

# McMorrow Playground

Site Improvements

Public Meeting  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Boston, MA

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION



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## DCR MISSION STATEMENT

*To protect, promote, and enhance our  
**common wealth** of natural, cultural and  
recreational resources  
for the well-being of all.*

## 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: Click “**Reactions**”, then click “**Raise Hand** 🖐️”, and you will be given permissions to unmute and speak.
- *Please note that this public information meeting will be recorded; the recording will be a public record.*

# PROJECT TEAM

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## Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Skyler Chick, RLA

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# PROJECT SCOPE

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## Goals:

- Establish a safe and welcoming park environment.
- Ensure universal accessibility for all park features.
- Promote community engagement through inclusive recreational spaces.

## Objectives:

- Update play surface and play equipment.
- Design and install a root barrier to prevent tree roots from impacting the playground and paths.
- Upgrade/redesign the circulation between the playground, hard court and athletic fields.
- Evaluate existing trees for health and explore opportunities to expand the tree canopy.





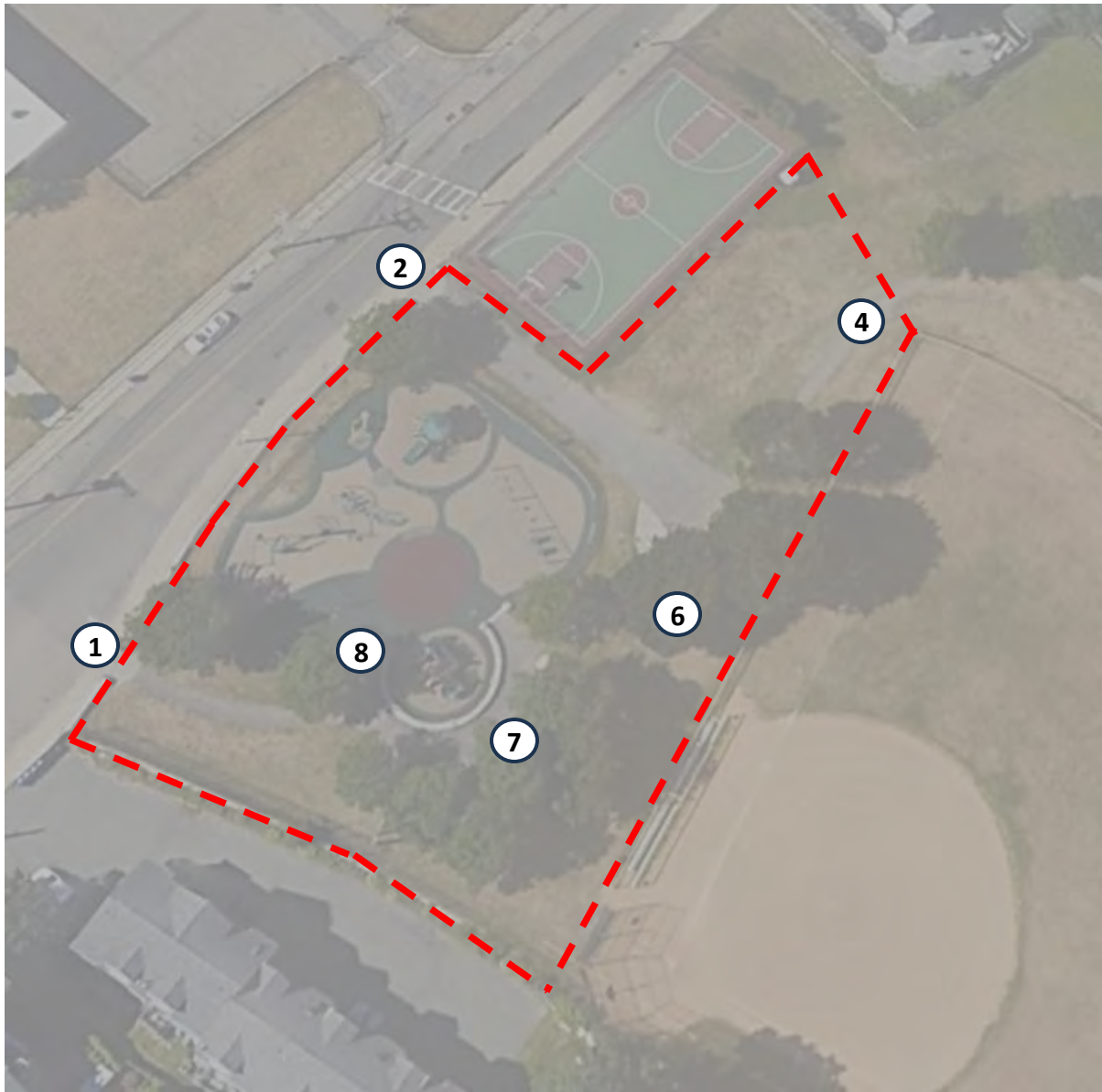












Southern park entrance from Victory Road.



Northern park entrance with engraved granite piers, trash receptacle, and park regulation signage.



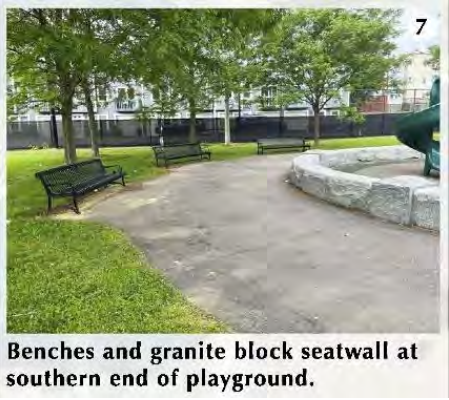
View looking west of compacted aggregate stone path.



Engraved stone in lawn.



Heaving pavement at drinking fountain.



Benches and granite block seatwall at southern end of playground.



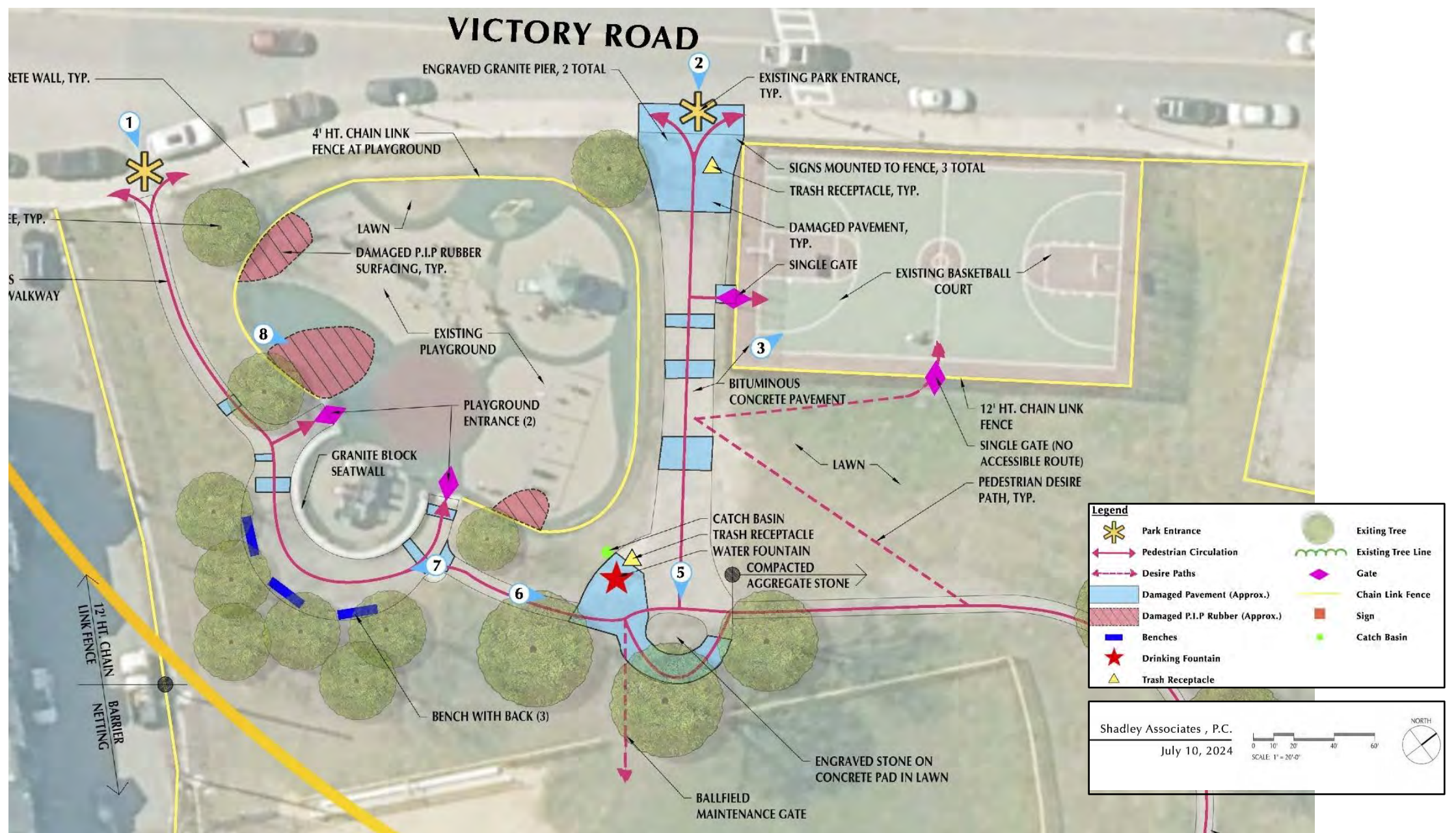
Heaving rubber in southern corner of playground.



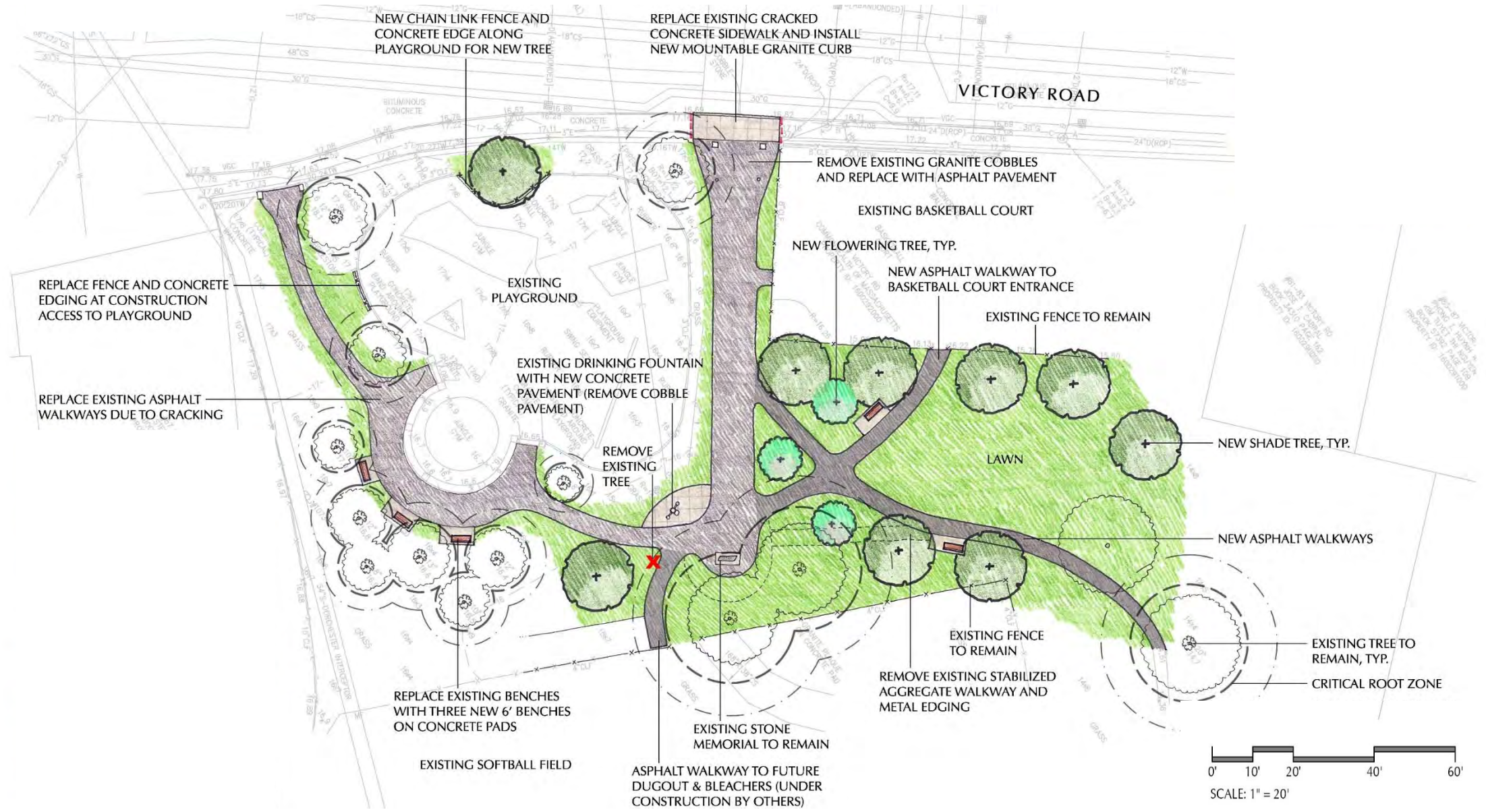
# EXISTING CONDITIONS

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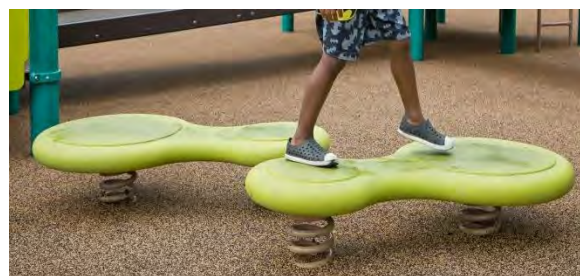
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EXISTING PLAYGROUND  
EQUIPMENT TO BE  
REPLACED.THEME TBD



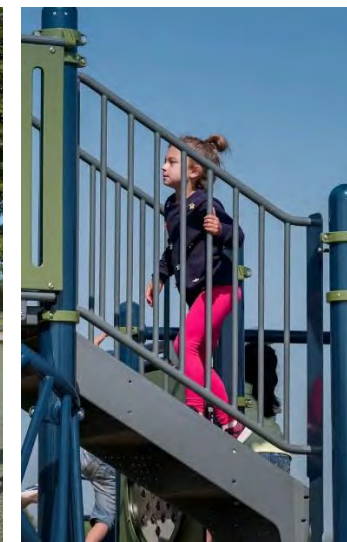
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NEW SAFETY SURFACING  
THROUGHOUT ENTIRE  
PLAYGROUND

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NEW PLAYGROUND  
FEATURE ADDED





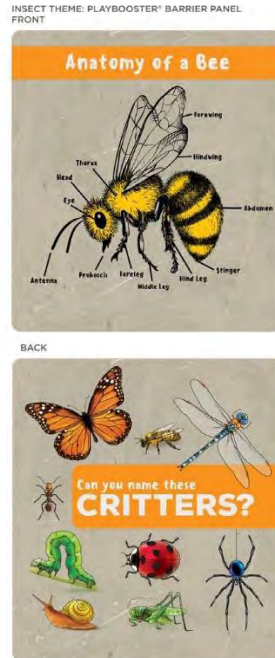








Pollinators



Fruits and Vegetables

Native Animals



Weather and Sky







**Circle Arm Bench**



**Bike Rack**



**Waste  
Receptacle**



**Drinking  
Fountain**



**Identification  
Sign**

# WHICH THEME DO YOU PREFER?

POLLINATORS



FRUITS & VEGETABLES



WEATHER & SKY



NATIVE ANIMALS



Q and A



## 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: Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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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