

SYLVAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Community Meeting #2
October 19, 2017

6:30-8:00PM

Saint Paul Parks & Recreation

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DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DIVISION



INTRODUCTION

Project Overview:

This project will include a multi-use synthetic turf fields that are designed to meet today's recreational needs. Improvements to the play area include replacement of equipment and surfacing for compliance to current CPSC and ADA Guidelines. Additional Site Improvements may include walks, benches and landscaping as necessary

Project Timeline

Summer/fall 2017:

- Community Outreach

Fall/Winter 2017:

- Design and Development

Spring 2018

- Construction

Fall 2018

- Project Completion

**CONSTRUCTION
BUDGET:
\$1,300,000**

Sylvan Park Project Website:

www.stpaul.gov/SylvanPlayArea-Field

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Meeting Agenda:

- Recap Meeting #1
- Review Meeting #1 Key Comments
- Present Refined Concept & Play Equipment Layout
- Group Discussion

Neighborhood Park Definition:

Parks within the City of Saint Paul which are **easily accessible by foot or bicycle serving a 1/2 mile radius neighborhood.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- National Night Out - Tuesday August 1, 2017

Community Design Advisory Meetings:

Meeting #1:

- September 14, 2017

Marydale Festival

- September 23, 2017?

Meeting #2:

- October 19, 2017

Meeting #3:

- November 16, 2017

OTHER:

Meeting flyers posted -

- Sylvan and Marydale Parks, Connie's Creamy Cone
- Meeting advertised on District 6 Webpage
- Additional District 6 Outreach
- St. Paul Music Academy

The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks & Recreation has secured funding to improve the **SYLVAN PARK PLAY AREA AND ATHLETIC FIELD**.

Come exchange ideas and be part of the design process!

Join us on **September 14, 2017** at Rice Recreation Center from **6:30-8 PM**;
1021 Marion Street Saint Paul, MN 55117

Interpretation services for the meeting are available upon request.

Our goal is to improve the park area and athletic field. We are looking for community input for guidance in the design process.

If you're interested in being part of the Community Design Committee, please contact David Ronzani at: David.Ronzani@ci.stpaul.mn.us 651-266-6410

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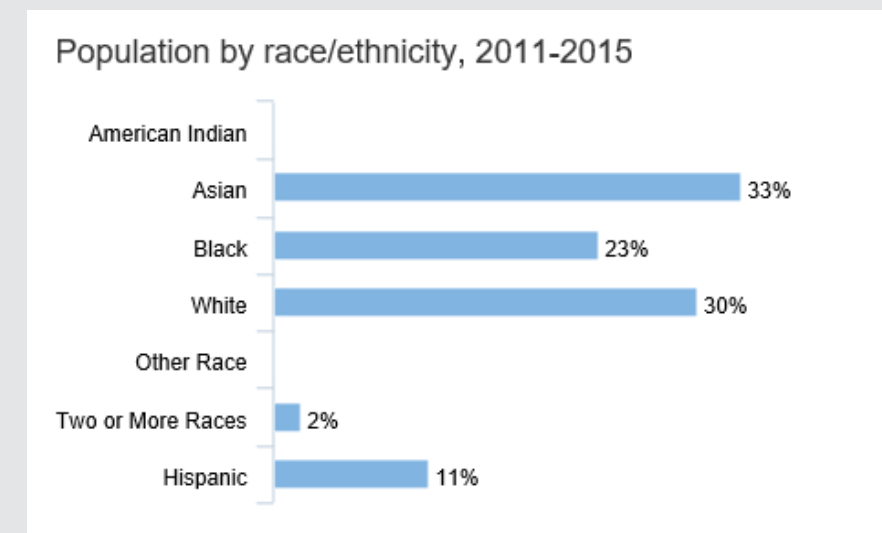
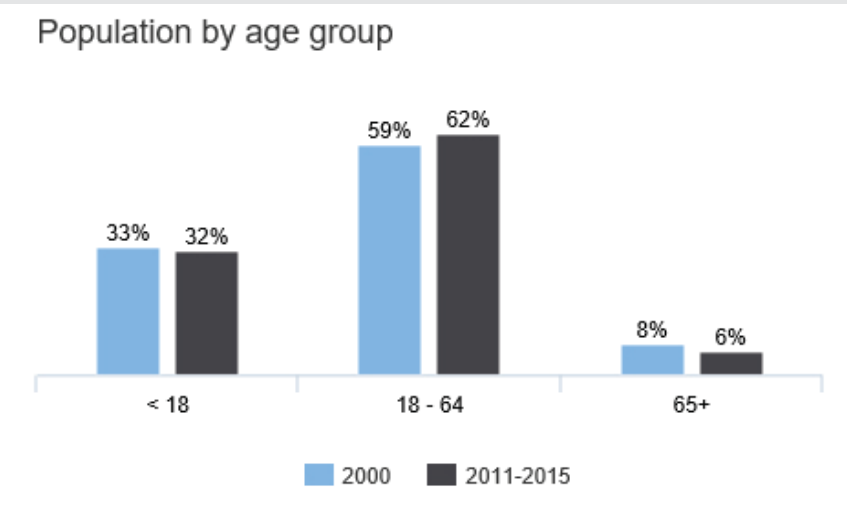
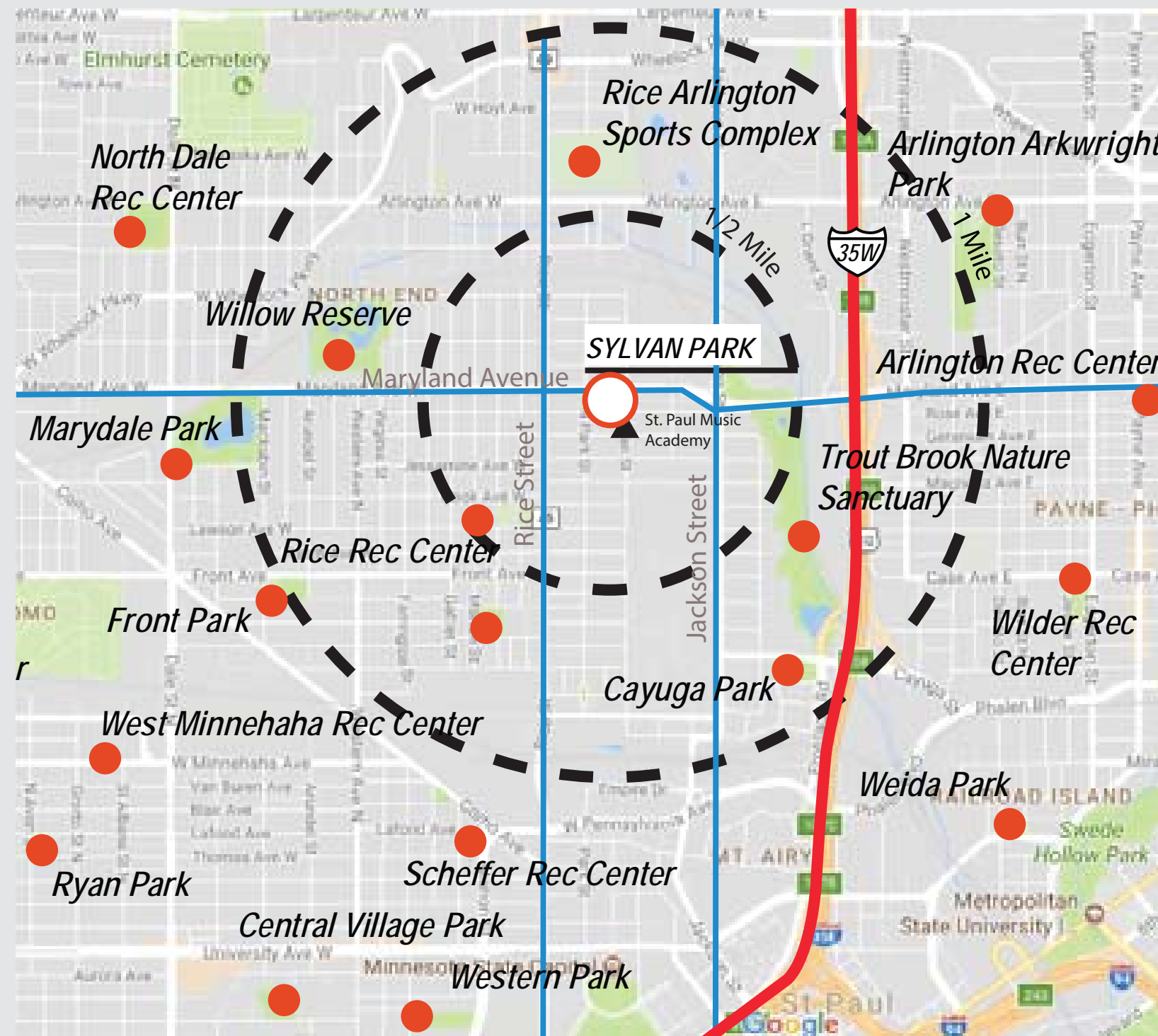
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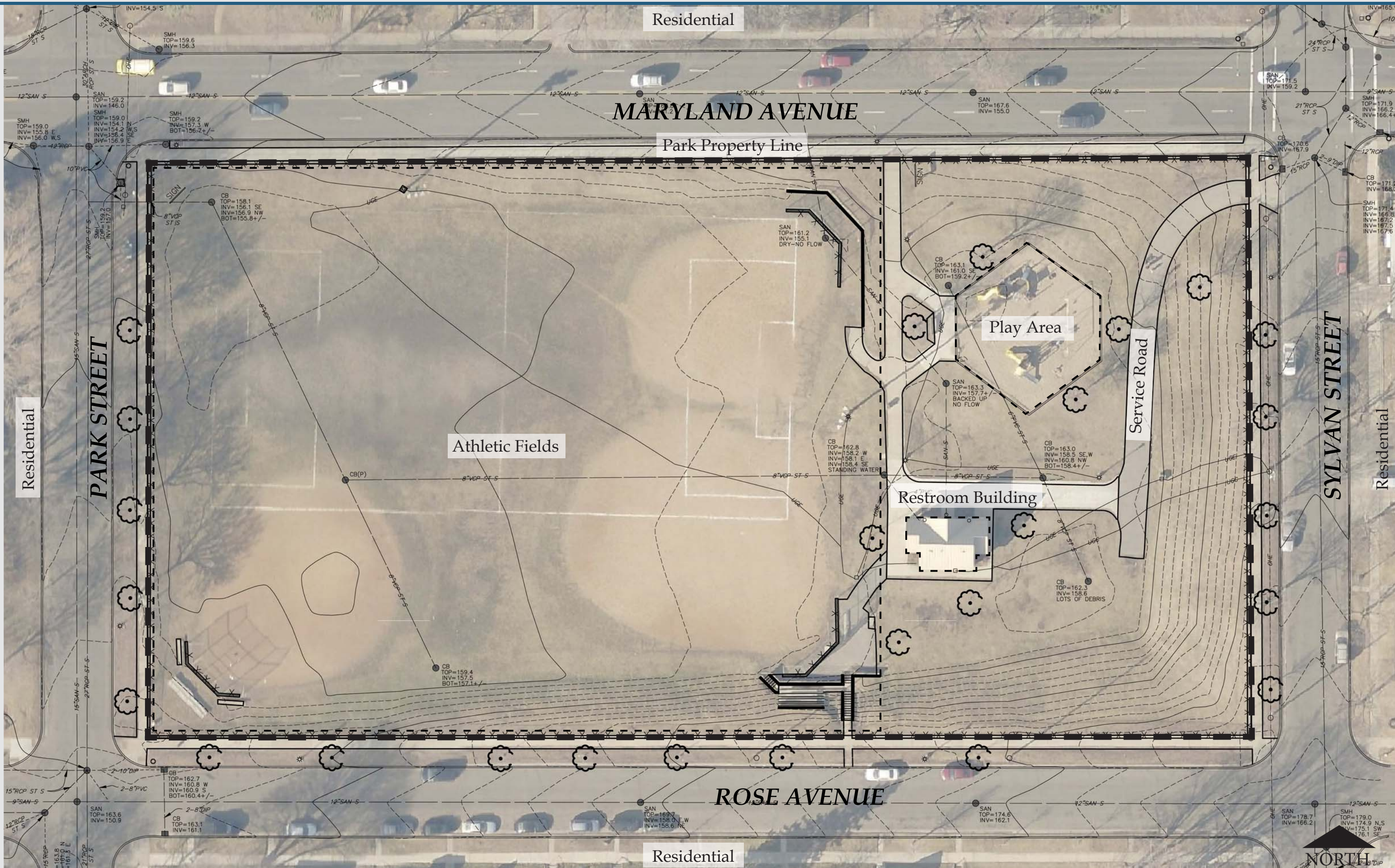
District Council 6 Ward 5

- Sylvan Park lies in St. Paul Planning District 6 near the intersection of Rice Street and Maryland Avenue.
- Metro Transit lines run down Rice Street and Maryland Avenue which stops 2 blocks from the park.
- Sylvan Park shares an intersection with a new play area at St. Paul Music Academy.
- 6 parks facilities are located within one mile of Sylvan Park. With 2 facilities within the 1/2 Mile service area.
- Rice Street, Maryland, and Jackson Avenues present pedestrian barriers due to high traffic volume.
- Serves a residential neighborhood with mostly single family residences.



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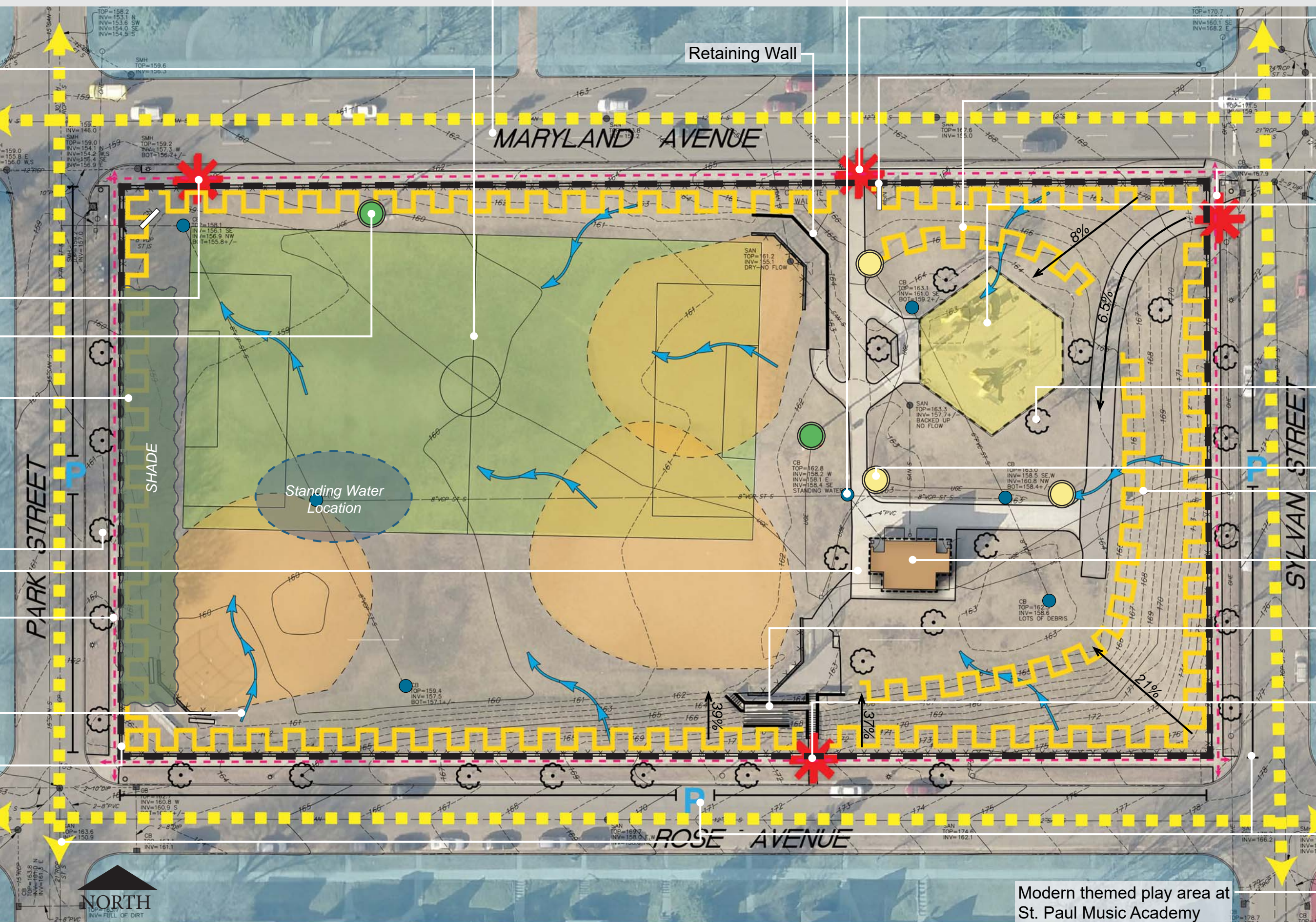
EXISTING CONDITIONS



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SITE ANALYSIS

- No parking on Maryland Ave.
- + Speed limit 30 MPH
- + Crossing safety concerns
- Existing Athletic Fields
- + 3 Baseball Fields
- + 1 Soccer Field
- + All fields in poor conditions
- + Opportunity to redesign athletic fields to fit current sport use in the neighborhood
- + Address existing standing water in the field
- + Alleviate standing water with existing infrastructure or stormwater best practices
- + 3 existing catch basins
- + 1 catch basin buried
- Access from sidewalk to athletic fields
- Field Lights
- + All lights function
- + Opportunity to add additional light
- Existing 4' Chain-link Fence
- + Fair condition
- + A visual & physical barrier to all streets on all sides of the park, especially Maryland Ave
- + Opportunity to replace fence if funding allows
- Large Overstory Trees
- Internal Circulation
- + Explore places for seating opportunity and to congregate
- Sidewalk around Park
- + Provide North-South & East-West access
- + Sidewalk in good condition
- + Comfortable access to play area & athletic fields
- Drainage Pattern
- + Explore best stormwater practices
- Approximate Property Line



- Existing catch basin
- Entry from sidewalk on Maryland Ave
- + ADA Access Route
- Existing Park Sign
- Topography restricts play area expansion
- + Opportunity for creative play
- Gated Service Road
- Existing Play Area
- + 3803 SQ. FT.
- + Opportunity to define 2-5 & 5-12 play space
- + Opportunity to redesign & add new play features
- + Explore ways to incorporate shade
- + Creatively examine ways for play area and athletic fields to complement each other
- Existing Trees
- + Explore ways to use trees for shade
- + Opportunity to plant more trees
- Park Light
- Topography
- + Hillside used for sledding by neighborhood - Limits any development
- Existing Restroom Building
- + Near play area & athletic fields for comfort
- Timber Bleachers
- + Benches in poor condition providing new seating opportunities
- South Access
- + Only access from south of park
- + No entry from Southwest of park
- + Stair concrete stairs and metal railings in poor condition
- On-street parking on Rose Ave, Park St., & Sylvan St.
- + Easy access to park
- + Shared parking with residents

Legend

- Barrier
- Roadway Connection
- Critical Pathways
- Parking
- Critical Access
- Drainage Pattern

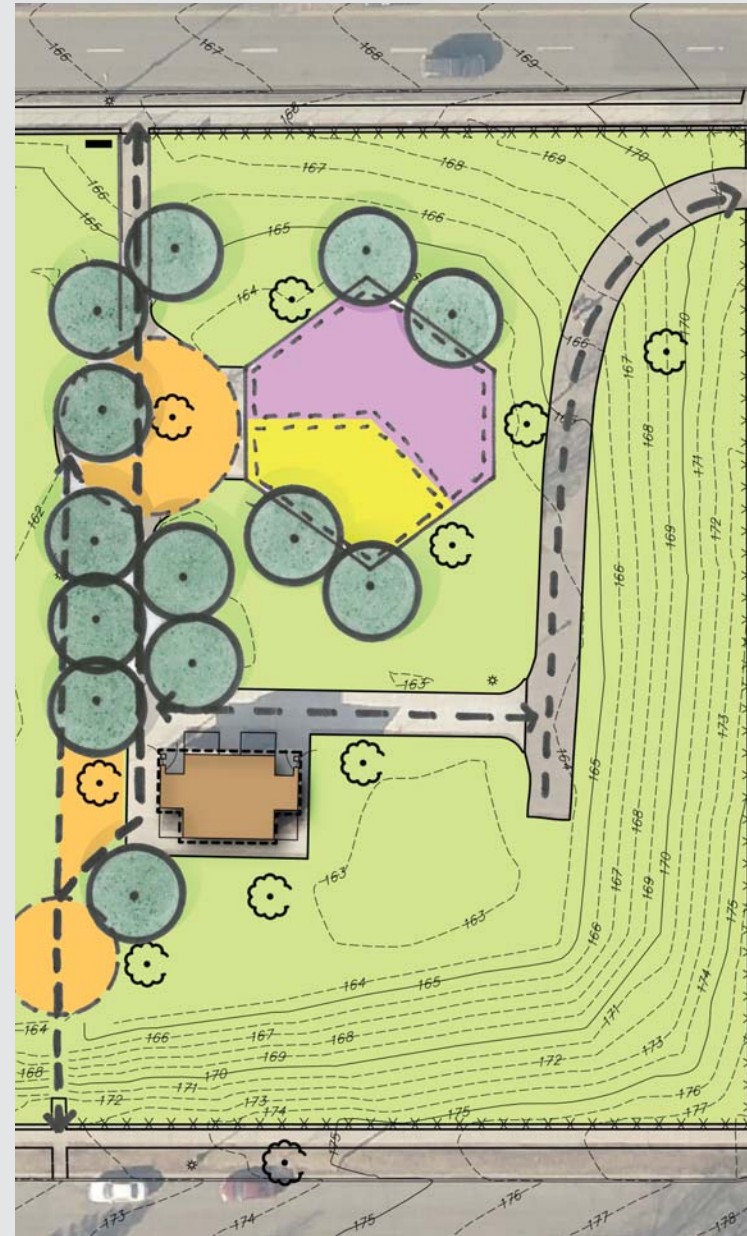
Modern themed play area at St. Paul Music Academy

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MEETING #1 KEY COMMENTS

Comments:

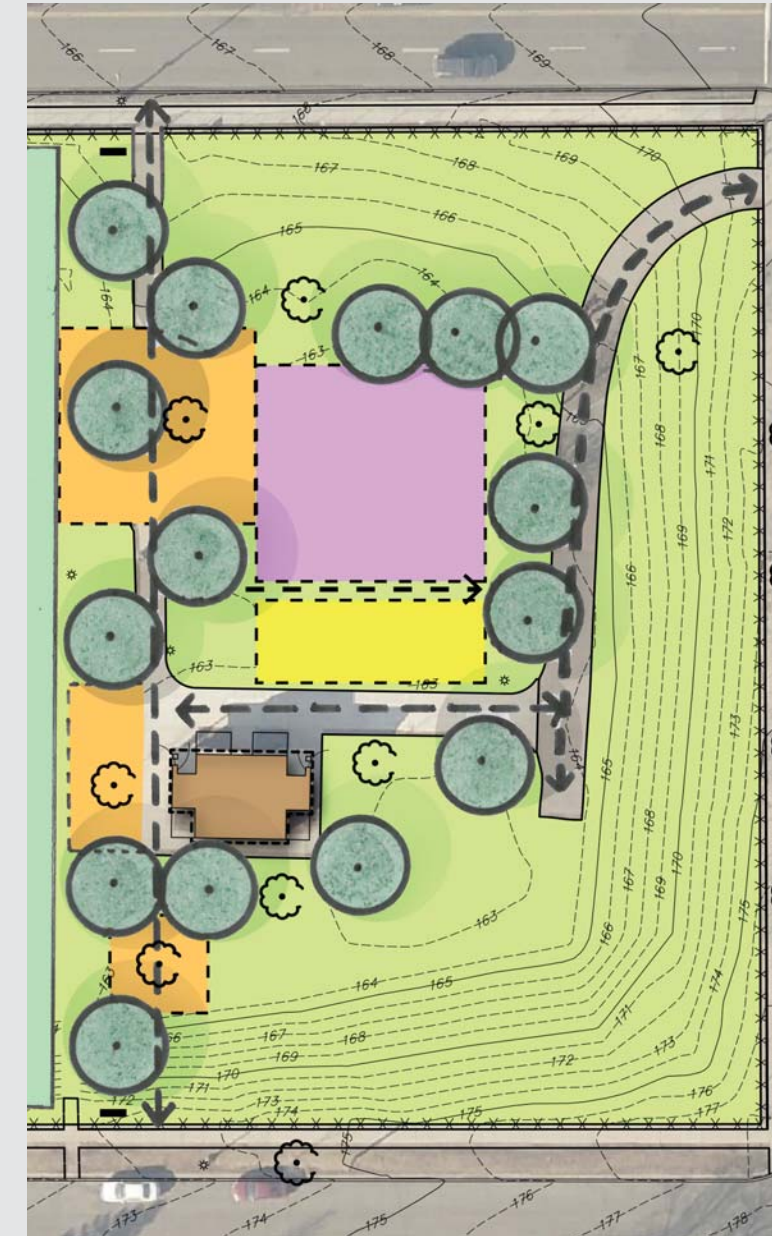
- have a ground level spinner
- preference for modern & traditional combination with visible sight line
- provide sand for children to play
- like central walkway corridor with the alignment of the north and south entry
- separation of 2-5 & 5-12 play area
- have ornamental fence around play area & remove chain link fence
- visible sight line to front of restroom building
- play area users come to Sylvan Park for shade
- preference of combination of soccer fields keeping in mind of the athletic fields and play area



Meeting 1 Concept #1

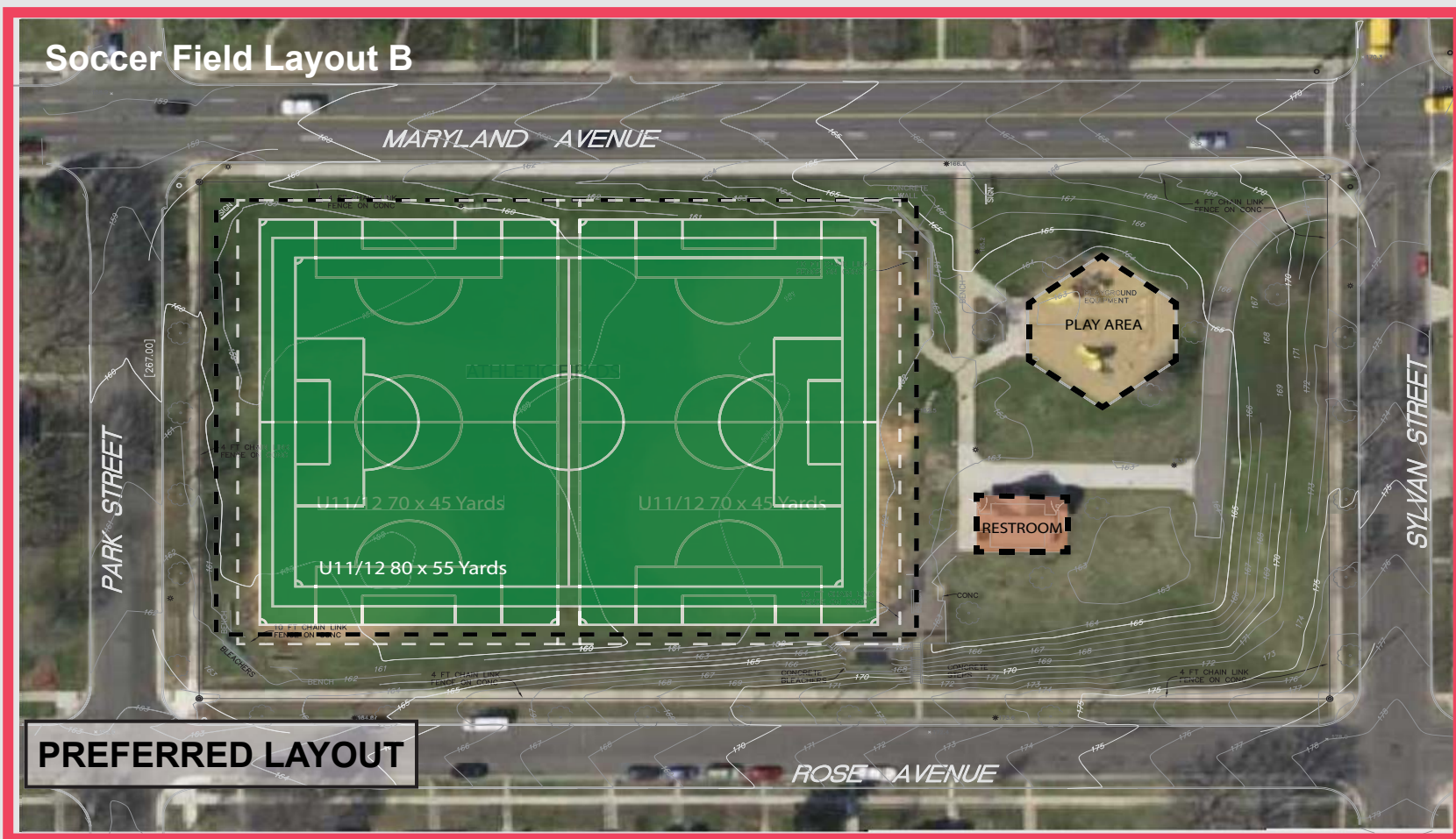


Meeting 1 Concept #2



Meeting 1 Concept #3

MEETING #1 ATHLETIC FIELD LAYOUT



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CONCEPT #1 - PLAY AREA LAYOUT

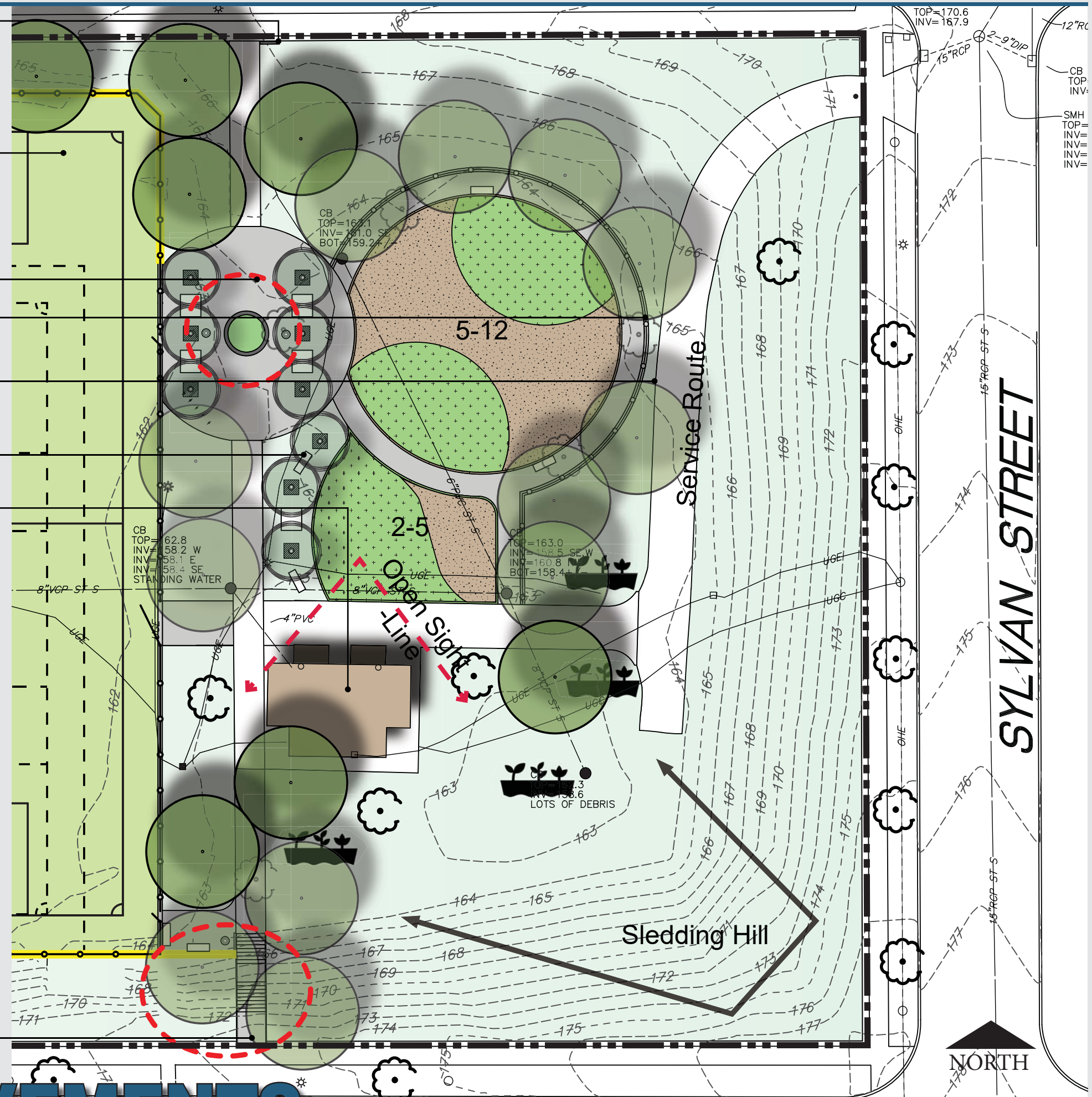
Key Ideas

- Existing trees around play area removed - no shade
- Separate 2-5 & 5-12 play area
- Looped circulation path around play area
- Combination of artificial turf & sand for both 2-5 and 5-12 play area.
- Ornamental fence around play area
- Central gathering space
- Central corridor walkway
- Alignment of north and south access points
- Open sight line to front of restroom building
- Trees to provide future shade
- -Replace chain at service road entry with removable bollard to improve pedestrian entry into the park from Sylvan Street

- Proposed Park Sign
- Proposed Athletic Fields
- Central Gathering Space
- Proposed Looped Circulation
- Proposed Ornamental Fence
- Gathering Space
- Existing Restroom Building

Legend

Artificial Turf	
Proposed Walks	
Play Sand	
Bench	
Picnic Tables	
Existing Tree	
Proposed Trees	
Potential Perennial Garden Location	



South Entry
6061 SQ. FT.

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CONCEPT #2 - PLAY AREA LAYOUT

Key Ideas

- Play area formed to save existing trees and shade around play area
- Central corridor walkway
Alignment of north and south access points
- Looped path around play area
- Separated 2-5 & 5-12 play containers
- Ornamental fence around the play area
- Combination of poured-in-place & sand for both 2-5 and 5-12 age groups
- Open sight line to front of restroom building
- Plant additional trees to provide shade

Legend

Rubber Surfacing	
Proposed Walks	
Play Sand	
Bench	
Picnic Tables	
Existing Tree	
Proposed Trees	
Potential Perennial Garden Location	

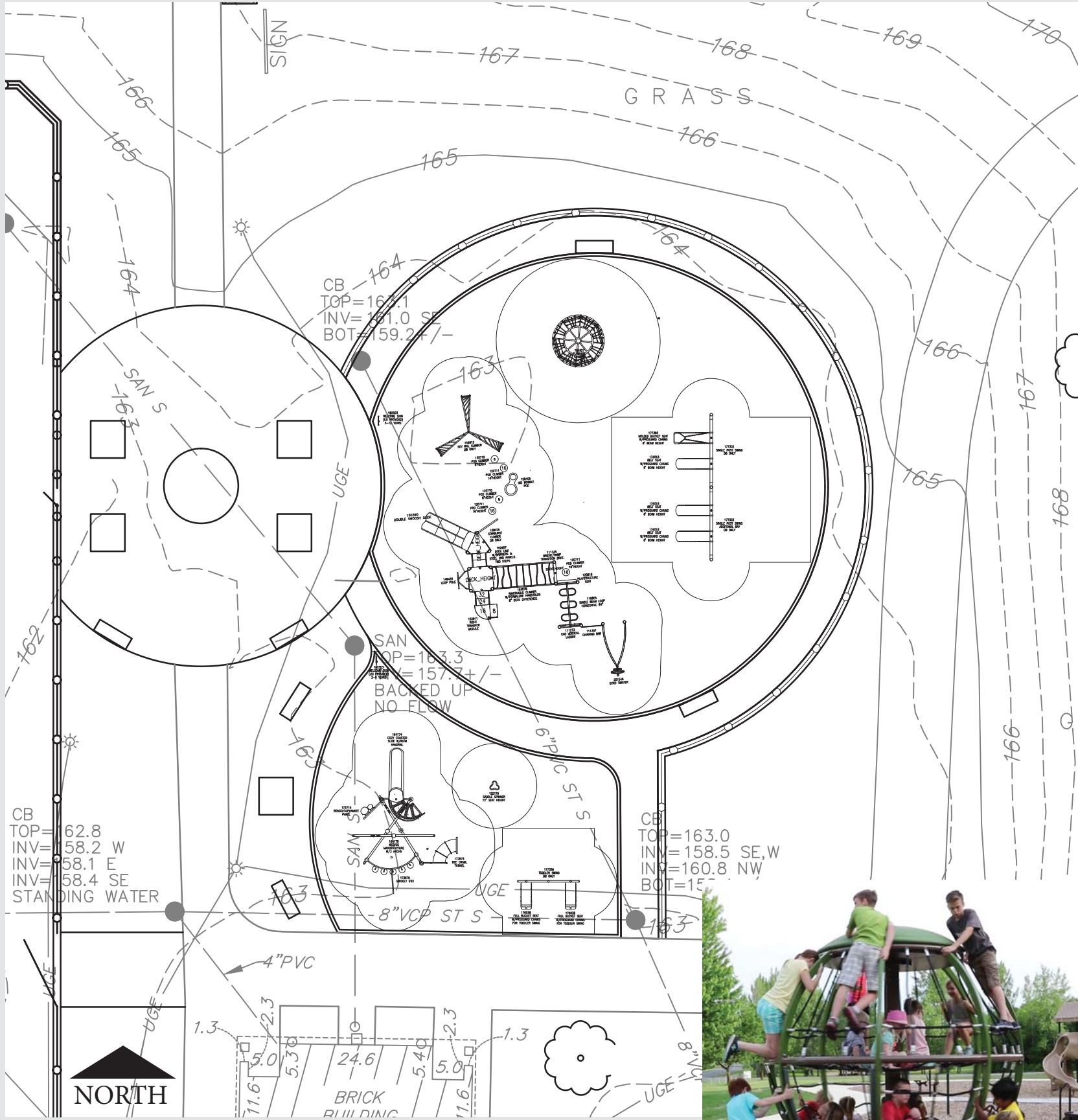
- Proposed Park Sign
- Proposed Athletic Fields
- Ornamental Fence
- Gathering Space
(Potential Public Art Location)
- Walkway Circulation
- Existing Restroom Building
- Proposed Stairs and Retaining Wall
(Potential Public Art Location)
- South Entry



4732 SQ. FT.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT - LAYOUT 1



2-5 PLAY AREA

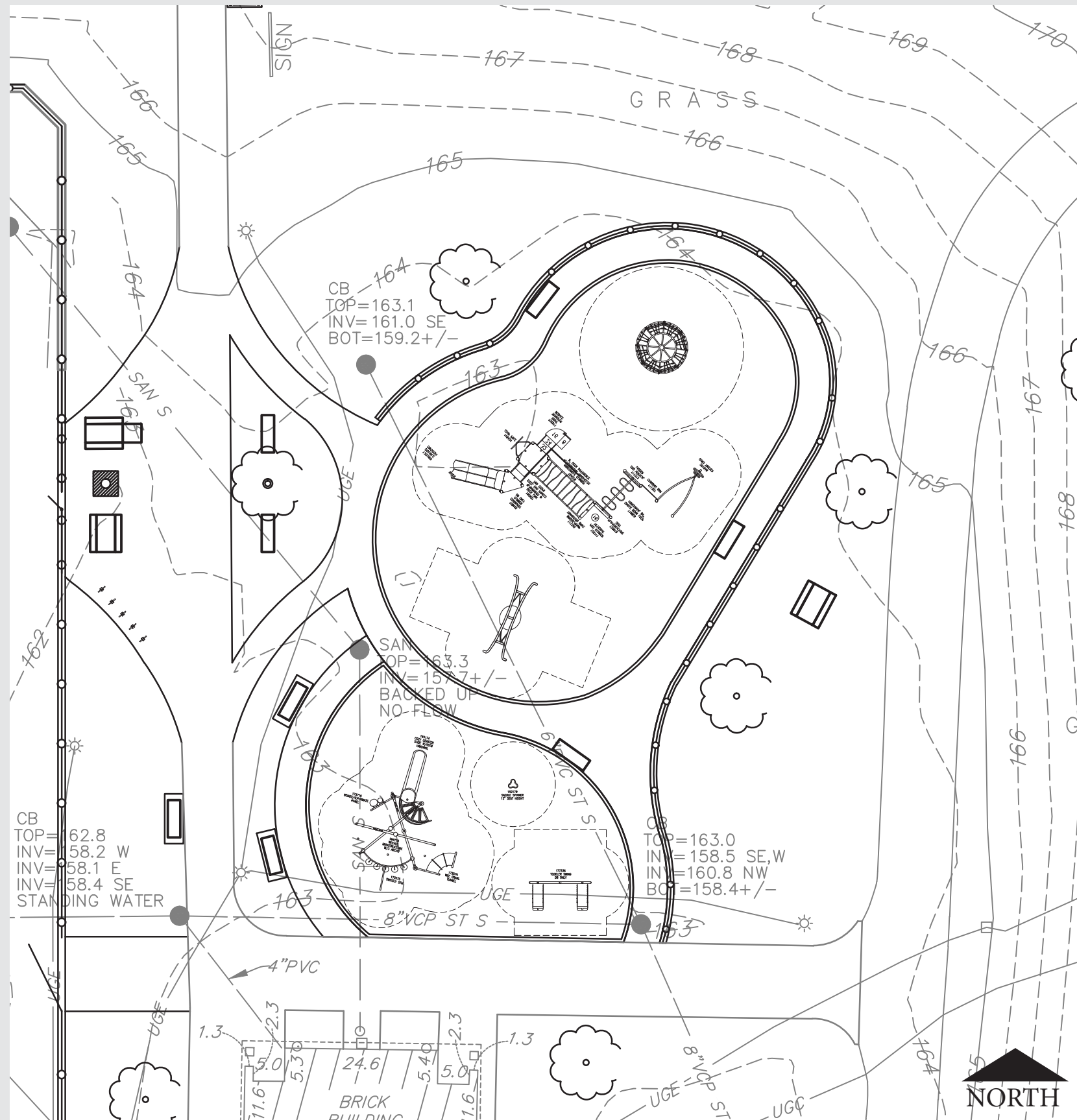


5-12 PLAY AREA



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PLAY EQUIPMENT - LAYOUT 2



Oodle Swing



Global Motion Spinner



Alternative Structure

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PUBLIC ART



Infrastructural Art



Playful Light

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PROJECT DISCUSSION

Project Scope

1. Discuss refined play area concept & layout
 - Play Equipment
 - Play Surfacing
2. Athletic Field
 - Field Orientation
3. Discuss Public Art
4. Moving Forward



THANK YOU!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE IN A NEW PLAY AREA?

Misc. Equipment

Spinning
Ages 5-12

Swinging/Rocking
Ages 5-12

Climbing
Ages 5-12

TRADITIONAL

Advantages

- Familiar to most users
- Provides for a variety of age groups
- Tend to provide shade, defined spaces
- Provides resting, hang-out points
- Large variety of play opportunities

Disadvantages

- Impedes visibility
- Common
- High amount of plastic leads to colors fading
- A lot of flat surfaces

NET CLIMBERS

- DANGEROUS

Advantages

- Minimal flat surfaces
- High visibility
- Climbing focused
- Provides for new play experiences
- Promotes group/interactive play

Disadvantages

- Expensive
- Long lead time/repair time
- Limited play experience
- May exclude less-social children
- Limited accessibility

MODERN

Advantages

- High volume of users
- Works upper body and core, develops coordination
- High visibility (can see through the equipment)
- Provides for new play experiences
- Helps develop coordination

Disadvantages

- Unfamiliar to many users
- May not provide for all strength levels, limits accessibility
- A lot of the play features are similar
- May require a lot of space

Water feature

Swings

Monkey bar

Basketball court

No sand

area for

play

** 2*

shaded

miniature

Sylvan Park

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Community Meeting #3

November 16, 2017

Rice Recreation Center

6:30-8:00 PM

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