



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

# **Pope John Paul II Park Playground Project**



**DCR Public Meeting**

**Monday, September 30, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Leahy Holloran Community Center (Murphy School)**

**One Worrell Street, Dorchester, MA 02122**



# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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.*

## Purpose of Meeting

At this public meeting, DCR will present and obtain community input on conceptual design plans for reconstruction of the Pope John Paul II Park playground and will share the anticipated schedule for construction.



## Project Consultant

- Crosby Schlessinger and Smallridge llc  
Tamar Zimmerman, Project Manager

Crosby | Schlessinger | Smallridge

**C|S|S**

Landscape Architecture |  
Planning | Urban Design

- We've been designing public landscapes for over 35 years and have designed more than 50 playgrounds





## Project Context

- Existing playground is being demolished.
- The playground area is being slightly enlarged.
- New playground equipment, fencing and poured-in-place rubber surfacing will be constructed.
- Fitness equipment will be added in the park.



## Project Context

- Existing equipment cannot be renovated.
- Demolition to be completed by December 2019.





# Project Context





# Design - Project Scope

## Scope

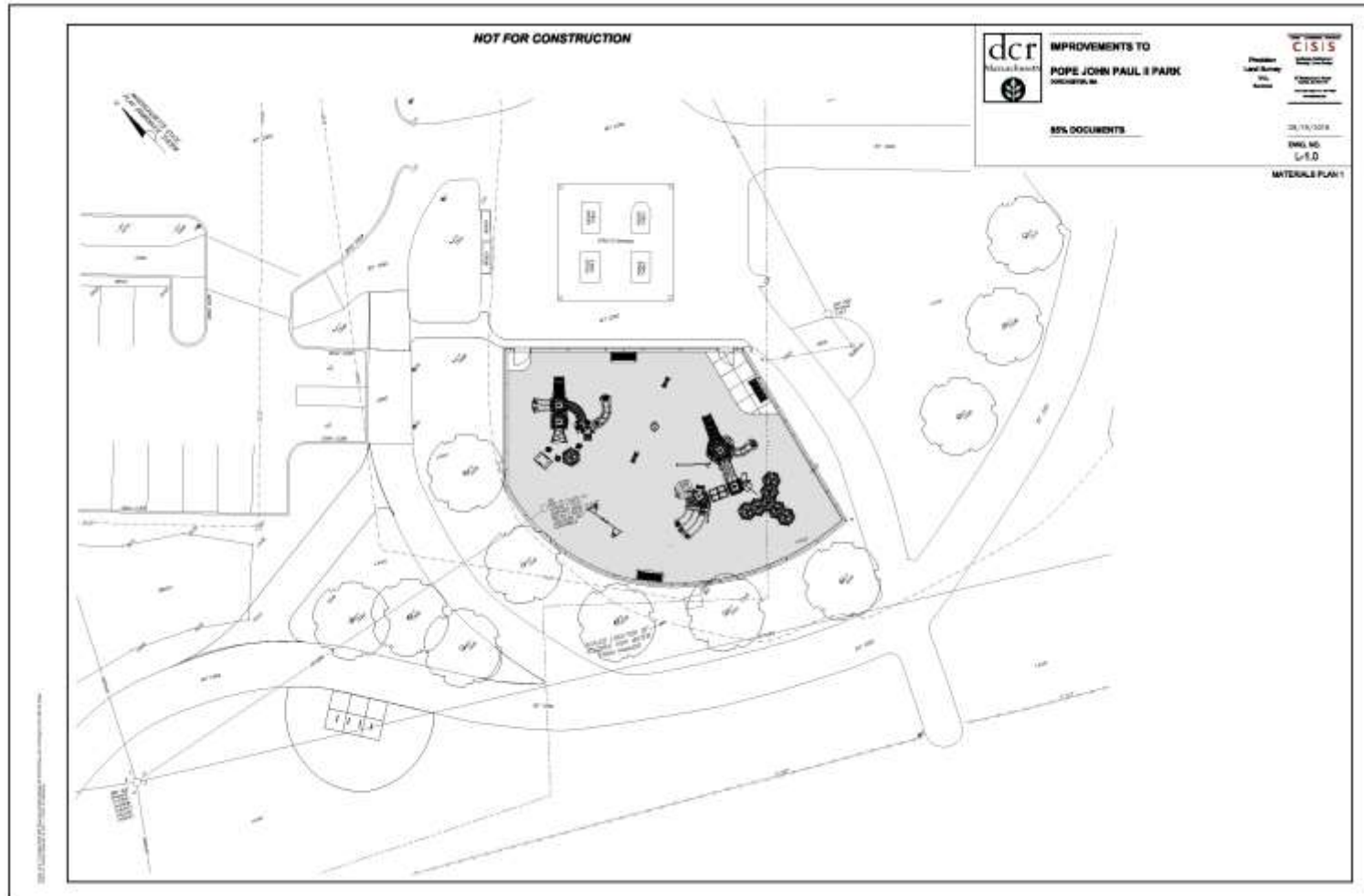
- Install new play equipment and play surfacing for 2-5 and 5-12 year-olds
- Install new 42-inch fencing
- Add 2 secure playground entrances (latch-able gate)
- Install new benches
- Restore landscape
- Install new fitness equipment and surfacing.

## Design considerations

- Play value for different age groups
- Volume of visitation
- Accessibility
- Grades and construction details
- Maintenance.



# Proposed Playground Site Layout



# Proposed Play Equipment

## 2-5 year-olds

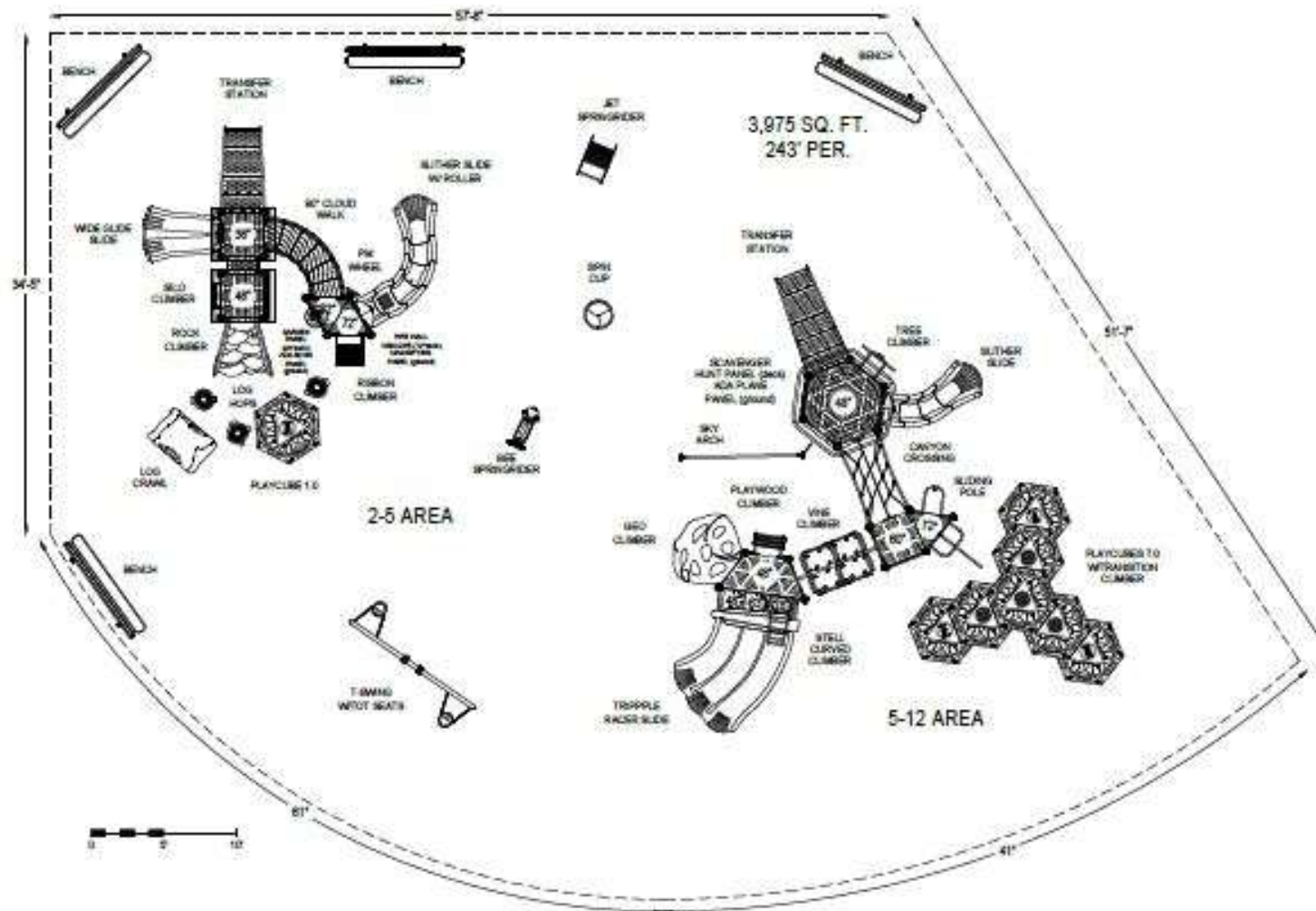


- Large structure for 2-5 year-olds
- Musical elements
- Tot swings
- Spring riders
- Natural theming.

## 5-12 year-olds



- Large structure for 5-12 year-olds
- Spinner
- Climbing nets
- Large Play Cubes.

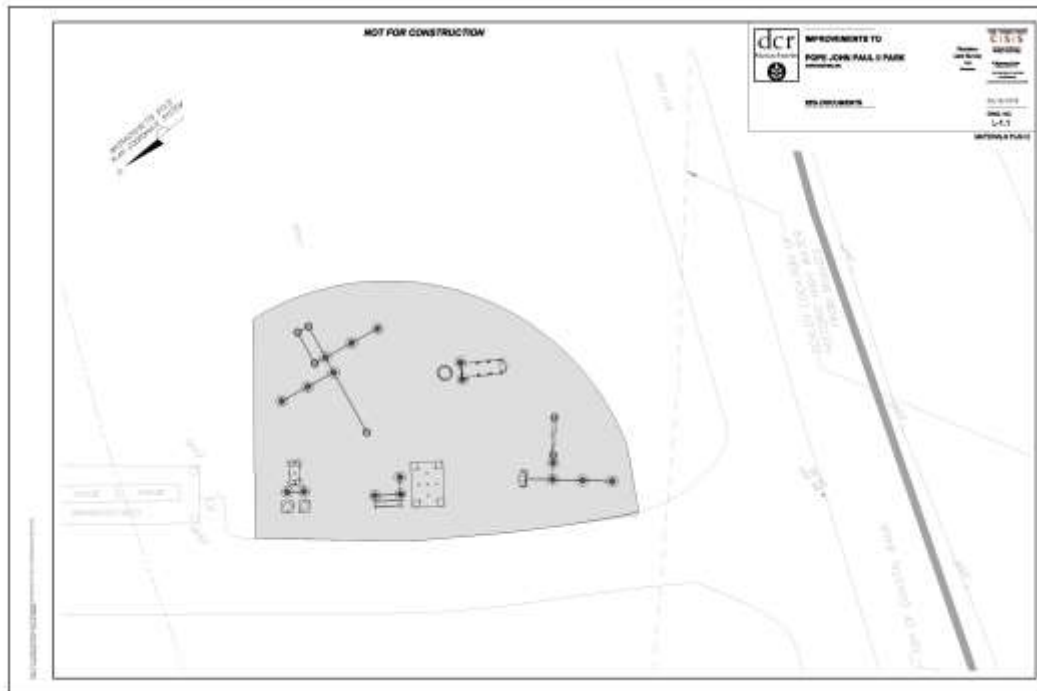




# Proposed Play Equipment: Perspective



# Proposed Fitness Equipment





# Play Surfacing: Poured-in-Place Rubber Examples



# Proposed Fencing





## Anticipated Project Schedule

- Playground closed; temporary fence and project sign were installed fall 2019.
- Removal of existing playground equipment to be completed December 2019.
- Construction to begin in spring 2020.
- Playground & fitness equipment to open summer 2020.



# Please be safe during construction!

- Hours of construction are 7a.m. to 3p.m.
- Large construction vehicles must access the park; minor detours may be necessary for safety.
- Access to Pope John Paul II Park will remain open.
- Alternative playground options in your neighborhood:
  1. Toohig Playground
  2. Tenean Beach Playground.



## Project Benefits

- Enhanced play value
- Safety updates
- Accessibility updates
- Improvements to site materials/furnishings
- Increased recreational benefits
- Value of PJP II Park improvements to Commonwealth \$450,000.



## Break Out Sessions:

- **Benches**
- **Color Scheme**
- **Spring Toys**





## Bench Options: #1



## #2

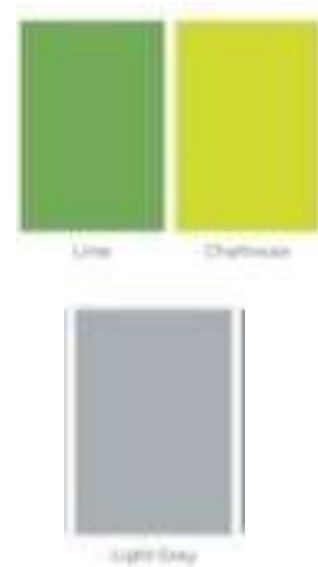


# Color Schemes:

## #1



## #2



# Spring Toys

**#1**



**#2**



## Additional Information

**For more information:**

[www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings)

**If you have comments or suggestions, including preferences on color schemes, spring toys, and bench options on this project:**

*Submit online:* [www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment)

*Write:* Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Office of Public Outreach  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114

*Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2019*

*Note: Public comments submitted to DCR may be posted on the DCR website in their entirety, and no information, including contact information, will be redacted.*

**If you wish to subscribe to a DCR general information or project-related listserv:** contact DCR's Office of Community Relations at 617-626-4973 or [Mass.Parks@mass.gov](mailto:Mass.Parks@mass.gov).