph of a park area with a grassy field in the foreground, a baseball field in the middle ground, and trees in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "Improvements to" is in a white serif font, and "JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND" is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font.

# *Improvements to* **JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND**



# MEETING RECORDING



*The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be recording the meeting and posting to our project webpage for those who are unable to attend the Zoom meeting live.*

*It is possible that participants may also be recording the meeting with their phones, cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during this meeting, please keep your microphone muted and camera off.*

*Please share with your neighbors and friends,  
**[boston.gov/jefferson-playground](https://boston.gov/jefferson-playground)***

# VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

*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](mailto:max.sell@boston.gov), to further discuss the project or process.*

# ZOOM TIPS

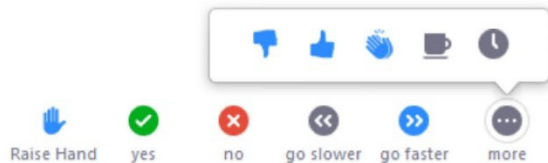
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

## DURING THE PRESENTATION:



### VIA WEB:

Turn video on / off.



To use these non-verbal options click on participants (bottom of screen); these options will pop up in side bar.

## DURING THE Q&A:



### JOINING VIA PHONE?

Use \*9 to raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.



### VIA WEB:

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



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# AGENDA

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**4 LANDSCAPE CONCEPT & PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

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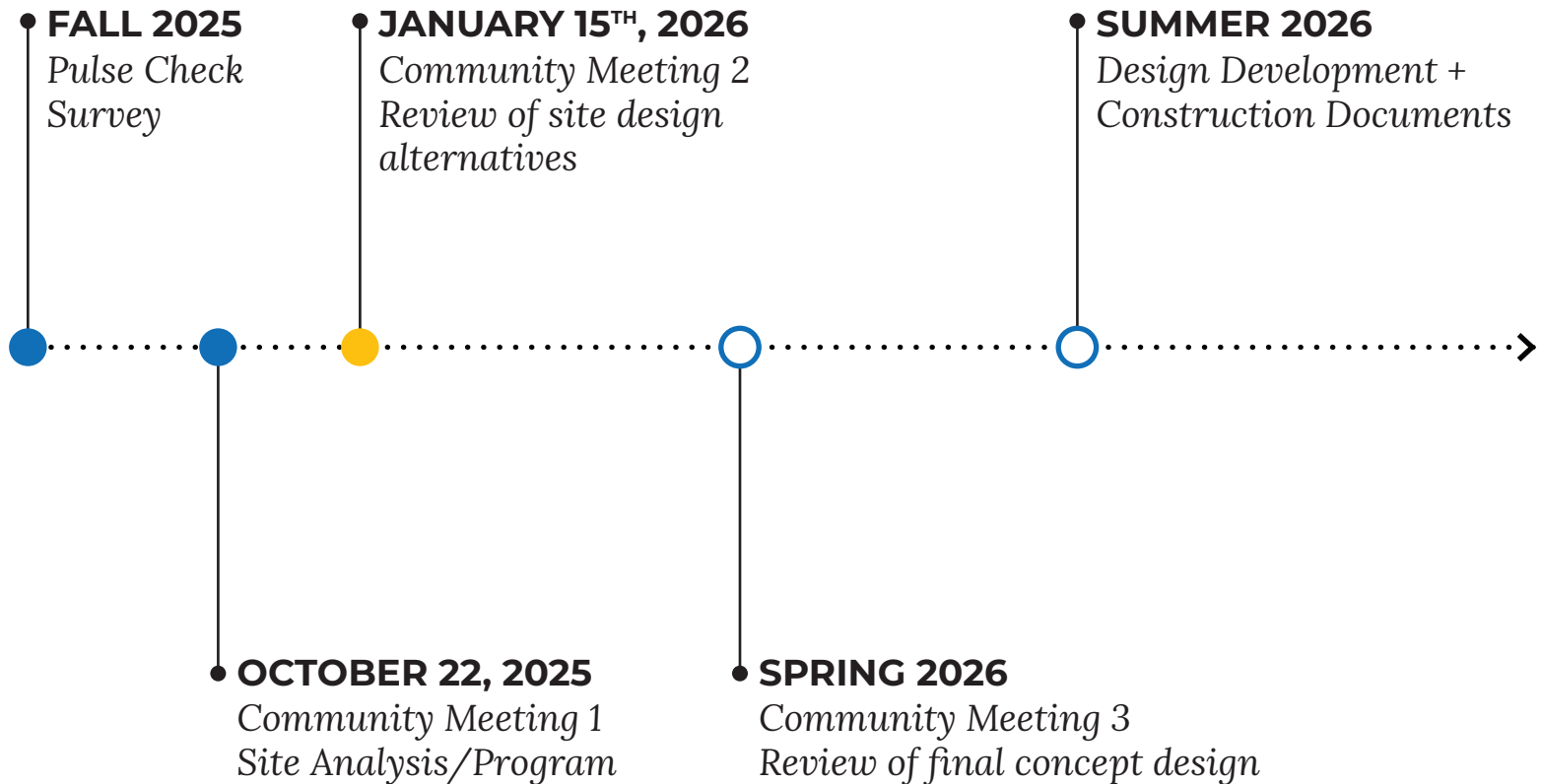


# PROJECT OVERVIEW



# PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

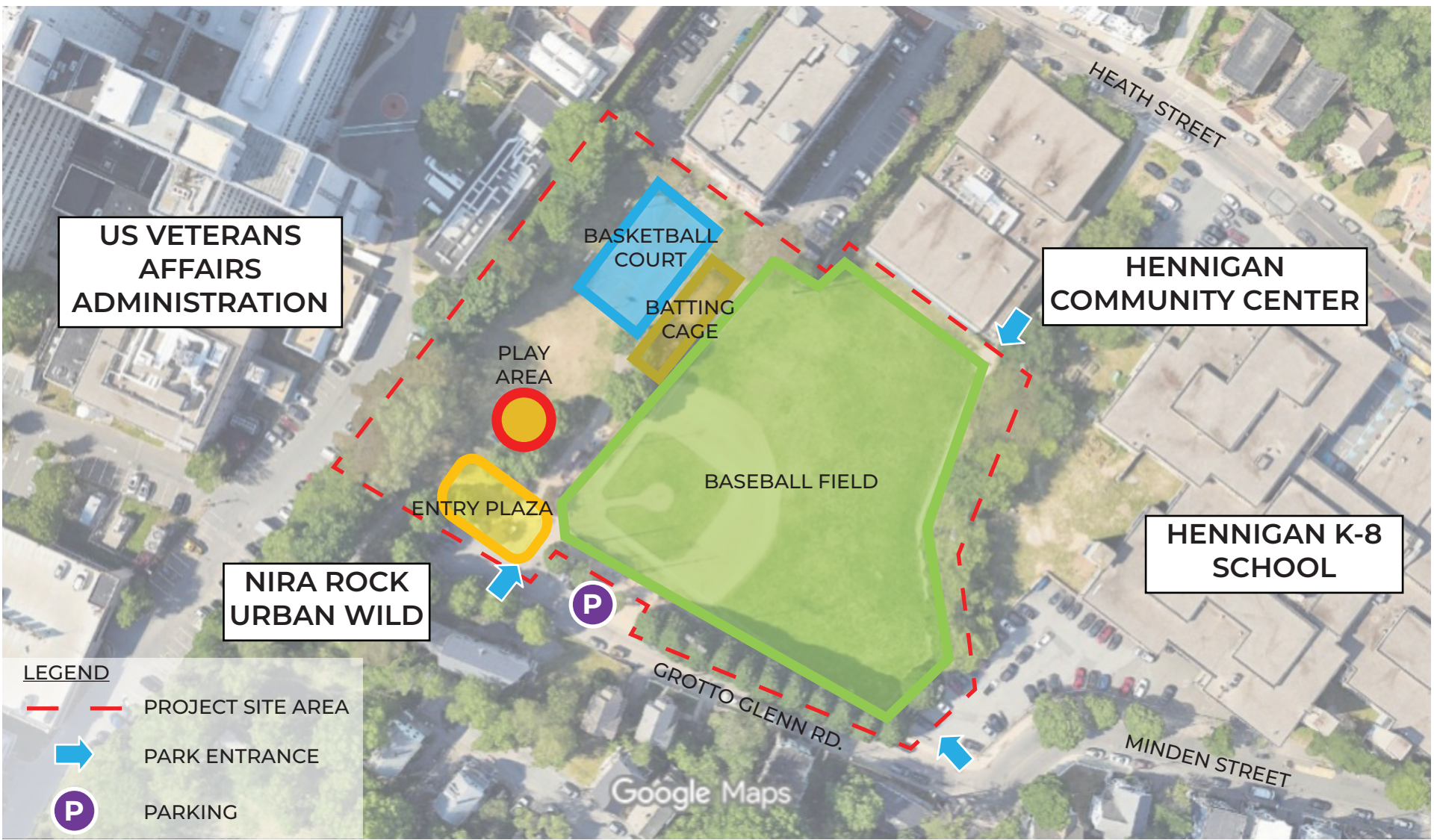
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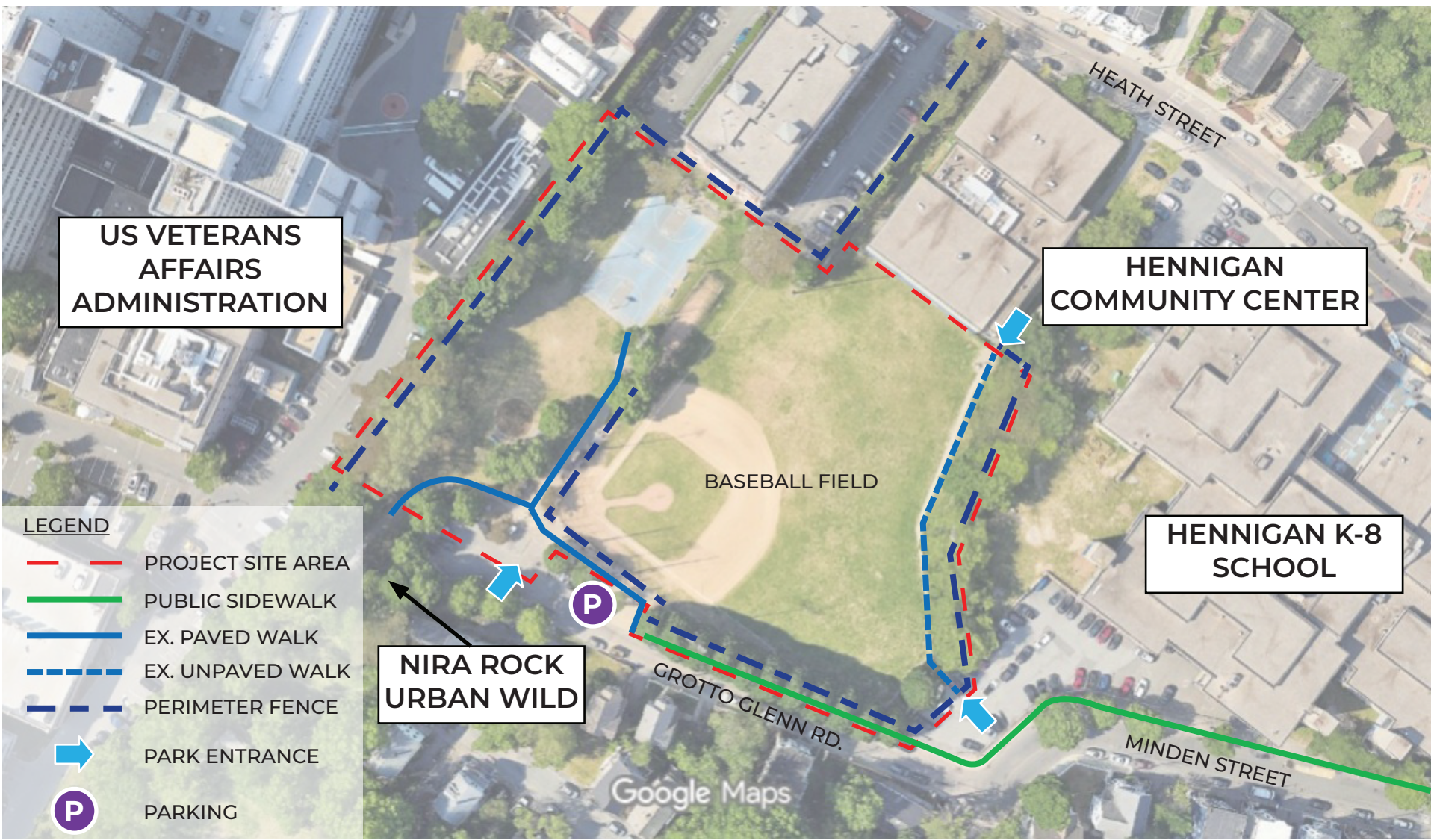


# SITE ANALYSIS: EXISTING PROGRAM





# SITE ANALYSIS: CIRCULATION



# FEEDBACK FROM SITE ANALYSIS MEETING AND SURVEY

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## GENERAL

1. Feels disconnected
2. Suffers from littering
3. Desire a soccer field
4. Desire public restrooms
5. Pave walking paths

## ENTRY PLAZA

1. Uninviting, no seating, insufficient signage
2. Needs accessible entry from Heath St.
3. Maintain access to NIRA Rock

## BALLFIELD AND BATTING CAGE

1. Well used
2. Suffers from drainage issues, floods
3. Other field programming - study current usage
4. Double bleacher capacity and improve sight lines from seating
5. Permanent storage locker (4' x 2' x 2' Min.)
6. Lighting upgrades
7. Water fountains
8. Sometimes used as dog park - not desirable
9. Maintain and pave path from Heath St.



## BASKETBALL COURT

1. Mainly used for informal play
2. Lacks seating
3. Outreach to Native American Association and other user groups

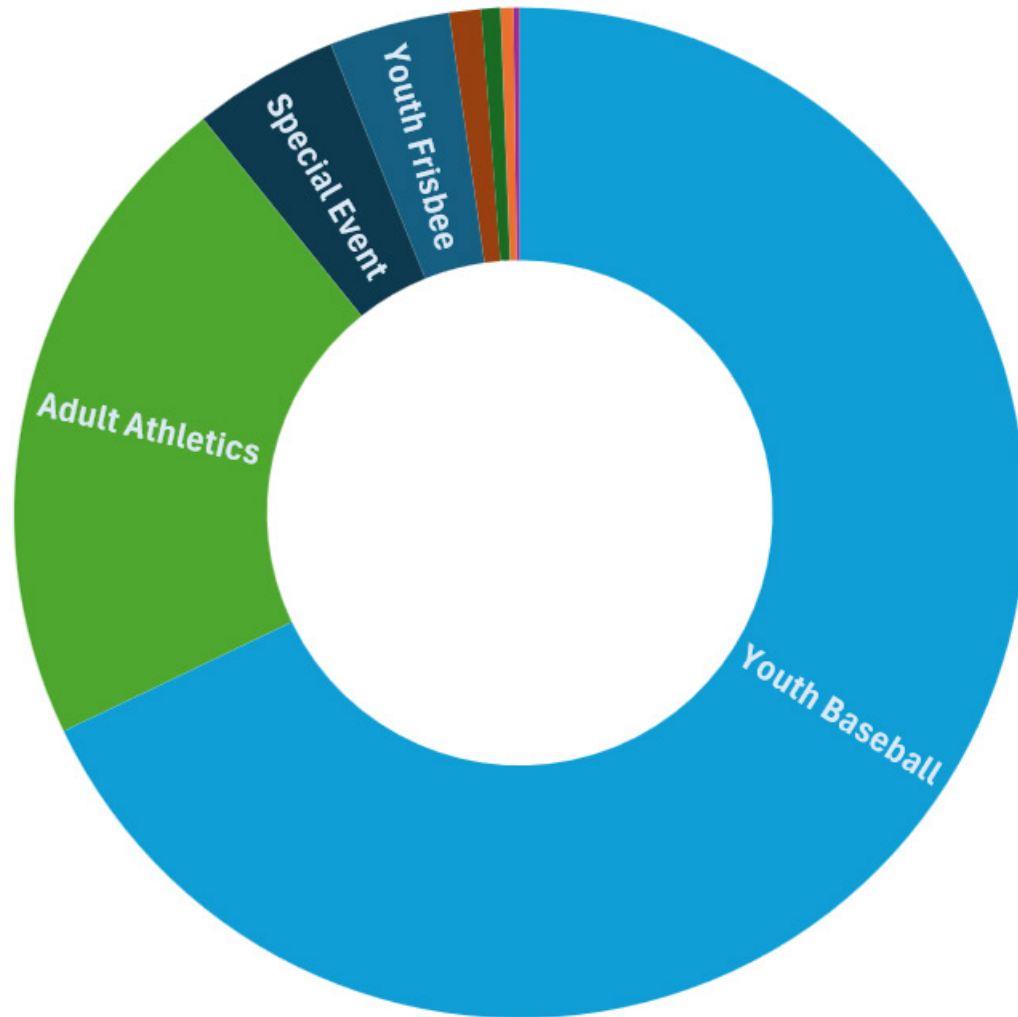
## PLAYGROUND

1. Should serve needs of different age groups with more diverse play equipment
2. Overall fence not desired while noting need to contain youngest children
3. Upgrade play structure



# ATHLETICS PERMIT HOLDER ANALYSIS

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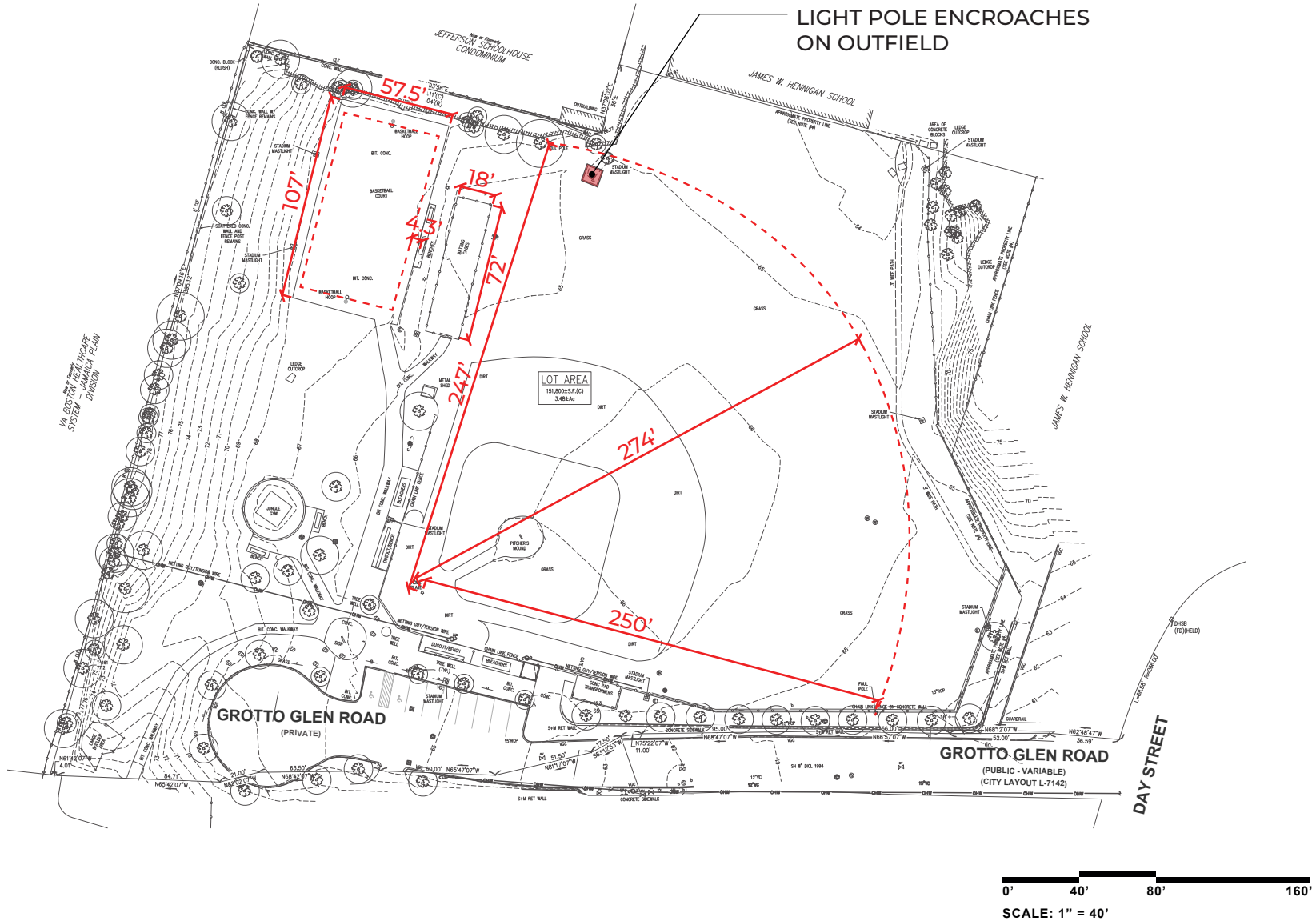
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■ Kickball ■ Adult Athletics ■ Special Event ■ Miscellaneous

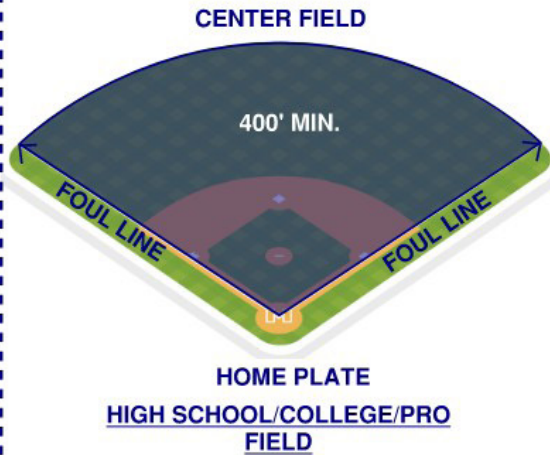
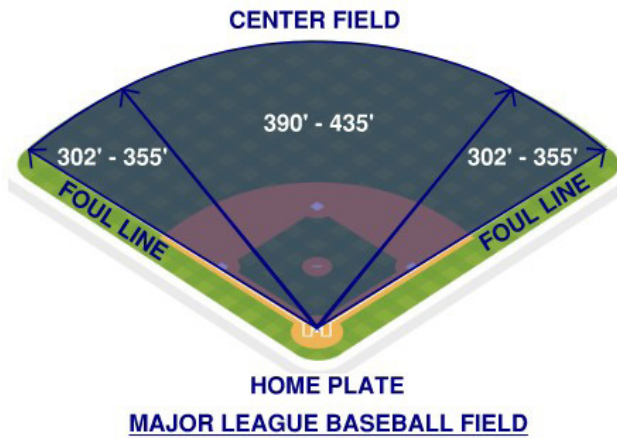
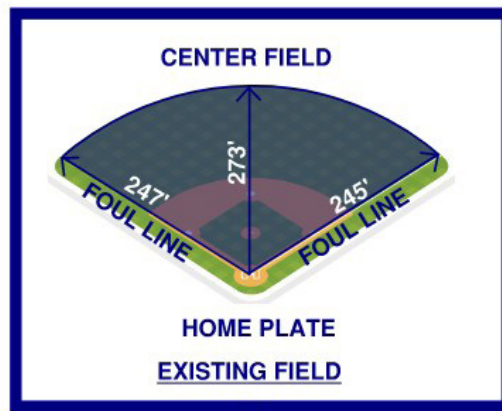
# SITE CONCEPTS

The background image shows an outdoor sports field, possibly a baseball or softball field, with a chain-link fence in the foreground. There are trees and a clear sky in the background. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue overlay, which makes the white text stand out.



# SITE ANALYSIS - EX. ATHLETICS FACILITIES







# SOCCER FIELD LAYOUT OPTIONS



TYPICAL U10 SOCCER FIELD =  
105' - 135' X 165' -195'

FIELD SHOWN = 105' X 165'  
WITH 10' CLEARANCE ON ALL  
SIDES

OPTION	OVERLAP WITH INFIELD	SOLAR ORIENTATION	DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL
1	MEDIUM	POOREST	FAIRLY CLOSE
2	MAXIMUM	POOR	CLOSEST
3	MINIMAL	IDEAL	FURTHER
4	LEAST	FAIR	FURTHER

0' 40' 80' 160'  
SCALE: 1" = 40'



# CONCEPT PLAN 1: RETAIN



LEGEND

EXISTING WALK TO REMAIN

PROPOSED PAVED WALK

EXISTING FENCE/ BACKSTOP  
• UPGRADED AS NEEDED

UPGRADE FIELD LIGHTS

NEW BLEACHERS (ELEVATED)

ENTRY PLAZA

COURT-SIDE SEATING

PLAY AREA

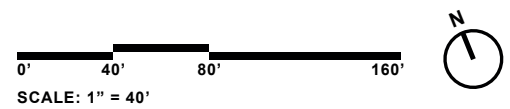
NATURAL PLAY AREA

PROPOSED NEW VEGETATION

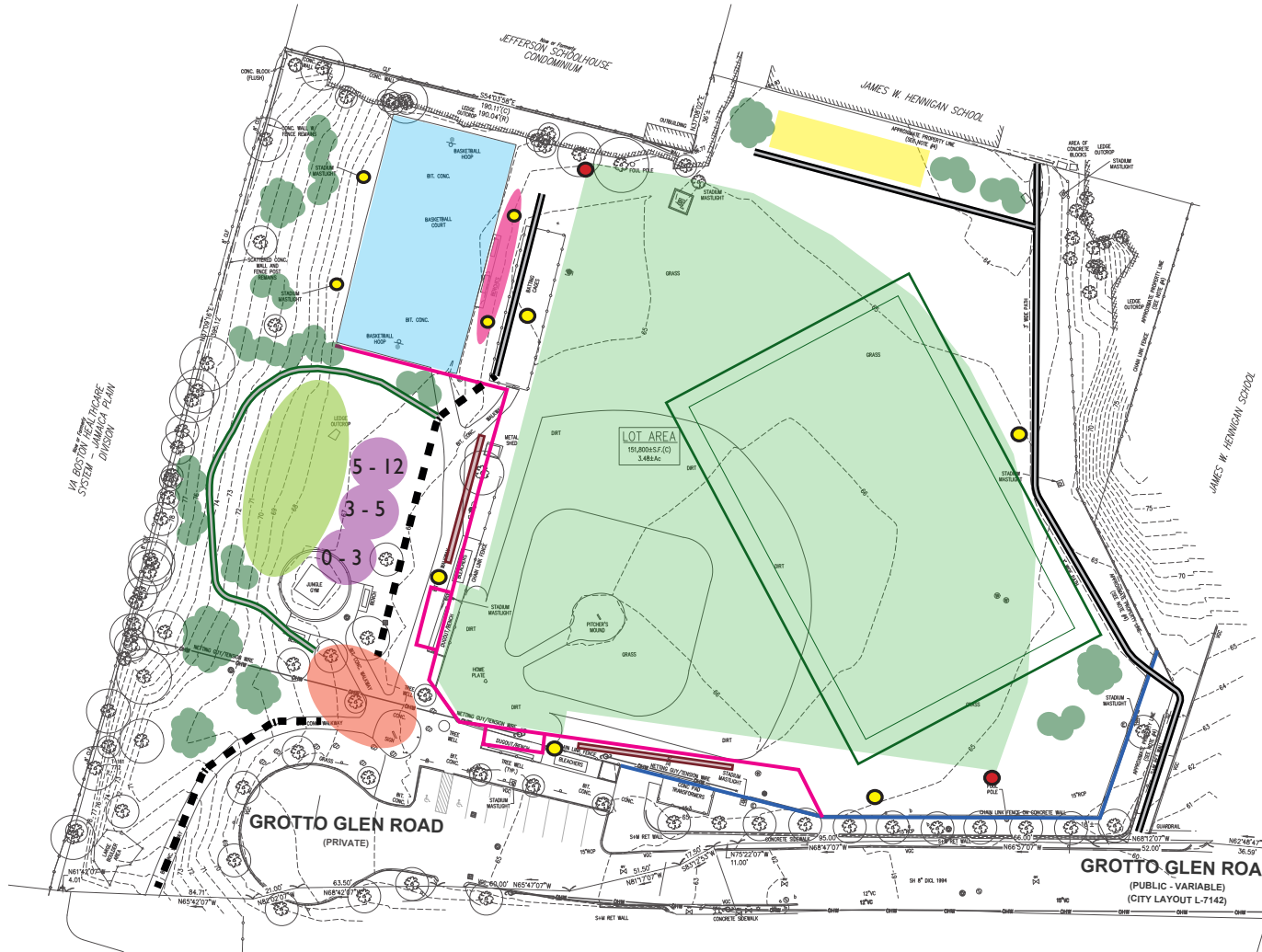
BASEBALL FIELD UPGRADES  
• REGRADE, IMPROVE DRAINAGE,  
RESEED

BATTLING CAGE UPGRADES  
• NEW INTERIOR AND FENCE

BASKETBALL COURT UPGRADES  
• REFINISH, REPLACE LIGHTS,  
REPLACE HOOPS



# CONCEPT PLAN 2: ROTATE



## LEGEND

- ■ ■ EXISTING WALK TO REMAIN
- PROPOSED PAVED WALK
- PROPOSED TRAIL
- NEW FENCE AND BACKSTOP
- EXISTING FENCE/ BACKSTOP • UPGRADED AS NEEDED
- UPGRADED FIELD LIGHTS
- NEW FOUL POLES
- NEW BLEACHERS (ELEVATED)
- ENTRY PLAZA
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# COMPARISON OF CONCEPTS



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1. Keep existing orientation of baseball field
2. Minimal repairs to field fence
3. Keep current location of batting cage
4. Improve bleacher style seating
5. Planting separation between basketball court and playground
6. Seating to west of basketball court (better orientation for afternoon games)
7. Loop walk around site



CONCEPT 2: ROTATE

1. Rotate baseball field - Trees no longer interfere with play
2. Replacement of backstop
3. Relocate batting cage; new cage to outfield
4. Expanded unobstructed linear bench seating
5. Fence separation between basketball court and playground
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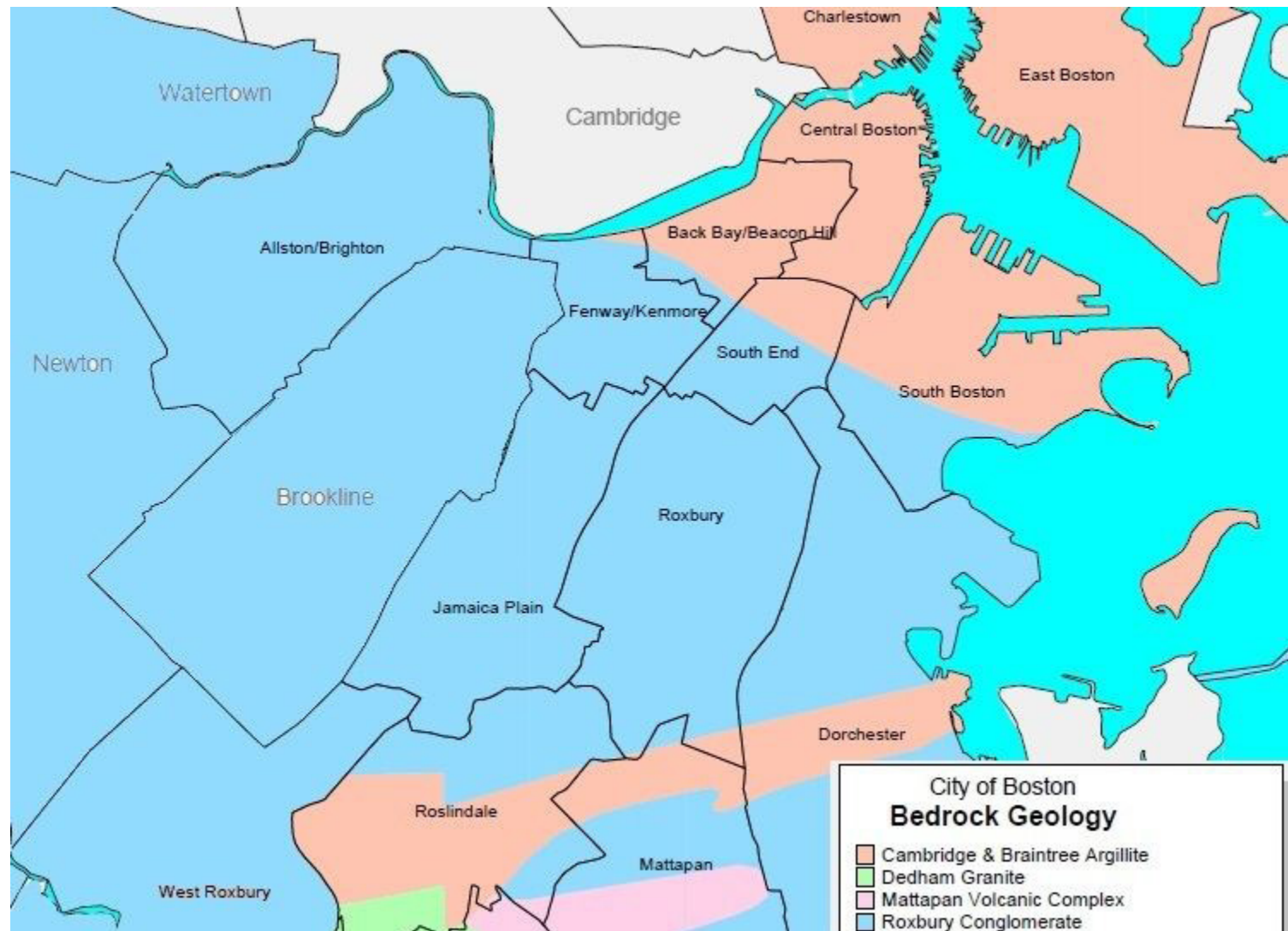
# SITE HISTORY





# SITE GEOLOGY

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# SITE GEOLOGY - ROXBURY CONGLOMERATE/PUDDING STONE

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## THE STATE ROCK OF MASSACHUSETTS



North side of basketball court



At NIRA Rock



East of the entry plaza



Close-up of Rock surface



# HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE

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Puddingstone quarry from the time of the Great Depression under NIRA (National Industrial Recovery Act)



# PRECEDENT CONCEPT IMAGES

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Bring the site/nature into the play area:





# PRECEDENT CONCEPT IMAGES

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Encourage safe exploration of natural areas



Incorporate exposed ledge into play areas



Play equipment that reflects native flora-fauna



Engage the slope along the east with play equipment



# PRECEDENT IMAGES

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## 0-2 years old:



## 2-5 years old:



## 5-12 years old:



### AGE OF IMAGINATION:

1. Grow thinking skills
2. Begin to make friends
3. Learn new movements
4. Solve small problems (sort, use small tools)

### TYPICAL AMENITIES:

1. Infant swing
2. Slides
3. Fantasy/ Pretend play
4. Crawling, rolling
5. Textural changes
6. Encourages small social interactions

### AGE OF ADVENTURE:

1. Develop gross and fine motor skills
2. Discover the world around them and how to use their bodies
3. Learn how to communicate with peers (take turns, share)

### TYPICAL AMENITIES:

1. Encourage a range of motion, including spinning, climb, slide, skip and swing
2. Balance and coordination
3. Challenging
4. Allows individual and small group play

### AGE OF CHALLENGE:

1. Develop individual styles/ skills
2. Learn problem-solving
3. Develop emotional and social competence to participate in relationships

### TYPICAL AMENITIES:

1. Encourage hand-eye coordination and whole body movement
2. Provides challenges at different levels



# PRECEDENT IMAGES







# LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

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# THANK YOU!

## Next Meeting Spring 2026 location TBD

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concerns regarding any of our  
parks contact 311

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