

Improvements to Millennium Park Community Meeting #3



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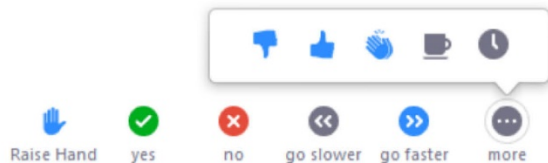
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VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

We want to ensure this conversation is a pleasant experience for all and that all community members/ stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions and feedback.

Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/ providing comments, so that all attendees are able to participate in the meeting.

Keep questions/ comments project-specific and not personal to yield solution-driven discussion.

Please wait until all attendees have had the opportunity to ask a question/ provide a comment before providing additional questions/ comments.

You can always set up a conversation with **Allison Perlman**, **Allison.Perlman@boston.gov** to further discuss the project or process.



AGENDA

WELCOME – ALLISON PERLMAN PROJECT MANAGER, BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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NEXT STEPS



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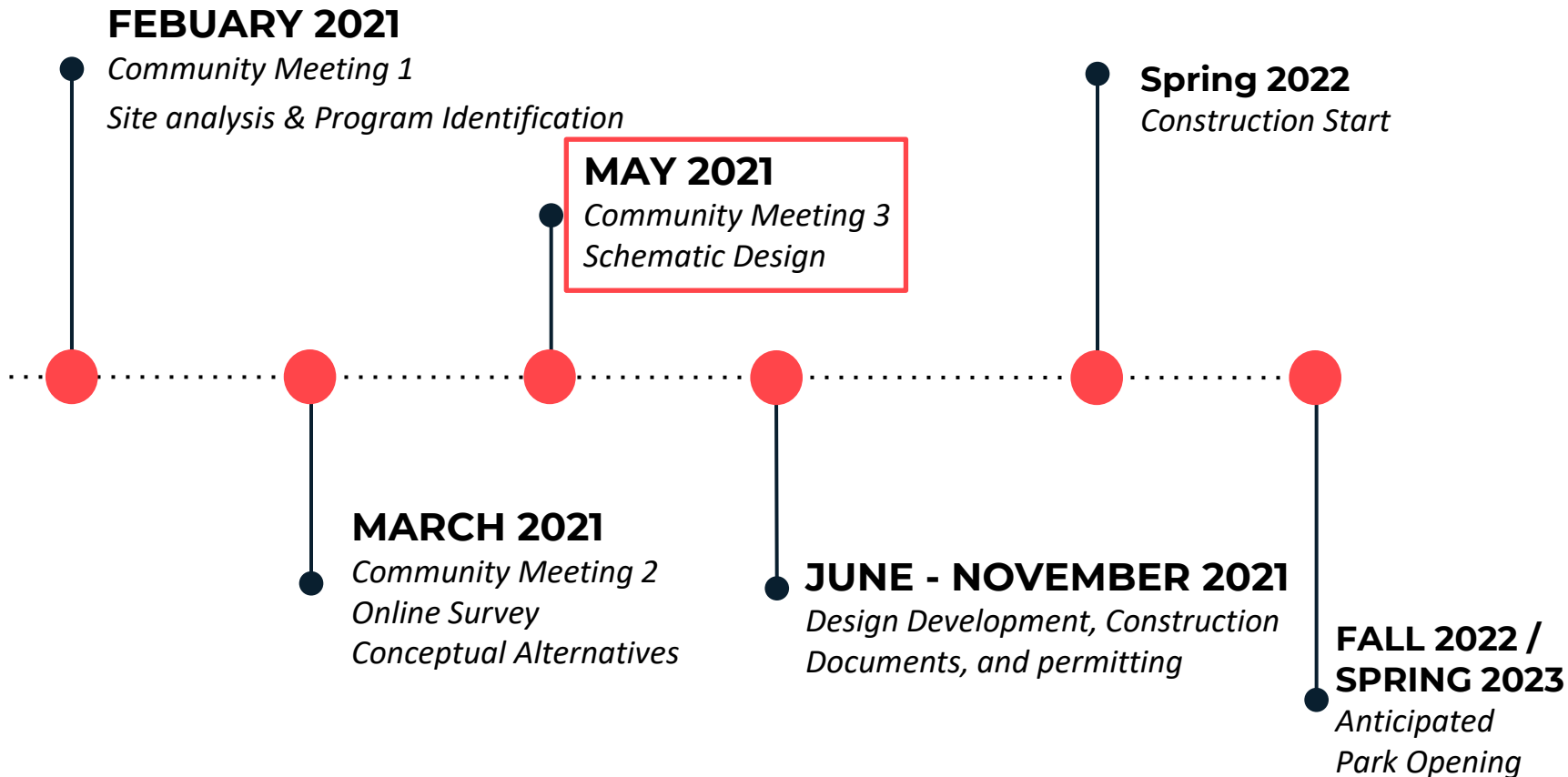


PROJECT SCOPE

- **Review existing conditions and use of the playground, pathways and parking lots**
- **Identify new playground elements reflective of the community**
- **Upgrade playground equipment, safety surfacing and access**
- **Assess feasibility of new restroom building**
- **Replace or repair damaged pathways or parking - on-going process**

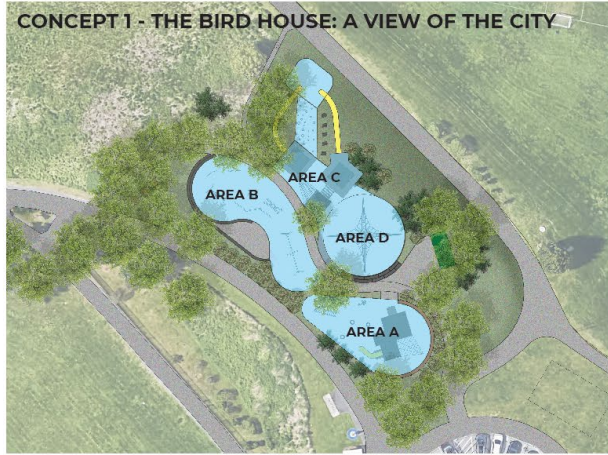


PROJECT SCHEDULE



COMMUNITY MEETING #2 CONCEPT PLANS

CONCEPT 1 - THE BIRD HOUSE: A VIEW OF THE CITY



KEY FEATURES -

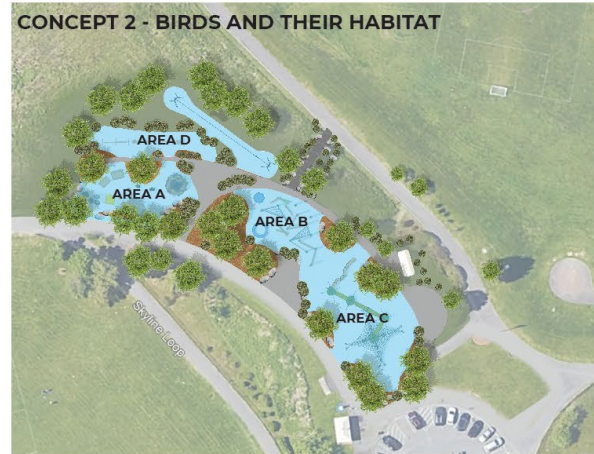
AREA A - 2-5, PLAY HOUSE WITH CLIMBING AND SLIDES, SMALL CLIMBER AND NESTS

AREA B - SWINGS AND BALANCING/ CLIMBING ELEMENTS

AREA C - 5-12, LARGE STRUCTURE WITH HILL SLIDES

AREA D - 5-12, LARGE CLIMBING STRUCTURE WITH VIEW

CONCEPT 2 - BIRDS AND THEIR HABITAT



KEY FEATURES -

AREA A - 2-5, PLAY WITH SMALL EMBANKMENT SLIDE, NEST, AND PLAYHOUSE

AREA B - BALANCING AND SPINNING PLAY ELEMENTS

AREA C - 5-12, LARGE CLIMBER ROPE STRUCTURE WITH SLIDE AND BRIDGES

AREA D - SWINGS AND ZIPLINE

CONCEPT 3 - URBAN WILD



KEY FEATURES -

AREA A - 2-5, PLAYHOUSE WITH SLIDE, DISH SWING, BALANCING ELEMENTS AND RIVER CREATURES

AREA B - INCLUSIVE SPINNING ELEMENTS, OBSTACLE CLIMBING ELEMENTS, AND SWINGS

AREA C - 5-12, OVERLOOK TOWER STRUCTURE (ACCESSIBLE FROM BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM) WITH SLIDES AND VIEW

AREA D - SMALL TREE HOUSE PLAY STRUCTURE AND SEESAW



COMMUNITY MEETING #2 WHAT WE HEARD

General Comments

- Swings are a crucial play item, dish swing would be great too
- Include large climbing structures and net systems
- Include accessible playground equipment for all ages
- Bird and nature theme received positive comments
- A combination of natural seating and more formal seating with shading is desired
- Add in more native vegetation to provide shade and wind protection, without obstructing the views
- Include a teen seating area
- Fencing and natural barriers should be used in some instances to help protect and enclose certain play areas



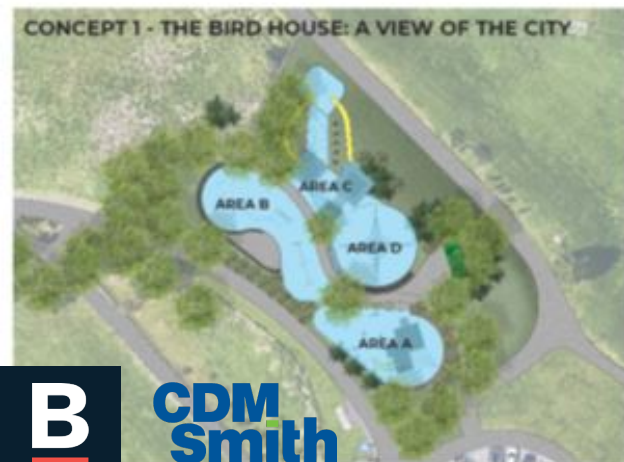
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Comments and preferred elements for the 2-5 year-old play areas:

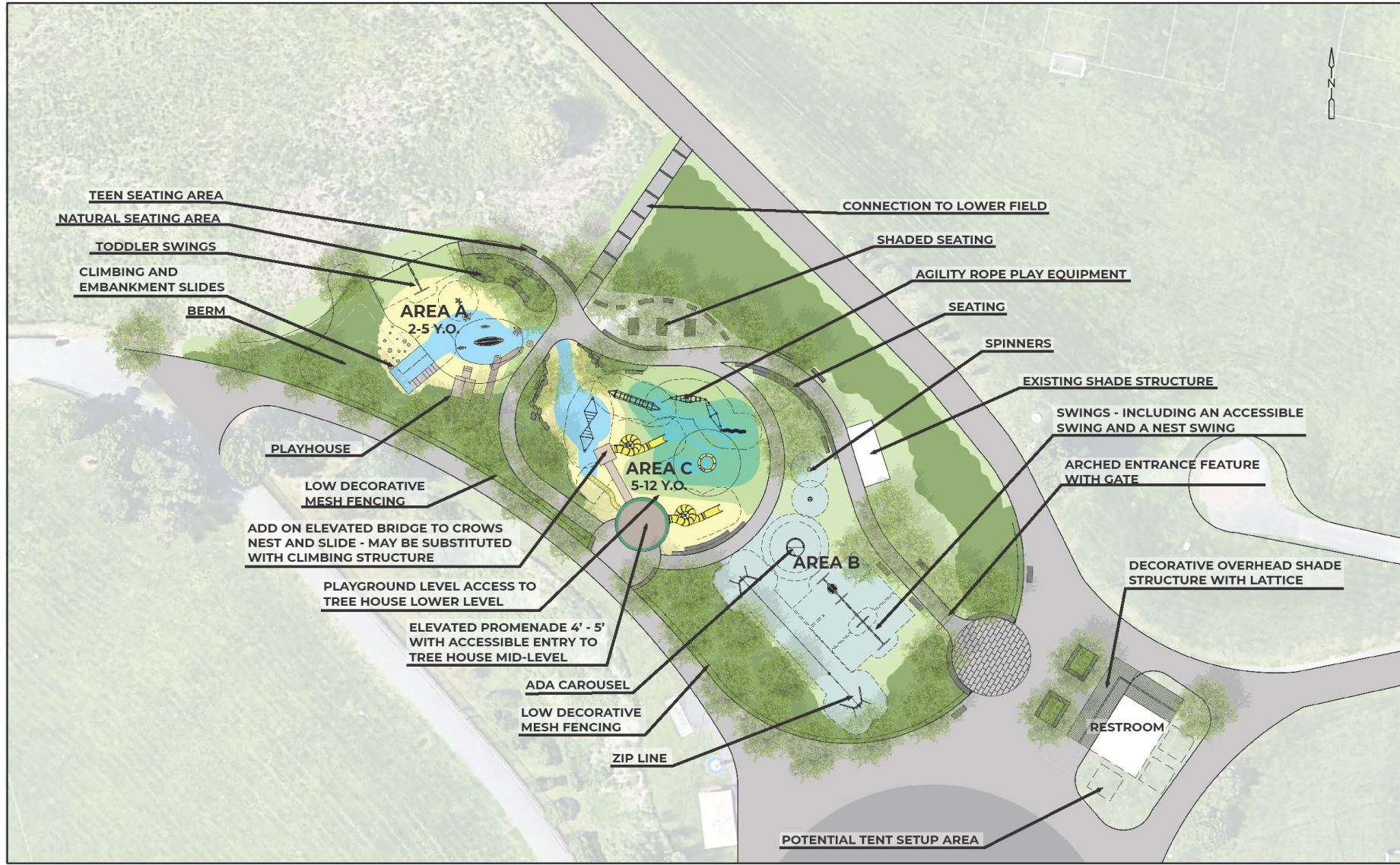
- Locate the play area further away from the parking lot, consider enclosure
- Include embankment slide with climbing options
- Include creative play – playhouse, wildlife

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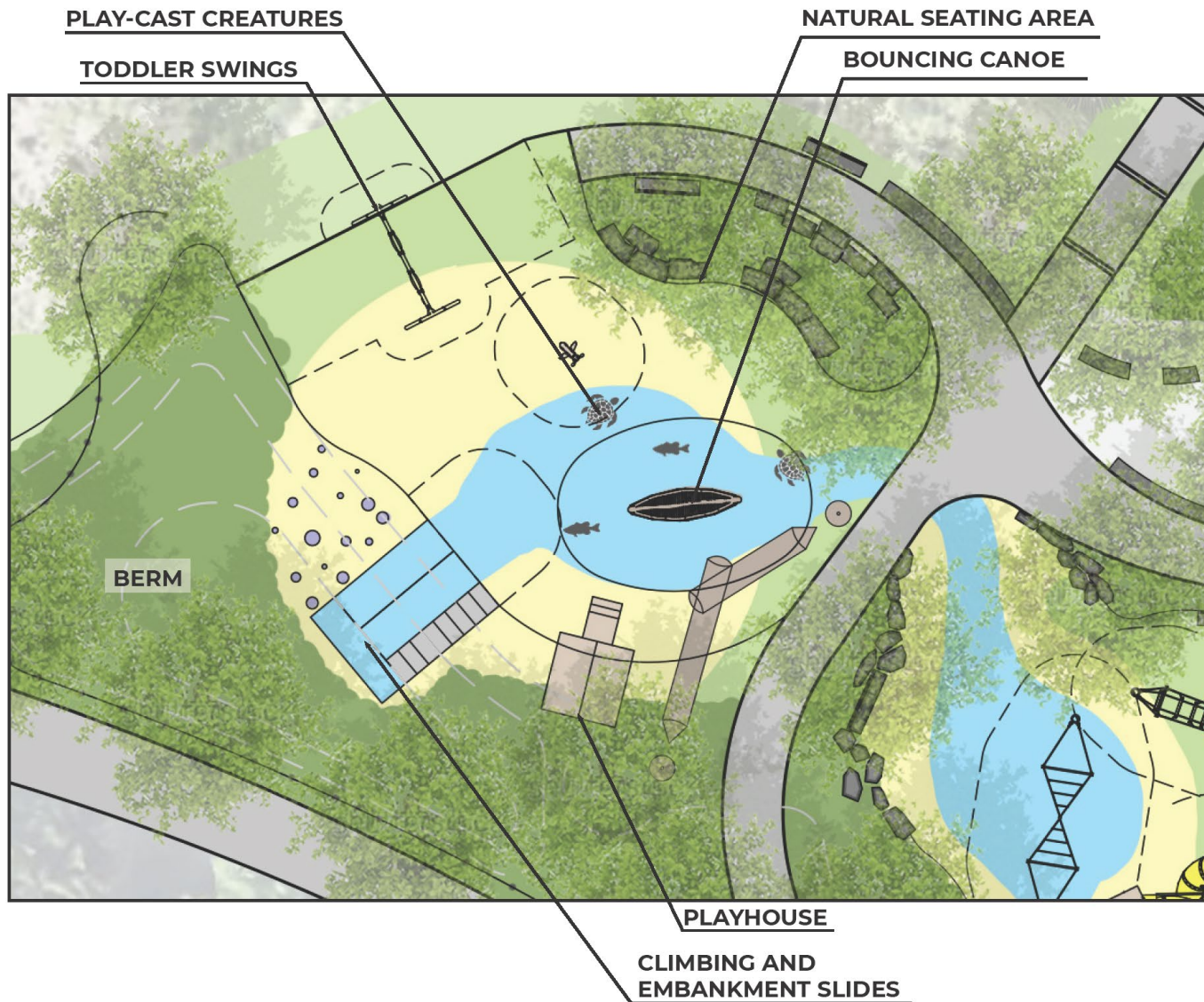
- Include treehouse play structure
- Large slide
- Skywalk tower with bridge
- Rope climbing net structure; obstacle play
- Accessible
- Slope play was a concern for visibility
- Zipline



SITE OVERVIEW



AREA A: 2-5 YEAR OLD PLAY AREA



KEY FEATURES

- TODDLER SWING
- DOUBLE EMBANKMENT SLIDE
- CLIMBING HILL
- PLAY-CAST CREATURES HIDDEN THROUGHOUT
- BALANCING LOGS
- BIRD-HOUSE THEMED PLAYHOUSE
- SHADED SEATING



PRECIDENT IMAGES – 2-5 YEAR OLD PLAY AREA



EMBANKMENT SLIDE



PLAYHOUSE



TODDLER SWINGS



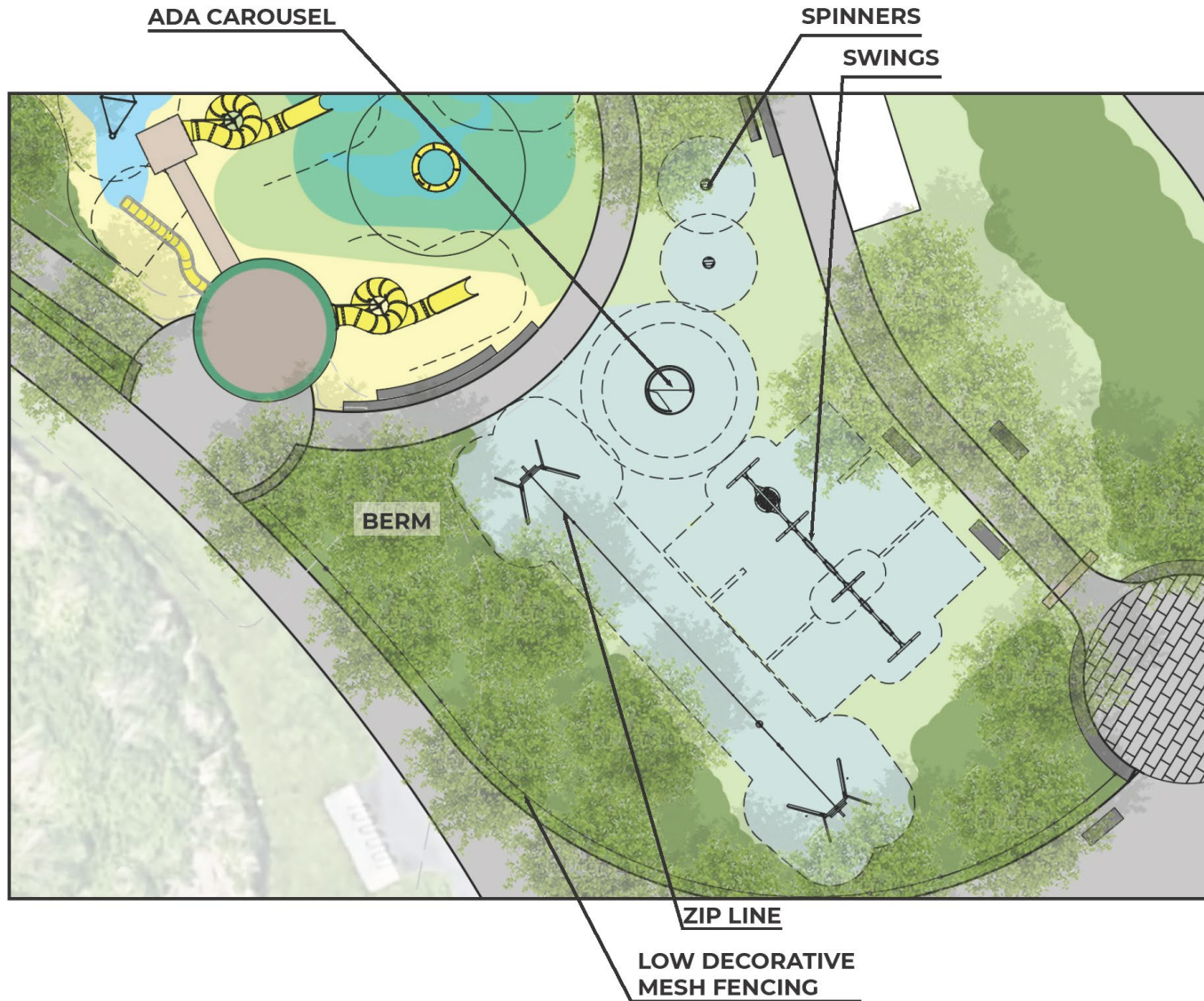
BALANCING LOGS



BOUNCING CANOE



AREA B: SWINGS, SPINNERS, AND ZIP LINE



KEY FEATURES

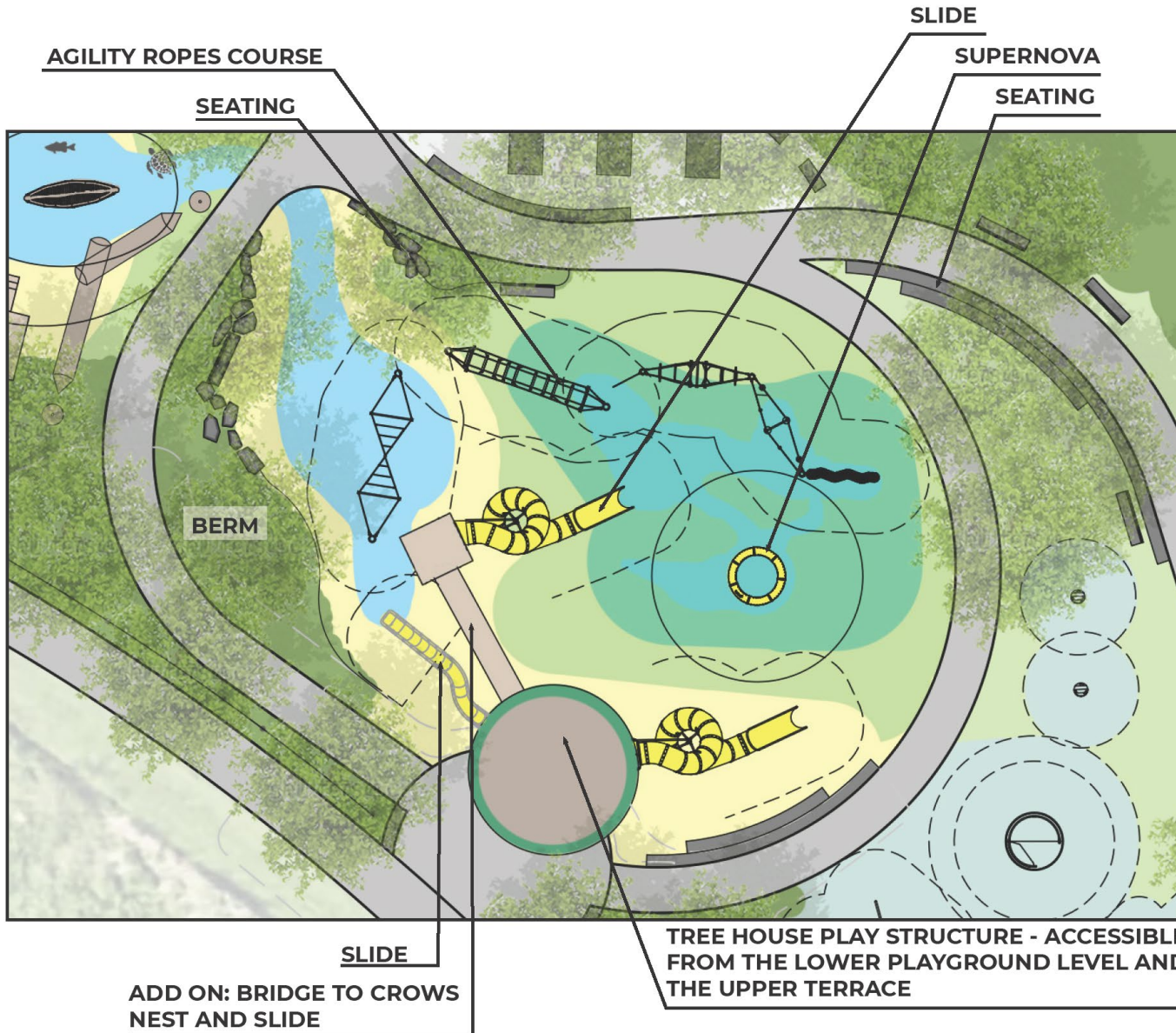
- SPINNERS
- ADA CAROUSEL
- SWINGS
- NEST SWING
- ZIP LINE



PRECIDENT IMAGES – SWINGS AND SPINNERS



AREA C: 5-12 YEAR OLD PLAY AREA



KEY FEATURES

- TREE HOUSE PLAY STRUCTURE
- SUPERNOVA EQUIPMENT
- EMBANKMENT SLIDE
- TALL PLASTIC TUBE SLIDE
- BRIDGE TO CROWS NEST
- ROPE AGILITY COURSES
- SHADED SEATING
- ACCESSIBLE VIEWING DECK FROM UPPER TERRACE



PRECIDENT IMAGES – 5-12 YEAR OLD PLAY AREA



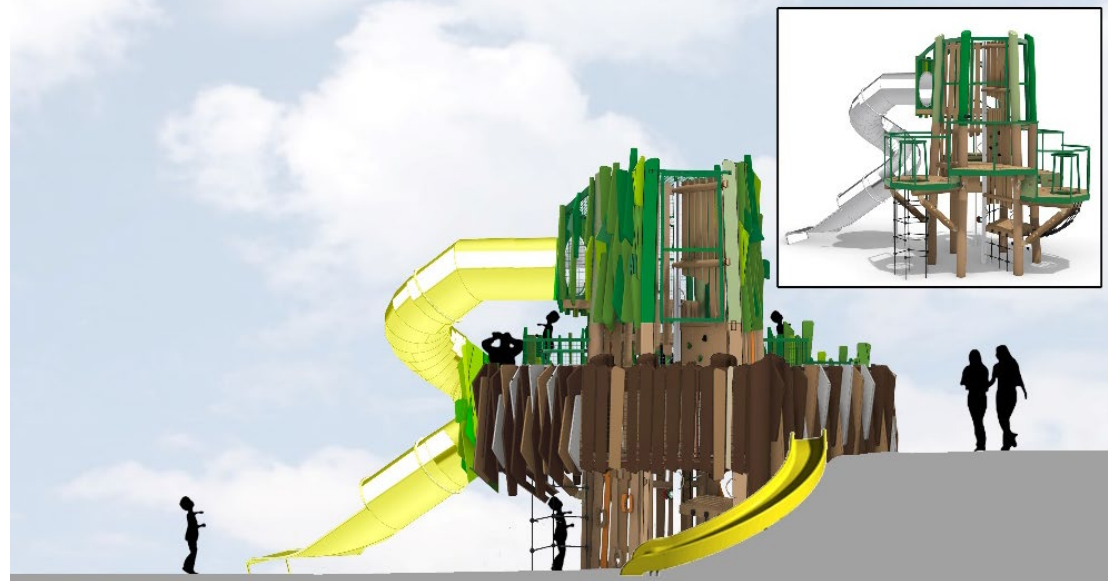
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TREE HOUSE PLAY STRUCTURE



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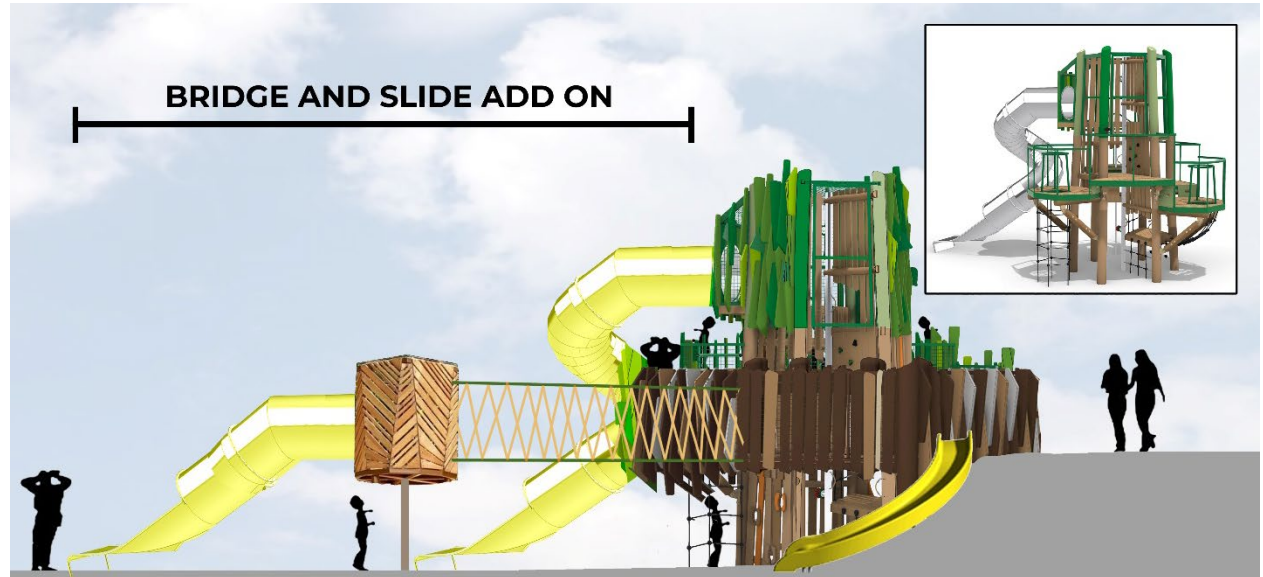
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BRIDGE AND SLIDE ADD ON

TREE HOUSE PLAY STRUCTURE WITH ADD ON CROWS NEST



PRECIDENT IMAGES – SITE FEATURES



ENTRANCE SIGN



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



PRECIDENT IMAGES – NATIVE PLANTINGS



RIVER BIRCH



WITCH-HAZEL



DOGWOOD



SWEET PEPPERBUSH



FRAGRANT SUMAC



SHADBLOW SERVICEBERRY



PRECIDENT IMAGES – NATURAL SEATING & VEGETATED BARRIERS



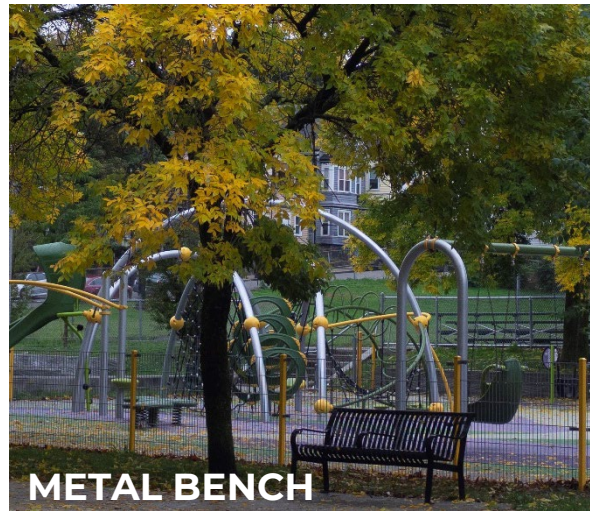
NATURAL SEATING AND VEGETATION BUFFER



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METAL BENCH

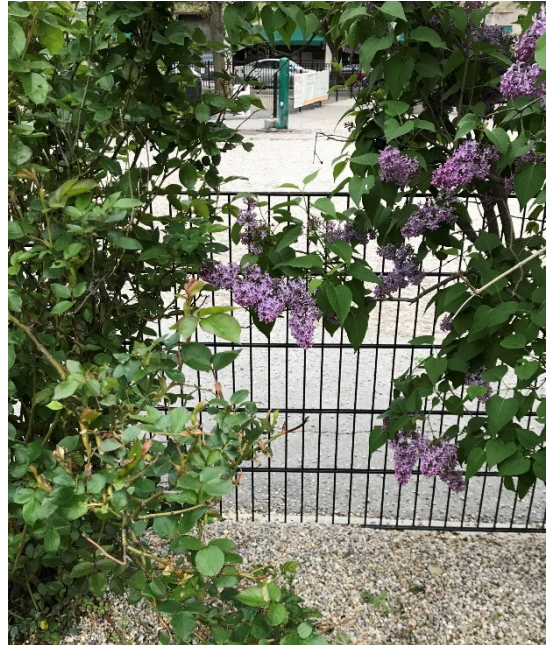


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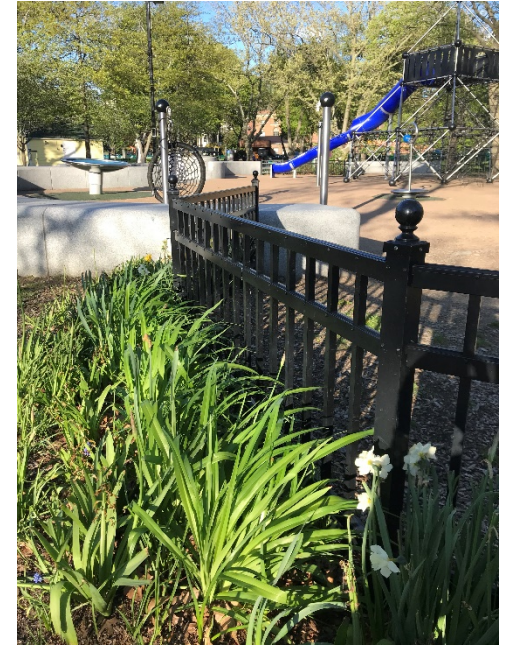
PRECEDENT IMAGES – TYPES OF FENCING



FENCING INCORPORATED INTO THE BERM



LOW MESH FENCE



FENCEING WITH PLANTINGS

LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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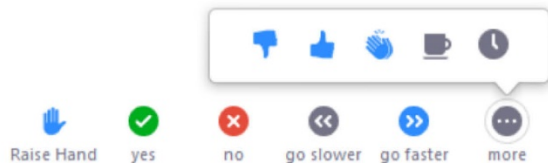
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NEXT STEPS

- Design Development and Construction Documents
- Restroom Feasibility report, DEP permitting
- Bidding
- Construction

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