

# Improvements to **BILLINGS FIELD**

*Community Meeting #2*  
*February 1, 2023*



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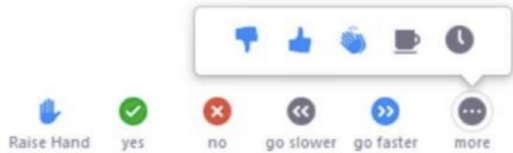
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## DURING THE PRESENTATION:



### VIA WEB:

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## DURING THE Q&A:



### JOINING VIA PHONE?

Use \*9 to raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.



### VIA WEB:

Chat to ask questions / comments or provide responses to poll questions



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# AGENDA

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**CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS**

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# PROJECT TEAM AND PROJECT GOALS

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# PROJECT TEAM

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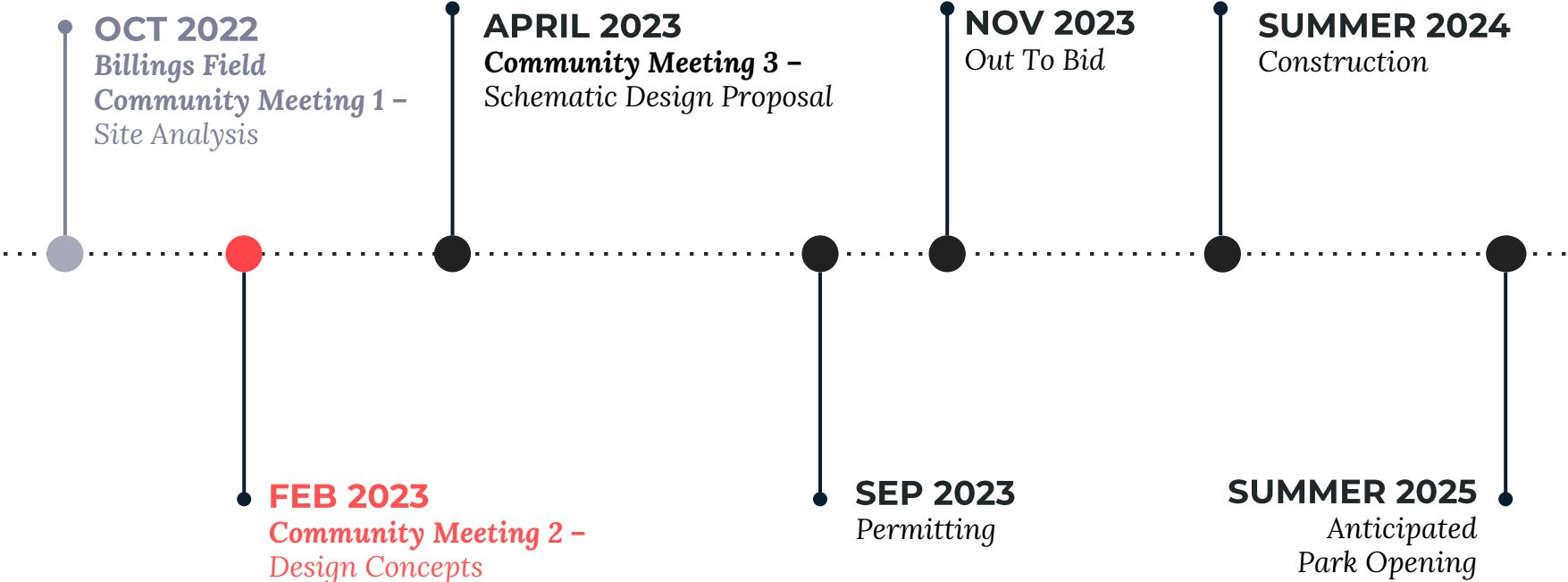
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# PROJECT SCHEDULE

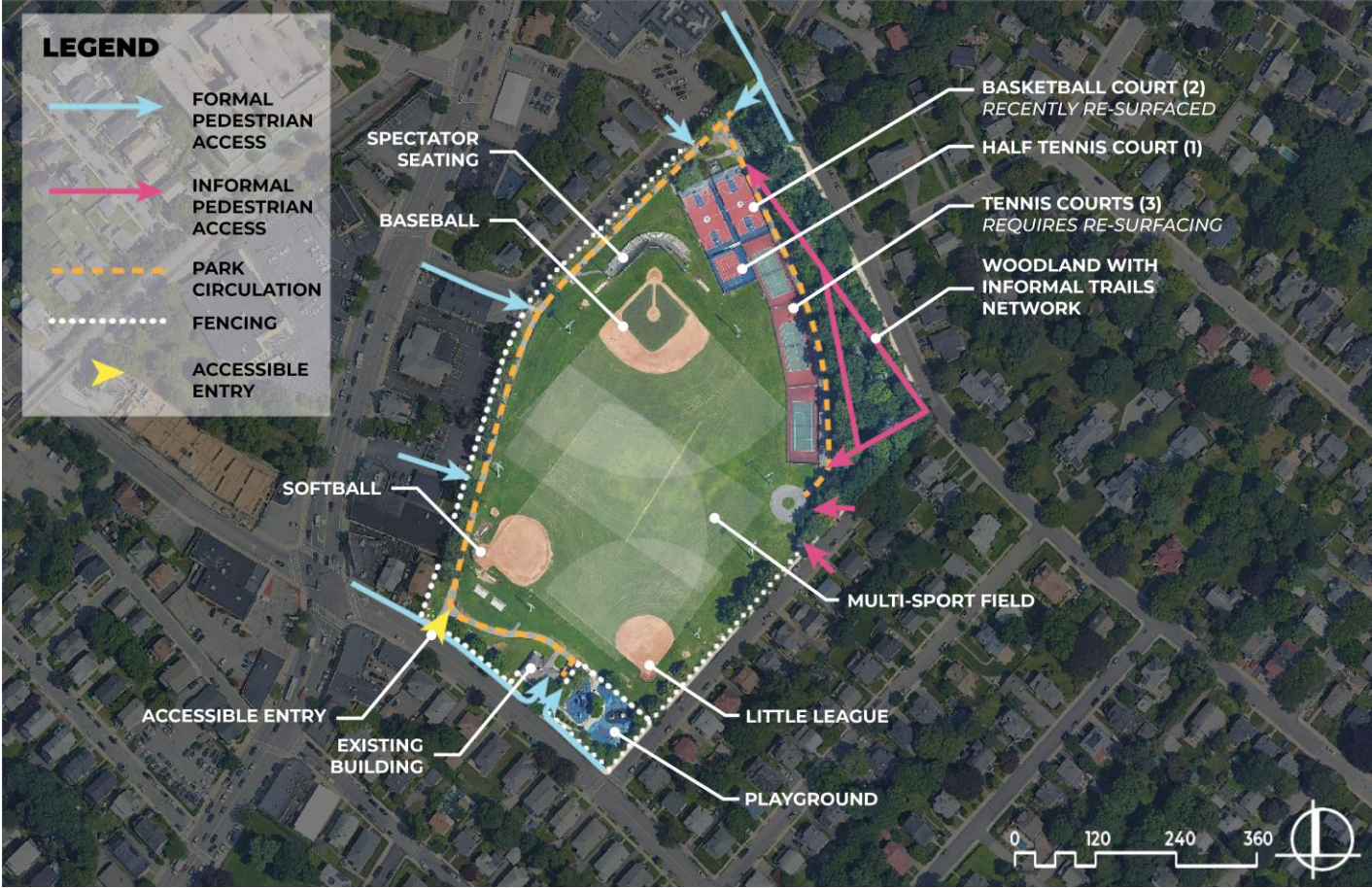
Current Design Budget: \$500,000







# EXISTING SITE ANALYSIS: Program





# EXISTING SITE ANALYSIS: Initial Tree Canopy and Health Assessment





# WHAT WE HEARD AT MEETING #1 AND ONLINE SURVEY

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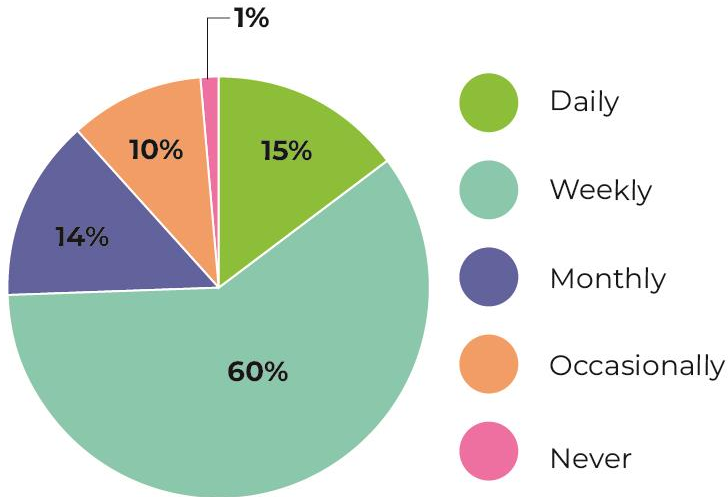




# SUMMARY OF ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

## 592 Survey Responses

How often do you visit Billings Field?



What current activities or features at Billings Field are most important to you?



# COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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## 592 Survey Responses

What other activities or facilities would you like to see in the park?

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>#1</b> Existing Field Improvements | <b>#2</b> Bathrooms                  | <b>#3</b> Street Hockey Rink      |
| <b>#4</b> Walking Loop                | <b>#5</b> Enclosed Dog Park          | <b>#6</b> Additional Ball Fields  |
| <b>#7</b> Picnicking Area             | <b>#8</b> Pickleball                 | <b>#9</b> Additional Soccer Field |
| <b>#10</b> Splash Pad                 | <b>#11</b> Community Gathering Space | <b>#12</b> Playground Updates     |

What do you love about Billings Field?

We love Billings Field because it's within walking distance of our house, and we always see people we know. Plus, we go to all the neighborhood events there. It's an integral part of life in West Roxbury.

Billings is a great place to walk to with my grandkids.

Billings is extremely convenient being in the heart of West Roxbury. It is also very close to my children's school so we go weekly after school during the school year. We also play a lot of sports there and bring out dog to play with other dogs.

Billings's large open space has always acted as our "Common."



# DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

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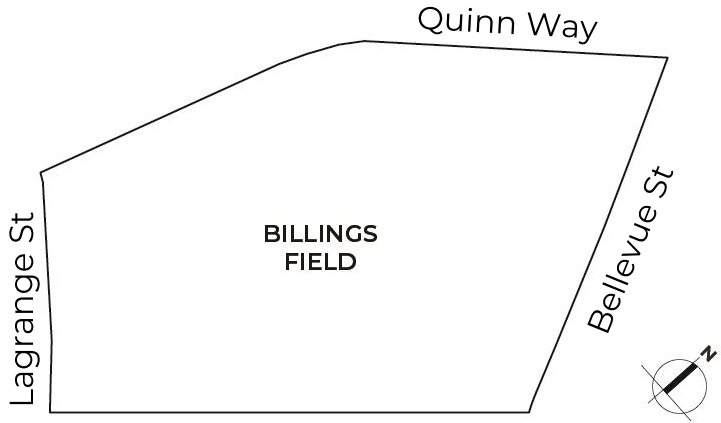
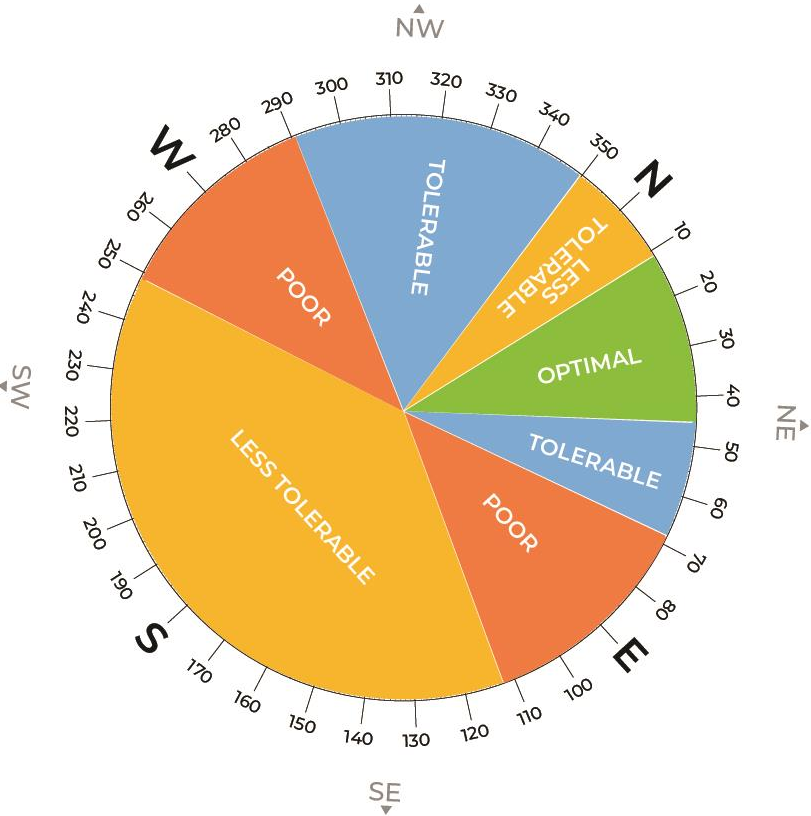


# OVERALL: Keep the openness of Billings

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- Improve drainage
- Improve accessibility throughout the park: entrances, repair stairs at Bellevue St, and add a continuous walking loop
- General ball field improvements: improve orientation, update field amenities (dugouts, spectator seating, backstops, batting cage etc.)
- Replace little league field with softball field
- Provide gathering space: seating, picnic tables
- Add accessible play elements
- Lighting Improvements
- Woodland improvements
- Potential new elements:
  - Splash pad
  - Street hockey rink
  - Enclosed dog park

# SPORTS FIELD ORIENTATION





# DESIGN CONCEPTS

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# CONCEPT A – The Gathering Loops



Entry Experience - Plaza

Credit: SSA Landscape Architects  
Callaghan Park, CA



Entry Experience - Lawn



Wooded Plaza



Terraced Lawn Seating



Hockey Rink



Shade Structure



# CONCEPT B – The Active Loop



Picnic Grove



Picnic Grove



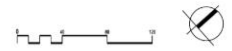
Entry Plaza



Poles For Hammocks



Enclosed Dog Run





# PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PRECEDENTS

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Adventurous



Nature Inspired



Thematic



Climbing/Ramped Structures

# WATER ELEMENT PRECEDENTS

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Splash Pad



Play Fountain



Water Play



## LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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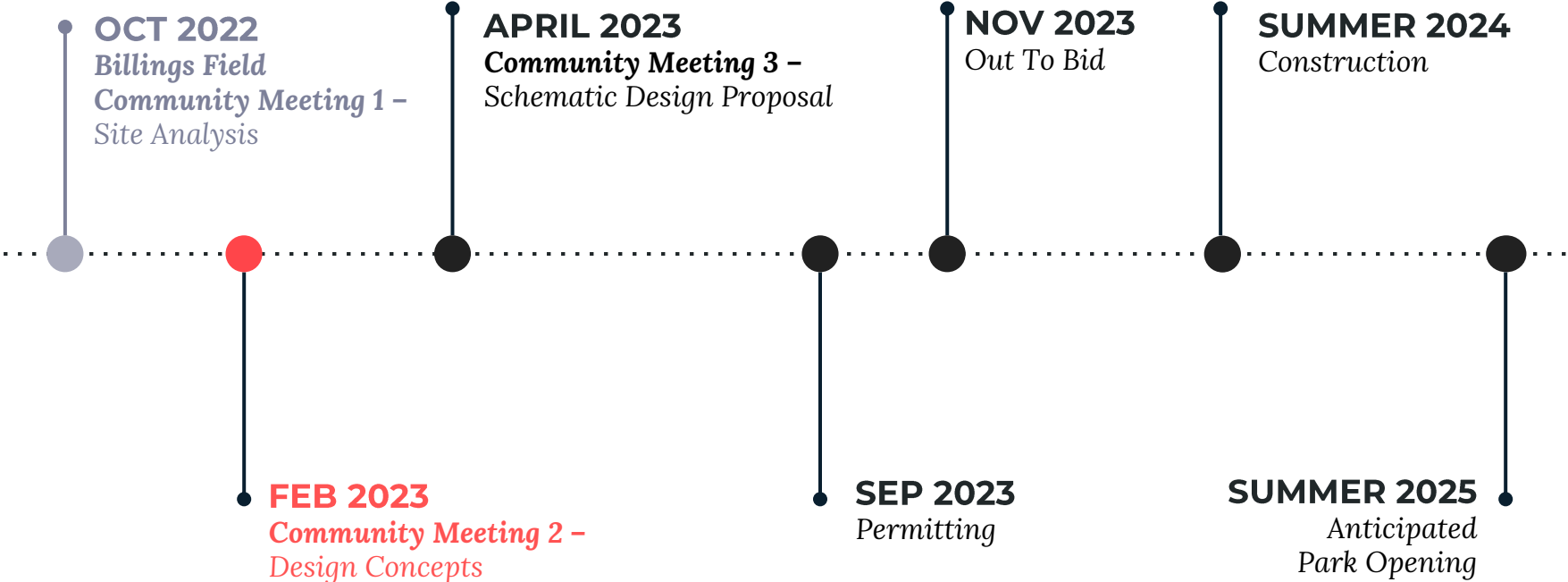
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you.**

**Help us build great parks.**



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# THANK YOU

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