



Parks

Riverside Park's River Run Playground Reconstruction

Located In Riverside Park at W82nd Street and Riverside Drive

CB7 - Parks and Environment Committee

August 27, 2025

Abel Bainnson Butz, LLP

Total Budget: \$7.09m

Funded by Council Member Gale Brewer CD6

Project Size: 0.70 ac



City NTS 



Neighborhood NTS 



Site 



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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Project Location



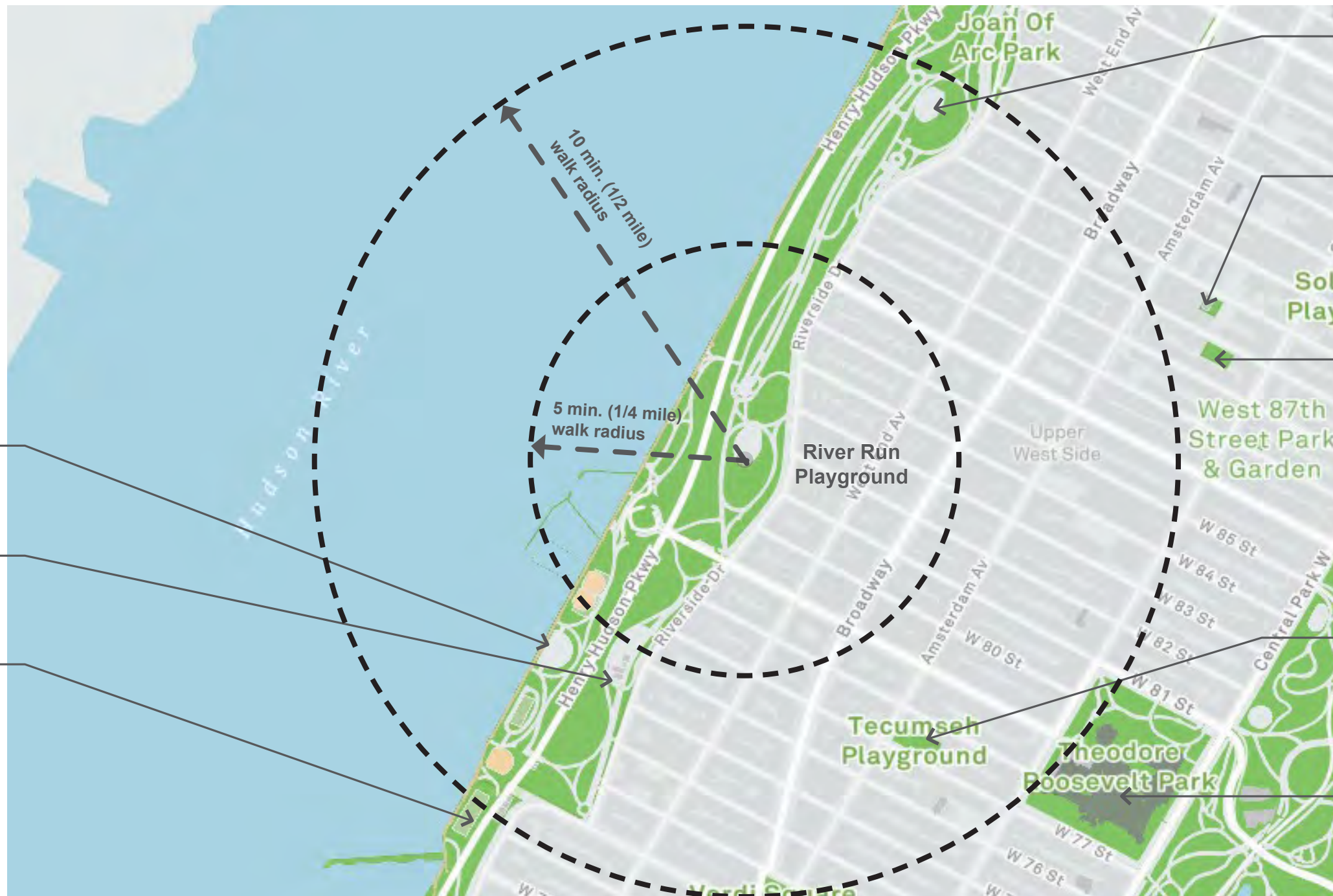
Land Use Categories

- 1 And 2 Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential (Walkup)
- Multi-Family Residential (Elevator)
- Mixed Use
- Commercial & Office
- Industrial & Manufacturing
- Transportation / Utilities
- Public Facilities & Institutional
- Open Space And Outdoor Recreation
- Parking
- Vacant Land
- Other





Image exhibits the playground in relationship to the 1930s park expansion, circa 1945



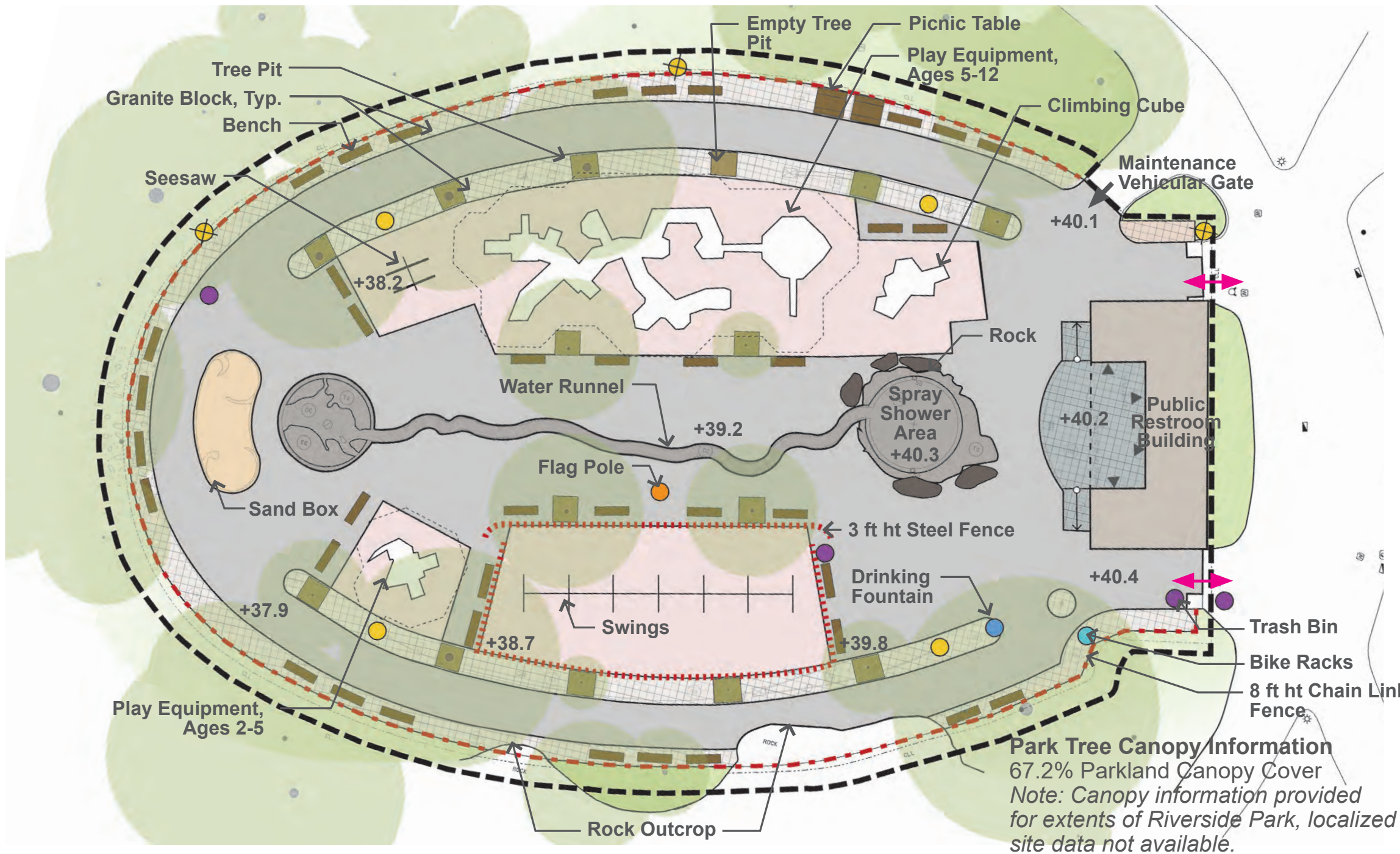
- Riverside Park / Classic Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Play Equipment
- Riverside Park / Neufeld Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
- Riverside Park South**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
Soccer
Baseball
Dog Run
Play Equipment
Eatery

- Riverside Park / Hippo Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Play Equipment
Spray Shower
- St. Gregory's Playground**
Play Equipment
- West 87th Street Garden**
Seating
- Tecumseh Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
Play Equipment
Spray Shower
- Theodore Roosevelt Park**
Dog Run
Sitting Areas
Nobel Monument



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Neighborhood Parks Context





Legend

- Project Limit
- ↔ Park Entrance
- Play Equipment on Safety Surface
- Building or Structure
- Building Entrance
- Asphalt Pavement
- Concrete Pavement
- Granite Block
- Bluestone Pavement
- Planted Area
- Tree
- Parks Light Pole (Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire)
- ⊕ Parks Light Pole (Octagonal Pole with Flood Lights)
- Drinking Fountain
- Trash Bin
- Bike Racks
- PRB Public Restroom Building (Non-Accessible & Not In Contract)

Heat Vulnerability Index
Site is not in high HVI area.

Rat Mitigation Zone
Site is not in rat mitigation zone.

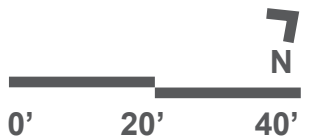


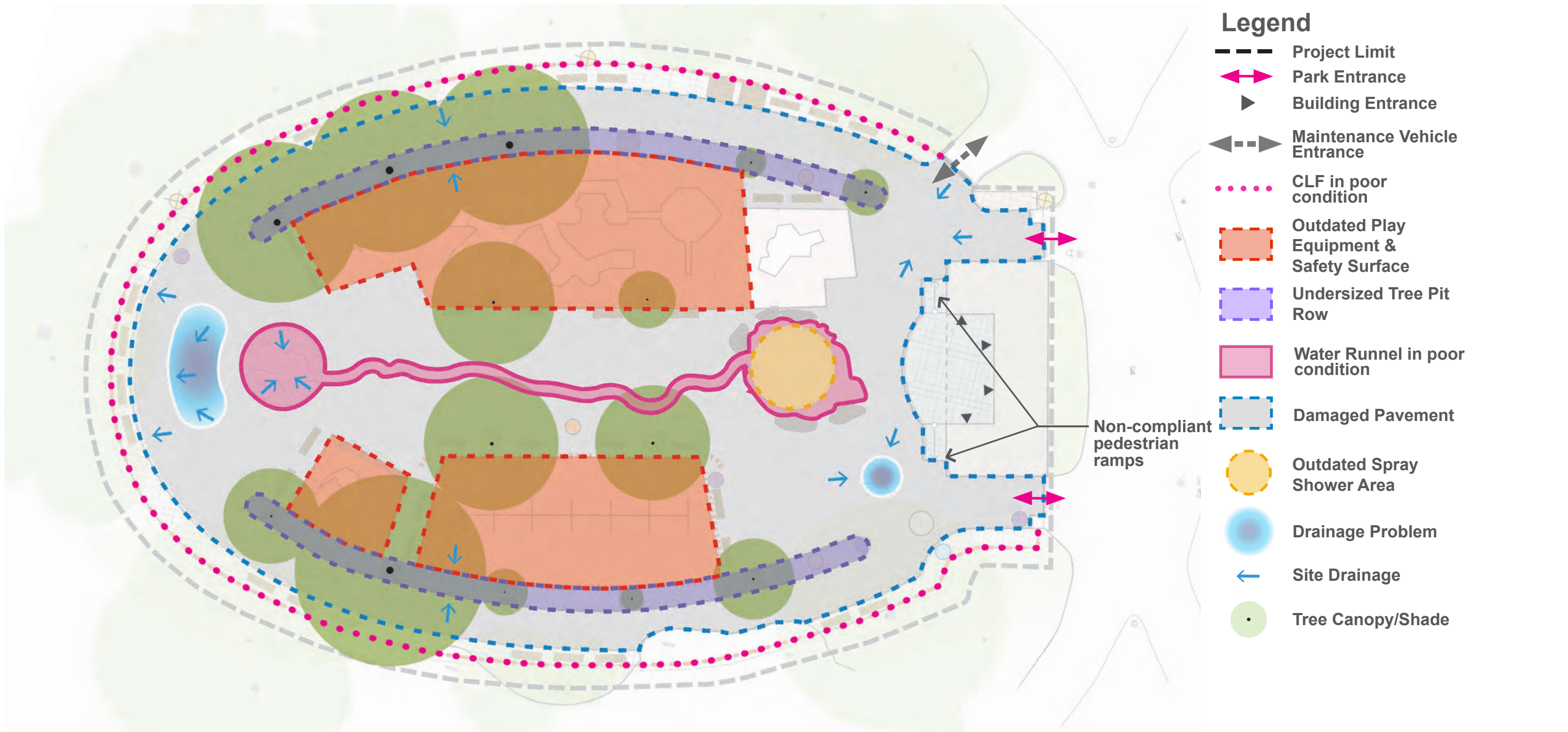
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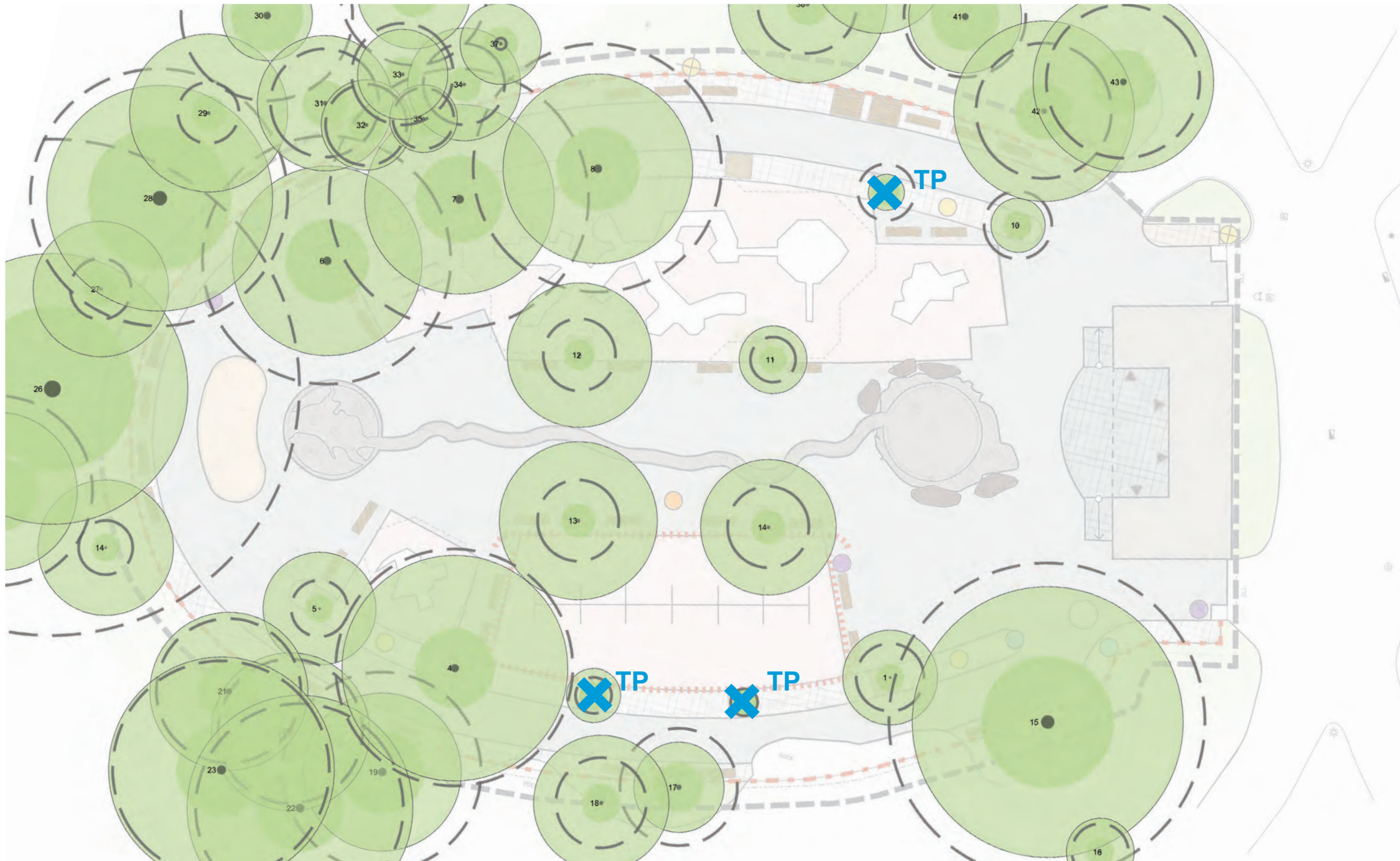


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Diagram







Legend

- Canopy
- Structural Root Zone
- Critical Root Zone
- X TP** Tree to be transplanted



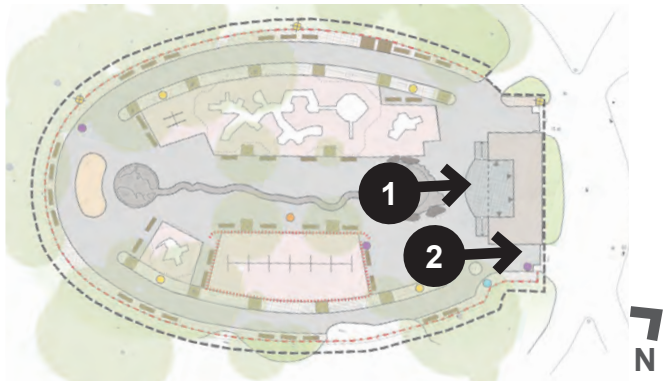
1 - South facade of public restroom building



2 - Steel double entry gate (east side)



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Photos

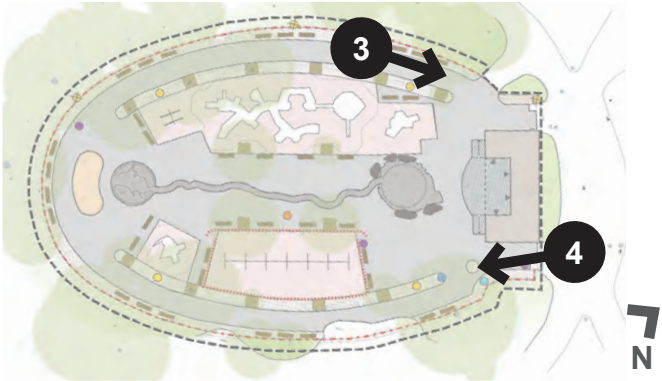




3 - Chainlink vehicular maintenance gate and western steel entry gate



4 - Eastern playground perimeter





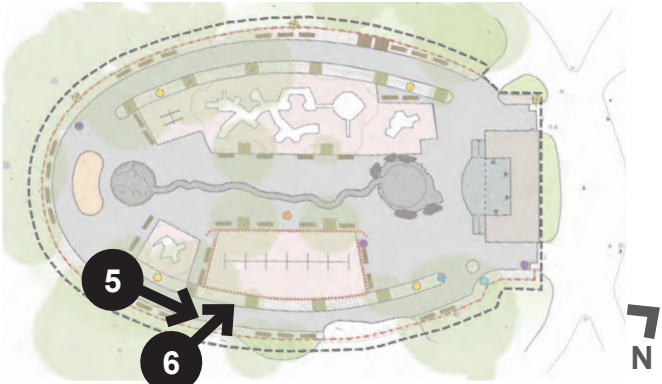
5 - Condition at northeastern perimeter



6 - Swings on east side of playground



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Photos

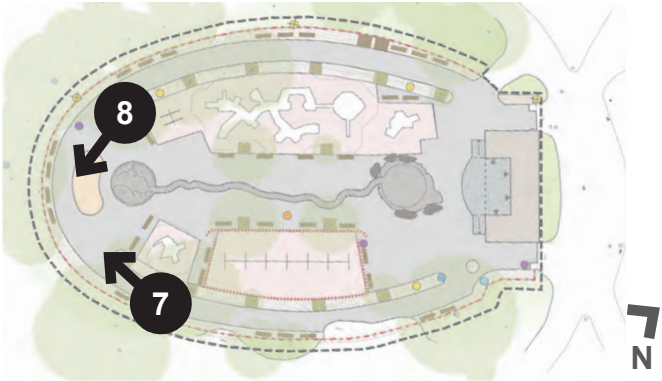




7 - Southern perimeter



8 - Sculptural sand box, created by local artist

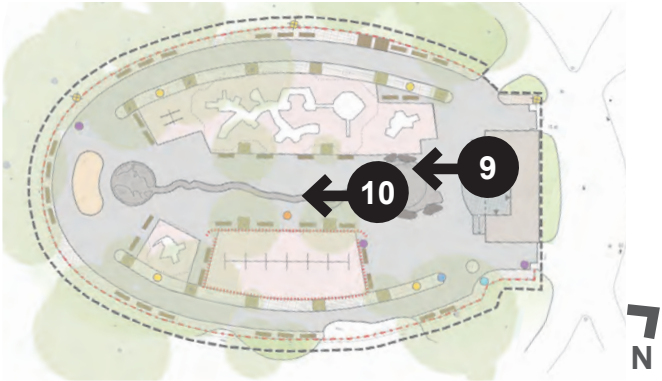




9 - Water play area features decorative pavement and rocks



10 - Water runnel is in poor condition

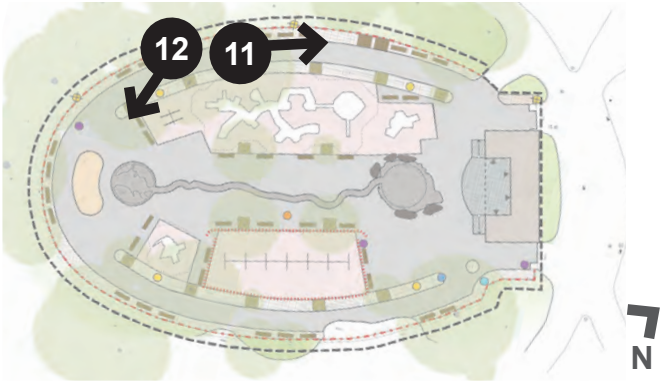




11 - Cracked & heaving asphalt pavement due to tree roots



12 - Mature trees are in undersized tree pits bordered with granite block

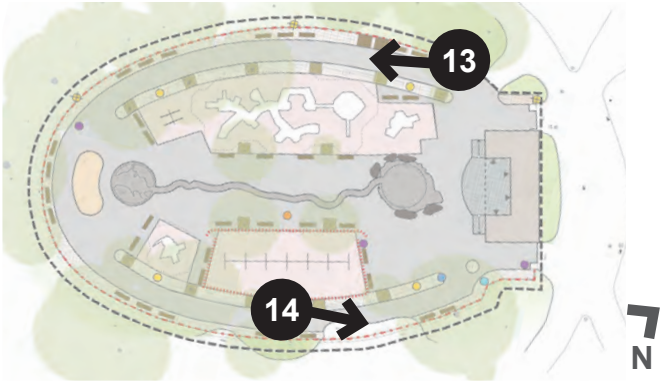




13 - Picnic tables and benches on northwestern perimeter



14 - Benches are outdated and positioned on a sloped area.

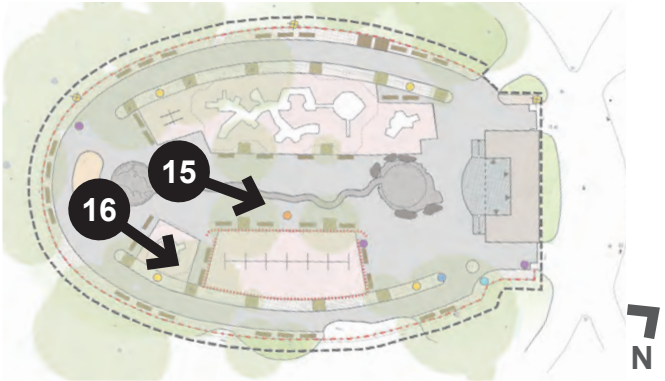




15 - Flag pole



16 - Small play structure (ages 2-5 yrs)





17 - Seesaw and large play structure (ages 5-12 yrs.) at background



18 - Climbing play cubes



Community Priorities

Green

preserve healthy trees, add planting

Seating

benches, picnic tables, gathering spaces

Play

ADA accessible, challenging play equipment, safer climbing options, slides

Water

improve water play features, improve site drainage

Site Safety

lighting, improve chain link fence

Sustainability

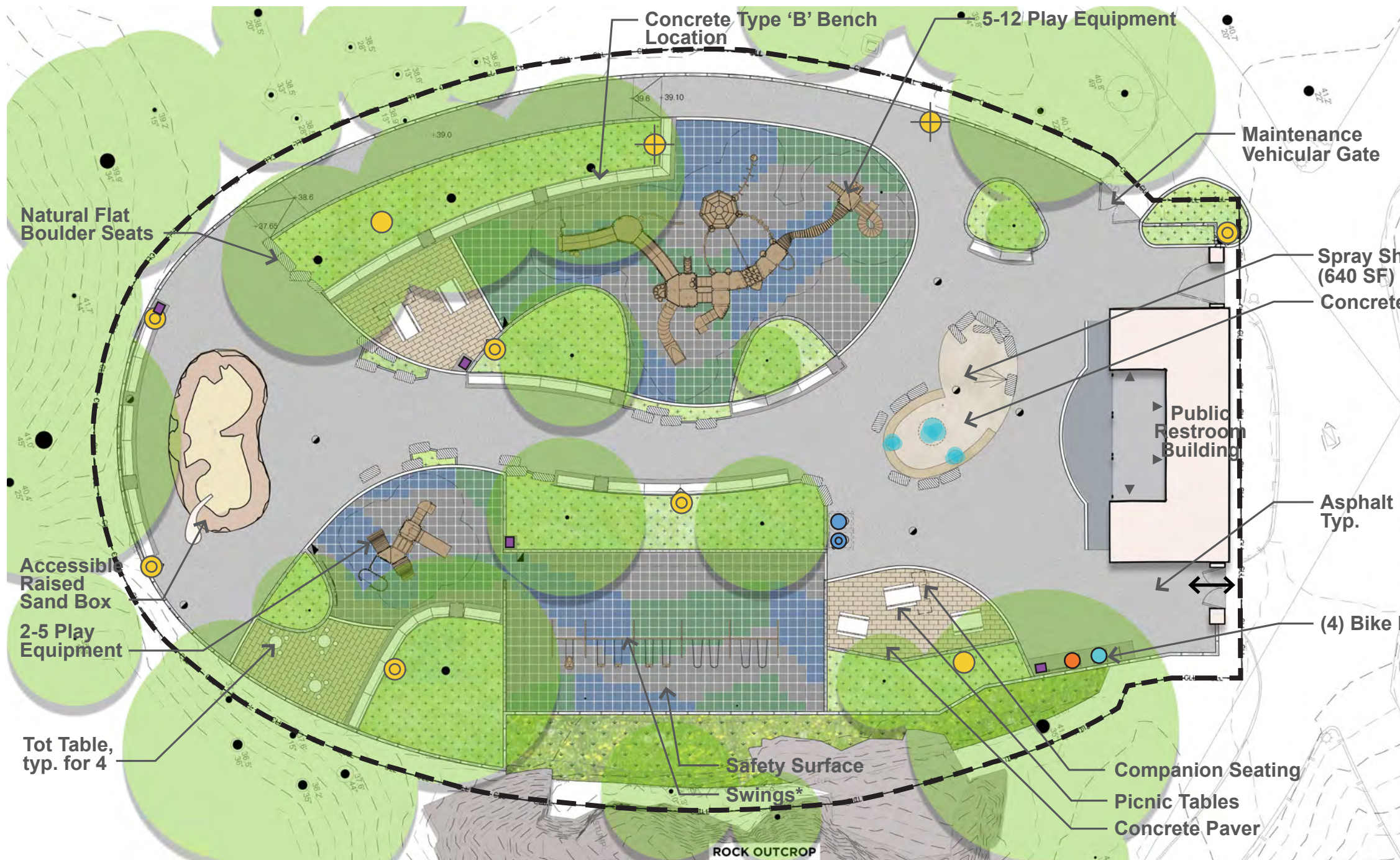
green, manage stormwater, signage explaining trash protocol



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Legend

Building or Structure

Project Limit

Steel Fence & Gate

Park Entry

* Swings are 8' Ht. & include:

- 4 strap seats
- 4 full bucket seats
- 1 inclusive seat

PRB Public Restroom Building
(Not Accessible & Not in Contract)

Hi-Lo Drinking Fountain

Bottle Filler

Trash Bin

Spray Shower Area

Bike Racks

Toddler Scooter Racks

Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - Exist. to Remain

Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - Relocated

Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - New

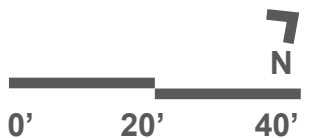


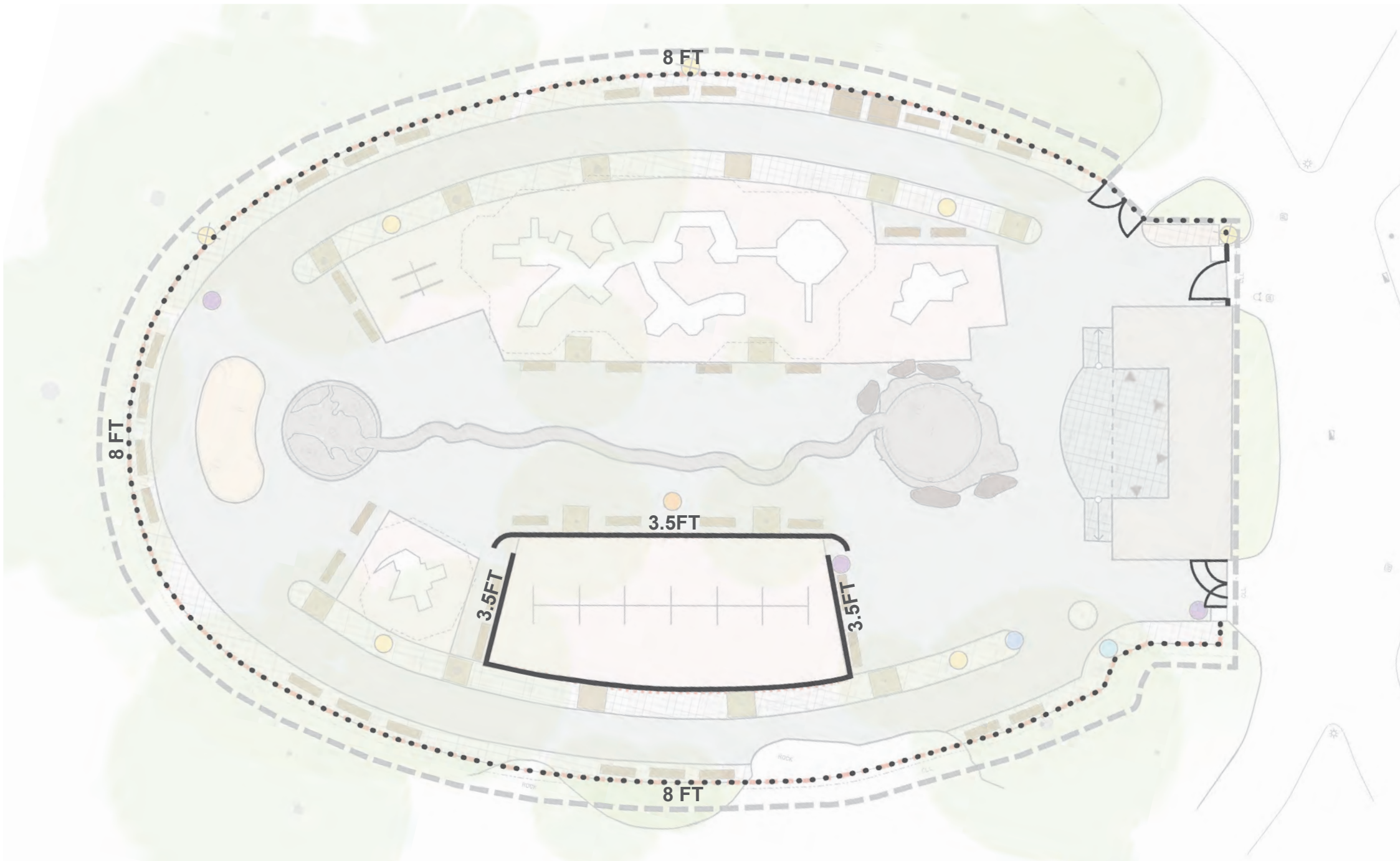
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Schematic Plan





Legend



FENCE GATE

EXISTING FENCES (x = HEIGHT)



CLF



STEEL

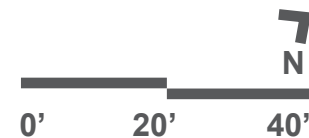


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Fence Diagram





Legend

MD FENCE GATE

MODIFY EXISTING - PAINT

MD

MEDIUM: 4' HT.
x'

STEEL

LOW: 1' HT.

x' WICKET STEEL
FENCE

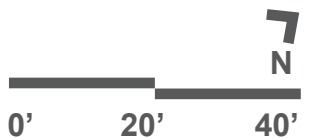


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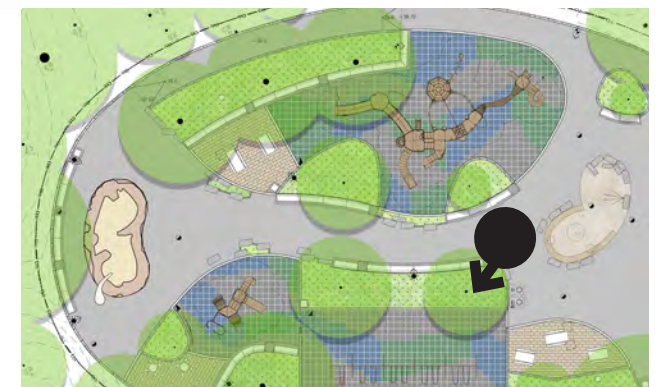


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Proposed Fence Diagram



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Key Plan
NTS

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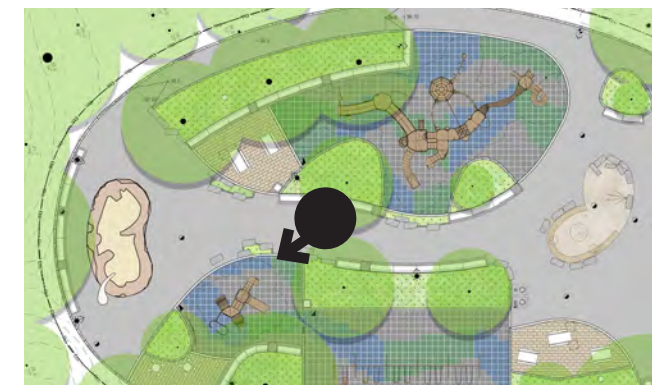
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Swing



Note

- Total elevated components accessible by transfer - 6 (Required - 3)
- Total accessible ground level components shown - 16 (Required -3)
- Total different types of ground level components - 8 (Required - 8)



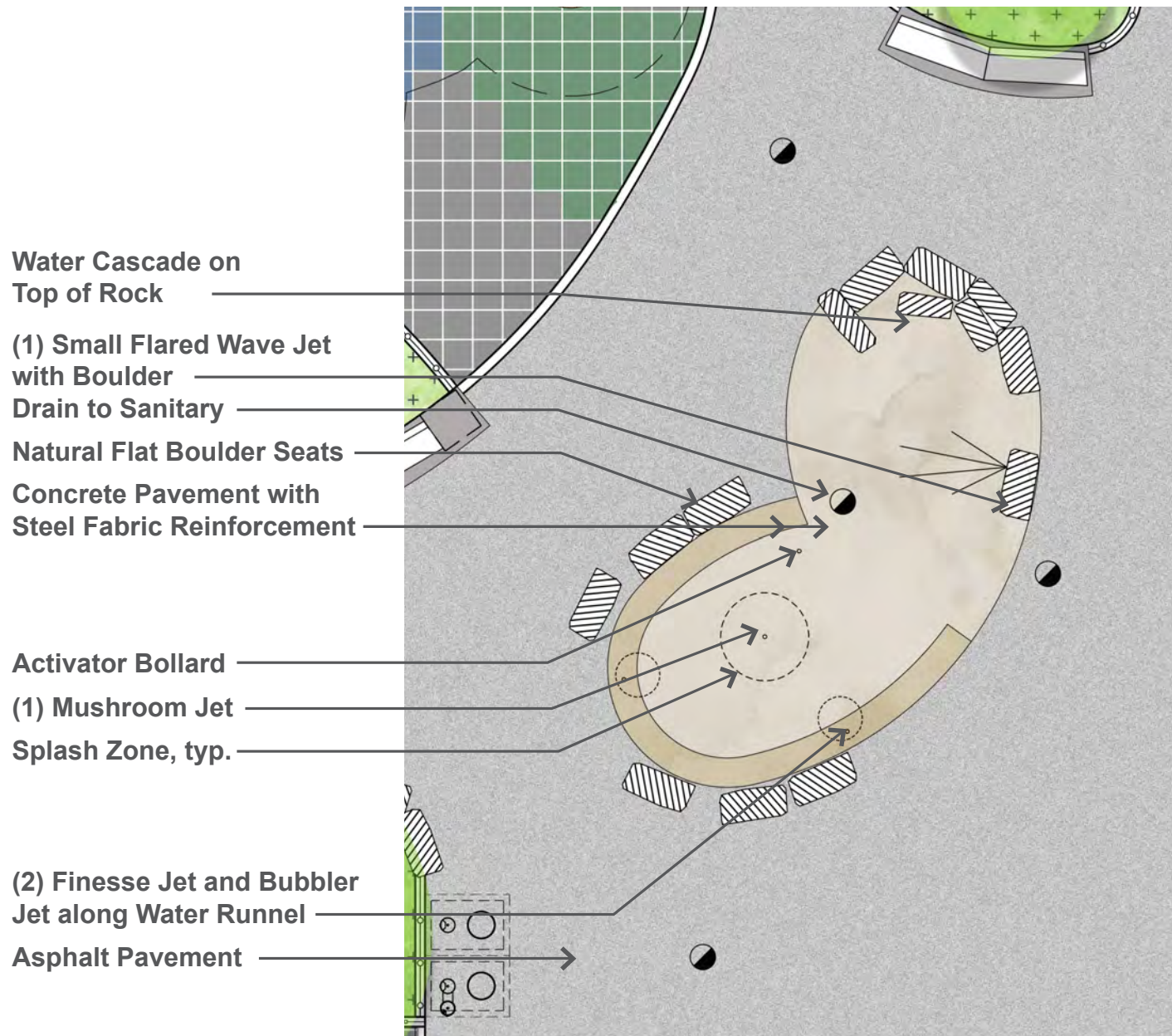
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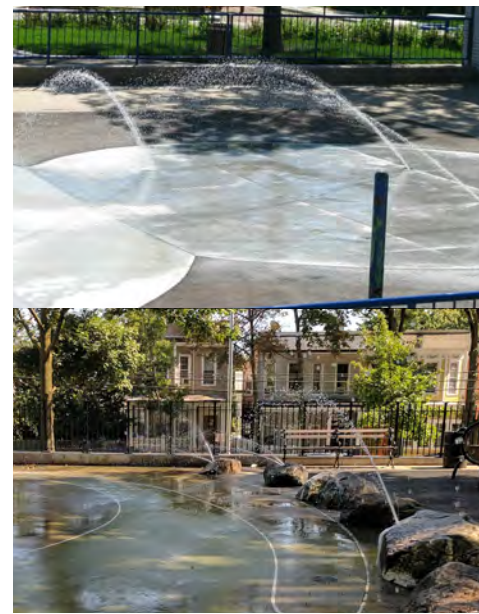
- Total elevated components accessible by ramp - 12 (Required - 8)
- Total elevated components accessible by transfer - 9 (Required - 8)
- Total accessible ground level components shown - 10 (Required -8)
- Total different types of ground level components - 8 (Required - 8)



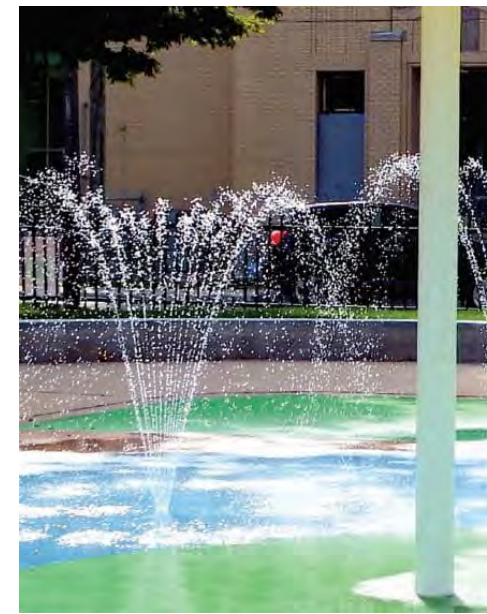


Spray Shower: 640 SF

Spray Shower Enlargement Plan
NTS



Small Flared Wave Jet with Boulder



Mushroom Jet



Splash Runnel with Finesse Jet and Bubbler Jet



Natural Flat Boulder Seats,
South Bay Quartzite



Activator Bollard

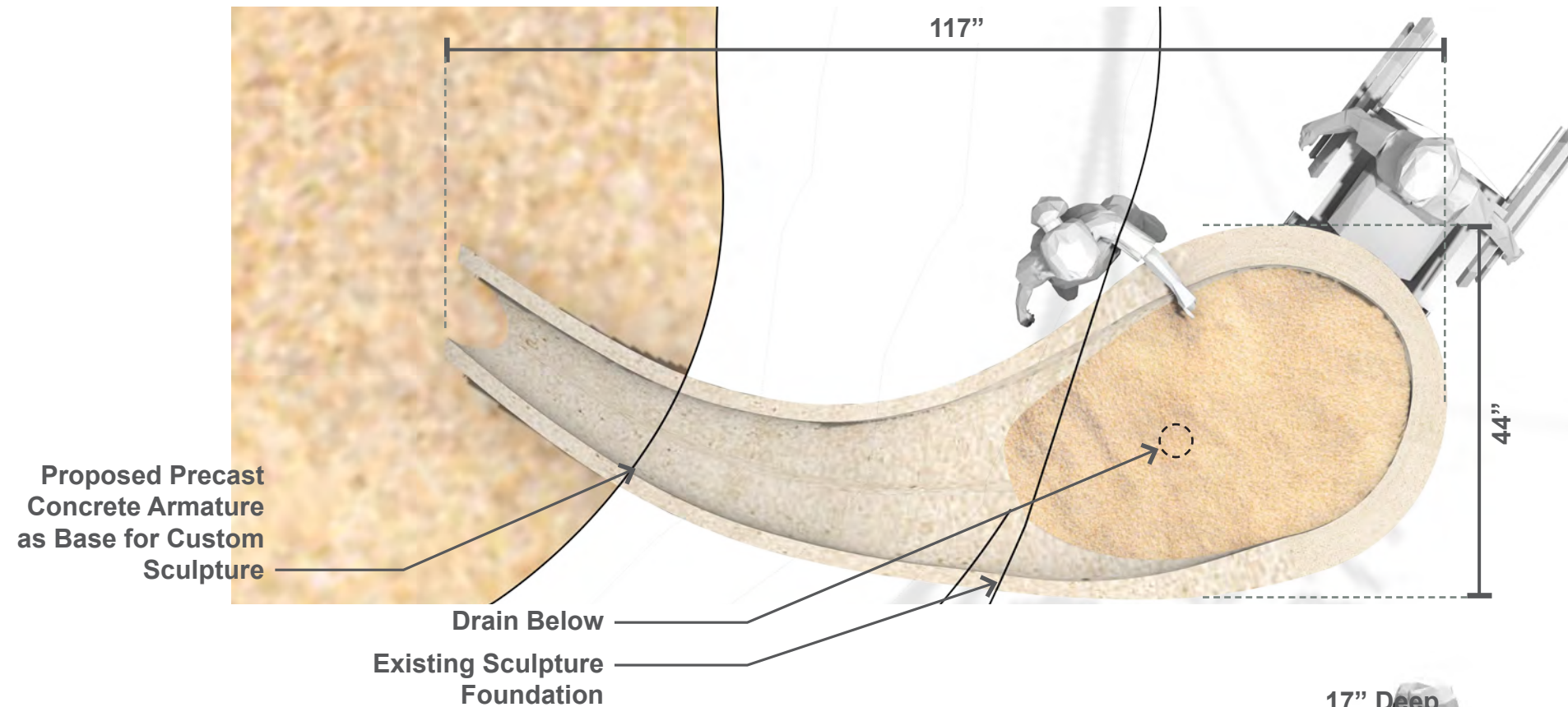


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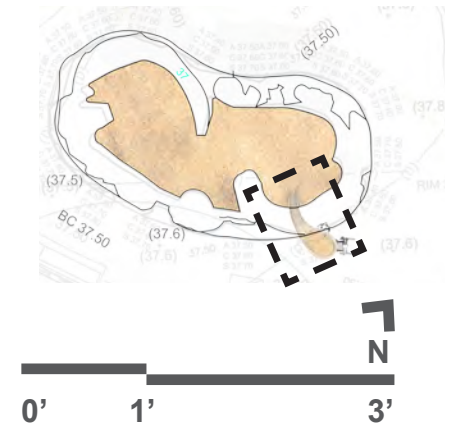
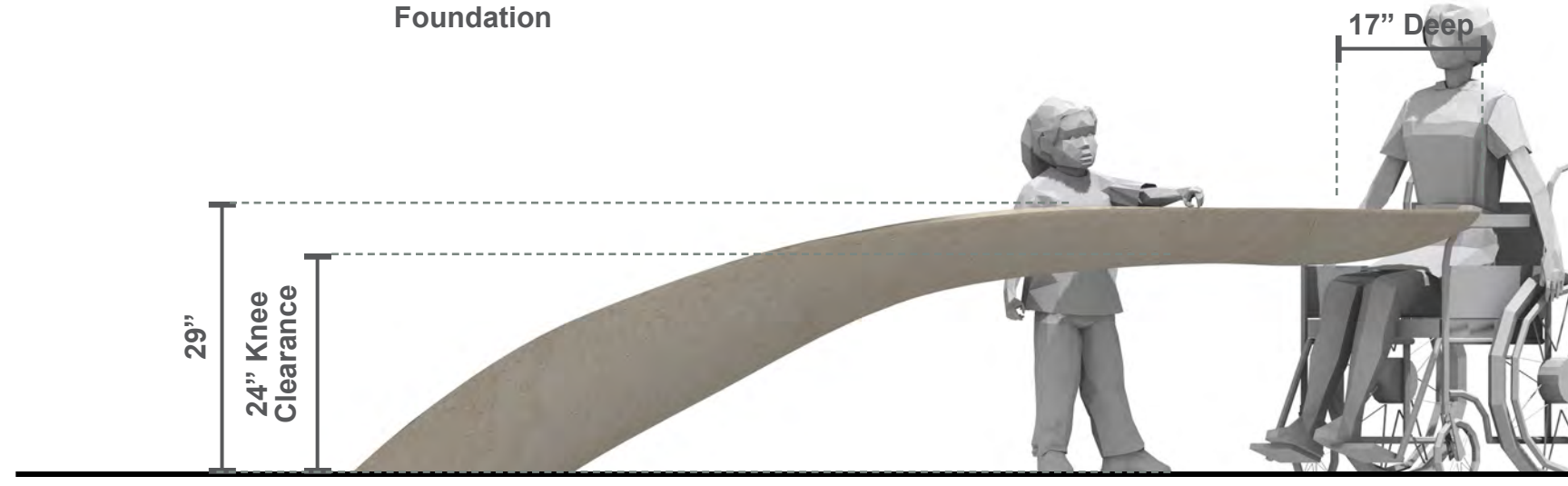
Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Spray Shower Materials



Note

This image is schematic and represents the cantilever intent and armature as base for custom sculpture. ABB is working with the original sandbox artist to develop a matching aesthetic.

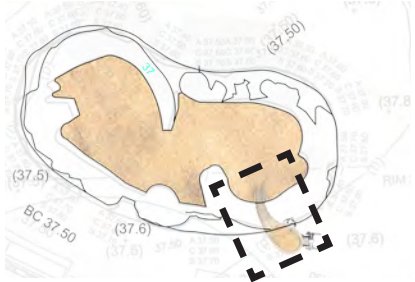
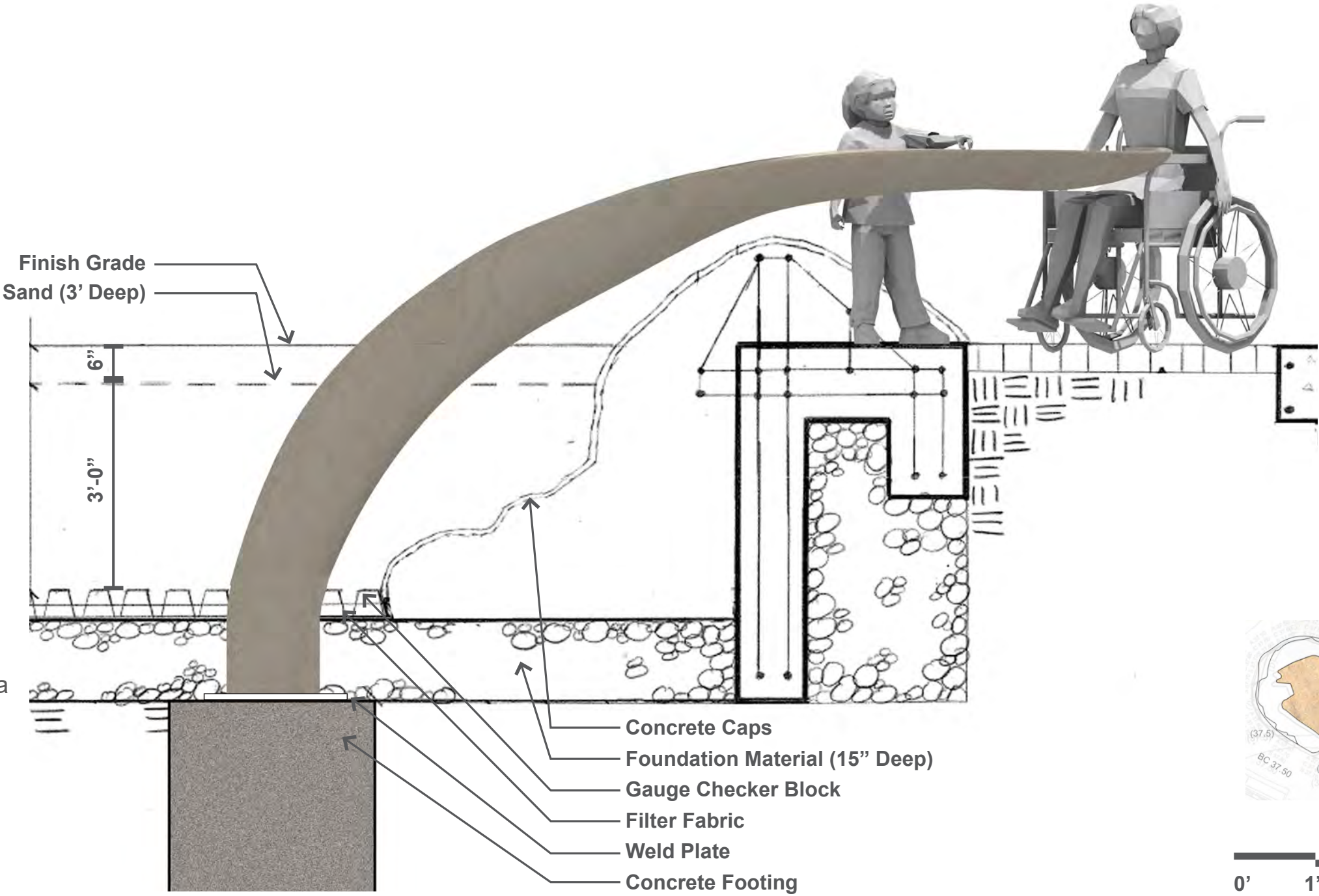
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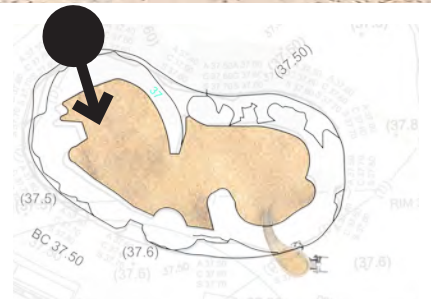
Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Proposed Armature Section



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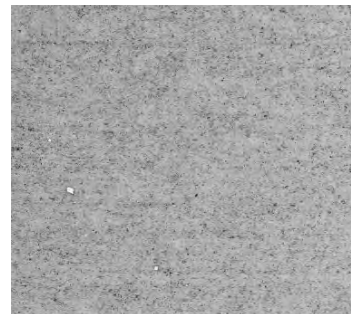
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | View



Concrete Pavement



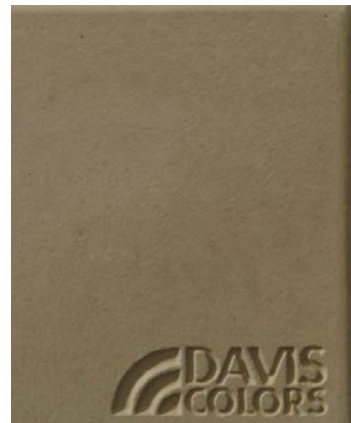
Asphalt Pavement



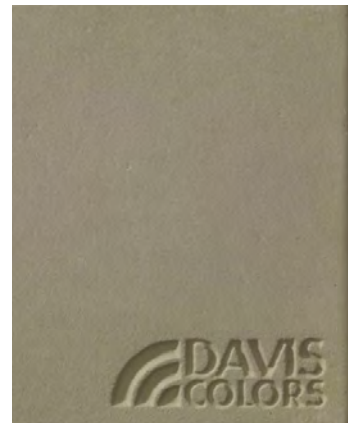
Stone on Concrete Base - Bluestone



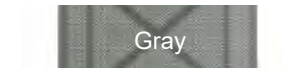
Hanover Concrete Paver, Size: 12"x12", Color: Beige



Colored Concrete Pavement, Sand Diego Buff 5237 by Davis Colors or Equal



Colored Concrete Pavement, Sandstone 5237 by Davis Colors or Equal



Steel Decks



Cable



Slides
Stainless Steel



Roof
Recycled Plastic Lumber

Play Equipment Colors & Materials (2-5 & 5-12)



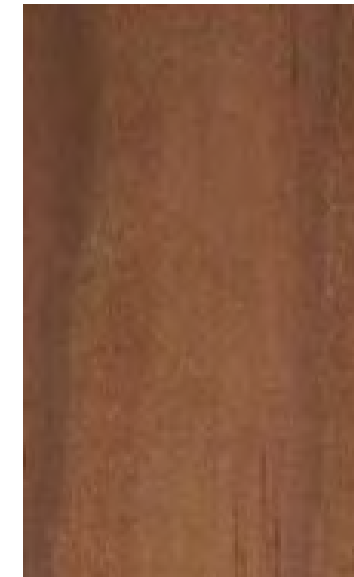
Safety Surface: GreenScape Sustainable Surface or Eq. Selection from NYC Parks Standard Colors



Concrete Type 'B' Bench with Armrests



Wooden Picnic Tables, Accessible and Regular



**Finish of Picnic Tables and Benches, Typ.
Wood Slats:
Kebonized Radiata Pine**



Bigbelly Trash Cans



Precast Concrete Tot Tables and Seats



**ADA Accessible Hi-Lo
Drinking Fountain
Color: Black**



**Bottle Filler
Color: Black**



Double Gate for Steel Fence Vehicular Access, 4ft high



4ft High Steel Picket Fence at Perimeter, 3ft Steel Picket Fence at Swings



Wicket Steel Fence



Standard NYC DOT 'City Rack'



Toddler Scooter Racks, Color: Black



Type B-9 Pole with Riverside Luminaire



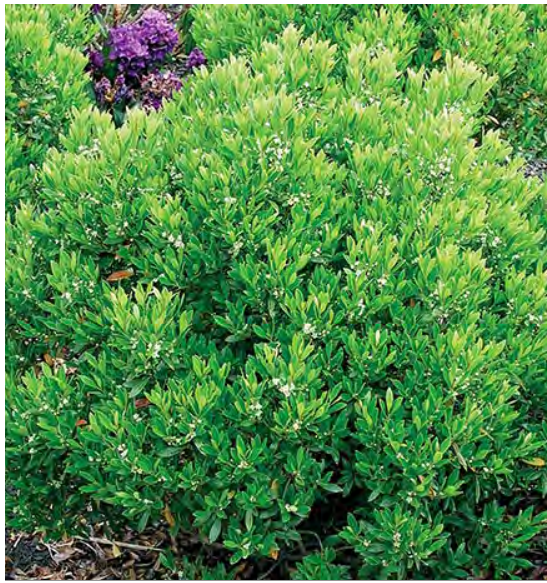
Christmas fern *
Polystichum acrostichoides



Black Chokeberry *
Aronia Melanocarpa



White Wood Aster
Eurybia Divaricata



Inkberry *
Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'



False Spirea
Astilbe Bridal Veil



Fragrant Sumac
Rhus aromatica 'gro low'



Pennsylvania Sedge *
Carex pensylvanica



Blazing Star
Liatris Spicata Kobold



Creeping Lily Turf *
Liriope Spicata



Allegheny Spurge *
Pachysandra procumbens

Evergreen *



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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Planting Palette

Total Project Area: 30,140 SF

Legend

PLANTED AREA (6,020 SF)

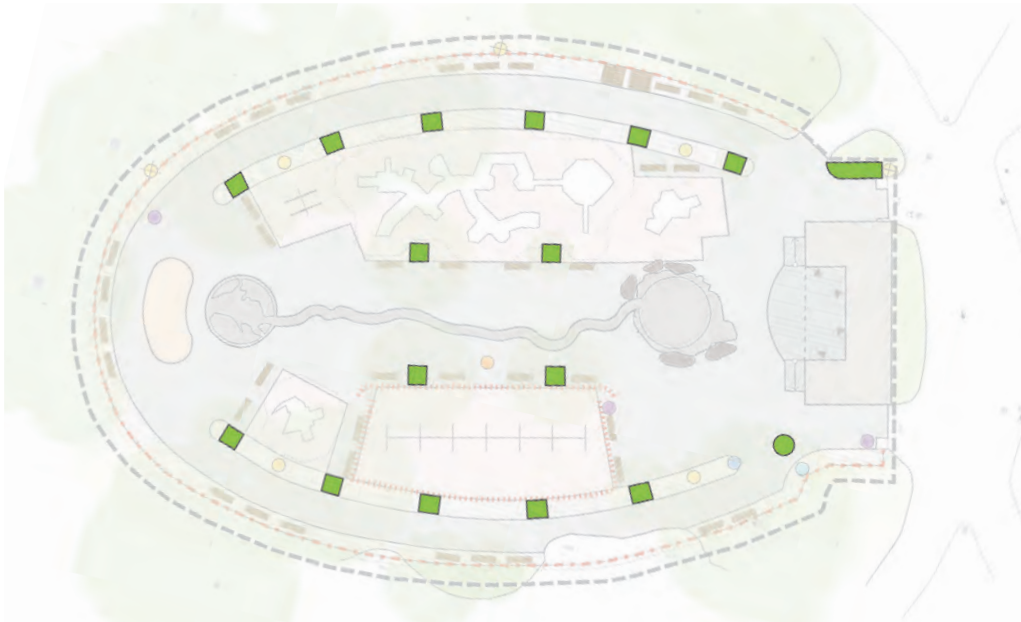
SF of areas noted above are for proposed conditions.

Sustainable Practices

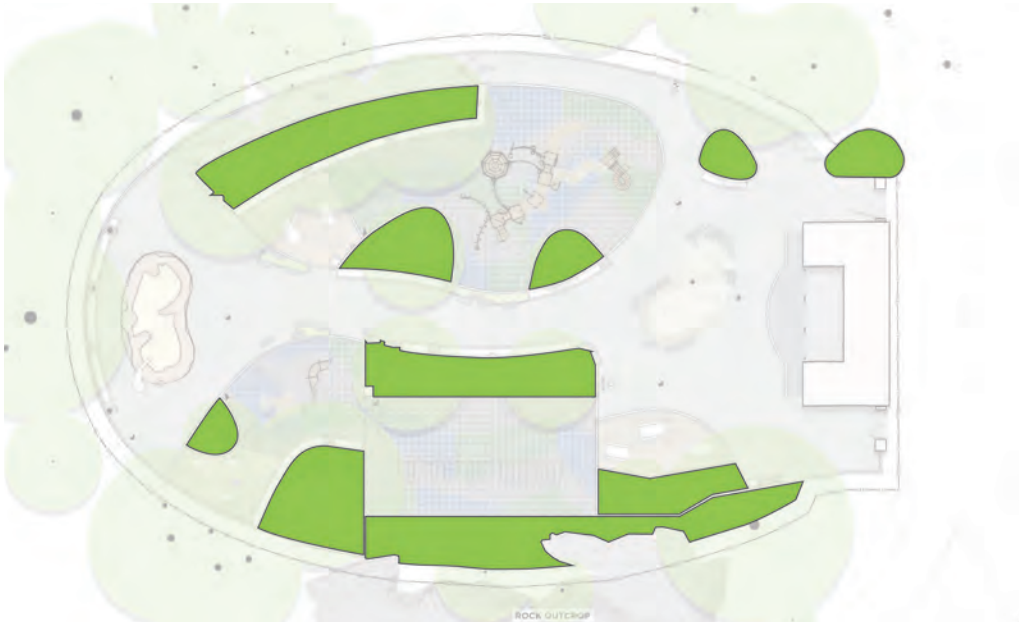
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Improve tree health and growing conditions
- Use site appropriate resilient plant material

DEP Unified Stormwater Rule (USWR) Requirement

USWR stormwater management and permitting is required for this project. USWR is required because more than 20,000 SF is being disturbed.



Existing Permeability: 2.5% (748 SF)



Proposed Permeability: 20.0% (6,020 SF)



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Public Restroom Building
(Not Accessible, NIC)

Spray Shower

Picnic Area, Beyond

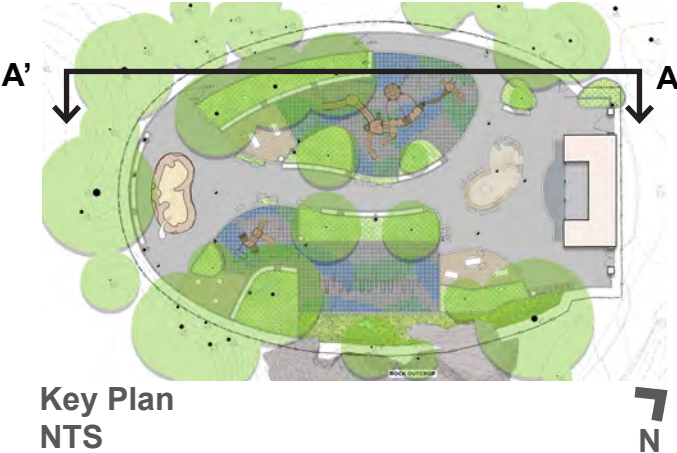
Play Equipment Ages 5-12

8' Height Swings, Beyond

Play Equipment Ages 2-5, Beyond

Sand Box with Accessible Sand Table

0' 10' 20'





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