

FIDELIS WAY PARK



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, to further discuss the project or process.*

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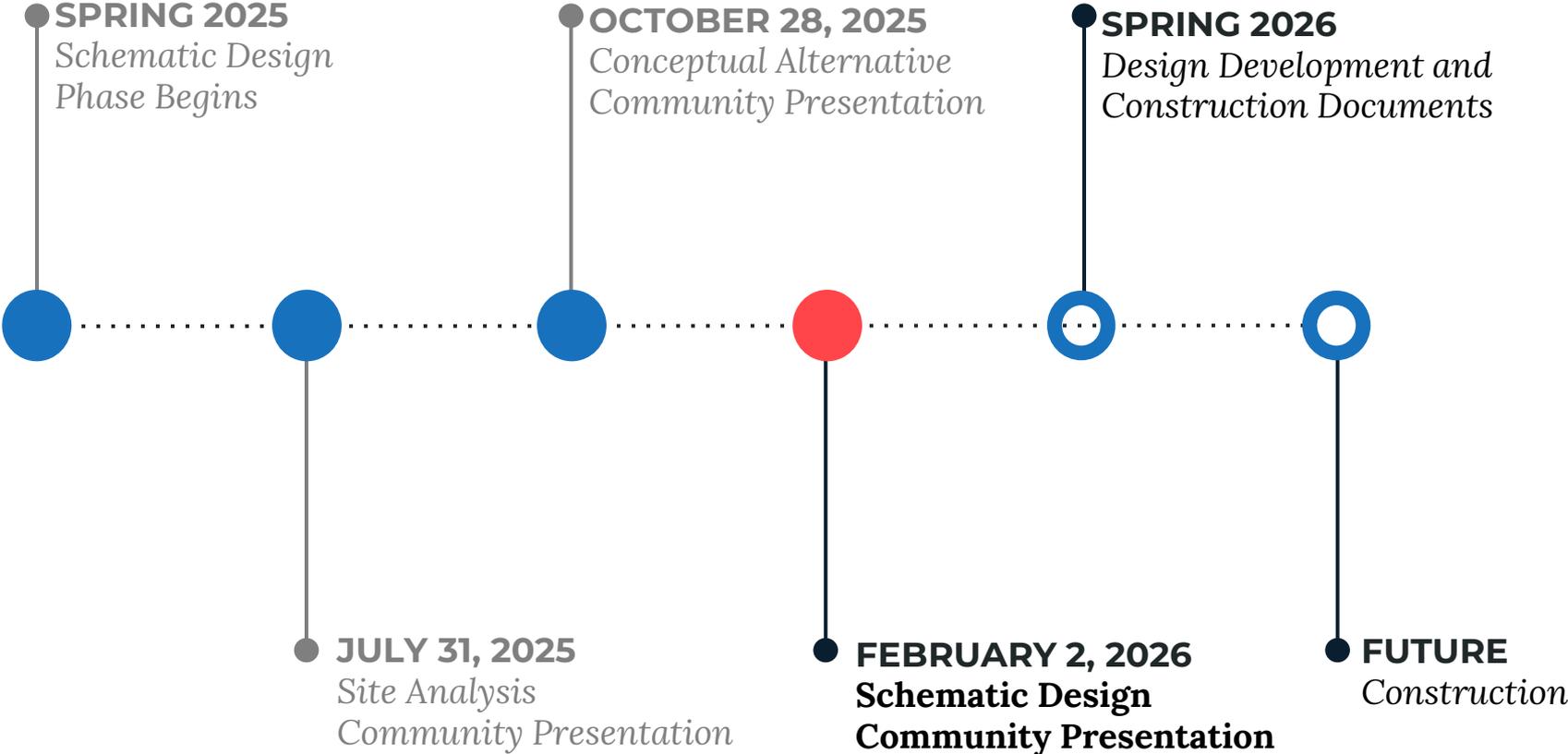
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PROJECT OVERVIEW



PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING





City of Boston
Priorities

Safety Guidelines+
Regulatory
Guidelines

**PARK
DESIGN**

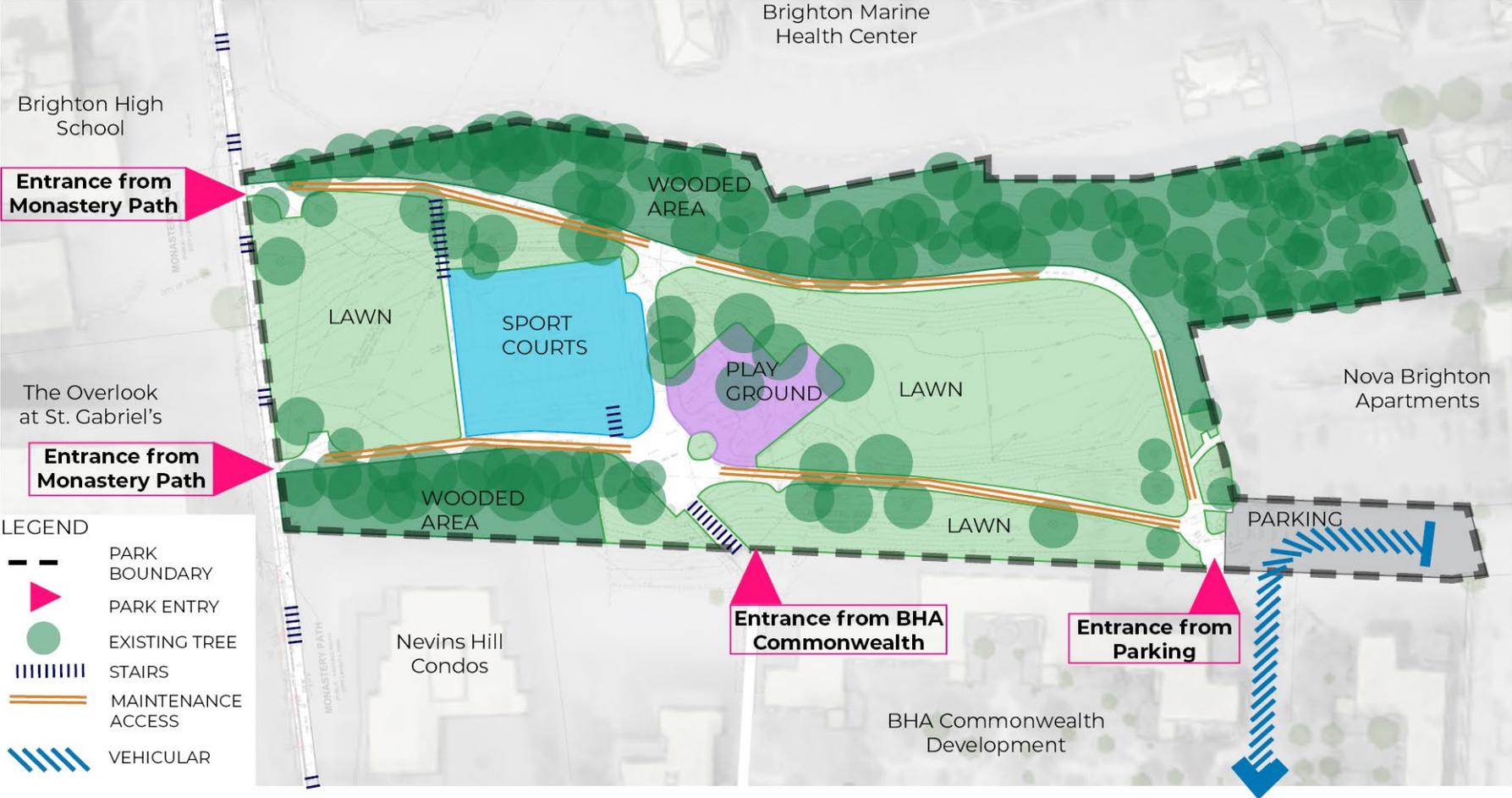
Parks + Recreation
Goals

Community
Input

CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES + RESPONSES



REMINDER: EXISTING CONDITIONS



CONCEPT 1

PLAYGROUND, DOG AREA, PLAZA + SHADE STRUCTURE

Proposed Dog Amenity

Proposed Shade Structure

Proposed Planting

Proposed Tot Lot
Playground (ages 2-5)

Proposed Playground
(ages 5-12)

Pavement improvements to
address drainage problem

Existing
Basketball
Courts

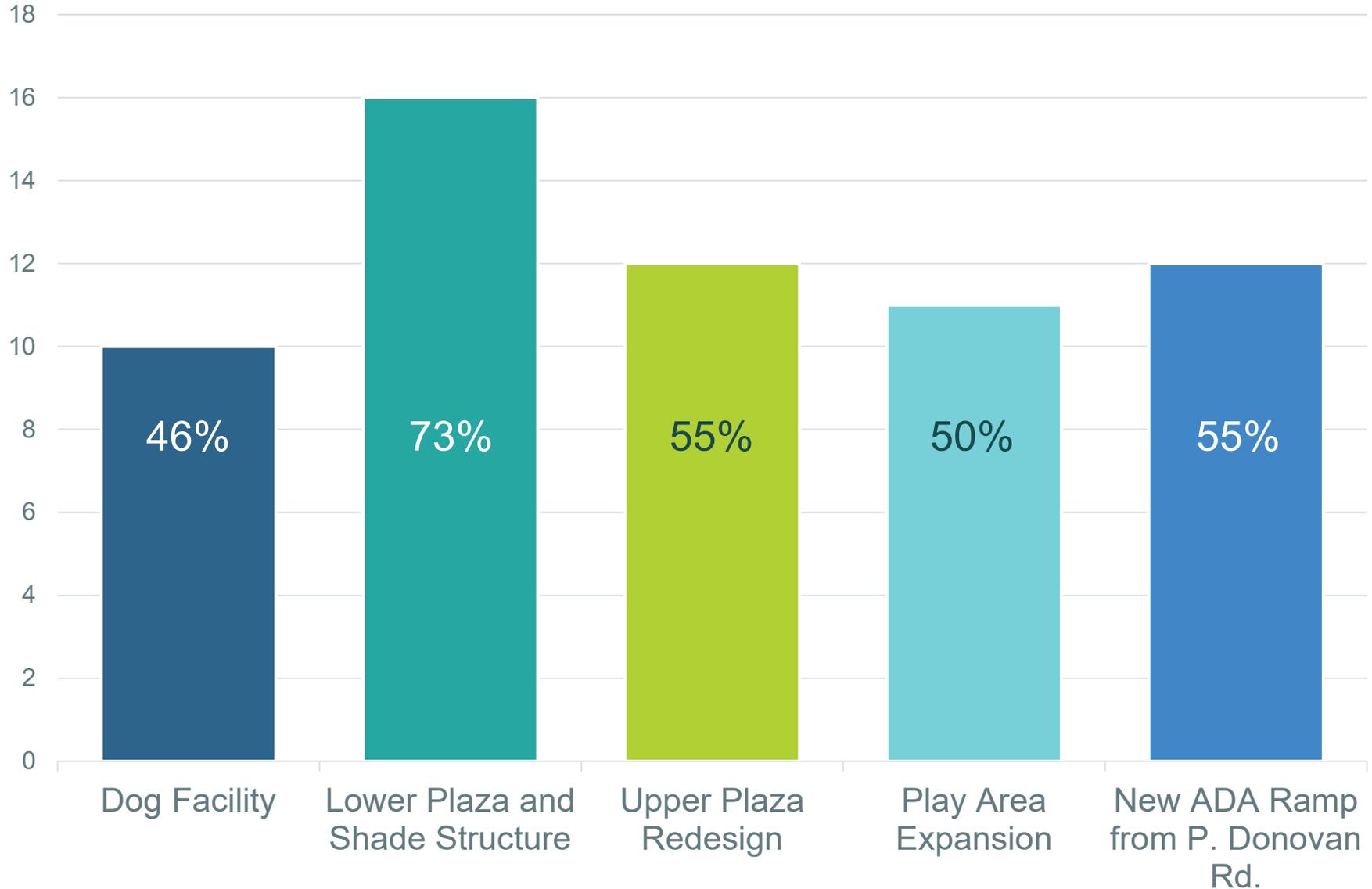
Proposed Accessible Ramp
Connection to Pamela Donovan Rd

Proposed Plaza with Tables
and Seating
Remove Existing Non-ADA-
Accessible Walkway

Legend

- Existing Tree
- Existing Lawn
- Existing Paving
- Proposed Tree

Which components of Concept 1 are exciting to you?



Other thoughts on Concept 1:

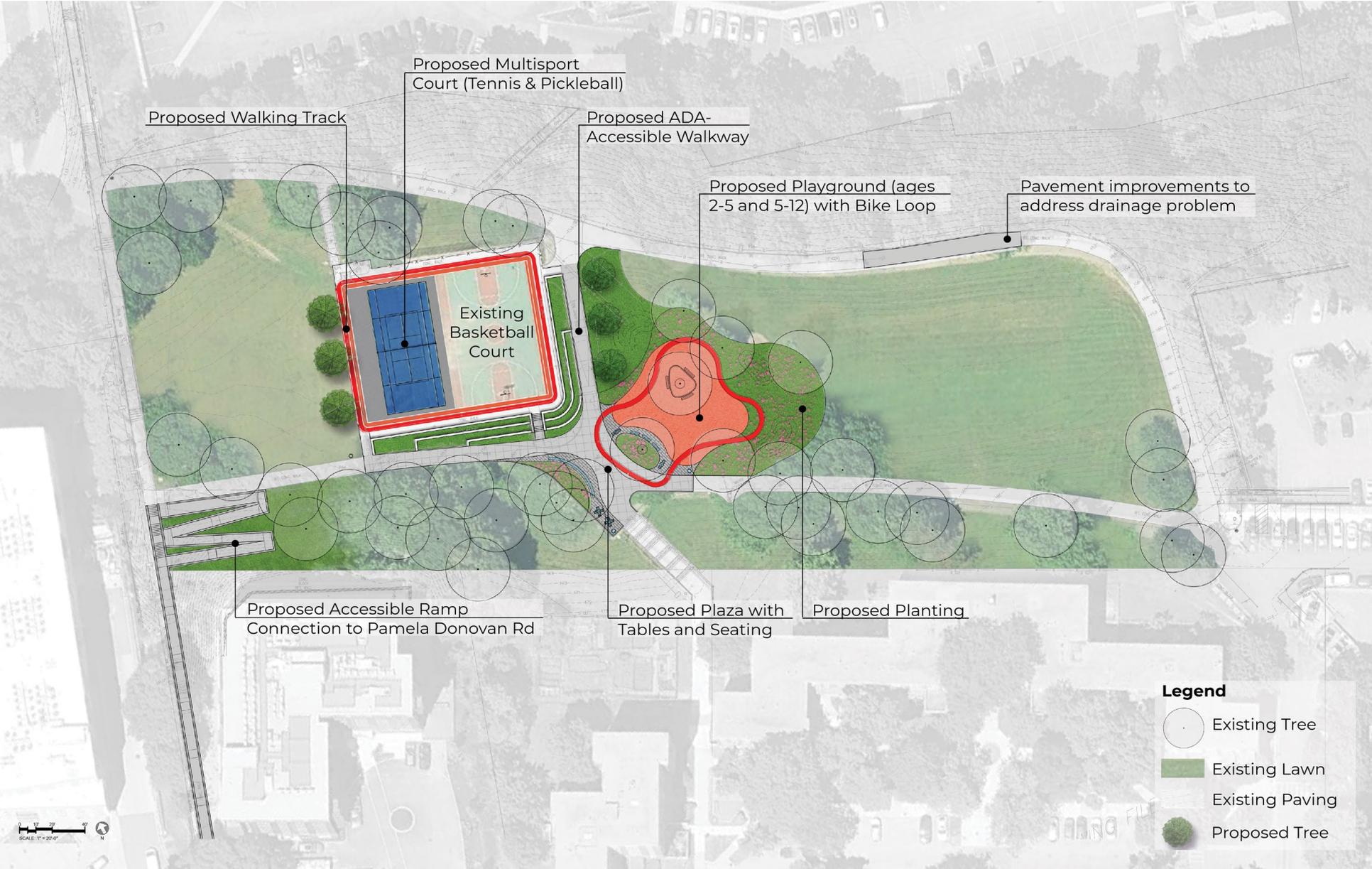
Not messing with the basketball courts too much helps keep something that's **already working well**

I love the **bigger plaza** and seating areas

A dog run in that park is **not necessary**

CONCEPT 2

PLAYGROUND, SPORT COURT + TERRACED SEATING



Proposed Walking Track

Proposed Multisport Court (Tennis & Pickleball)

Proposed ADA-Accessible Walkway

Proposed Playground (ages 2-5 and 5-12) with Bike Loop

Pavement improvements to address drainage problem

Existing Basketball Court

Proposed Accessible Ramp Connection to Pamela Donovan Rd

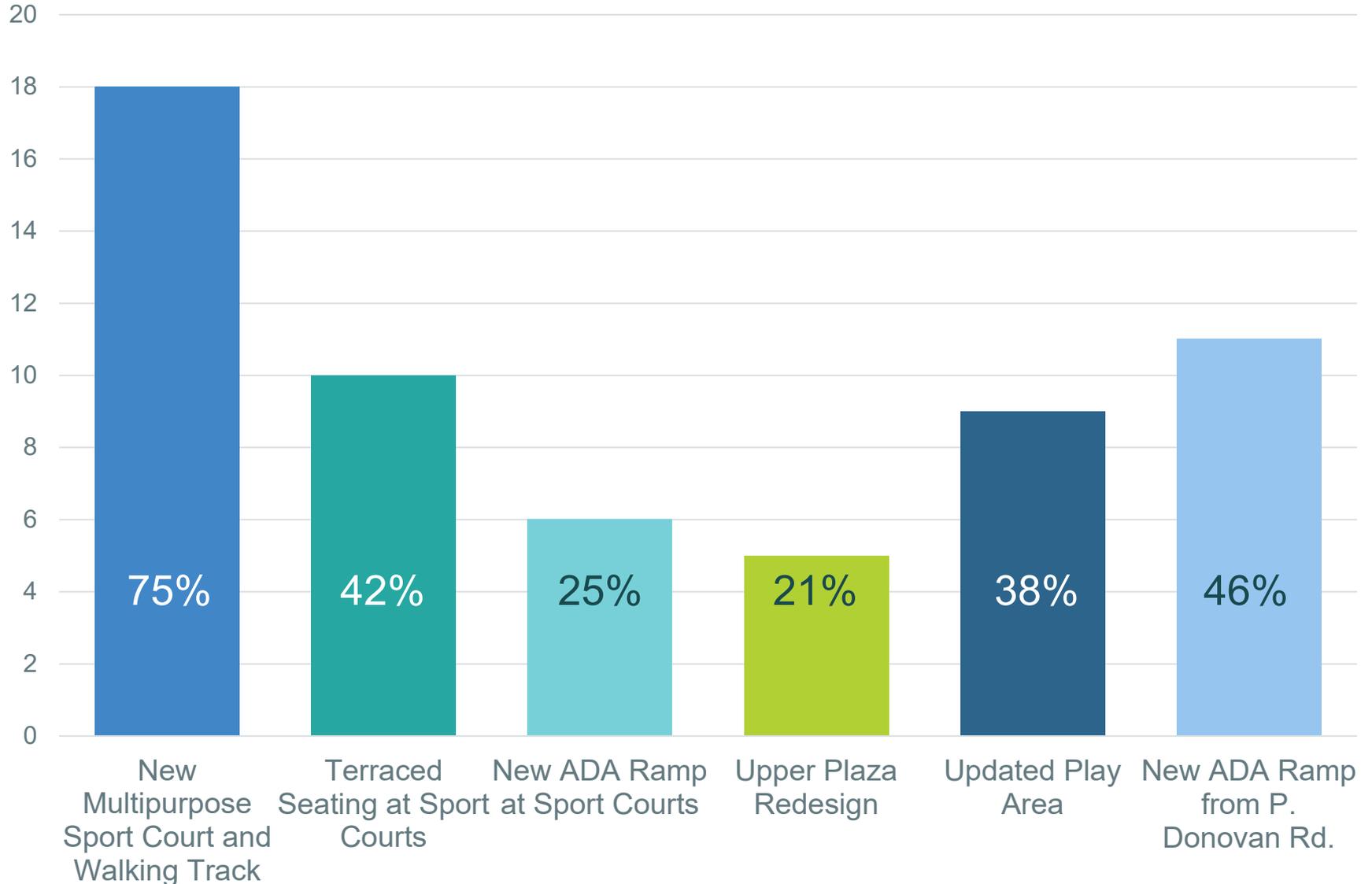
Proposed Plaza with Tables and Seating

Proposed Planting

Legend

- Existing Tree
- Existing Lawn
- Existing Paving
- Proposed Tree

Which components of Concept 2 are exciting to you?



Other thoughts on Concept 2:

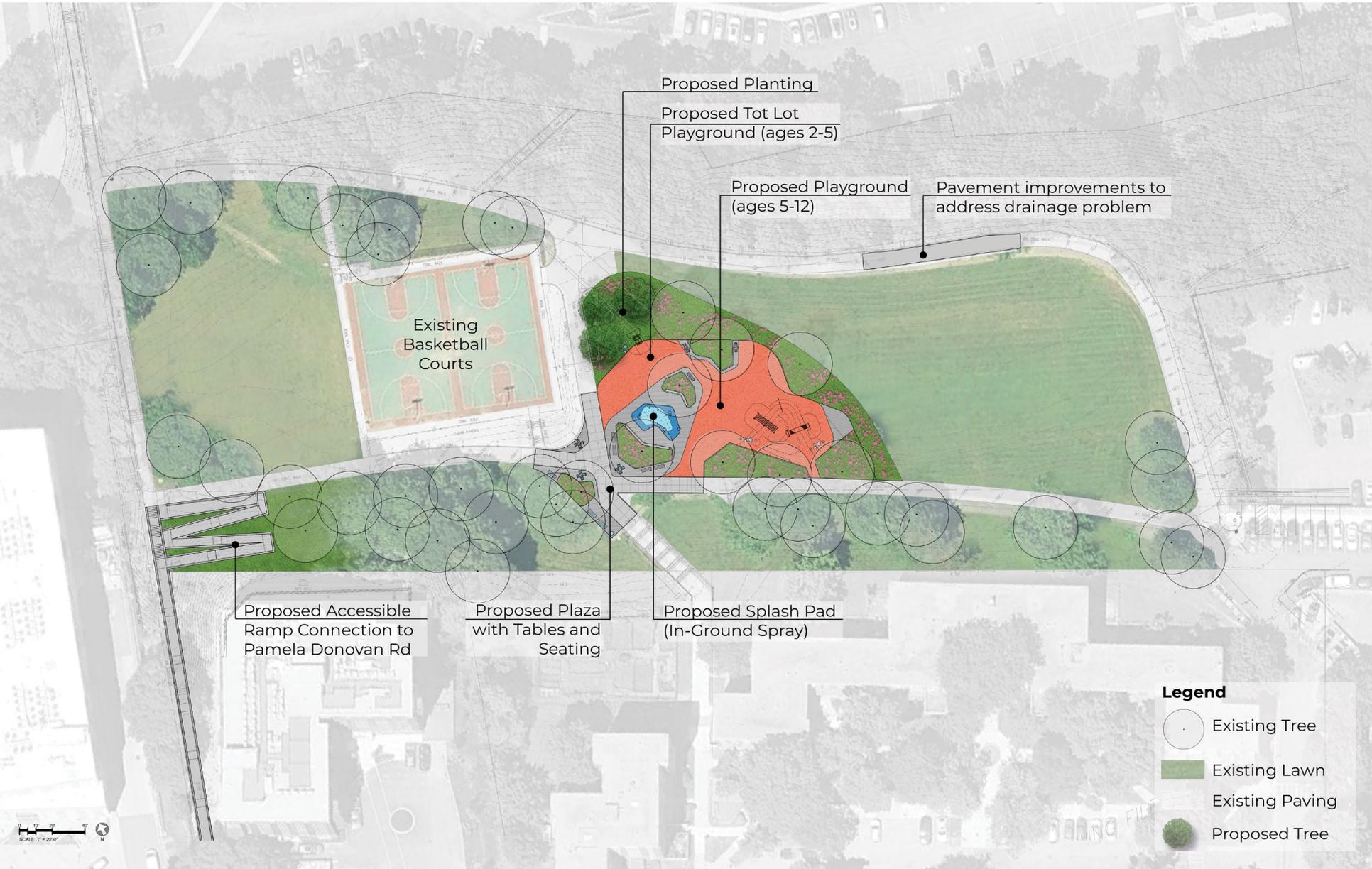
The **terraced seating** would definitely be safer for little kids

There will be some potential **noise issues** if pickleball is involved. It seems like this dense canyon park has the potential for **echo effect**.

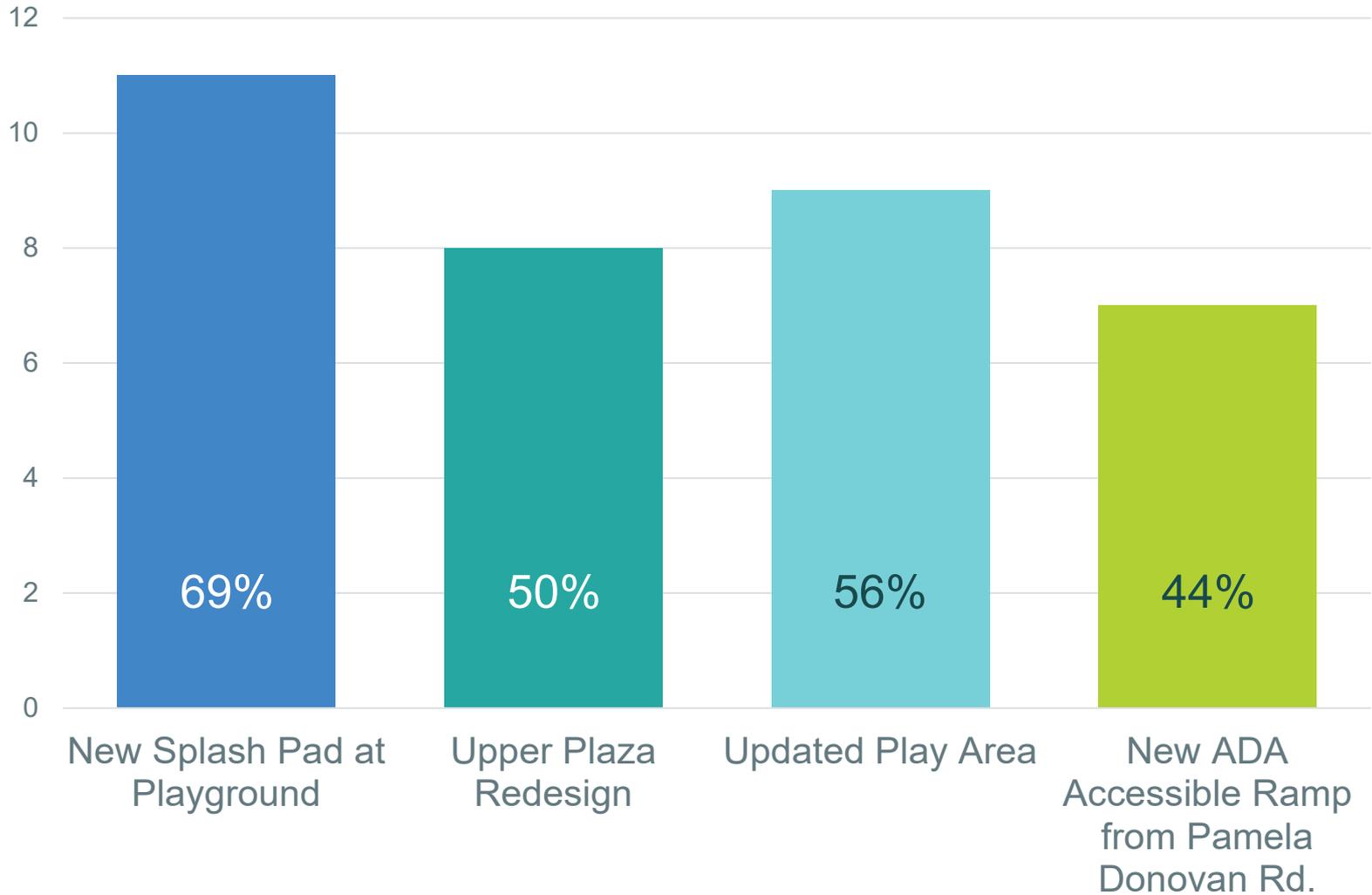
Shaded areas for seating are a **must**

CONCEPT 3

PLAYGROUND + SPLASH PAD



Which components of Concept 3 are exciting to you?



Other thoughts on Concept 3:

I do not like the splash pad idea....**not for everyone** and it would be seasonal

Seems more for **kids** and less suitable for people of **all ages**

The idea of some **embankment play** is also really cool

Which concept do you think is the most successful?



- Dog Amenity
- Shaded Plaza
- Play Area

36%
CONCEPT 1



- **Sport Courts**
- **Terraced Seating**
- **Play Area**

40%
CONCEPT 2



- Splash Pad
- Play Area

24%
CONCEPT 3

Which type of play do you like best?

Other
9%

Spinning
4%

Imaginative
13%

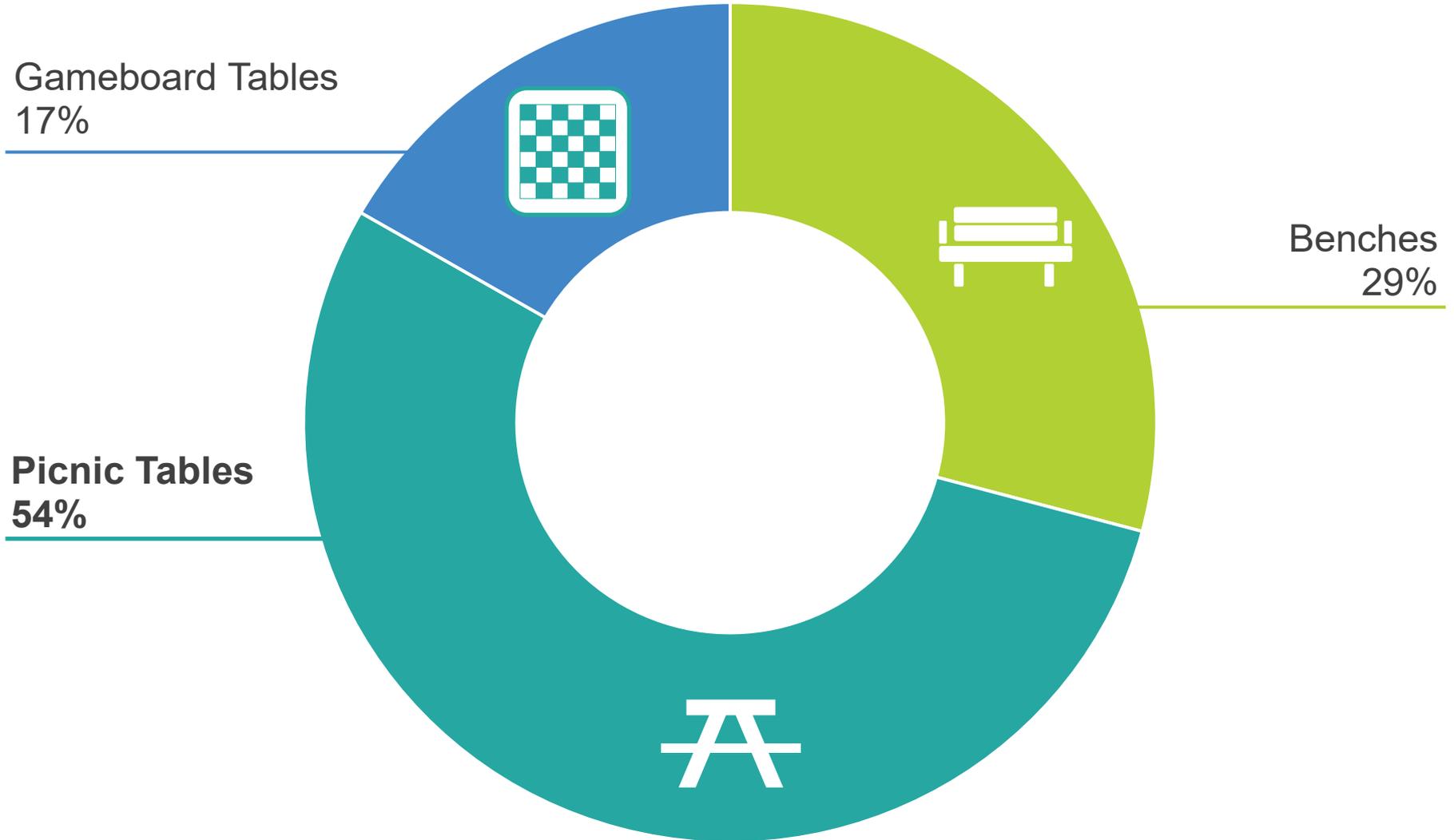
Swinging
13%

Climbing
39%

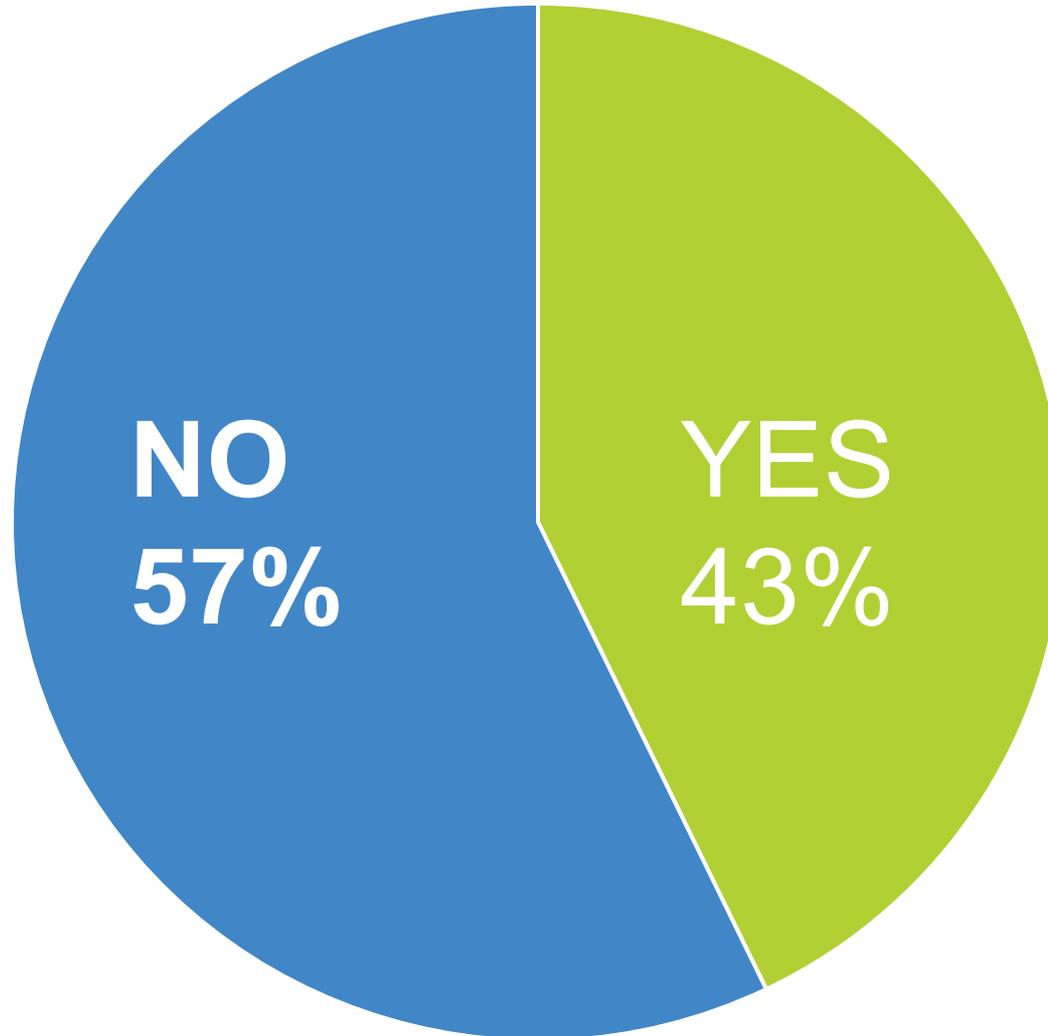
Sliding
22%



What type of outdoor seating would work best for your family and community needs?



Do the existing light poles in the park work as intended to light the space at night?



Other thoughts on lighting:

Some better lighting along the **stairs** would be appreciated

Evening lighting at the **playground** would be **AMAZING**

Make sure any new lights aren't **so tall** they end up aimed right into people's homes

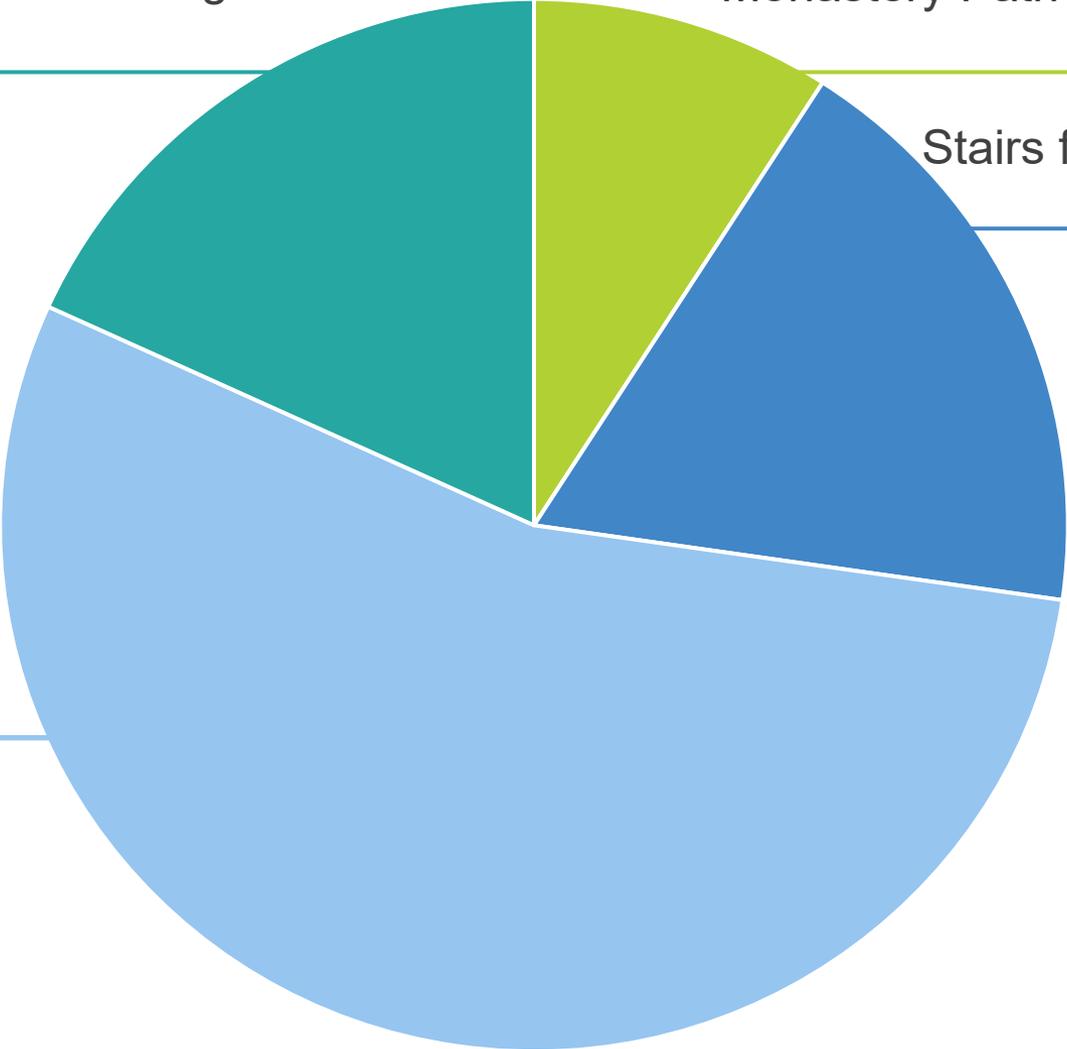
Which entrance to Fidelis Way Park do you use the most?

Monastery Path at Washington St.
18%

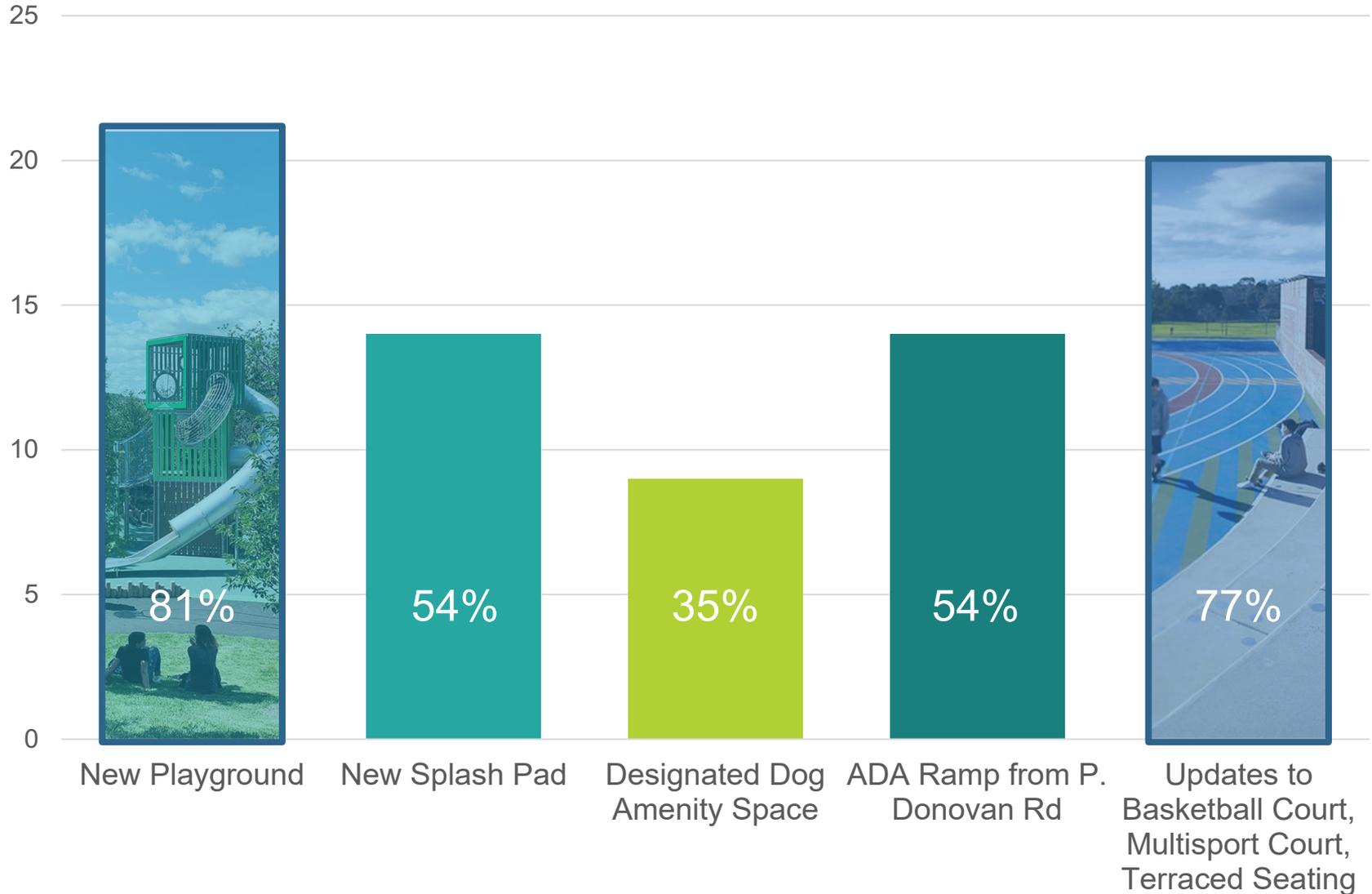
Monastery Path at P. Donovan Rd.
9%

Stairs from BHA/Jette Ct.
18%

Parking Lot
55%



Which of the proposed amenity improvements would you like to see included in the final design of the park?



SCHEMATIC DESIGN



FINAL CONCEPT



FINAL CONCEPT: CIRCULATION



FINAL CONCEPT: TREES + SHADE



FINAL CONCEPT: GATHERING + SEATING



PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES AND PREFERENCES

vertical and tall footprint



OR



horizontal and wider footprint

PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES AND PREFERENCES

climbing embankment play



OR



sliding embankment play

PLAY EQUIPMENT TYPES AND PREFERENCES

individual swing seats



OR



group swing seats

WHAT TYPE OF SEATING WORKS BEST FOR YOU?

tables + chairs



game tables



OR



picnic tables



terraced seating at sport court

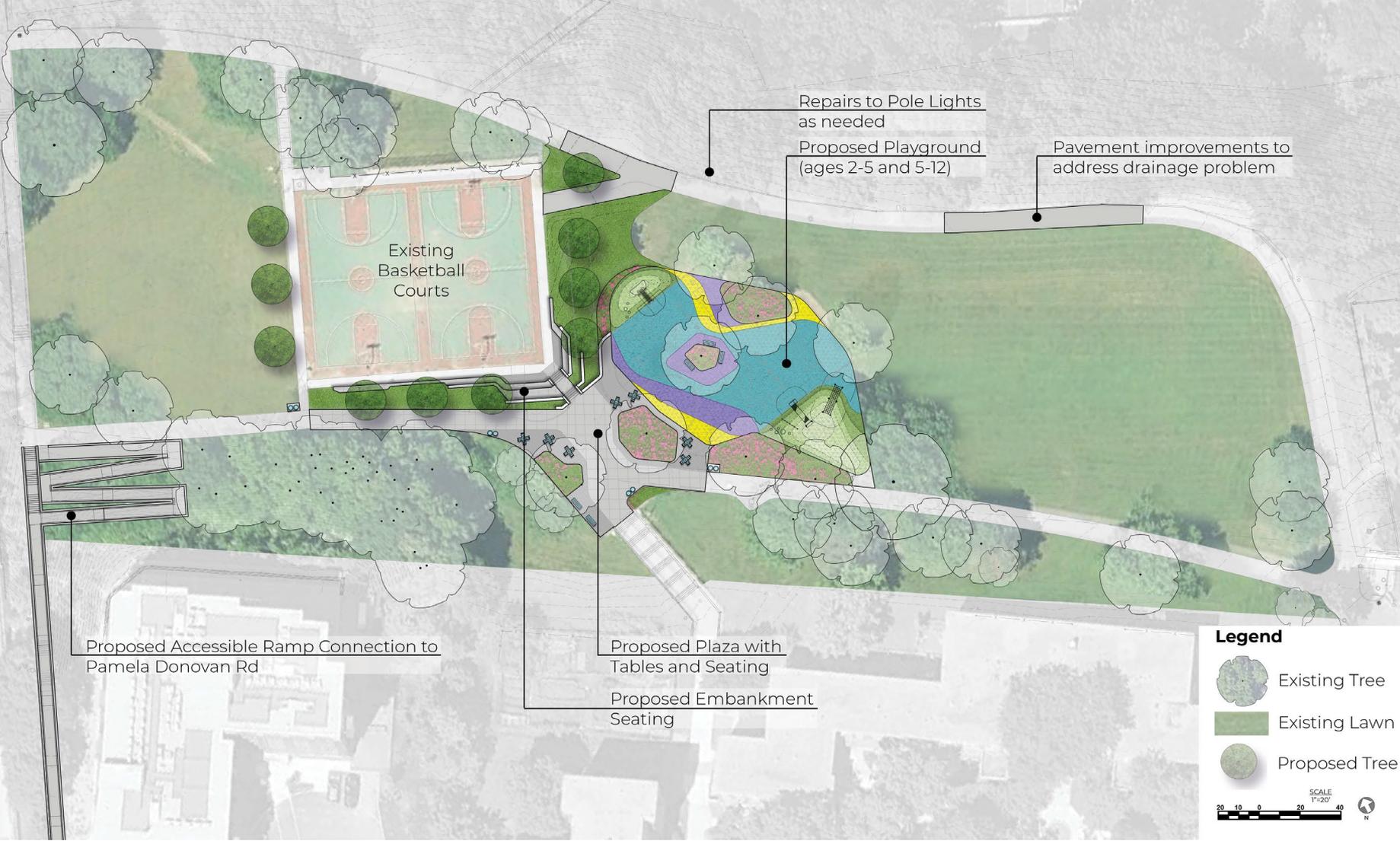


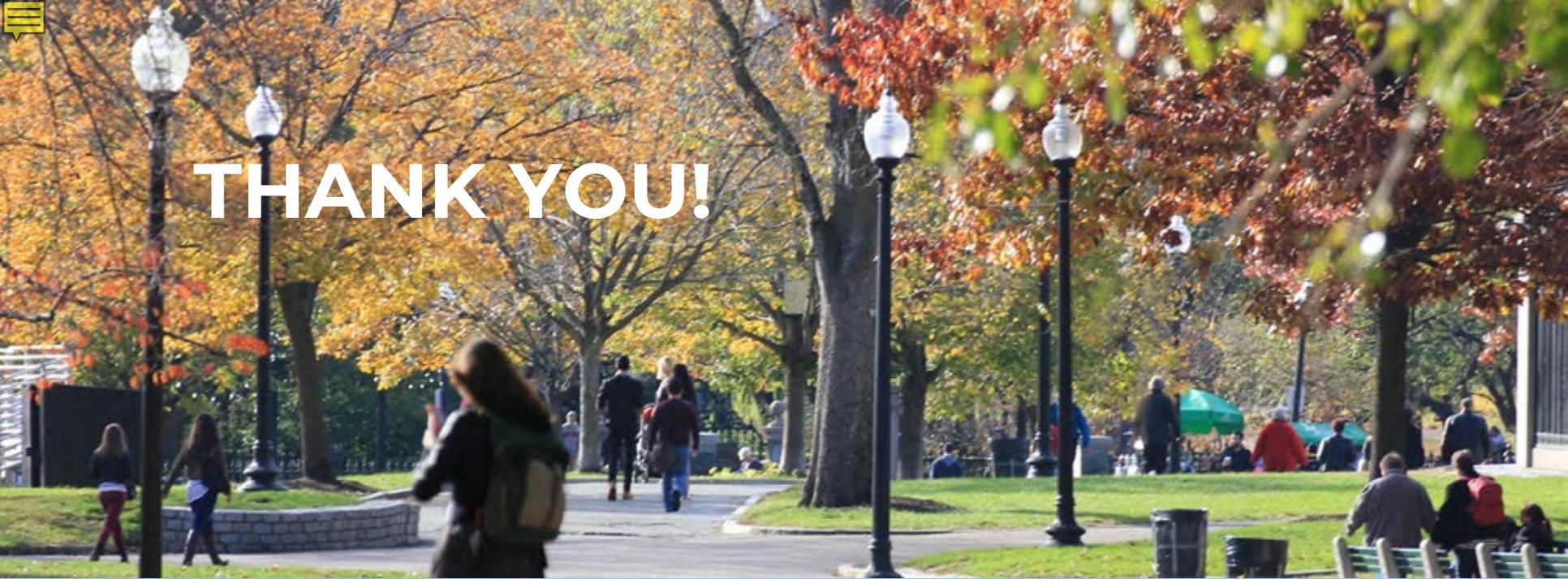
LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

- What did you like most about this concept?
- What did you like least about this concept?
- What playground equipment are you interested in? Is there a specific material type or theme you'd like to see? (*wood, post and platform, rope play etc.*)
- What types of slides would you like to see in the playground? (*stainless steel, plastic, roller, tube etc.*)
- What type of play equipment options do you like for 2-5 year olds? (*climbing, themed, sensory, imaginative etc.*)
- What type of play equipment do you want to see for 5-12 year olds? (*a large central tower, a more horizontal footprint, individual equipment pieces such as spinners, swings, climbers etc.*)
- What types of furniture and seating are you interested in? (*benches, game tables, picnic tables etc.*)

LISTENING & DISCUSSION





THANK YOU!

Next Meeting Date & Time To Be Determined

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311

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