




Multi-Use Field at VICTORIA PARK

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 - **Schedule & Project Information**

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Helping make Saint Paul the most Livable City in America by facilitating the creation of ...

OUR GOALS



ACTIVE LIFESTYLES



VIBRANT PLACES



A VITAL ENVIRONMENT

through parks and recreation that...



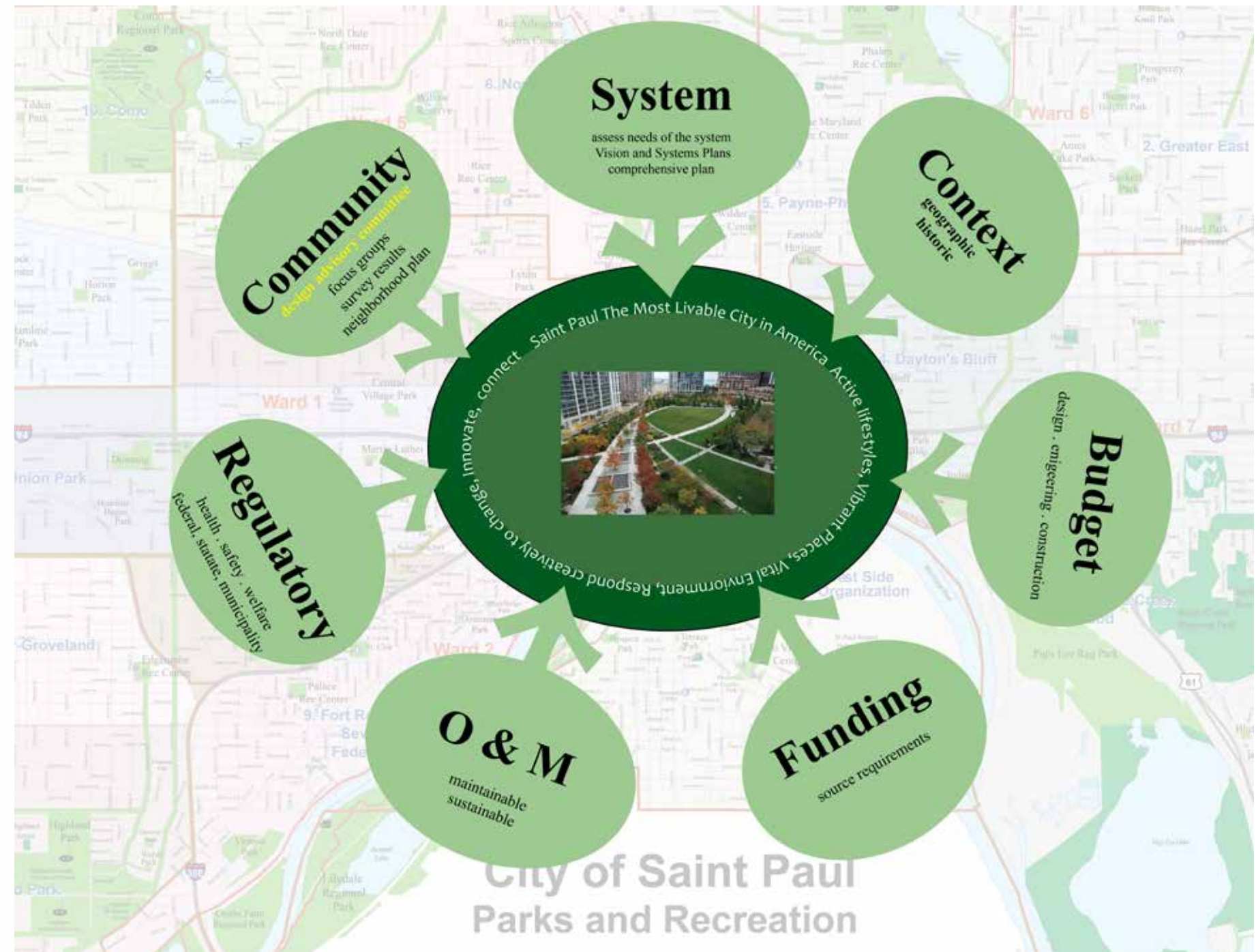
RESPONDS CREATIVELY TO CHANGE




INNOVATES WITH EVERY DECISION



CONNECTS THE ENTIRE CITY



SYSTEM PLAN VISION

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Timeline

2012 - 2014

- Master Plan Process

2015

- Monitoring wells capped and remediation pump-house removed
- Berms, native seeding, & overlook
- Stewart Ave. extension and trail

2016 - 2017

- Design for play area
- Stormwater feasibility study

Previous Process

- **Park Master Plan Development**
- **Community Meeting Series**
DAC Meetings + Public Open House
- **Formal Approval of Victoria Park Master Plan**



PROCESS, STATUS, AND LOOKING AHEAD

Master Plan Project Priorities + Phase

1	Internal park trail system	Complete
2	Picnic shelter/restrooms - north side	Planning
3	Play area - north side	Planning
4	Picnic shelter/restrooms - south side	Design
5	Multi-use athletic field	Planning
6	Play area - south side	Design
7	External trail connections	Planning
8	Boardwalk in wetland	Planning
9	Mown turf open space	Planning
10	Bird habitat	Planning
11	Recirculating water feature	Planning
12	Shepard Road overlook	Complete
13	Invasive plant management	Complete
14	Community gardens	Planning
15	Amphitheater	Planning
16	Fishing pier and shoreline enhancements	Planning
17	Historic quarry/interpretive opportunity	Planning
18	Public art	Planning
19	Bread oven	Planning

VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN 2013

ACTIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA NORTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

PASSIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA SOUTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

WATER PLAZA/PARK ENTRANCE

RECIRCULATING WATER TREATMENT

COMMUNITY GARDENS

NORTH PICNIC AREA

- RESTROOMS
- SHELTER
- PLAY AREA/SPLASH PAD

40 CAR PARKING LOT

PARK ENTRANCE

AMPHITHEATER

OPEN WATER WETLAND

PARK ENTRANCE

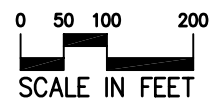
HISTORIC QUARRY INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITY

SHRUB CARR WETLAND

EXISTING WETLAND

BIRD HABITAT/MOIST SOIL CELLS

HIGHLAND PARK ACCESS TRAIL



DOWNTOWN ACCESS

ENTRY SIGNS

OVERLOOK WITH SEATING

60 CAR PARKING LOT

SLEDDING BOWL

RAVINE BRIDGE OVERLOOK

CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE

SOUTH PICNIC AREA

- RESTROOMS
- SHELTER
- PLAY AREA
- CANOE/KAYAK STORAGE

GRP CANOE AND KAYAK DOCK

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ACCESS TRAIL

COMBINED BIKE/PED TRAIL WITH HISTORIC/INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS

RIVER SIDE GATHERING AREA

NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTING

RESTING AREA

FUTURE SHEPARD ROAD TUNNEL

SAM MORGAN REGIONAL TRAIL EXPLORE ADA ACCESS TO VICTORIA PARK

WATER CHANNEL DOWN BLUFF

RECENT CROSBY REGIONAL PARK ACQUISITION AREA-TRAIL CONNECTION

EXISTING TUNNEL UNDER SHEPARD RD.

RIVER OVERLOOK

CROSBY REGIONAL PARK TRAIL ACCESS



Timeline

2019 - 2020

- HRA Land Transfer to Parks and Recreation
- Remediation funding

Current Status

- **Funding Opportunity**
 - HRA / Remediation & Site Development
 - \$900,000 Budget**
- **Project Evaluation**
 - Multi-Use Athletic Field
 - Cost Feasibility

Next Steps...

- **Reconvene Design Advisory Committee (TBD)**
- **Project Scope**
- **Preliminary Design**



PROCESS, STATUS, AND LOOKING AHEAD

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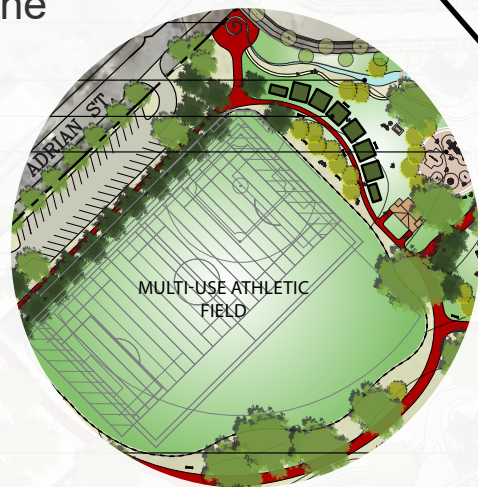
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SYSTEM PLAN NEEDS

Facility	Minimum Service Areas	Location	Minimum Number Needed (assumes most efficient distribution)	Current Number of Facilities (Level of Service)	Excess or Deficits	Facility Supply Notes
Field/Court Sports						
Field Sports: Field Hockey Lacrosse Soccer (full size) Football Youth Soccer (smaller)	1 mile service radius Soccer with groups of four or more fields in each quadrant, plus other multi-use turf field areas ½ -1 mile service radius	Increasing popularity of turf field sports. Neighborhood and community parks. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or in neighborhood parks	40 youth 25 full size soccer 25 full size other turf fields Min. 28 dedicated full size lighted fields.	Soccer : 47 fields total Approx 29 youth Approx 18 full size Football: 24 Many football/ soccer fields are the same space now.	- 8 full size - 11 youth	There is a need for additional turf sports fields. Focus on creating high quality full sized fields, which can withstand more frequent use and can be split into two youth fields as needed. Opportunities exist to reconfigure marginal and lesser used ball fields into turf sports fields.

- Multipurpose turf fields have seen significant community use throughout the pandemic

- Park users have gravitated toward more unstructured drop-in use of amenities, rather than formalized league play or fee-based activity.



- Recreation Services balances an even mix of open community time, private rentals and structured activities.
- Turf fields provide more versatility for use and longevity than high-use natural fields.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Utilize phasing plan as a guide for projects
- Balance of system needs and strategic funding opportunities

EVOLUTION OF SITE

1923



Bkg aerial 1991 Google Earth for context

QUARRY SITE



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PARKS AND RECREATION - Design and Construction Division

February 2021

Multi-Use Field at Victoria Park



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REMEDIATION



VICTORIA PARK



VICTORIA PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS

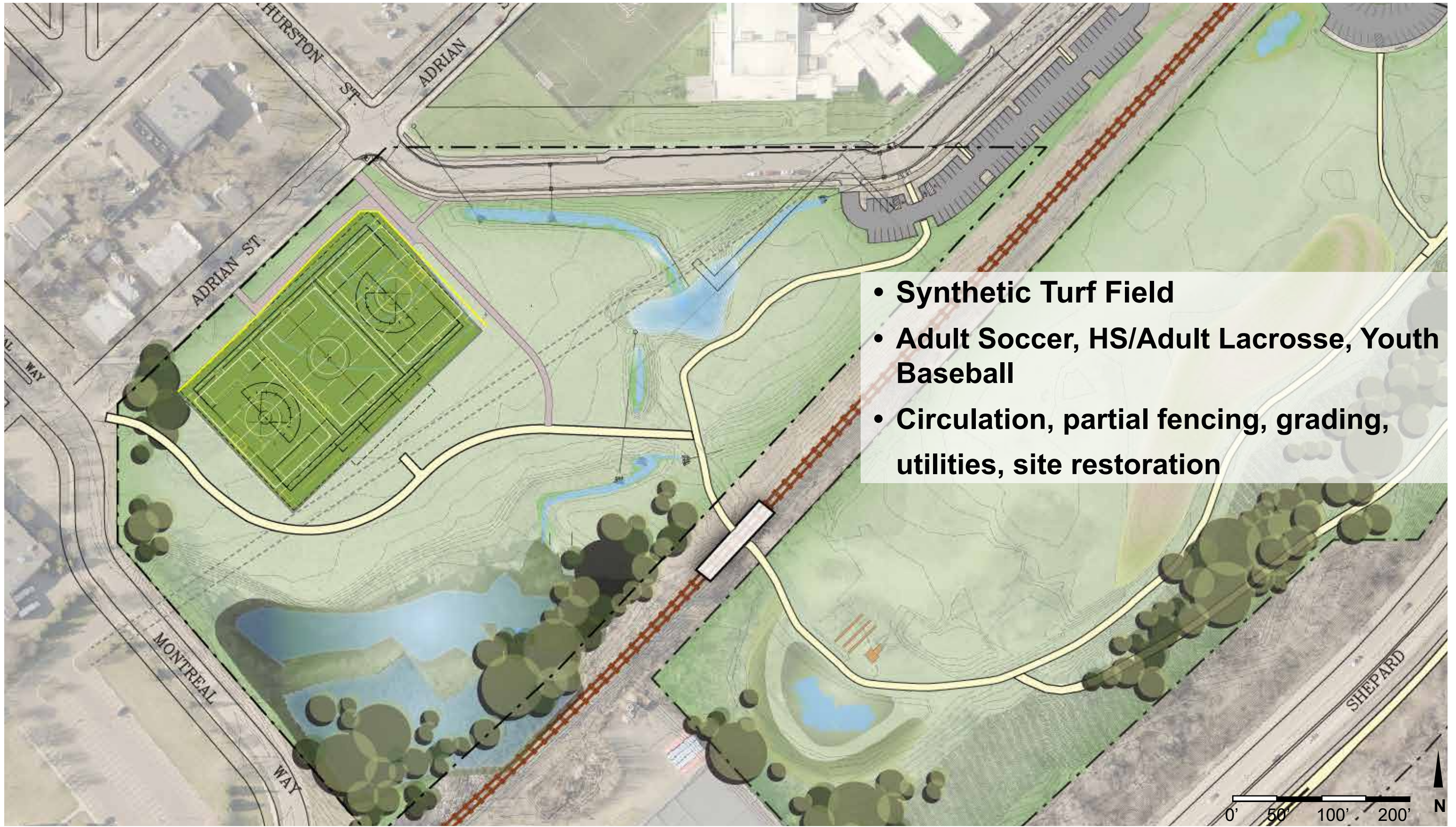


- **Adrian St. and Victoria Way**
- **Interior trail access at Montreal Way**
- **Open space, native plantings**
- **Existing soils**

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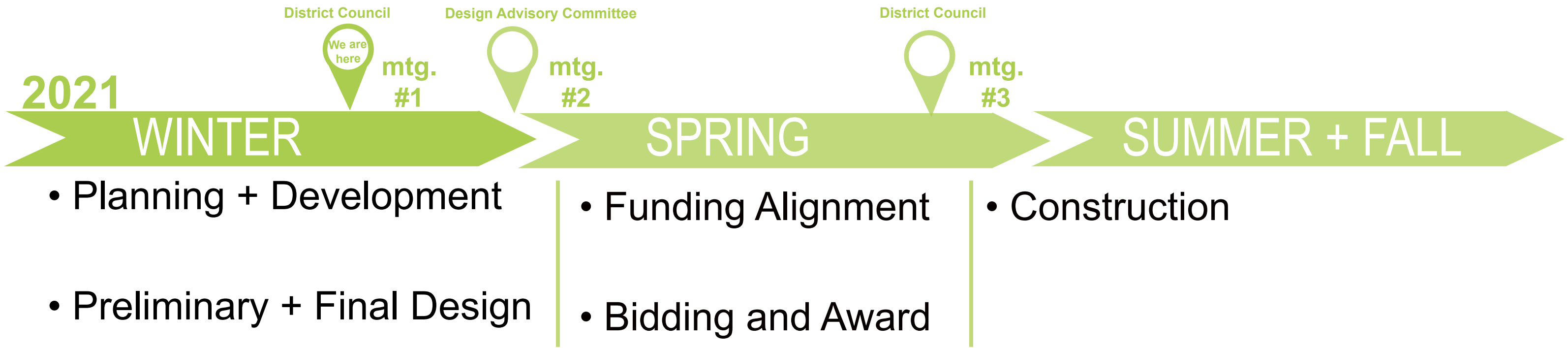
- **Synthetic Turf Field**
- **Adult Soccer, HS/Adult Lacrosse, Youth Baseball**
- **Circulation, partial fencing, grading, utilities, site restoration**

CONCEPT PLAN



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SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION





Reconvene Master Plan Design Advisory Committee

Past members will have the opportunity to accept and participate in the next meeting specific to this project OR nominate someone else to represent their group

Guiding Principles and Role of Design Advisory Committee (DAC)

1. Advisory role to Parks and Recreation
2. Input balanced with larger citywide needs, Parks and Rec Systems & Vision Plan, Great River Passage & permitting
3. Committee members are representing larger interest group. City website will become central source of information allowing committee members to network and share information.
4. Decisions by consensus, not voting
5. Work respectfully in group setting
6. Understand and balance needs of all park users
7. Join Committee with open-mind and willingness to listen and hear views or ideas

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