

Central Park

A Place of Play | Harrisburg, South Dakota





Central Park | Harrisburg SD



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Vision + Goals

Vision:

Activate Central Park through core values of Community, Health & Wellness, Park Stewardship and Inclusiveness to create a Place of Play for Harrisburg. Central Park will be a community asset for the current generation and the future Harrisburg Community.

Goals:

Establish a Defined Park Landscape

Create and establish a recognizable prairie-scape throughout Central Park.

Connect North and South Spaces of Park

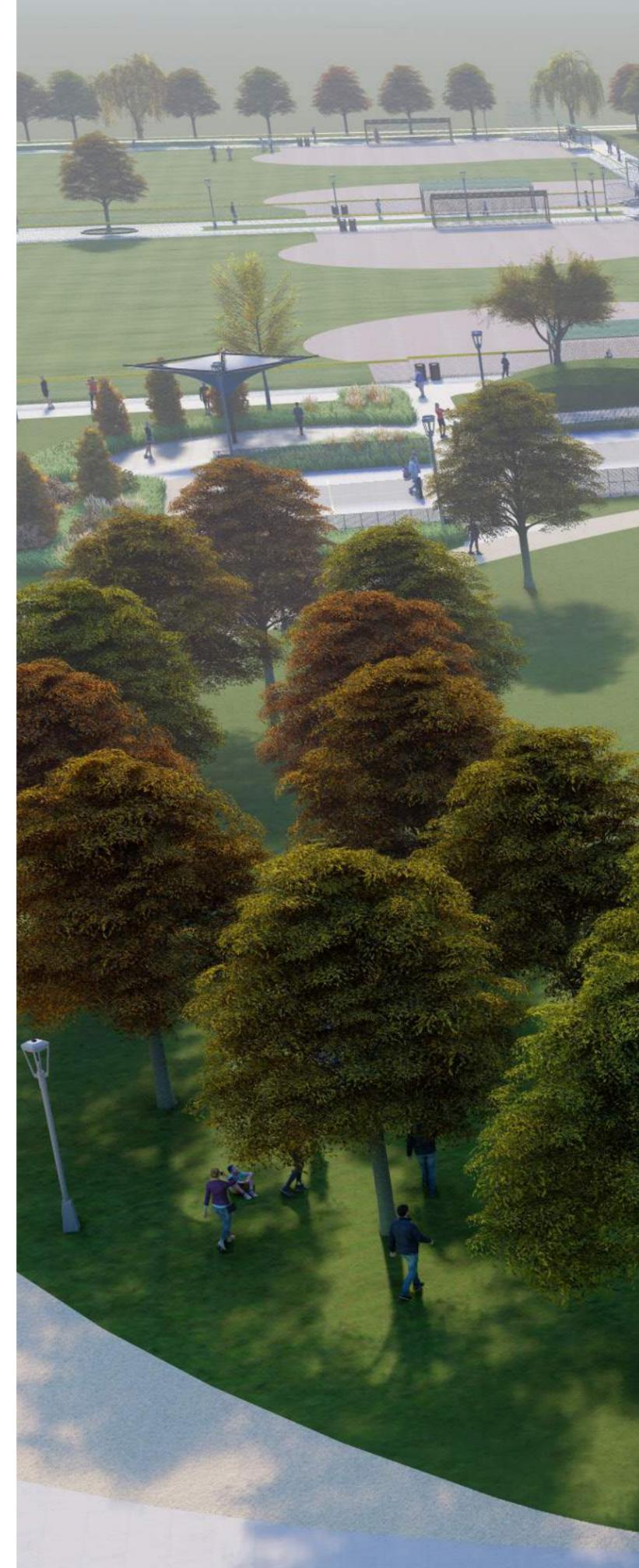
Seamlessly weave north and south areas of Central Park to create a cohesive and complete park.

Activate Existing Amenities

Central Park has many currently existing elements. These elements only need slight improvements to activate themselves.

Introduce New Park Features

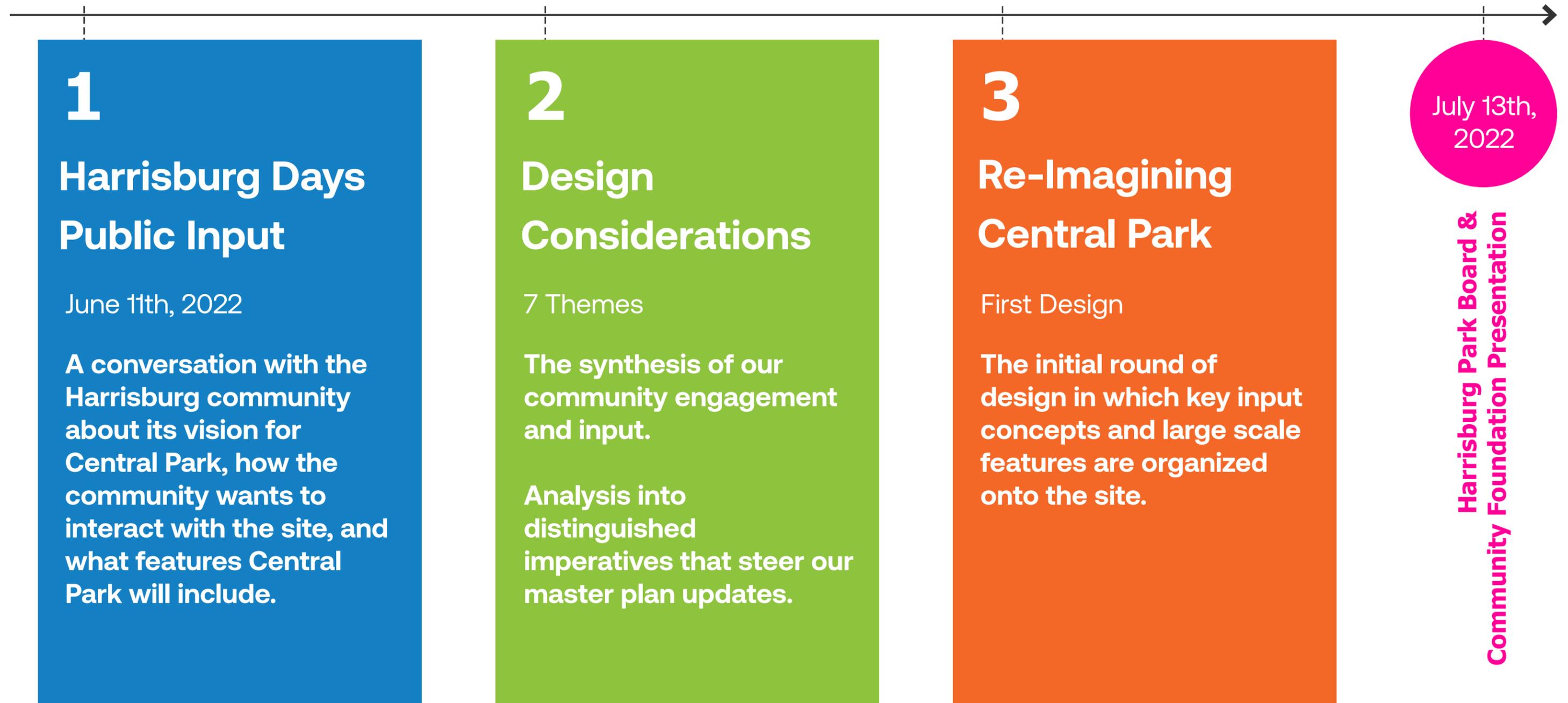
Introduce, new, community driven, park elements that align with the current Central Park, as well as fill what the future community will need.





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Timeline + Progression



Timeline + Progression

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National Night Out - Harrisburg

August 2nd, 2022

We joined in the festivities of 'National Night Out - Harrisburg', at Hugh Robinson Park, by displaying the future spaces within Central Park.

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Design Refinement

Design Alternatives

Refining our design of Central park based on what we heard from the Harrisburg Community at 'National Night Out'.

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Central Park - A Place of Play

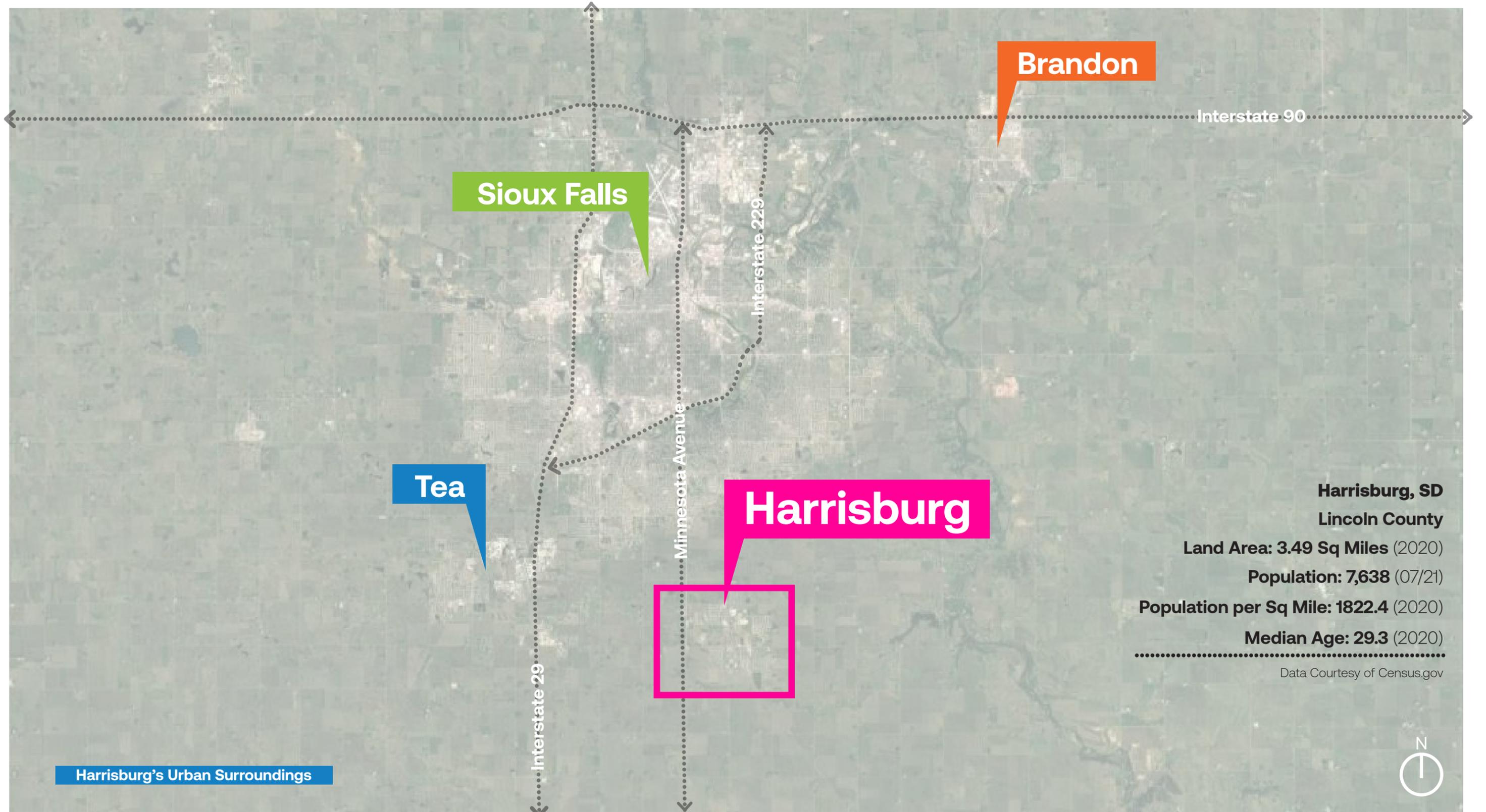
Final Design

The integration of community input into our design choices to devise an updated master plan.

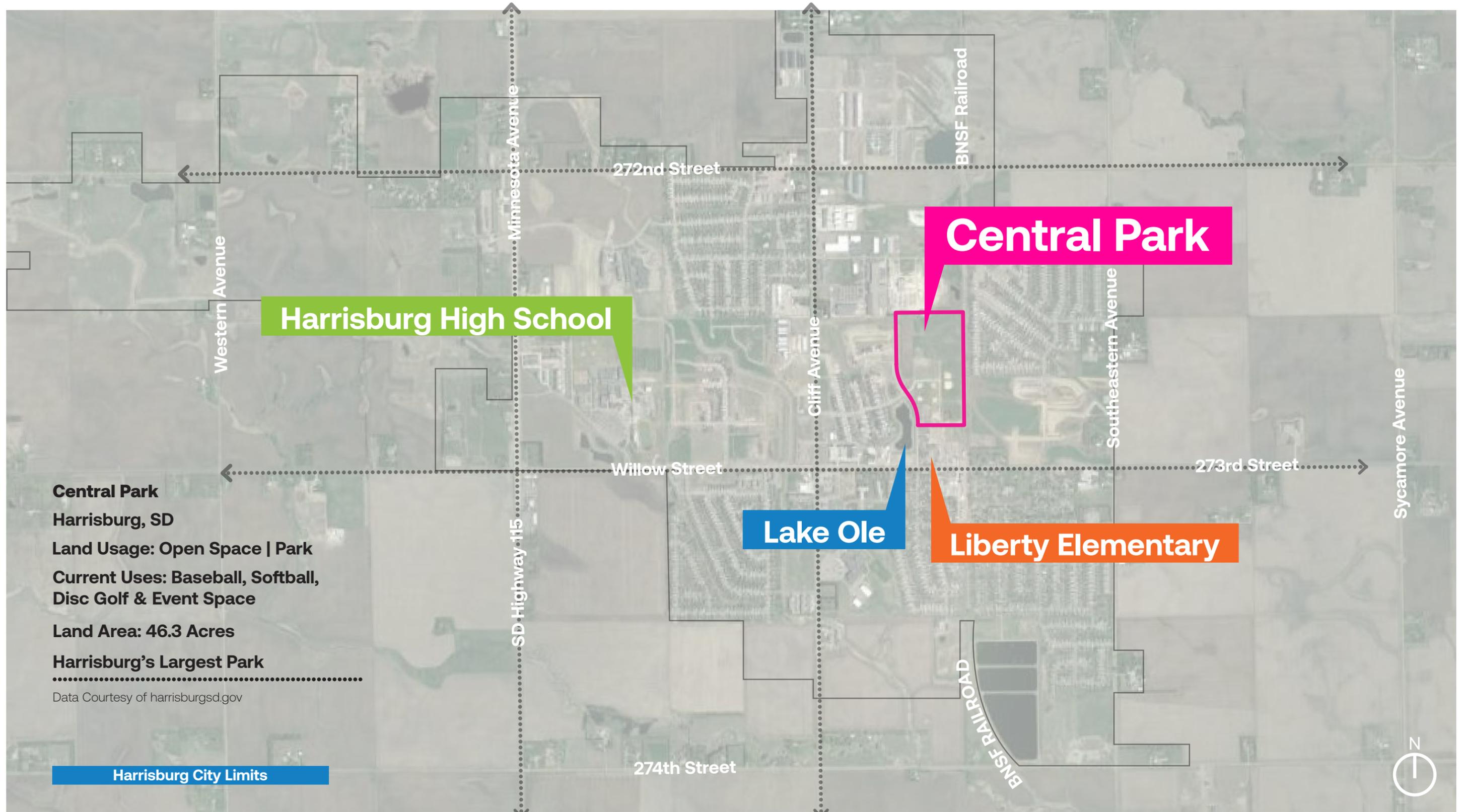
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Updated Master Plan

Site Analysis | Orientation: Siouxland Metro Area



Site Analysis | Orientation: Harrisburg, SD



Site Analysis | Harrisburg Community



Site Analysis | Central Park Site



Dakota Access Field @ Central Park



Harrisburg City Water Tower

Site Analysis | Central Park Aerial

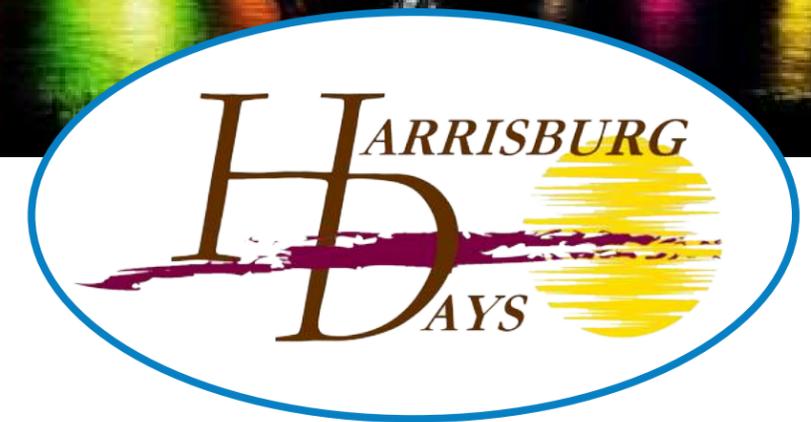


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Harrisburg Days Public Input

June 11th, 2022

As Landscape Architects, Designers, and Engineers, we talk and think about parks, communities, and infrastructure all day - everyday. We value community engagement as a time to connect with Harrisburg in order to find out what is important to the community. We use these conversations as a starting point to help shape our design - specific to the input we received.



Engagement Process | Park Programming

PICK 5!

Place your 5 dots on the amenities, elements, or programming you would like to see at Central Park in the future. Rank does not matter.



Aquatic Center



Splash Pad / Water Play



Basketball Courts



Leisure Gaming Lounge



Public Art / Sculptures



Pump Track



Sand Volleyball

Engagement Process | Park Programming



Cross Country

Municipal Camping

Tee Ball Fields

Pickleball / Tennis Courts



Specialty Swings

Children's Nature Play Experience

Playgrounds

Unique Recreation Experiences

Engagement Process | Architecture

AMPHITHEATER / EVENT STAGE

Place ONE dot on your favorite architectural scheme below:

COMMENTS / DOTS



Simplistic

COMMENTS / DOTS



West River

COMMENTS / DOTS



Custom Wood

PAVILION

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Engagement Process | Results

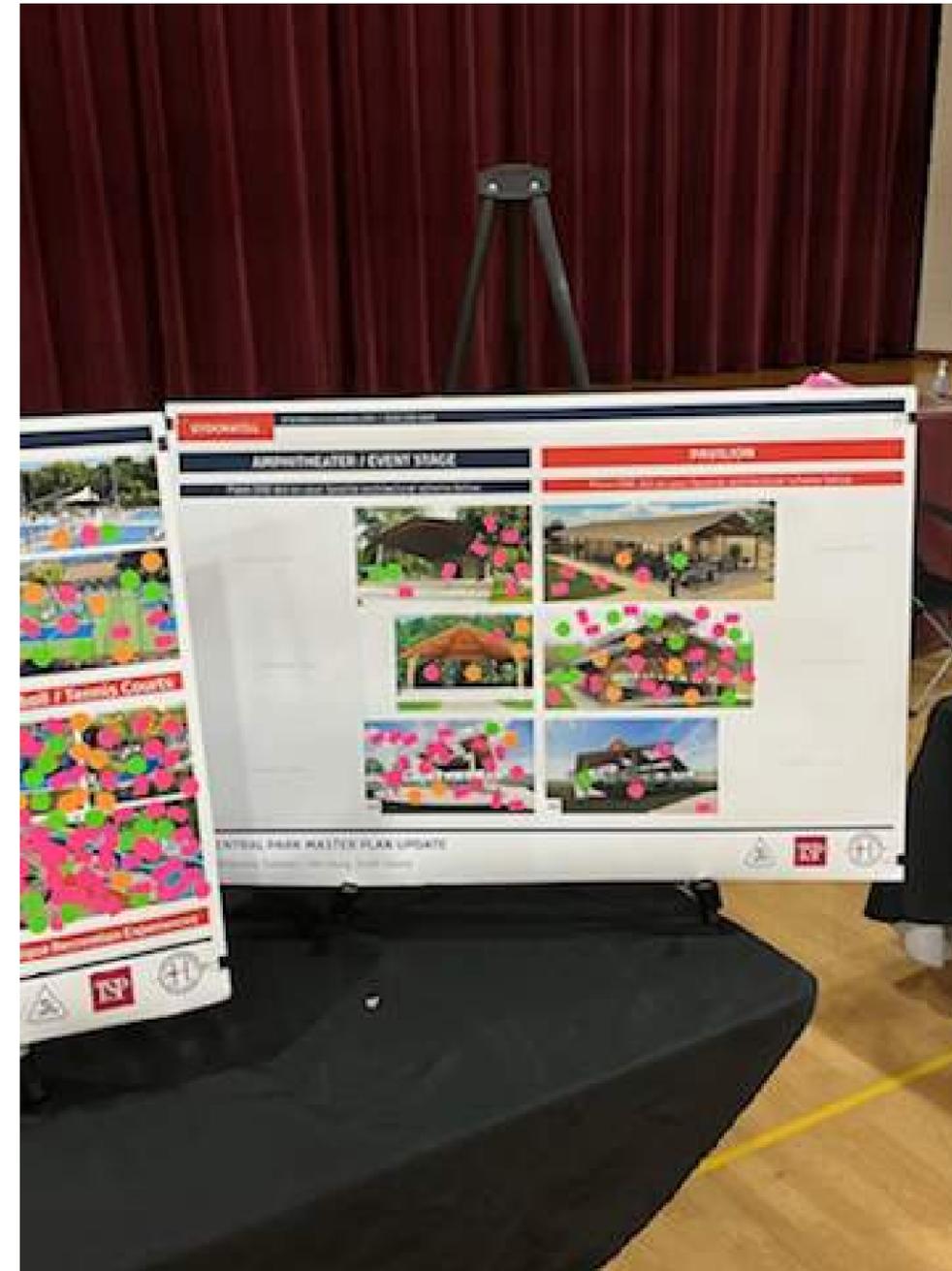
With 560 combined votes it's easy to see the commitment the community has for their hometown!



Park Elements and Programming Board 1-2 Displaying:
 Aquatic Center, Splash Pad / Water Play, Basketball Courts, Leisure Gaming Lounge, Public Art / Sculptures, Pump Track, and Sand Volleyball.

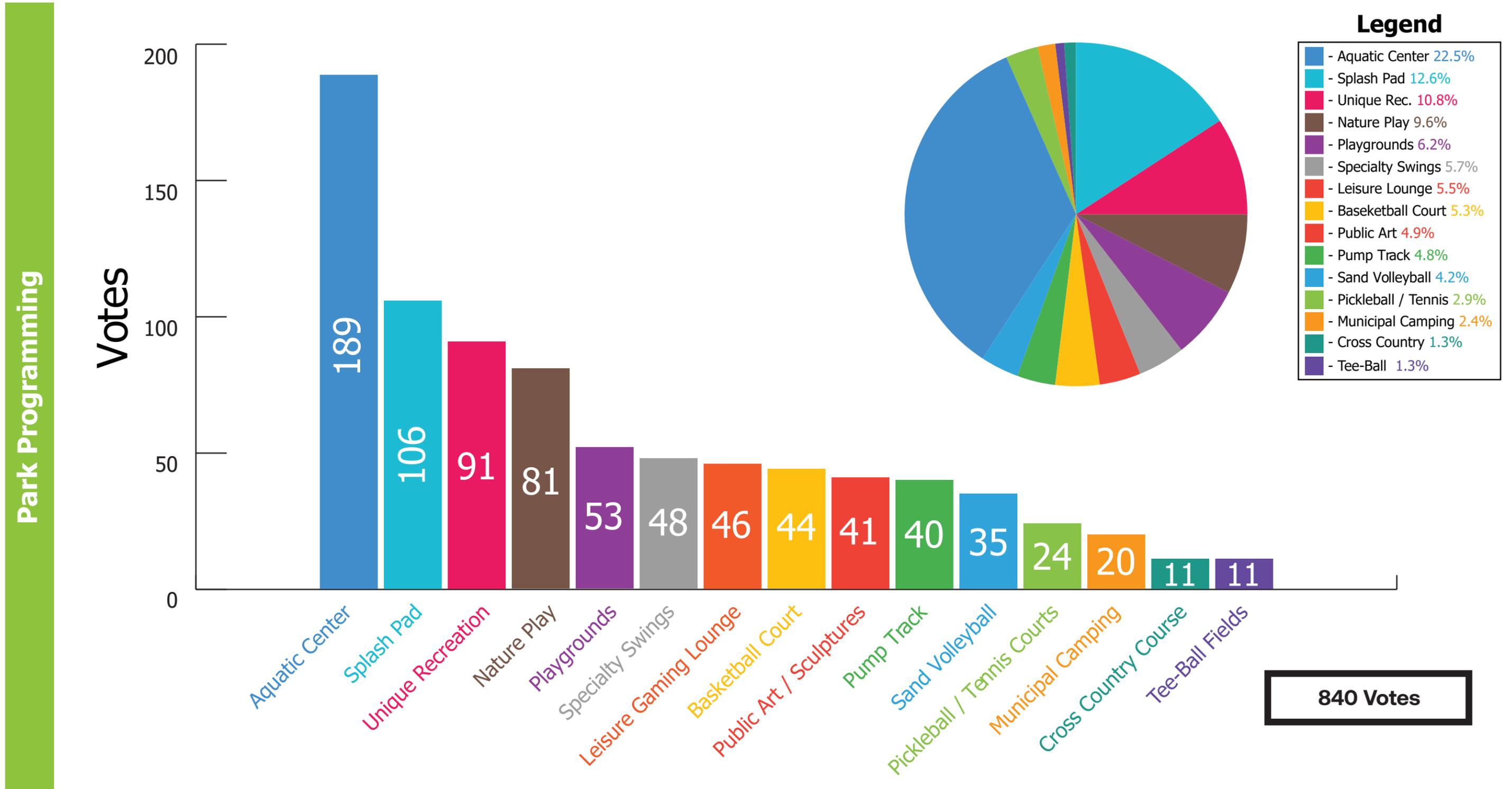


Park Elements and Programming Board 2-2 Displaying:
 Cross Country Course, Municipal Camping, Tee Ball Fields, Pickleball / Tennis Courts, Specialty Swings, Children's Nature Play Experience, Playgrounds, Unique Recreation Experiences.



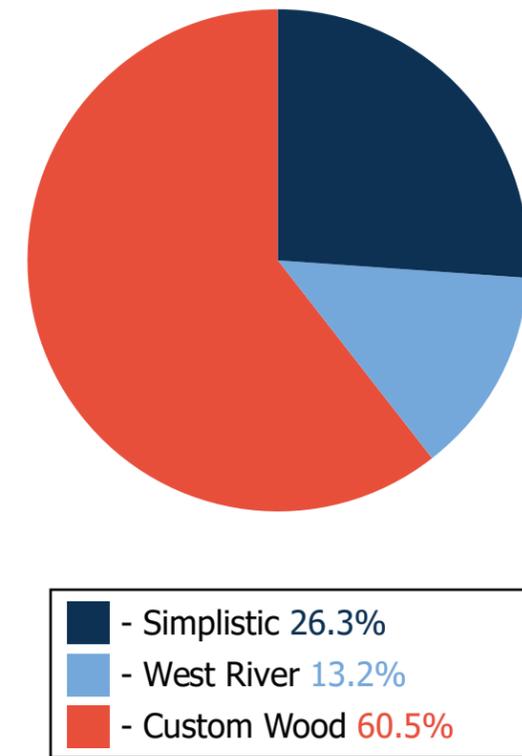
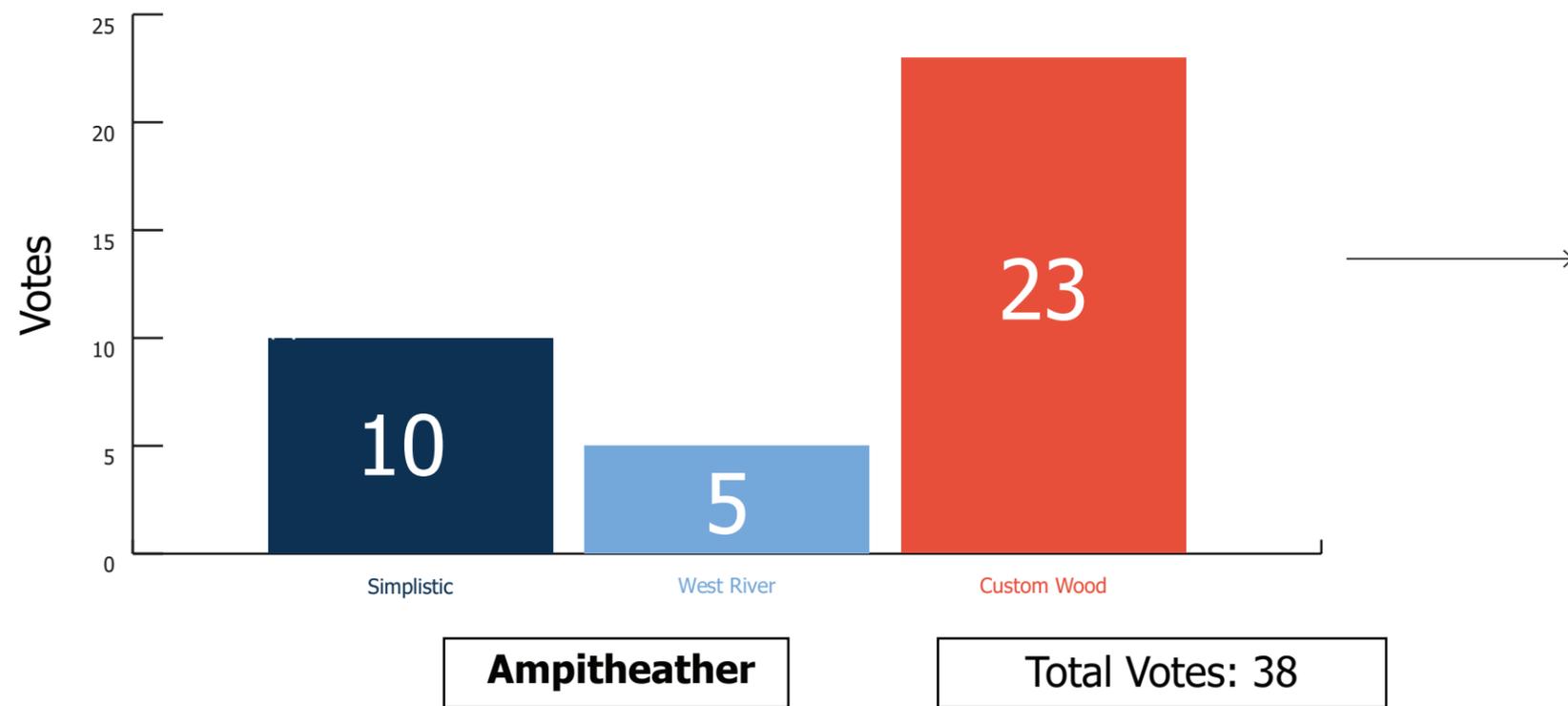
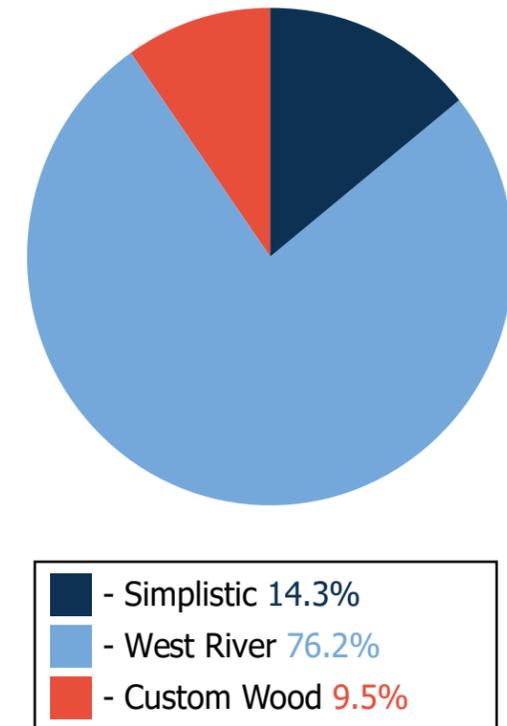
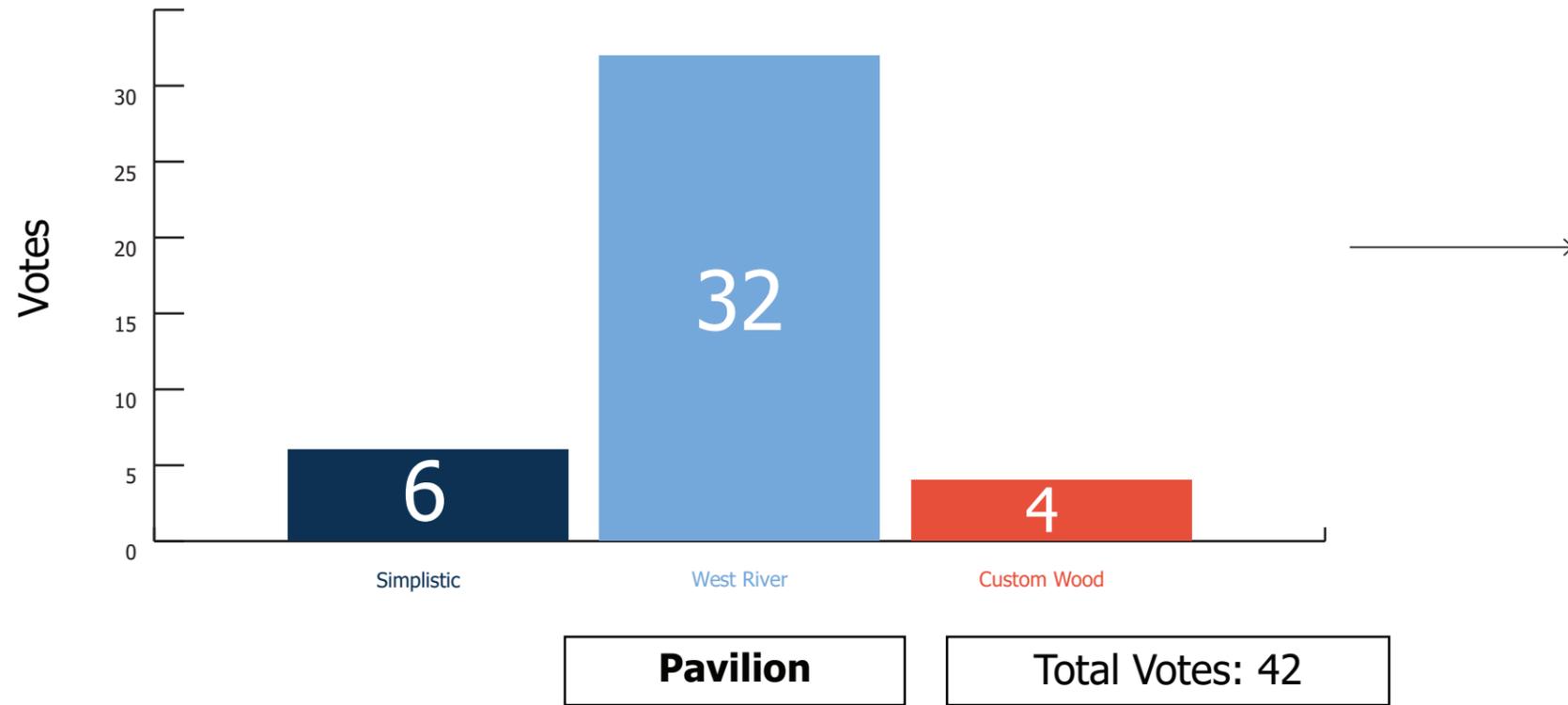
Architectural Schemes Board Displaying:
 Amphitheater / Event Stage - Simplistic, West River, Custom Wood Pavilion - Simplistic, West River, Custom Wood

Engagement Process | Results: Park Programming



Engagement Process | Results: Architecture

Architecture



Design Directives

As we dove deeper into conversations with members of the Harrisburg Community, a number of recurring topics arose and became the center of our conversations. We synthesized these features into design imperatives. These topics became our direction - helping envision Central Park through these unique design parameters.

We intend for these parameters, established by community input, to create a Community Asset for Every Family in Harrisburg.

Design Directives

The synthesis of our community engagement and input. Analysis into distinguished directives that steer our updates.

- 1 Engage with Established Park Features**
- 2 Realize the Potential for Creating Community**
- 3 Employ Community Input Features**
- 4 Capture the Energy of the Community**
- 5 Articulate Something Authentic to Harrisburg**
- 6 Design with Future Growth in Consideration**
- 7 Create a Central Place of Play for Harrisburg**

Design Considerations | Sports Courts



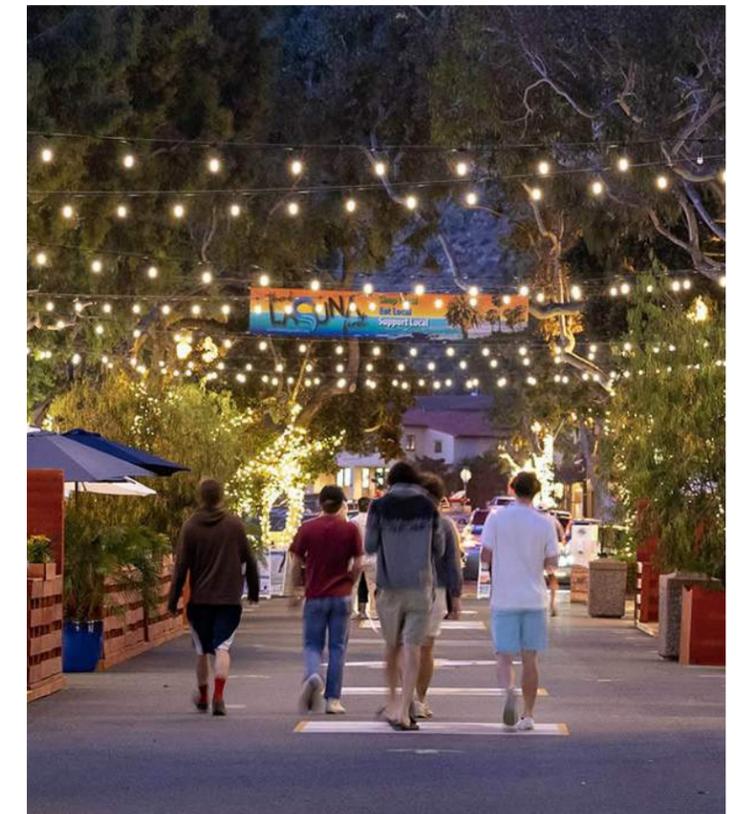
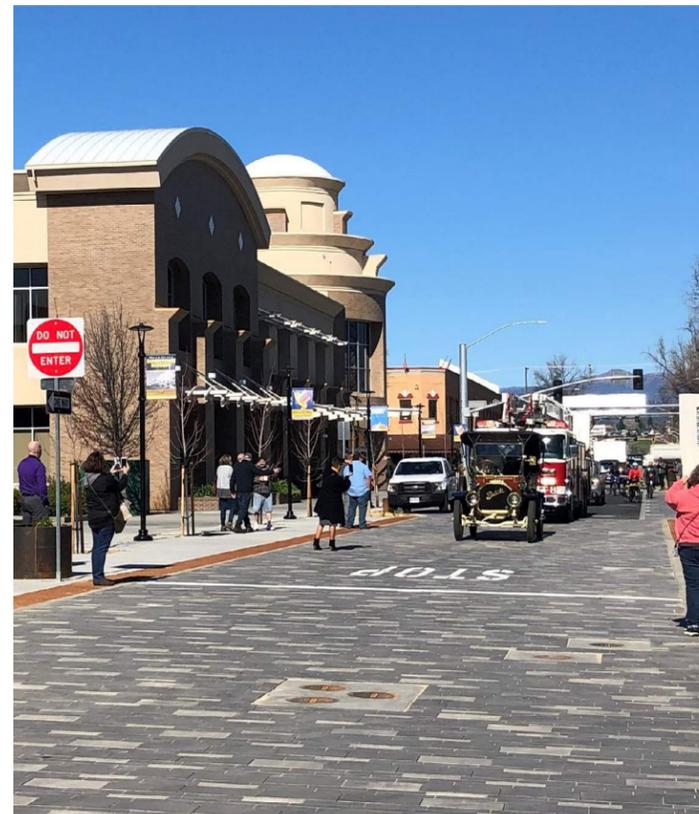
Design Considerations | Central Lawn



Design Considerations | Nature



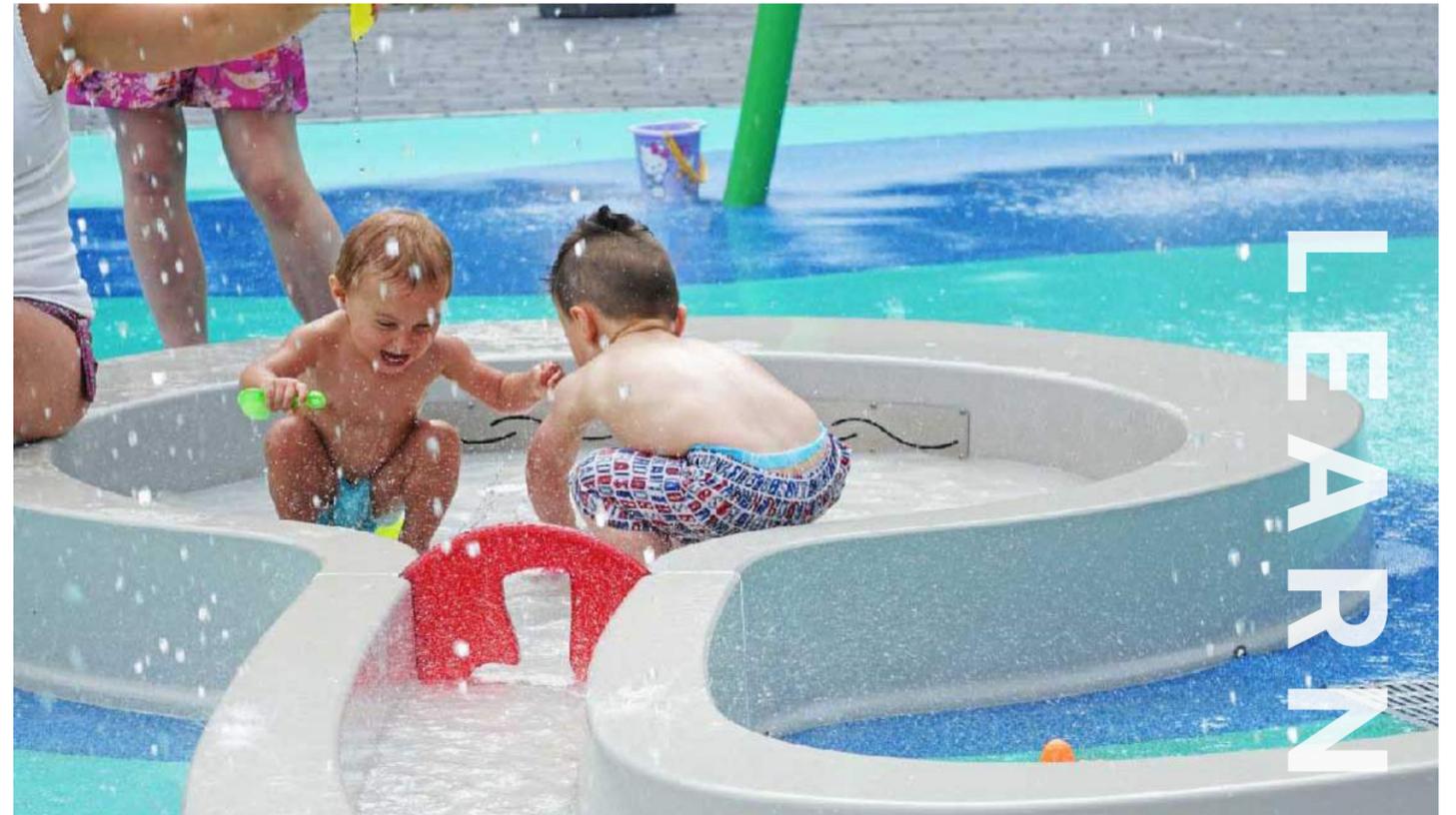
Design Considerations | Promenade



Design Considerations | Generational Play



Design Considerations | Water Interaction



Design Considerations | Commons



Central Park Reimagined



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Community Vision for Central Park

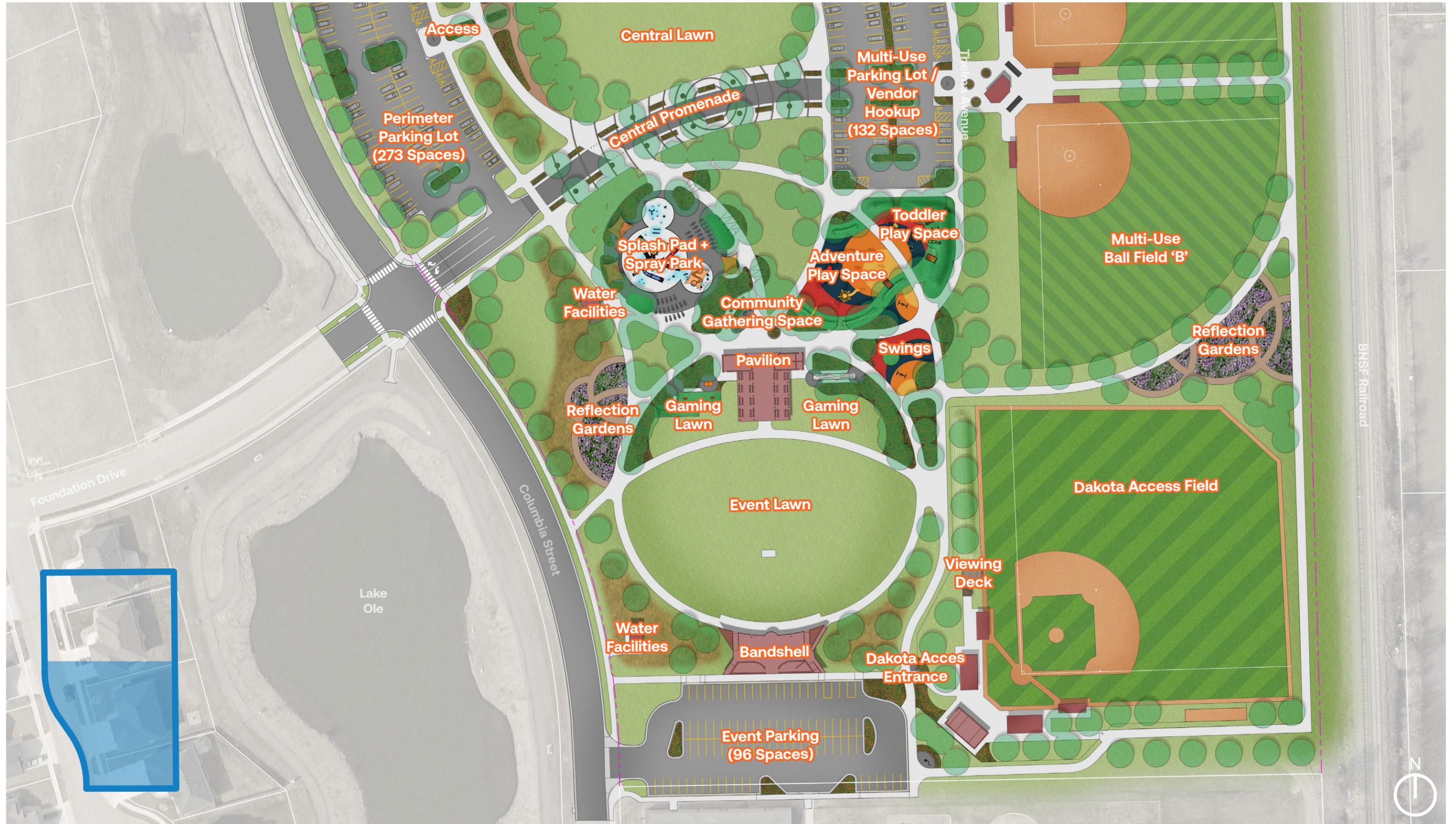
Central Park Reimagined | Illustrative Plan Overall



Landscape Elements & Features

- 1 Nature Lounge
- 2 Nature Slide
- 3 Wetland Pool
- 4 Restrooms
- 5 Gateway to Central Lawn
- 6 Disc Golf Kiosk
- 7 Vehicle Dropoff
- 8 Splash Pad Lounge
- 9 Bean Bags + Ping Pong
- 10 Pavilion
- 11 Horseshoes
- 12 Viewing Berm
- 13 Bandshell
- 14 Dakota Access Field Entrance / Plaza
- 15 Flag Pole / Monument Space

Central Park Reimagined | Enlargement Plan South



Central Park Reimagined | Enlargement Plan North



Central Park Reimagined

When choosing community priorities, we looked at the design considerations that we received during public input at Harrisburg Days. We reorganized these considerations into priorities. These priorities will be further compartmentalized the full design of Central Park Reimagined.

Each Community Priority is unique to Central Park. No priority is greater than the other, but together they capture, what is, Central Park Reimagined.

Community Priorities

- 1 Park Perimeter**
- 2 Central Place of Play**
- 3 Family Commons**
- 4 Explore + Connect**

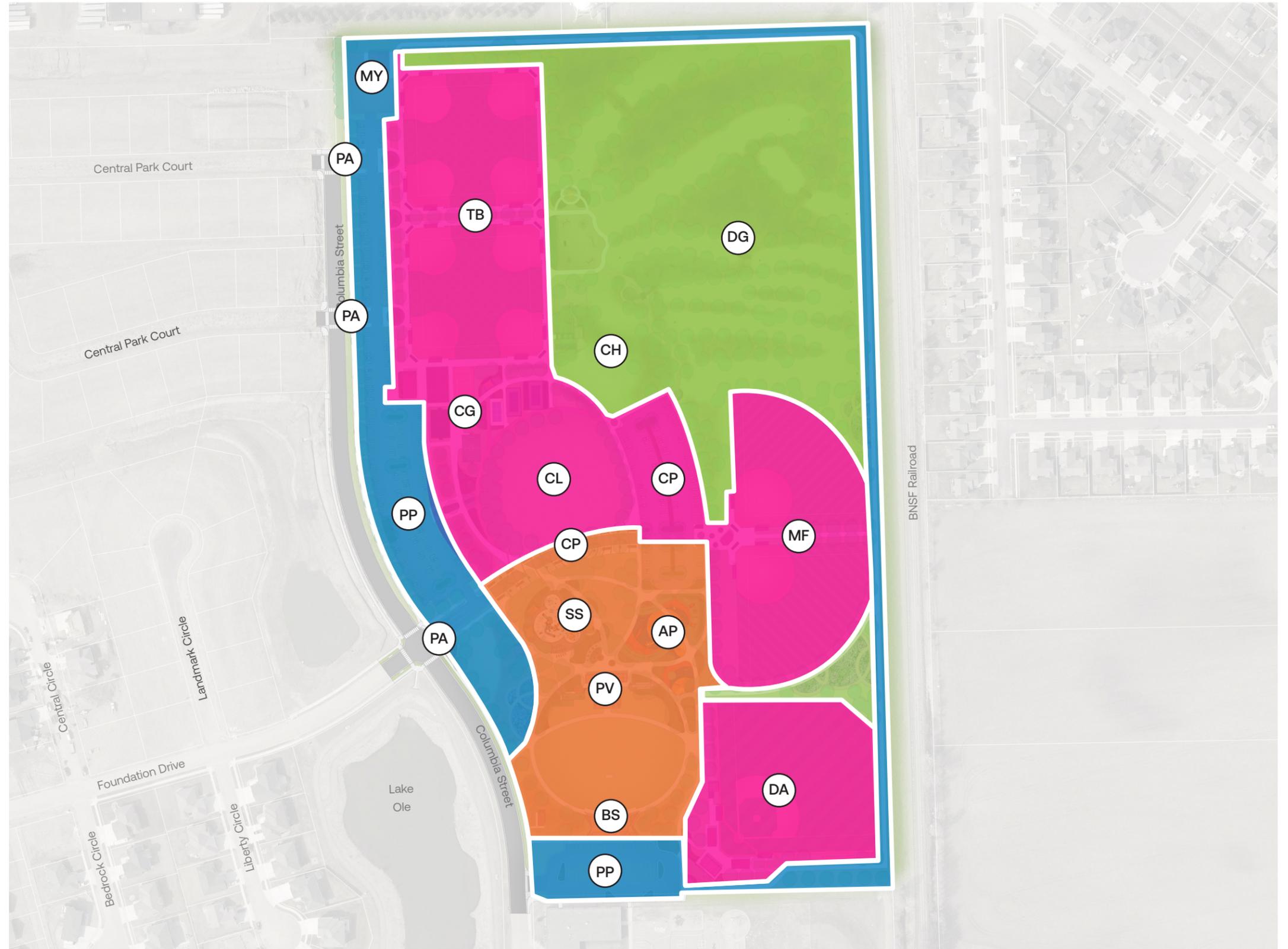
Central Park Reimagined

Master Plan Legend

- Park Perimeter
- Central Place of Play
- Family Commons
- Explore + Connect

Master Plan Legend

- AP** Adventure Play Space
- BS** Bandshell
- CG** Competitive Gaming Space
- CH** Central Hill Improvements
- CL** Central Lawn
- CP** Central Promenade
- DA** Baseball Field Improvements
- DG** Disc Golf Improvements
- MF** Multi-Use Field Improvements
- MY** Maintenance Yard
- PA** Park Access
- PP** Perimeter Parking
- PV** Pavilion
- SS** Splash Pad + Spray Park
- TB** Tee Ball Improvements



Central Park Reimagined

Park Perimeter

Approach

The Park Perimeter acts as a transitional space into the core of the park. The Park Perimeter consists of necessary parking, and a 1-Mile walking loop that encompasses the park.

Perimeter Parking and South Parking Lot Park Walking Loop





Park Entrance

Central Park Reimagined

Park Perimeter | Accessibility, Mobility & Park Circulation

Mobility and Circulation are crucial to a park's success. These elements shape how the park functions as well as provide inclusive opportunities to explore different spaces of Central Park.

Circulation Legend

-  Vehicular Movement
-  Promenade (Vehicle / Pedestrian)
-  Central Park Walking Loop
-  Pedestrian Connections
-  Pedestrian Movement



Central Park - Reimagined

Park Perimeter | Signage & Wayfinding

With over 46 acres of land to cover, wayfinding and signage are important in connecting the entire site. Different sizes of signage are strategically placed throughout the park to ensure proper exploration of Central Park.

Signage & Wayfinding Locations

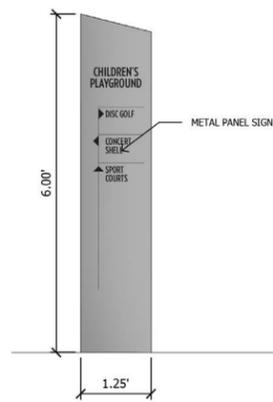
-  Entrance Arrival Signage
-  Small Wayfinding Signage
-  Large Wayfinding Signage



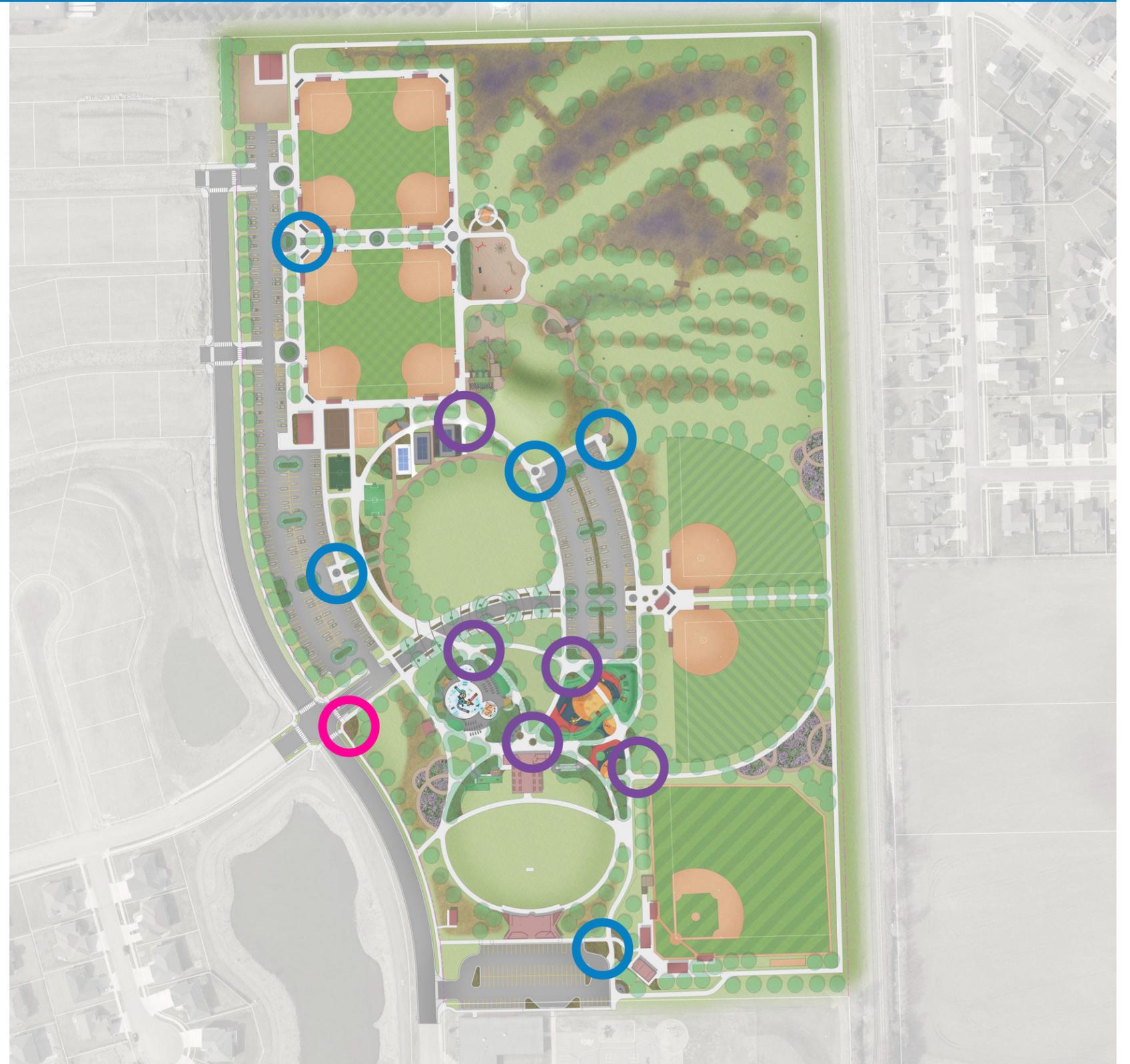
Arrival Signage



Large Signage



Small Signage





Strategic Wayfinding

Central Park Reimagined

Central Place of Play

Approach

Elements of play are a staple to traditional parks. Central Park Reimagined offers several unique play settings strategically located throughout the park.

Tee Ball Complex

Sports Courts

Central Lawn

Multi-Use Fields 'B' + 'C'

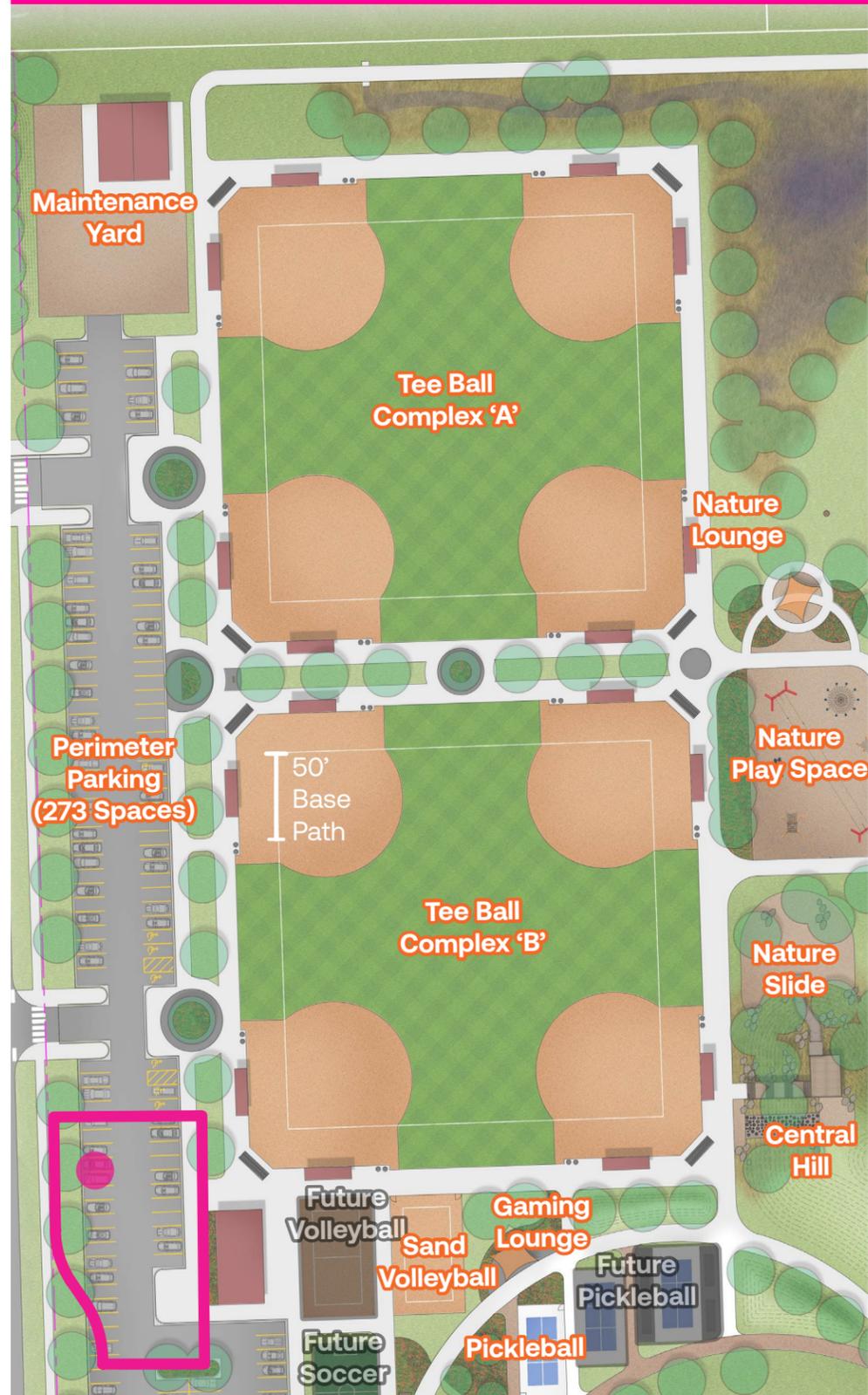
Dakota Access Field Improvements

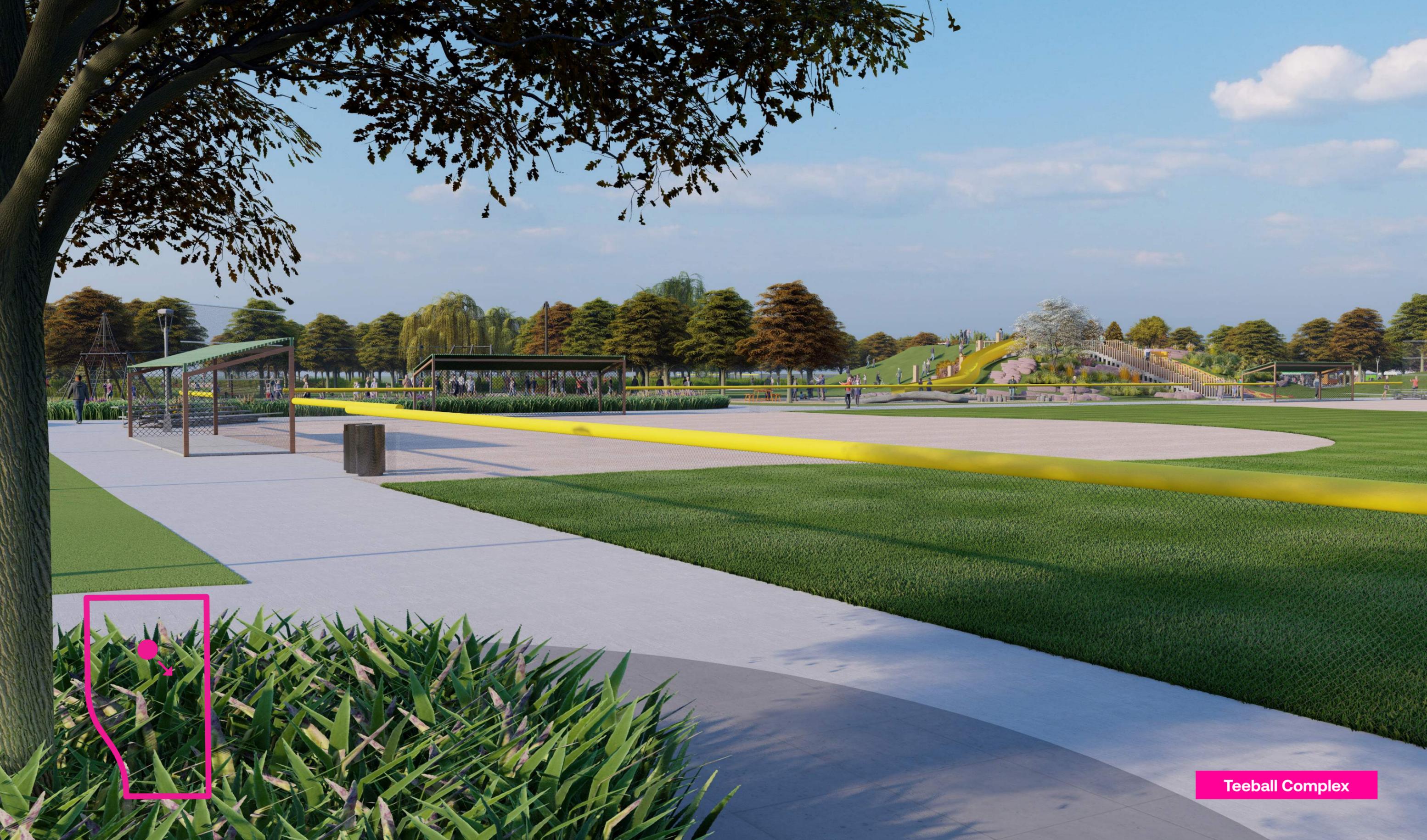




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Central Place of Play | Tee Ball Complex





Teeball Complex

Central Park Reimagined

Central Place of Play | Competitive Gaming



Mini Pitch

The Sport Courts Space features emerging single and team based sports. These sports will spark your competitive spirit as each sport was chosen based off it's appeal for generational play options. With the sport of Soccer on the rise, 3v3 Soccer or "Mini Pitch" is soccer with higher intense cardio in a contained space Mini Pitch is a life size "Foosball Table" that can be played even as one vs one. The lounge space where the social aspects of there sports really shines through fostering community involvement and relationships.



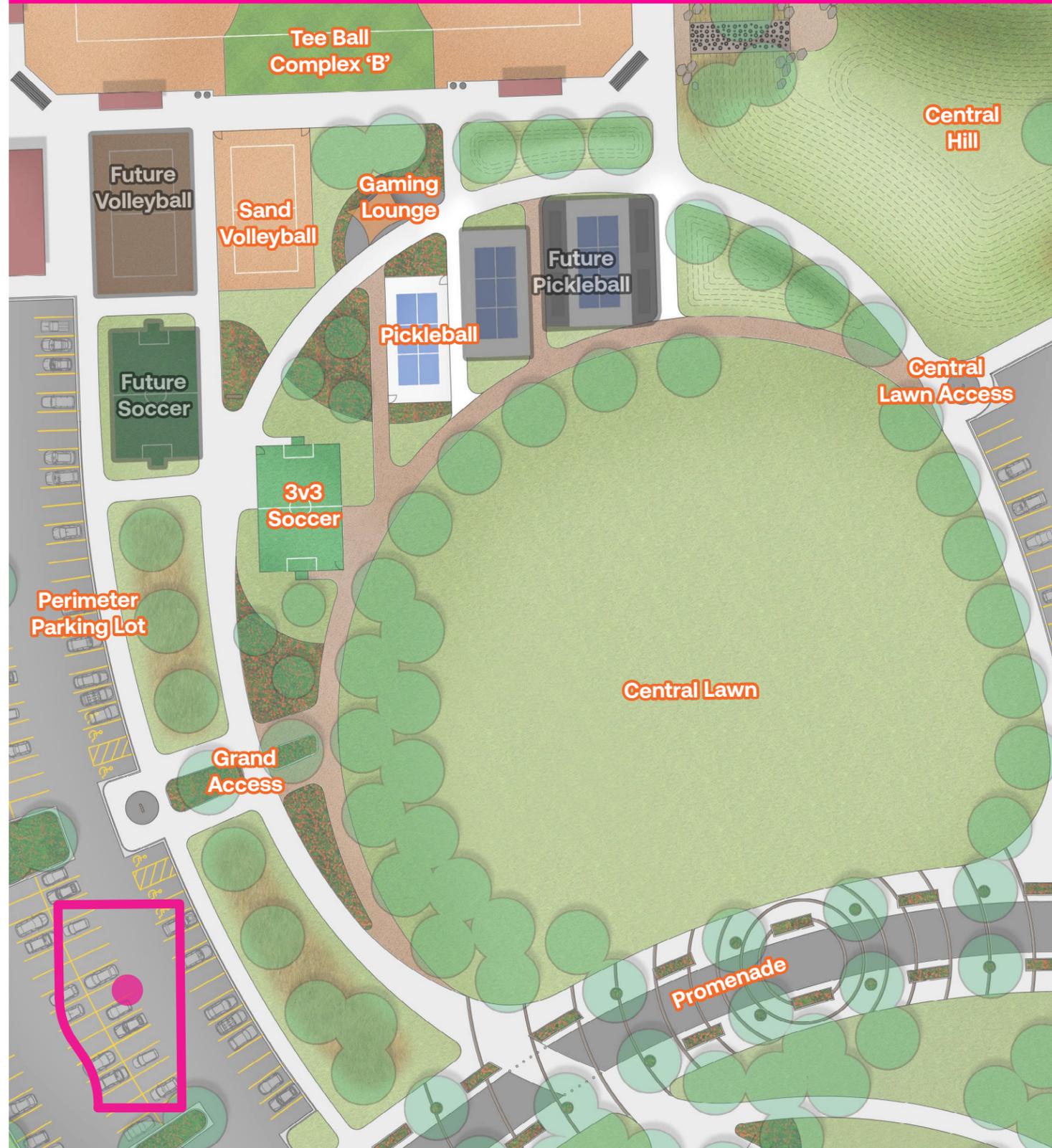
Pickleball Courts



Sports Courts

Central Park Reimagined

Central Place of Play | Central Lawn



The Central Lawn is a staple of the Central Park design. This space is the ultimate mixed-use green. A Central Lawn is important to a park because it offers endless opportunities for active or passive recreation. There is no one specific purpose for this area and it can act as a destination or spill over space for big events.



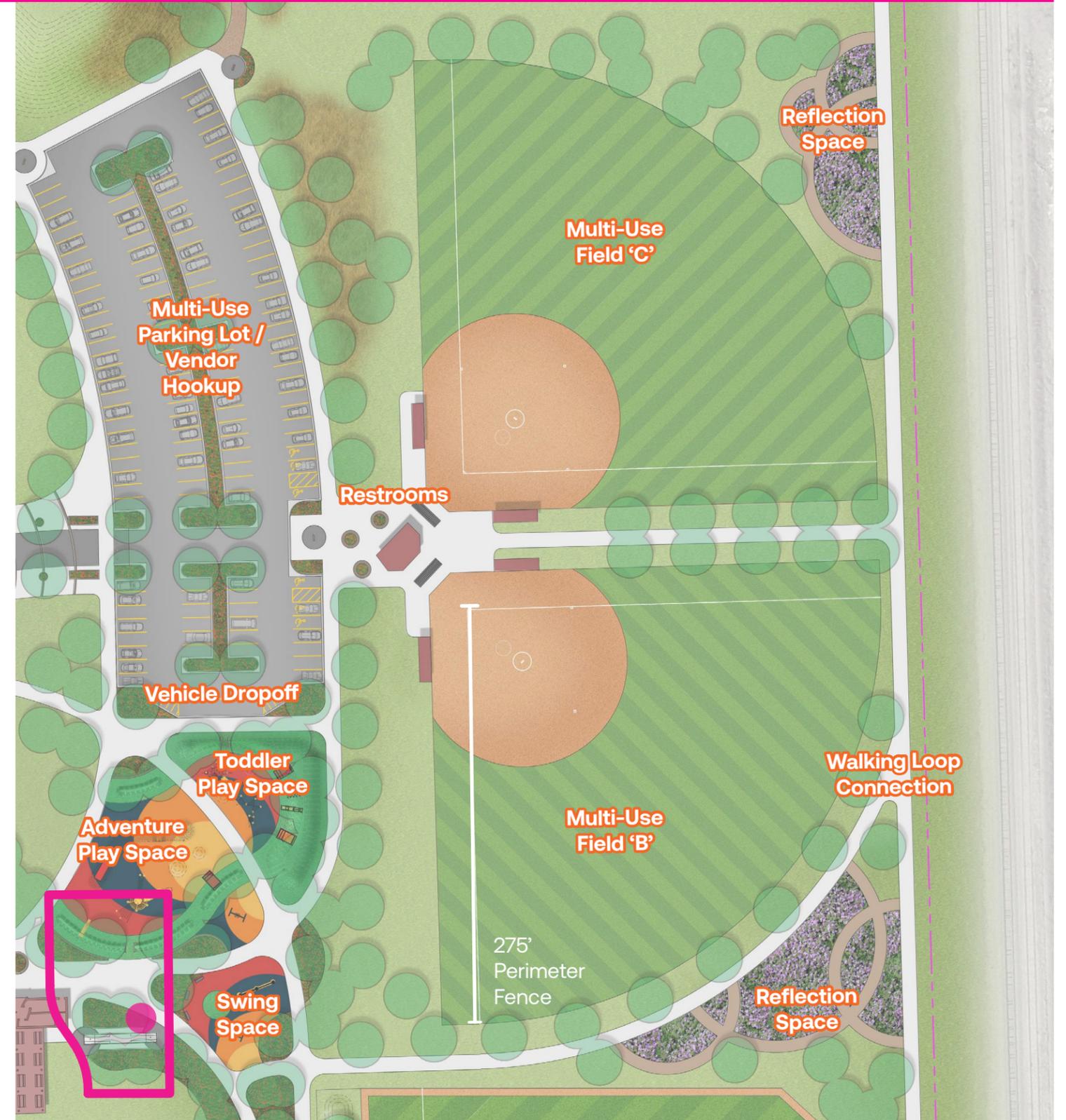
Central Lawn

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Central Place of Play | Multi-Use Ball Fields



A key to central Park is flexibility. Being an established bat and ball park, having as many options for all different age groups playing baseball or softball was critical in a city with limited active green space. The fields allow play from age 7-13. Each age group will have their own specific pitching distance as well as base path length.





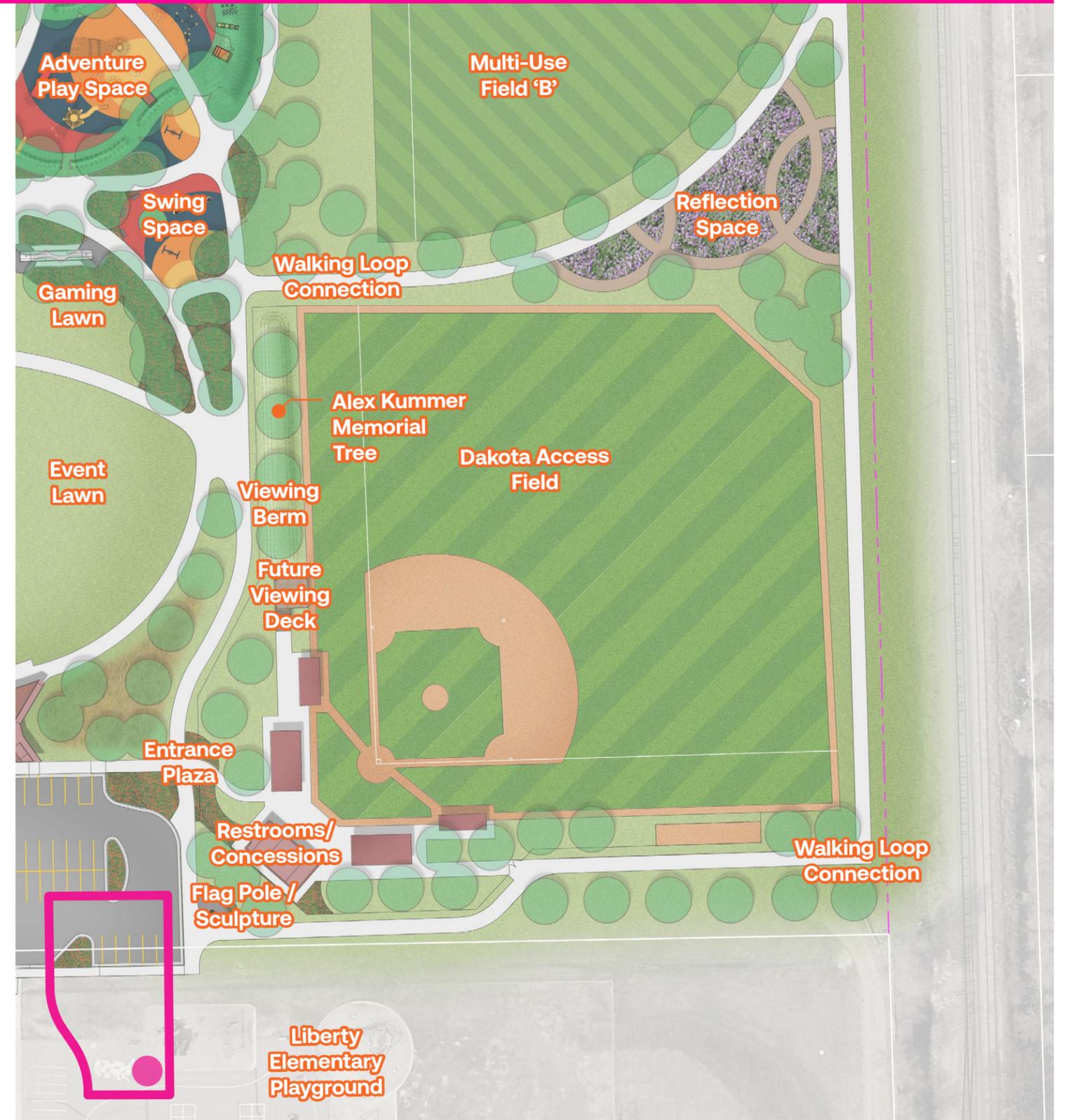
Multi-Use Ball Fields

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Central Place of Play | Dakota Access Field Improvements

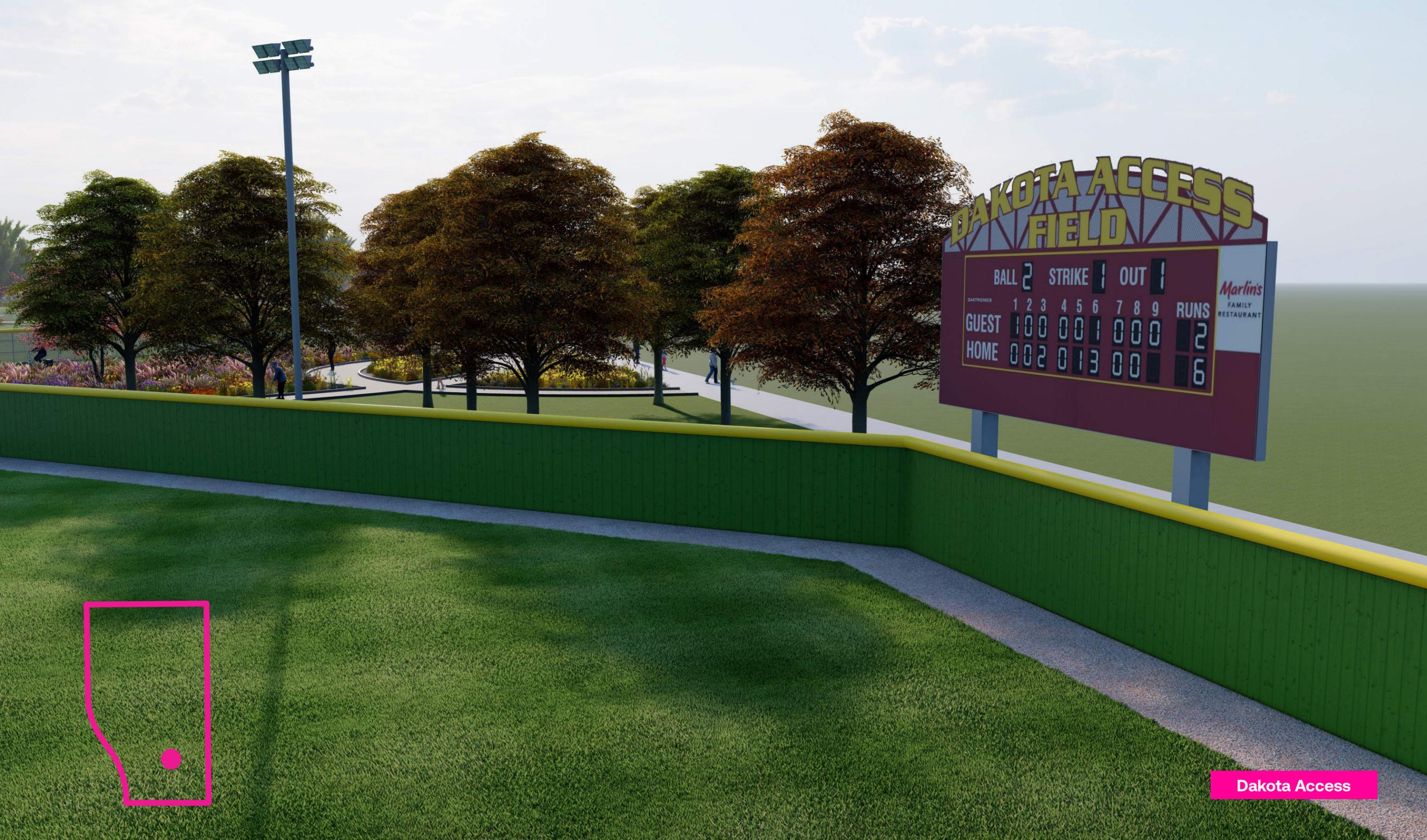


Dakota Access Field is an established space at Central Park. Improvements will be made to the exterior of the field to create a complete pedestrian plaza with gated access. These improvements are in line with hosting future South Dakota Amateur, Legion, and Jr Legion State Tournaments.





Dakota Access Field Ticket Entrance



Dakota Access

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Family Commons

Approach

The Family Commons intentionally will see the most traffic of any space throughout the park. This space will be authentically unique to the Harrisburg community. Packed with fun for all ages, while emphasizing bringing families and community members together.

Promenade

Splash Pad + Spray Park

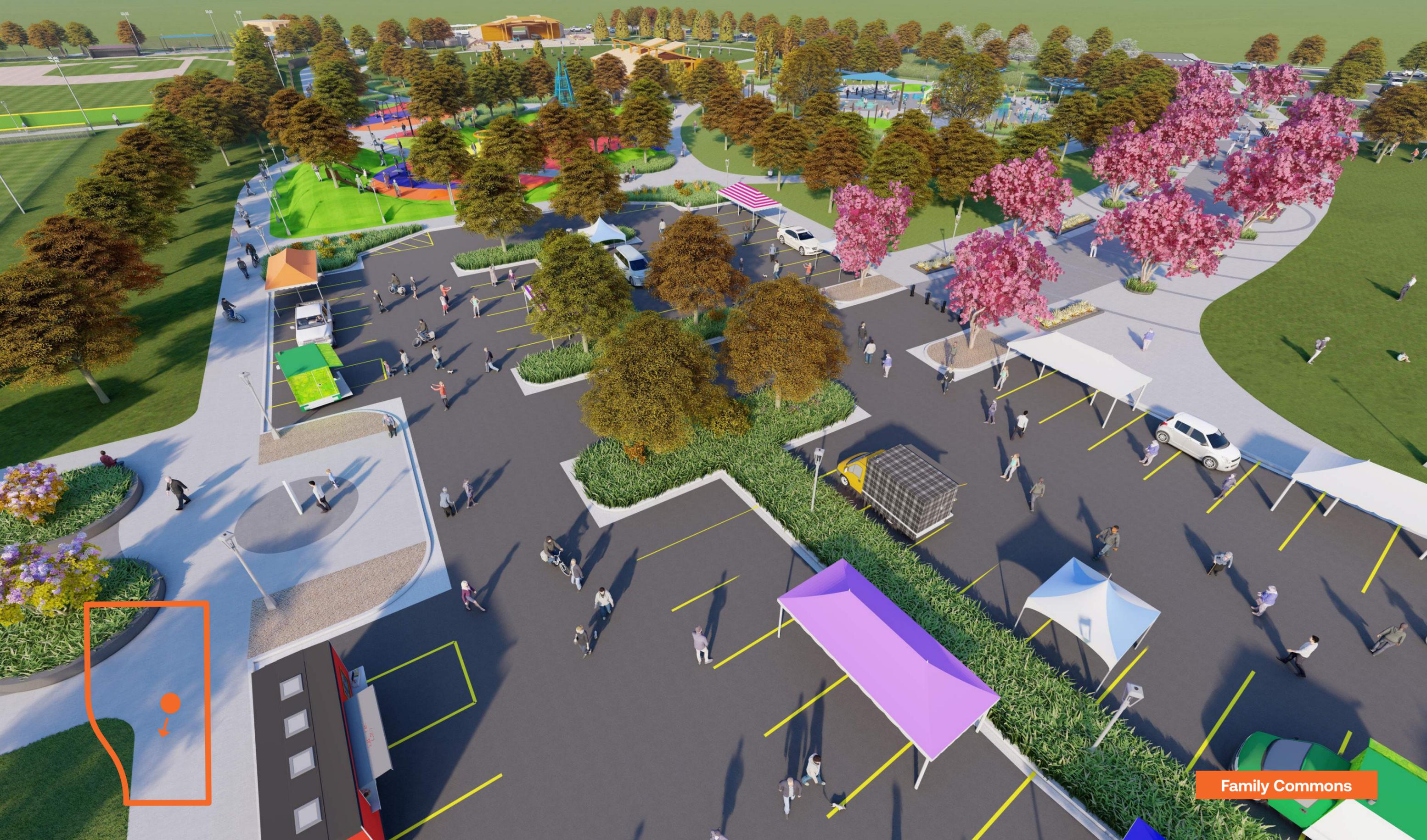
Adventure Play Space

Toddler Play Space

Pavilion + Gaming Lawn

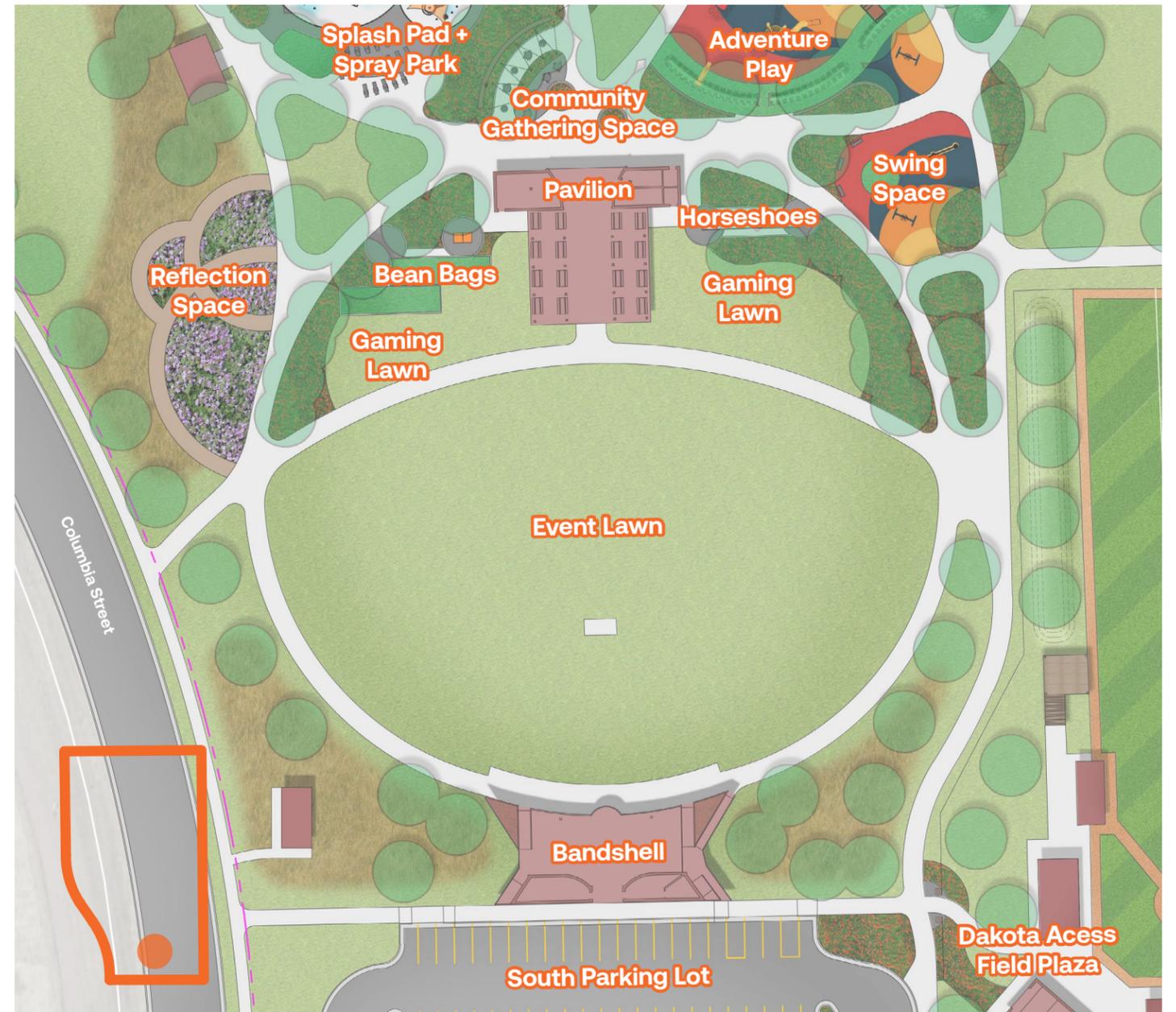
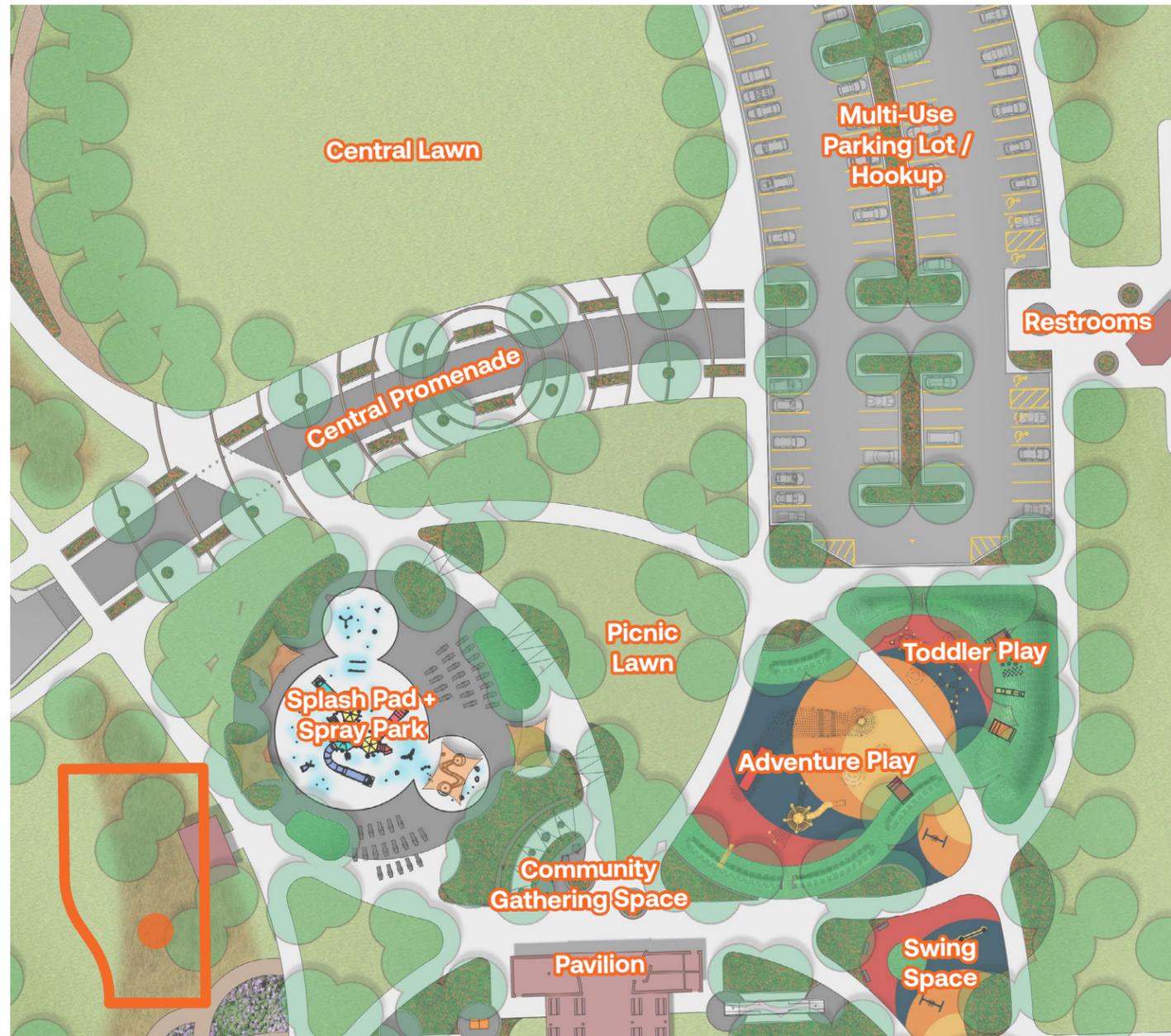
Event Lawn + Bandshell





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Family Commons | Park Commons North + South

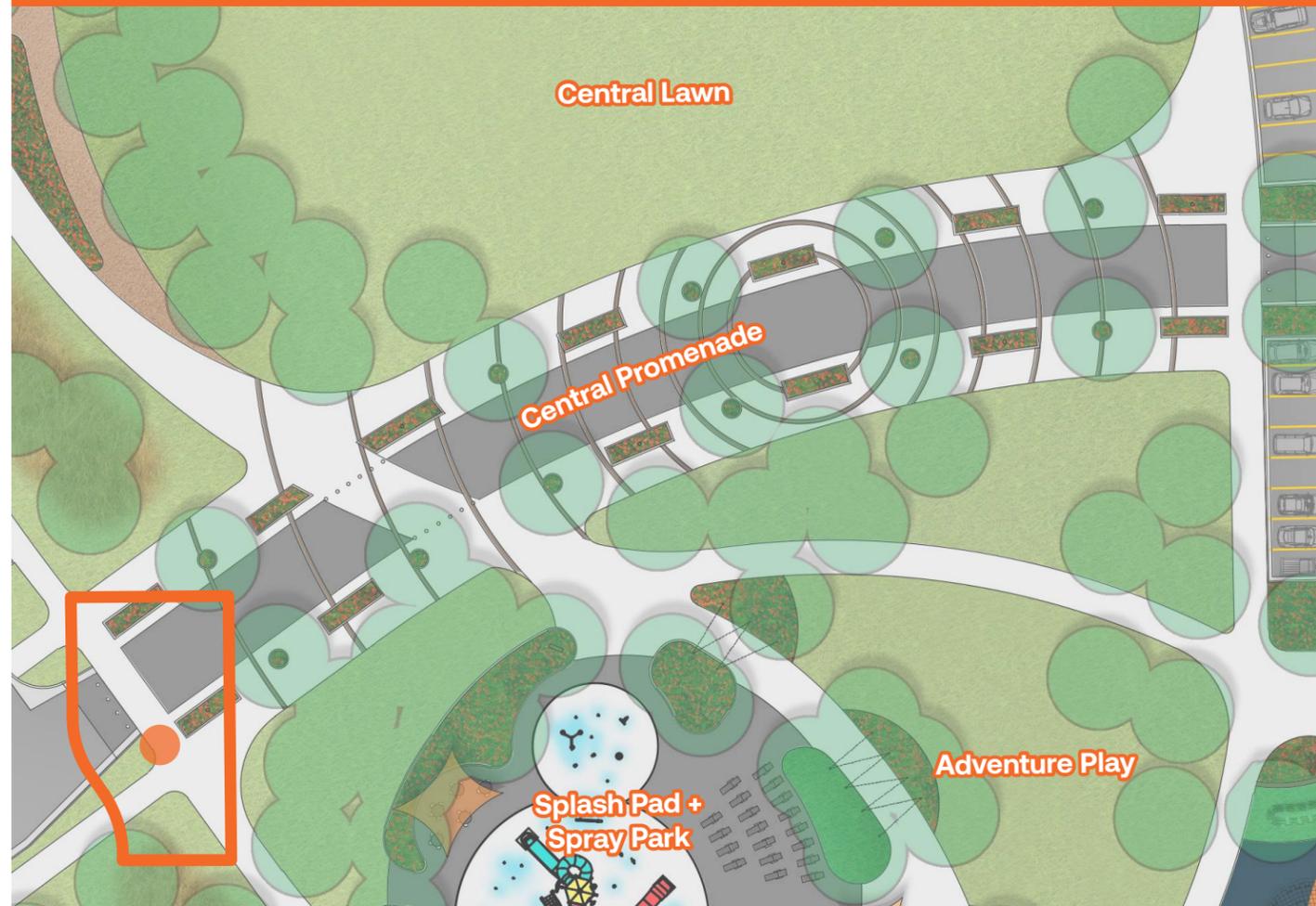




Family Commons

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Family Commons | Central Promenade



During site analysis we noticed the disconnect between the north and south spaces of Central Park. The Central Promenade is important feature to connecting both halves of Central Park. A unique feature about the Central Promenade is that it can be closed off for major events, acting as a transition between the Central Lawn and Family Commons areas. Removable Bollards will be placed on the east and west sides of the Promenade, in addition to pedestrian bollards on the north and south sides of the continuous sidewalk, to ensure vehicle traffic flows to the western Perimeter Parking Lot.

The Central Promenade could also display flags for holidays, creating an “Avenue of Flags” that extends along the entire drive, as well as up and around the Central Lawn.

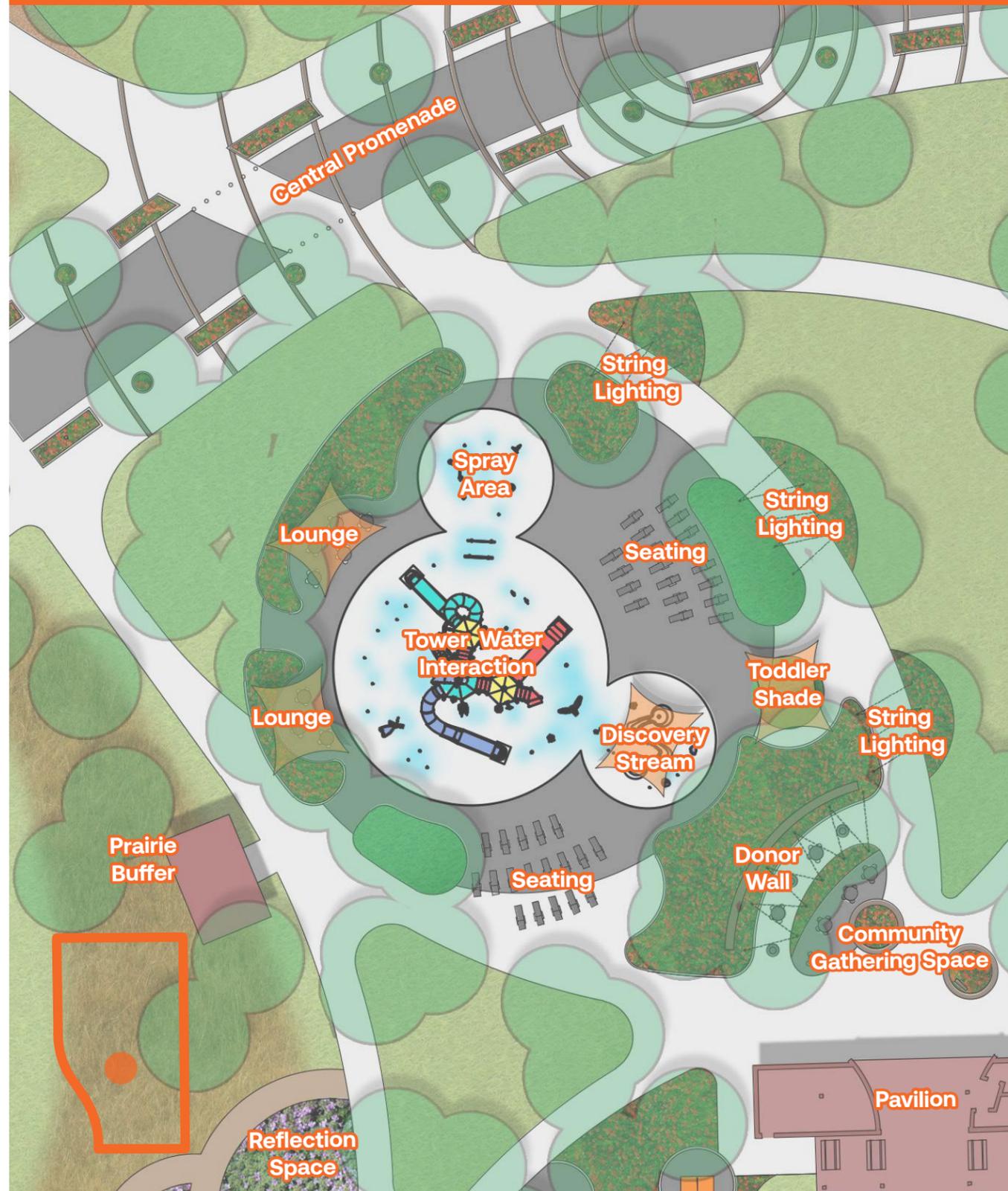




Central Promenade

Central Park Reimagined

Family Commons | Splash Pad + Spray Park



The most anticipated space at Central Park is the Splash Pad + Spray Park. This ultimate feature offers hours of entertainment in the hot sun. Surrounded by with a picnic lawn and iconic playground features.

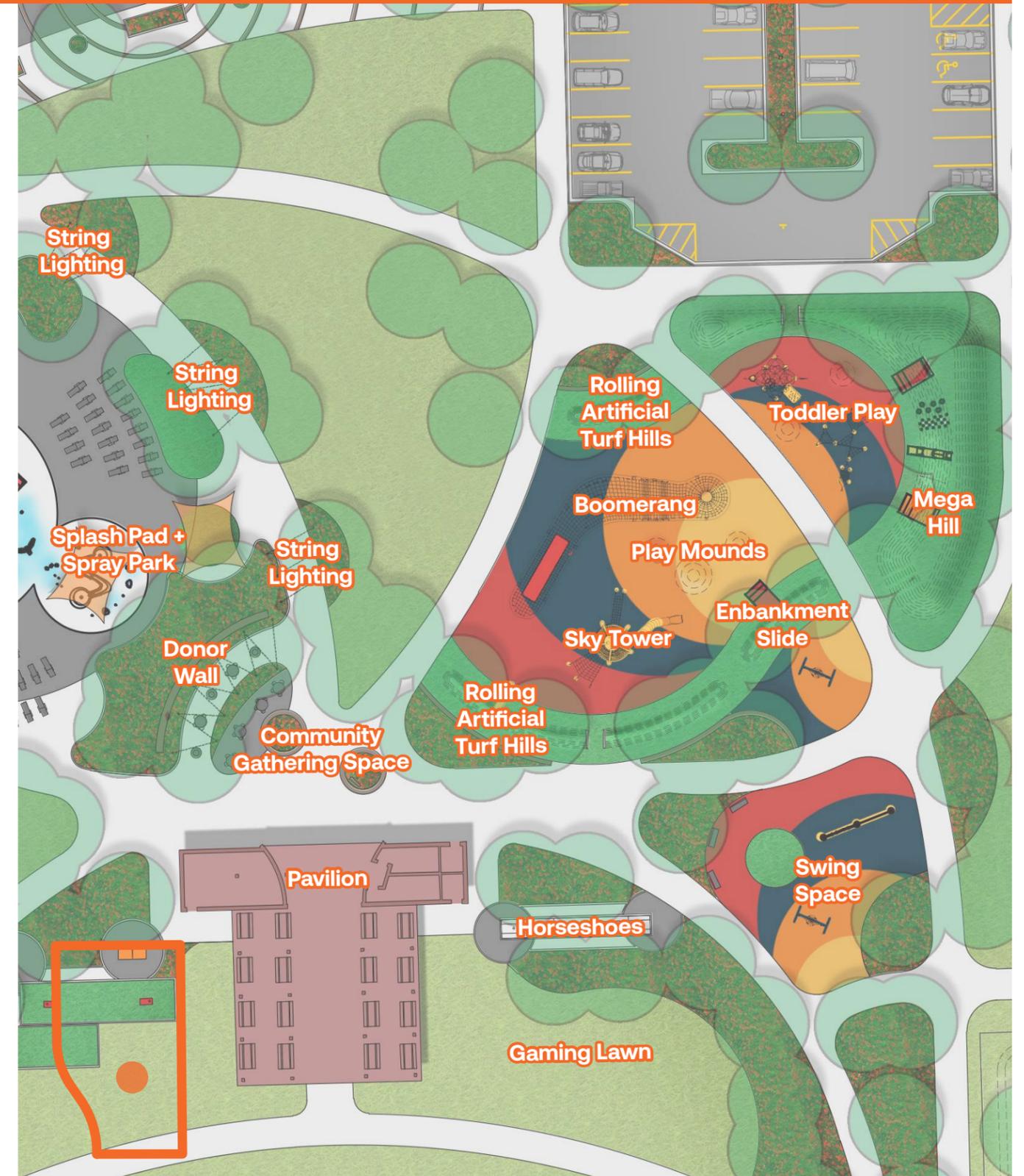


Family Commons

Central Park Reimagined

Family Commons | Adventure Playground

The Adventure Playground is unlike anything in the Siouxland region. Featuring unique play experiences and different terraced terrain, this accessible playground is truly a generational play spaces with features for all ages.





Enbankment
Slide

Mega
Hill

Sky Tower

Play Mounds

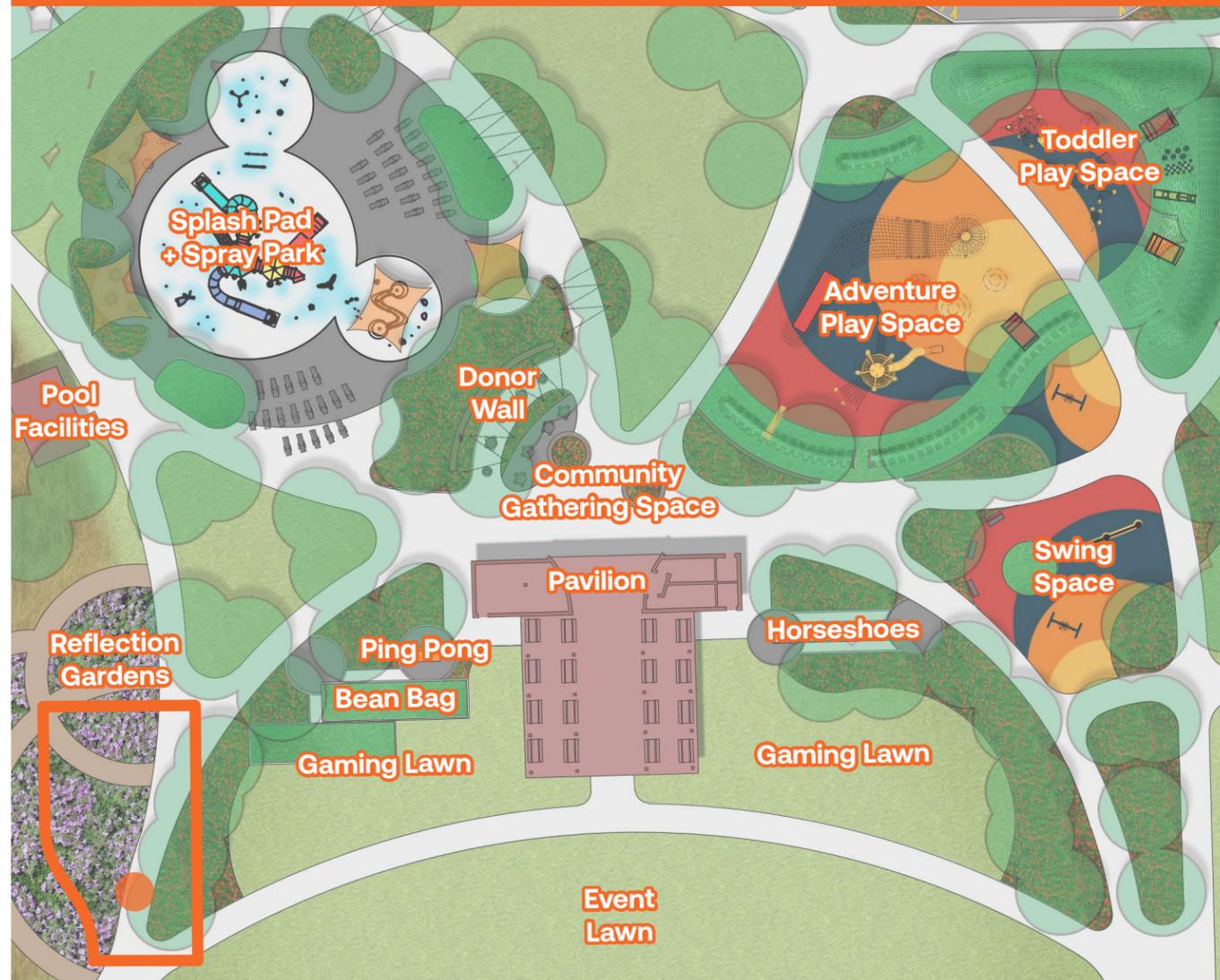
Boomerang

Rolling
Artificial
Turf Hills

Adventure Playground

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Family Commons | Pavilion + Gaming Lawn

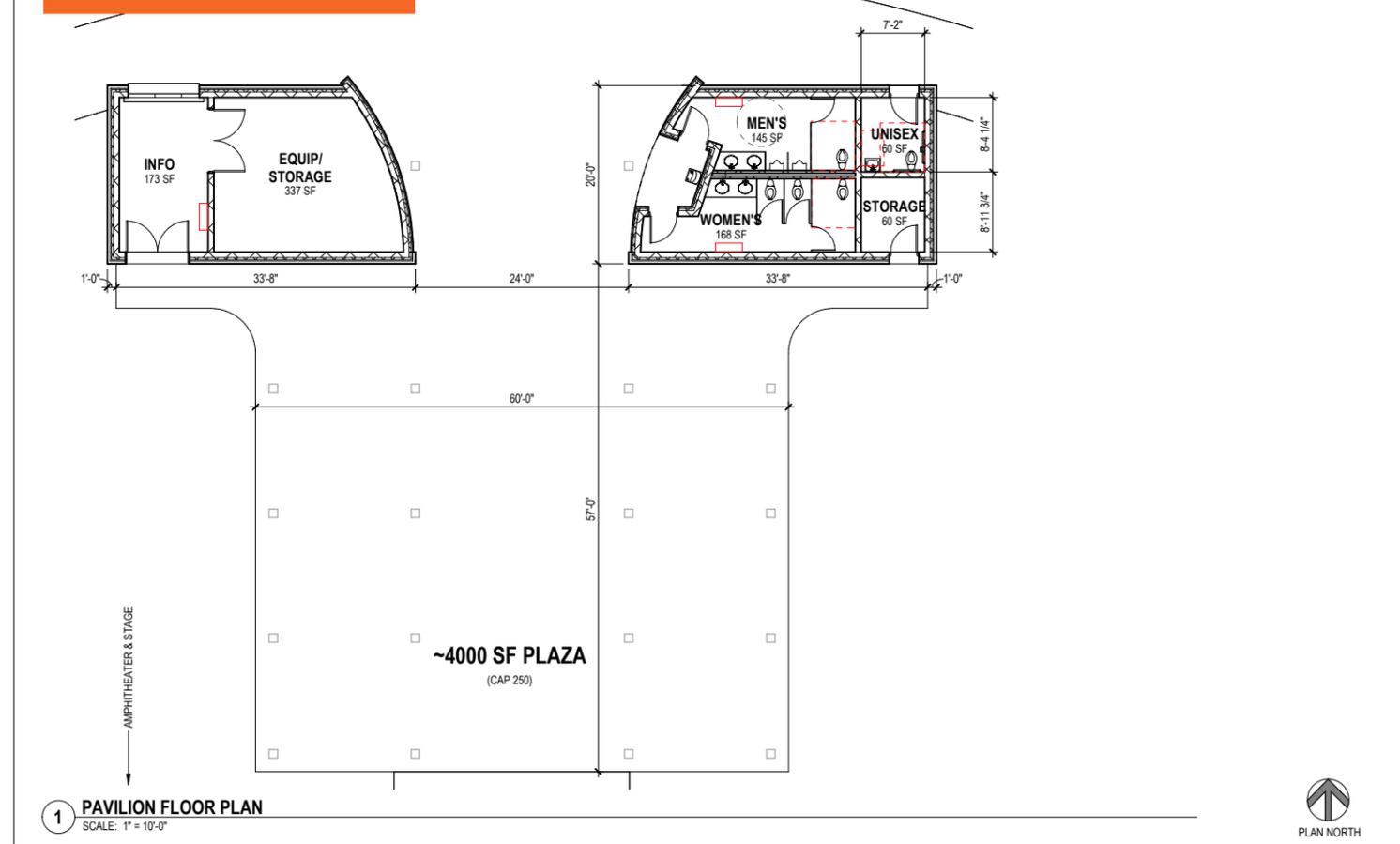


The Pavilion will feature toilet room facilities, storage, and even a potential kiosk/rental areas for recreational equipment checkout. Materials on the outside take a contemporary approach to a traditional stone wainscot with exposed wood structure above, and instead use the stone and wood materials as massing elements with large glue-lam structures for the main roof mass and then a solid stone cladding for the enclosed portions of the facility. Additional curved wood cladding appears on the interior walls of the pavilion as a connection point between the covered plaza and the enclosed bandshell to the south. Vertical apertures in the pavilion roof let daylight filter to the center of the large space while protecting park-goers from sudden, unexpected downpours. Interior walls are either a burnished or painted structural concrete block to provide durability and ease of maintenance/repair for decades to come.

Pavilion Materials



Pavilion Plan



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Family Commons | Pavilion



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Central Park Reimagined

Family Commons | Pavilion



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Pavilion View from Baseball Viewing Deck



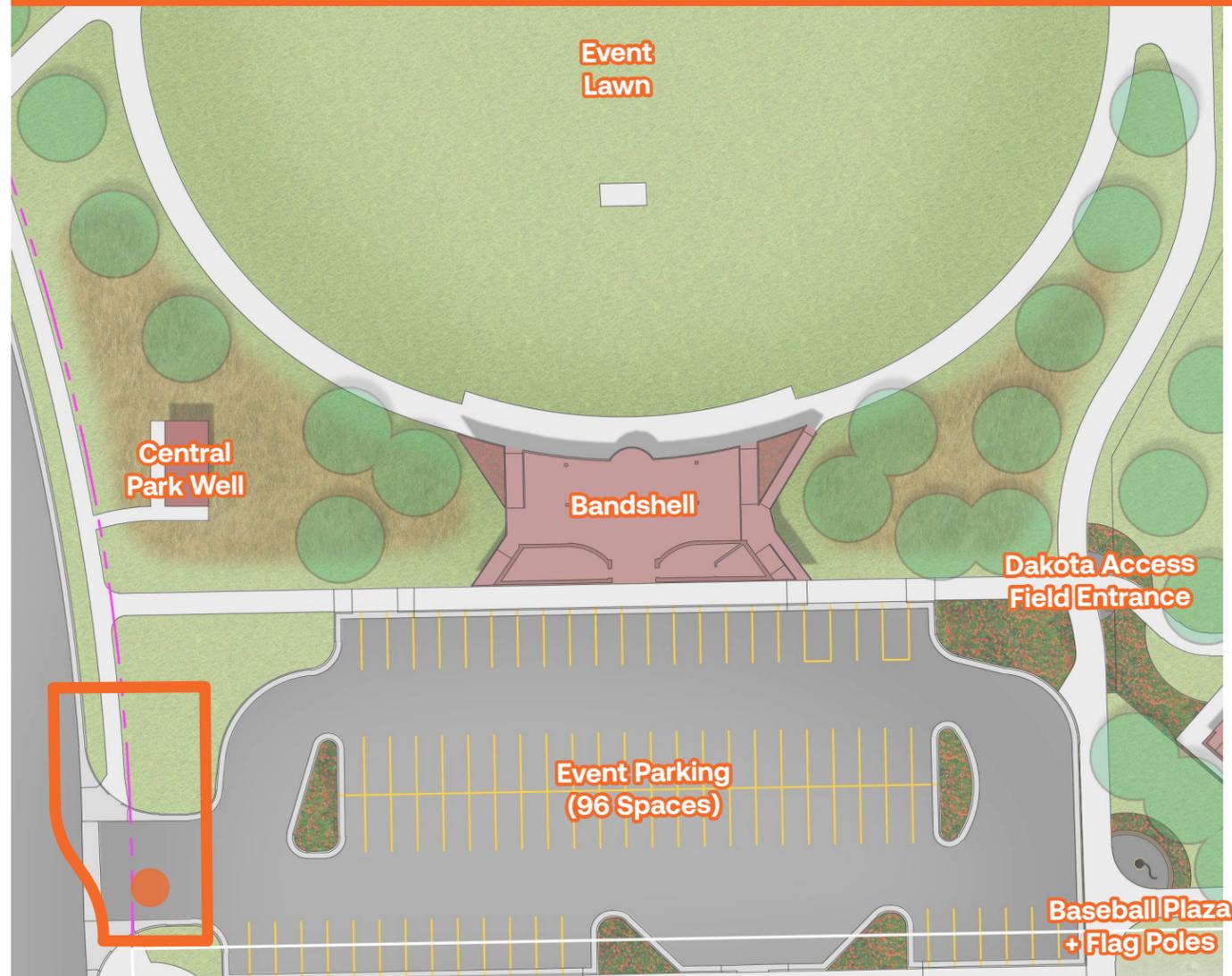
Horseshoe Pits at the Pavilion



Bean Bag Courts + Ping Pong Tables

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Family Commons | Bandshell + Event Lawn

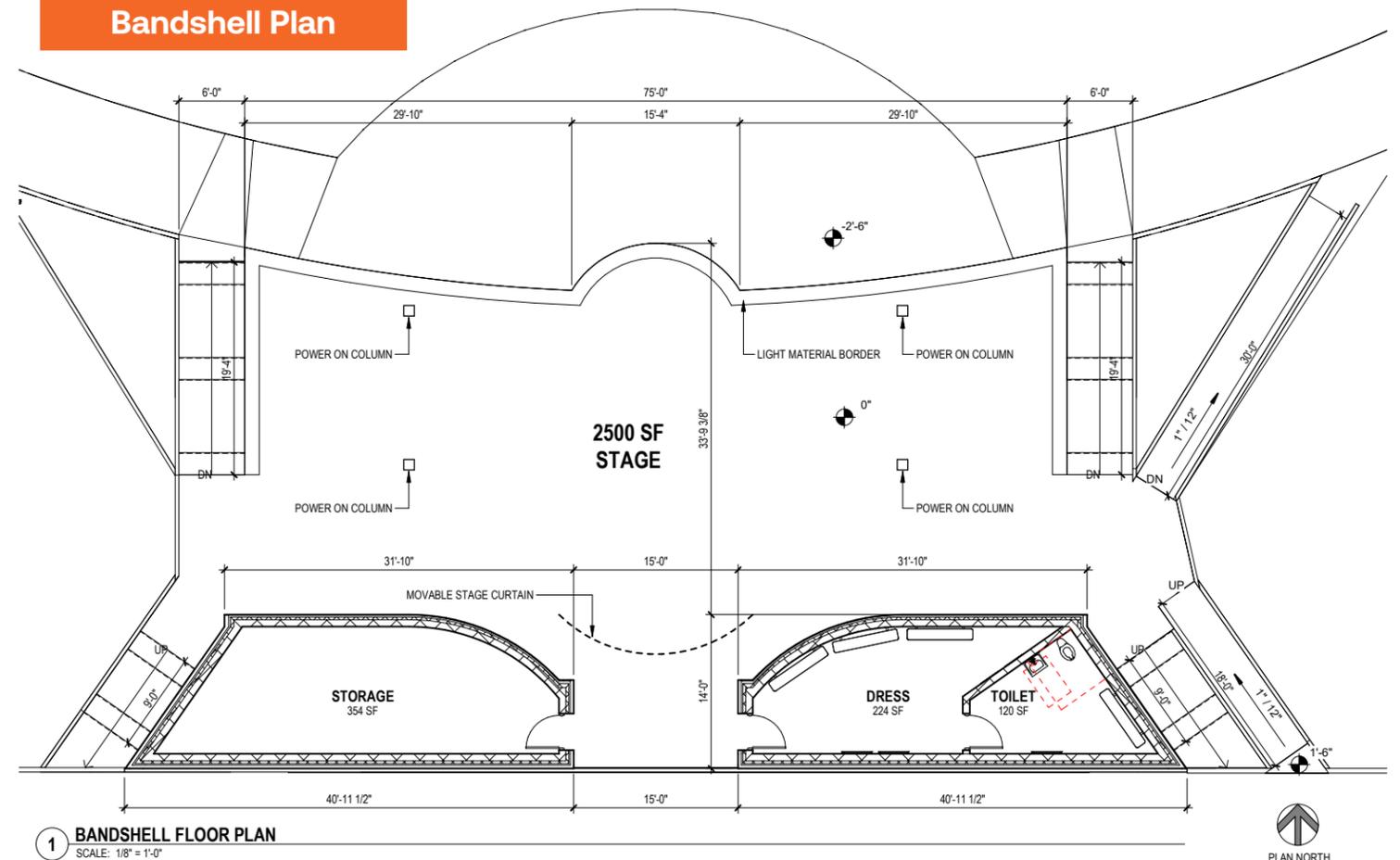


Using similar materials as the pavilion, the bandshell provides a flexible outdoor stage area with dedicated storage and dressing/back of house areas. Columns divide up the larger stage area so that no performance feels out of place, from a more intimate smaller ensemble or single speaker to a larger municipal band. These columns also provide important power connections for various events. The enclosed storage and dressing areas form the backdrop of the stage, which can be supplemented with a portable curtain, spanning the access to those spaces, when needed. The roof forms use a similar curved roof structure but area also articulated to provide proper early acoustic reflections for performers and help bounce the sound out toward the audience, while providing similar daylight apertures as the pavilion. The level of the stage is raised to provide the best viewpoint for spectators along the sloping event lawn.

Bandshell Materials



Bandshell Plan



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Family Commons | Band Shell + Event Lawn



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Central Park Reimagined

Family Commons | Band Shell + Event Lawn



TSP



Sloped Event Lawn with Park Structures

Central Park Reimagined

Explore + Connect

Approach

A current defining element at Central Park is the naturalized 9 Hole Disc Golf Course. This landscape feature will set the precedent for the entire park. This landscape will be visible throughout the park creating pockets of prairie within the city.

- Nature Play Space + Central Hill
- Disc Golf + Nature Exploration
- Reflection Spaces





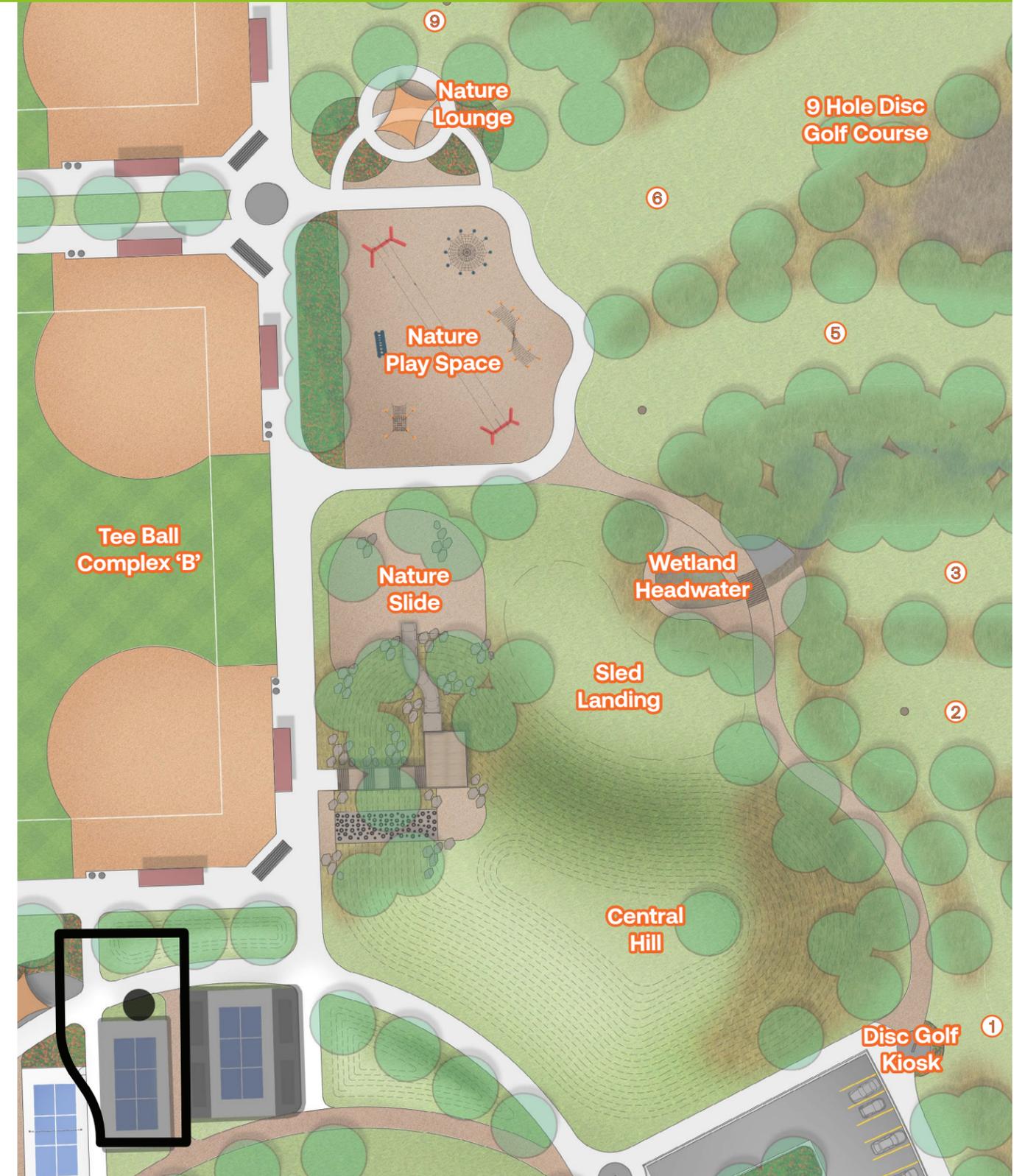
Central Park Reimagined

Explore + Connect | Exploration Play Space + Central Hill



Explore + Connect

Connecting with Nature is easy at the Central Hill and Exploration Play Area. There is no doubt that the ultimate urban nature experience is at the Central Hill. The hill naturally invites us to climb it and feel the success of being at the top. This feature acts in all seasons as the hill will feature informal sledding as well as a formal Nature Slide that will make you climb back up to the top as quick as you went down! At the Nature Play Space there are multiple nature based play items including a flat ground zip-line that leads to the Nature Slide.





Explore + Connect

Central Park Reimagined

Explore + Connect | Exploration Play Space + Central Hill





Explore + Connect



Explore + Connect

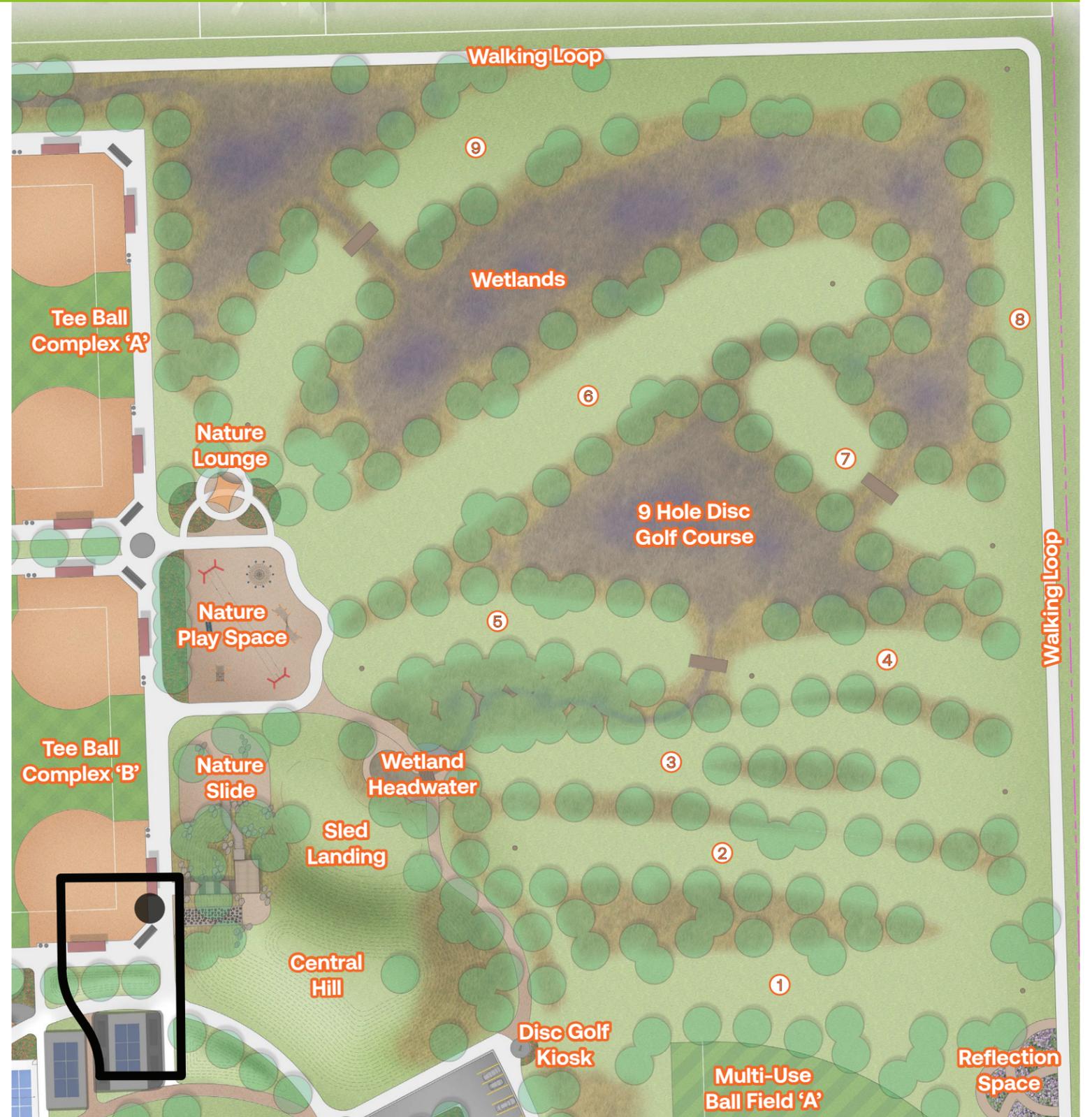
Central Park Reimagined

Explore + Connect | Disc Golf + Nature Exploration



Explore + Connect

Nature Connection is important to Harrisburg residents. Since it's forming, the 9 hole disc golf course has been a success at Central Park. We played off this success to turn this area into an exploration space, accessible from any direction of the park. Improvements consist of establishing a defining prairie-scape that ties the landscape together while still looking natural.





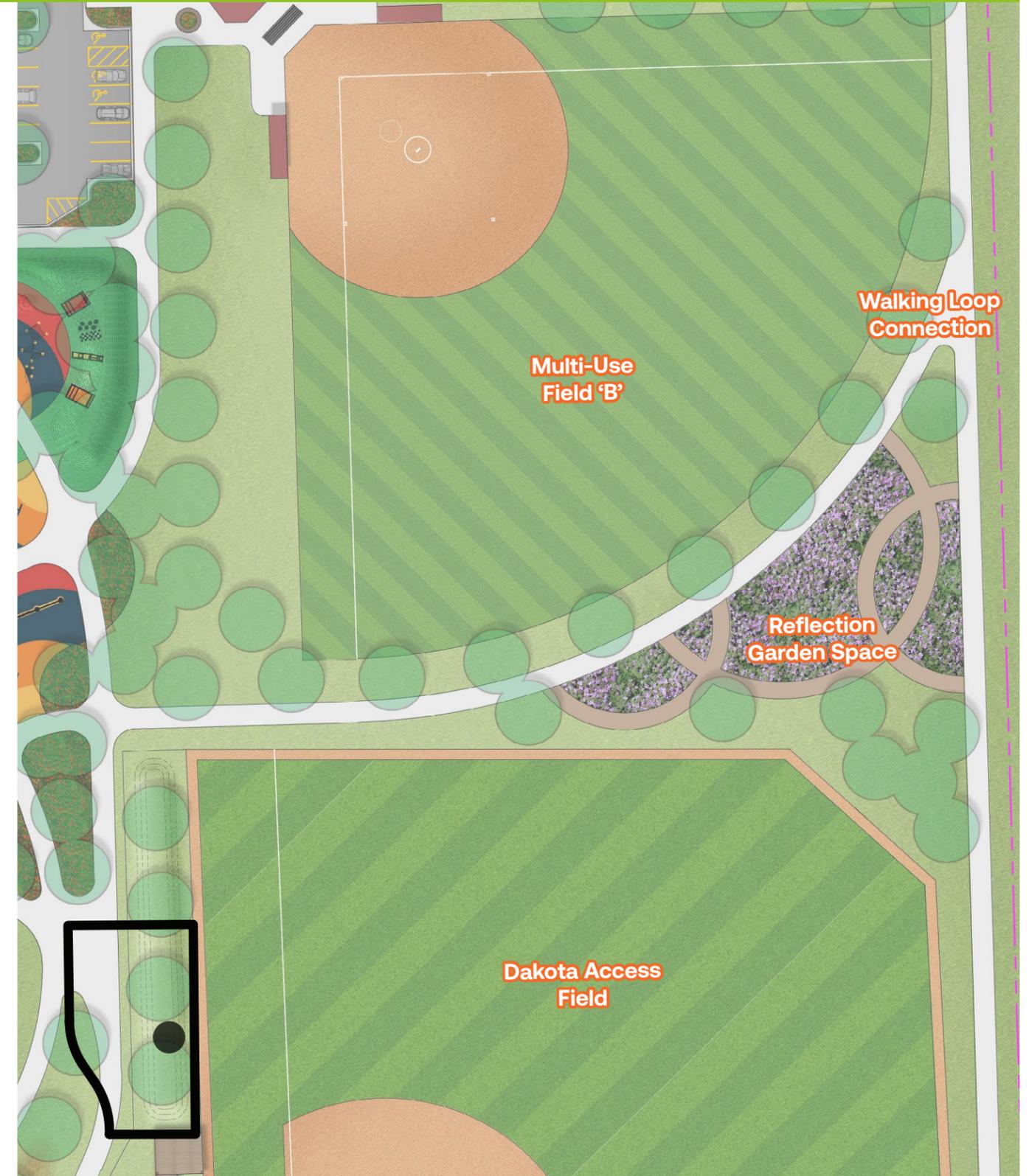
Explore + Connect

Central Park Reimagined

Explore + Connect | Reflection Garden Spaces



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Explore + Connect

Park Activation | Why Activate Spaces?

- + Increase **Attendance**
- + Create **Safer** Places
- + Encourage New **Development**
- + Create an **Iconic** Destination
- + **Diversify** User Groups
- + Establish an **Identity**
- + **Build Community**



Park Activation | Strategies



Park Activation | Seasonal Uses



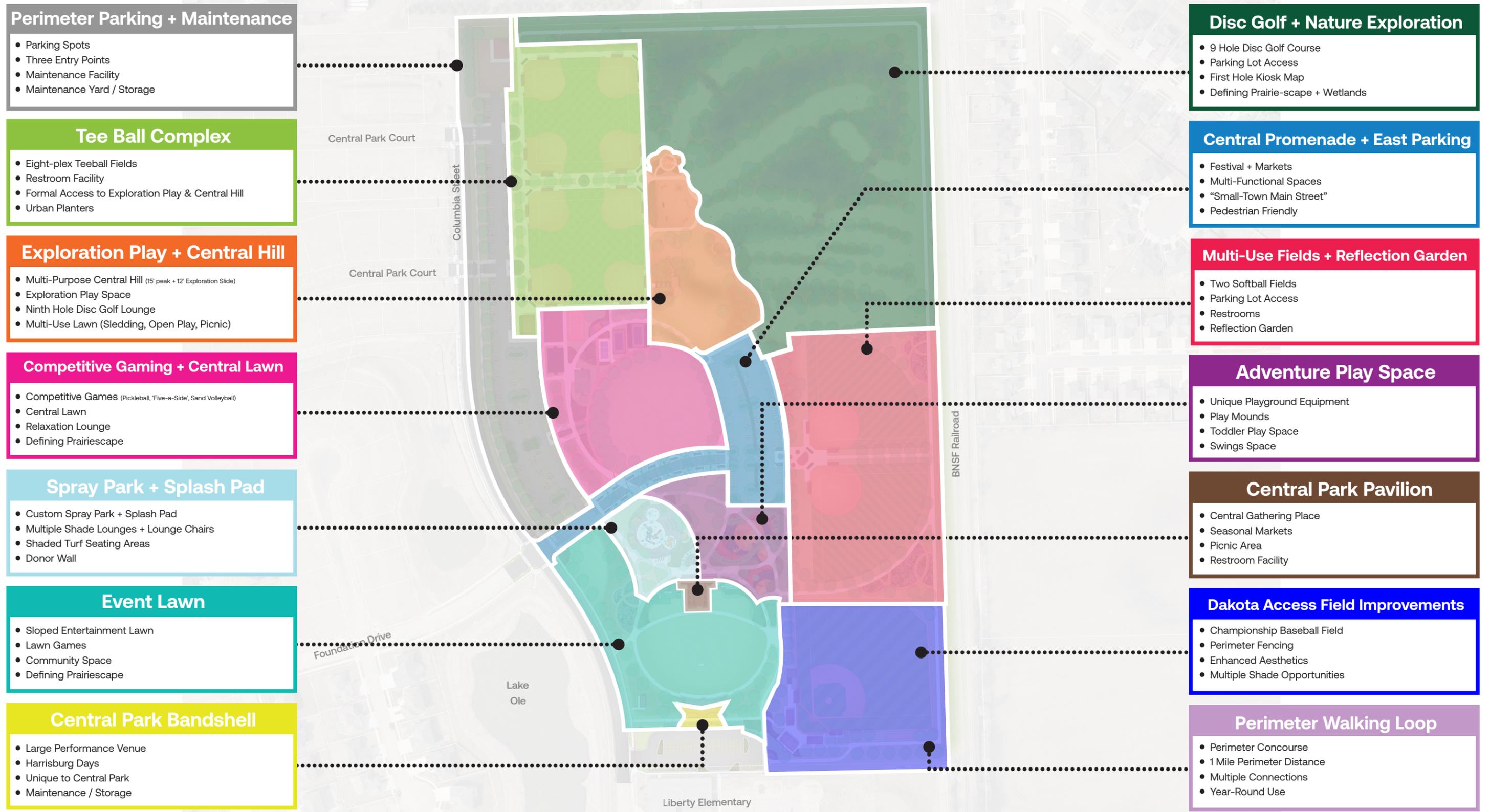
Park Activation | Summer View



Park Activation | Winter View



Programming Distribution



Project Costs



Central Park Cost Totals	
*High-Range Total Estimated Project Costs	\$17,000,000
Mid-Range Total Estimated Project Costs	\$15,000,000
Low-Range Total Estimated Project Costs	\$13,500,000

*High-Range Totals include high-end cost options, finishes and amenities. Mid-Range Totals reflect moderate cost options, finishes and amenities, while Low-Range Totals reflect economical cost options, finishes and amenities.

Next Steps | Funding Central Park

Community Priorities



Water Recreation

Overwhelmingly the largest vote receiver at Harrisburg Days. 295 of the 840 votes (35%). A summer destination for water recreation.



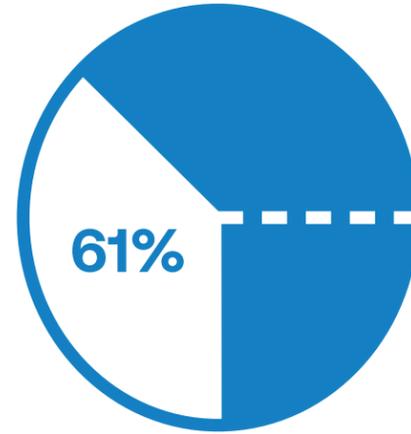
Unique Play & Emerging Recreation

The second largest vote receiver at Harrisburg Days. 225 of the 840 votes (26%). A year-round destination for recreation.



Authentic Place Making

Surprisingly, most people we talked with at community events had no idea where Central Park was. This is the time to create a recognizable landmark, known throughout the community, authentic to Harrisburg.



Build Off a Strong Park Core



Current Funding Timeline

2023 City Funding



Splash Pad

\$600,000 Allocated



2025 City Funding



Pavilion

\$1,300,000 Allocated



Band Shell

\$900,000 Allocated



Increase Financial Opportunities



Pursue Local Grant and Philanthropic Opportunities

Use the Central Park Master Plan document as a tool for people interested in making an impact in the local community.



Identify Areas of Sponsorship within the Park

Allowing areas of the park to be sponsored by businesses and other interest groups looking to contribute to this community asset.



Grow the Number of Community Events & Programs

Advertise and promote Central Park as space that is capable of hosting large and small events, year-round.



Develop a Revenue Sharing System For Central Park

Implement a revenue sharing system between the City of Harrisburg and event host when admission is charged for events.

Thank You

