



Onion Creek Metropolitan Park

All Abilities Playground

Virtual Community Meeting #1

January 18, 2024

6:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

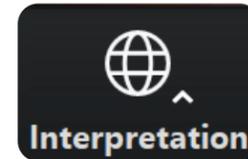
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welcome

meeting agenda and guidelines

1. Project Team
2. Project Timeline
3. Community Engagement & Project Goals
4. Onion Creek Metro Park - Site Discussion
 - Site Background/Opportunity/Constraints
 - What is an all abilities playground?
 - What play experiences are you interested in?
 - Survey and Small Group Discussions

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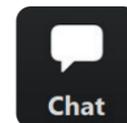
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ENGAGING

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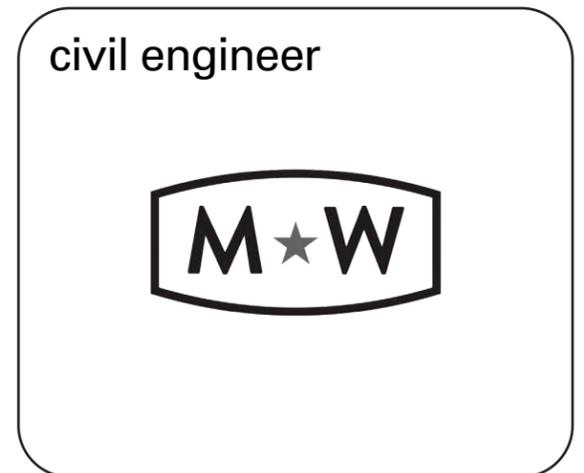
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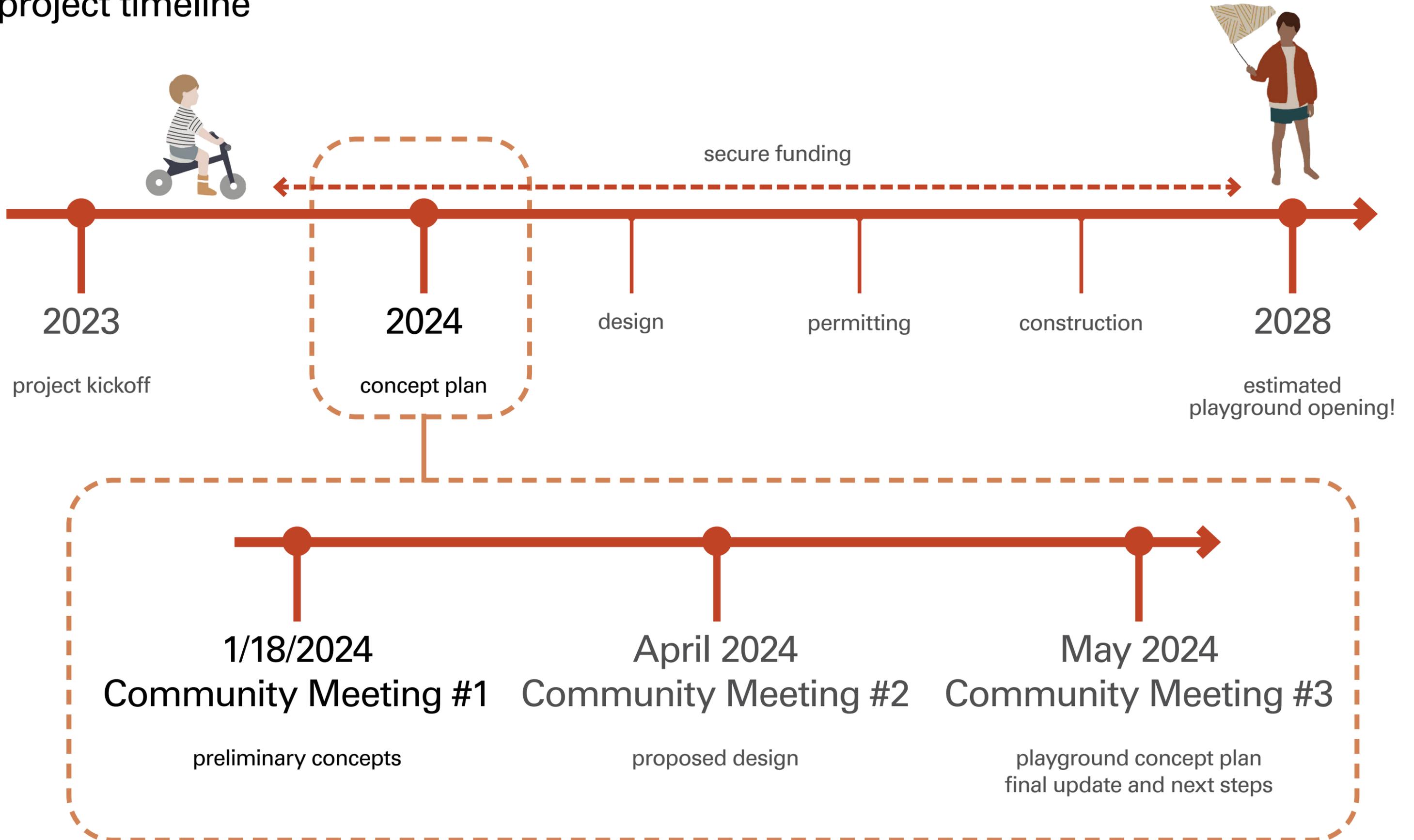


project team



Our Mission is to create a welcoming, accessible and inclusive All Abilities Playground where everyone can enjoy the magic of play!

project timeline



community engagement



Community Outreach & Engagement Includes:

- Virtual Community Meetings
- Small Group Discussions
- Tabling
- Survey / Questionnaire
- E-Newsletter
- Print Postcards
- Social Media
- Website

project goals

community engagement

- Respond directly to the community's desires and needs
- Design based on community engagement outcomes

sustainability

- Achieve Sustainable SITES Certification playground
- Incorporate innovative stormwater solutions and methods of maintenance

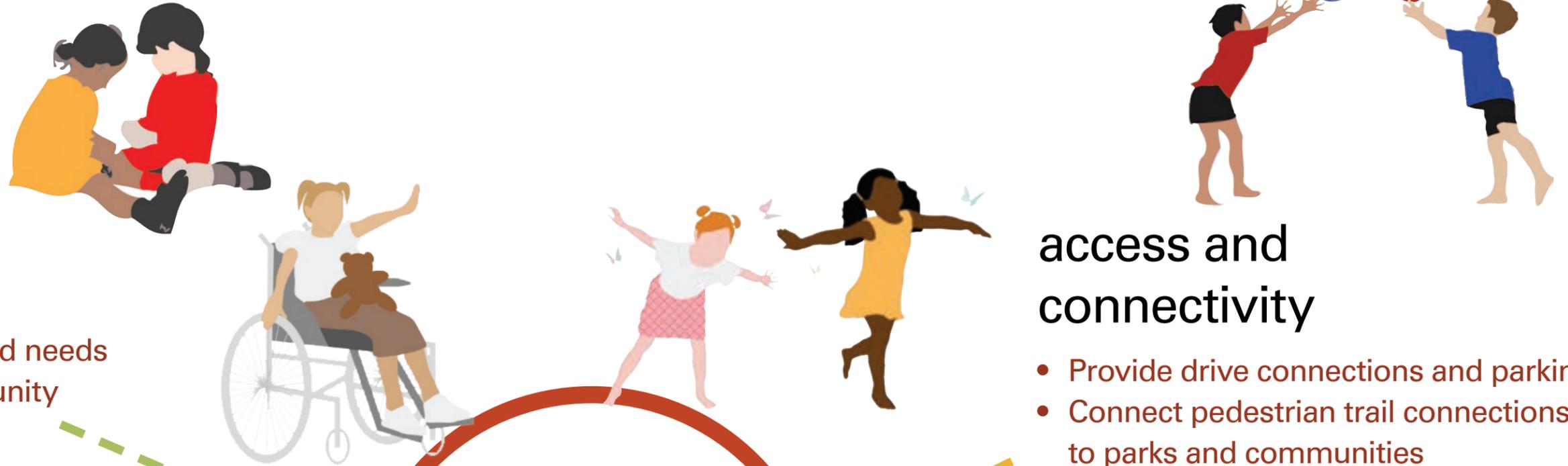
access and connectivity

- Provide drive connections and parking
- Connect pedestrian trail connections to parks and communities
- Provide an inclusive play area with an accessible and inclusive restroom facility and picnic pavilions

vision and identity

- Integrate characteristics defined in the adopted vision plan
- Reflect the natural landscape of Onion Creek

inclusivity and flexibility





discussion topics:

background:

**what are we
doing today?**

site background
opportunity/constraints

value:

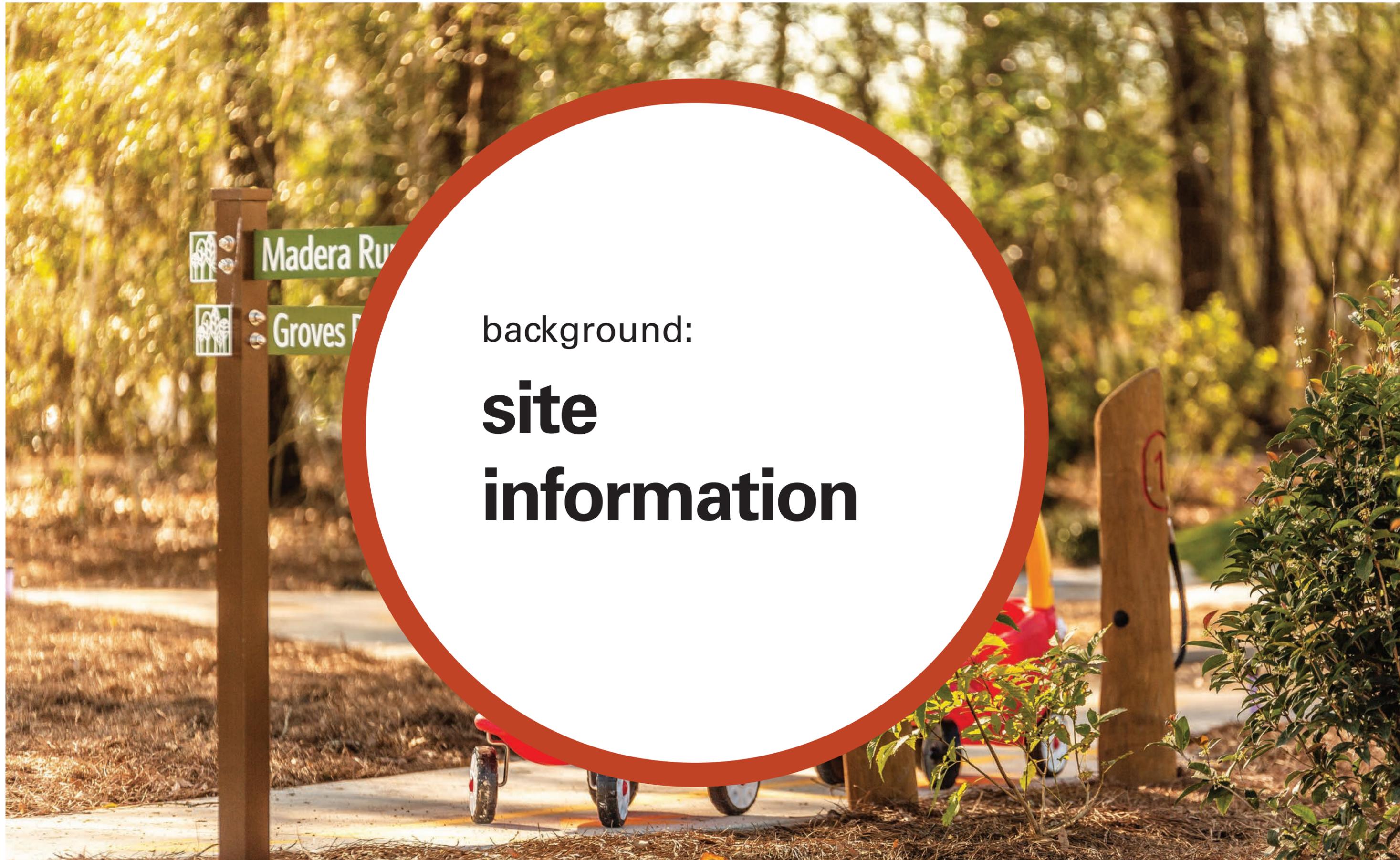
**what is an
all abilities
playground?**

inclusion
5 tenets of play

experience:

**what play
experiences are
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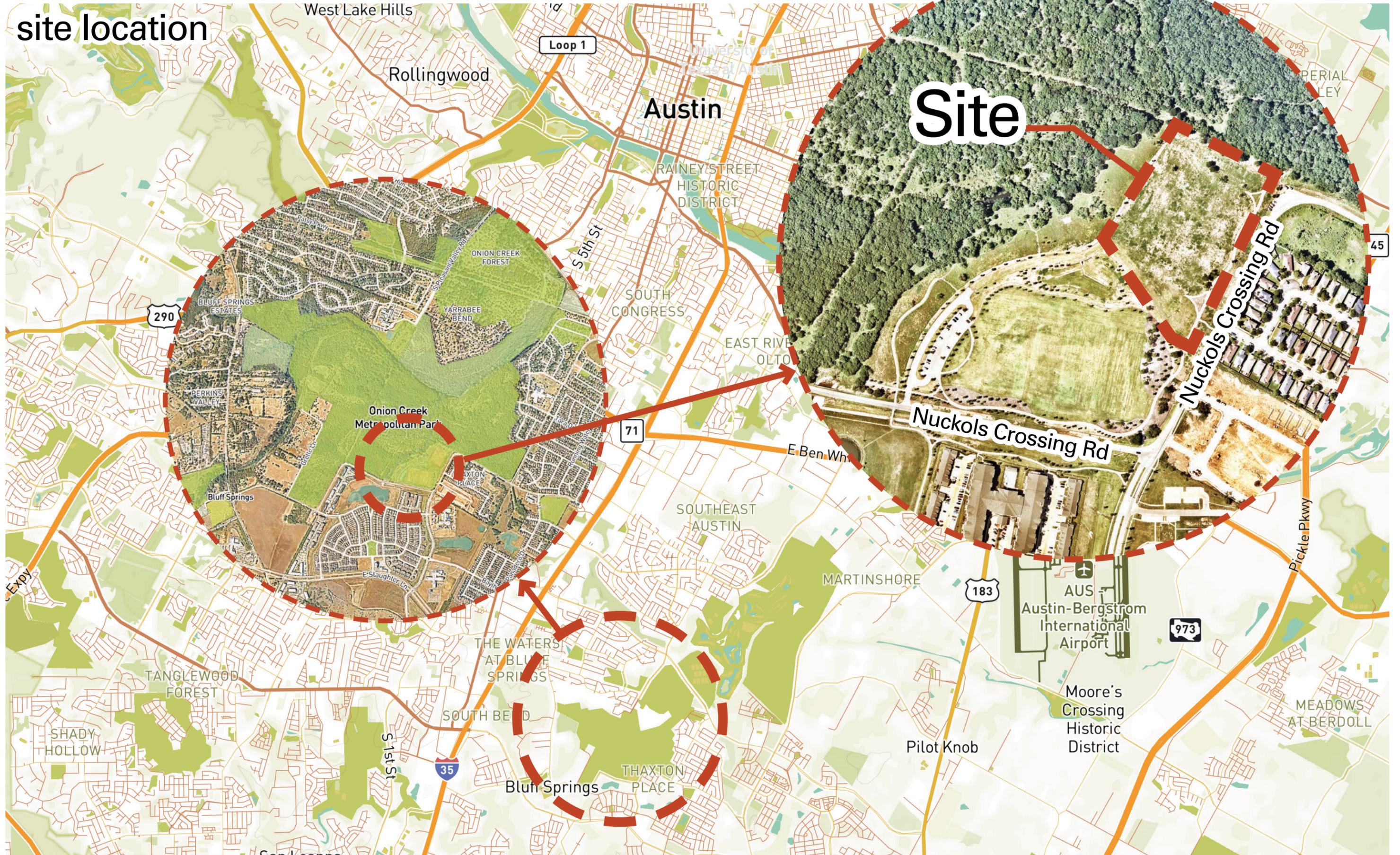
case study
experience
aesthetic



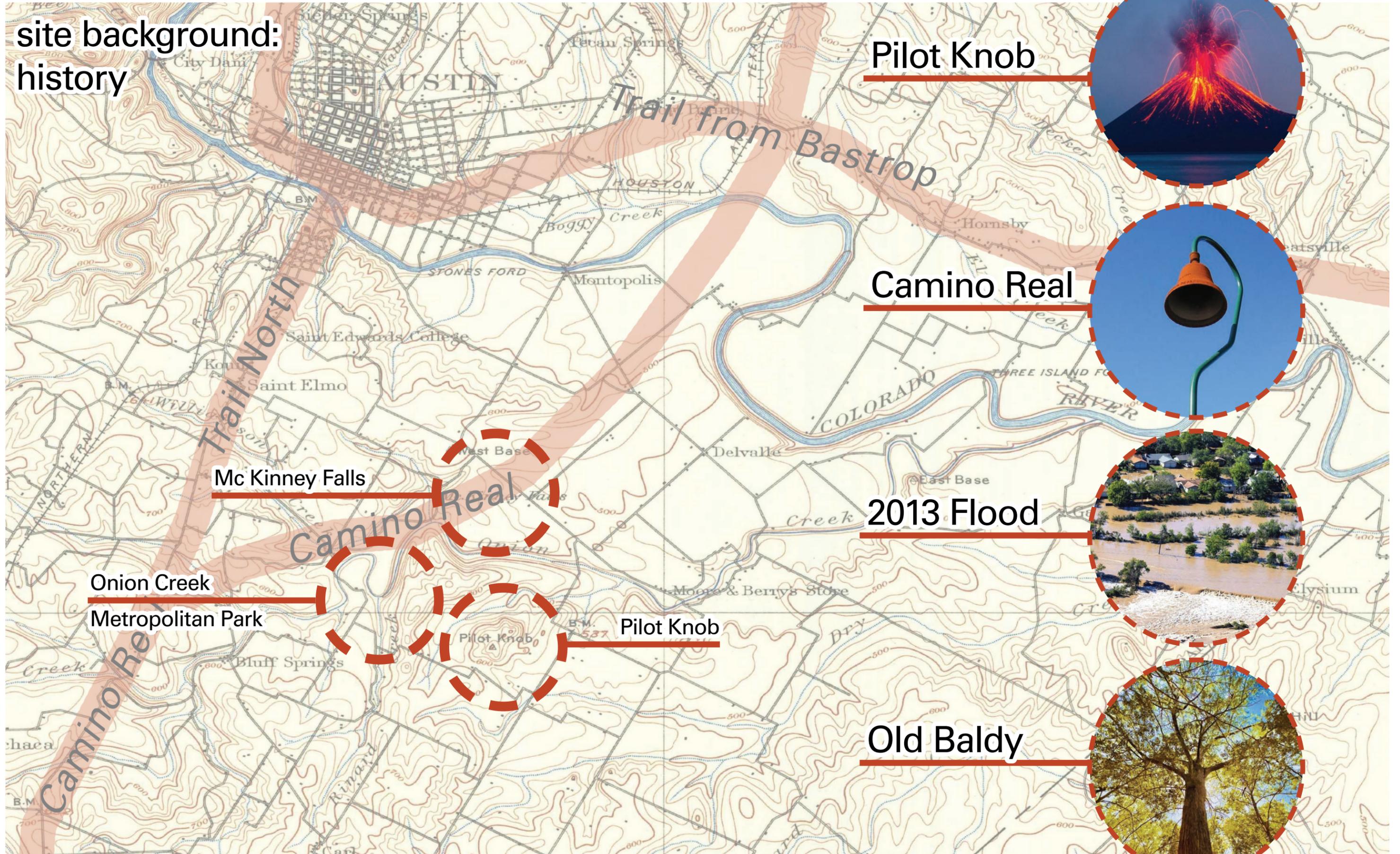
background:

site information

site location



site background:
history



Pilot Knob

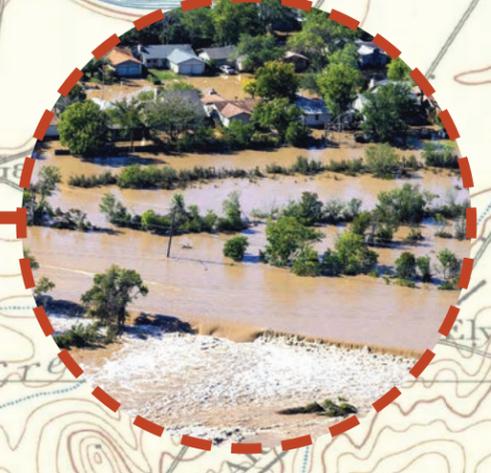


Camino Real



Mc Kinney Falls

2013 Flood

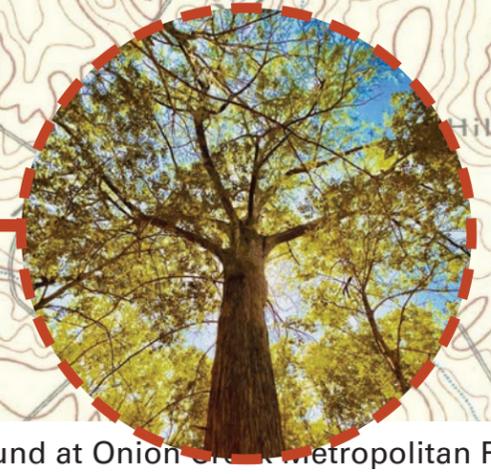


Onion Creek

Metropolitan Park

Pilot Knob

Old Baldy



2015 Onion Creek Metropolitan Park Vision Plan

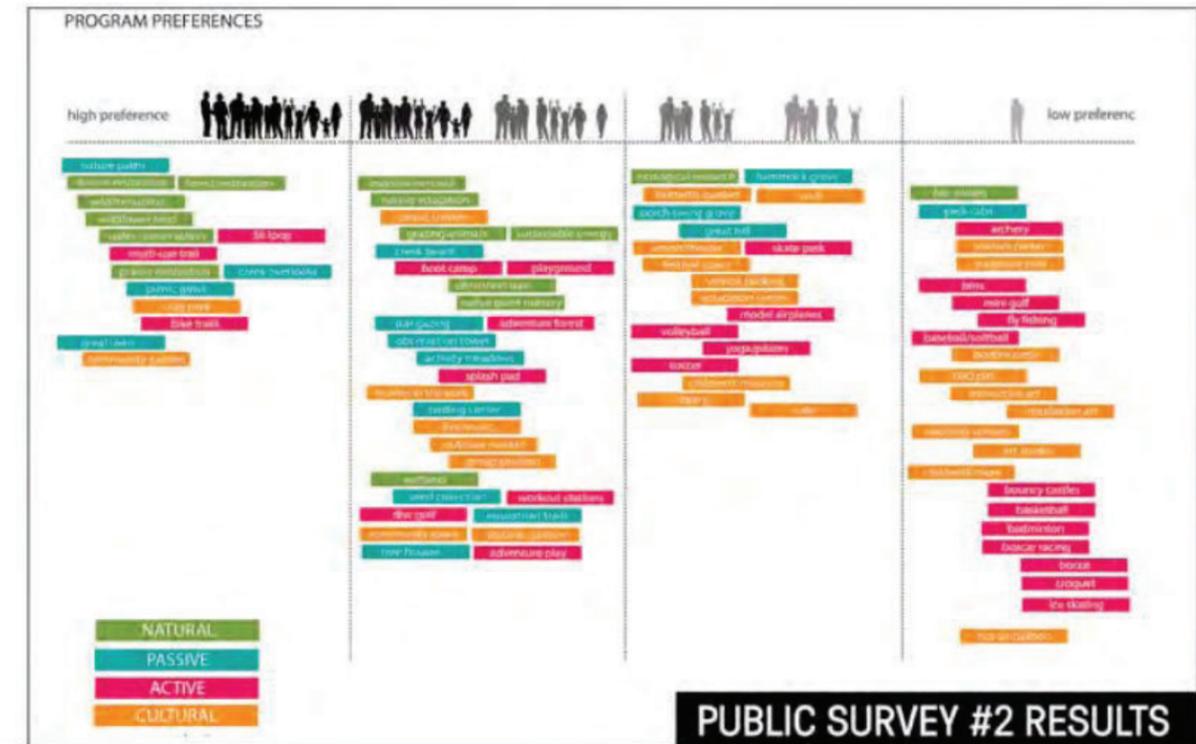
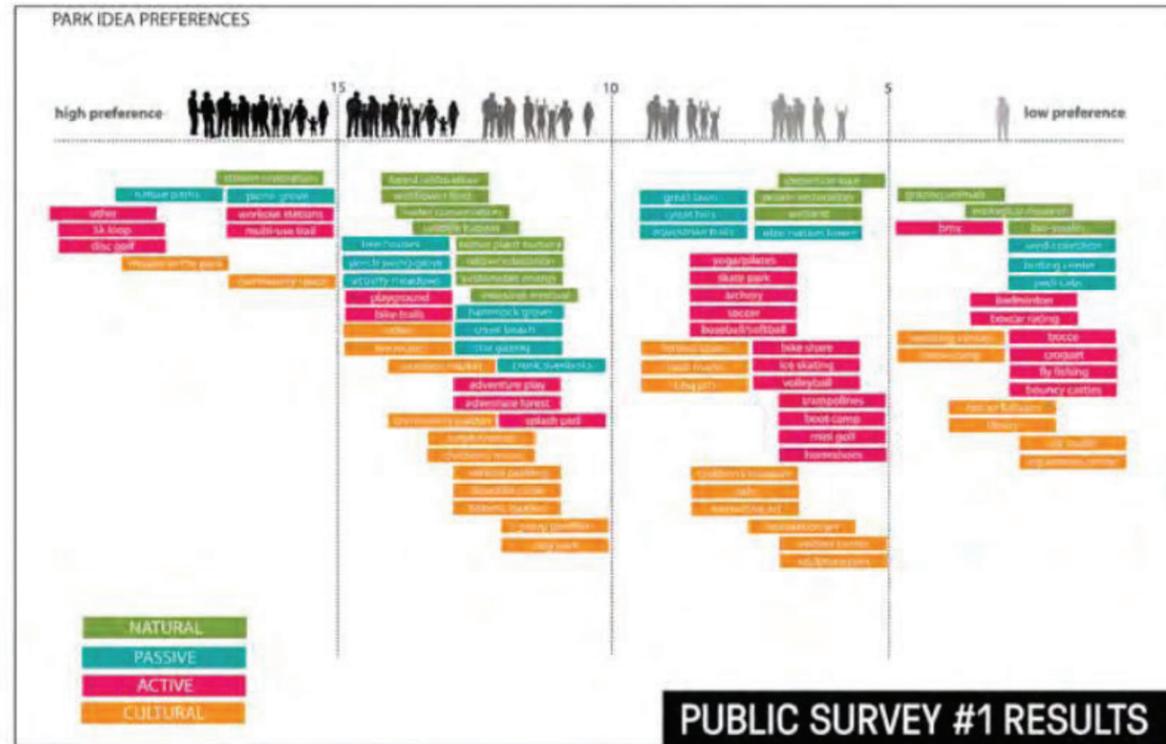


- LEGEND**
- 1 TOPOGRAPHIC RIBBON TRAILHEAD
 - 2 COMMUNITY GARDEN
 - 3 ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
 - 4 GREAT LAWN
 - 5 FAMILY PLAYGROUND
 - 6 PLAY FIELDS
 - 7 NATURE BASED PLAY
 - 8 EVENT CENTER
 - 9 NATURE EDUCATION
 - 10 WORKOUT STATIONS
 - 11 GROUP PAVILION
 - 12 SECONDARY ENTRY MONUMENT
 - 13 COMMUNITY PAVILION
 - 14 HERITAGE TREE LAWN
 - 15 ICONIC PRAIRIE
 - 16 FLEX MEADOW
 - 17 OBSERVATION TOWER
 - 18 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 - 19 PICNIC GROVE
 - 20 WETLAND CONSERVATION
 - 21 SHARED BRIDGE CROSSING
 - 22 NATURE CENTER
 - 23 AMPHITHEATER
 - 24 HABITAT STRUCTURES
 - 25 ICONIC PRAIRIE
 - 26 PICNIC GROVE
 - 27 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING
 - 28 COMMUNITY/EVENT SPACE
 - 29 PLAZA
 - 30 PORCH SWING GROVE
 - 31 STREAM OVERLOOK
 - 32 GROUP PAVILION
 - 33 WORKOUT STATIONS
 - 34 FAMILY PLAYGROUND
 - 35 EQUESTRIAN FACILITY
 - 36 PRAIRIE RESTORATION
 - 37 PICNIC MEADOW
 - 38 TOPOGRAPHIC RIBBON TRAILHEAD
 - 39 PARKOUR/ SKATEPARK
 - 40 DISC GOLF
 - 41 LOW WATER CROSSING
 - 42 BIRD BLINDS
 - 43 OPEN LAWN
 - 44 EXISTING OFF LEASH DOG AREA
 - 45 EXISTING FAMILY PLAYGROUND
 - 46 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 - 47 MODEL AIRPLANE FIELD*
 - 48 ALTERNATIVE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL*
- P PARKING
R RESTROOM
E ENTRY MONUMENT

- PARKWAY ROAD
- TOPOGRAPHIC RIBBON TRAIL
- PRIMARY CIRCULATION
- NATURE TRAILS
- EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

*DETAILS OF FLIGHT ZONE TO BE COORDINATED WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND CDA WATERSHED DISCLAIMER: THIS PLAN HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND THE MOST RECENT SITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE DATE OF SUBJECTION. PORTIONS OF THE PLAN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES DURING THE POST-MASTER PLAN DESIGN PROCESS.

vision plan public feedback



WHO + WHAT + WHEN + HOW
 Public Survey Results came from comment cards filled out in person at the previous meetings as well as from online surveys that went live on the City of Austin's website after the public meeting for a period of several weeks. These results were compiled and analyzed by the team, which influenced the program distribution in the draft master plan.



"Would like to see a **food garden** with low maintenance plants such as blackberries, figs, etc."



"The high preference for natural, passive and active activities in the public input. It was good to see that reflected in the plan with **developed areas near roads and natural areas by the creek**"

"The park should remain as **NATURAL** as possible..."



"Multi-use for **diverse population...**"

"It is well thought out and works to meet the **needs of many park** patrons. It uses land that would otherwise be vacant"

"Want a quiet place to meditate, dream and **enjoy nature** with lots of benches

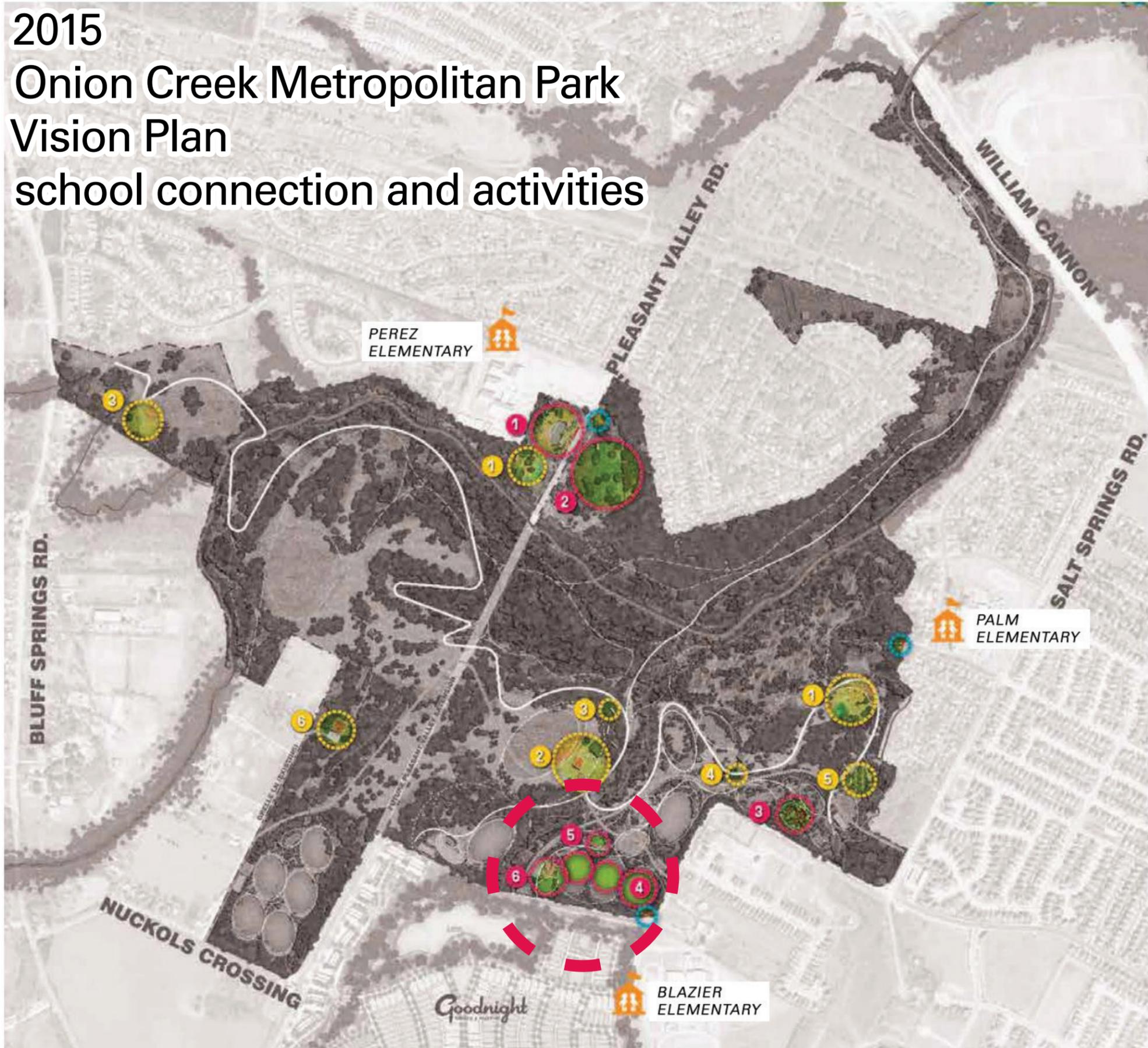
"Reserving land for a **future Community Center** would be beneficial for the **tremendous growth** that would be happening in the area"



PUBLIC SURVEY #3 RESULTS

Public Survey #3 Summary

2015 Onion Creek Metropolitan Park Vision Plan school connection and activities



Onion Creek Metropolitan Park Amenities for Local Schools

CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL

- 1 Outdoor Classroom
- 2 Nature Center with Library
- 3 Interpretive Learning Stations
- 4 Observation Tower
- 5 Community Garden
- 6 Equestrian Center

ACTIVE/RECREATIONAL

- 1 Skate Park + Parkour
- 2 Disc Golf
- 3 Nature Based Playground/ Adventure Forest
- 4 Playfields
- 5 Multi-Age Fitness Stations
- 6 Traditional Playground

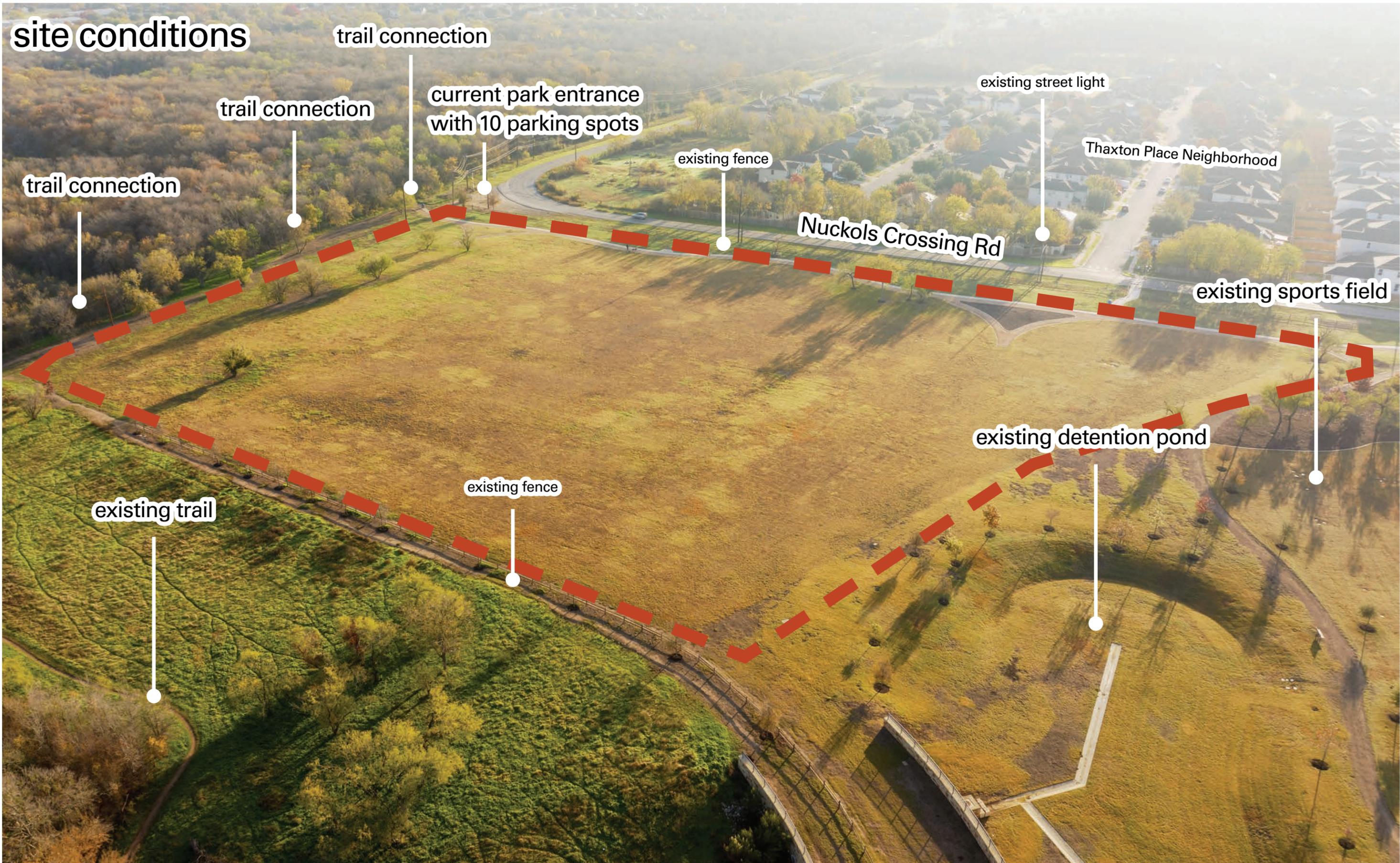


site analysis: existing and future connections



site analysis:
creek





site conditions

trail connection

trail connection

current park entrance
with 10 parking spots

existing fence

existing street light

Thaxton Place Neighborhood

trail connection

Nuckols Crossing Rd

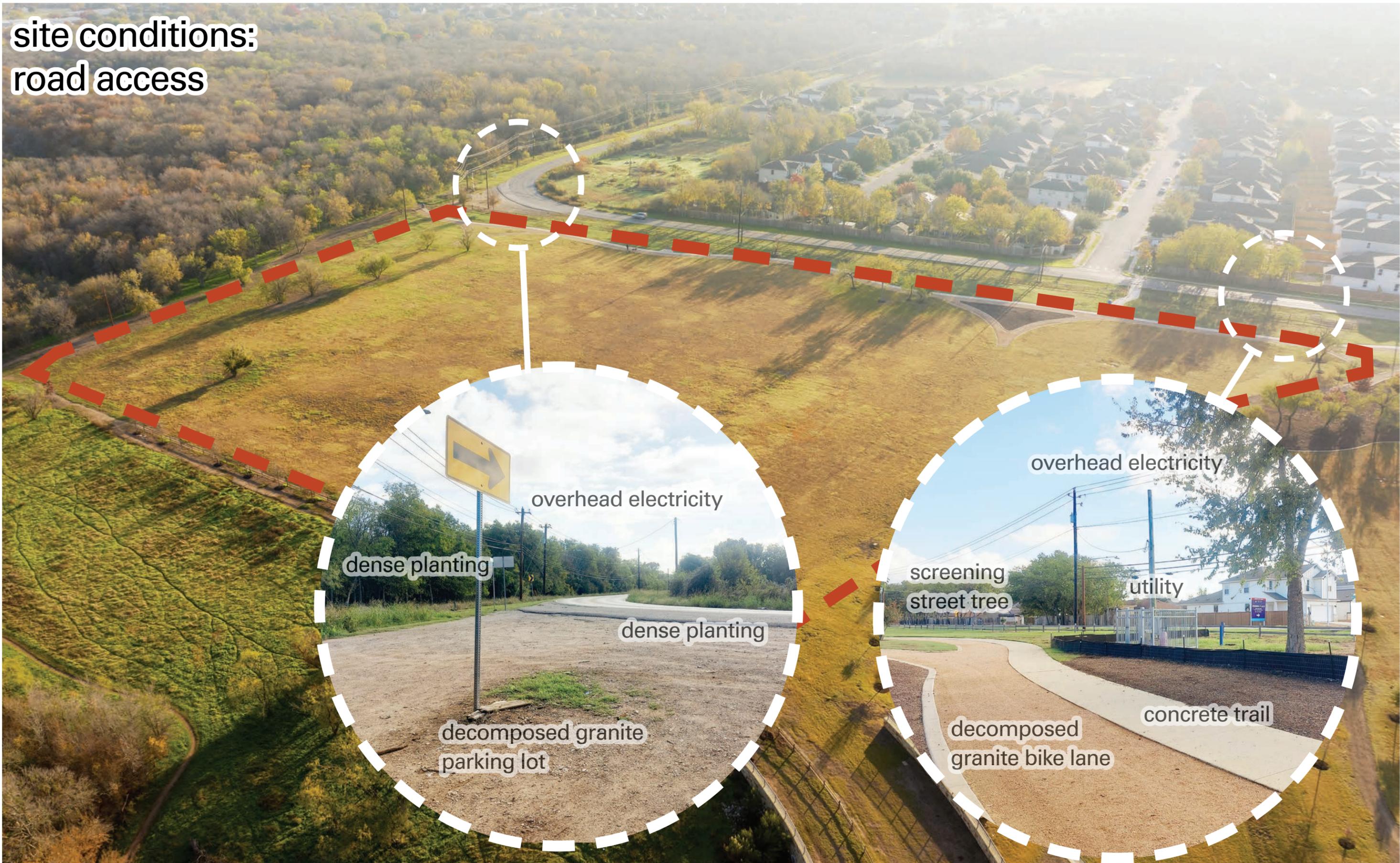
existing sports field

existing detention pond

existing trail

existing fence

site conditions:
road access



dense planting

overhead electricity

dense planting

decomposed granite
parking lot

overhead electricity

screening
street tree

utility

decomposed
granite bike lane

concrete trail

site conditions:
trail access



nice shade

view to
the field

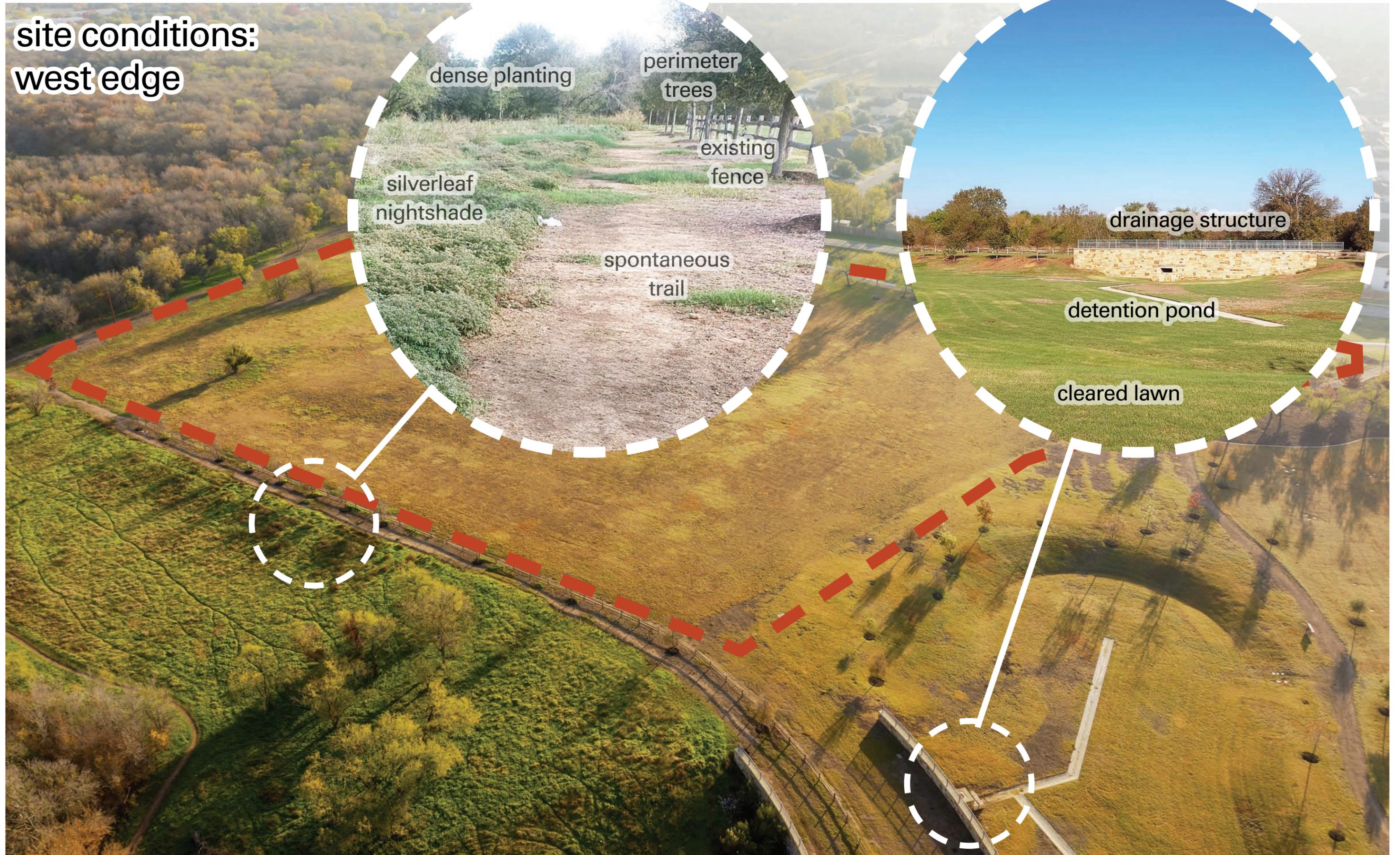
spontaneous
trail

dense planting

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site conditions:
west edge



site opportunities

opportunity for nature based play and nature education



opportunity to feature existing trees



potential car entrance and parking spaces



opportunity for service facilities



opportunity to bring trees and habitat into site



opportunity for sustainability feature



opportunity for open play



need screening and safety along road

opportunity to add trail connections



potential car entrance and parking spaces



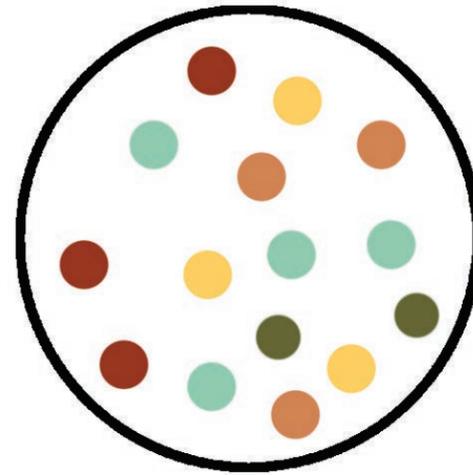


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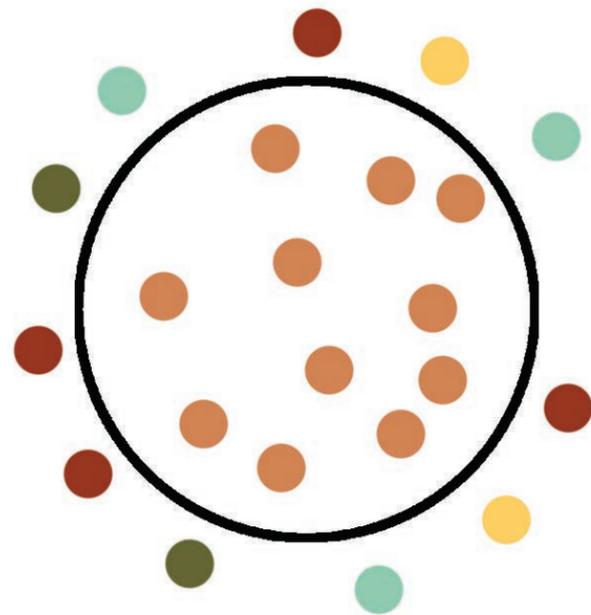
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inclusion

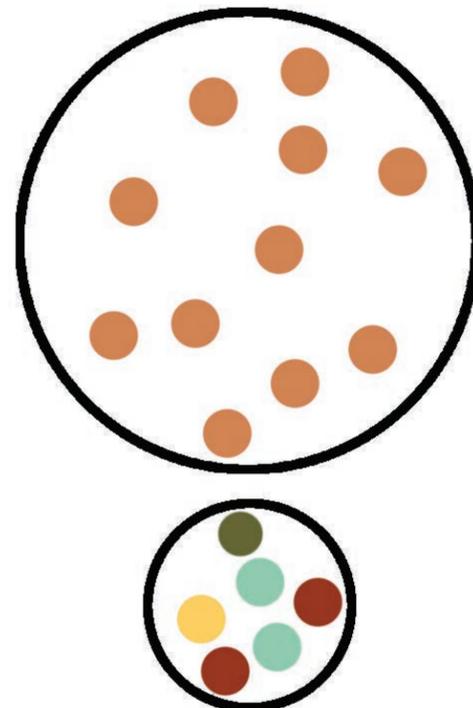
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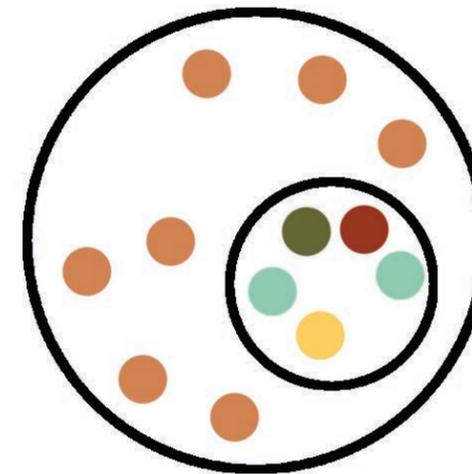
exclusion



segregation



integration





space for
support and
companions



different abilities
play in the
same space



different
challenge levels



engage
different skills



space
comfortable
for all

5 tenets of play



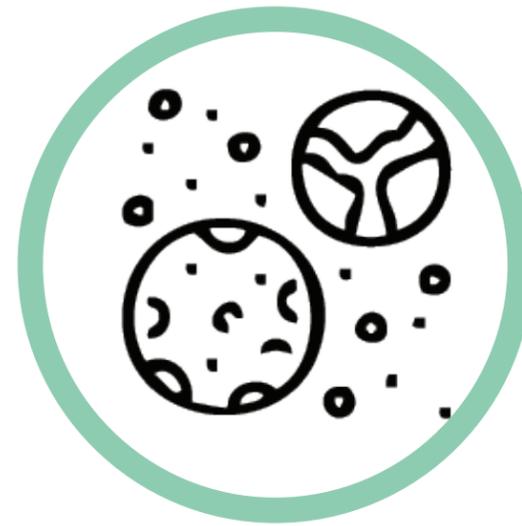
leave space for the unexpected

authentic nature



apprehension to accomplishment

responsible risk-taking



connect people to nature and people to people

inclusivity + connection



increasing focus and stimulating imagination

productive engagement



encourage independent exploration

exploration + curiosity



authentic
nature



responsible
risk-taking



inclusivity
+ connection



exploration
+ curiosity



productive
engagement



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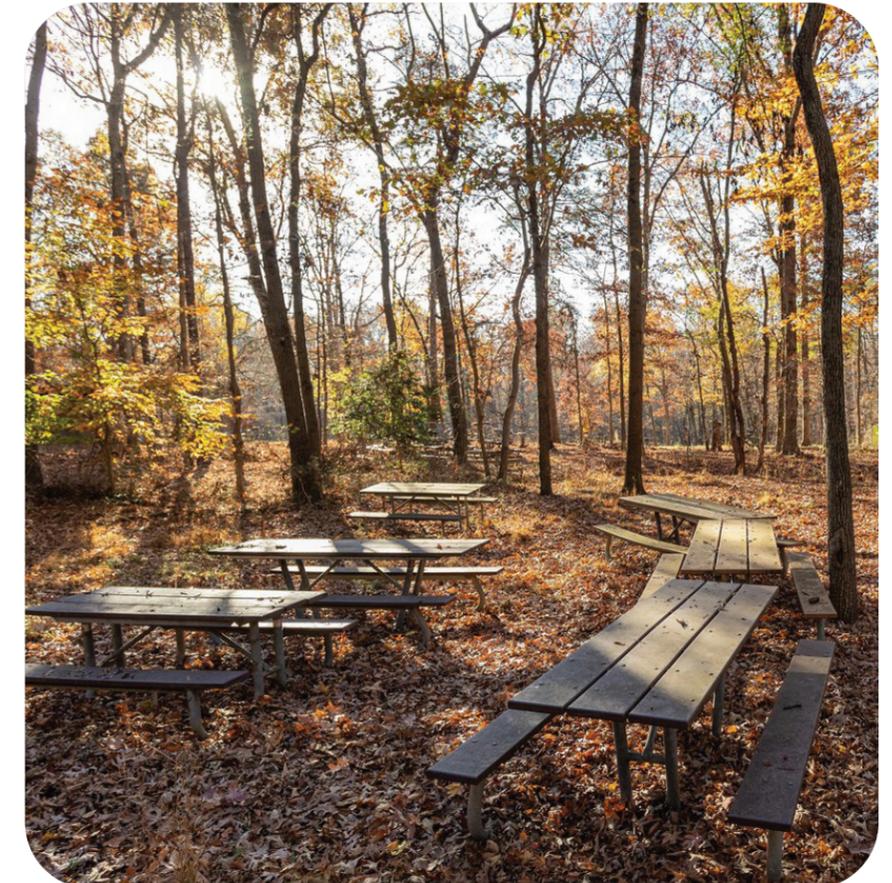
all ability playgrounds in the U.S.A: 53rd Ave Park West, Oregon

- a destination with a strong sense of community
- wide variety of experiences for all ages + abilities
- inspired by trees and wilderness
- connects people with nature
- accessible looping pathways
- mix of natural and manufactured materials
- quiet activities in the woods
- sustainable design and construction



all ability playgrounds in the U.S.A: Woodland Discovery Playground, Tennessee

- connected “nests” spaces with a different play experience focus
- treehouses, swinging, spinning, sliding, sand play, performance lawn
- lots of fun hills and valleys
- trellis tunnel for exploring along edges
- lots of shaded seating areas for caregivers



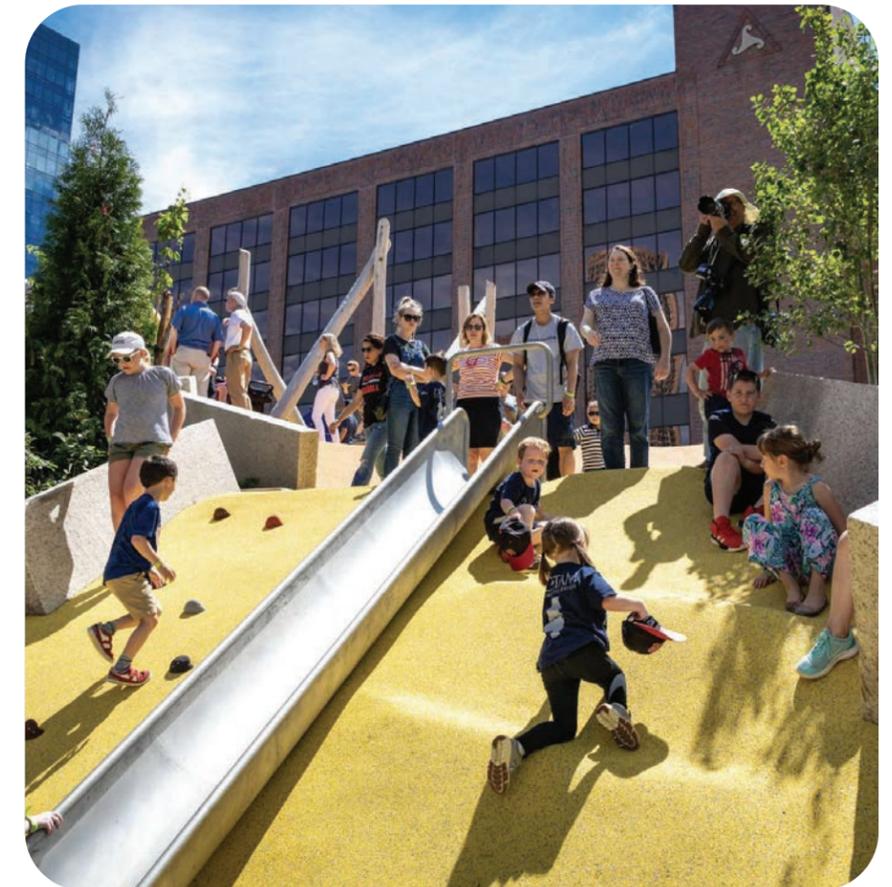
all ability playgrounds in the U.S.A: Gathering Place, Oklahoma

- different play theme in each space
- use dense planting to create outdoor rooms that create a sense of discovery
- lots of shade structures and trees to provide shade, in a natural setting
- exciting large sculptures that can be played on and inside
- lots of color, sensory spaces, imaginative themes

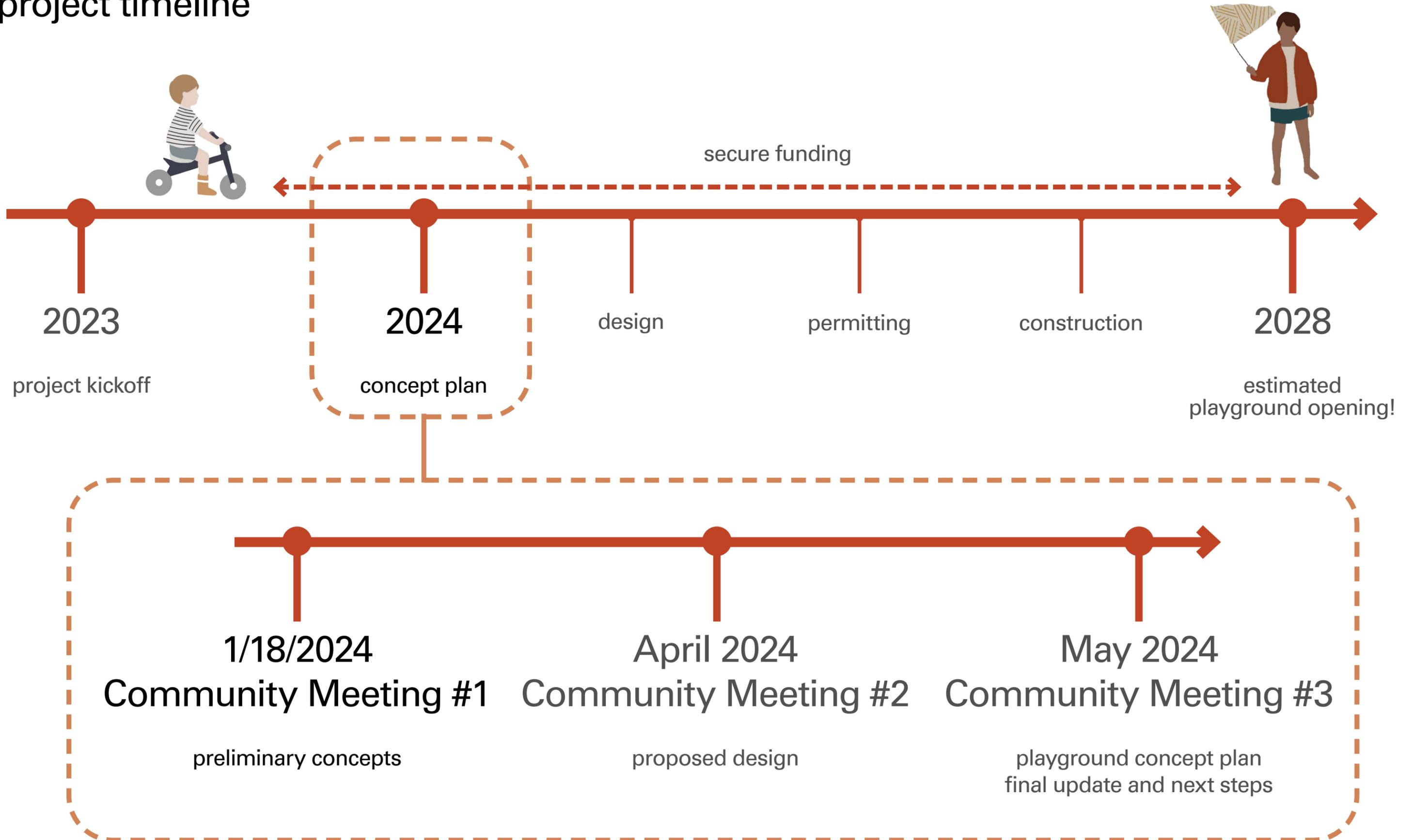


all ability playgrounds in the U.S.A: Martin's Park, Massachusetts

- designed with people of all ages and abilities in mind
- explore, play, reflect
- larger-than-life experiences
- inclusive but challenging
- accessible but rugged
- sensory play equipment
- nature play
- rubber surfaces throughout



project timeline



community engagement small group discussions

We're hosting six small group conversations to bring together essential stakeholders who represent different perspectives, including:

- Advocacy/Community Groups
- Caregivers/Practitioners/Programming (Parents/Teachers)
- People with differing abilities in:
 - Mobility
 - Hearing
 - Vision
 - Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Sensory Disabilities
 - Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

These sessions are designed to ensure that the playground's design and programming meet the unique needs and concerns of individuals and families with differing abilities.

Space for each session is limited.

Meetings scheduled for the week of January 29.

Registration closes January 25, 2024.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAP-SGD>



community engagement preliminary concept survey

Share your input!

Your ideas and comments will help us...

- Identify the community's values the playground should reflect.
- Understand what kinds of experiences you would like to have at the playground.
- Learn what features the design team should prioritize or include.
- Create a general direction for the development of programs and policies.
- Identify important perspectives that playgrounds in general have not prioritized in the past.

Survey closes February 11, 2024.



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Thank you!

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