Improvements to
CLIFFORD PLAYGROUND

Community Meeting 1: zoom

October 11, 2023
Boston Parks and Recreation

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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 **LAUREN BRYANT,** ***Lauren.Bryant@boston.gov****, to further discuss the project or process.*
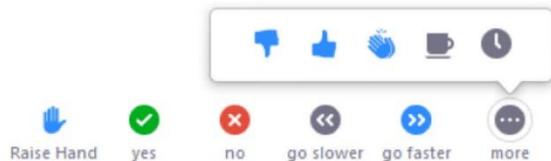
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Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

DURING THE PRESENTATION:

VIA WEB:
Turn video on / off.

To use these non-verbal options click on participants (bottom of screen); these options will pop up in side bar.

DURING THE Q&A:

JOINING VIA PHONE?
Use *9 to raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

VIA WEB:
Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions

Raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

AGENDA

1 **INTRODUCTION**

2 **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

3 **SITE ANALYSIS REVIEW AND INFORMATION GATHERING**

4 **LISTENING & DISCUSSION**

5 **NEXT STEPS**

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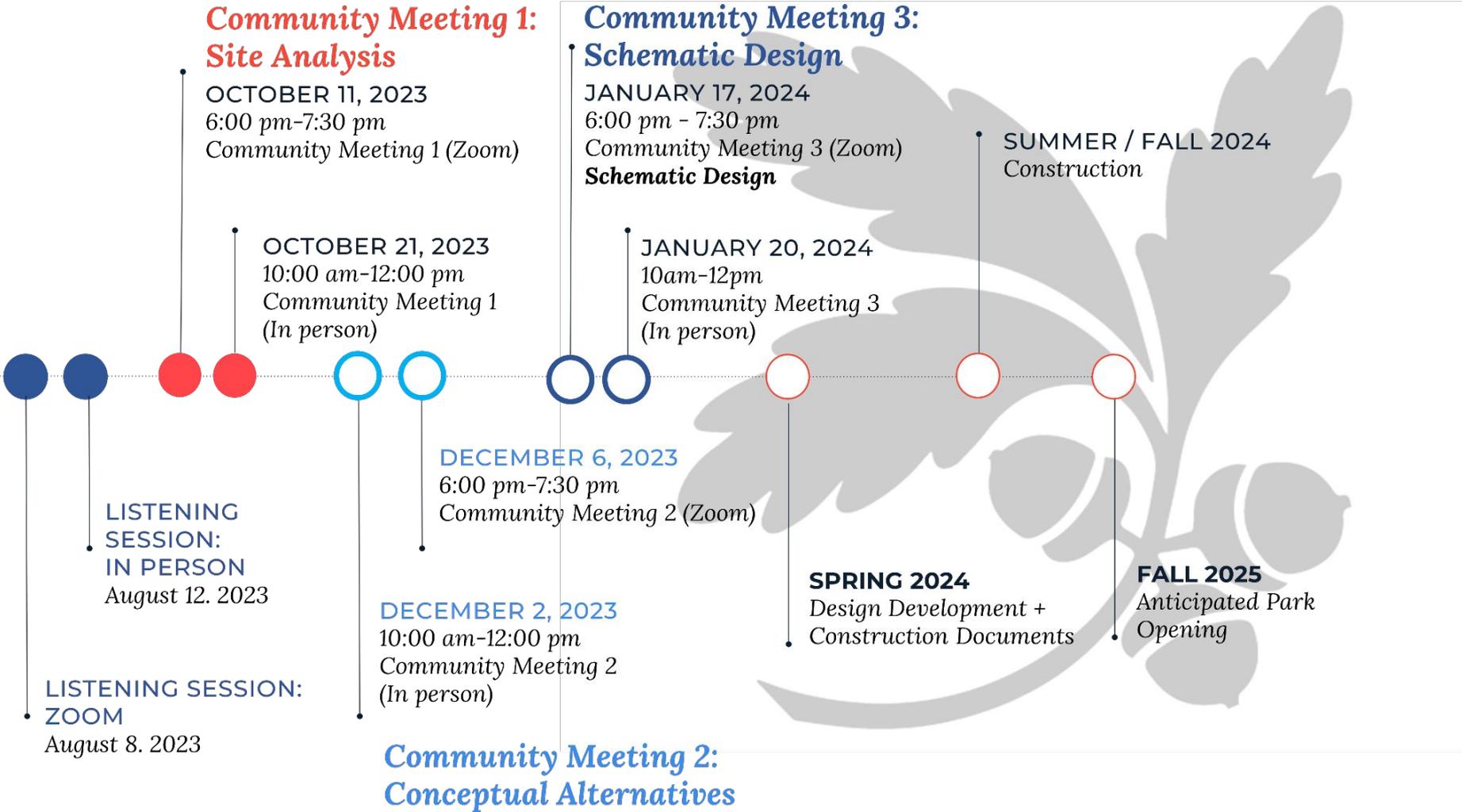**Catarina Martinez**
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Community Meeting 1: Site Analysis

OCTOBER 11, 2023
6:00 pm–7:30 pm
Community Meeting 1 (Zoom)

OCTOBER 21, 2023
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Community Meeting 1
(In person)

Community Meeting 3: Schematic Design

JANUARY 17, 2024
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Community Meeting 3 (Zoom)
Schematic Design

JANUARY 20, 2024
10am–12pm
Community Meeting 3
(In person)

SUMMER / FALL 2024
Construction

DECEMBER 6, 2023
6:00 pm–7:30 pm
Community Meeting 2 (Zoom)

LISTENING
SESSION:
IN PERSON
August 12. 2023

DECEMBER 2, 2023
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Community Meeting 2
(In person)

SPRING 2024
Design Development +
Construction Documents

FALL 2025
Anticipated Park
Opening

LISTENING SESSION:
ZOOM
August 8. 2023

Community Meeting 2: Conceptual Alternatives

City of Boston Priorities

Safety Guidelines+ Regulatory Guidelines

PARK DESIGN

Parks + Recreation Goals

Community Input

ADJACENT USES

Default		
GISDATA_LANDUSE2005_POLYPolygon		
	Commercial	
	High Density Residential	
	Industrial	
	Medium Density Residential	
	Multi-Family Residential	
	Other	
	Open Land	
	Transportation	
	Urban Public/Institutional	
	Very Low Density Residential	
	Water-Based Recreation	
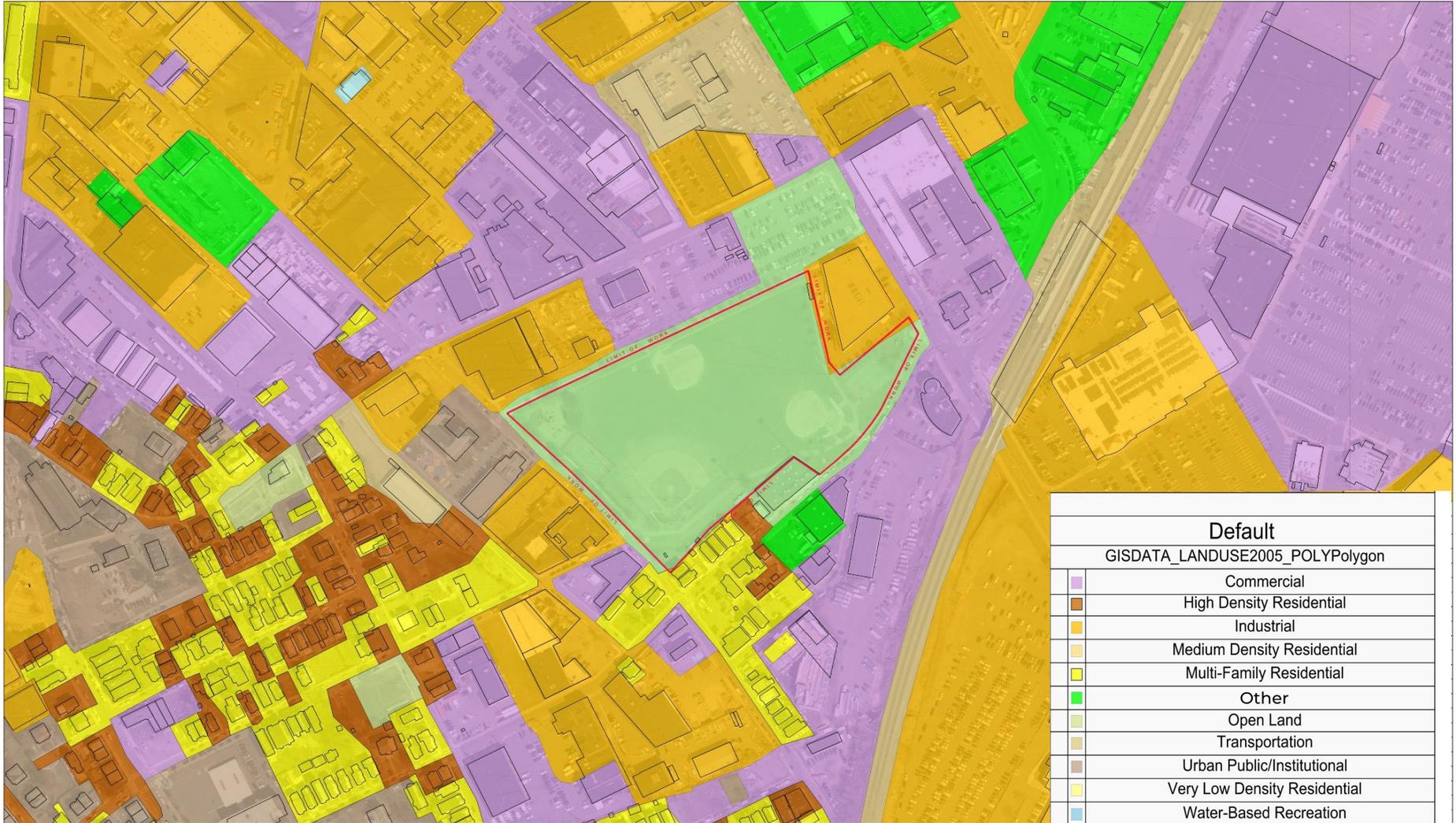
PROXIMITY TO COMMUNITY SPACES/ PARKS

Orchard Park/Edna Bynoe Playground

Shopping Center

Mt Pleasant Play Area

Dudley Town Common

Eustis Street Playground

Clifford Playground

Magazine Street Community Garden

Howes Playground

Dudley Square Plaza

Massachusetts Ave.

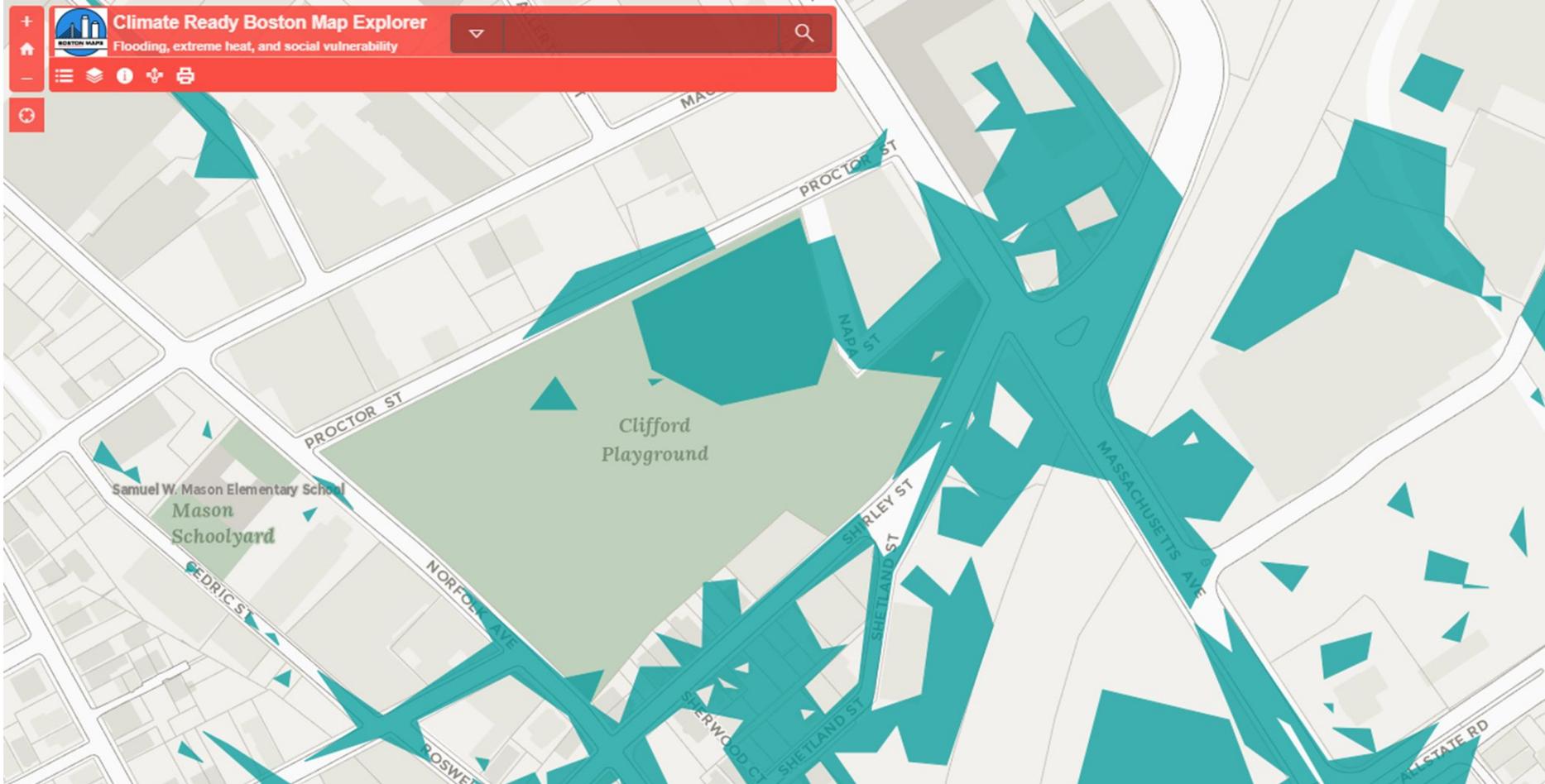Little Scobie Playground

Dennis Street Park

Leyland Street Garden
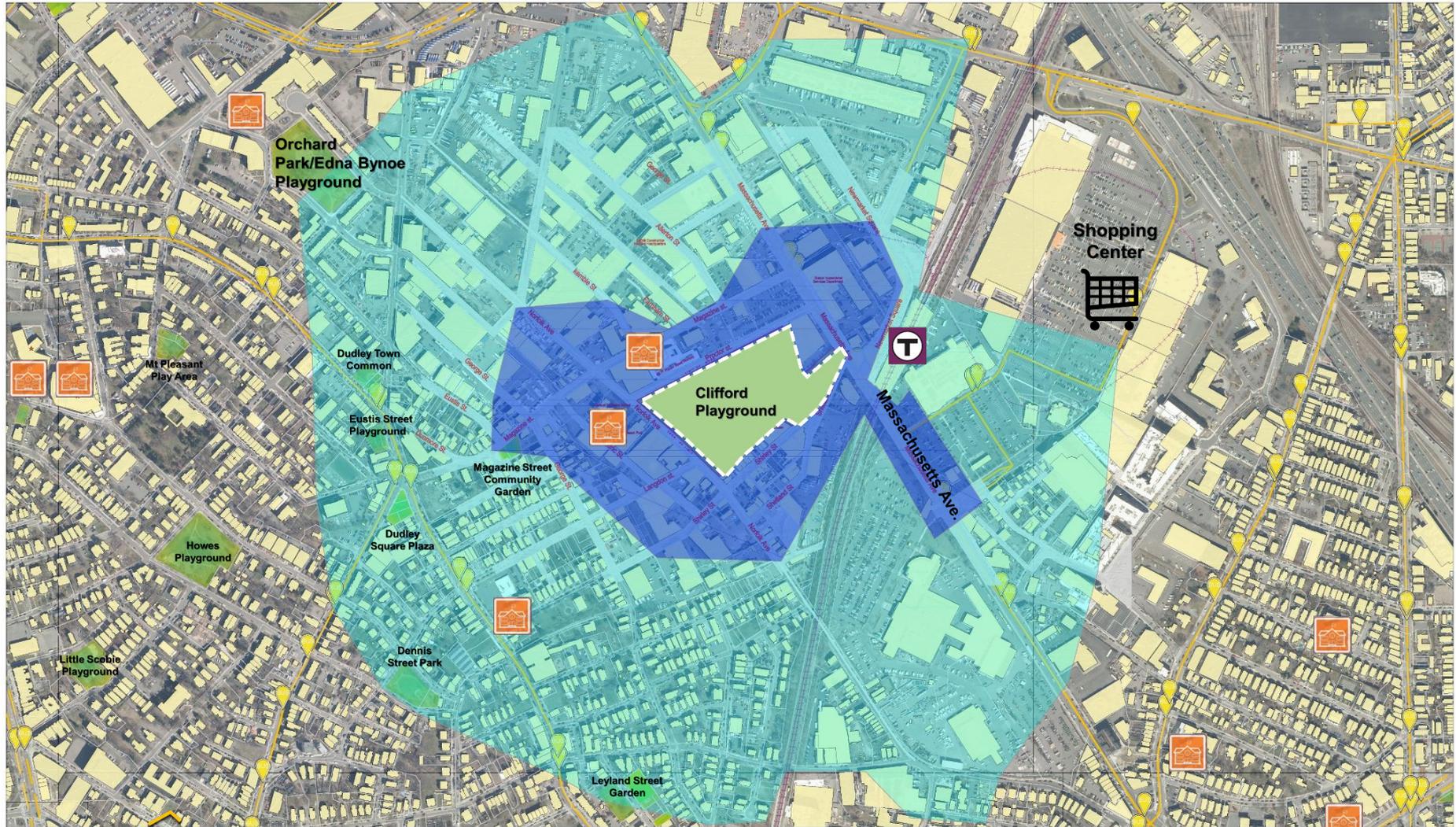
5 Min Walk (~1/4 Mile)

10 Min Walk (~1/2 Mile)

Bus Stop

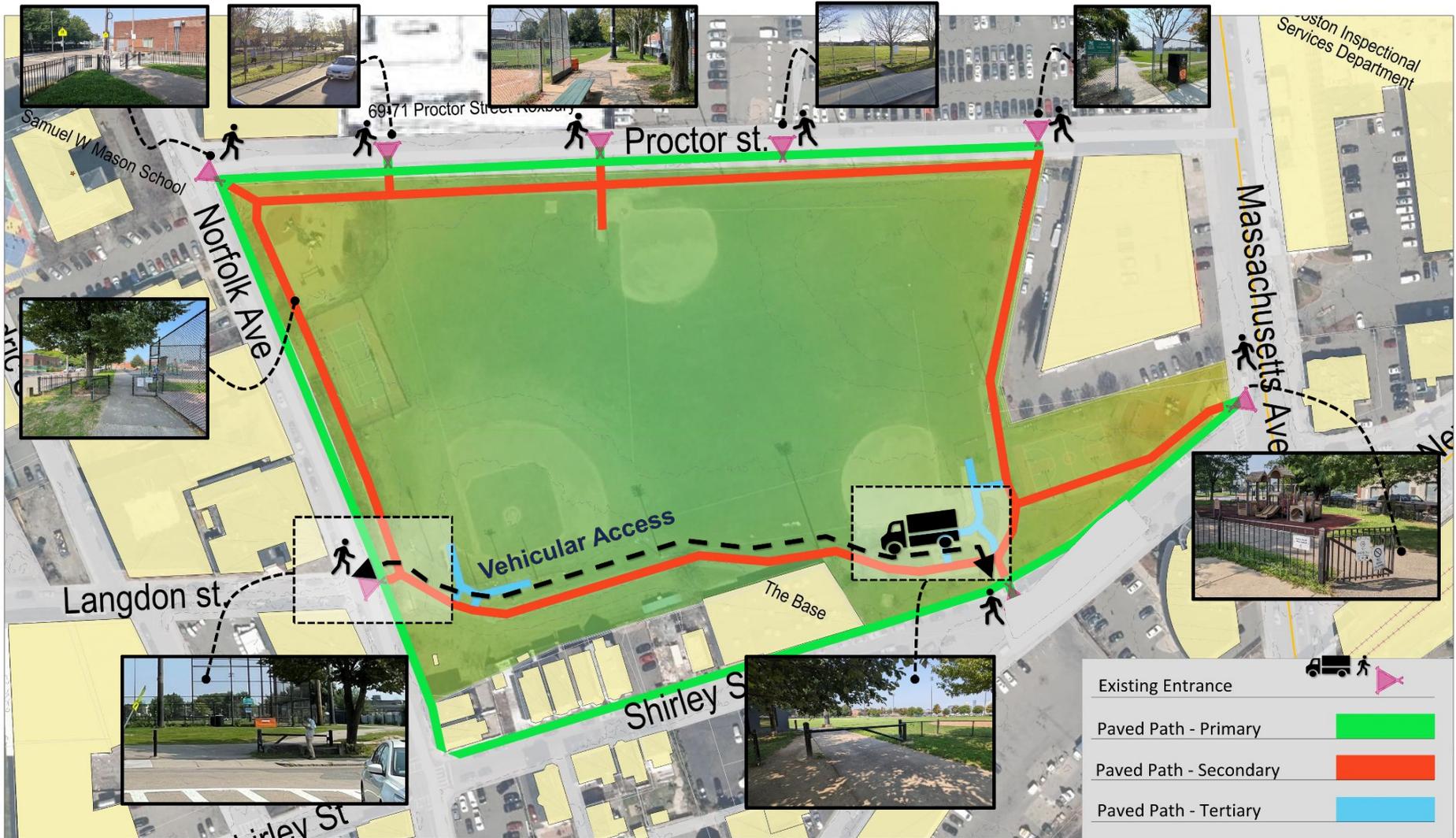Bus Route

CLIMATE READY BOSTON: STORMWATER FLOODING

Approximate area of stormwater flooding from a 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event, with 9-inch sea level rise (5.6-inch rainfall, expected around 2030s-2050s).

PARK PATH CONDITION

Path_condition_GOOD
Path_condition_FAIR
Path_condition_POOR
Path_condition_Very POOR

SITE CIRCULATION

Legend:
- Existing Entrance
- Paved Path - Primary
- Paved Path - Secondary
- Paved Path - Tertiary

Map labels:
- Samuel W Mason School
- 69/71 Proctor Street Roxbury
- Proctor st.
- Norfolk Ave
- Massachusetts Ave
- Boston Inspectional Services Department
- Langdon st.
- Vehicular Access
- The Base
- Shirley St
- Shirley St

EXISTING TREES CONDITION

Legend:
- Mature Tree
- Young Tree
- DEAD / DAMAGED TREE

Map labels: 69-71 Proctor Street Roxbury, Proctor st., Norfolk Ave, Massachusetts Ave, Langdon st., Shirley St, The Base, LIMIT OF WORK

EXISTING PARK LIGHTING

X10 Type A: Sport Field Lighting

X 4 Type B: Court Lighting W/ Cameras

X 3 Type C: Sport Field Lighting

X 4 Type D: Court Lighting

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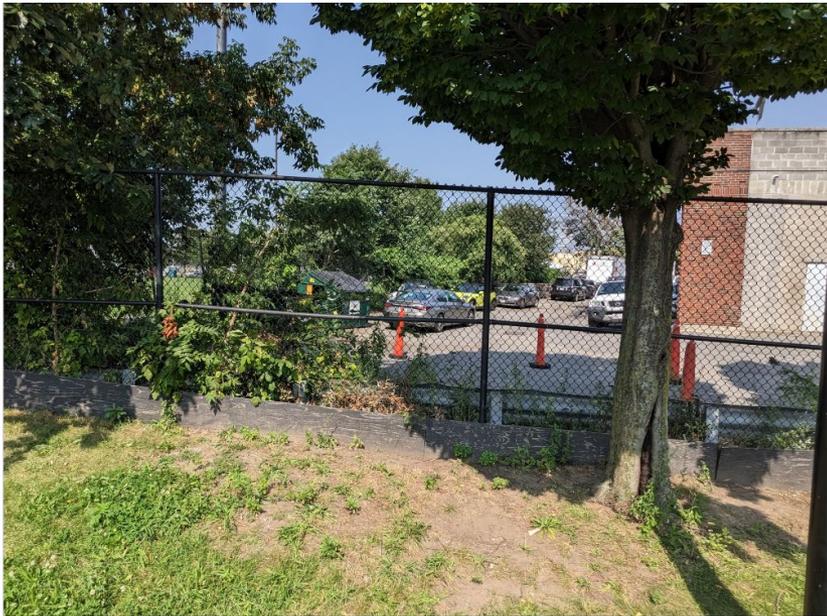
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LISTENING AND DISCUSSION

Help us build a great park at Clifford Playground.

✓ Let's confirm what we've already heard

✓ Please share your priorities as we prepare to develop conceptual options

FIELD USE

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Are there needs for other sports?
- Orientation of the field?
- Condition of the field?
- Needed facilities?
- Shaded dugouts
- Team benches?
- Scoreboards?
- Sports lighting?
- Walking loop
- Exercise Equipment
- Field surfacing?

CURRENT SPORTS:
Pop Warner
Baseball
Softball

COURT USE

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Are the courts in the proper locations?
- Do both courts get adequate use?
- Pickleball?
- Player seating?
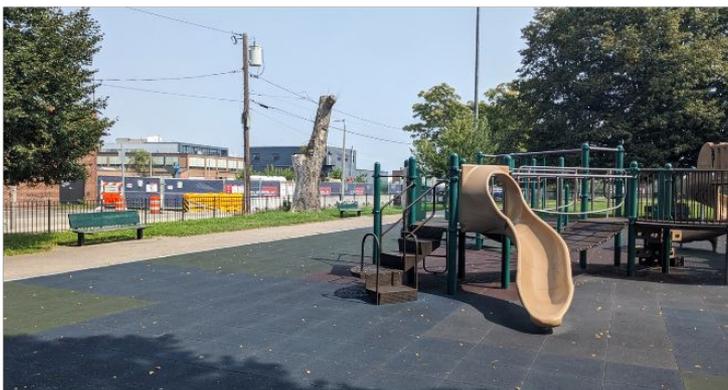
CURRENT COURTS:
1 Basketball
1 Tennis

PLAYGROUND

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Does the playground meet the needs of the community?
- What age children use the playground outside of school hours?
- Proximity to the tennis court?
- Gates and fences?
- Seating?
- Do we need 2 play areas?
- Do different age children use different play areas?
- Would 1 play area accommodate the needs of the community/ Mason School?
- Should younger and older play areas be completely separate?

PLAYGROUND FEATURES

SMALLER STRUCTURE/ MANY INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS

LARGER INTEGRATED STRUCTURE/ LESS INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS

CLIMBING FOCUSED

We will also be coordinating with the **MASON SCHOOL** to have the kids help us come up with playground designs!

PLAYGROUND: SWINGS

IMPORTANCE OF SWINGS AND SQUARE FOOTAGE

MANY KINDS OF SWINGS:
- Toddler bucket
- Belt swings
- Accessible
- Cooperative swings
- Dish swings

WATER PLAY/ EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

OR SPREAD OUT ALONG PATHWAYS?

WATER SPRAY PLAY

- Separate area from play?
- Mid to late May through Early Sept.

SITE FURNISHINGS

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Benches, drinking fountains, trash cans and bike racks are all a part of a standard renovation.

What other elements might you like to see at Clifford?

- Added shade

- Tables and chairs

- Portable toilet enclosures

- Game tables

OTHER SITE CONSIDERATIONS

FENCES AND GATES

LIGHTING (PEDESTRIAN AND SPORTS)

VISIBILITY

SIGHT LINES

SECURITY CAMERAS/ CALL BOXES

ACCESS TO THE PARK

DOG AREA
- Minimum desired area: 10,000 s.f.

- Minimum distance from residential: 100 ft.

COMMUNITY MEETING 1: IN PERSON
October 21, 10am-12pm
Meet at the Mass Ave Playground
Rain location 1010 Mass. Ave

COMMUNITY MEETING 2: IN PERSON
December 2, 2023, 10:00am- 12:00pm
COMMUNITY MEETING 2: ZOOM
December 6, 2023, 6:00-7:30pm

COMMUNITY MEETING 3: ZOOM
January 17, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm
COMMUNITY MEETING 3: IN PERSON
January 20, 2024, 10:00am- 12:00pm

EXAMPLE SLIDES

TITLE

Pathways: Phase 2
Stair Improvements at Walnut Street and Opposite 41 Beacon St

Shaw Memorial Accessibility Study

Frog Pond (PFD)

Parkman Plaza + Tremont Street Edge

Pathways: Phase 3
Flagstaff Hill including Soldier's and Sailor's Monument

Pathways: Phase 1
McArthur Mall at Athletic Fields

Pathways: Phase 4 Boylston Street Sidewalk

TITLE
SUBTITLE

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