

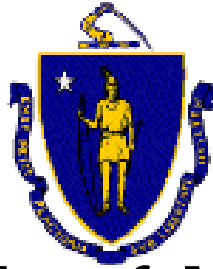
Toohig Playground

Site Improvements

Public Listening Meeting
November 7th, 2024

Boston, MA





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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.*

Agenda

- Team Introductions
- Project Scope
- Site Location, Site Context, Project Limits
- Existing Conditions
- Site Analysis
- Design Concepts
- Play Equipment Options & Theming
- Fitness Equipment Options
- Site Furnishings and Signage
- Timeline
- Additional Information/Q&A

Project Team

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Project Scope

Goals:

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

Objectives:

- Renovate the entrance and seating areas to enhance the park's appeal.
- Upgrade/redesign the basketball court area.
- Update play surface and play equipment.
- Rehabilitate walking path for increased recreational opportunities.
- Prune or remove trees as needed to improve access to amenities.



SITE LOCATION

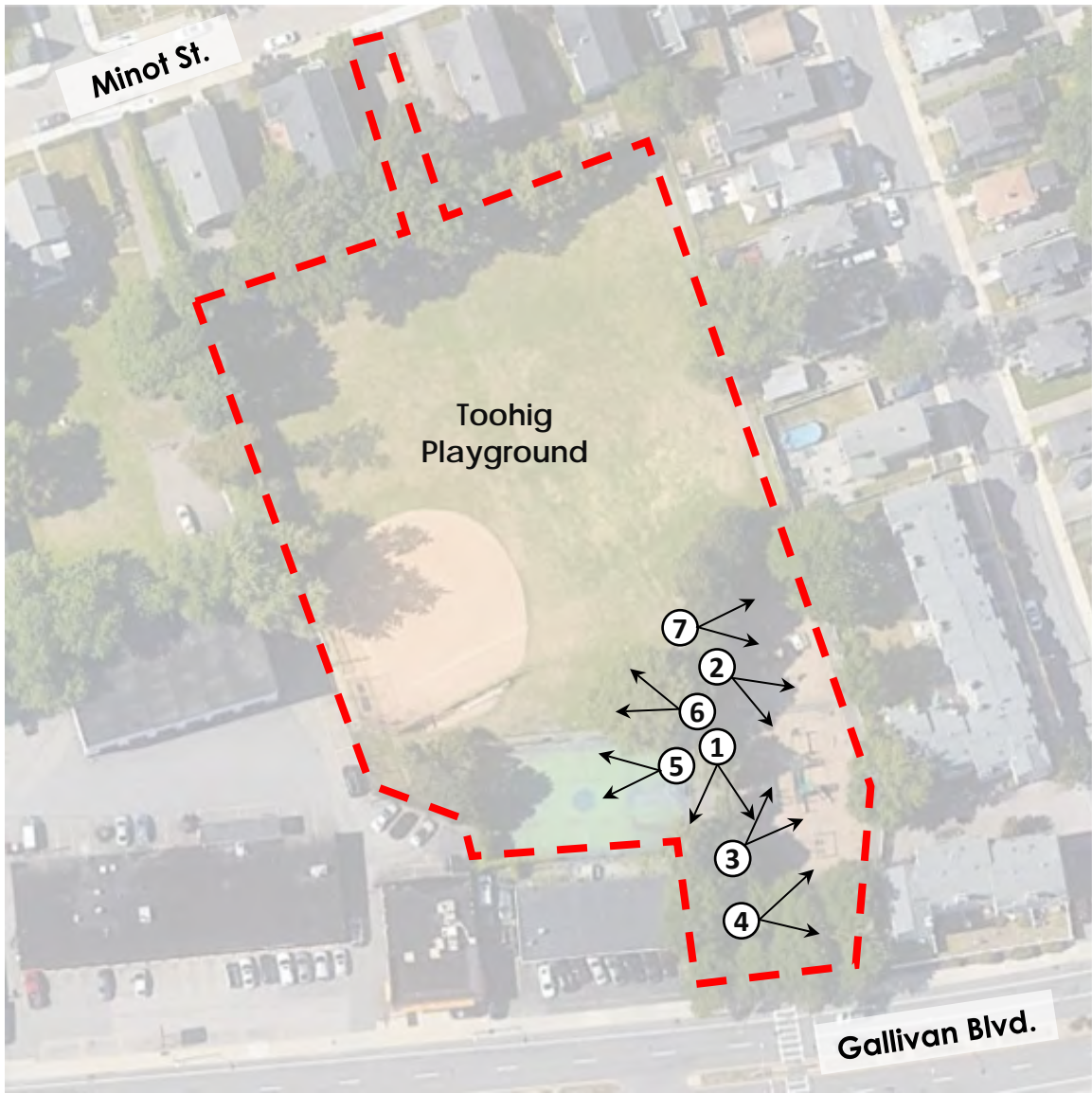
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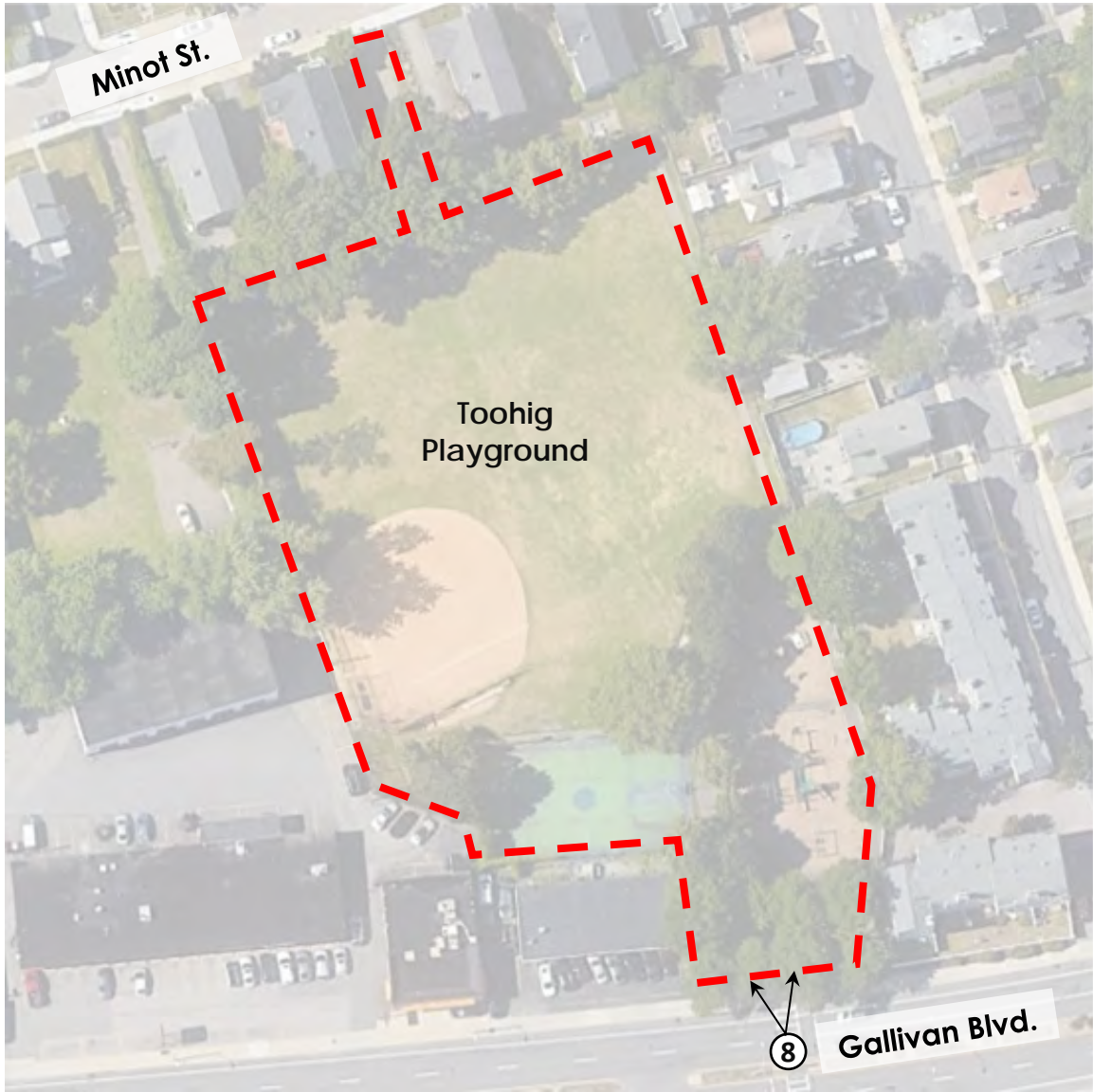






PROJECT LIMITS





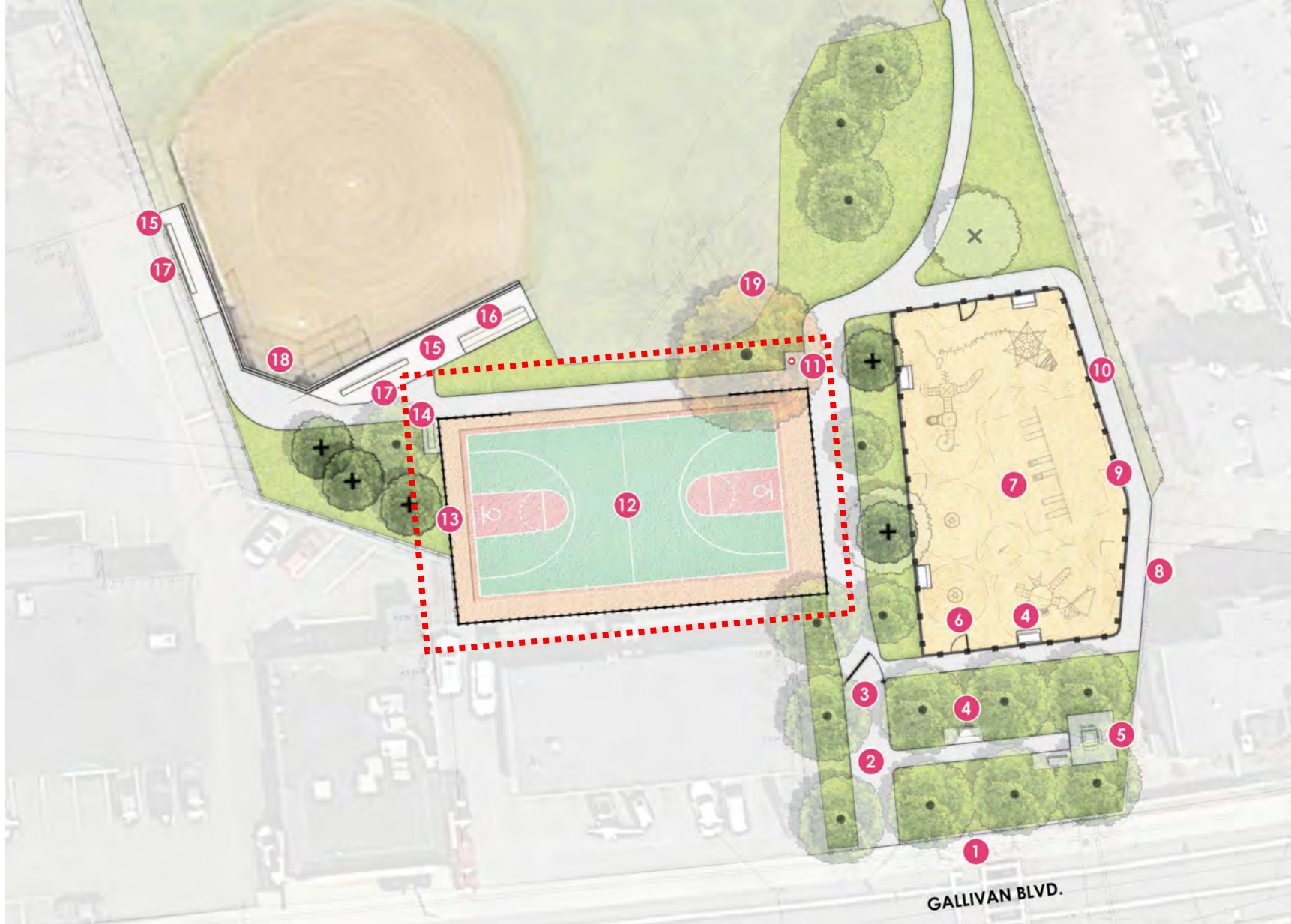
LEGEND

- Property boundary
- ① Ex. asphalt heaving in poor condition
- ② Ex. cracked basketball paving
- ③ Ex. ballfield not accessible
- ④ Ex. damaged drinking fountain
- Ex. engineered wood fiber surface in fair condition
- Ex. basketball court fence in poor condition
- Abutter's fence
- Ex. 4' ht. playground fence in fair condition
- Ex. 6' ht. playground fence in good condition
- Ex. vehicular gate needs refinishing
- Ex. timber guardrail in fair condition
- Ex. picnic tables in poor condition
- Ex. benches in poor condition
- ▲ Vehicular entrance
- ▲ Pedestrian entrance
- Ex. Tree



SITE ANALYSIS

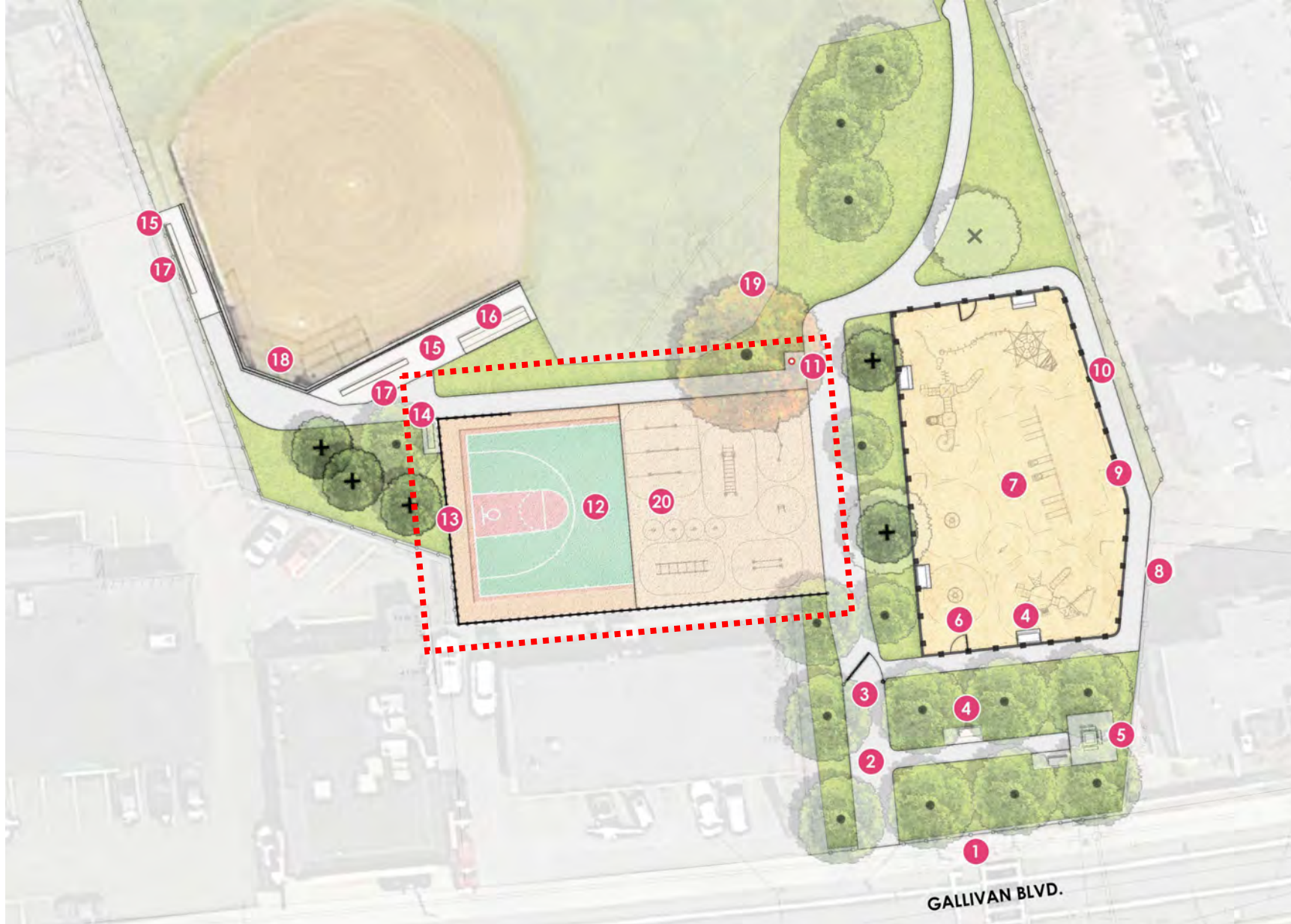
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LEGEND

- NEW SEEDED LAWN
- + NEW SHADE TREES (5)
- EX. TREES (15)
- x REMOVE EX. TREES (2)

1. TIMBER FENCE
2. 12' ASPHALT VEHICULAR DRIVE
3. REFINISH EX. VEHICULAR GATE
4. ACCESSIBLE BENCHES (6)
5. GAME TABLE (1)
6. PEDESTRIAN GATE
7. 5,800 SF RESILIENT RUBBER SURFACE, PLAY EQUIPMENT TO BE SELECTED, TBD.
8. EX. ABUTTER'S FENCE
9. NEW 4' HT. BLACK METAL PICKET FENCE
10. NEW 6' ASPHALT PEDESTRIAN PATH
11. REPLACE EX. DRINKING FOUNTAIN
12. RESURFACE BASKETBALL COURT
13. NEW 10' HT. BLACK VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE
14. STORAGE BOX ON CONCRETE PAD
15. CONCRETE PAD
16. 21' BLEACHER (1)
17. 15' TEAM BENCHES (2)
18. EX. BACKSTOP
19. EX. LONDON PLANE TREE

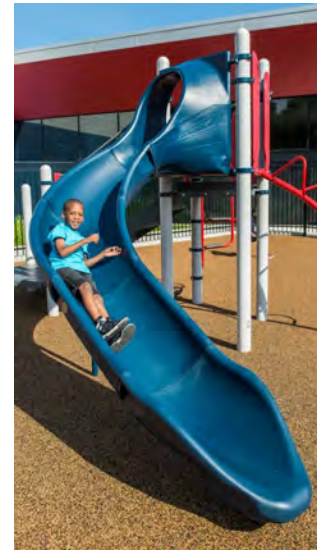


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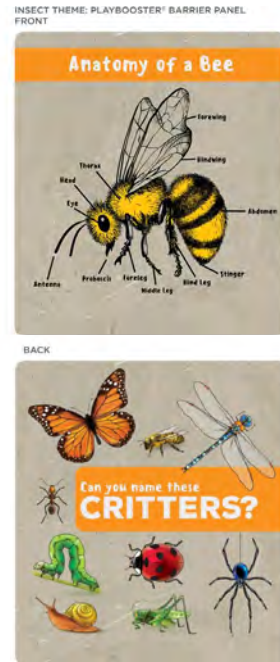
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2. 12' ASPHALT VEHICULAR DRIVE
3. REFINISH EX. VEHICULAR GATE
4. ACCESSIBLE BENCHES (6)
5. GAME TABLE (1)
6. PEDESTRIAN GATE
7. 5,800 SF RESILIENT RUBBER SURFACE, PLAY EQUIPMENT TO BE SELECTED, TBD.
8. EX. ABUTTER'S FENCE
9. NEW 4' HT. BLACK METAL PICKET FENCE
10. NEW 6' ASPHALT PEDESTRIAN PATH
11. REPLACE EX. DRINKING FOUNTAIN
12. NEW HALF BASKETBALL COURT
13. NEW 10' HT. BLACK VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE
14. STORAGE BOX ON CONCRETE PAD
15. CONCRETE PAD
16. 21' BLEACHER (1)
17. 15' TEAM BENCHES (2)
18. EX. BACKSTOP
19. EX. LONDON PLANE TREE
20. 3,200 SF RESILIENT RUBBER SURFACING OUTDOOR FITNESS AREA







Pollinators



Fruits and Vegetables

Native Animals



Weather and Sky





Fitness Equipment Options (Concept B Only)

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Circle Arm Bench



Bike Rack



Cantilevered Sign



Waste Receptacle



Timber Guardrail



Picket Fence @ Playground



Game Table



Drinking Fountain

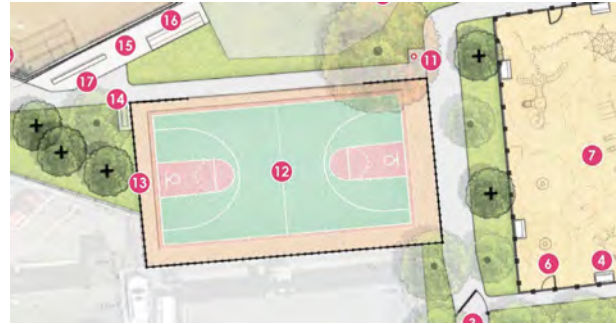
Timeline

- 1st Public Meeting, November 7th, 2024
- 2nd Public Meeting, Jan/Feb 2025
- 3rd Public Meeting to Discuss Construction Process, TBD

Additional Information

- Recording and tonight's slide deck will be available at:
 - www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings
- If you have comments on this project:
 - *Submit online:* www.mass.gov/dcr/public-comment
 - *Deadline: Thursday, November 21st, 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

Do you prefer Concept A or Concept B (half basketball court)?



Which playground theme do you prefer?

- Pollinators
- Fruit and Vegetable
- Weather and Sky
- Native Animals

Thank You

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