

# Gronk Playground

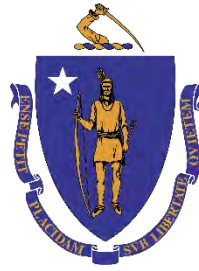


**DCR Virtual Public Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023**  
**Design Presentation Prepared for Online Viewing**

# Meeting Logistics

- You will have the opportunity to submit comments over the course of the next two weeks at:
  - DCR Public Comments  
<https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>
- Two ways to ask questions during the meeting
  - Use chat feature
  - Raise your hand using the Zoom function, and you will be given permission to unmute and speak.

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## **DCR Mission Statement**

*To protect, promote, and enhance our  
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for the well-being of all.*

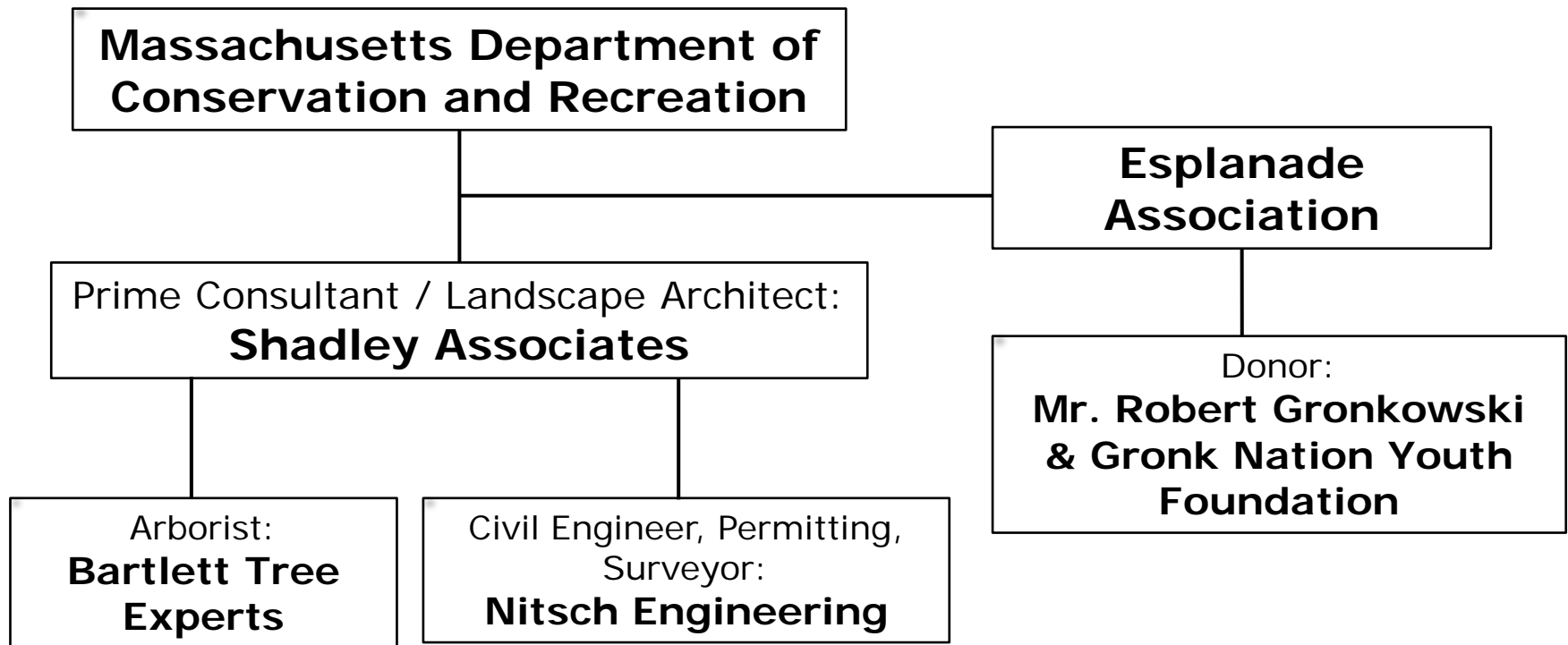
# Purpose of Presentation

*To present the 25% design  
and project information for the  
Gronk Playground project.*

# Agenda

1. Project Background
2. 25% Design Plan
3. Play Elements
4. Schedule
5. Additional Information

# Project Team





# Project Partnership



Learn more at [esplanade.org/gronk](https://esplanade.org/gronk)

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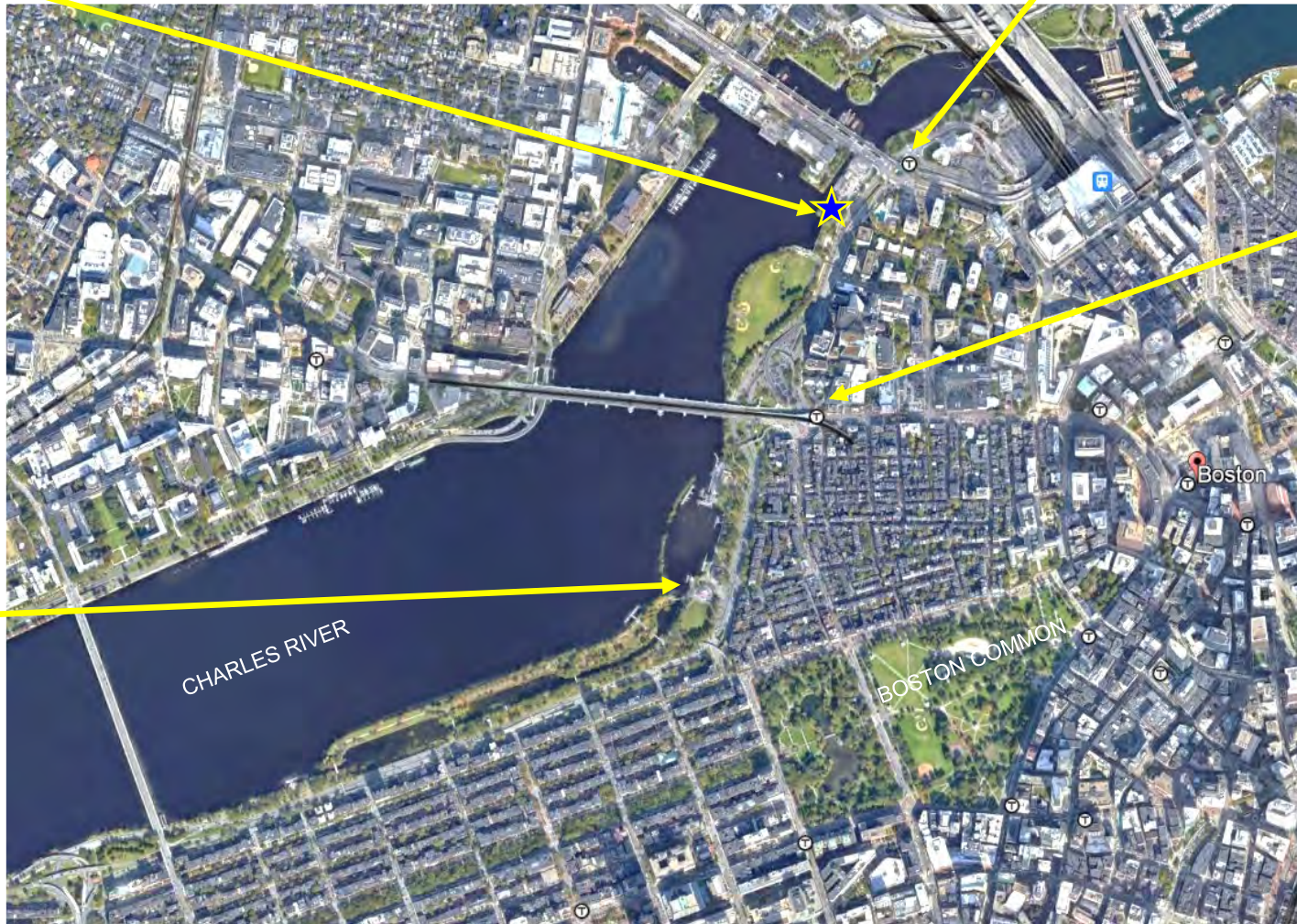
# Site Context

Gronk  
Playground

Science Park / West End T

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Hatch Shell



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# Site Context

## Gronk Playground



### Fitness Area

### Stoneman Playground

### Esplanade Playspace

#### Map Legend

- Footbridges/Access
- Restrooms
- River Docks
- Subway Station
- Bike Share Station
- Parking Garage
- Distance Between Footbridges
- Walking Path
- Suggested Biking Path



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# Project Site

## EXISTING SITE NOTES

- Spray deck, riverfront landscape and fencing to remain
- MWRA Marginal Conduit to be avoided

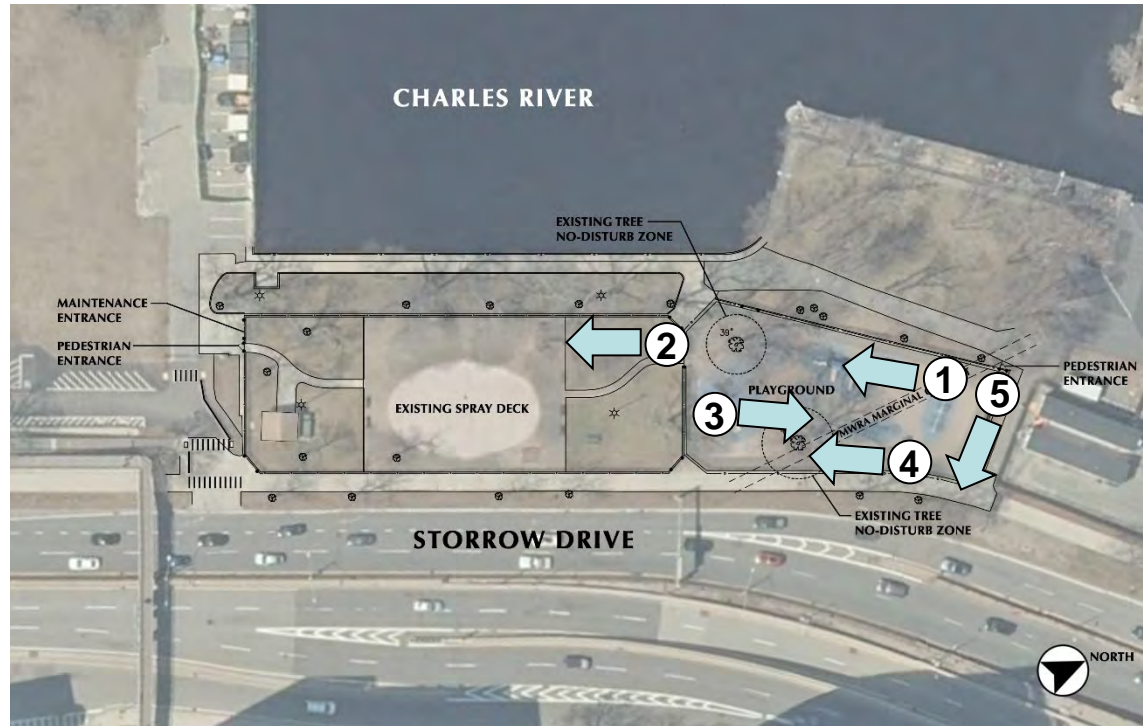


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# Existing Conditions





# Existing Conditions – TREES - Protect!



The two Elms and their root zones will be protected during construction. Removal of the top surfacing layer will be by hand.



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# Project Goals

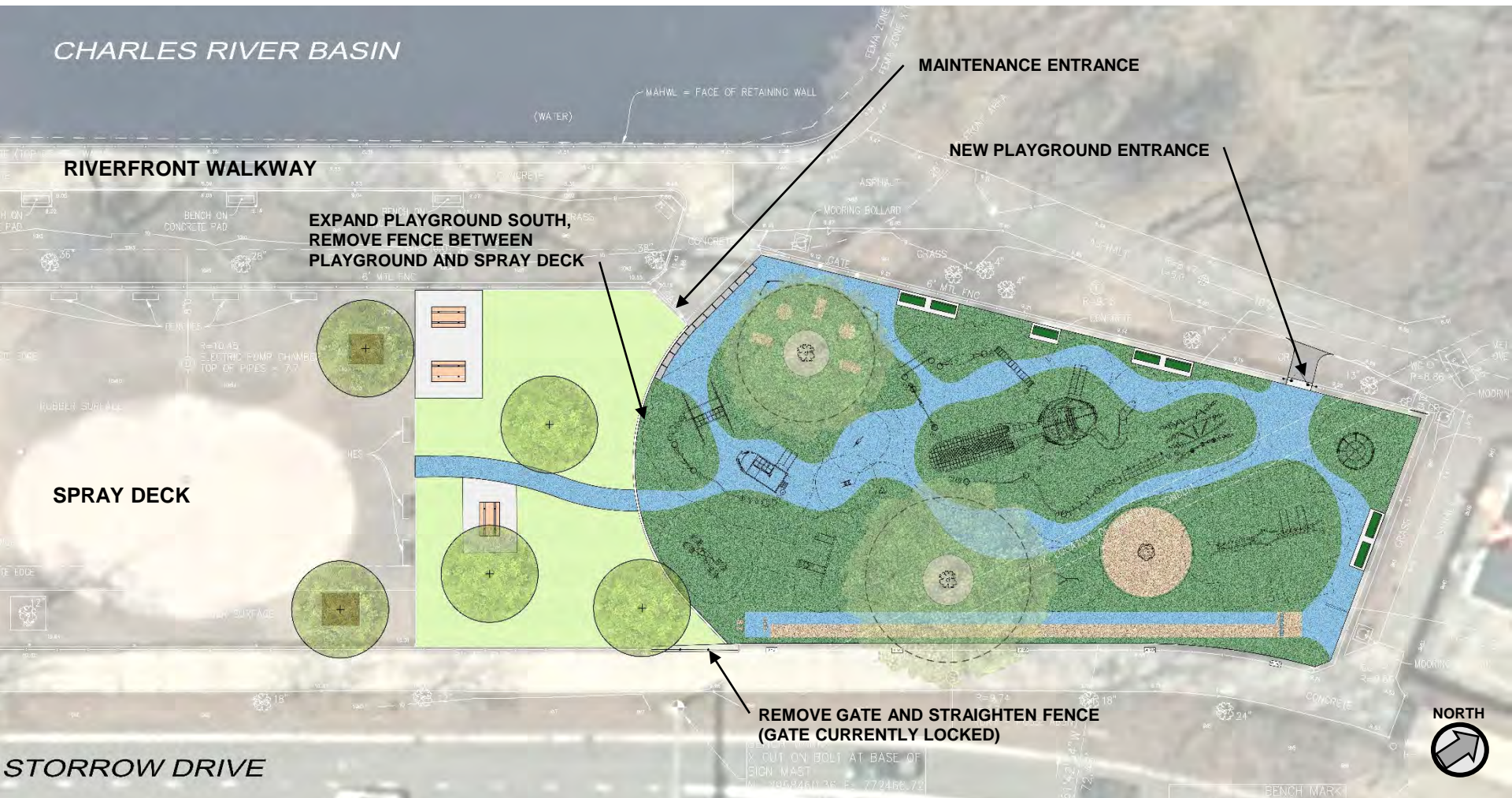
- Create a **fun and welcoming** playground for all children with new elements tailored to all abilities
- Increase awareness of the **importance of fitness** and encourage physical exercise and movement
- Promote **cooperative play**
- Reflect the **riverfront context**
- Complement the **historic character** of the Esplanade

# Design Considerations

- Age groups are 2-5 years and 5-12 years
- All equipment meets safety regulations and accessibility codes
- The site is 100% universally accessible and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Accommodates social interaction in a variety of spaces
- Nearby playground features are complemented, not duplicated, to provide the neighborhood a variety of play options
- Existing shade trees are preserved



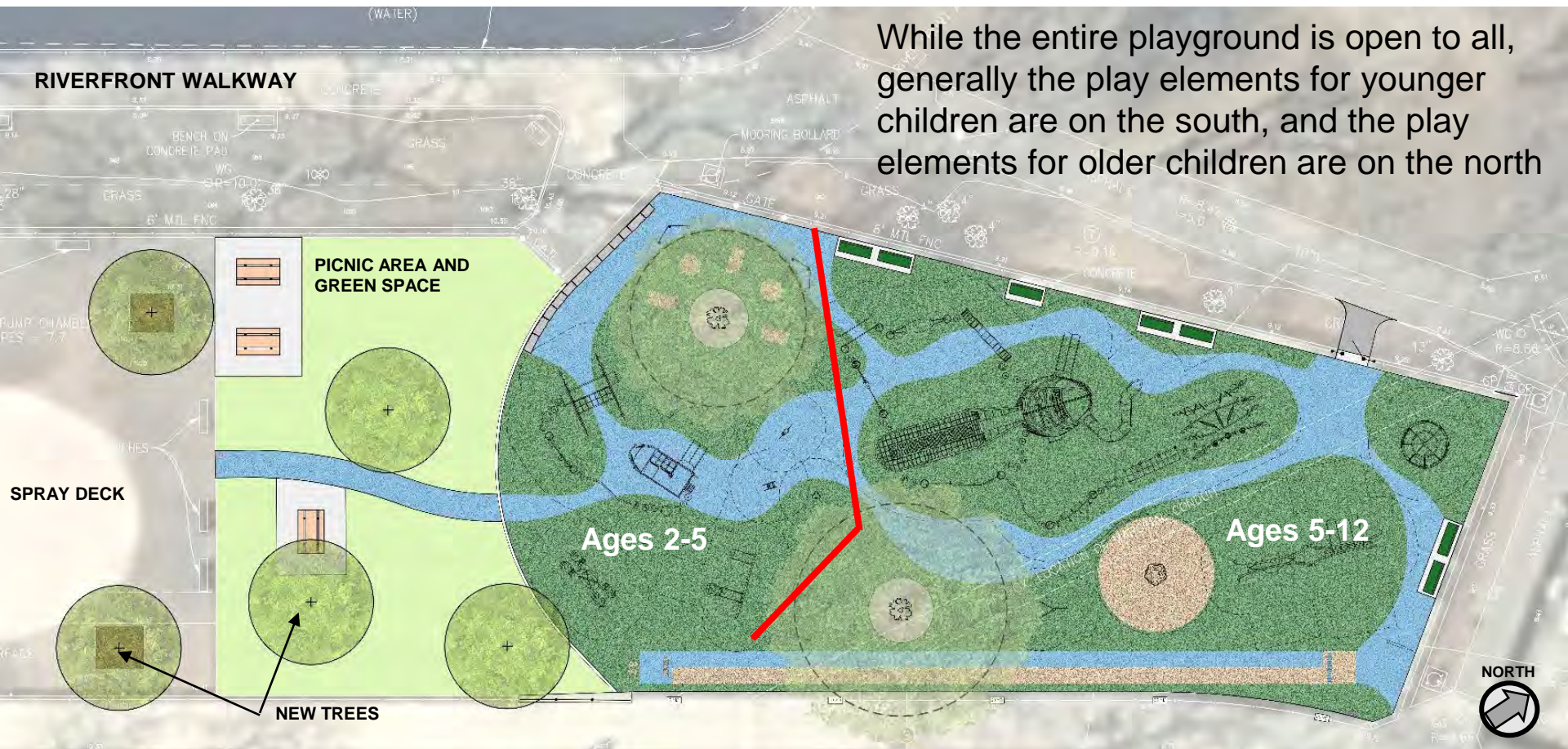
# Gronk Playground 25% Design Plan



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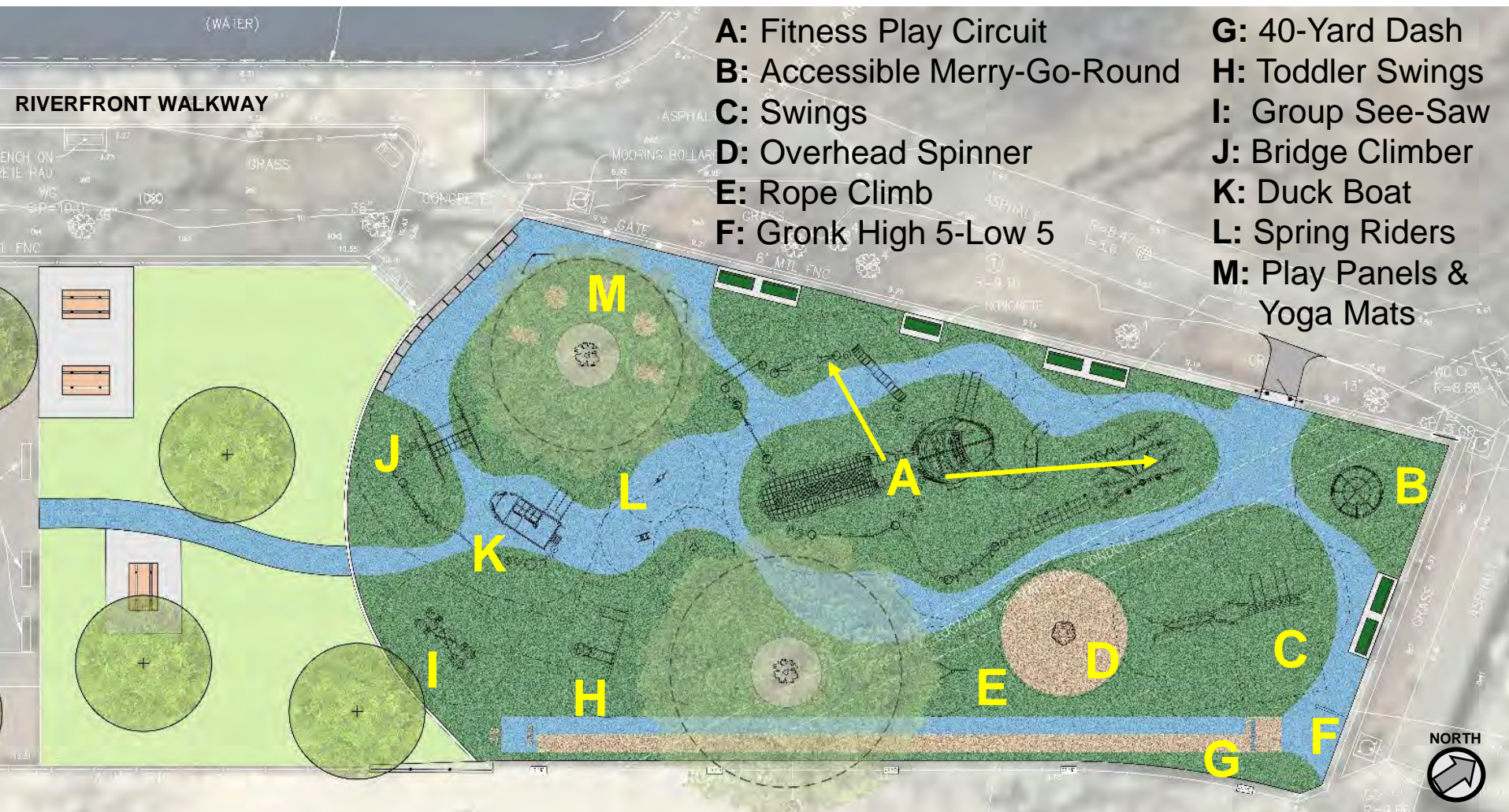
# Gronk Playground Concept Plan



While the entire playground is open to all, generally the play elements for younger children are on the south, and the play elements for older children are on the north



# Playground Elements



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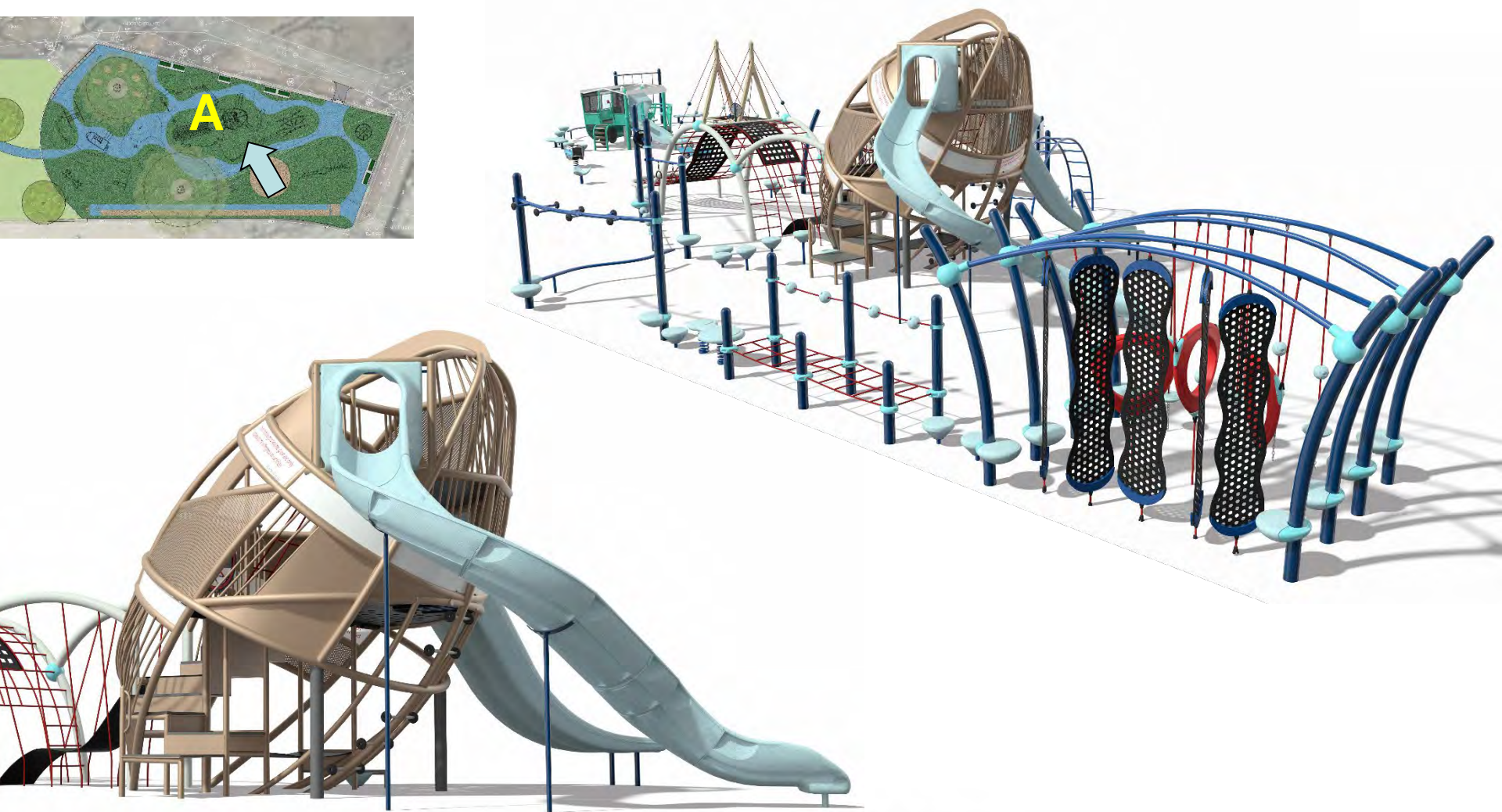


# Fitness Play Circuit



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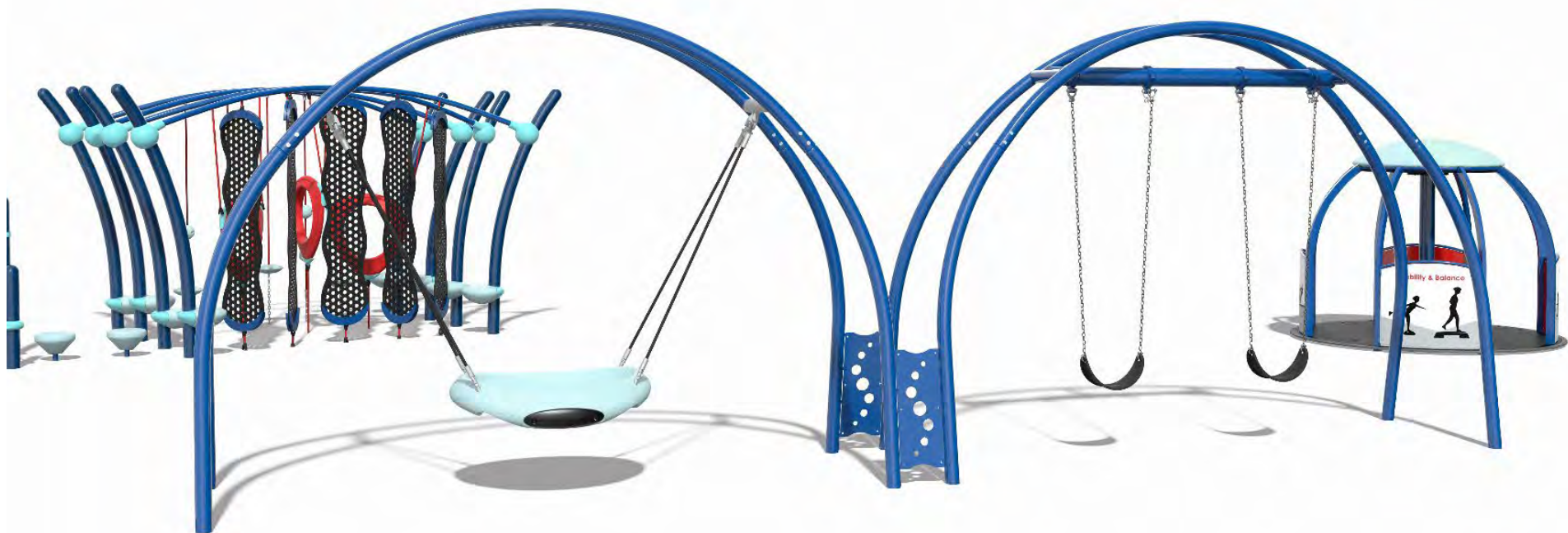
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# Accessible Merry-Go-Round

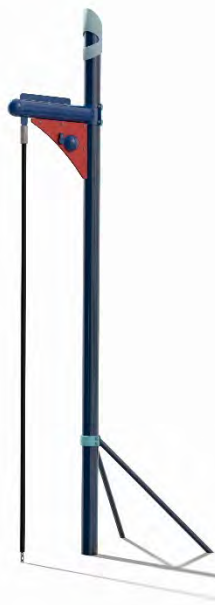


# Swings: Ages 5-12





# Overhead Spinner and Rope Climb



**E:** Rope Climb



**D:** Overhead Spinner





# Gronk High 5-Low 5, 40-Yard Dash



**G:** 40 Yard Dash



**F:** Gronk High 5-Low 5

# Toddler Swings, Group See-Saw



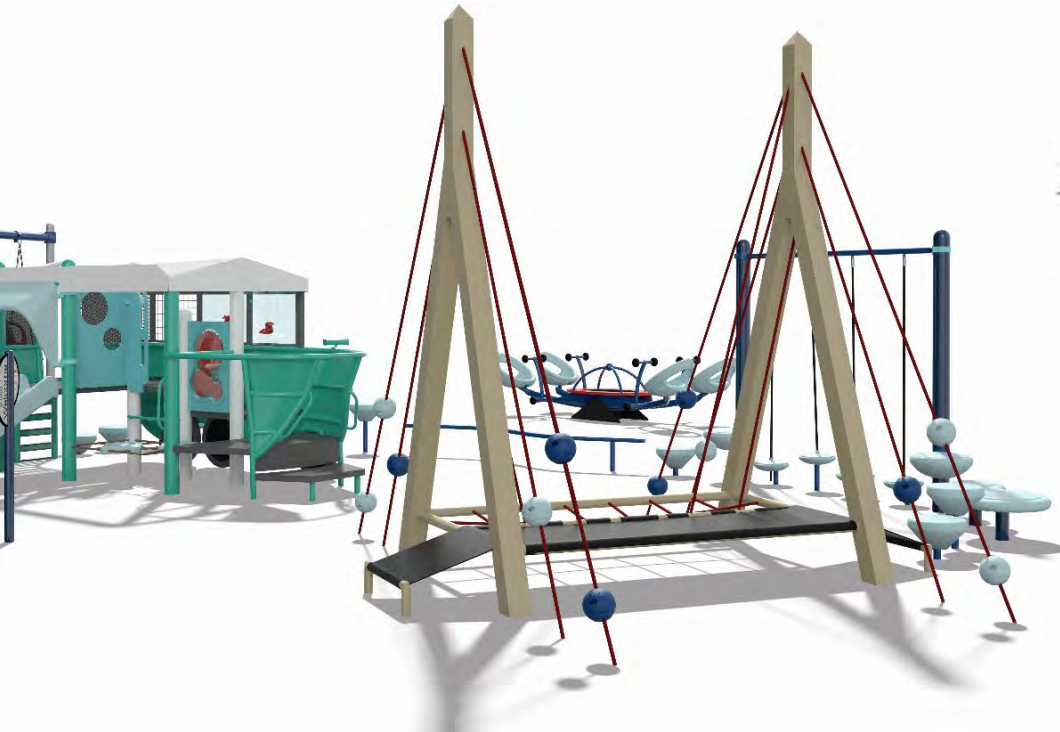
**I:** Group See-Saw



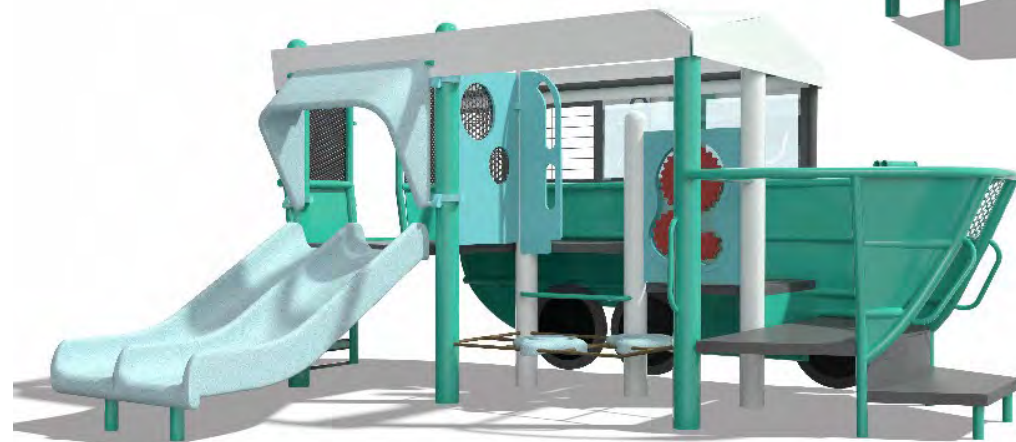
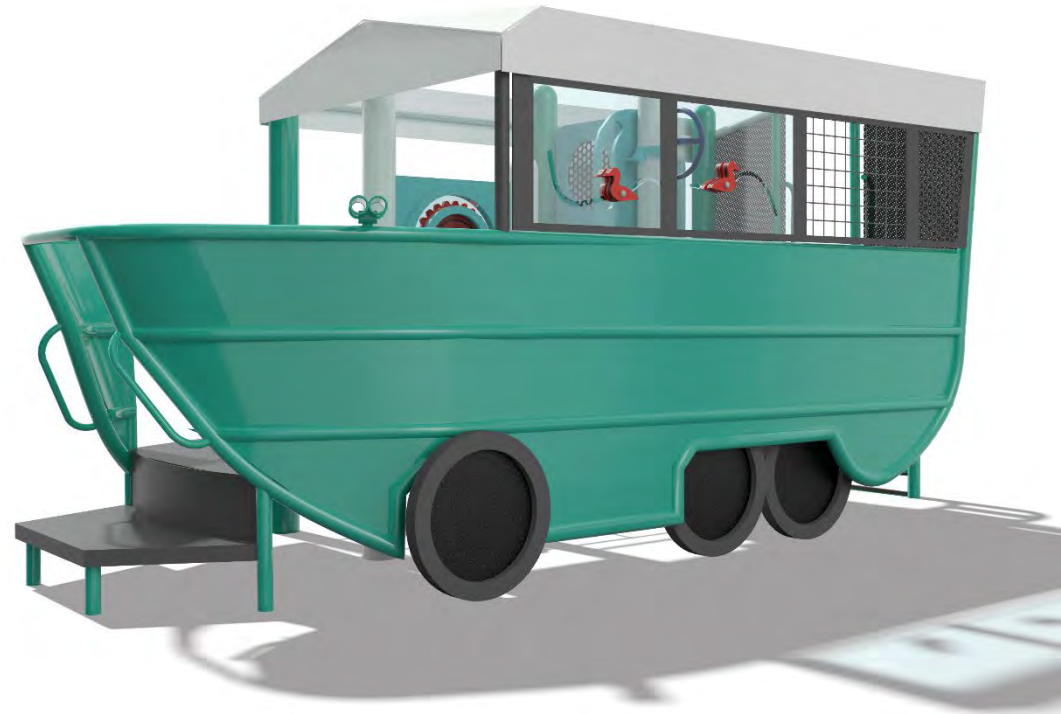
**H:** Toddler Swings



# Bridge Climber



# Duck Boat





# Spring Riders, Play Panels & Yoga Mats



**M:** Play Panels: Custom with fitness theme



**L:** Spring Riders



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## Gronk Playground – Play Equipment

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Gronk Playground – Play Equipment – Trees turned off for better visibility of the play equipment



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# Project Schedule

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|----------------------|--|
| February 2023        | Public Input Period / 25% Design                         |
| March 2023           | Prepare 50% Technical Drawings                           |
| Spring 2023          | Permitting: Conservation<br>Commission, Chapter 91, MWRA |
| Summer-Fall 2023     | Final Documents for Bidding                              |
| Early Fall 2023      | Public Meeting at 75% Design                             |
| Winter 2023 – 2024   | Bidding and Contracts                                    |
| Spring – Summer 2024 | Construction (playground closed)                         |





## Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:
  - [www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings)
- If you have comments on this project:
  - Submit online: [www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment)
  - Deadline: **Thursday, March 2, 2023**

*Please note: the contents of comments submitted to DCR, including your name, town and zip code, will be posted on DCR's website. Additional contact information provided, notably email address, will only be used for outreach on future updates to the subject project or property.*

- If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv: contact DCR's Office of Community Relations via email at [mass.parks@mass.gov](mailto:mass.parks@mass.gov)

# Thank You!



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