

An aerial photograph of DeWitt Playground in Boston, showing a red running track, a green football field, a baseball field, and four basketball courts. The playground is surrounded by residential buildings and trees. The text 'Improvements to DEWITT PLAYGROUND' is overlaid on the top right of the image.

Improvements to
**DEWITT
PLAYGROUND**



June 25, 2018
Boston Parks and Recreation





AGENDA

1 **PROJECT TEAM INTRODUCTION**

2 **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

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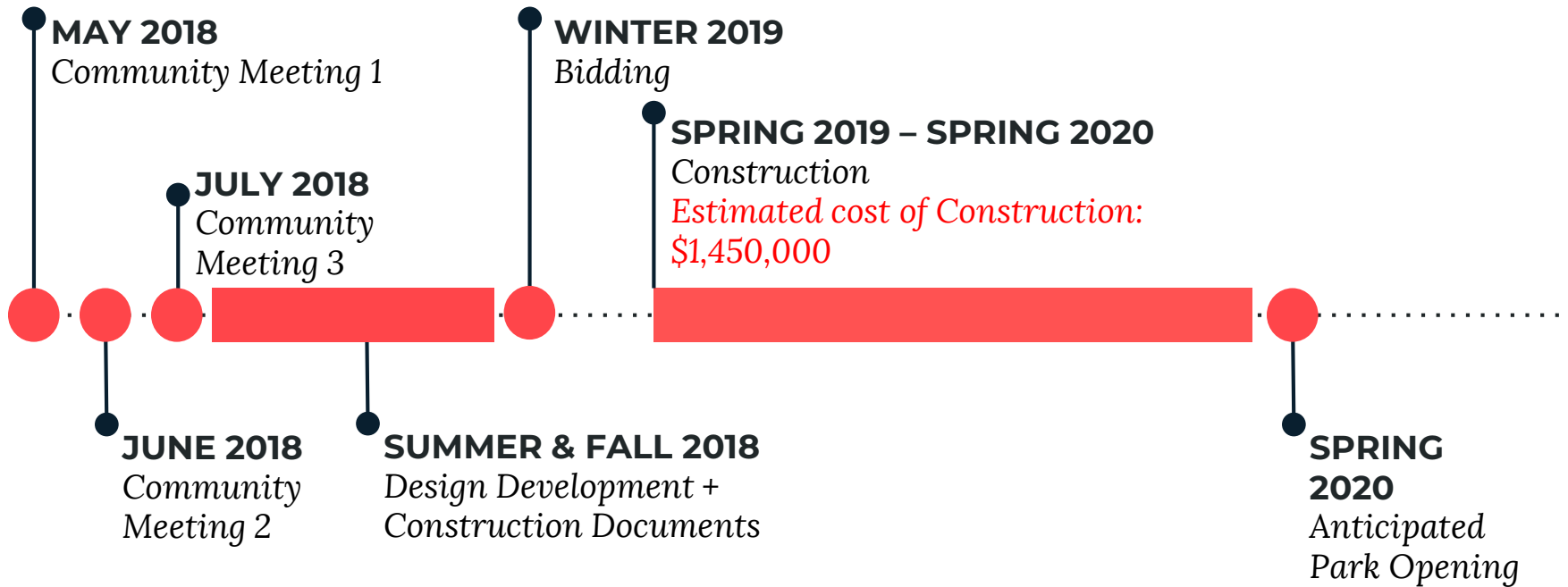
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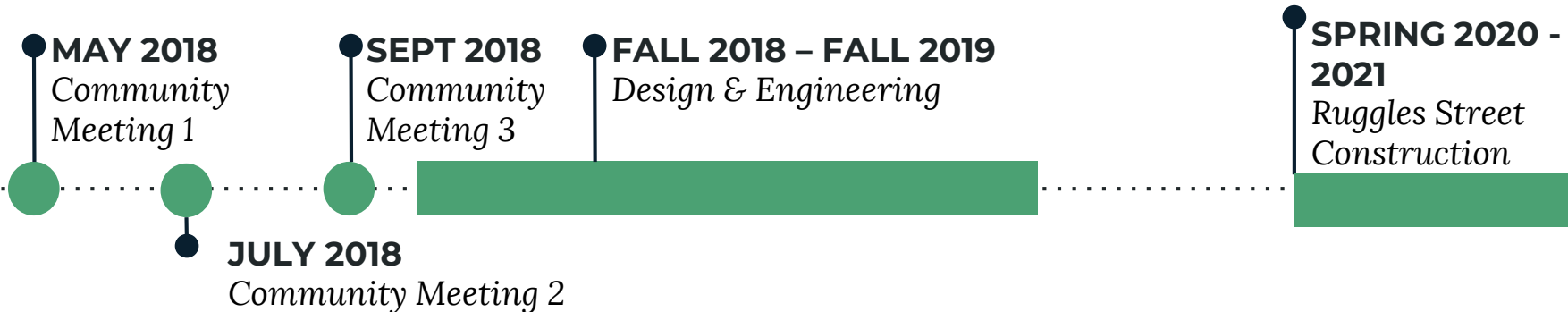


PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING

PARK



RUGGLES ST.







CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

- **Expanding walkable access to parks**
- **Addressing equity**
- **Climate resilience**
- **Health**
- **Housing and community building**





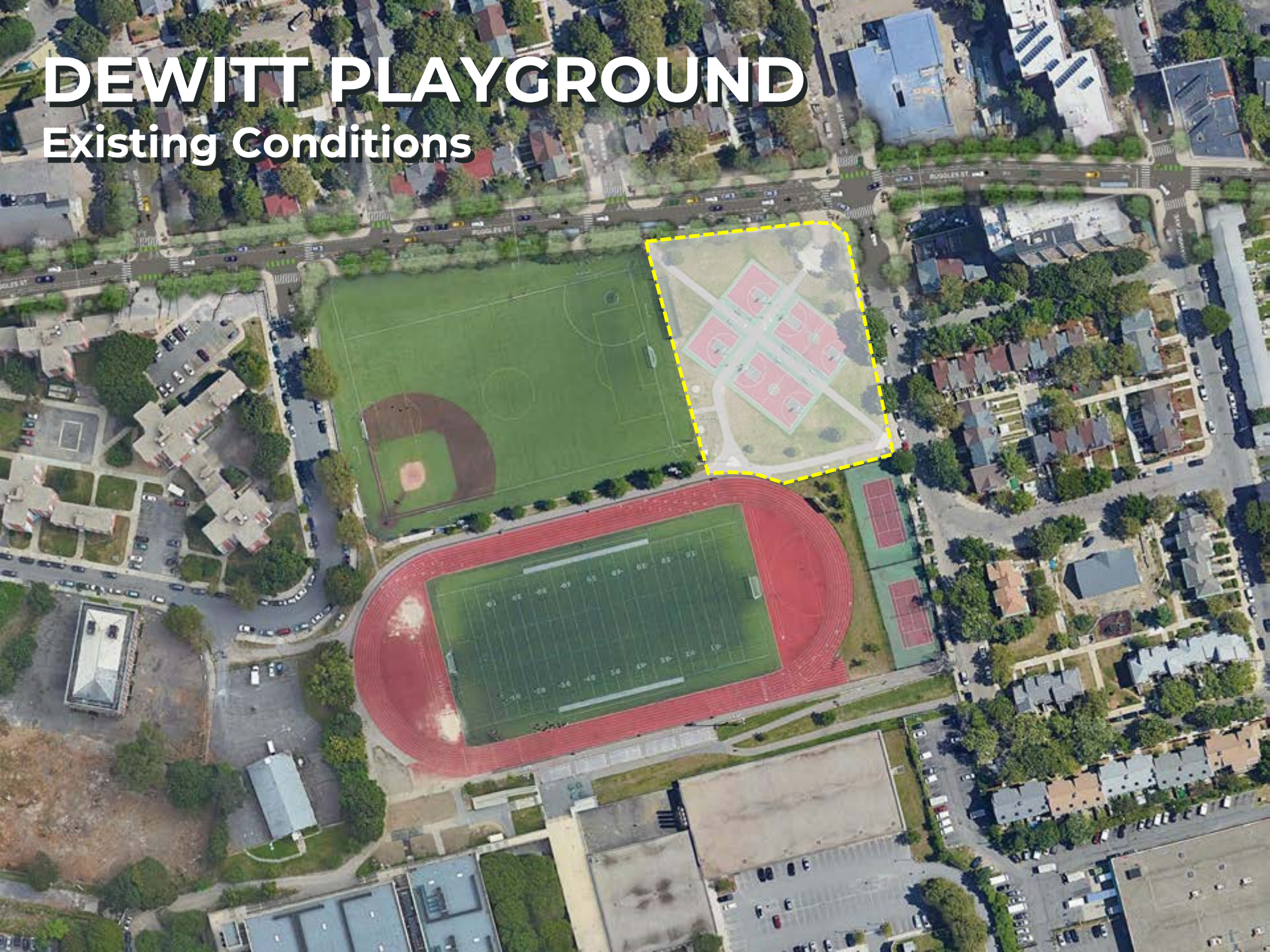
PARK & RECREATION GOALS

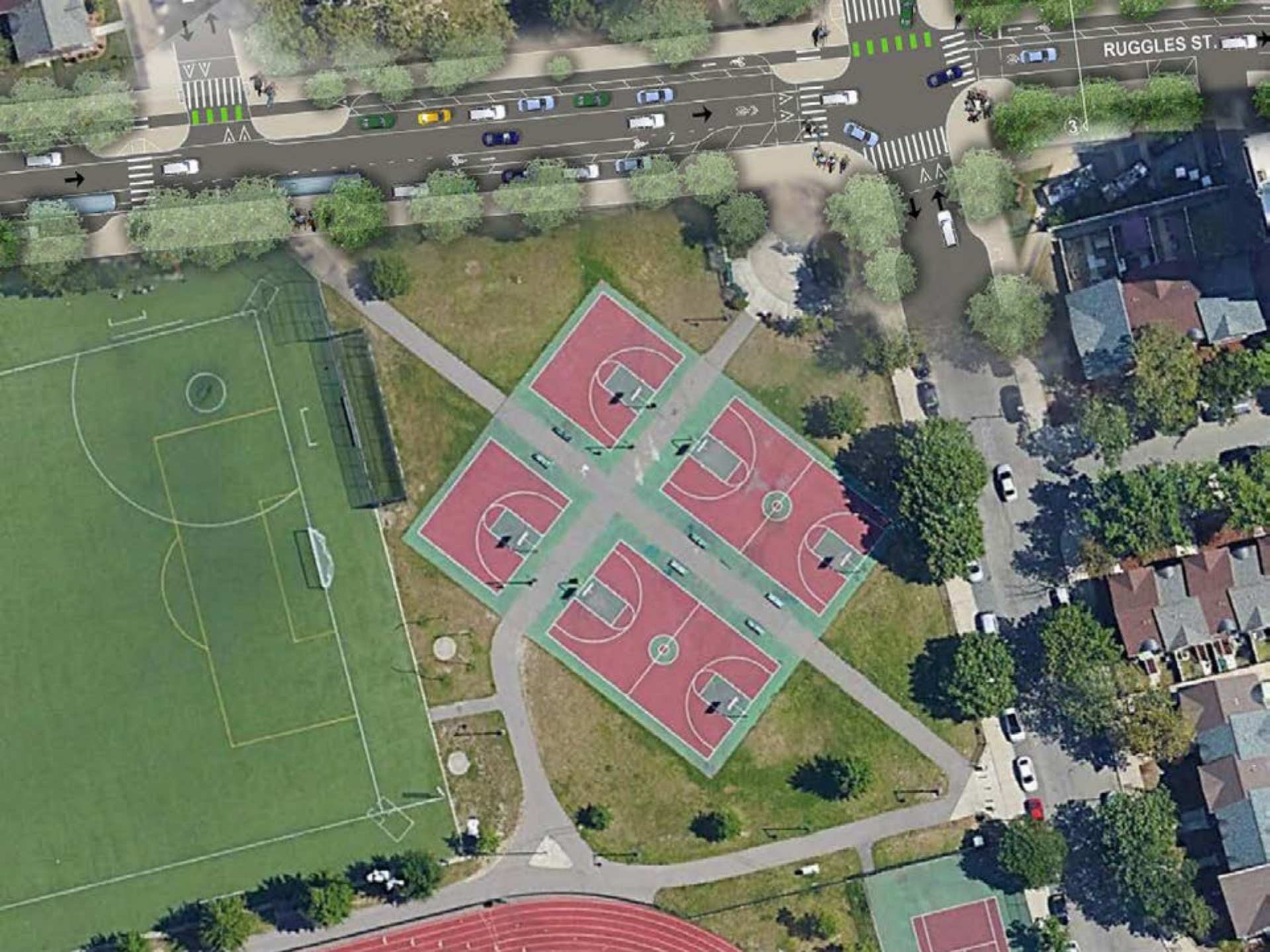
- **Preserve And Protect Existing Trees**
- **Expand Usable Park Area**
- **Improve Universal Access**
- **Enhance Park Visibility**
- **Improve Access to Parks**
- **Design Flexible, Multi-functional Park Spaces**



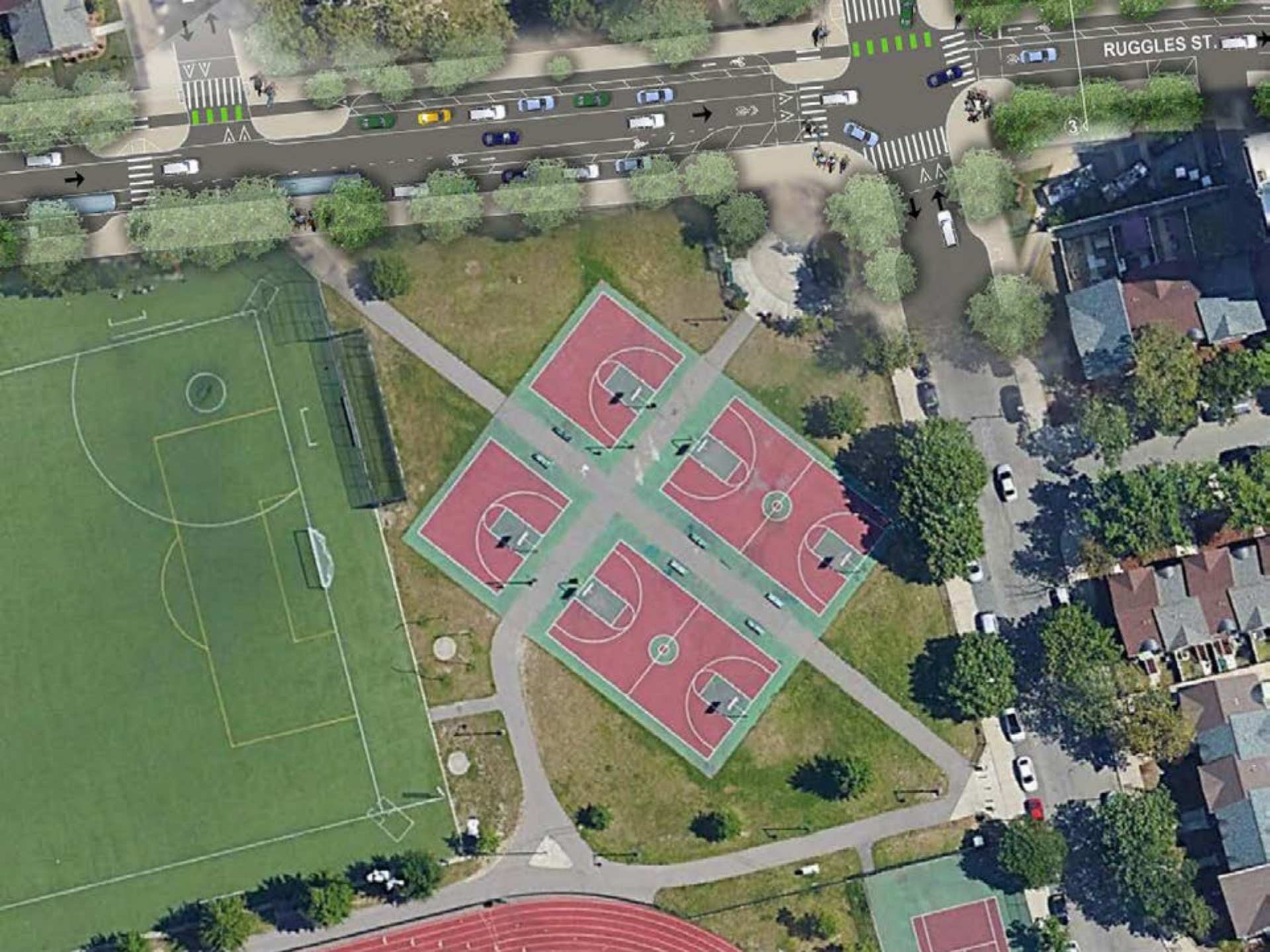
DEWITT PLAYGROUND

Existing Conditions













Maintenance Vehicular Access Routes

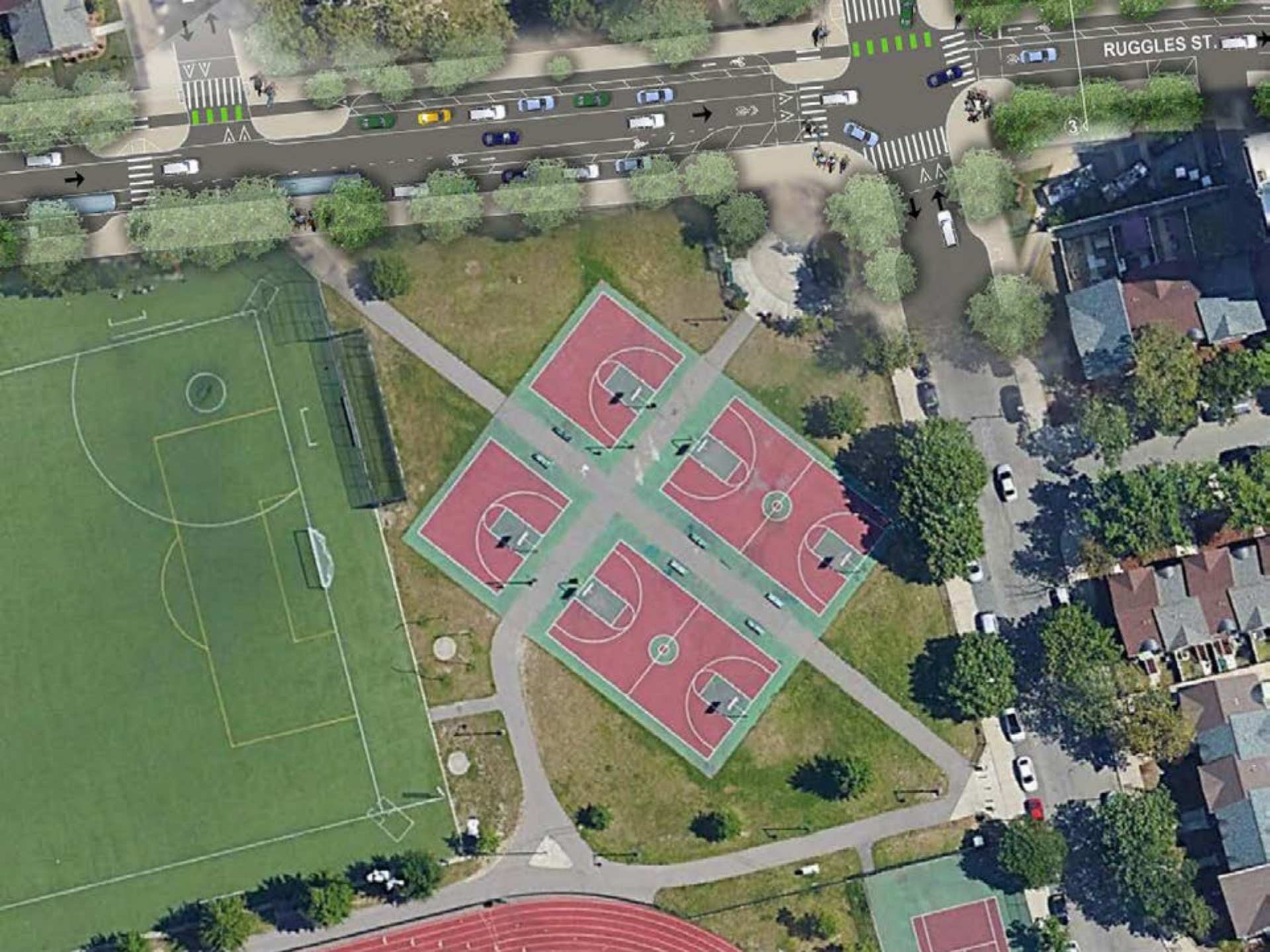
Cabot-Downing Access

Ruggles St. Access

Dewitt Dr. Access

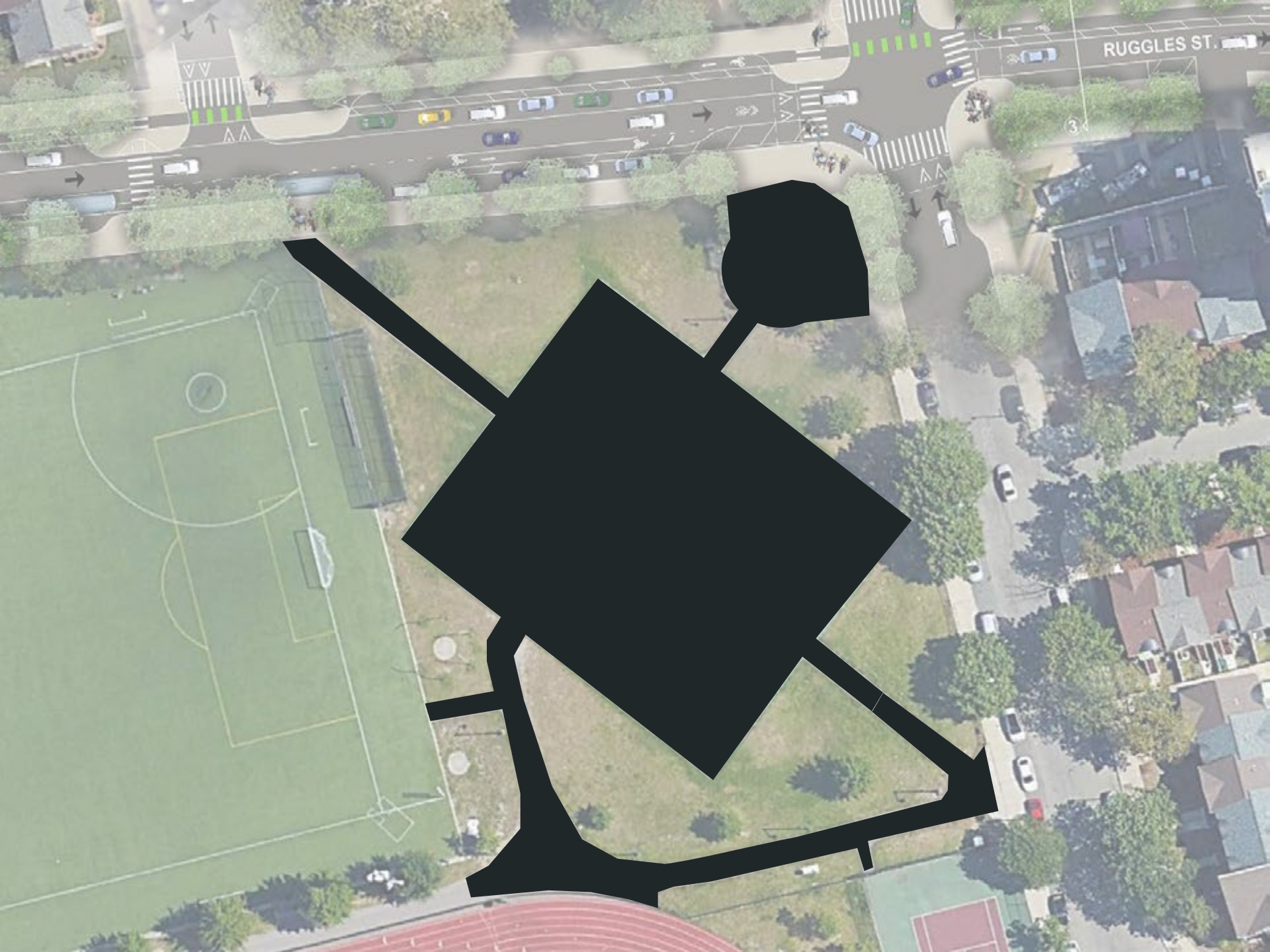
Madison Park Ct. Access

The Boston Center for Adult High School



RUGGLES ST.

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An aerial photograph of a park area. In the center, there are two basketball courts with red and green markings. To the bottom, a red running track is visible. The park is surrounded by green grass, trees, and a sidewalk. In the top right corner, a street sign for 'RUGGLES ST.' is visible. The background is slightly faded to highlight the text.

Public Comments from Previous Meeting

- **Concerns with violence and homeless hangout**
- **Basketball Courts are hot and need shade**
- **Desire for concerts, movies, amphitheater, farmer's market, walking loop/wellness activities, arts programs, community gardens, and activities for young kids**
- **2 full Basketball Courts should stay, 2 ½ courts used during tournaments**
- **Provide lights for basketball (currently ped. lights only)**
- **Increase age range of park users**
- **Provide a nice lawn area**
- **Activate the spaces adjacent to the sidewalk**
- **Coordinate events at the park with the Community Center**
- **Drinking fountains are needed**

Site Context



PROPOSED STREETScape



EXISTING CONDITIONS



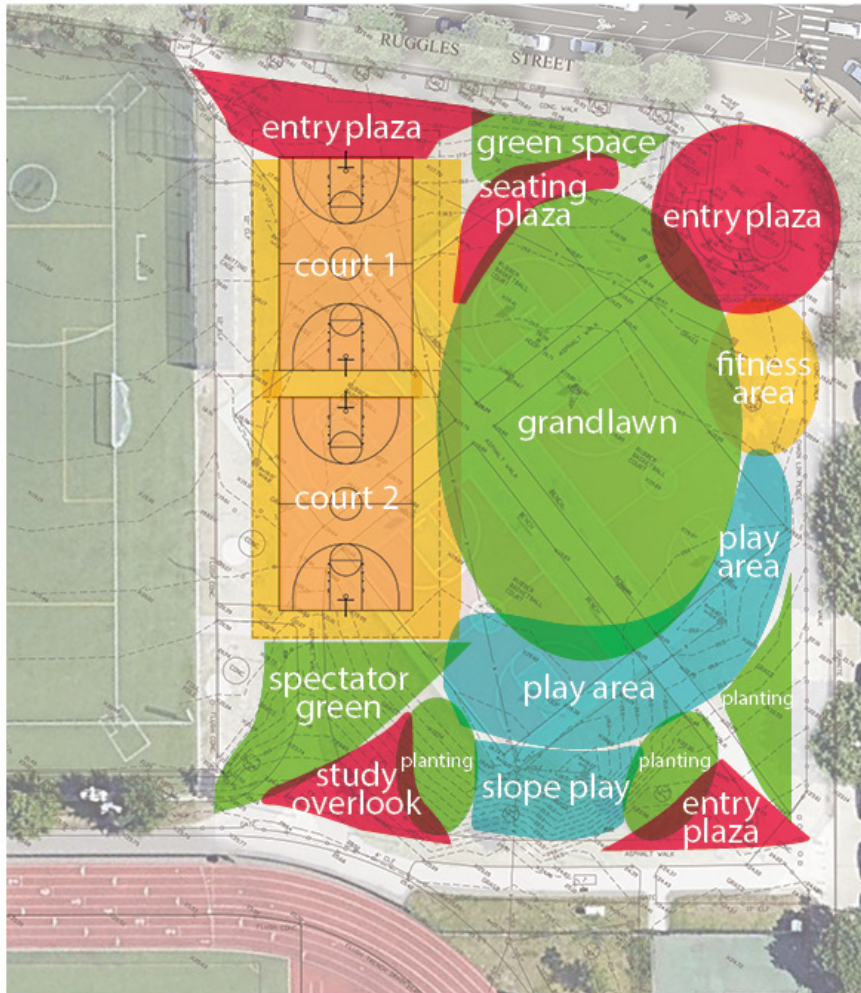
OPTION 1a – Preliminary Court Layout



OPTION 1a – Preliminary Park Programming



OPTION 1a – Preliminary Concept



OPTION 1b – Preliminary Park Programming



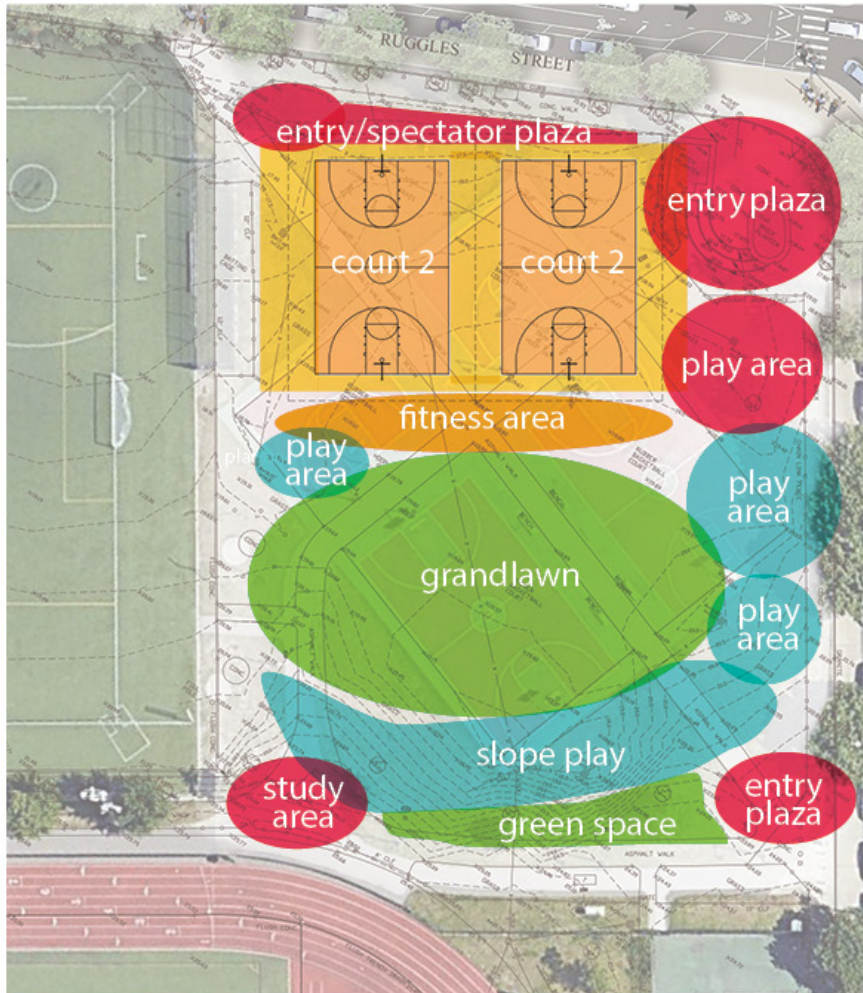
OPTION 1b – Preliminary Concept



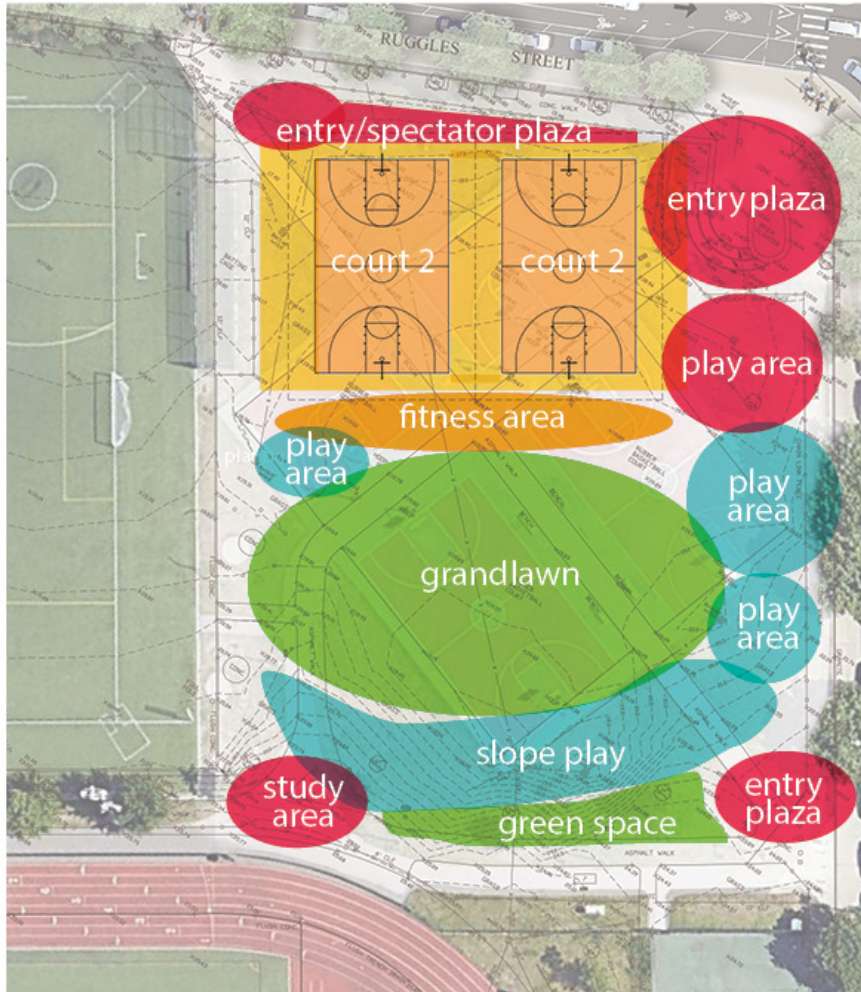
OPTION 2a – Preliminary Court Layout



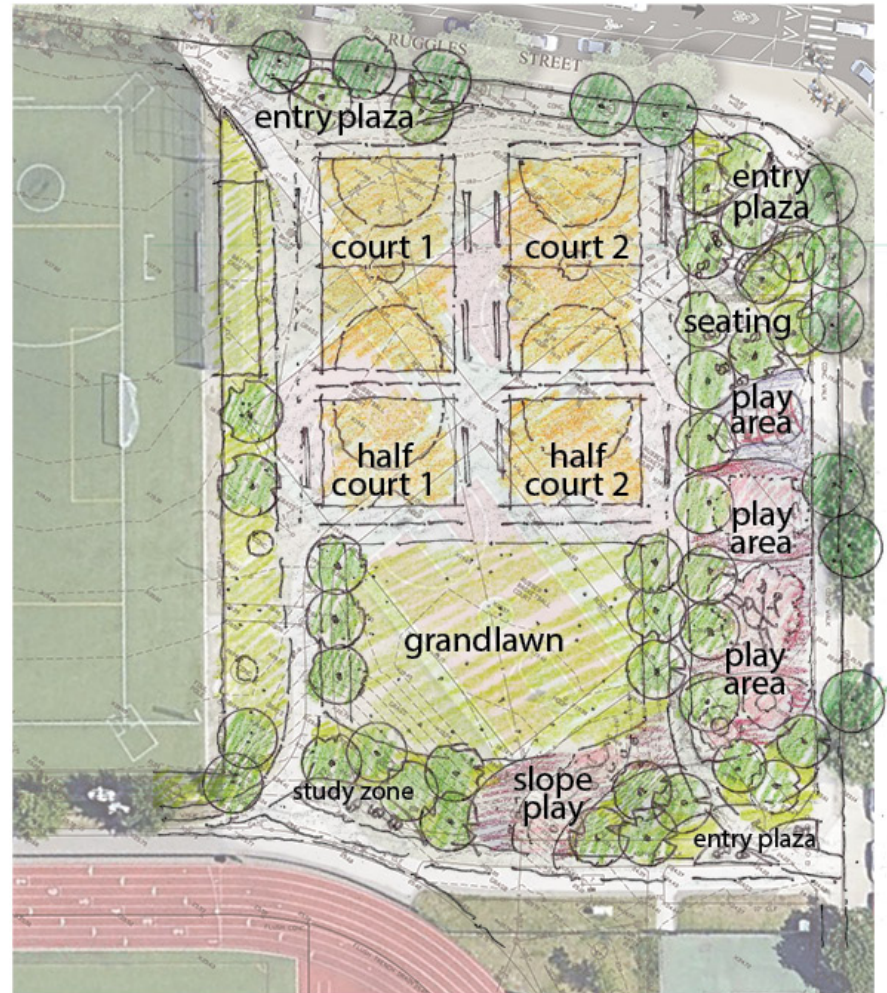
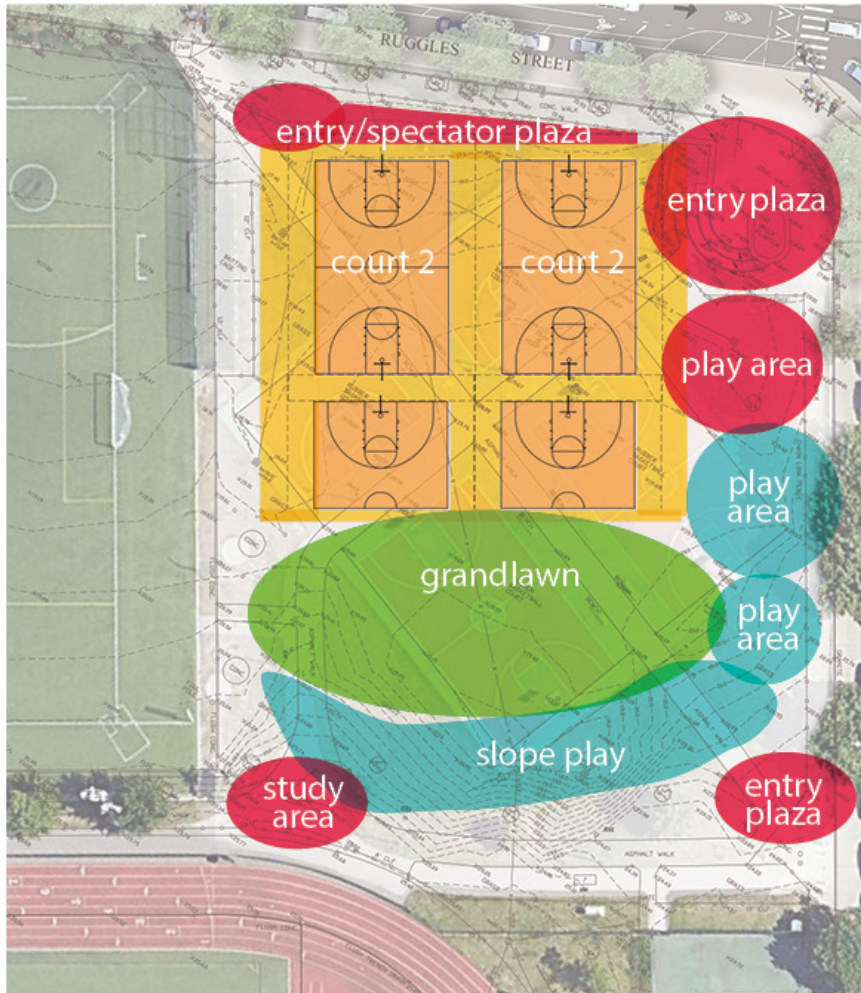
OPTION 2a – Preliminary Park Programming



OPTION 2a – Preliminary Concept



OPTION 2b – Preliminary Court Layout



Seating and Entry Plaza



CREATING INVITING SPACES WITH SIMPLE GEOMETRIES



SIMPLE, YET DURABLE PLANTING

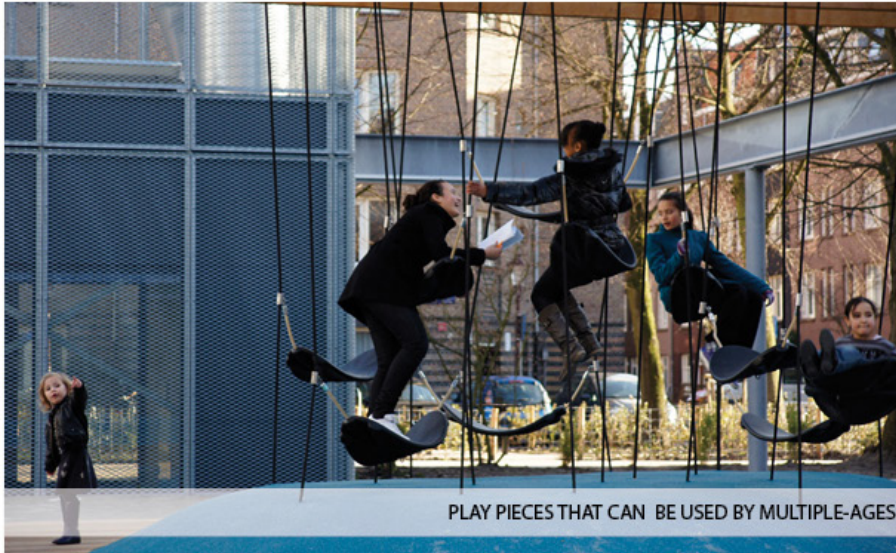


CREATING SPACES TO GATHER

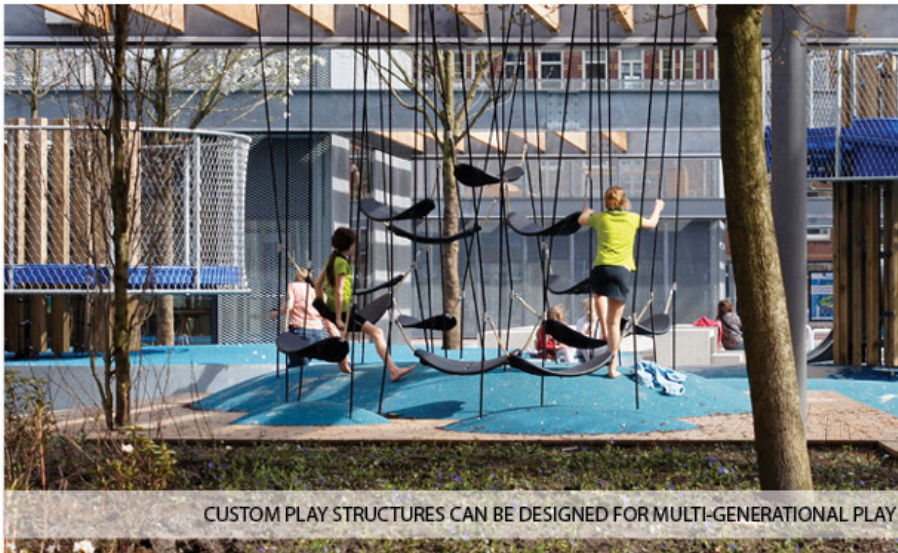


PROVIDING CLEAR SIGHT LINES AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

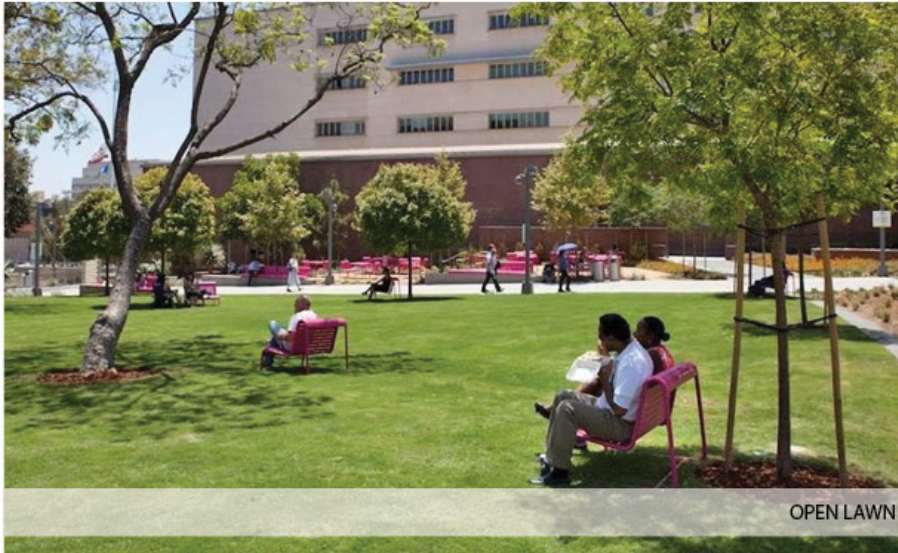
Designing for Multiple Age Groups and Activities



Thinking More Broadly About Play



Traditional Park Elements



Fitness / Well-Being



NEW FITNESS STRUCTURES CATER TO MULTIPLE GENERATIONS



FITNESS AREAS CAN BE PROGRAMED AS GAMES COURSES



EQUIPMENT CAN BE CATERED TO ALL SKILL LEVELS, AGES AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES



FLEXIBLE FITNESS PROGRAMMING

Public Art



BASKETBALL COURTS DOUBLE AS A CANVAS AND CAN BE A UNIQUE IDENTITY TO THE PARK



PUBLIC SCULPTURE COULD BE USED FOR CLIMBING



PUBLIC SCULPTURE COULD HAVE MOVEMENT



SCULPTURE COULD BE A CUSTOM PLAY PIECE

Design Concepts



Concept 1a



Concept 1b



Concept 2a



Concept 2b



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

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



THANK YOU!

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

