

*Improvements to*  
**GARVEY PLAYGROUND**



May 3, 2017  
Boston Parks and Recreation



# AGENDA

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1 Project Team Introduction

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2 Project Overview

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3 Presentation

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4 Listening & Discussion Session

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5 Closing Remarks & Next Steps

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# PROJECT TEAM

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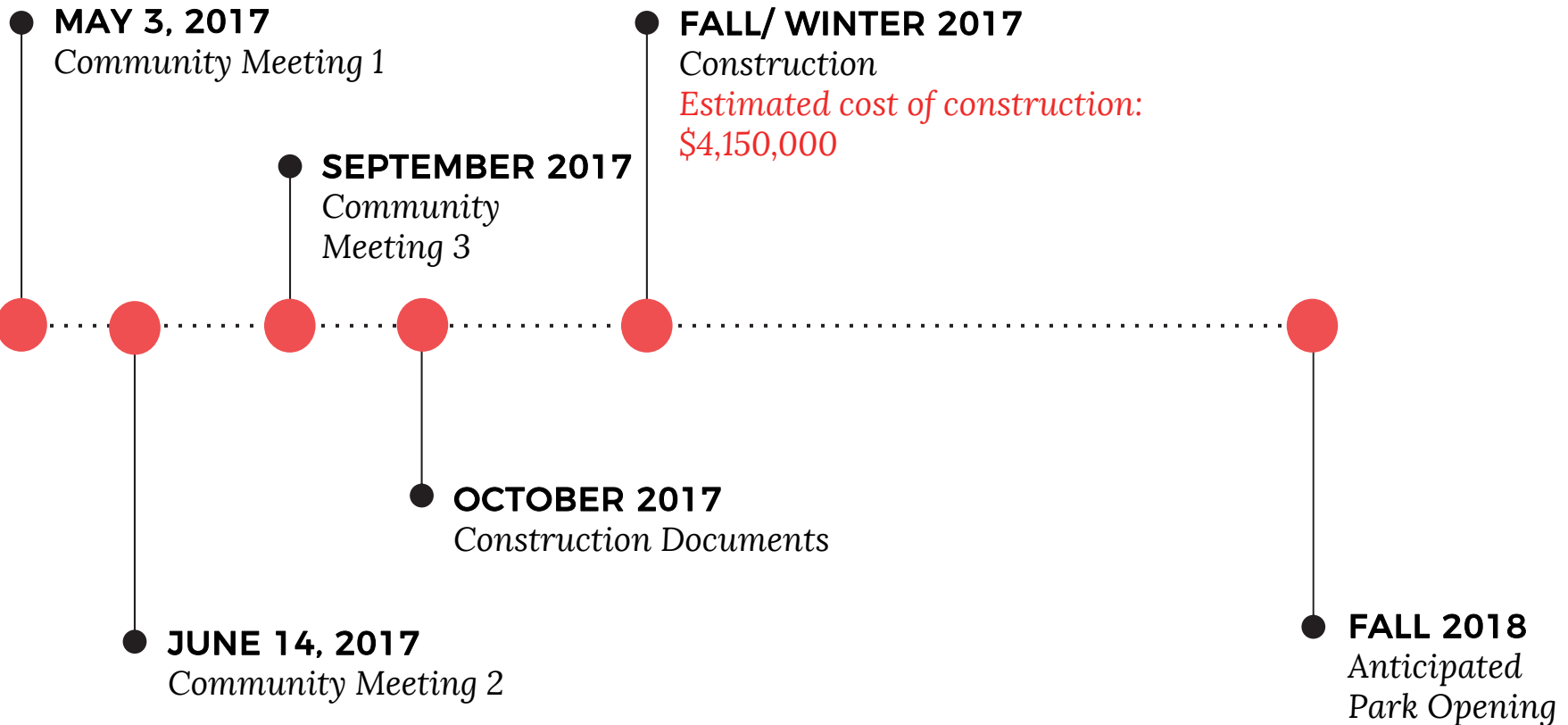
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# PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

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# CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

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- Expanding walkable access to parks
- Addressing equity
- Climate resilience
- Health
- Housing and community building



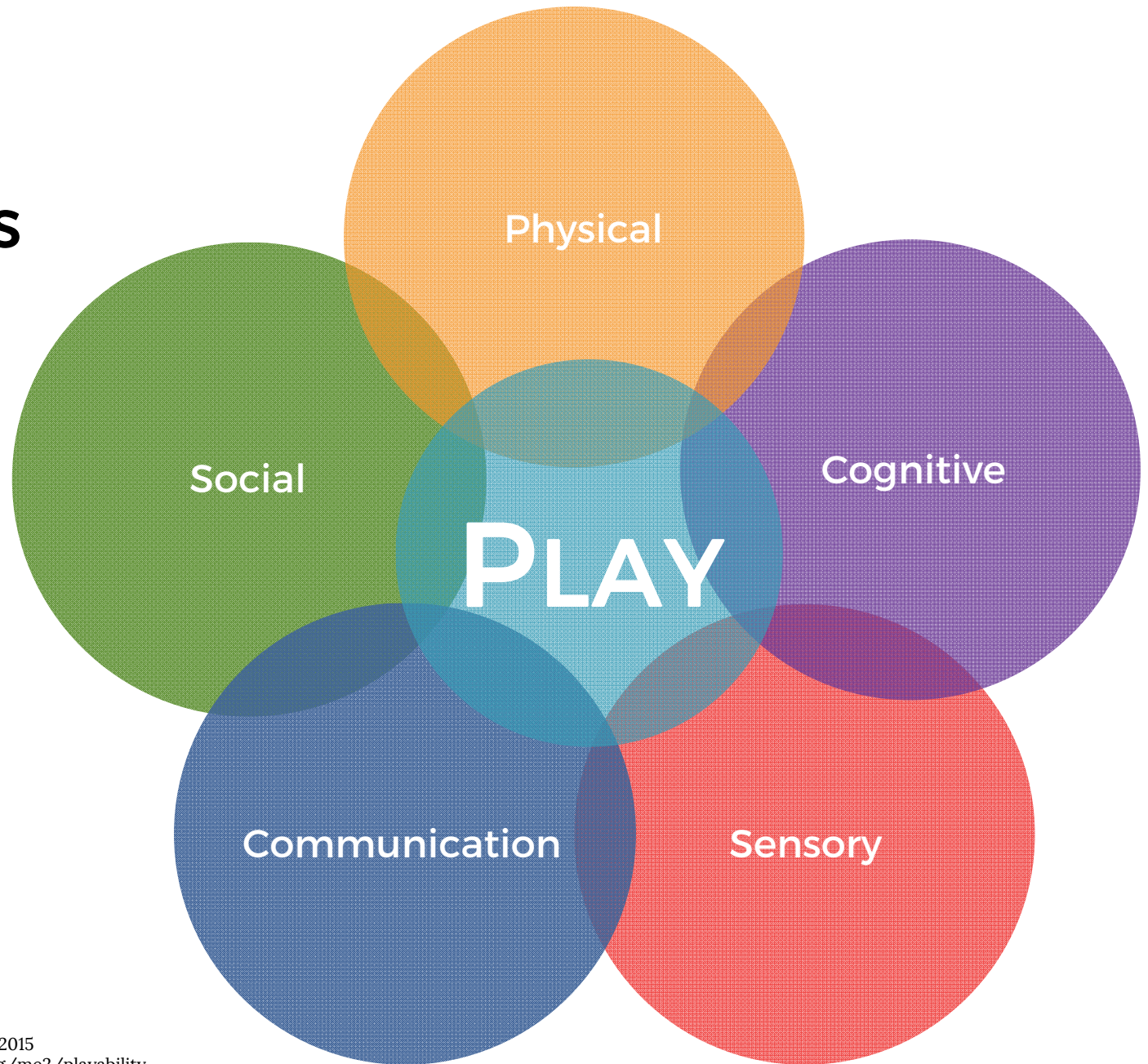
# PARK AND RECREATION GOALS

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- **Preserve And Protect Existing Trees**
- **Expand Usable Park Area**
- **Improve Universal Access**
- **Enhance Park Visibility**
- **Improve Access to Parks**
- **Design Flexible, Multi-functional Park Spaces**



# THE 5 ELEMENTS OF PLAY





**SOCIAL/ EMOTIONAL**  
COOPERATION, DRAMATIC +  
IMAGINATIVE PLAY



SEATING + TABLE AREAS,  
THEMATIC PLAY ELEMENTS  
(SHIPS), PLAY HOUSES

**PHYSICAL**  
GROSS MOTOR/ FINE MOTOR SKILLS,  
FLEXIBILITY, ACCESSIBILITY,  
HEALTHY RISK + VARIETY



DISH SWINGS, MOVEABLE  
OBJECTS, SWINGS, MONKEY  
BARS, BALANCE

**SENSORY**  
TOUCH, VISUAL, AUDITORY, SMELL  
VESTIBULAR, PROPRIOCEPTIVE +  
INTEROCEPTIVE



PUSH/ PULL ELEMENTS  
WATER ELEMENTS, VARIED  
TEXTURES + COLORS, SPINNING,  
MOVEABLE OBJECTS, ROCKING

**COGNITIVE**  
CREATIVITY, SENSE OF  
ACCOMPLISHMENT, PROBLEM-  
SOLVING, CAUSE + EFFECT, RISK  
ASSESSMENT



INTERACTIVE WATER ELEMENTS,  
ROPE CLIMBER, LINKED PLAY  
ELEMENTS

**COMMUNICATION**  
DEVELOPMENT OF RECEPTIVE +  
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE



TALK TUBES, SLIDES, THEMATIC  
PLAY ELEMENTS, TRIKE TRACK,  
SEE SAWS

# CONTEXT

## NEIGHBORHOOD



# CONTEXT

## GARVEY PLAYGROUND IN NEIGHBORHOOD



# CONTEXT LANDMARKS

↑ FIELDS  
CORNER

NEPONSETT  
RIVER

SHAWMUT

RED LINE TO ASHMONT

BUS 201 & 210

NEPONSET AVE

WILLIAM T MORRISSEY BLVD

GARVEY  
PLAYGROUND

ASHMONT  
/ PEABODY  
SQUARE

LIGHT RAIL

CEDAR  
GROVE

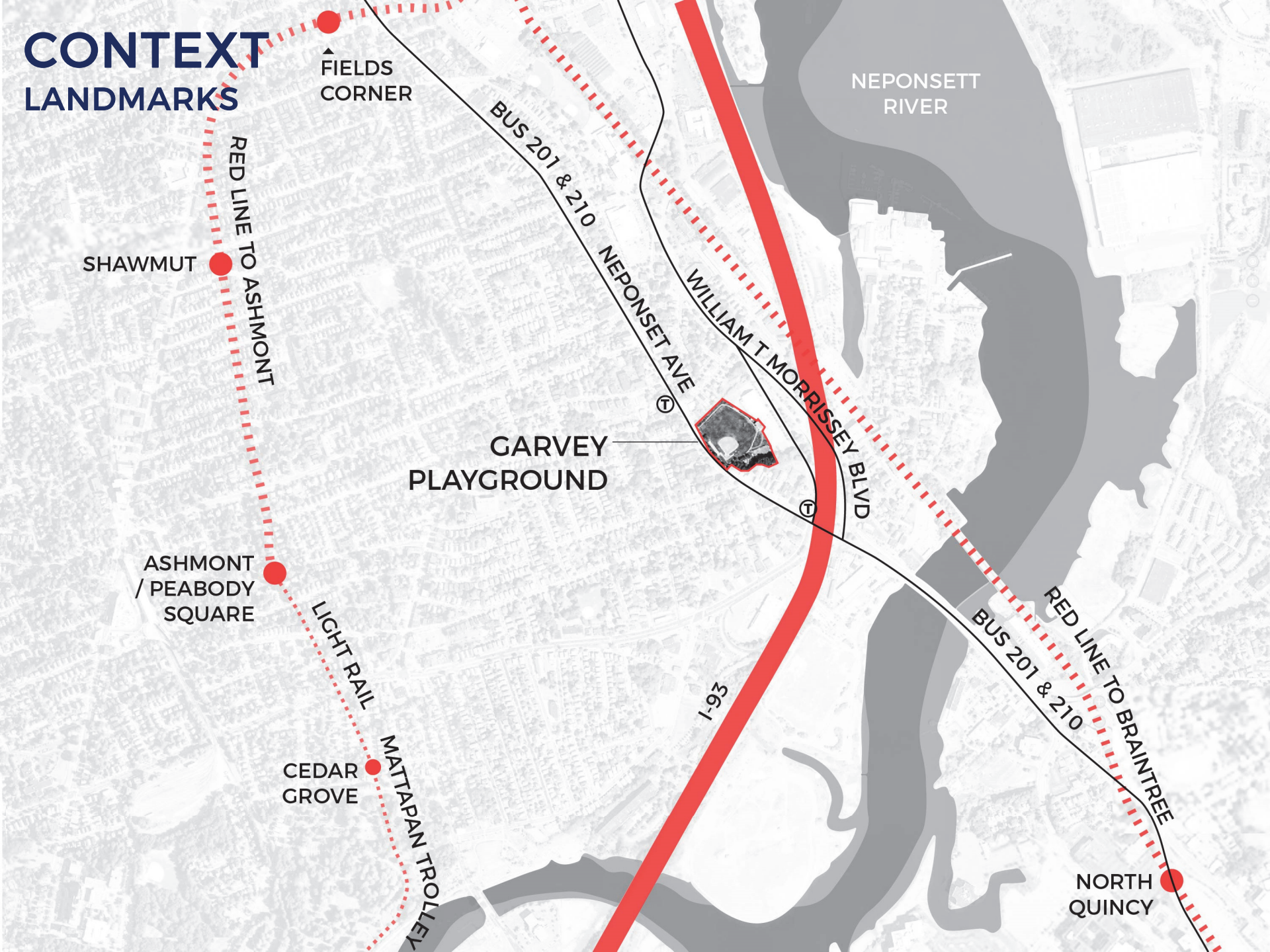
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BUS 201 & 210

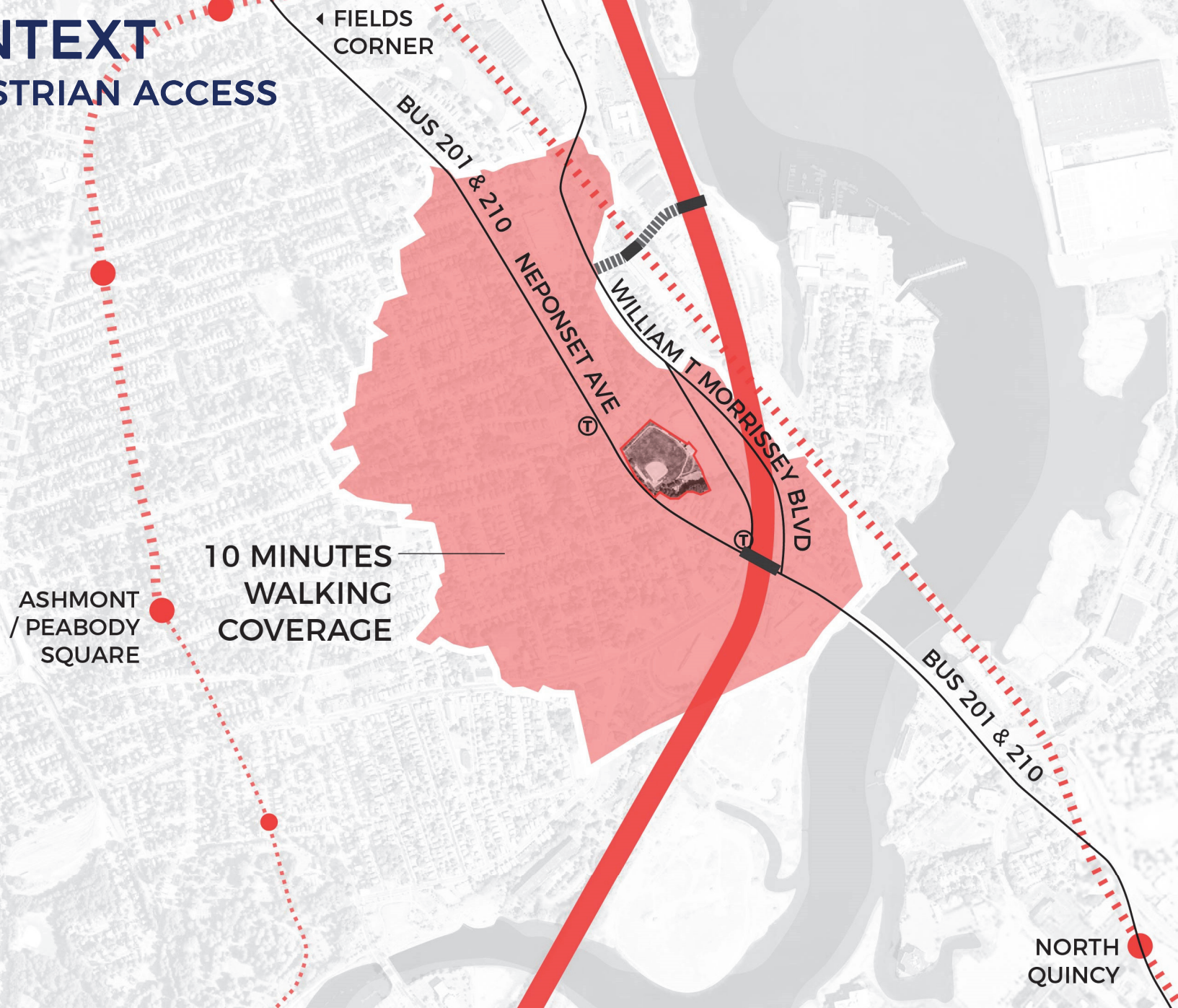
RED LINE TO BRAINTREE

NORTH  
QUINCY



# CONTEXT

## PEDESTRIAN ACCESS



# CONTEXT

## OPEN SPACES

DOHERTY-GIBSON  
PLAYGROUND

RICHARD  
MURPHY  
SCHOOL YARD

DORCHESTER SHORE  
RESERVATION VICTORY ROAD PARK

ADAMS/KING  
PLAYGROUND

CLAYMONT  
TERRACE

HEMENWAY  
PARK

REVERENO  
LOESCH  
FAMILY  
PARK

TENEAN  
BEACH

GARVEY  
PLAYGROUND

ROBERTS  
PLAYGROUND

TOOHING  
PLAYGROUND

POPE JOHN PAUL II  
PARK

DORCHESTER  
PARK

MARTIN  
PLAYGROUND

CEDAR GROVE  
CEMETERY

# CONTEXT

## ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES



◀ ROBERTS  
PLAYGROUND  
ARTIFICIAL  
TURF FIELD

PLAYLOT

SOCCER

TENNIS

BASEBALL

STREET  
HOCKEY

BASKETBALL

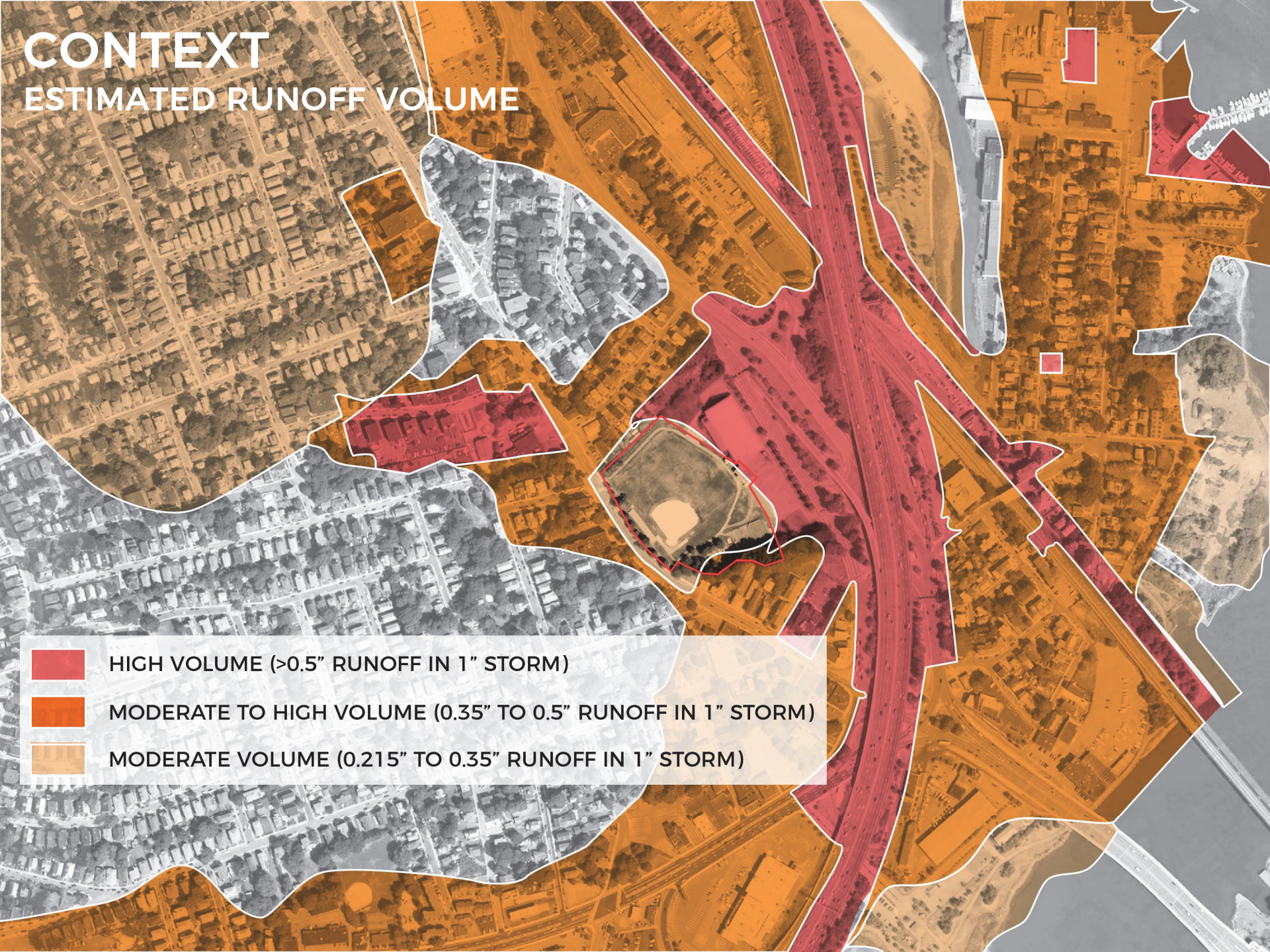
LACROSSE

FLAG  
FOOTBALL

SPLASH  
PAD

# CONTEXT

## ESTIMATED RUNOFF VOLUME



HIGH VOLUME (>0.5" RUNOFF IN 1" STORM)



MODERATE TO HIGH VOLUME (0.35" TO 0.5" RUNOFF IN 1" STORM)



MODERATE VOLUME (0.215" TO 0.35" RUNOFF IN 1" STORM)



# CONTEXT




## LOW AREAS

 URBAN ELEVATION SINKS  
IDENTIFIED BY  
BOSTON DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL (DEM)



# CONTEXT

## AIR QUALITY

-  HIGH DENSITY OF ULTRAFINE PARTICLE
-  MODERATE TO HIGH DENSITY OF ULTRAFINE PARTICLE
-  MODERATE DENSITY OF ULTRAFINE PARTICLE



# CONTEXT

## NOISE POLLUTION



# SITE CONTEXT



# SITE



Tolman St

William T Morrissey Blvd

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Metro Glass Co

Tedeschi Food Shops

Devine Rink

Garvey Playground

Neponset Ave

Neponset Ave

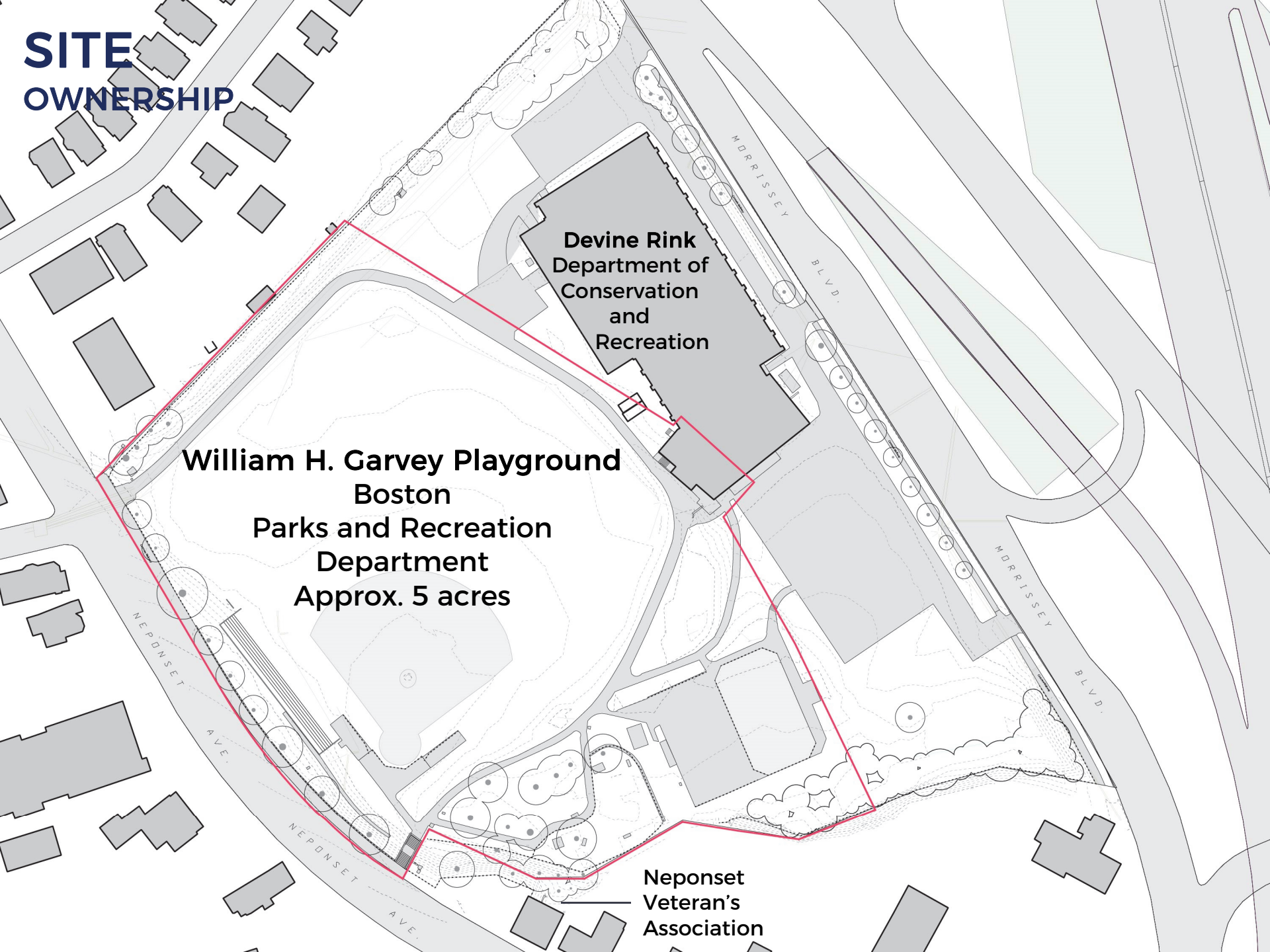
Level St

# SITE OWNERSHIP

**Devine Rink**  
Department of  
Conservation  
and  
Recreation

**William H. Garvey Playground**  
Boston  
Parks and Recreation  
Department  
Approx. 5 acres

**Neponset  
Veteran's  
Association**



# SITE NAME HISTORY

CITY OF BOSTON  
REPAVED STREETS  
PLAN OF LAND NEPONSET TAKEN FOR A  
PLAYGROUND  
December 18 1896  
UNDER CHAPTER 225 ACTS 1893  
Scale 40 Feet to an Inch Chas. F. Boxter, Civil Engineer.

**William Henry Garvey**  
Feb 1, 1898 - Nov 10, 1918

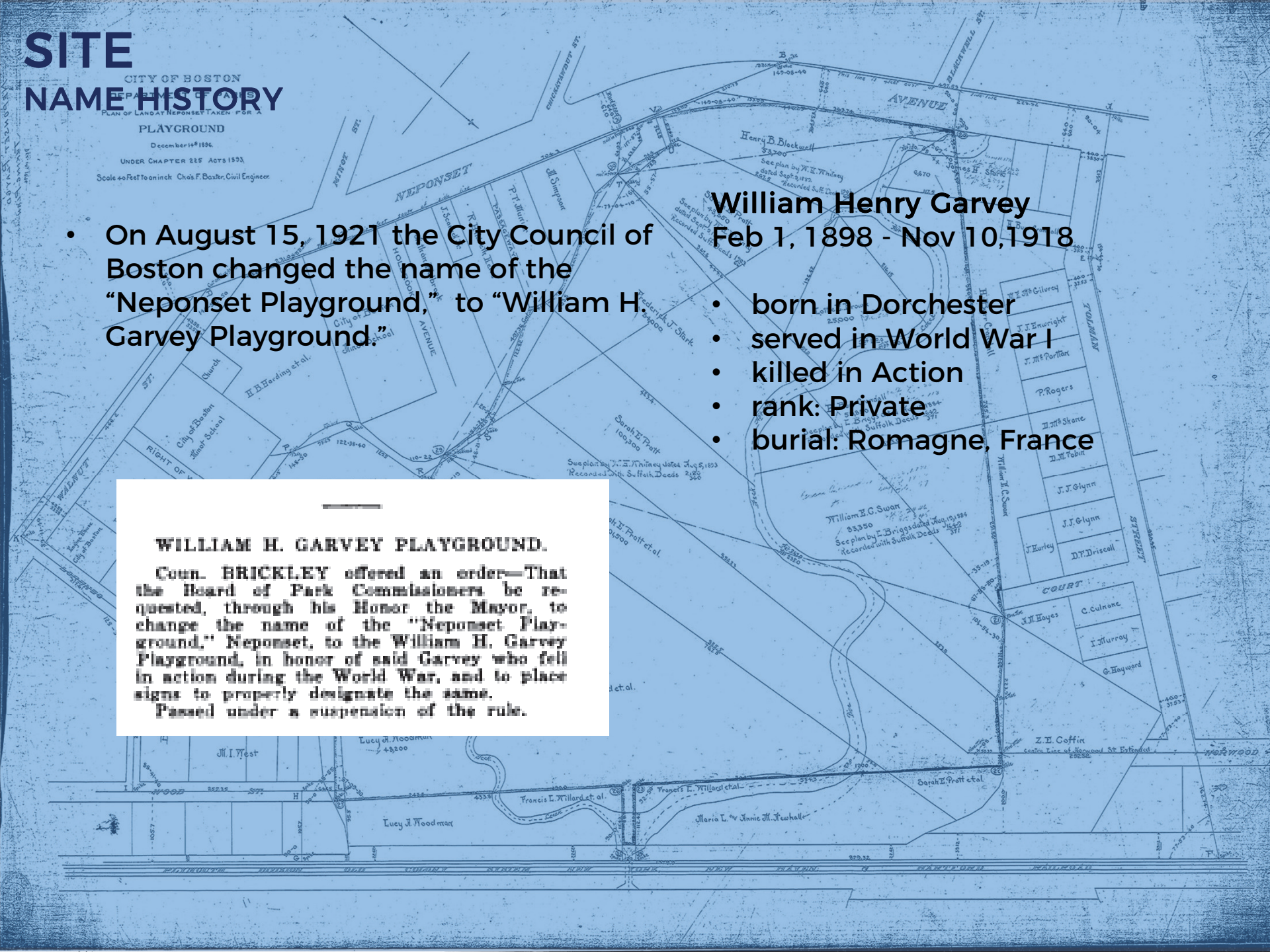
- On August 15, 1921 the City Council of Boston changed the name of the "Neponset Playground," to "William H. Garvey Playground."

- born in Dorchester
- served in World War I
- killed in Action
- rank: Private
- burial: Romagne, France

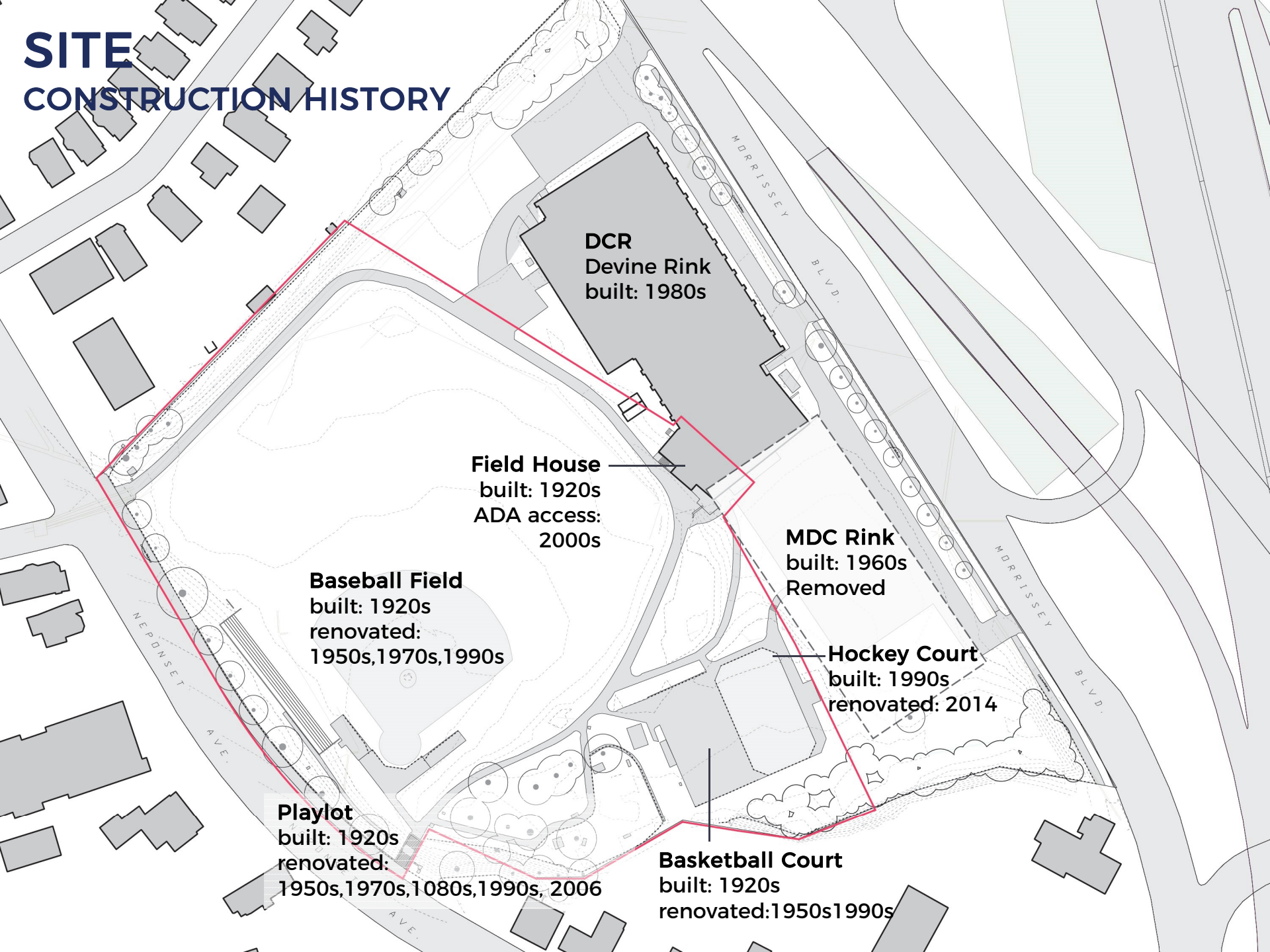
**WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND.**

Coun. BRICKLEY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of the "Neponset Playground," Neponset, to the William H. Garvey Playground, in honor of said Garvey who fell in action during the World War, and to place signs to properly designate the same.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.



# SITE CONSTRUCTION HISTORY



**DCR  
Devine Rink**  
built: 1980s

**Field House**  
built: 1920s  
ADA access:  
2000s

**MDC Rink**  
built: 1960s  
Removed

**Hockey Court**  
built: 1990s  
renovated: 2014

**Baseball Field**  
built: 1920s  
renovated:  
1950s, 1970s, 1990s

**Playlot**  
built: 1920s  
renovated:  
1950s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2006

**Basketball Court**  
built: 1920s  
renovated: 1950s, 1990s



# SITE

## ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES



FLAG  
FOOTBALL



LACROSSE



SOCCER



BASEBALL



PLAYLOT

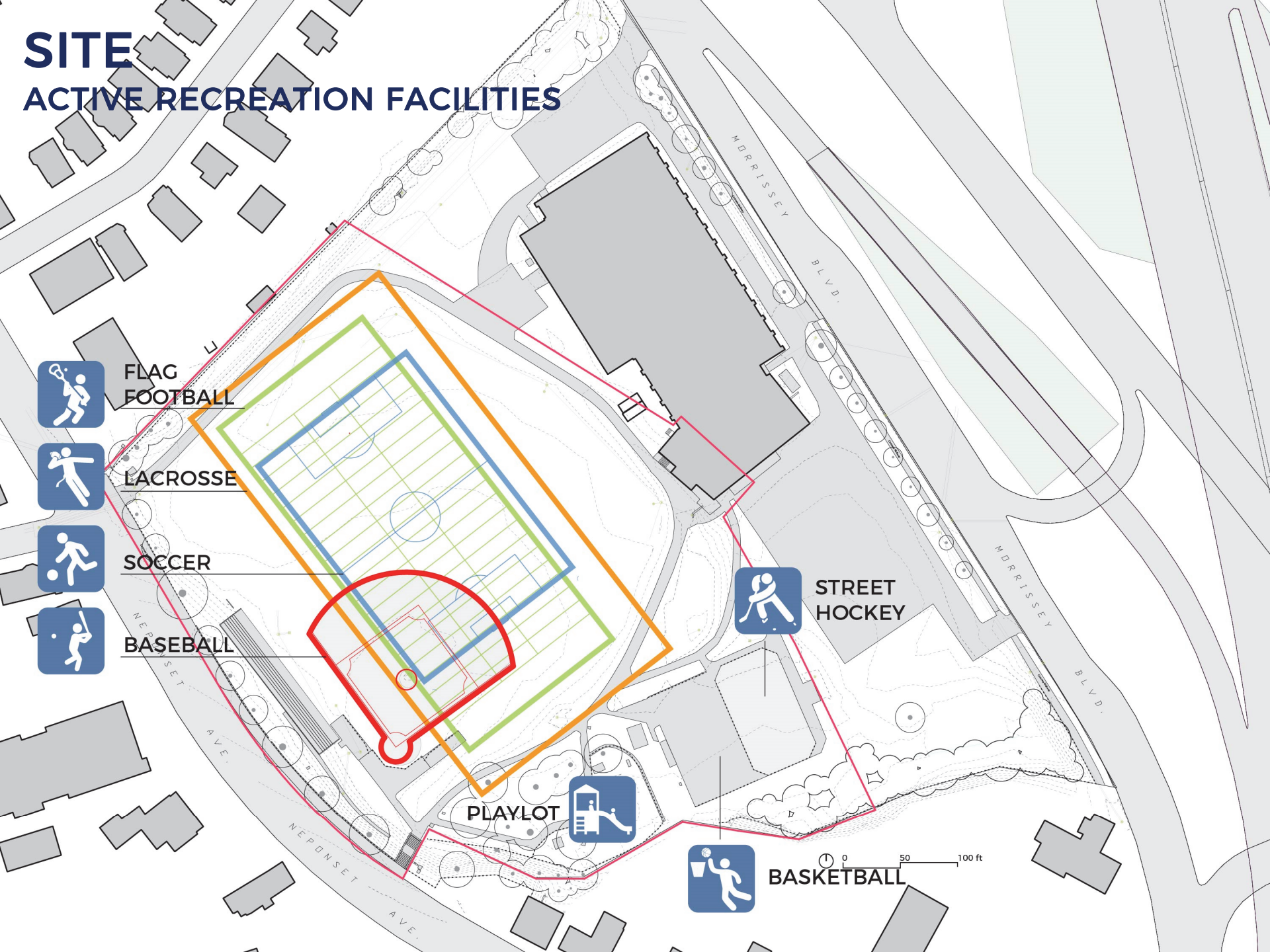


STREET  
HOCKEY



BASKETBALL

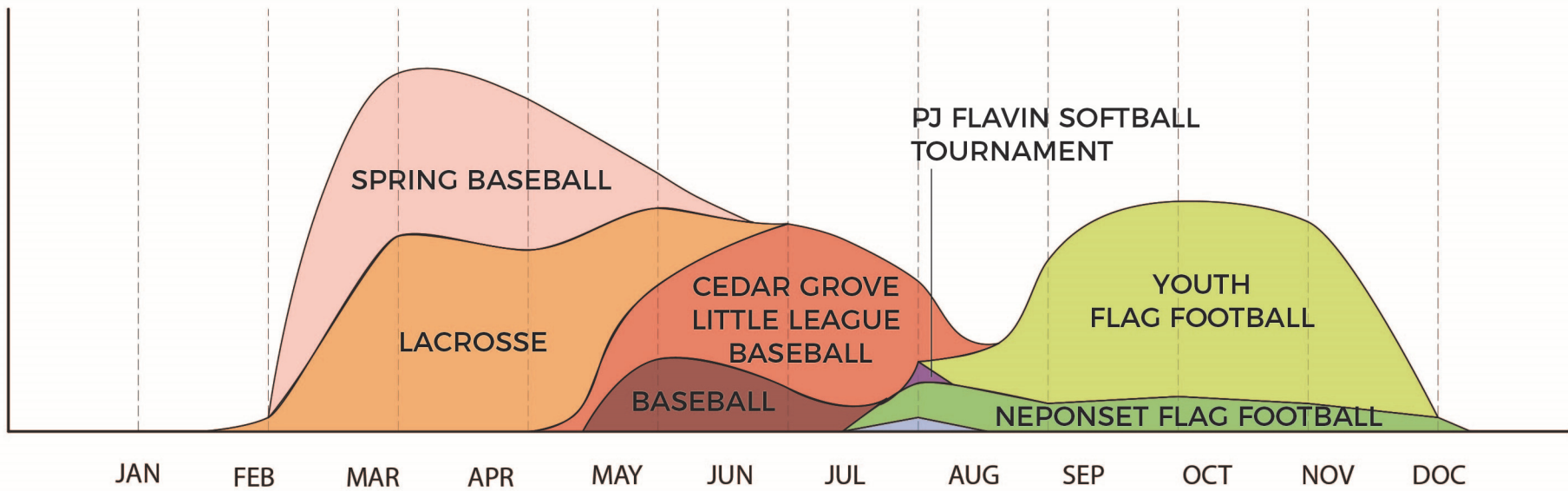
0 50 100 ft



# SITE

## FIELD USAGE SEASONALLY BY PERMIT

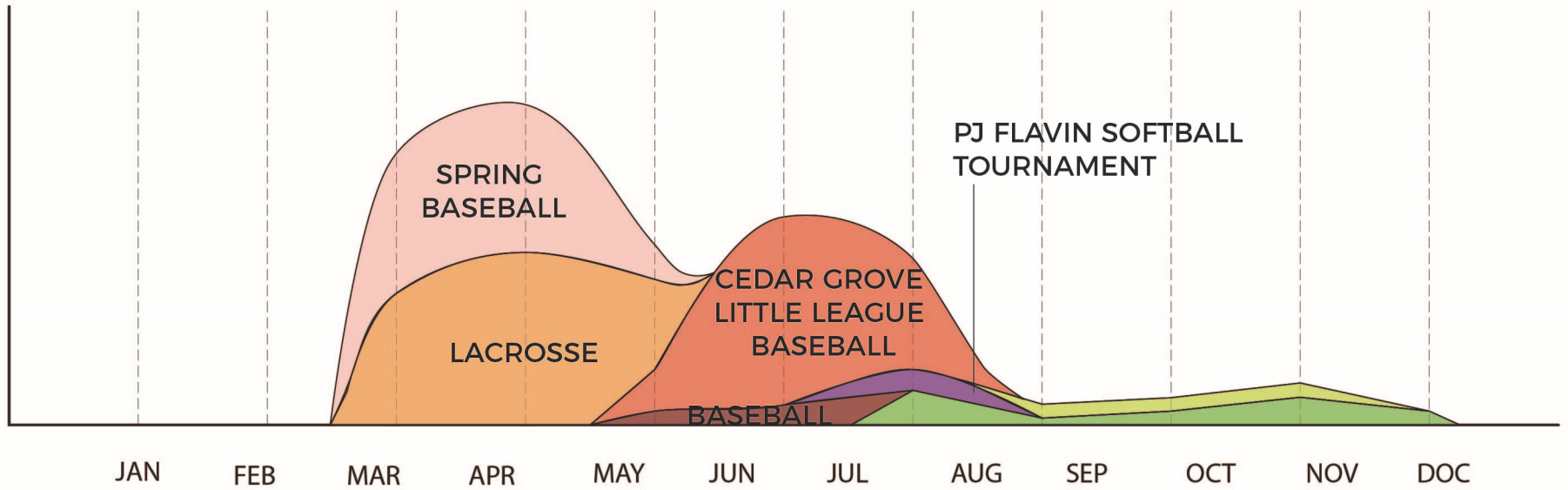
2014



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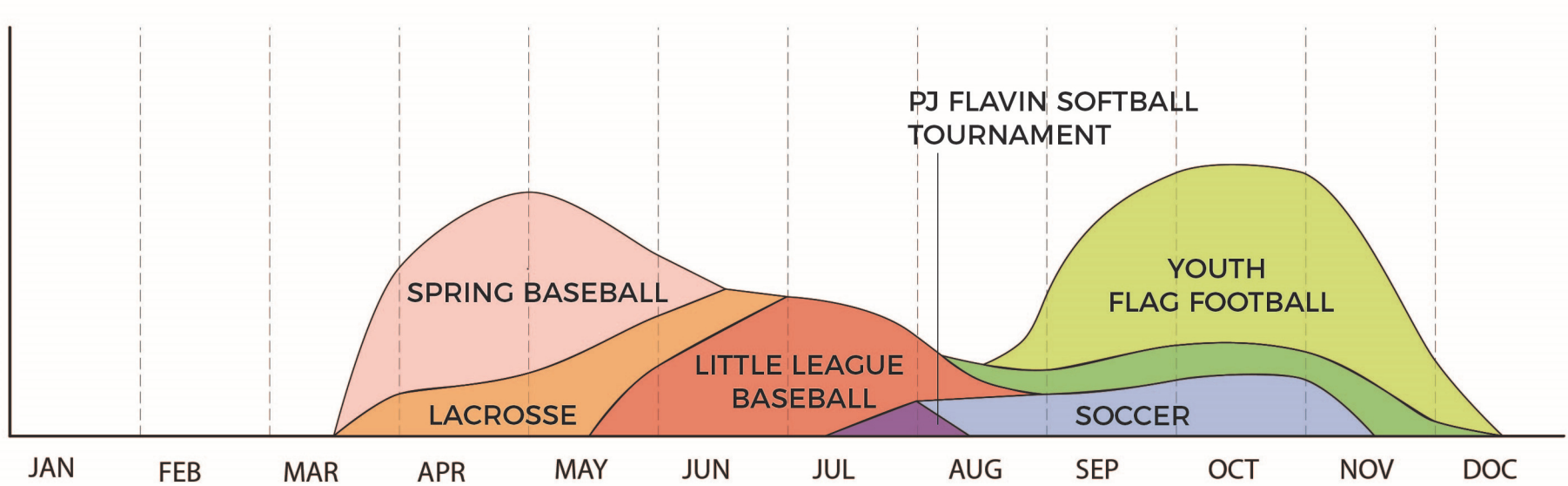
2015



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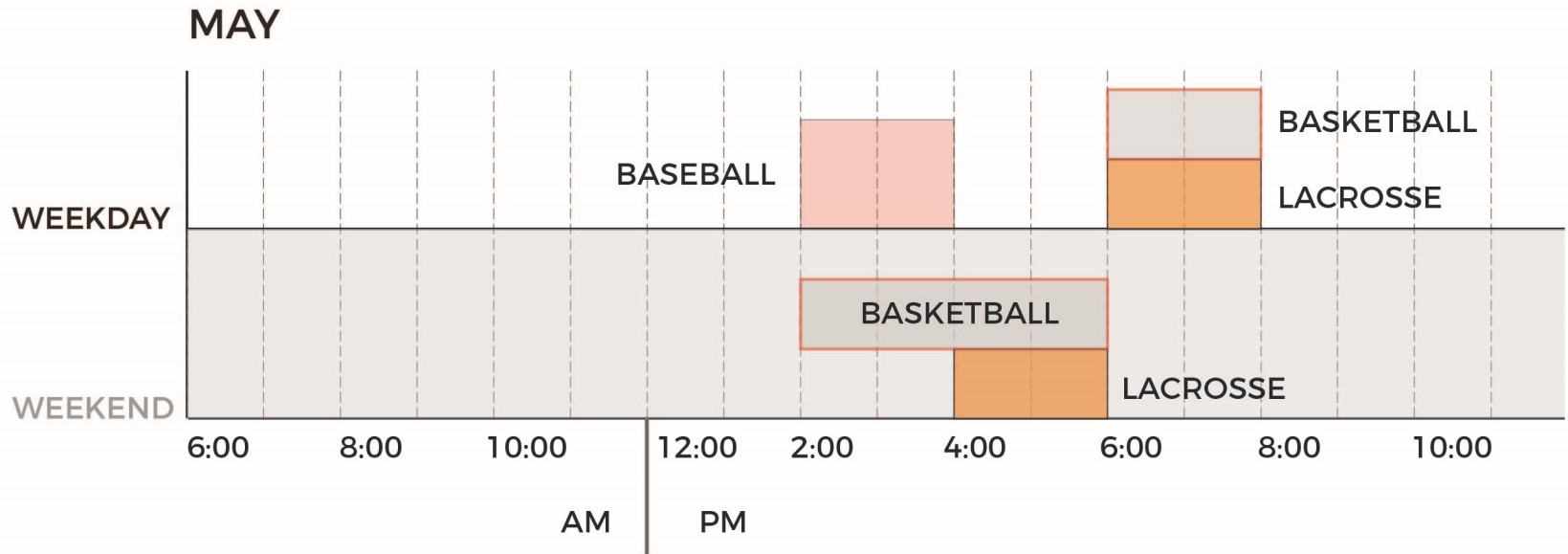
## FIELD USAGE SEASONALLY BY PERMIT

2016



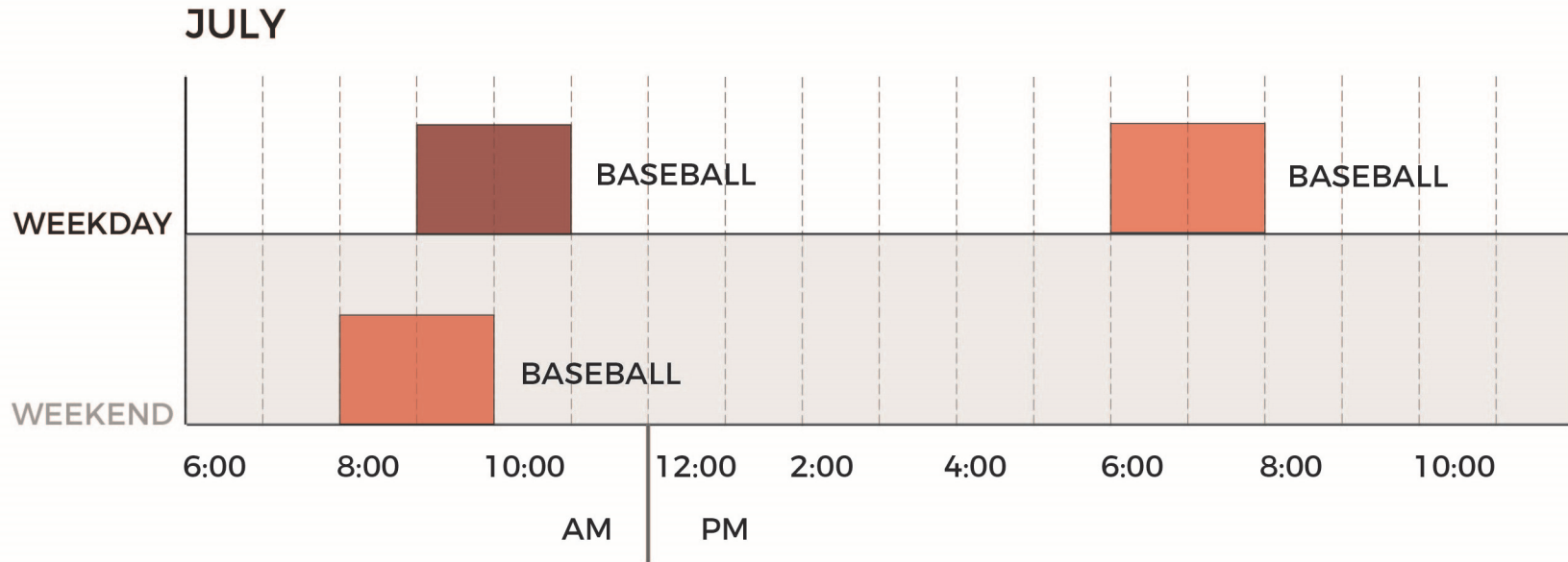
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## TYPICAL FIELD & COURT USAGE DAILY BY PERMIT (2016)



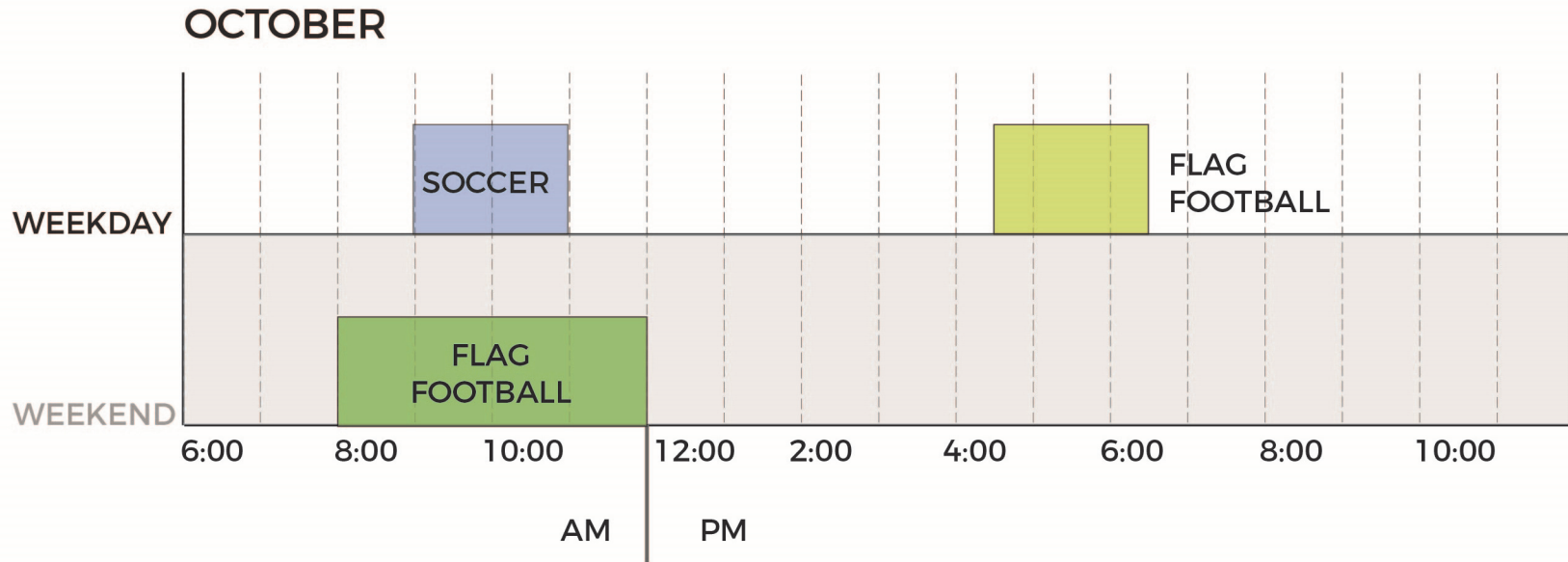
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## TYPICAL FIELD & COURT USAGE DAILY BY PERMIT (2016)



# SITE

## TYPICAL FIELD & COURT USAGE DAILY BY PERMIT (2016)









# KNOWN USER GROUPS

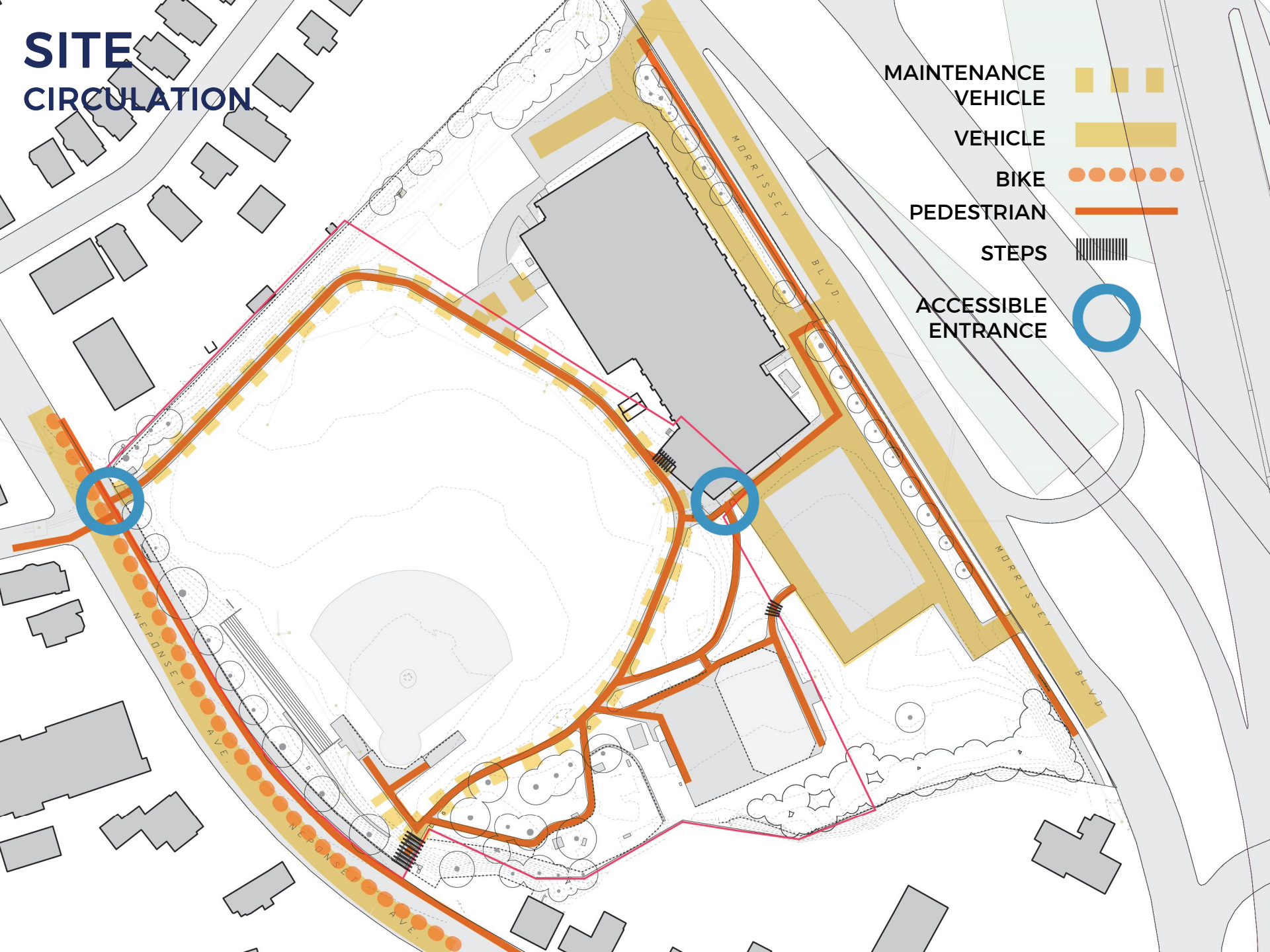
## IDENTIFIED THROUGH PERMIT SYSTEM

- Greater Neponset Flag Football League
- Cedar Grove Little League
- P.J. Flavin Softball Tournament
- BCYF Summer Program
- Project D.E.E.P
- Dot Pot
- Others?

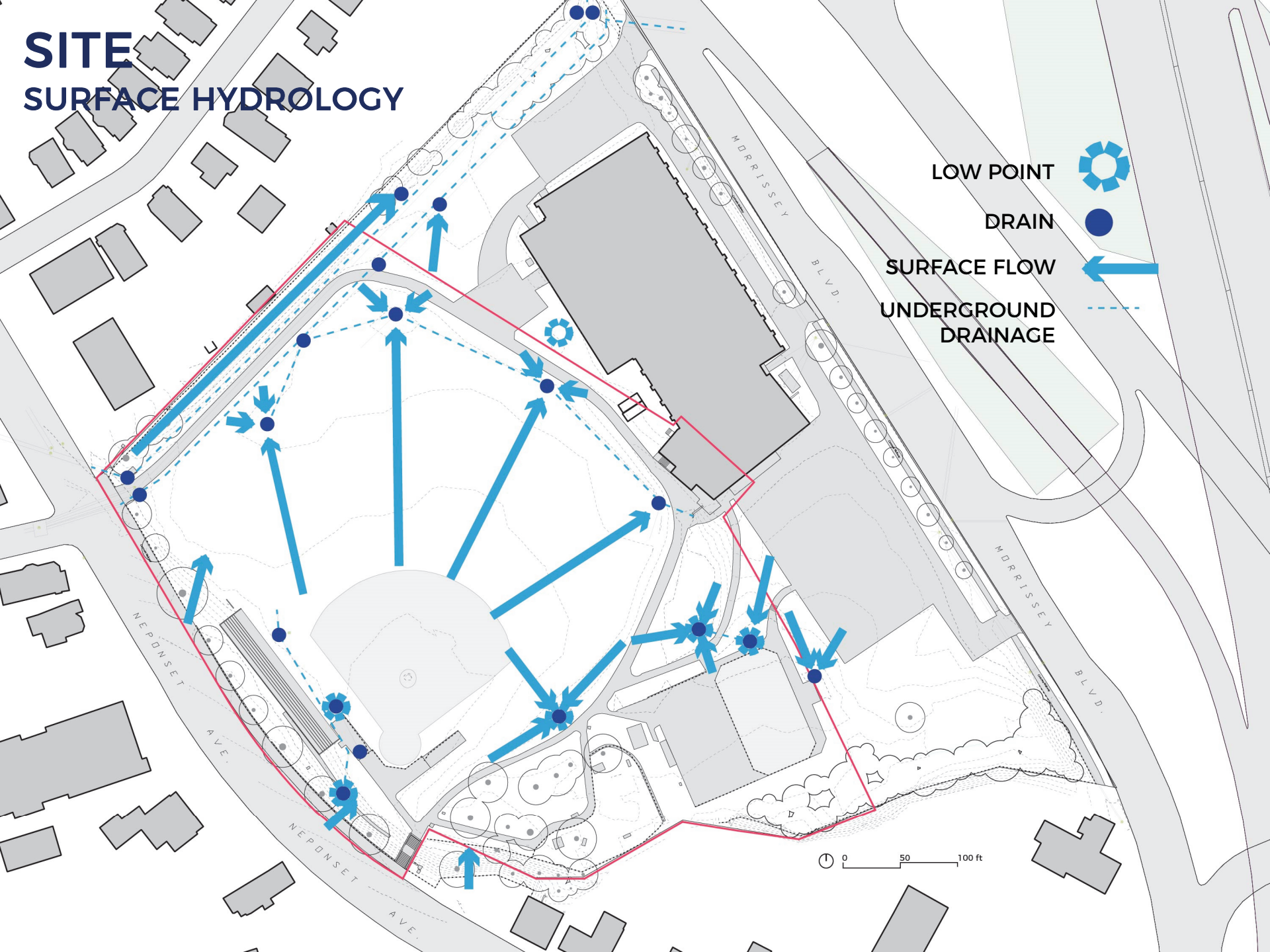


# SITE CIRCULATION

- MAINTENANCE VEHICLE 
- VEHICLE 
- BIKE 
- PEDESTRIAN 
- STEPS 
- ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE 



# SITE SURFACE HYDROLOGY



# SITE

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## SURFACE HYDROLOGY



# SITE VEGETATION



LAWN



TREE



0 50 100 ft

# SITE VEGETATION



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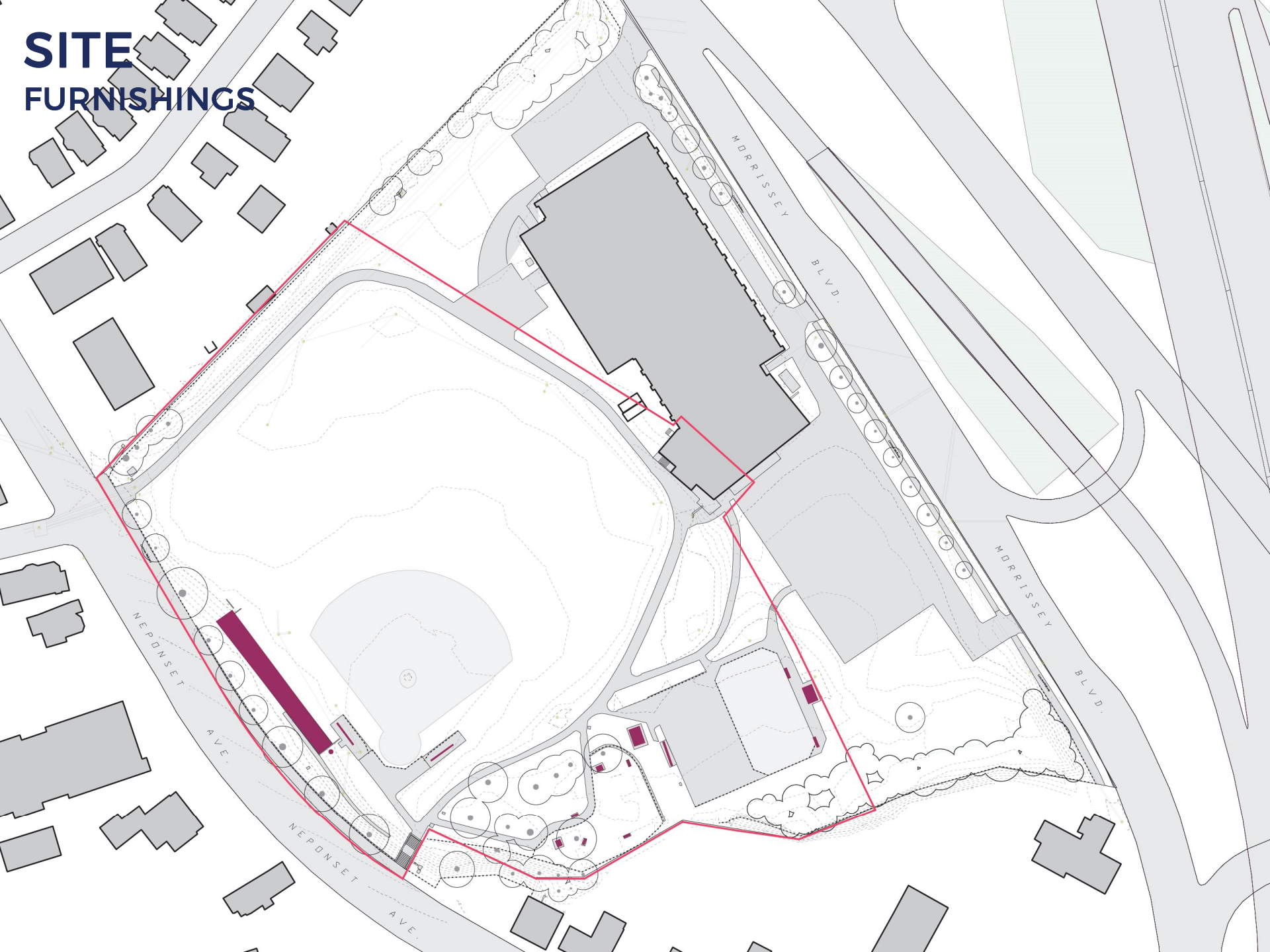
# SITE VEGETATION



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# SITE FURNISHINGS

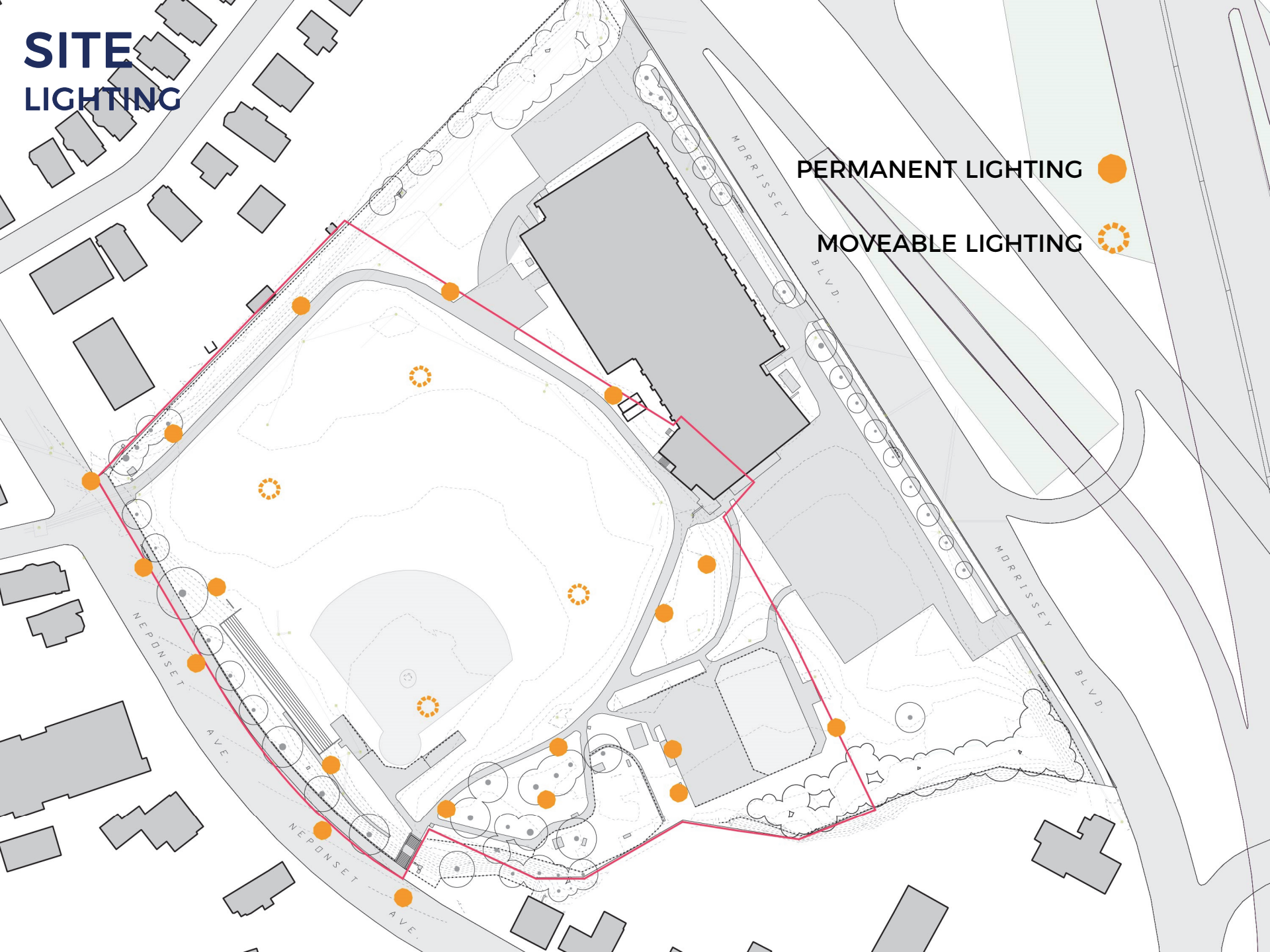


# SITE LIGHTING

PERMANENT LIGHTING



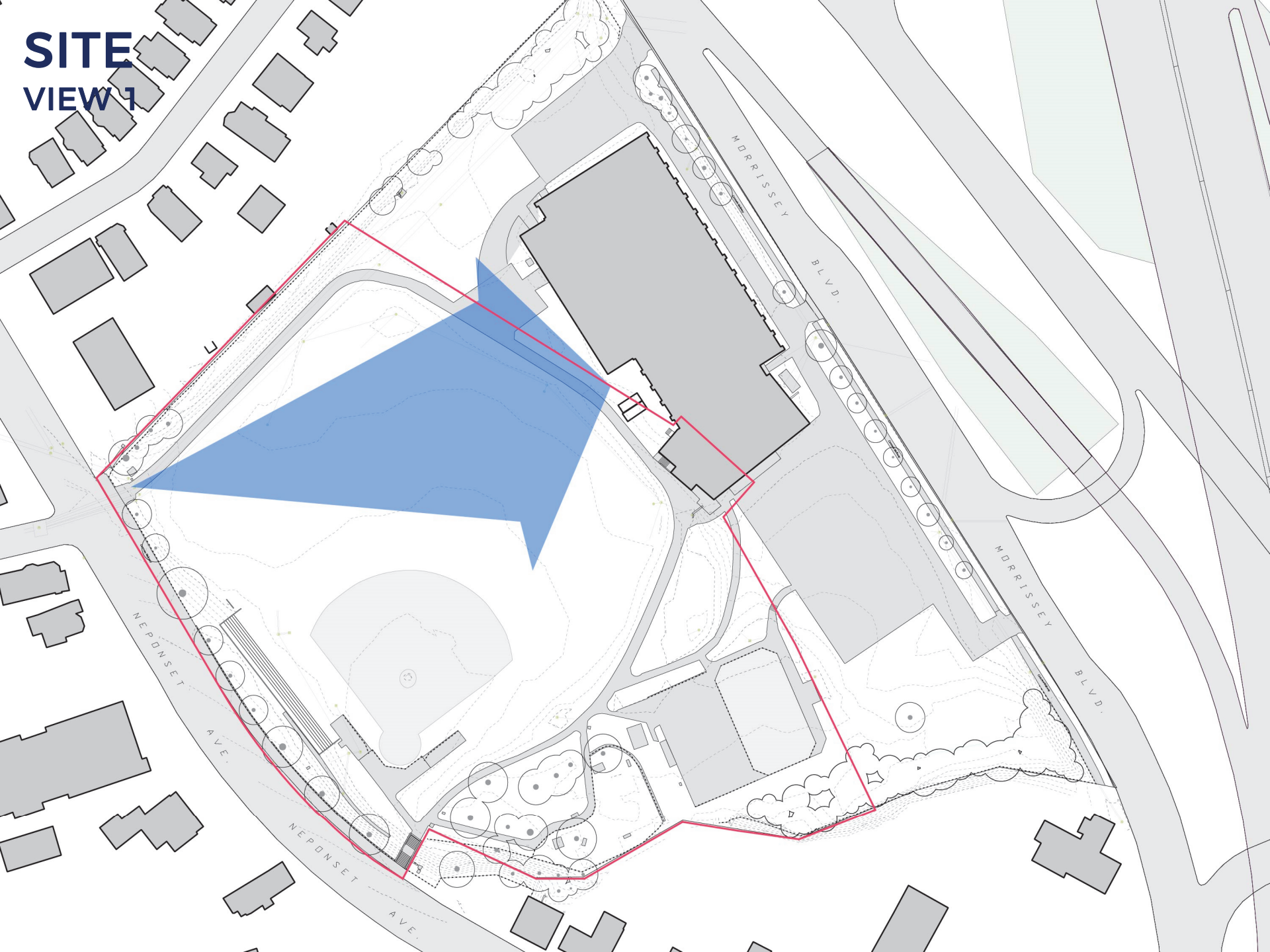
MOVEABLE LIGHTING



# SITE LIGHTING



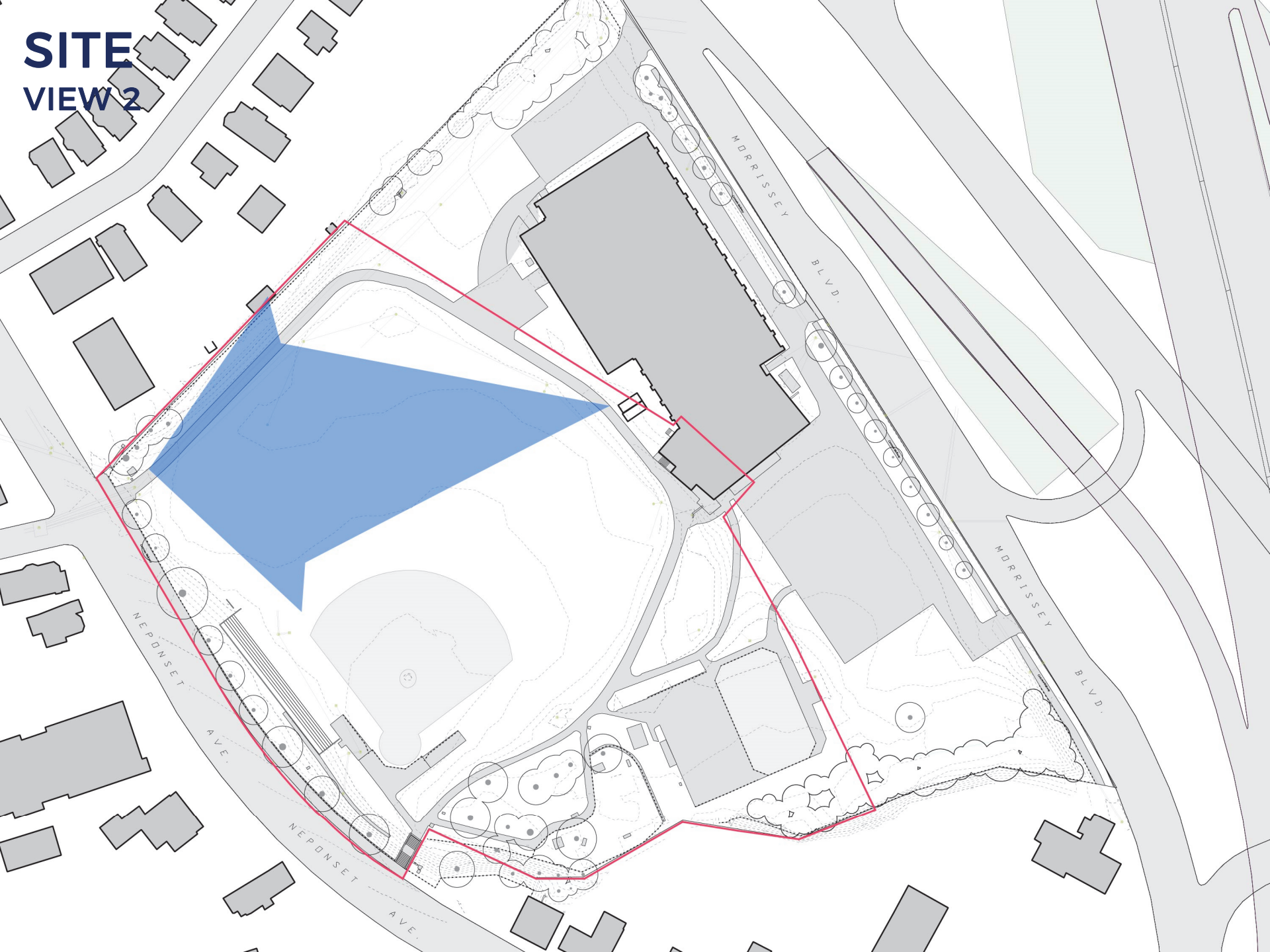
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**SITE  
VIEW 1**



# SITE VIEW 2

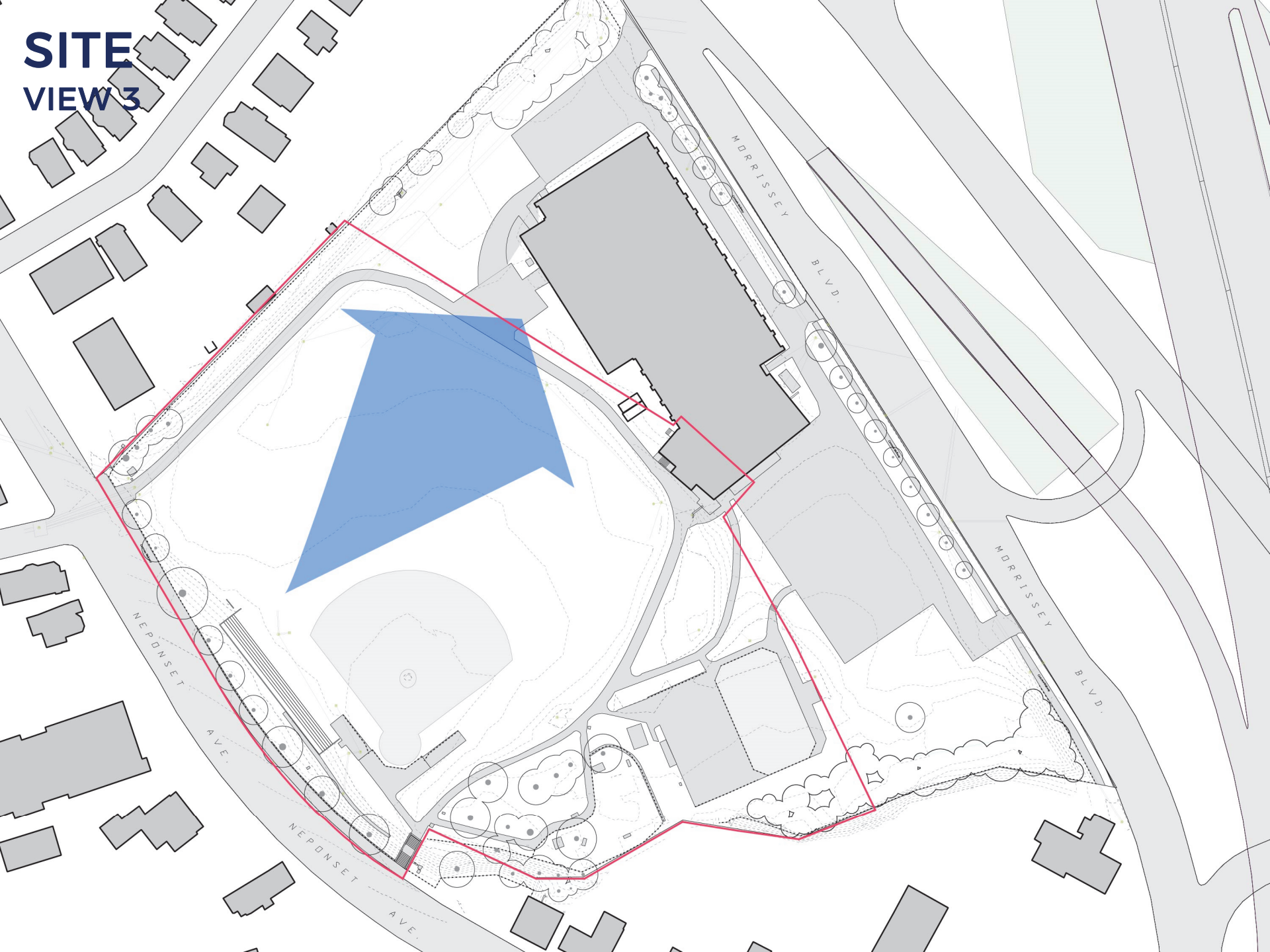




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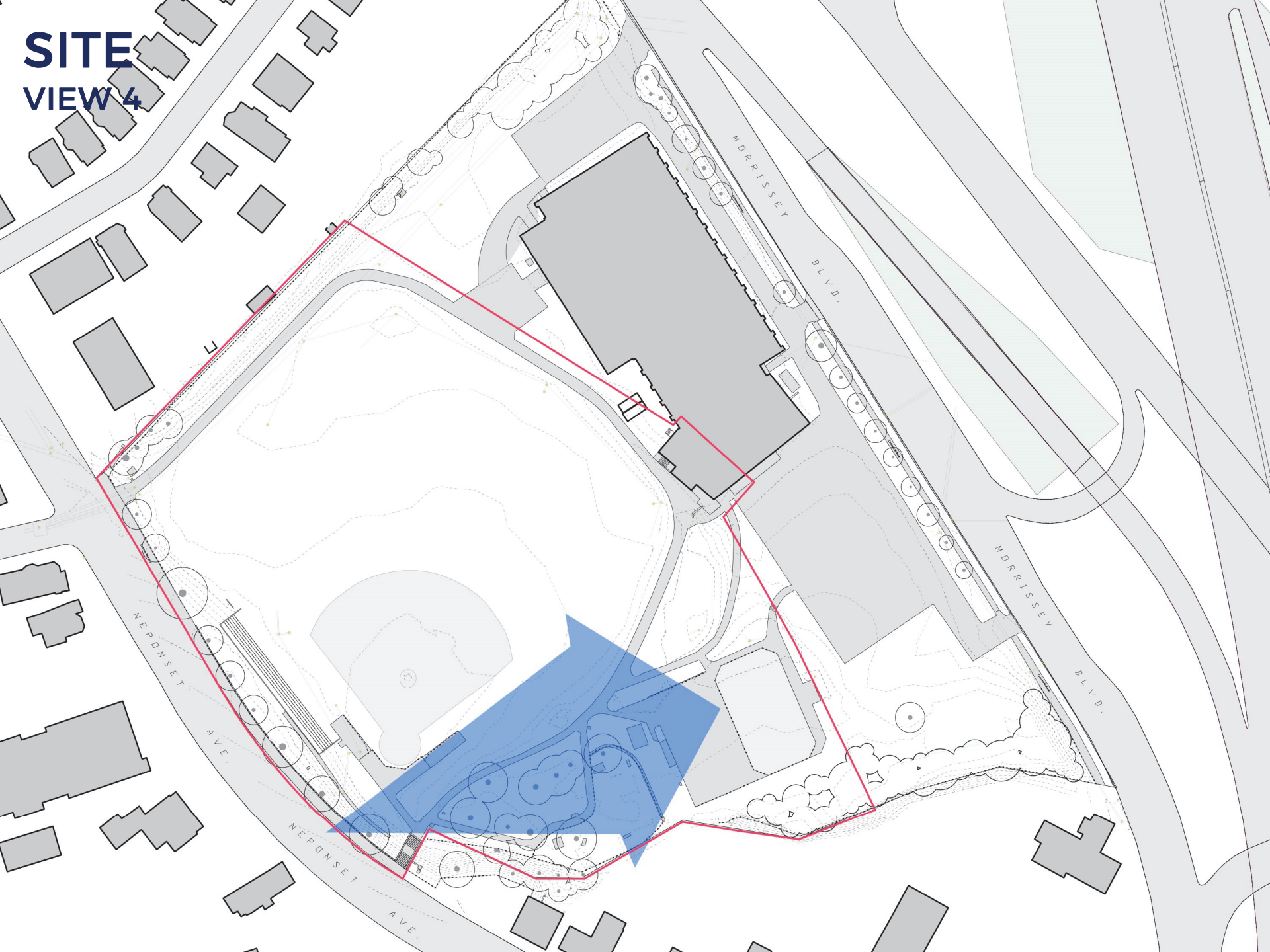
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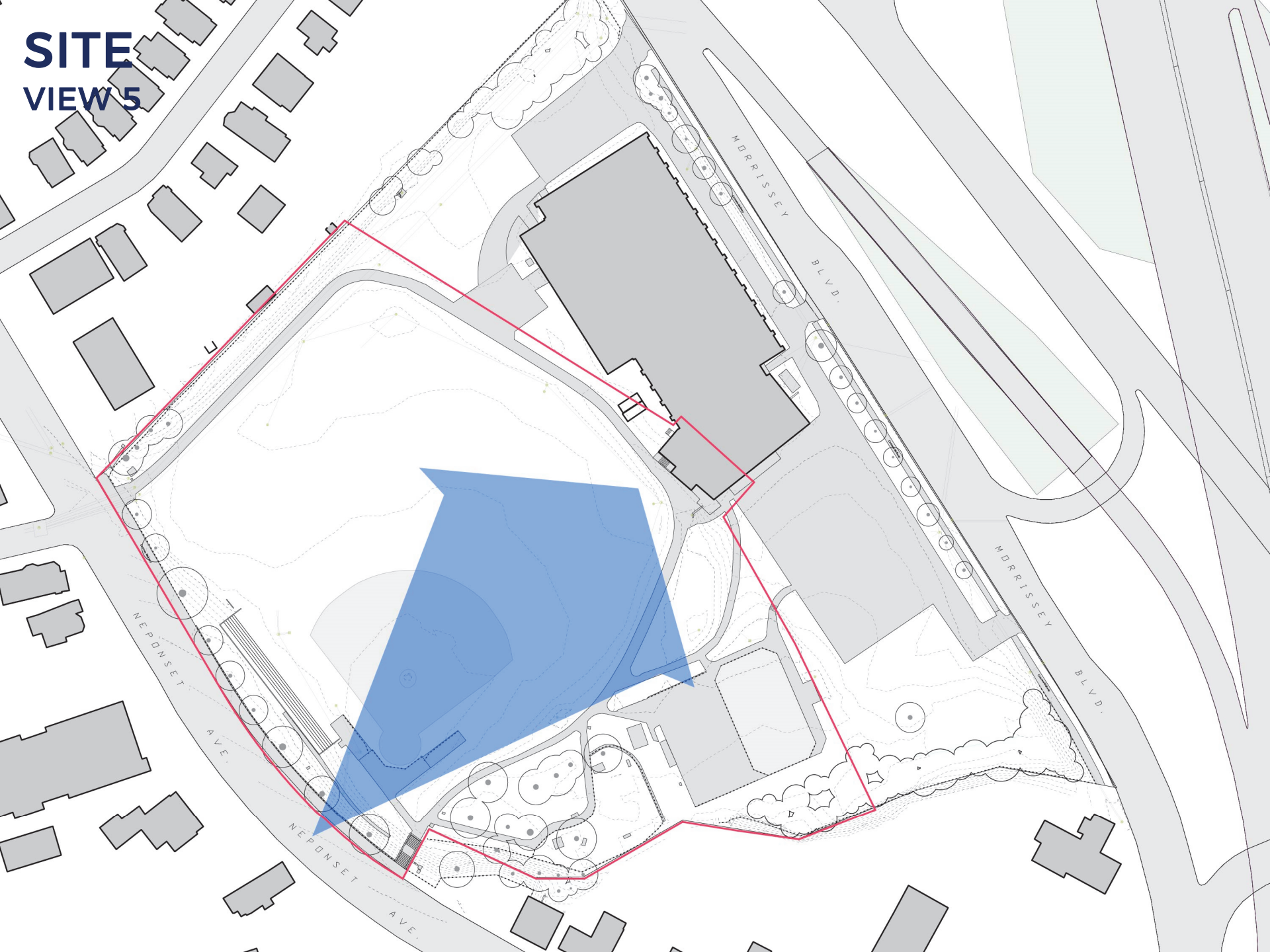
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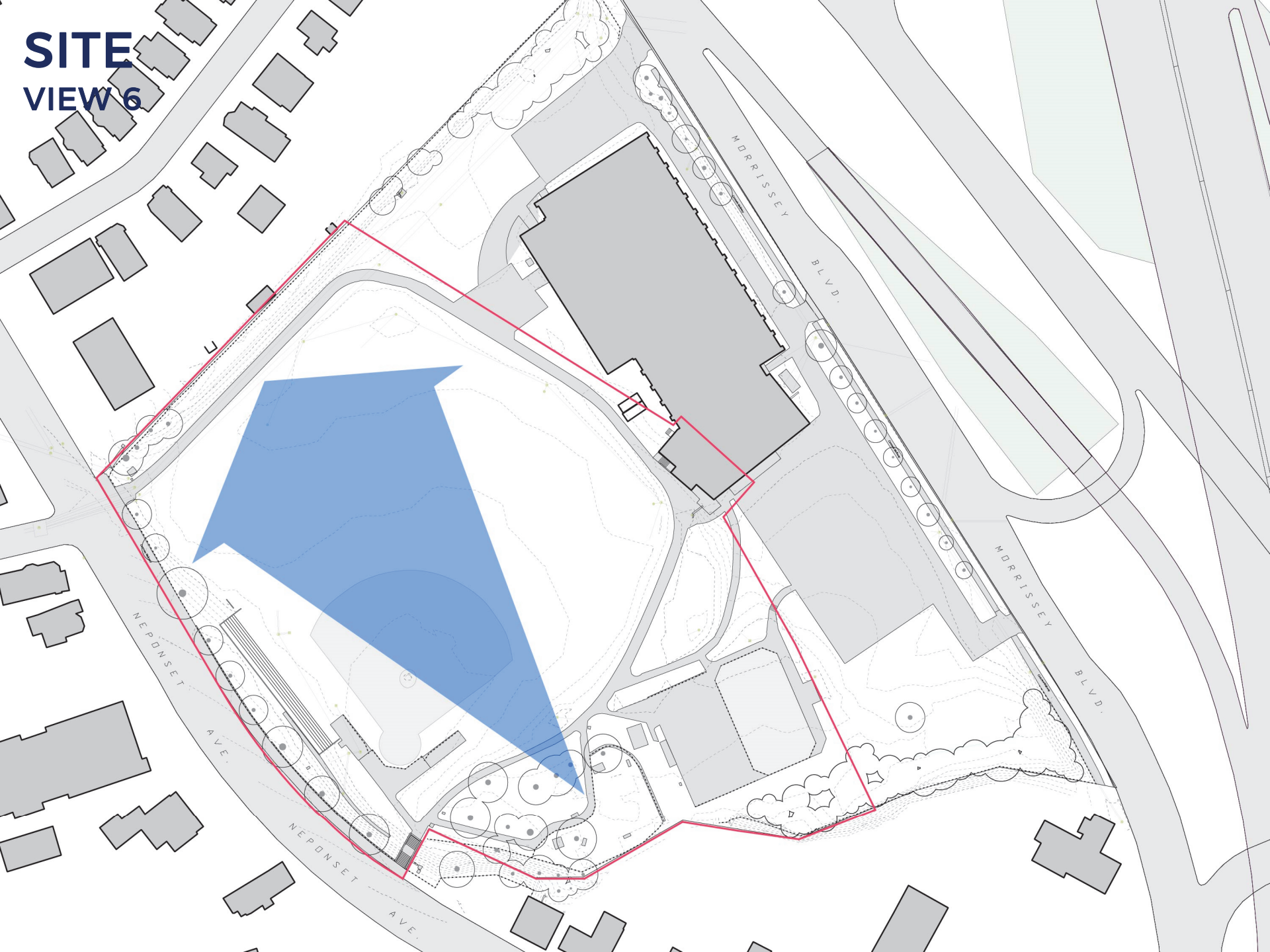
# SITE VIEW 5



**SITE  
VIEW 5**



# SITE VIEW 6





**SITE**  
**VIEW 6**



# LISTENING & DISCUSSION



Help us build great parks.  
Let us know what matters to you.

# Community Survey

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Garvey-Playground>

# Project Website

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-garvey-playground>



**THANK YOU!**

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, June 14  
BCYF Leahy/ Holloran Community Center  
6:30pm**

For questions, maintenance requests or  
concerns regarding any of our  
parks contact 311

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