

PUTNAM SQUARE

Park Improvements



September 22, 2026
Boston Parks and Recreation



ZOOM INTERPRETATION SERVICES

English: For interpretation in [____],

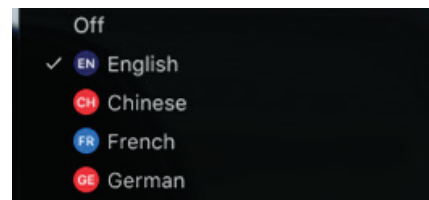
1. Go to the horizontal control bar at the bottom of your screen. Click on “Interpretation.”
2. Then click on the language that you would like to hear.
3. You are now accessing this meeting in [____]

Spanish: Para traducción en Español,

1. Vaya a la parte baja de la pantalla, en la barra horizontal, y presione la tecla “Interpretation”.
2. Luego seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar.
3. Después de seleccionar, usted entrará a la reunión en el idioma “Español”.

Haitian Creole: Pou entèpretasyon Kreyòl ayisyen,

1. Ale nan kontwòl ba nan pati anba ekran an epi Klike sou "Interpretation"
2. Apre sa, klike sou lang ke ou ta renmen tande a.
3. Kounye a ou gen aksè a reyinyon an Kreyòl ayisyen



MEETING RECORDING



The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be recording the meeting and posting to our project webpage for those who are unable to attend the Zoom meeting live.

It is possible that participants may also be recording the meeting with their phones cameras or other devices. If you do not wish to be recorded during this meeting, please keep your microphone muted and camera off.

*Please share with your neighbors and friends,
boston.gov/putnam-square.*

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

We want to ensure this conversation is a pleasant experience for all and that all community members/stakeholders are comfortable sharing their comments, questions and feedback.

Please be respectful and mindful of each other's time when asking questions/ providing comments, so that all attendees are able to participate in the meeting.

Keep questions/ comments project-specific and not personal to yield solution-driven discussion.

Please wait until all attendees have had the opportunity to ask a question/ provide a comment before providing additional questions/ comments.

*You can always set up a conversation with **MAX SELL**, max.sell@Boston.gov, to further discuss the project or process.*

ZOOM TIPS

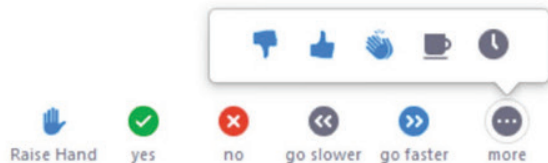
Here is how you can participate during the question and answer part of the presentation.

DURING THE PRESENTATION:



VIA WEB:

Turn video on / off.



To use these non-verbal options click on participants (bottom of screen); these options will pop up in side bar.

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



Raise hand to ask for audio / video permission to ask questions or provide comments.

AGENDA

1

PROJECT + TEAM INTRODUCTION

2

PROJECT OVERVIEW

3

LISTENING & DISCUSSION

4

CLOSING REMARKS & NEXT STEPS

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CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

A city that is:

- **Delivering Exceptional Constituent Services**
- **Green and Growing**
- **Family Friendly**
- **Closing the Racial Wealth Gap**
- **Healthy and Safe**

An aerial photograph of a park, likely Boston Common, featuring a central gazebo, green lawns, and trees with autumn foliage. In the background, a dense urban skyline with various high-rise buildings is visible.

City of Boston
Priorities

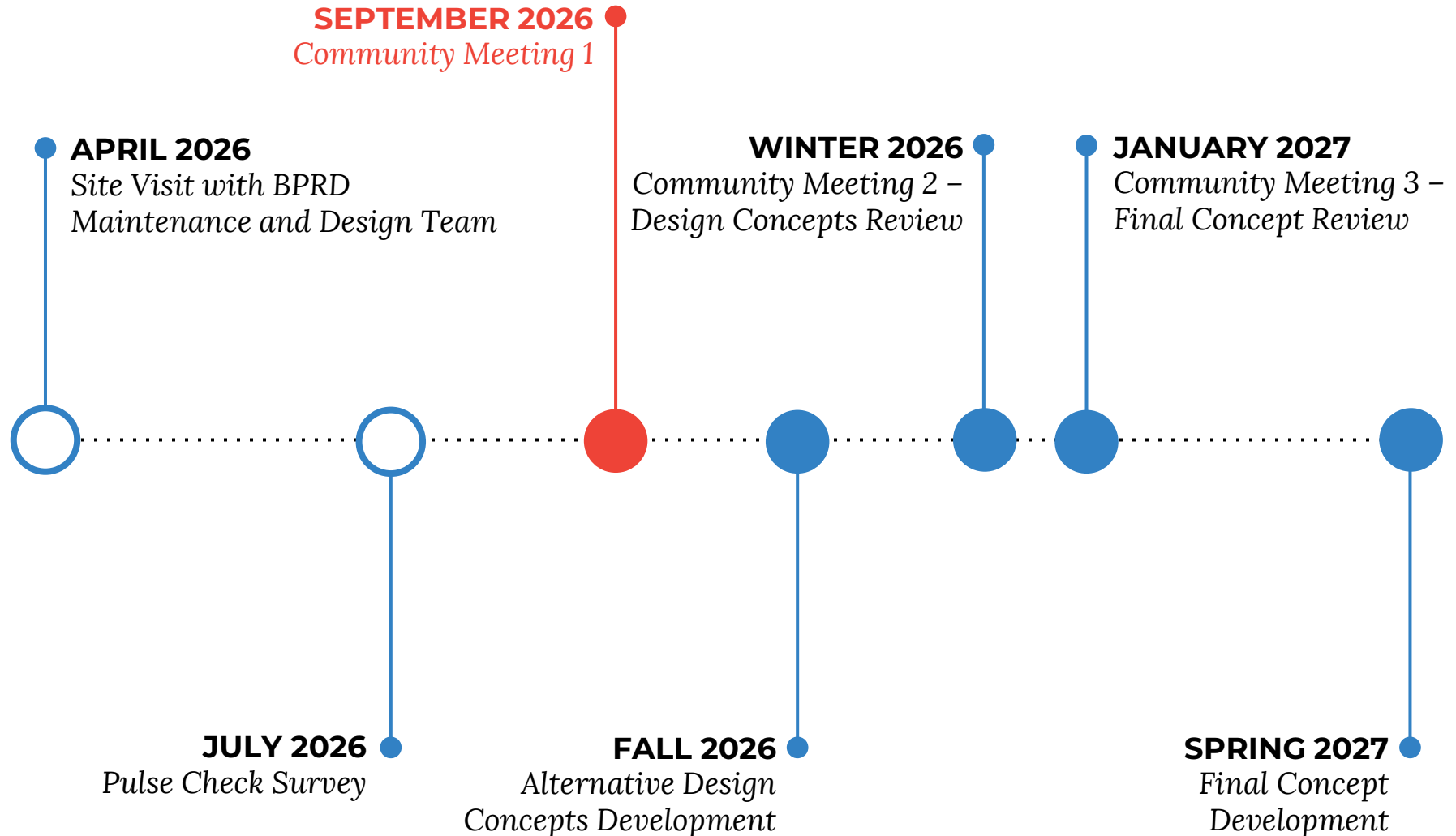
PARK & RECREATION GOALS

- Accessible and available to all
- Diverse, balanced, and efficient mix of uses
- Meaningful and inclusive community engagement
- Adaptive and resilient landscapes
- Promote connections

Parks + Recreation
Goals



PROJECT SCHEDULE



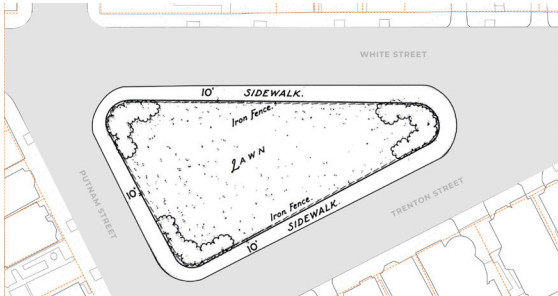
PROJECT OVERVIEW

A blue-tinted photograph of a residential street scene. In the foreground, there is a grassy area with a black metal fence. Behind the fence, several cars are parked along the street. In the background, there are multi-story residential buildings and bare trees. The text "PROJECT OVERVIEW" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

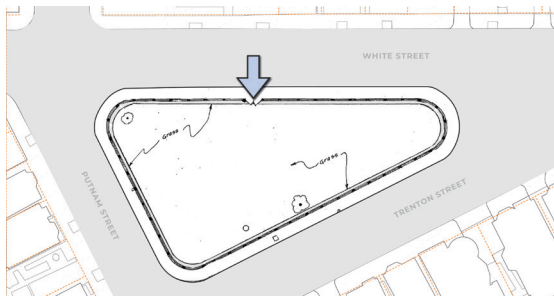
SITE CONTEXT



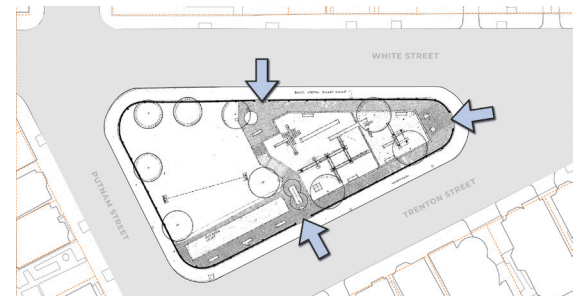
PUTNAM SQUARE PARK OVER TIME



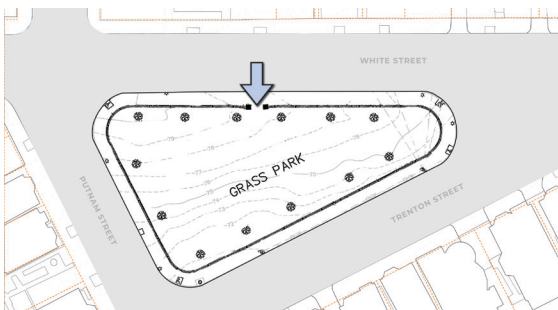
APRIL 1923
Sketch Plan for Putnam Square



19XX
Lawrence Sousa Square Plan



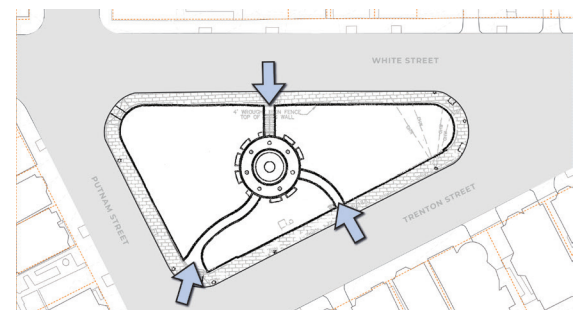
SEPT 1971
Putnam Park Site Plan (unbuilt)



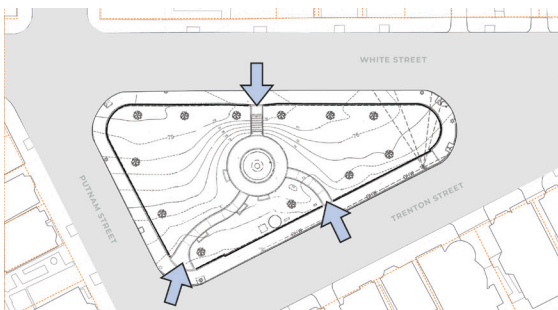
JULY 2002
Existing Conditions Survey



SEPT 2003
Putnam Square Option 1 Plan



JUNE 2004
Public Works Engineering Plan



MAY 2005
Putnam Square Design Plan

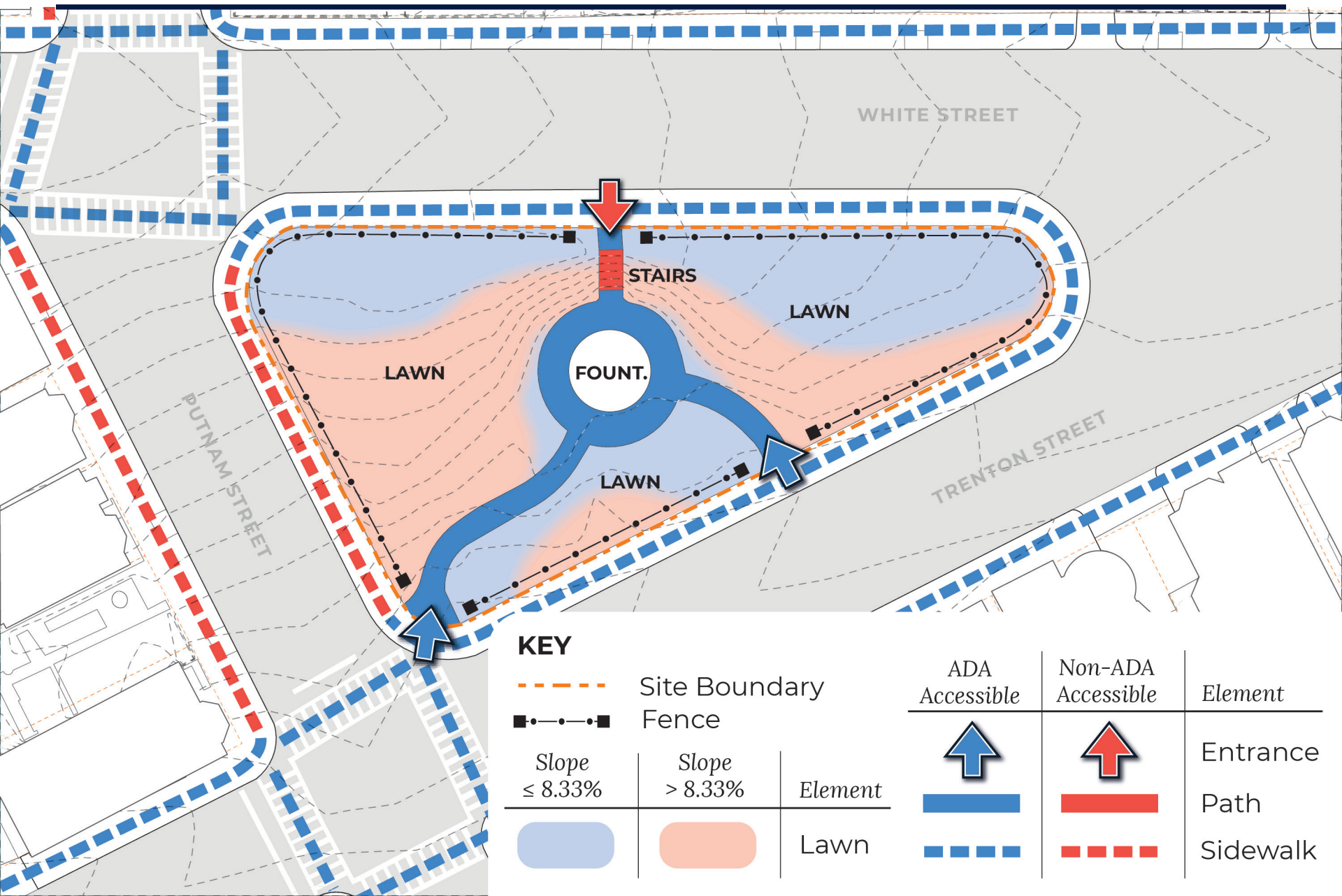


20XX
Conceptual Site Plan



MARCH 2025
Park Improvements Plan

SITE CIRCULATION



SITE CIRCULATION PHOTOS



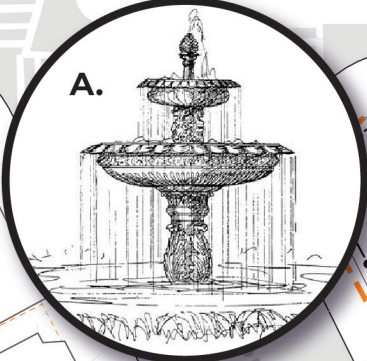
INTERIOR



PERIMETER

EXISTING AMENITIES

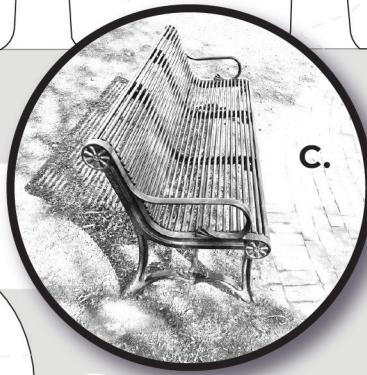
Robinson Iron “Geoffrey Fountain”, a “classically inspired” design



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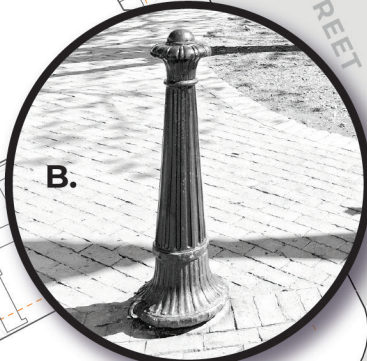
WHITE STREET

Classic DuMor Park Bench



C.

P



B.

Victorian-Style cast iron bollard

TRENTON STREET

Existing Trash Receptacle



D.

KEY

- Site Boundary
- Fence
- Fountain
- Trash Receptacle

- Bench
- Bollard
- P Parking

EXISTING AMENITIES PHOTOS



SEATING



FOUNTAIN



PARKING

EXISTING CONDITIONS PHOTOS

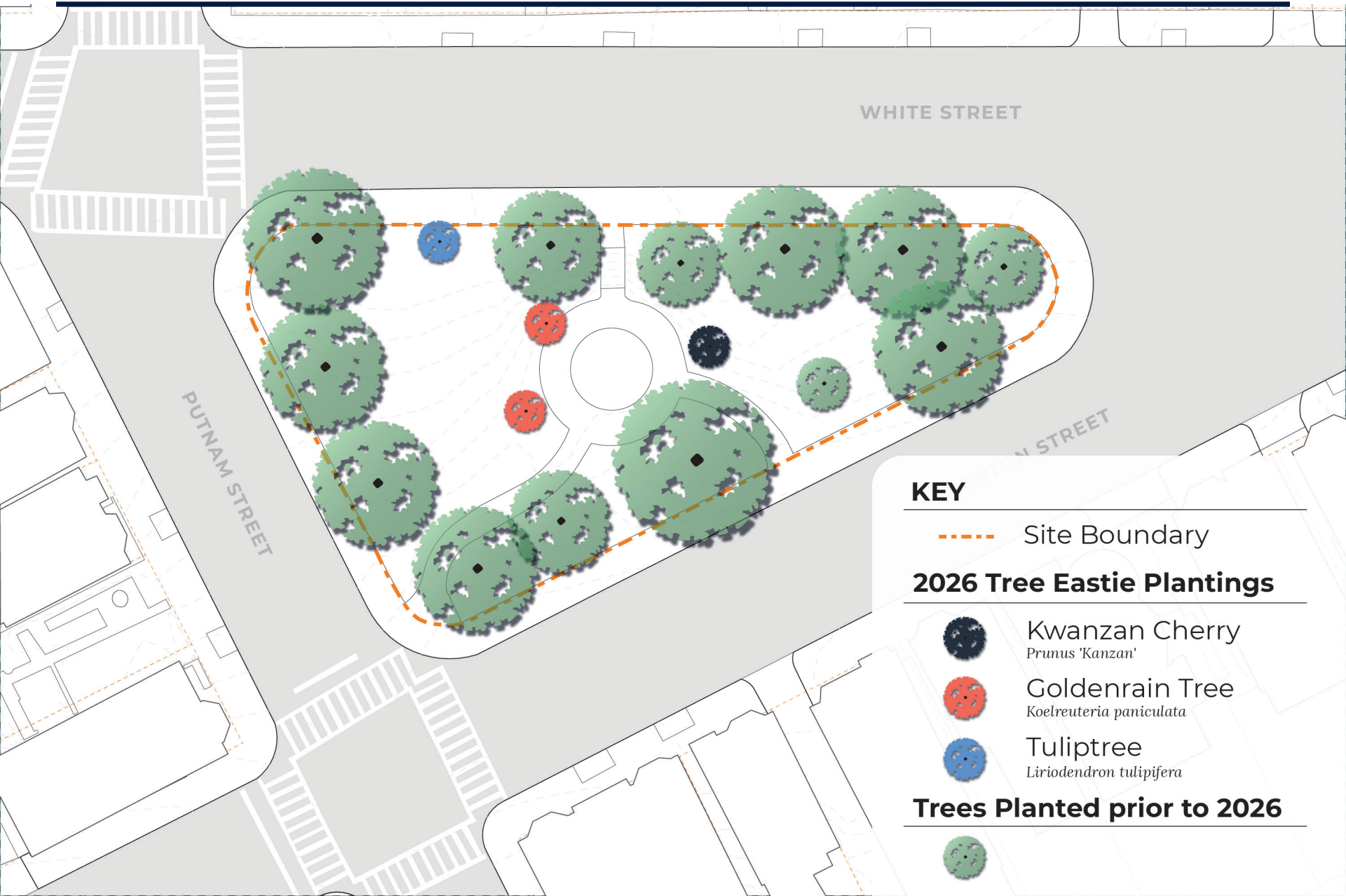


OVERALL VIEWS



SIGNAGE

EXISTING TREE CANOPY



EXISTING TREE CANOPY PHOTOS

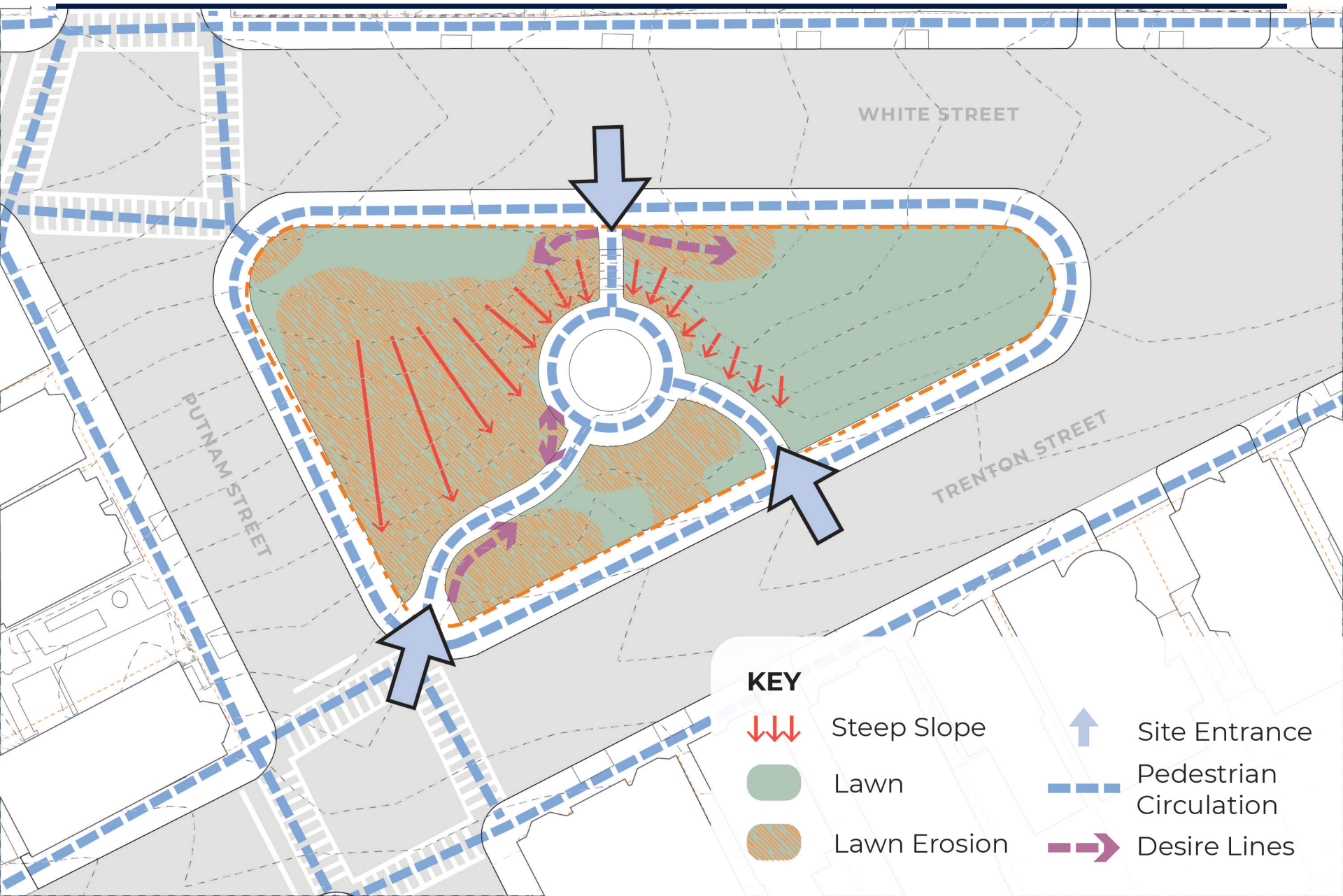


TREE EASTIE PLANTINGS



SITE TREE CANOPY

EXISTING CONDITIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS PHOTOS



EROSION



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.
Let us know what matters to you.

OUR GOALS

- **Review existing materials**
- **Renewing conversation**
- **Formalizing engagement activity to meet City Standards**
- **Reinforces community interest and commitment to project**

OUR GOALS

Additional Proposed Park Improvements:

1. Level ornamental fountain so water display is consistent on all sides.
2. Fountain control via remote?
3. Power to holiday tree for lights.
4. Color options on repaired fountain lights.
5. Decorative handrail at stairs.
6. Art/Sculpture to celebrate ship builders/craftsmen/women
7. Finials on perimeter fencing.
8. New lawn

Existing Canopy Tree, Typ.

Proposed Holiday Tree

Putnam Street

Existing Benches, Typ.

Proposed Lights

Proposed Gateway/Entry Element

Proposed Planting

White Street

Proposed Gateway/Entry Element

Proposed Granite Seat Wall to Help with Grading (match stair and fountain granite)

Proposed Granite Seat Wall to Help with Grading

Proposed Art Element

Proposed Gateway/Entry Element at New Entry

Trenton Street

Proposed Gateway/Entry Element



Granite Seat Wall

Putnam Square Improvements

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- What is your relationship to Putnam Square Park?



RESIDENT
of East Boston



MEMBER
of nearby community
organization



COMMUTE
through for work,
school, or daily
errands



PARENT OR STUDENT
of nearby school

ANY OTHERS?

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- How often do you visit Putnam Square Park?



DAILY



WEEKLY



MONTHLY



A FEW TIMES A YEAR



ONCE A YEAR



NEVER

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- When do you visit Putnam Square Park?



MORNING



AFTERNOON



EVENING



WINTER



SPRING



SUMMER



FALL

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- How do you typically get to Putnam Square Park?



BY FOOT



BY MOBILITY DEVICE



BY BIKE



BY CAR



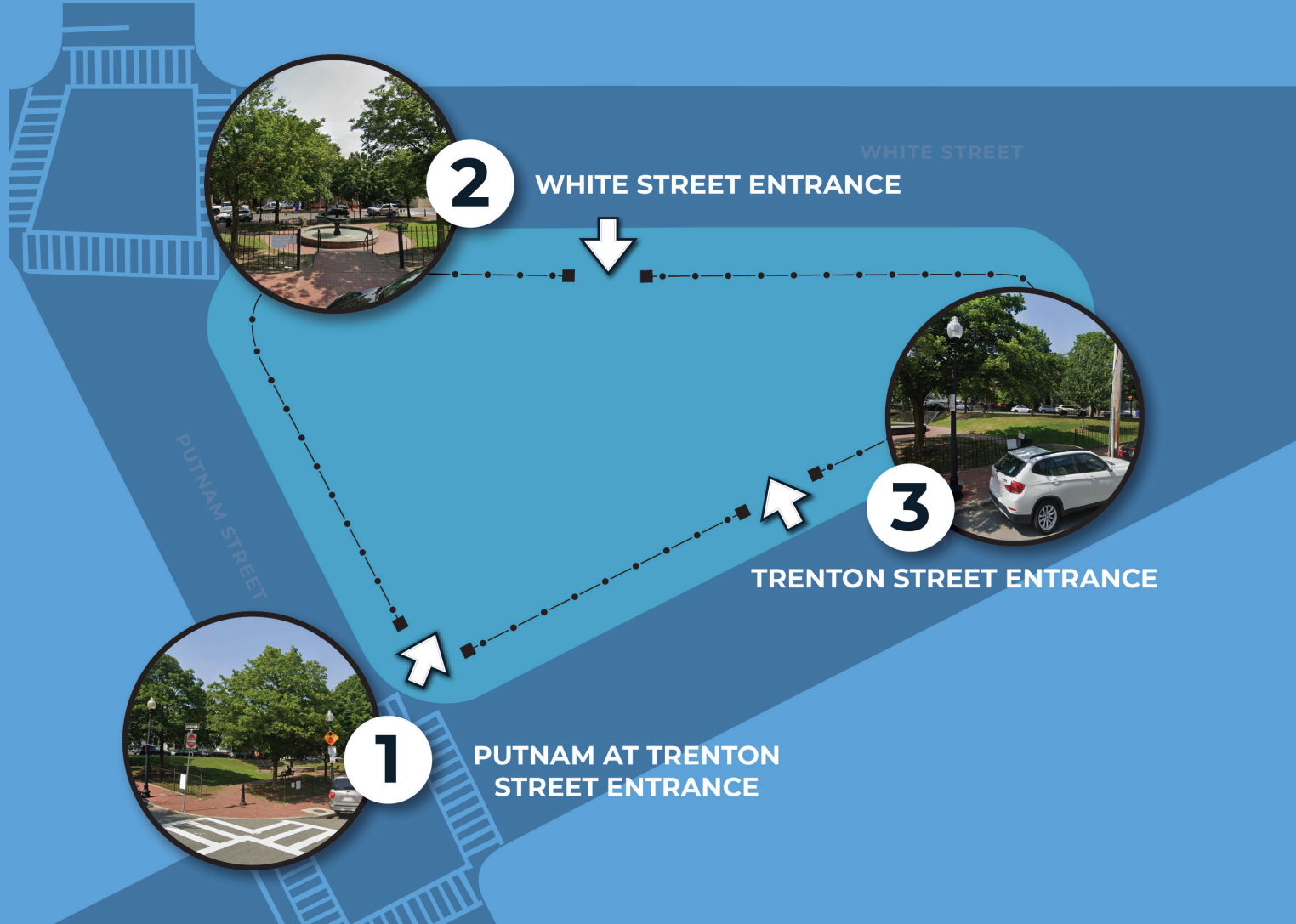
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OTHER

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- Which Park Entrances do you use the most often?



WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- What activities do you usually do at Putnam Square Park?



PLAY WITH DOG



EXERCISE



PASSING
THROUGH



SIT ON BENCH



MEDITATE



READ



PICNIC



SUNBATHE



SPECIAL EVENT



OTHER

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- What amenities (existing or new) matter most to you?



**DRINKING
FOUNTAINS**



**PICNIC
TABLES**



BENCHES



**TRASH
RECEPTACLES**



**ACCESSIBLE
PATHWAYS**



**COMMUNITY
GATHERING**



**TREES AND
SHADE**



**OPEN LAWN
AREA**



**NIGHT
LIGHTING**



**GAME
TABLES**



**BULLETIN
BOARD**



SIGNAGE

ANY OTHERS?

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- **What would you most like to see improved with the park design?**
- **We would like to hold our next meeting in person. Should that meeting occur before, or after the Holidays?**

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR

- Survey Link:



bit.ly/4A8cgDQ

- Survey close date: Oct 16



THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING: WINTER 2026

Questions, comments, or concerns regarding the park improvements please contact
Project Manager MAX SELL

Questions comments or concerns that are non-design related or if you have interest in starting a friends group, please contact the **Outreach Coordinator MY'KEL MCMILLEN**

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311

BOS:
311



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