

# Play Area Improvements **South St. Anthony Park**





# Introductions & Agenda

## Who We Are

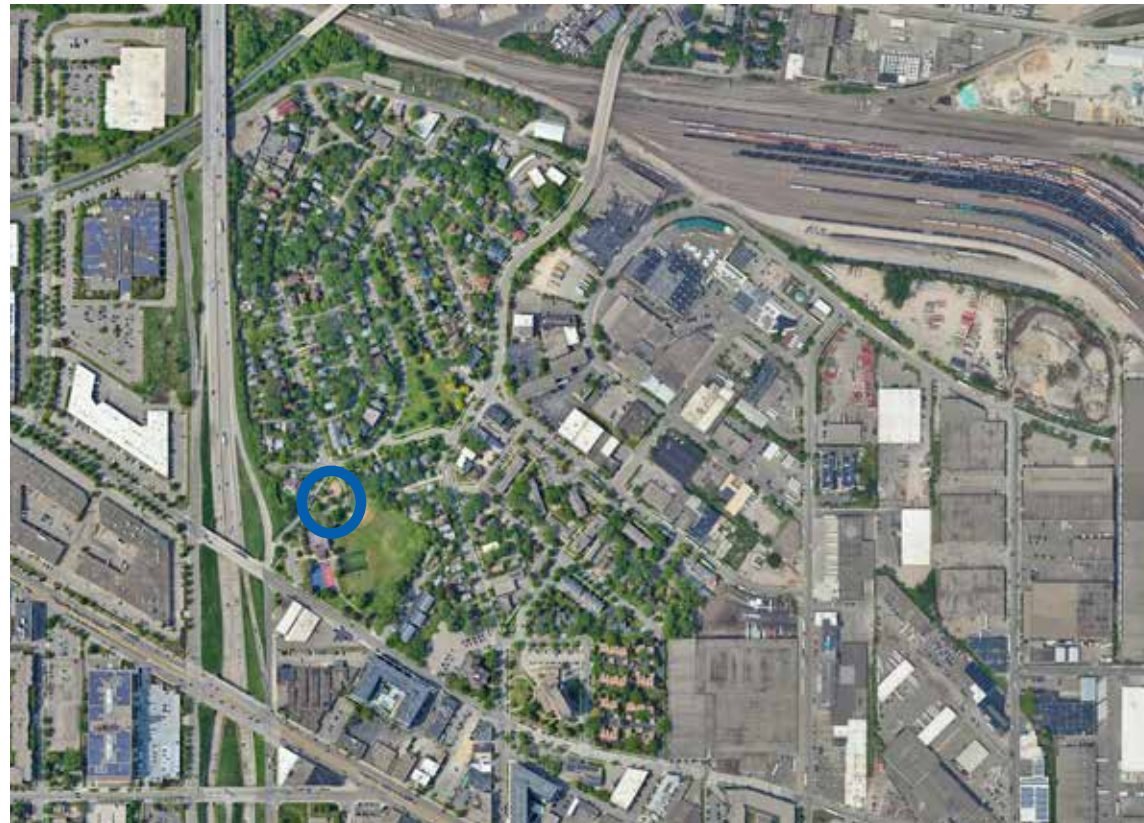
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## Project Site



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- 1 - Project Introduction**
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# Existing Site Conditions





SPRING  
2024

SUMMER  
2024

FALL  
2024

WINTER  
2024-25

SPRING  
2025

SUMMER  
2025

 PUBLIC  
EVENT

 WE ARE  
HERE

 PUBLIC  
MEETING

 TARGET  
OPENING

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS,  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &  
SCHEMATIC DESIGN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &  
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

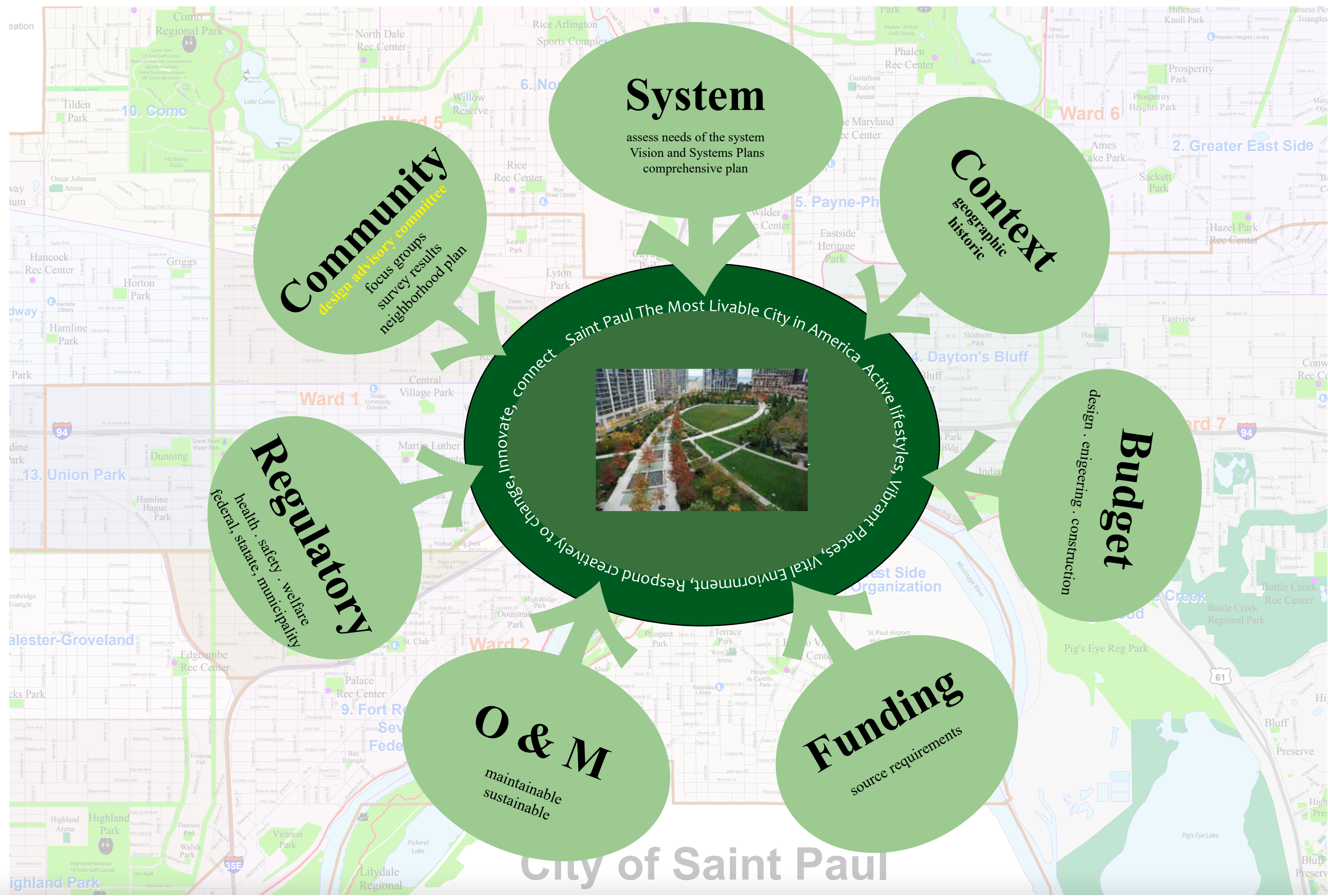
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS & BIDDING

CONSTRUCTION

PRELIMINARY  
SURVEY

SECONDARY  
SURVEY

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COMPLETION



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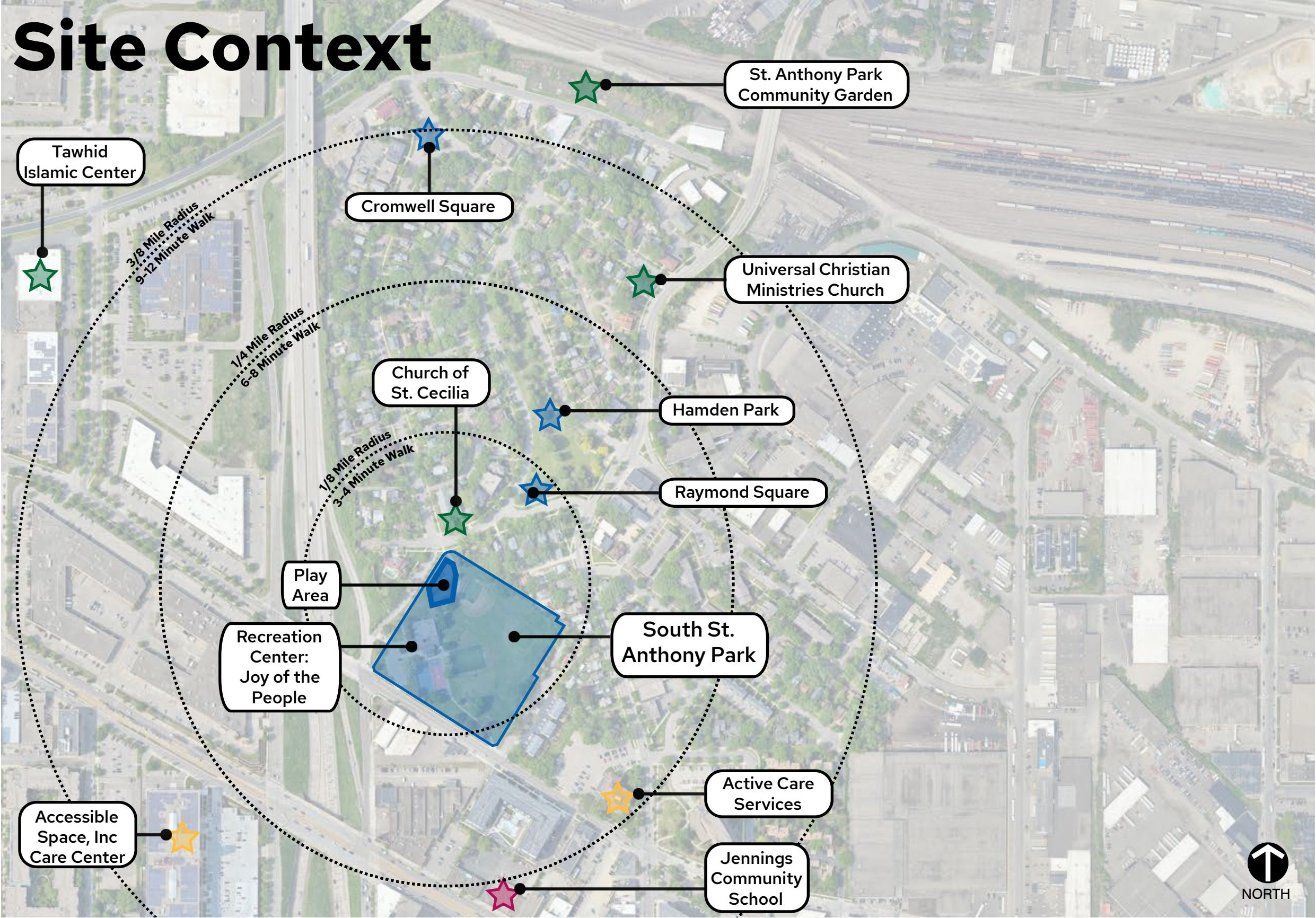
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# Site Context



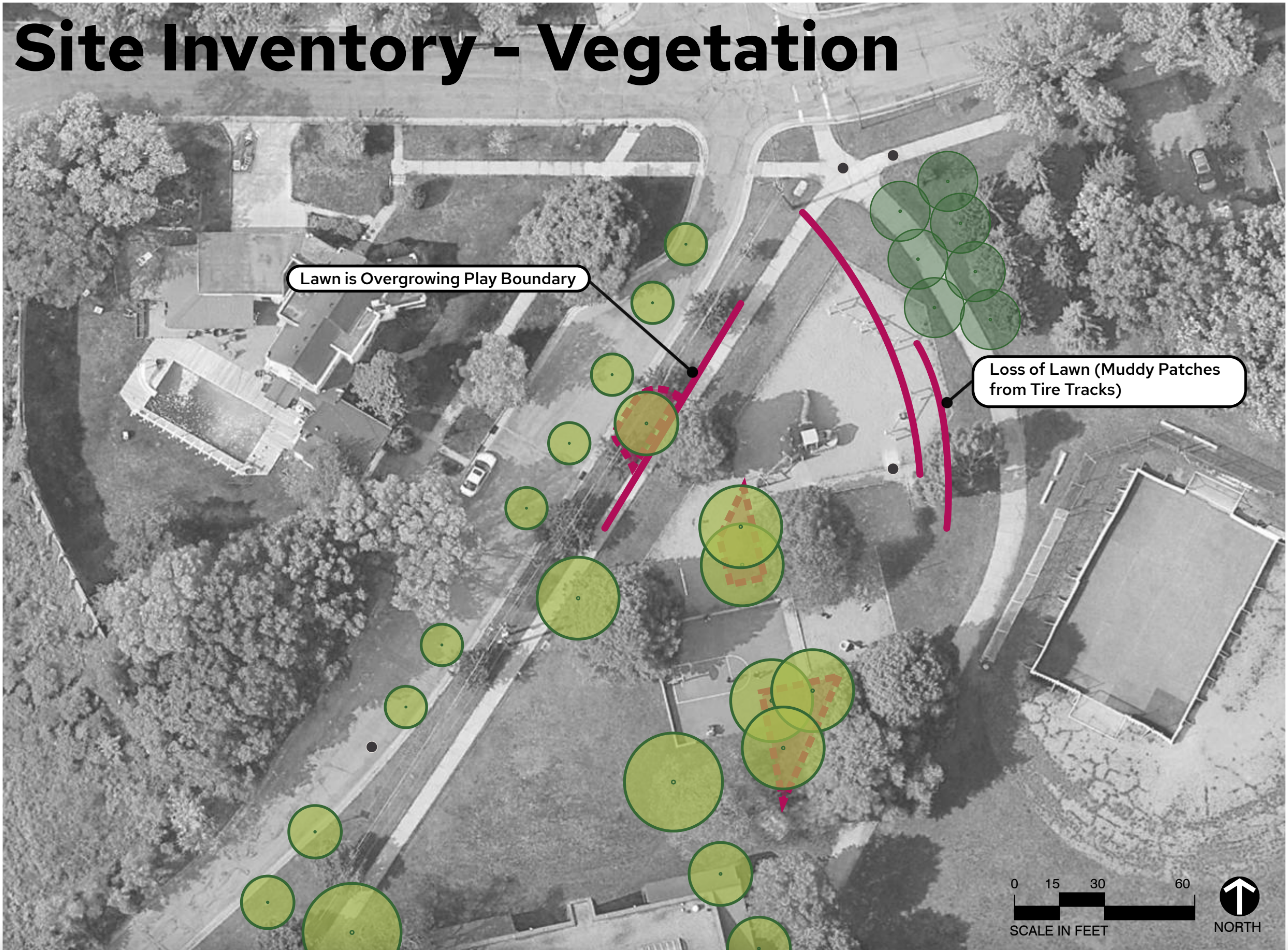
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SAP: What are we  
missing on this  
map?

## Legend

- Focus Area
- Park Sites
- Schools
- Day Care Center
- Community Organizations



# Site Inventory - Vegetation



## Summary

- The predominant types of vegetation surrounding the play areas are mature canopy trees and lawn.
- Most of these species are Lindens with the exception of a small grove of Spruce near the north entrance.
- The street trees are relatively young and are predominantly flowering understory trees.
- Six of the trees near the play area have roots exposed and fairly significant amounts of erosion within their drip lines.

## Legend

- Existing Deciduous Tree
- Existing Evergreen Tree
- Tree Stump
- Exposed Tree Roots







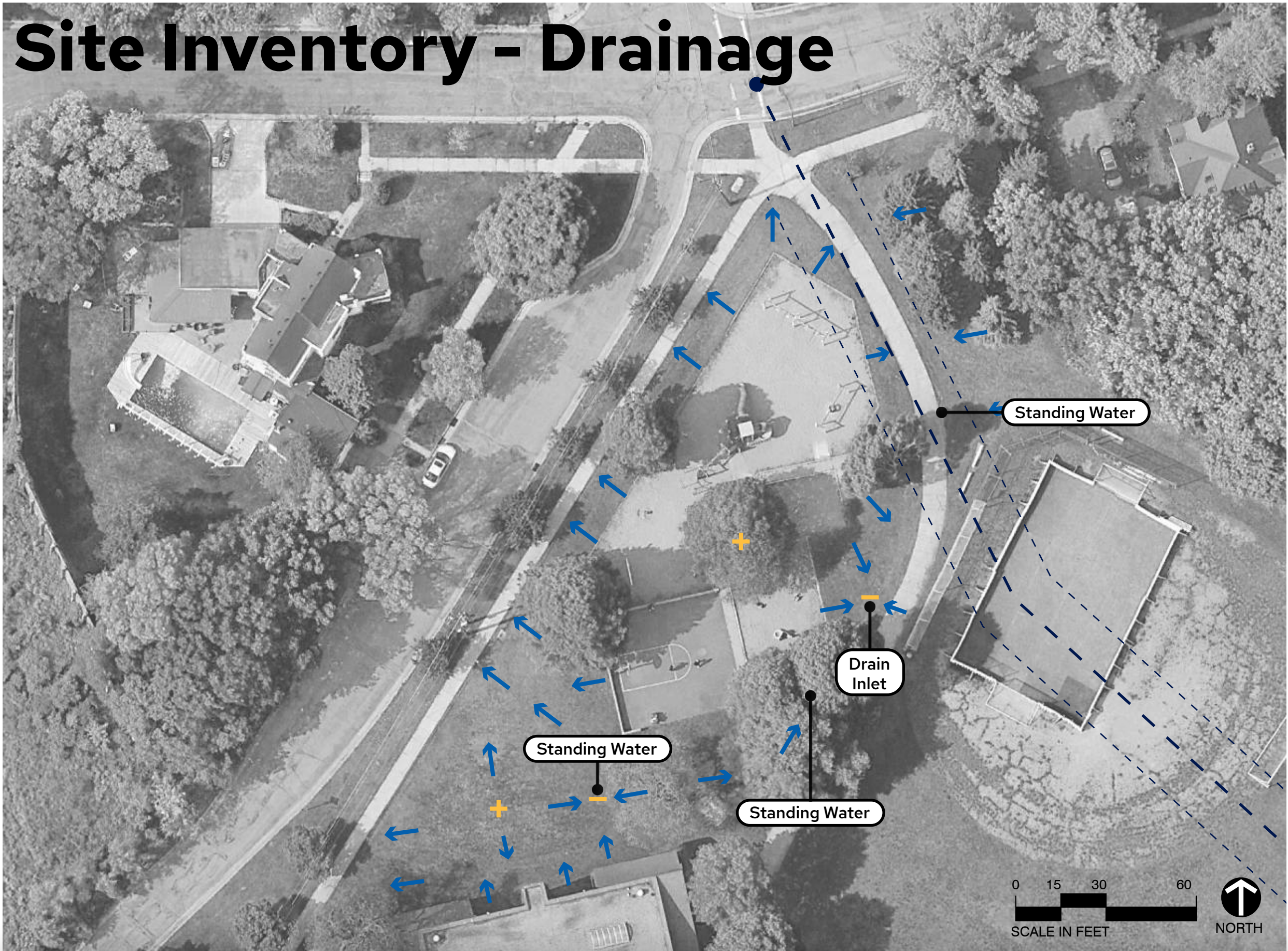
# Site Inventory - Drainage

## Summary

- The site is primarily flat, with only minor variations located within the lawn areas.
- There is a mound within the lawn near the Recreation Center to the southwest of the basketball court.
- It is suspected that the drain inlet connects to the storm sewer because there was not an outlet area evident on site.

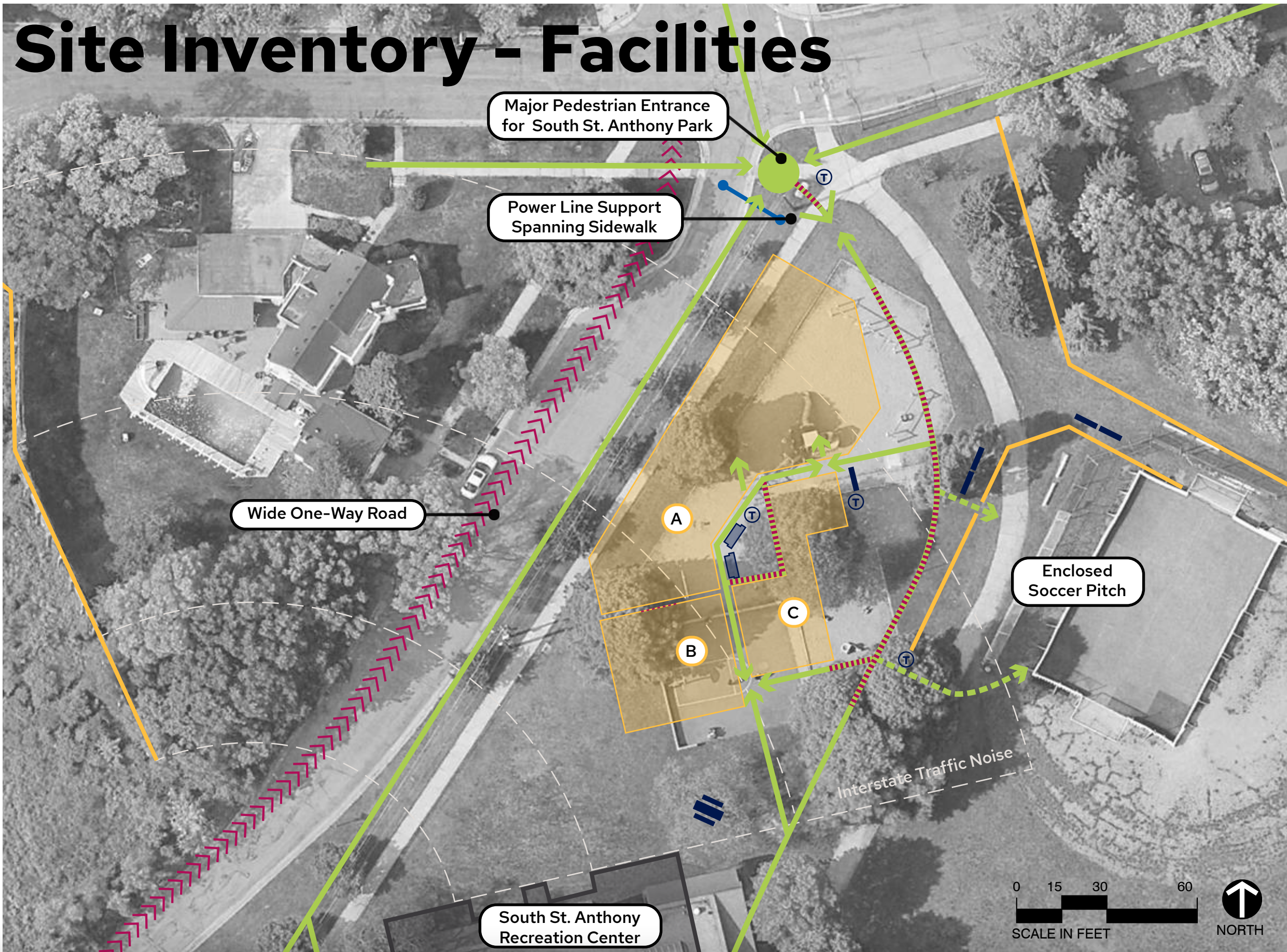
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-  Direction of Drainage Flow (Pointing Downhill)
-  High Point
-  Low Point
-  30' Storm Sewer Easement (Estimated)





# Site Inventory - Facilities



## Existing Play Fixtures

### Play Zone A

- 4 Traditional Swings
- 2 Small Child Swings
- 1 Tire Swing
- 1 Playbooster Structure
- 2 Shovel Seats
- 2 Voice Tubes

### Play Zone B

- 1 Basketball Hoop with Painted Free-Throw Lines

### Play Zone C

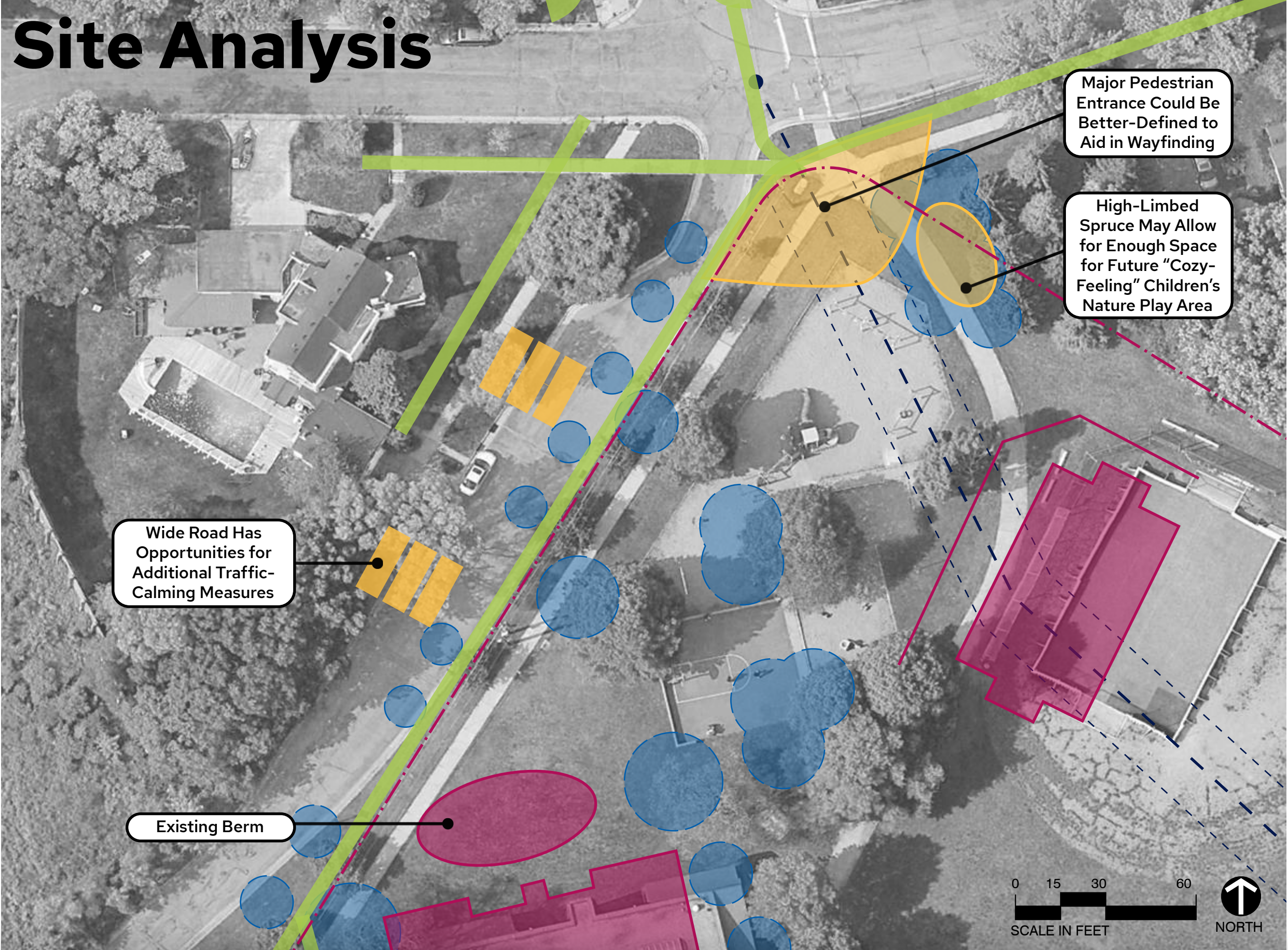
- 2 Rocker Seats
- 1 Multi-Surface Play Table

## Legend

- Paved Pedestrian Connections
- Unpaved Pedestrian Connection (Observed)
- Cracked or Heaving Hardscape Feature
- Fence or Barrier
- Play Zone
- Backless Bench
- Bench with Back
- Picnic Table
- Garbage Receptacle



# Site Analysis



## Summary

- The existing play zones are nearly balanced in terms of sun and shade.
- The existing play zones comprised of mixed age groups.
- The pedestrian walkways can/should be reconstructed, which serves as an opportunity to rethink the layout.
- There is an opportunity to provide more of a visible connection in the landscape between the recreation center and the play zones.
- The play area does not have a clear sense of enclosure.

## Legend

- Pedestrian Network Layout to Remain
- Estimated Critical Root Zones
- Site Features to Remain
- Property Extents
- Opportunities
- 30' Storm Sewer Easement (Estimated)



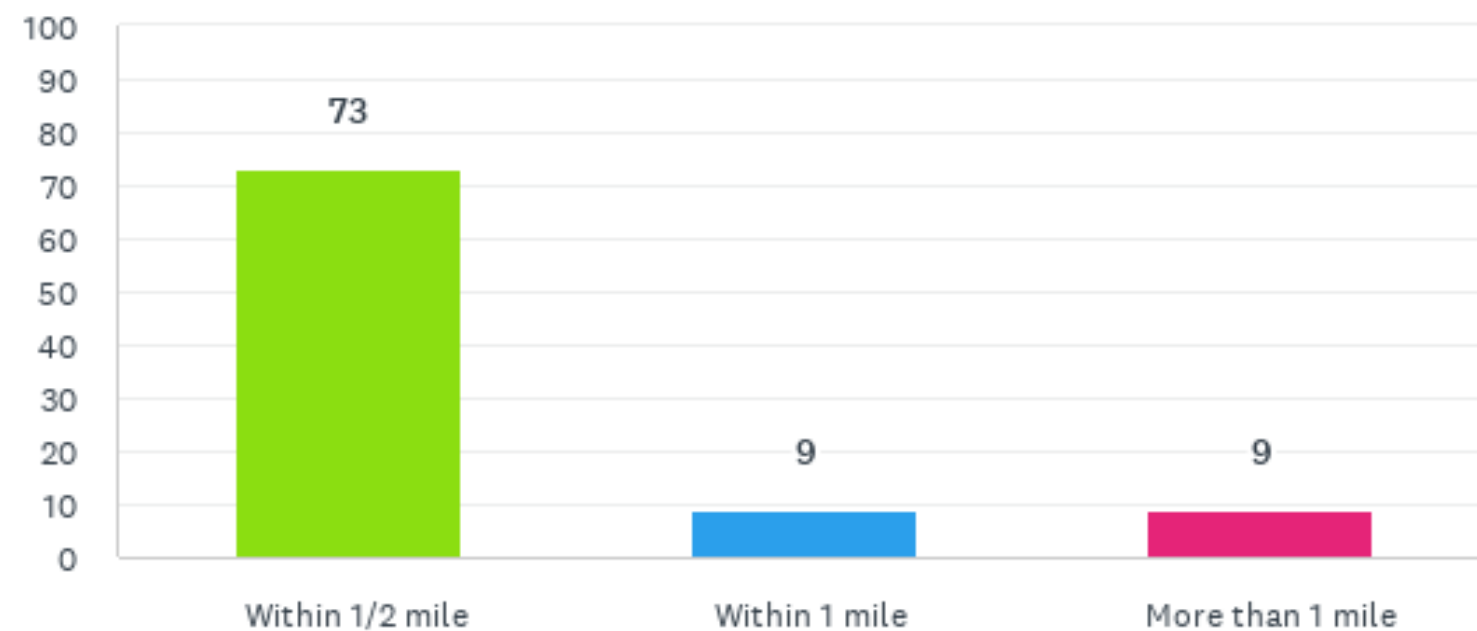
# Survey Findings

- Survey #1 was open from April 12th to June 10th.
- We received responses from 91 individuals.
- We do intend on doing a second survey as the design of the project gets more specific.

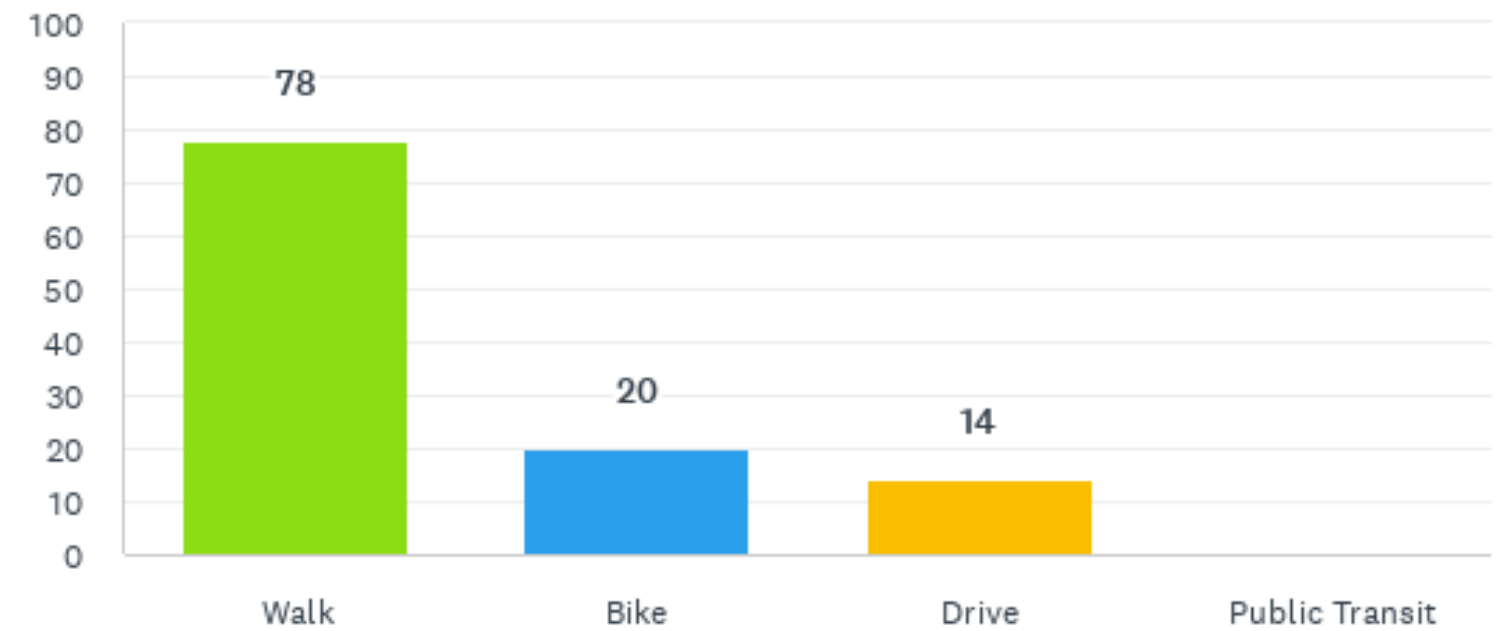




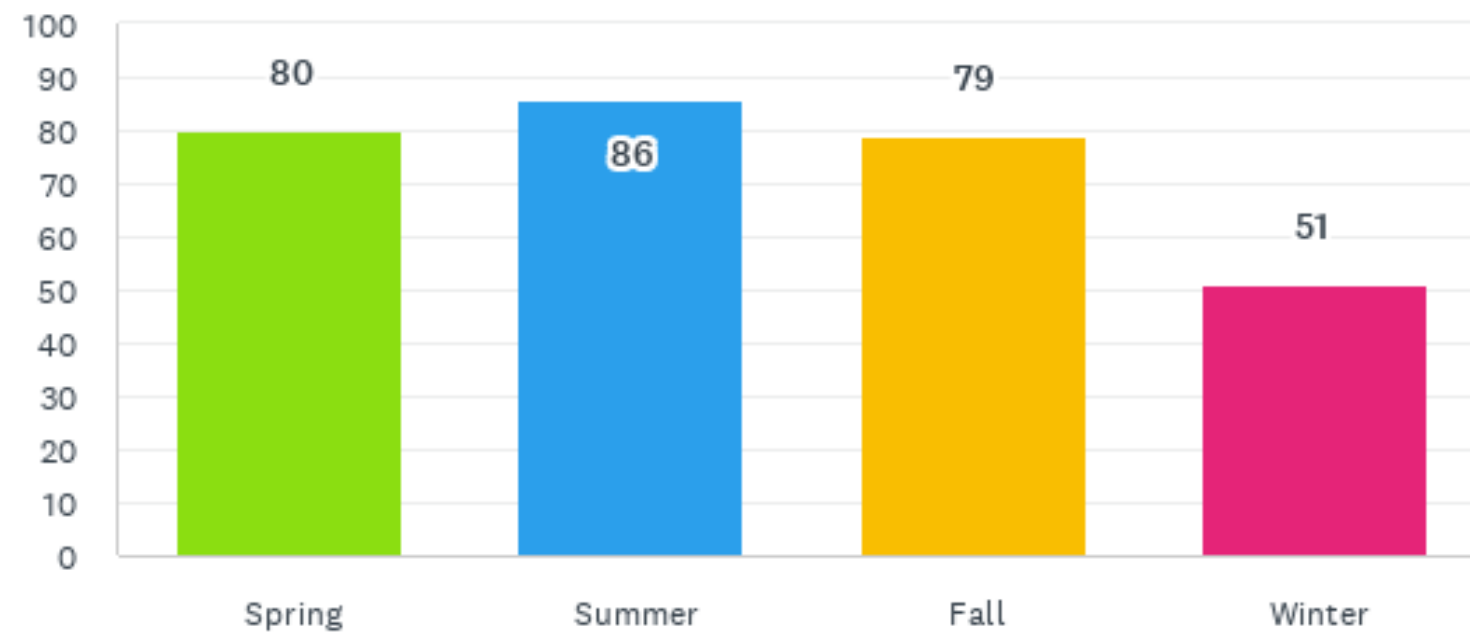
Where do you live in relation to the South St. Anthony Park Play Area?



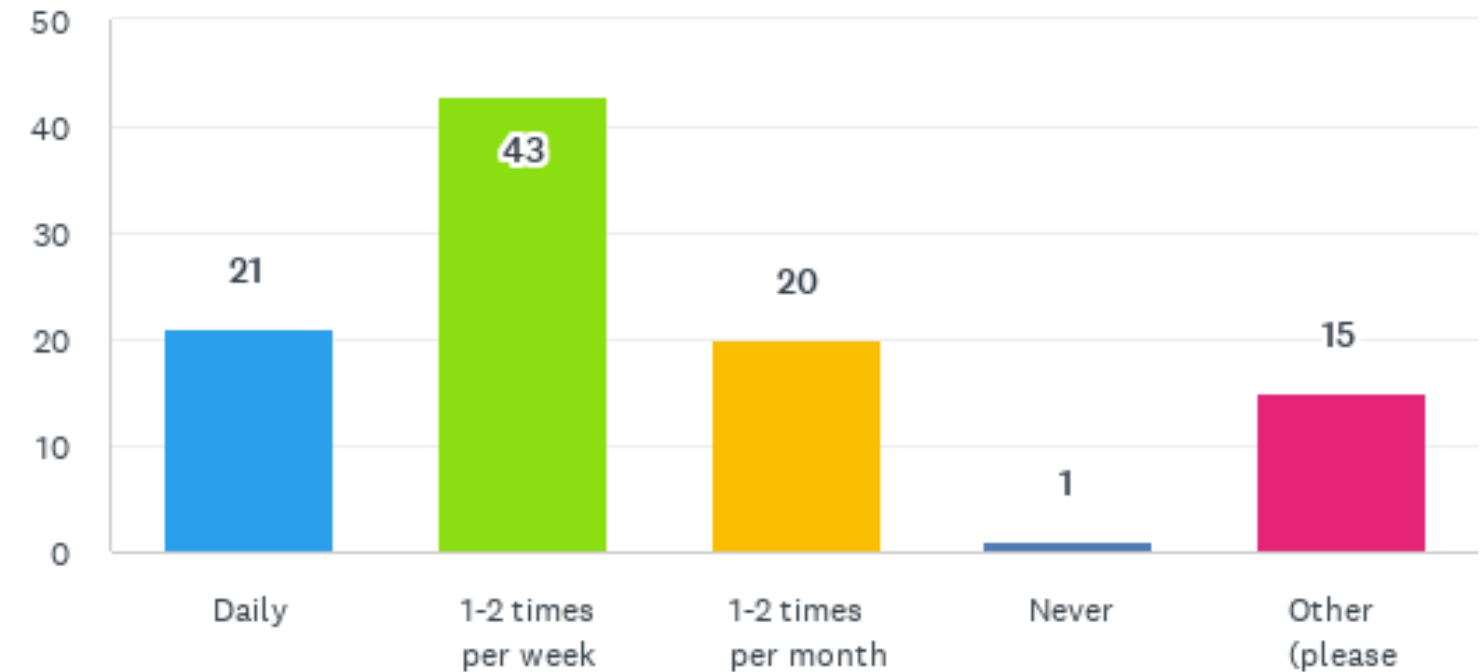
How do you get to the park?



What time(s) of year do you and your children visit the South St. Anthony Park Play Area?



How often do you visit the South St. Anthony Park Play Area?

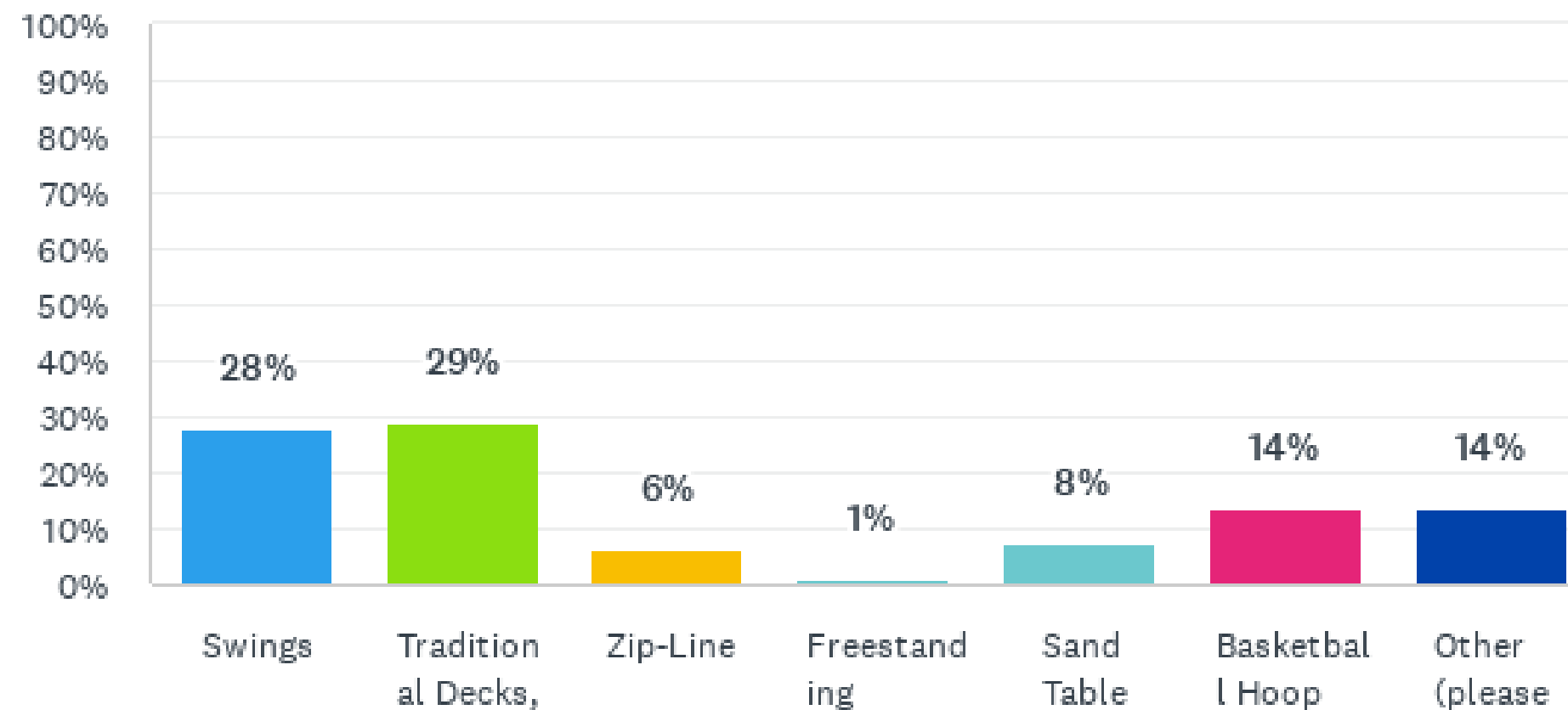




## What do you like about the South St. Anthony Park Play Area?

good open space park basketball court Lots open neighborhood tennis sand  
green space kids walking soccer slides playground love  
play place swings basketball use benches close s area  
monkey bars equipment community Proximity variety children swings slides trees

## What type of equipment does your child/children play with most at South St. Anthony Park Play Area?





## What do you dislike about the South St. Anthony Park Play Area?

isn't park structure Outdated space toddlers soccer small enough kids  
big equipment little playground use sand  
climbing old Aging much Wish area broken needs slides

### If you don't currently use the playground, why not?

- Equipment size/types are geared toward younger children
- The equipment and facilities are old and outdated
- Concerns about the cleanliness of the sand
- Needs more engaging equipment that is inclusive to all abilities
- Needs to consider children with ADHD who benefit from climbing, spinning, jumping, and building activities



**What equipment does your child enjoy at other parks that you would like to have at South St. Anthony Park Play Area?**

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Climbing features and nets           | 7. Balancing features                                                      |
| 2. Slides                               | 8. Basketball                                                              |
| 3. Swings                               | 9. Circuit elements / ninja course                                         |
| 4. Zip lines                            | 10. Interactive / focus elements like instruments and animal-finding signs |
| 5. Spinning features or merry-go-rounds |                                                                            |
| 6. Splash pad or water feature          |                                                                            |

**Do you have any ideas about possible themes for the playground that you and your children would enjoy?**

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Nature and local environmental awareness | <u>Other:</u>                                  |
| 2. Art                                      | Unicorns                                       |
| 3. Sports                                   | Construction                                   |
| 4. Zoo animals                              | Oxcart path (echoing territorial road history) |
| 5. Dinosaurs                                | Pink                                           |
| 6. Space                                    | Skateboarding areas                            |
| 7. Pirates                                  | Pickleball                                     |



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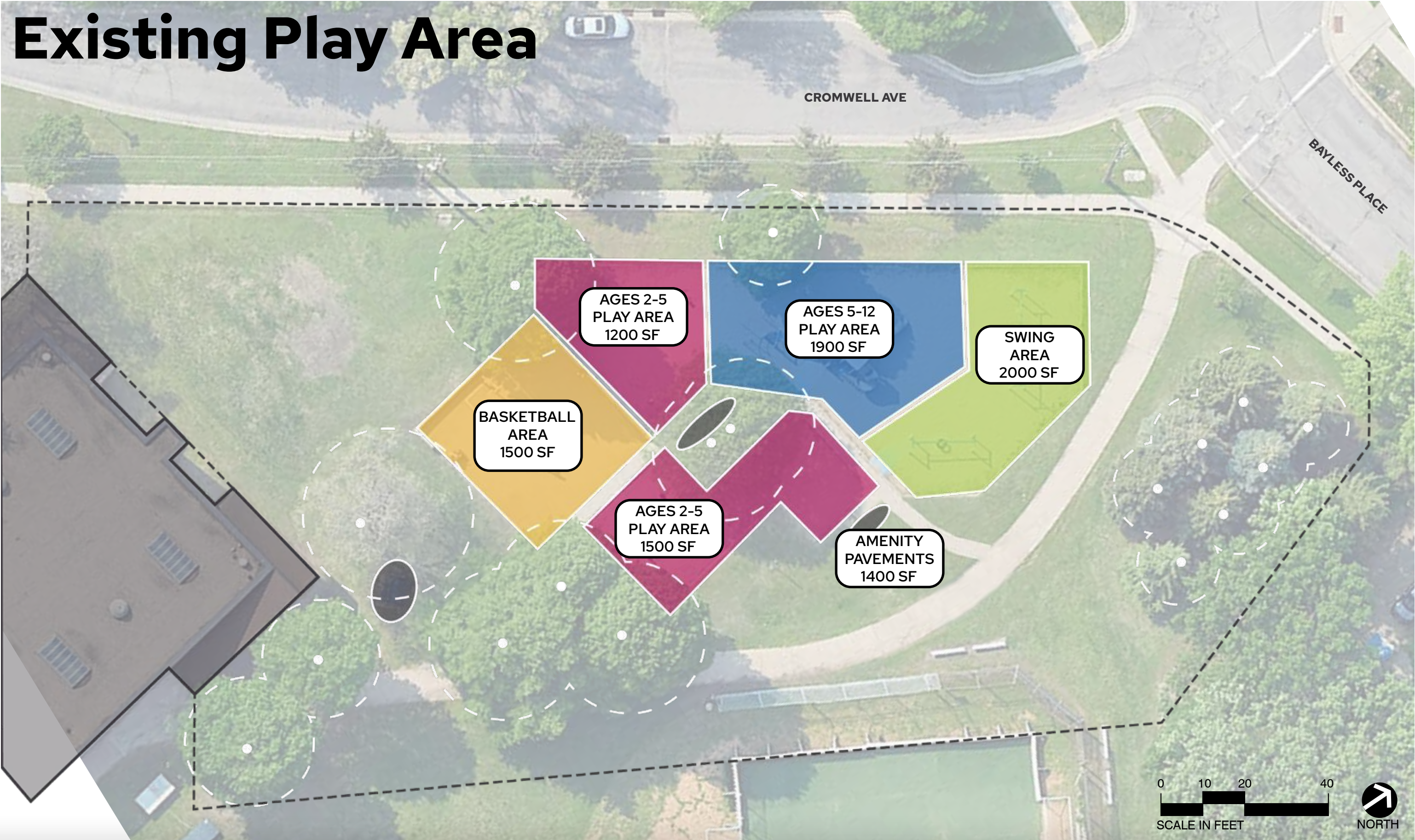
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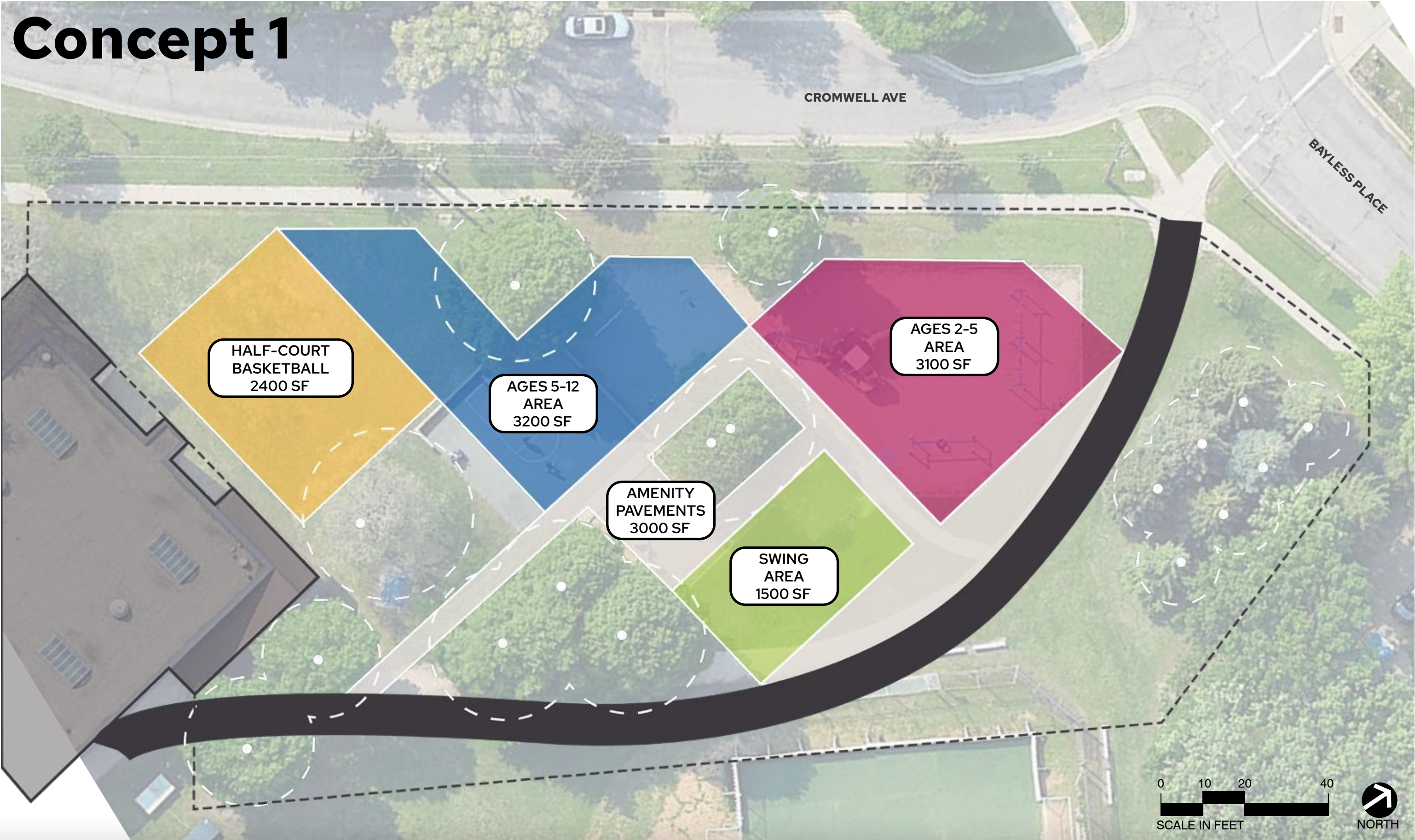


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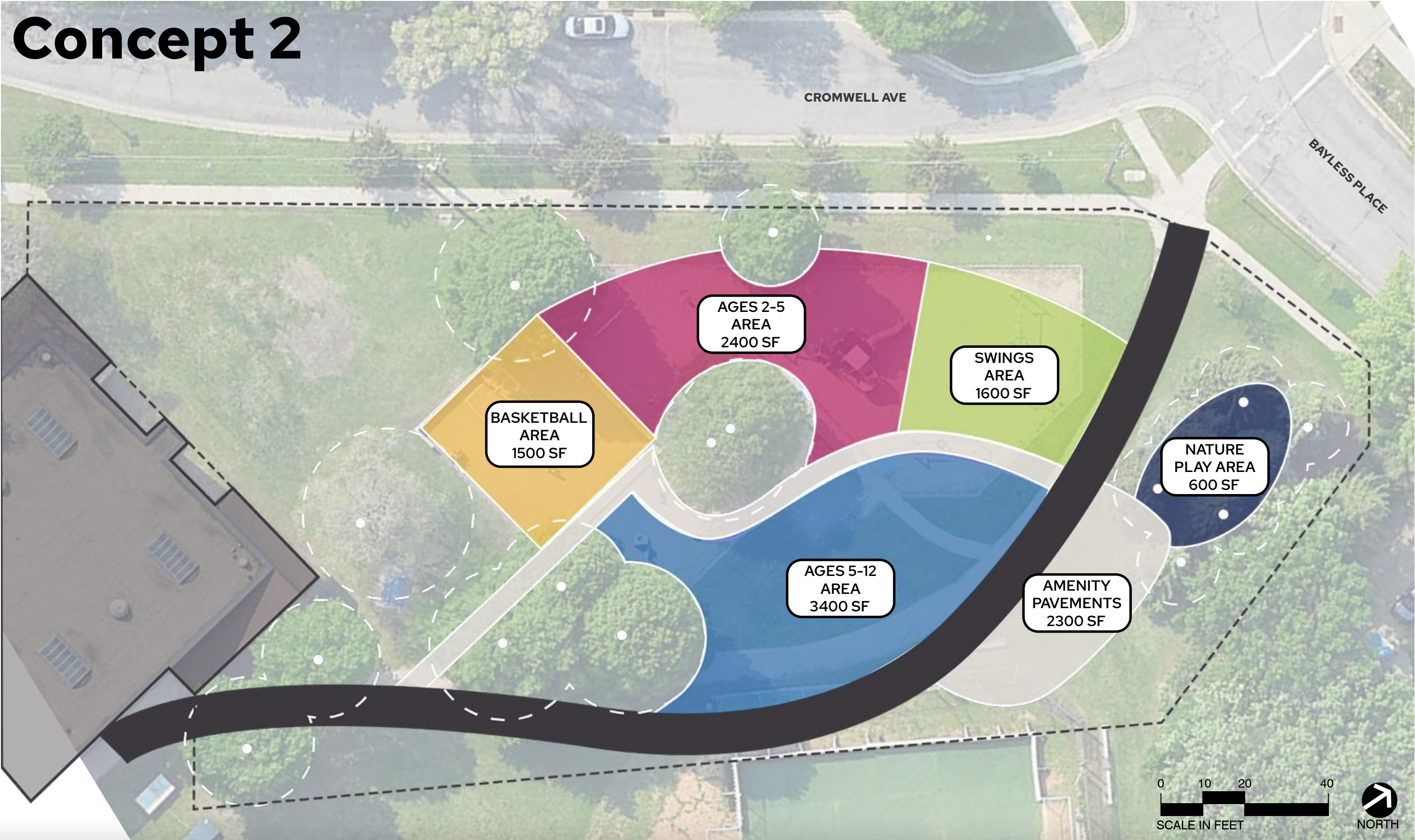


# Concept 1



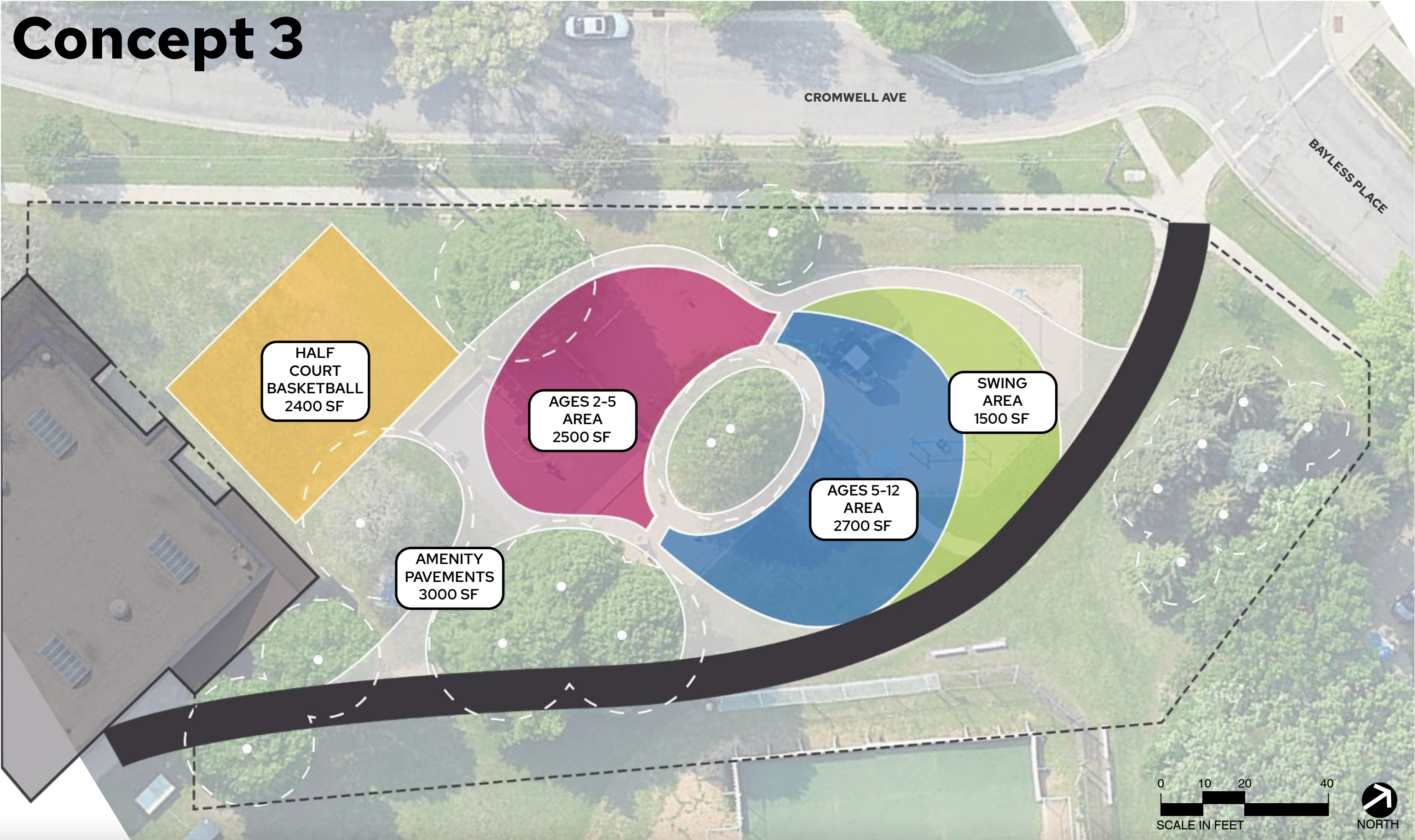


# Concept 2





# Concept 3





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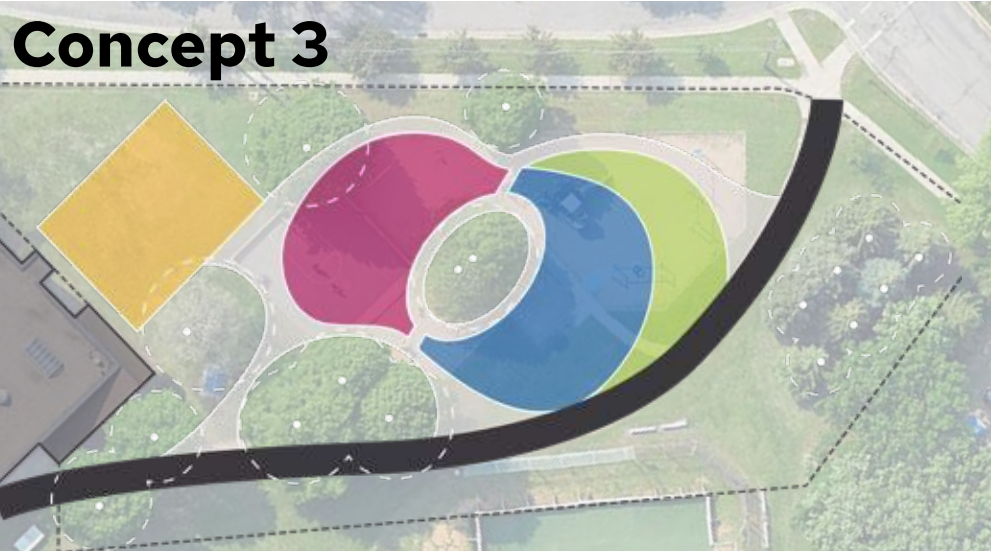
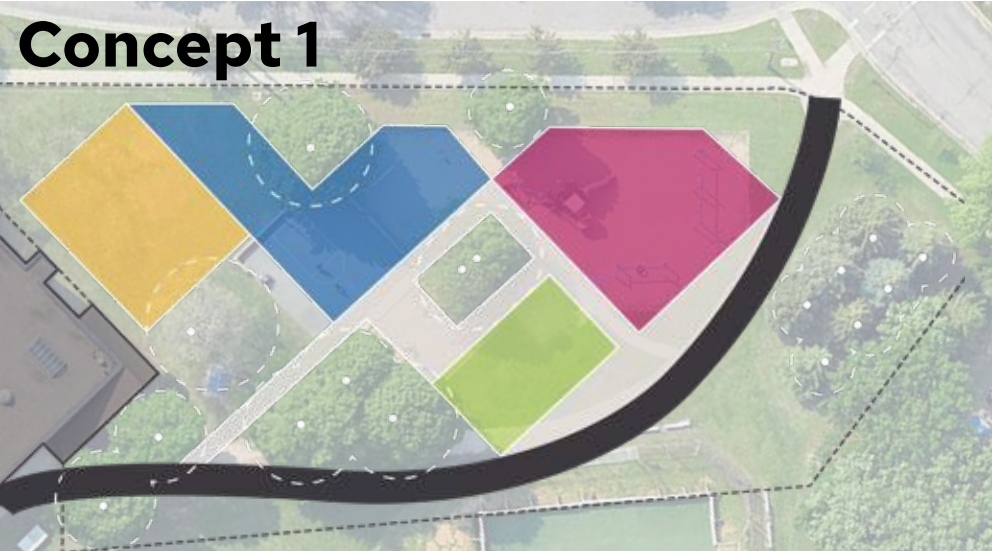
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# Concept Overview



## Basketball

- Half-Court Basketball Area

## Play

- Equally-Sized Ages 2-5 and Ages 5-12 Play Areas (Both Larger than Existing)
- Prominent Swing Area

## Amenities & Circulation

- Pathways / Circulation Throughout
- Two Small Amenity Areas: Beneath Existing Trees and Along Main Park Path

## Basketball

- Existing Free-Throw Basketball Area

## Play

- Smallest Ages 2-5 Play Area
- Largest Ages 5-12 Play Area
- Swing Area Partnered with Ages 2-5 Area

## Amenities & Circulation

- Singular Pathway for Circulation
- Singular, Separated Amenity Area
- Create Additional Nature-Play Area in Spruce

## Basketball

- Half-Court Basketball Area

## Play

- Same Size as Existing Ages 2-5 Play Area
- Larger than Existing Ages 5-12 Play Area
- Swing Area Partnered with Ages 5-12 Area

## Amenities & Circulation

- Several Small Seating and Amenity Areas Throughout



# Play Area Character

Imaginative



Traditional-Transitional



Nature-Themed





# Thank You!

## Next Steps

**Stay Tuned on the Project Website**

- **Concept Refinement**
- **Online Survey #2**
- **Design Reveal (End of Summer)**