

Merriam Park Site Improvements

What's Happening?

Project Description

Merriam Park is undergoing a \$1.87 million renovation with funding from the City of St. Paul's new Common Cent Sales Tax. Construction will take place 2026 through 2027.

What's Next?

The design team will integrate feedback during the upcoming construction documentation phase.

Vision

Remove barriers and create a park that is safe, connected, and welcoming - a hub for recreation, gathering, and wellness for all.

Guiding Principles

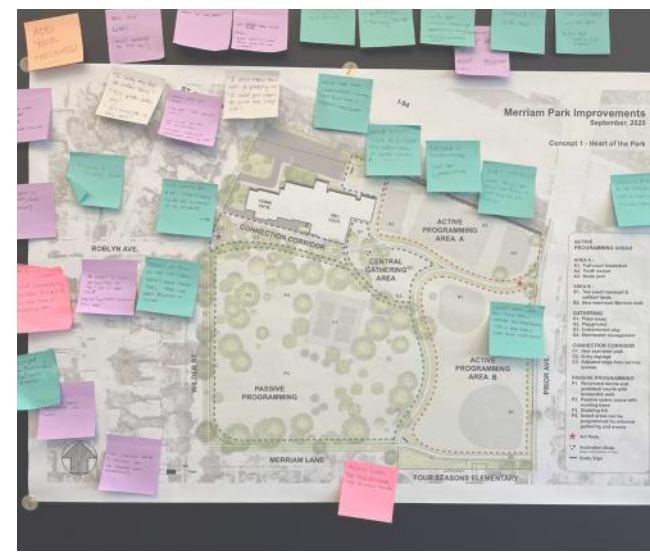
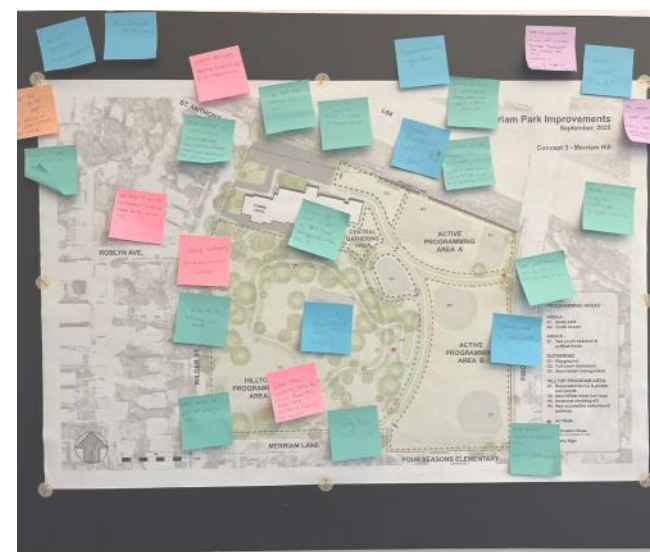
1. Visible
2. Accessible
3. Safe
4. Fun
5. Reflects the neighborhood
6. Sustainable

What We've Heard:

The design team attended PB and Jam, an annual event held in Merriam Park on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The design team sought feedback on the design.

Community Priorities

1. Play Spaces & Youth Activities
2. Community Gathering & Safety
3. Walking Paths & Connectivity
4. Sports & Active Recreation
5. Green Space & Nature
6. Better Utilized Spaces
7. Dog-Friendly Areas



Most Requested Site Elements

19
New playground

07
E/W Connection
Prior Ave. entry
Natural areas

05
Gathering spaces

04
Wayfinding signage
Hilltop trail loop
Sledding hill
Bike infrastructure
Lighting & safety

03
Additional seating
Gardens
Water element

Focus Of Improvements

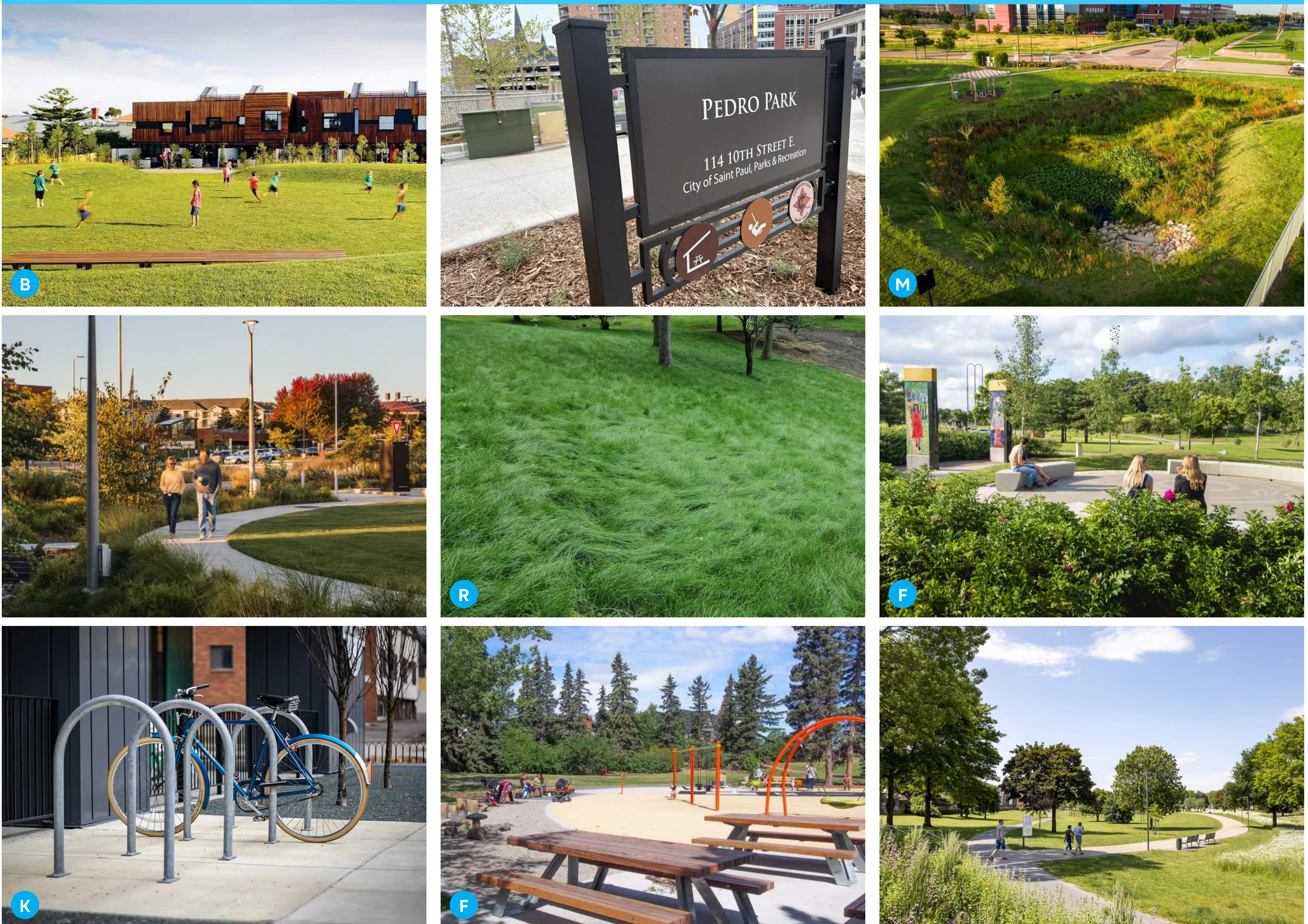
1. Accessible Walking Paths
2. Updated Tennis Courts
3. Tree Planting & Preservation
4. New Playground
5. Updated Ball-field & Drainage
6. Full-Court Basketball Court
7. Gathering Areas
8. Pollinator Friendly Rain Gardens
9. Public Art Investments
10. Increased Seating

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Site Plan

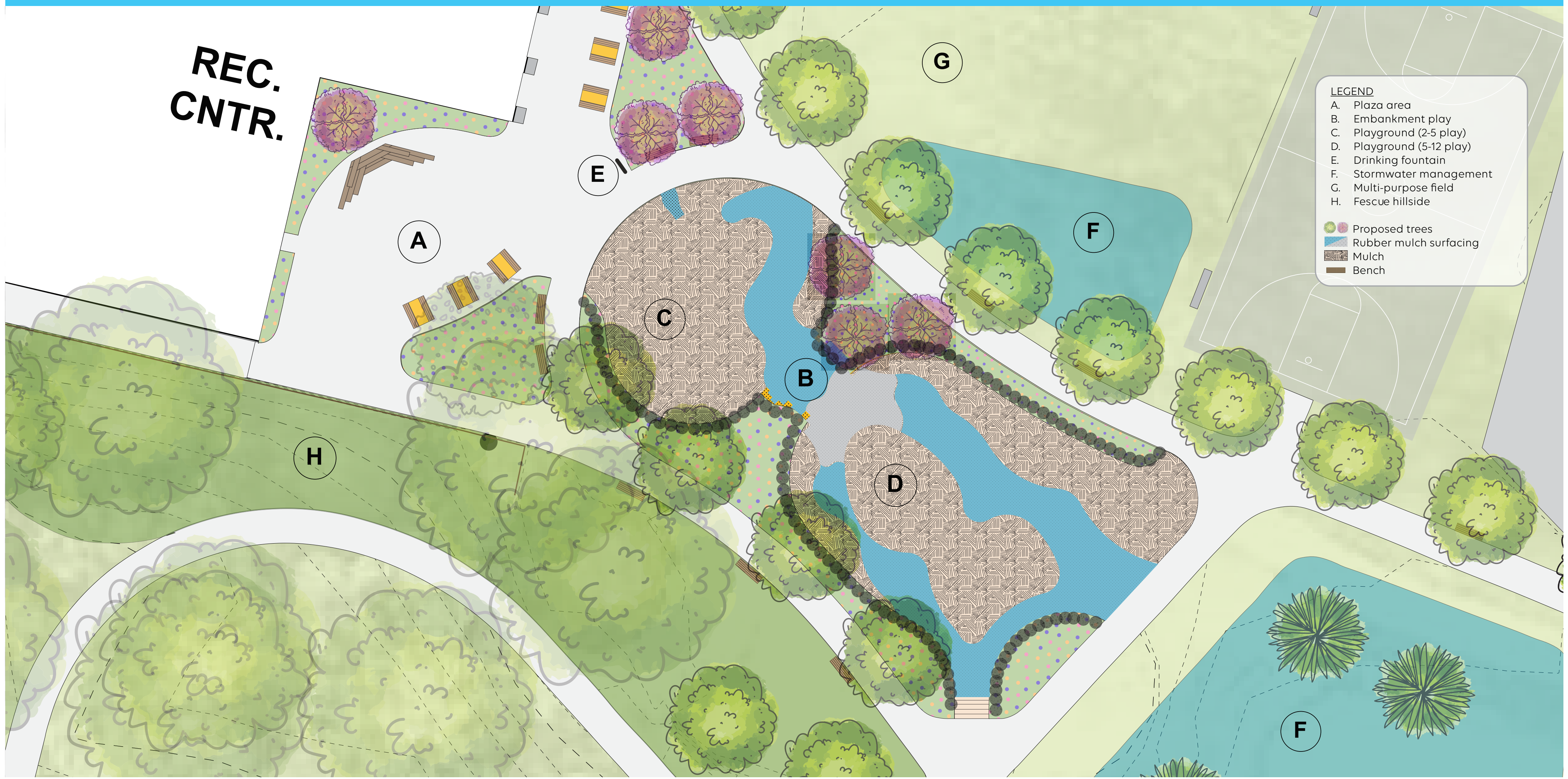


Precedent Images



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Playground Design



Play Elements



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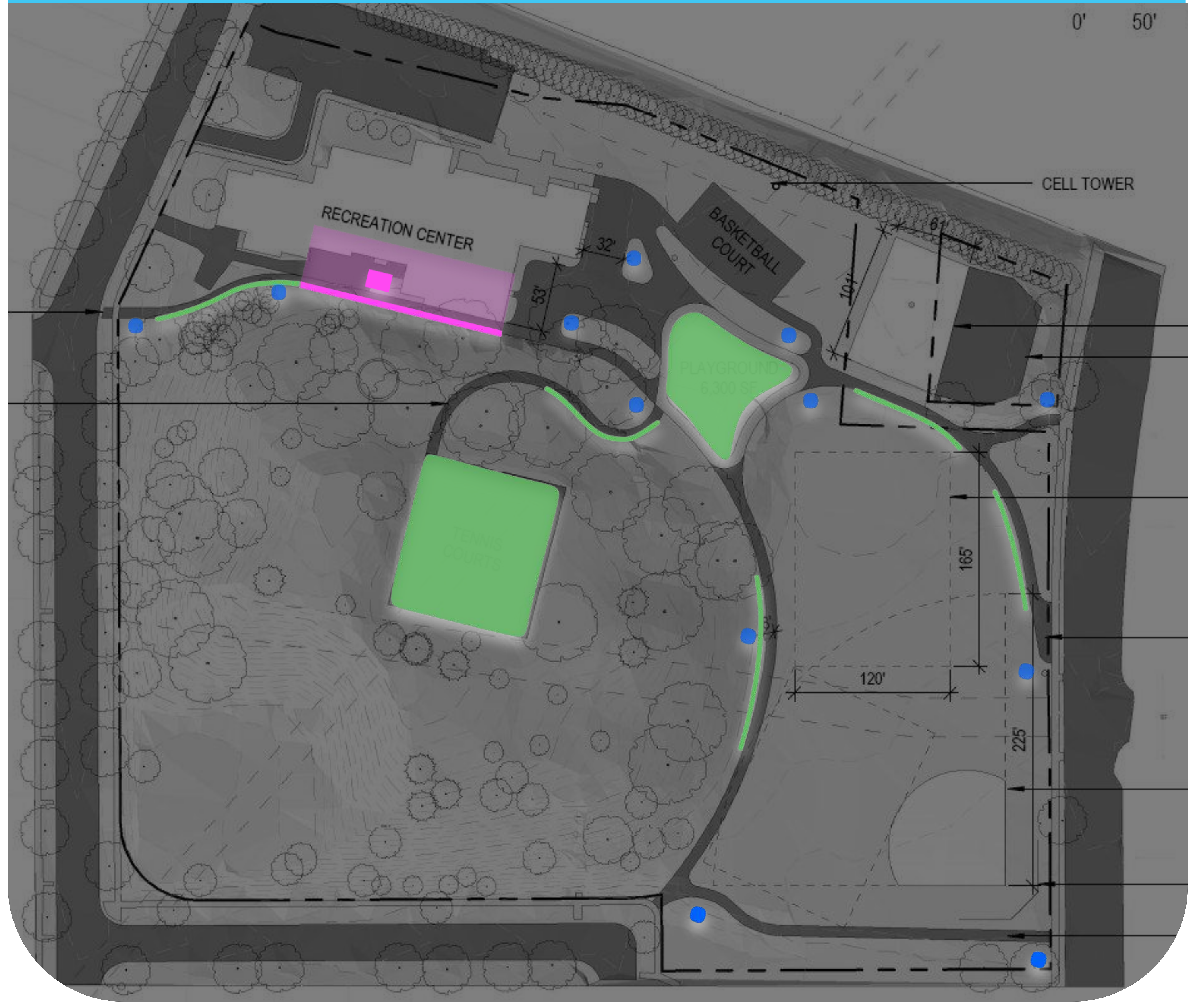
2.0 - Interpretive Signage



3.0 - Color Integration



Public Art Approach



Potential Themes

Theme One - Community Crossroads & Connection



Theme Two - Youth Movement & Skateboarding Culture



Theme Three - Connections To Nature & The Big Woods

