



Improvements to Mozart Street Playground

Community Meeting #1

December 18th, 2025
Boston Parks and Recreation



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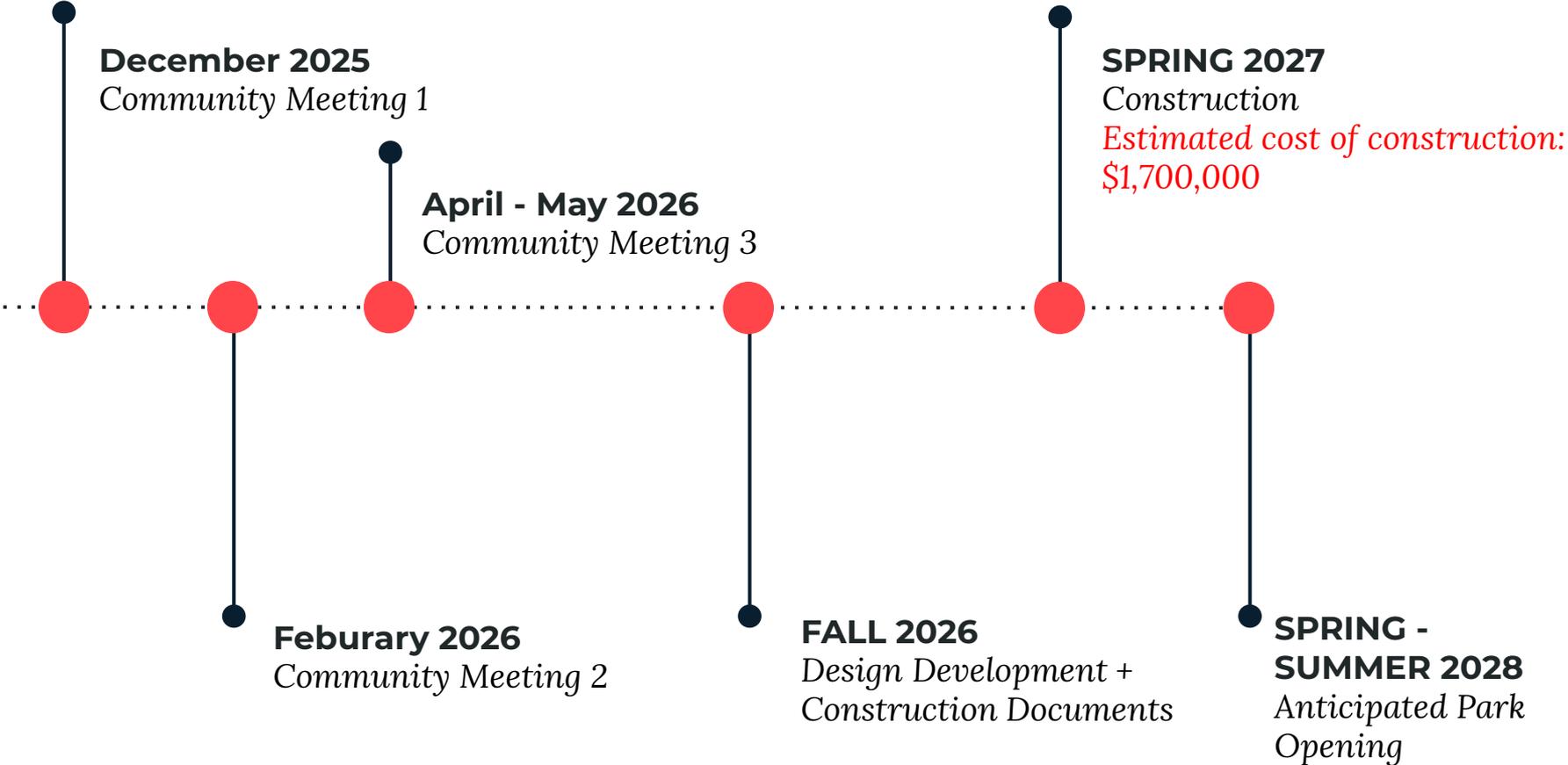
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PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING





CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

A city that is:

- **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**



MOZART PARK CONTEXT



PARK TIMELINE



Pre-1900

Residential parcels and institutional use Lowell School

Mozart Street Playground officially established

1959



1991

Community-led programming by Hyde Square Task Force begins

Renovations - stage was added, basketball court repainted and playground replaced.

2007

2008

Roberto Chao created a mural in collaboration with youth on the east wall of the park.

Reach sculpture by Douglas Kornfeld installed

2010



PARK TIMELINE -2



2021 - 2023

Afro-Latin mural by Roberto Chao completed in collaboration with the Hyde Square Task Force and the City of Boston's Arts & Culture Department

Community Outreach Group (COG) held a series of design sessions during the Task Force's summer program



Present

2024



Redesign under Boston Parks "Mozart Street Playground Improvements" project

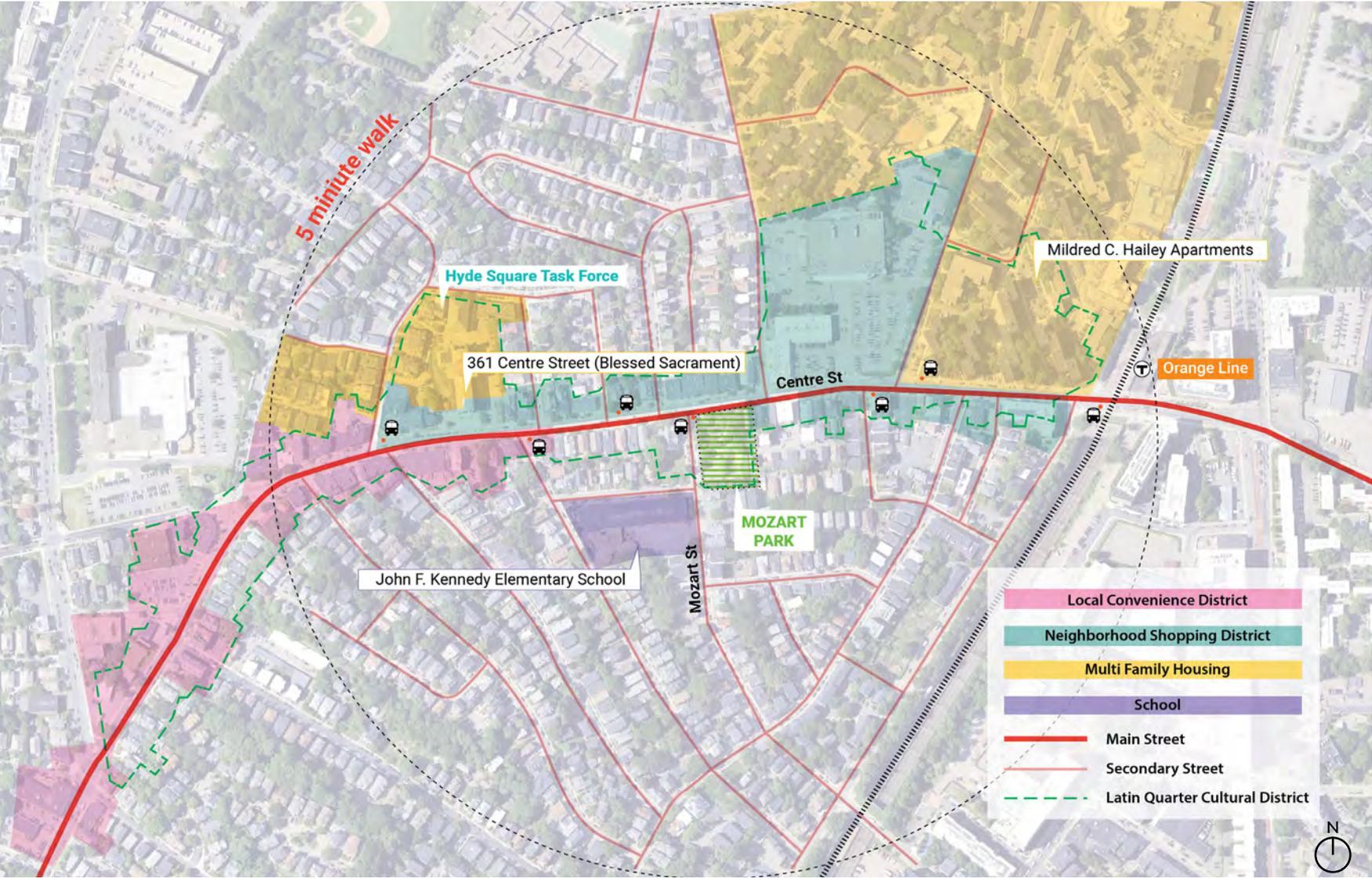
CONTEXT



CONTEXT - Amenities



CONTEXT



WHAT WE HEARD

What is your favorite memory of spending time at Mozart Park?

I loved **performing and dancing** with artists at concerts and performing with HSTF during the summer **Pa La Calle**.

Play with friends, hang out, swinging.

Playing **basketball**.

Looking at **art**.

The **Peace March**.

Going to **concerts** (Tito Puente)

Are there places in Hyde Square where you see yourself and/or your community reflected in public space – signs, parks, restaurants, buildings, events?

Dominican parade and Puerto Rican parades starting at Mozart Park.

Beauty salons and barber shops where **elders would sit outside and make use of the light**.

Arts/columns panel across the community.

Big events at Mozart Park.

What spaces or activities bring you together with your friends, family and neighbors?

I want to see **more kids play at the park**, and more **events for little kids**.

The Jan 1 **Haitian Independence Day**.

Basketball events, speeches and performances.

Hot dog nights at Mildred Hailey.

QUICK QUESTIONS:

PREGUNTA RÁPIDA:

HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT MOZART PARK?

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO HERE?

¿CON QUÉ FRECUENCIA VISITA EL PARQUE MOZART?

¿QUÉ TE GUSTA HACER AQUÍ?

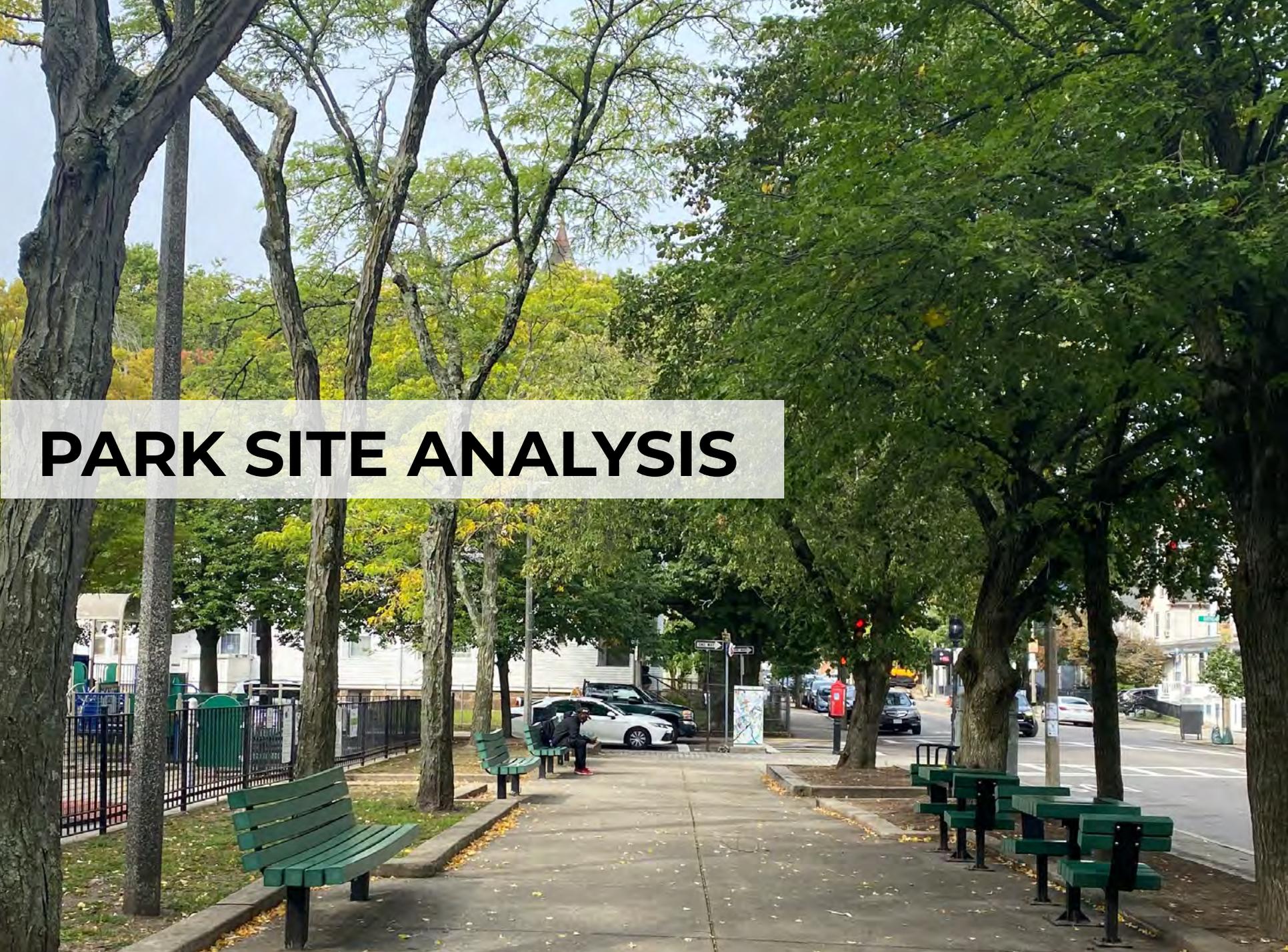
QUICK QUESTIONS:

PREGUNTA RÁPIDA:

**HOW IS MOZART PARK SPECIAL, COMPARED TO OTHER PARKS IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD?**

**¿EN QUÉ SE DISTINGUE MOZART PARK DE OTROS PARQUES DEL
BARRIO?**

PARK SITE ANALYSIS



SITE ANALYSIS - Access and Accessibility



1 Entrance 1 - Stairs



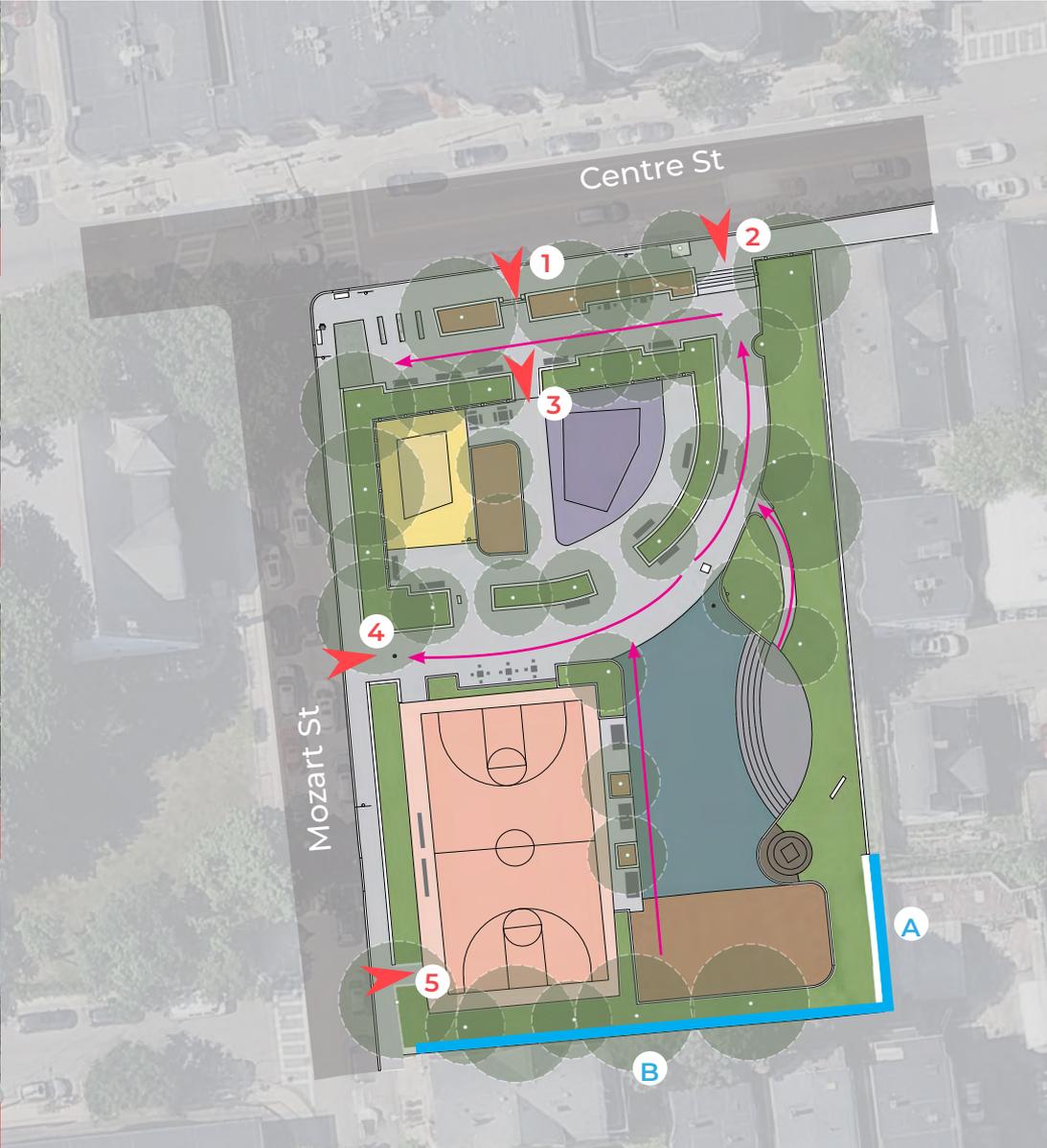
2 Entrance 2 - Stairs



3 Play Entrance



4 Entrance 4



5 Entrance 5



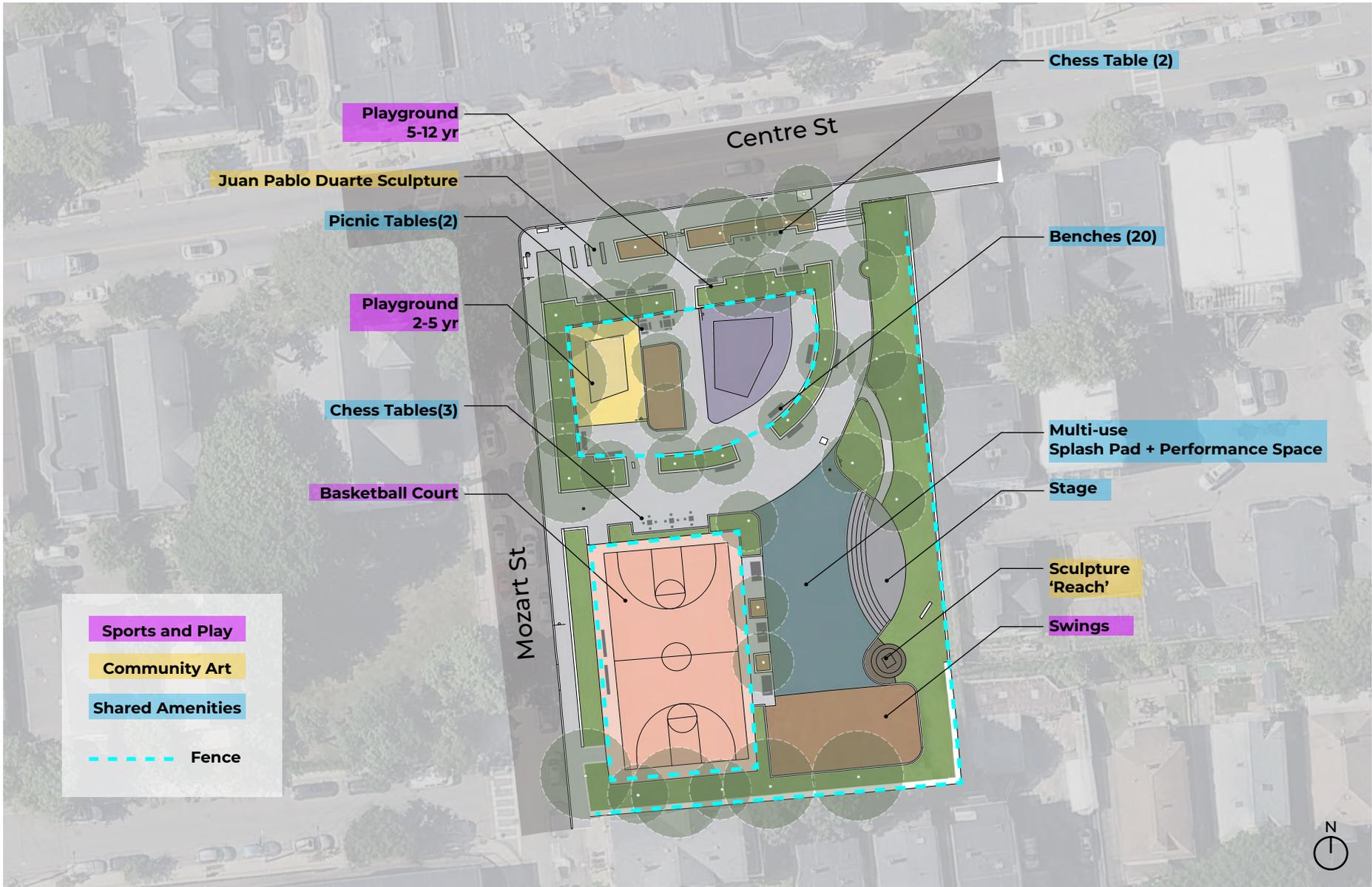
A Retaining Wall



B Fence



SITE ANALYSIS - Site Elements



A Place for Play



1 Play Structure (2-5 yr)



2 Play Structure (5-12 yr)



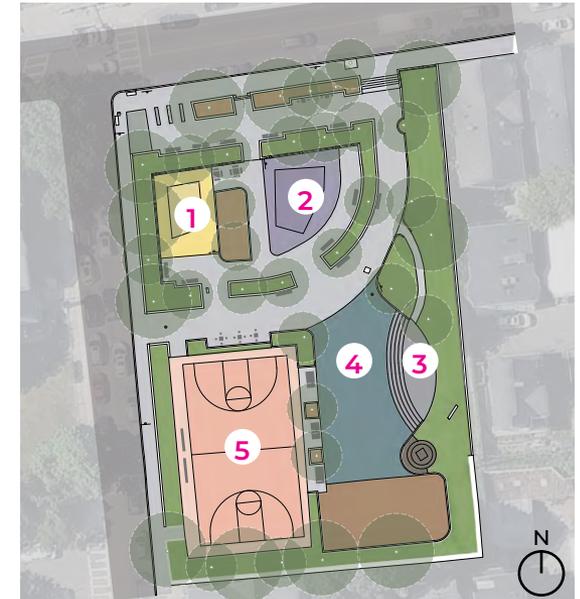
3 Swings



4 Splash Pad



5 Basketball Court



1. What do you like most about playing here?

2. What would you change?

1. ¿Qué es lo mejor de jugar aquí?

2. ¿Qué cambiarías?

Elements for Play



① Slides



② Climbing



③ Interactive

1. What is your favorite play element?
2. What other play element would you like to see here?

1. ¿Cuál es tu elemento de juego favorito?
2. ¿Qué otro elemento de juego te gustaría ver aquí?



④ Swings

A Place for Community to Get Together



1 Dancing

Latin Quarter Fiesta
Hosted by HSTF



2 Performance

Pa' la Calle
Hosted by HSTF



3 Events

Neighborhood Coffee Hour
Hosted by Mayor Wu



4 Arts and Crafts

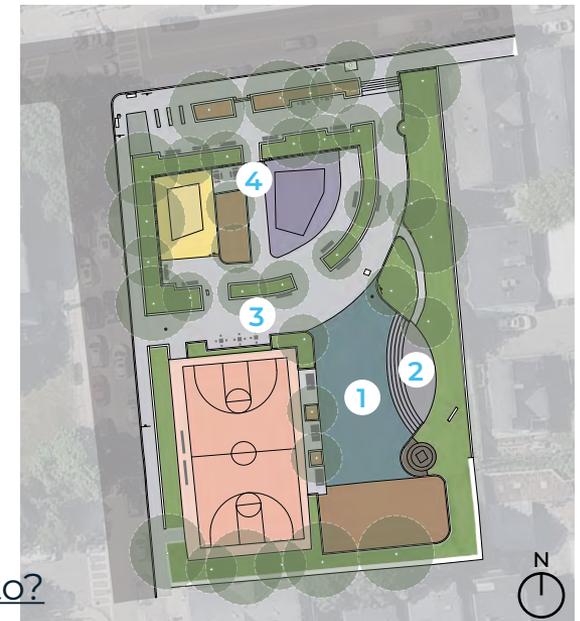
Children's Arts and Crafts Workshop
ParkARTS participatory program, BPRD

1. What is your favorite event?

2. How could we design the park better to support that event?

1. ¿Cuál es tu evento favorito?

2. ¿Cómo podríamos rediseñar el parque para mejorar ese evento?



Flexible Space



1 Stage and Splash Pad



2 Basketball Court



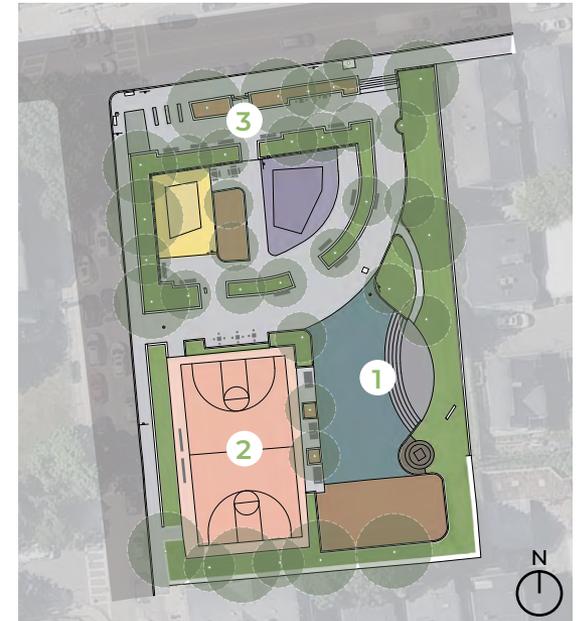
3 Centre St Pathway

1. How else do you use these spaces?

2. How would you improve them?

1. ¿De qué otras maneras utilizas este espacio?

2. ¿Cómo los mejorarías?



A PLACE FOR ART AND EXPRESSION



1 "Afro-Latin Music and Dance"



2 "Reach"



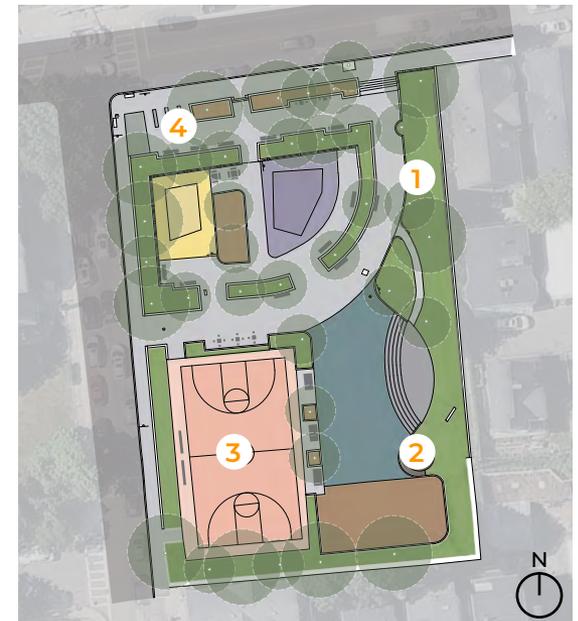
3 Stickers



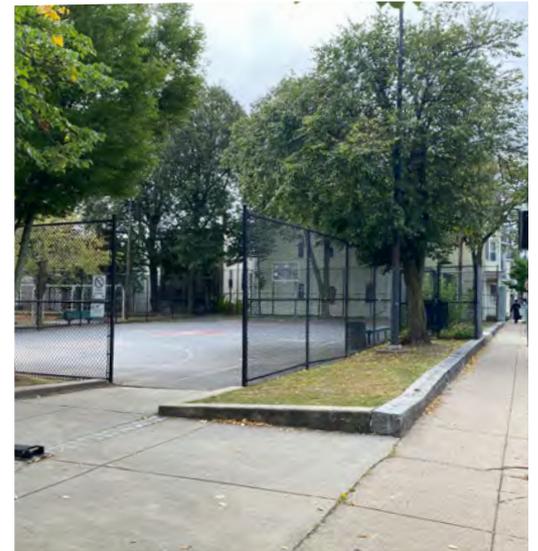
4 Juan Pablo Duarte Sculpture

What other forms of art would you like to see?

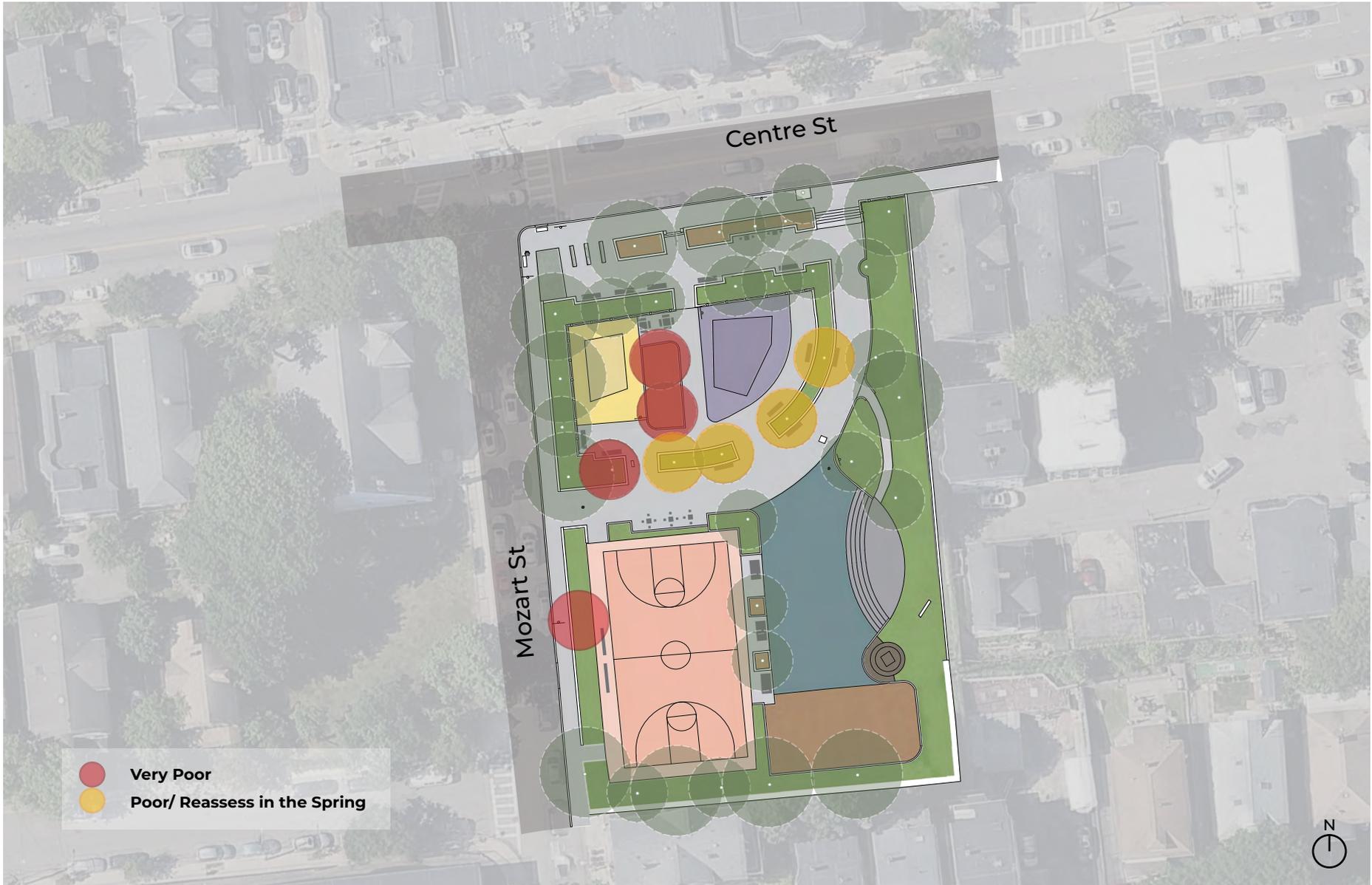
¿Qué otras formas de arte te gustaría ver?



SITE ANALYSIS - Tree Canopy



SITE ANALYSIS - Initial Tree Health Assessment



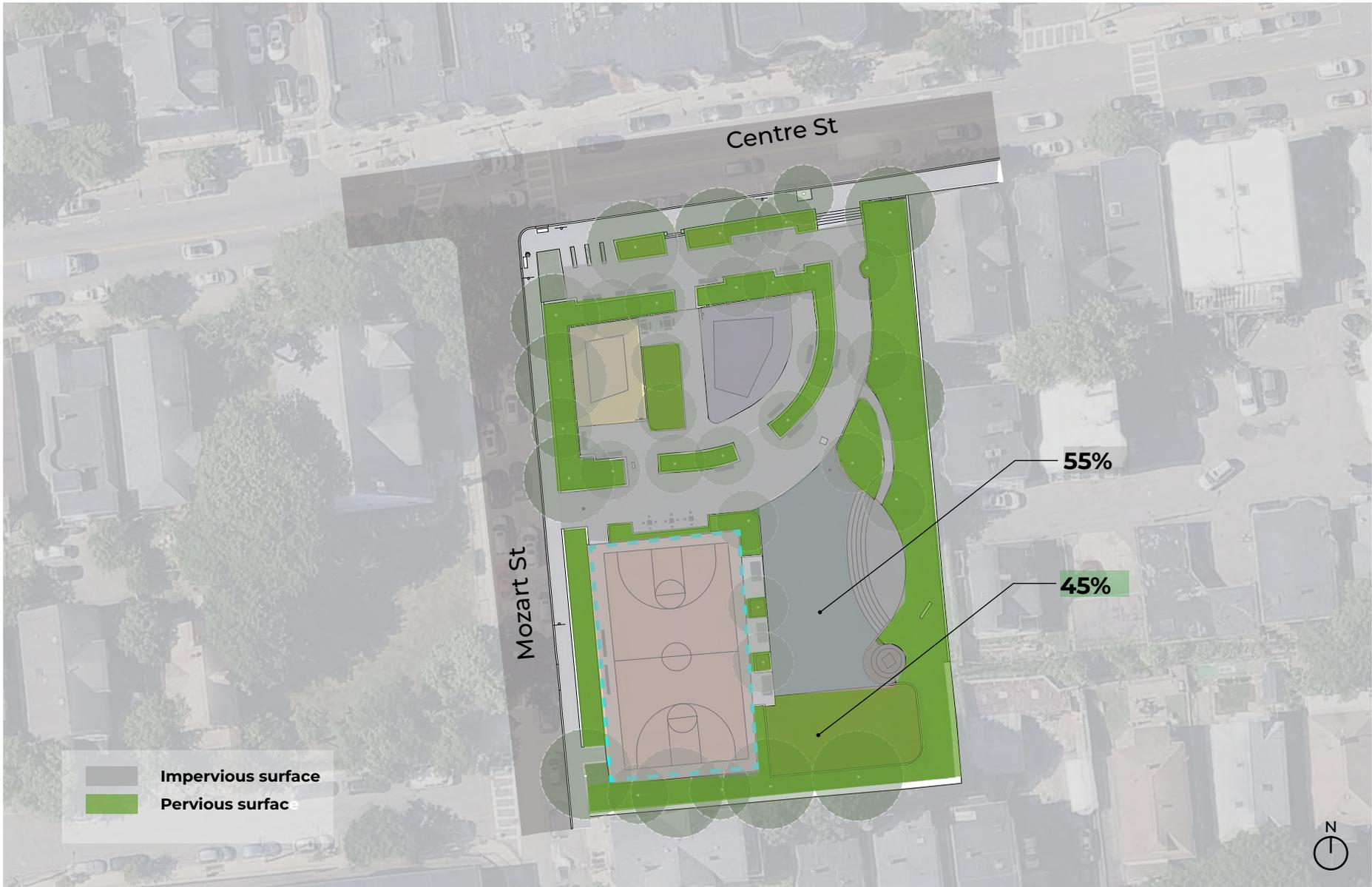
SITE ANALYSIS - Surfaces



Impervious surfaces

Pervious surfaces

SITE ANALYSIS - Permeability



SITE ANALYSIS - Seating

Which seating type do you utilize most?

Are there other types of seating you'd like to see at Mozart Park?

¿Qué tipo de asiento utiliza más?

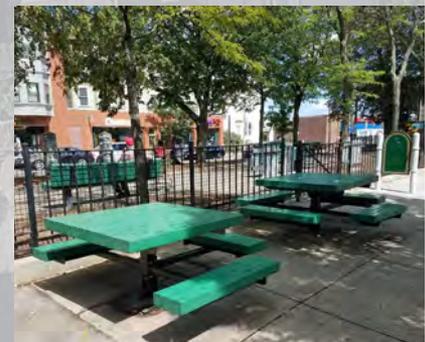
¿Hay otros tipos de asientos que le gustaría ver en Mozart Park?



Chess Table(5)



Bench(20)



Picnic Table(2)

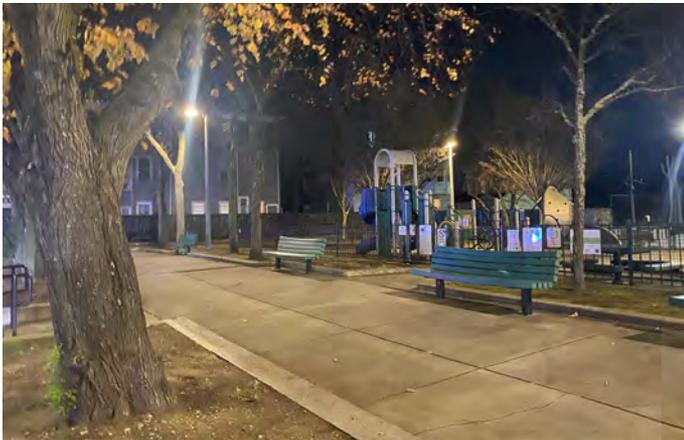
SITE ANALYSIS - Lighting (photos taken at 7:30 pm in November)



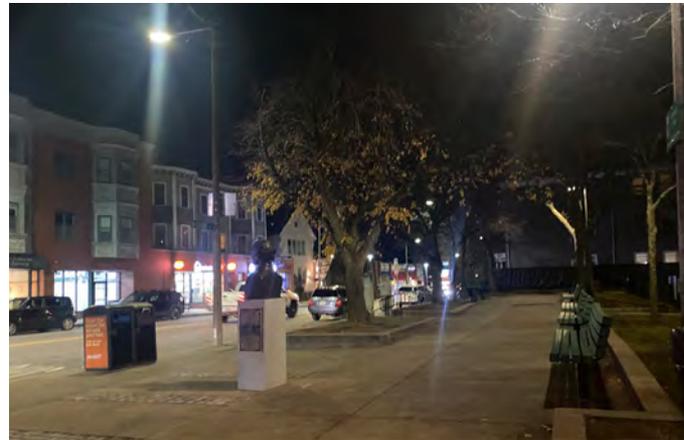
1 Basketball Court



2 Playground



3 Seating along Centre St



4 Centre Street



SITE ANALYSIS - Lighting

What do you think about
lighting in the park right now?
How would you improve it?

¿Qué opinas de la iluminación
actual del parque?

¿Cómo la mejorarías?



- Sports Light
- Street Light



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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

QUESTIONS:

PREGUNTA:

**WHAT IS THE MOST MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE
AT MOZART PARK?**

**¿CUÁL ES LA MEJORA MÁS SIGNIFICATIVA QUE LE GUSTARÍA VER EN
MOZART PARK?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you enjoy most about spending time in Mozart Park?

2. Are there areas of Mozart Park that are less used than others?

3. What improvements would you like to see for children and teens who use the park?

4. What activities do you enjoy with your neighbors?

5. Are there amenities we could add to better support them?

1. ¿Qué es lo mejor de pasar tiempo en Mozart Park?

2. ¿Hay zonas de Mozart Park que se usan menos que otras?

3. ¿Qué mejoras te gustaría ver para los niños y adolescentes que usan el parque?

4. ¿Qué actividades disfrutas con tus vecinos?

5. ¿Hay servicios que podríamos añadir para apoyarlos mejor?



THANK YOU!

Next Meeting February 2026 Date TBD

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



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