

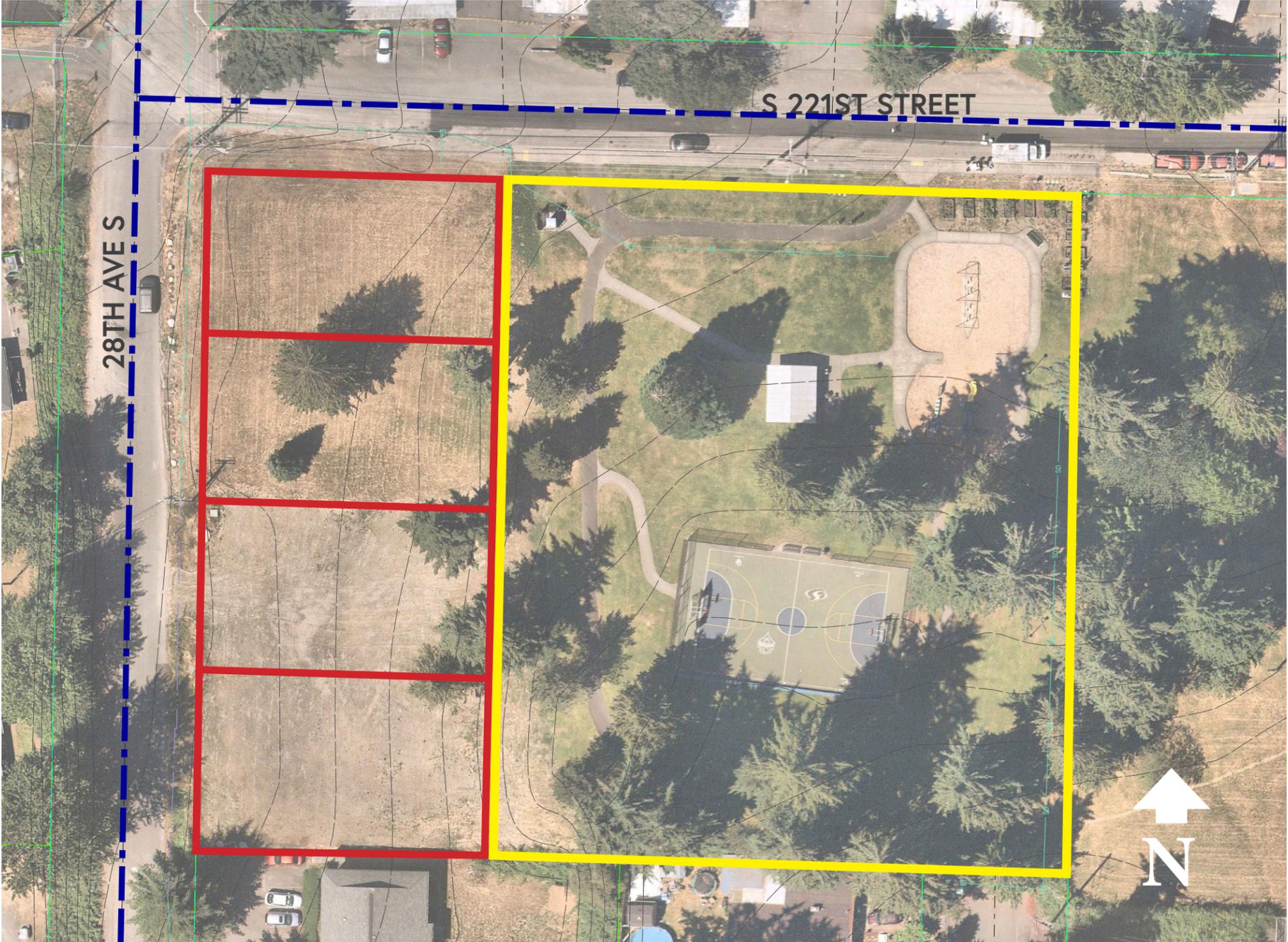


MIDWAY PARK OPEN SPACE DESIGN PROJECT

City Council Update
August 8, 2024



EXISTING SITE MAP



PROJECT GOALS



- Make Midway Park **safer and increase healthy public use** of the recreational facilities to enrich the lives of residents and build a healthier community.
- Improve existing Midway Park while **preserving and enhancing** natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for **people of all ages and abilities**.
- Anticipate the needs of the changing Pacific Ridge neighborhood and **structure programs and facilities accordingly**.
- Enhance health and wellness of patrons through innovative and **diversified** parks, arts, recreation, leisure, and cultural **opportunities**.
- Create an **inviting spaces** that encourages children and families to come to Midway Park and give them great reasons to stay, learn, and play for a lifetime.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS



A comprehensive approach to public engagement throughout the preliminary design process.

City Staff (Community Service Officers) Interviews

In-Person Outreach Events

- Des Moines EGGstravaganza - March 30th
- Midway Park RAVE Foundation Event - May 2nd
- Des Moines Farmers Market - June 8th

Online Surveys

- Initial Design Survey - March 28th to April 30th
- Schematic Design Survey - May 1st to June 26th

Other Outreach Tactic

- Virtual presence: City of Des Moines web site, Facebook, and Waterland Blog
- Door hangers to 100 neighborhood residents
- Sandwich boards at Midway Park and at Marina Waterfront
- English + Spanish language versions of survey and print materials



Outreach + seed planting activity at EGGstravaganza Event



IN-PERSON EVENTS



Midway Park RAVE Foundation Event Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

- Visitors used sticker dots
 - Prioritize park improvements
 - Preferred design layout
 - Design theme
- Flyers with online survey



Dot voting at Midway Park Sounders RAVE Foundation event



Dot voting at Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

539 dot votes!



ONLINE SURVEYS



- **Two online surveys** were conducted during the preliminary design phase:
 - Initial Design Survey (park usage and improvement priorities)
 - Schematic Design Survey (preferred layout and conceptual theme)
- **Low online participation** compared to in-person outreach events
 - Initial Design Survey = 8 responses
 - Schematic Design Survey = 17 responses



Schematic design online survey (also available in Spanish)



SCHEMATIC DESIGN | Park Improvements



Prefabricated Restroom



Picnic Shelter



Dog Park



Flexible Open Lawn



Pickle Ball Court



Movie Screen



SCHEMATIC DESIGN | Park Improvements



Play Structure



Hill Scramble & Slide



Accessible Trail (8' width)



Fitness Circuit



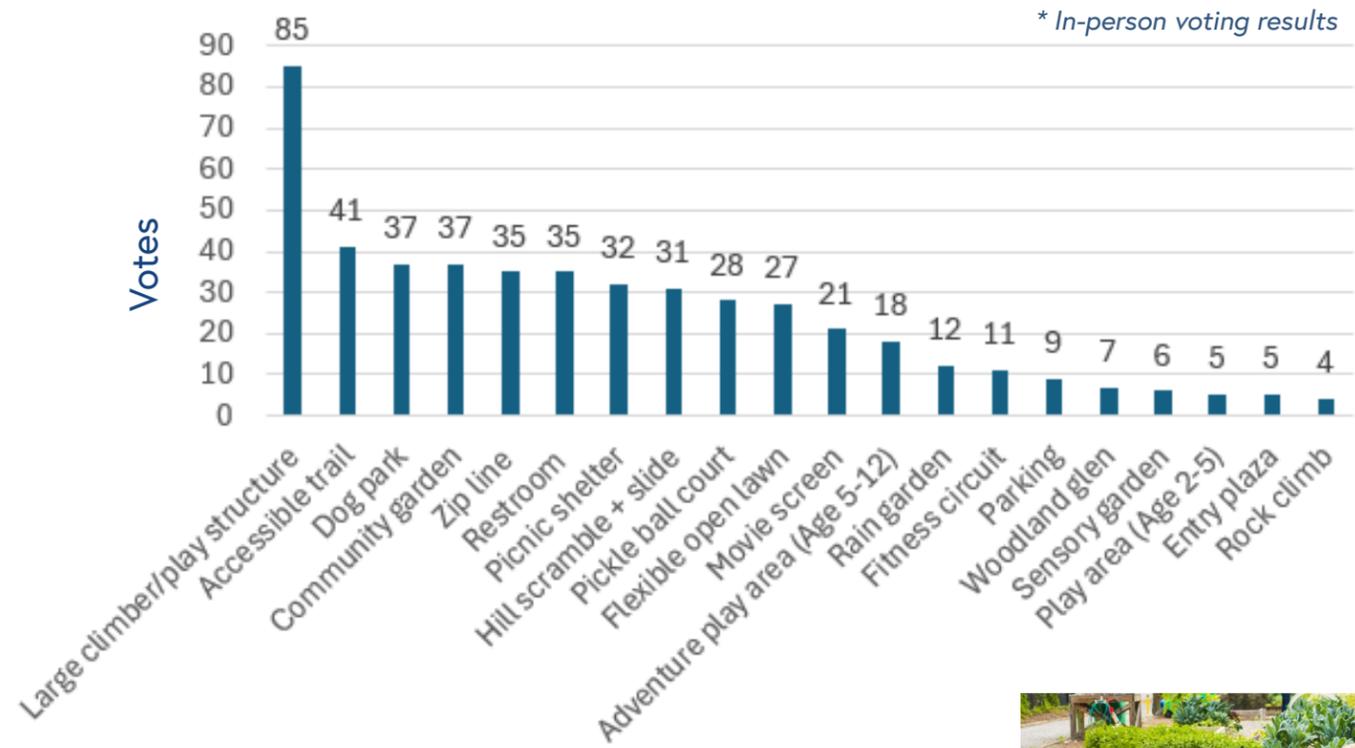
Zip Line



Entry Plaza/Hardscape



PARK IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES



Play Structure (85 votes)



Community Garden (37 votes)



Dog Park (37 votes)



Accessible Trail (41 votes)



Zip Line (35 votes)



Restroom (35 votes)



"THE LOOKOUT"

Pacific Northwest

Nature-inspired

Rustic



"MIDWAY MOSAIC"

Playful

BOLD + bright

Colorful



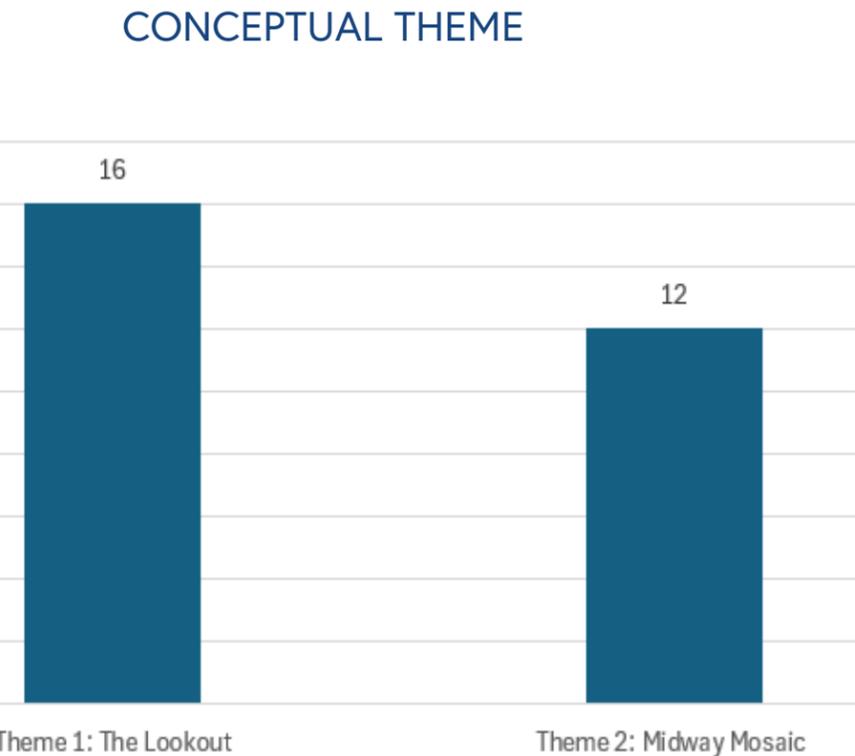
PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL THEME



"THE LOOKOUT"

Nature-inspired concept was the preferred conceptual theme.

- Sample comments from online survey:
 - "Freeform, open-ended play and nature inspired theme. My kids love parks like that."
 - "It looks natural, like the kids could use their imagination more, it's more open ended."
 - "Natural and calming."



* In-person + online survey voting results



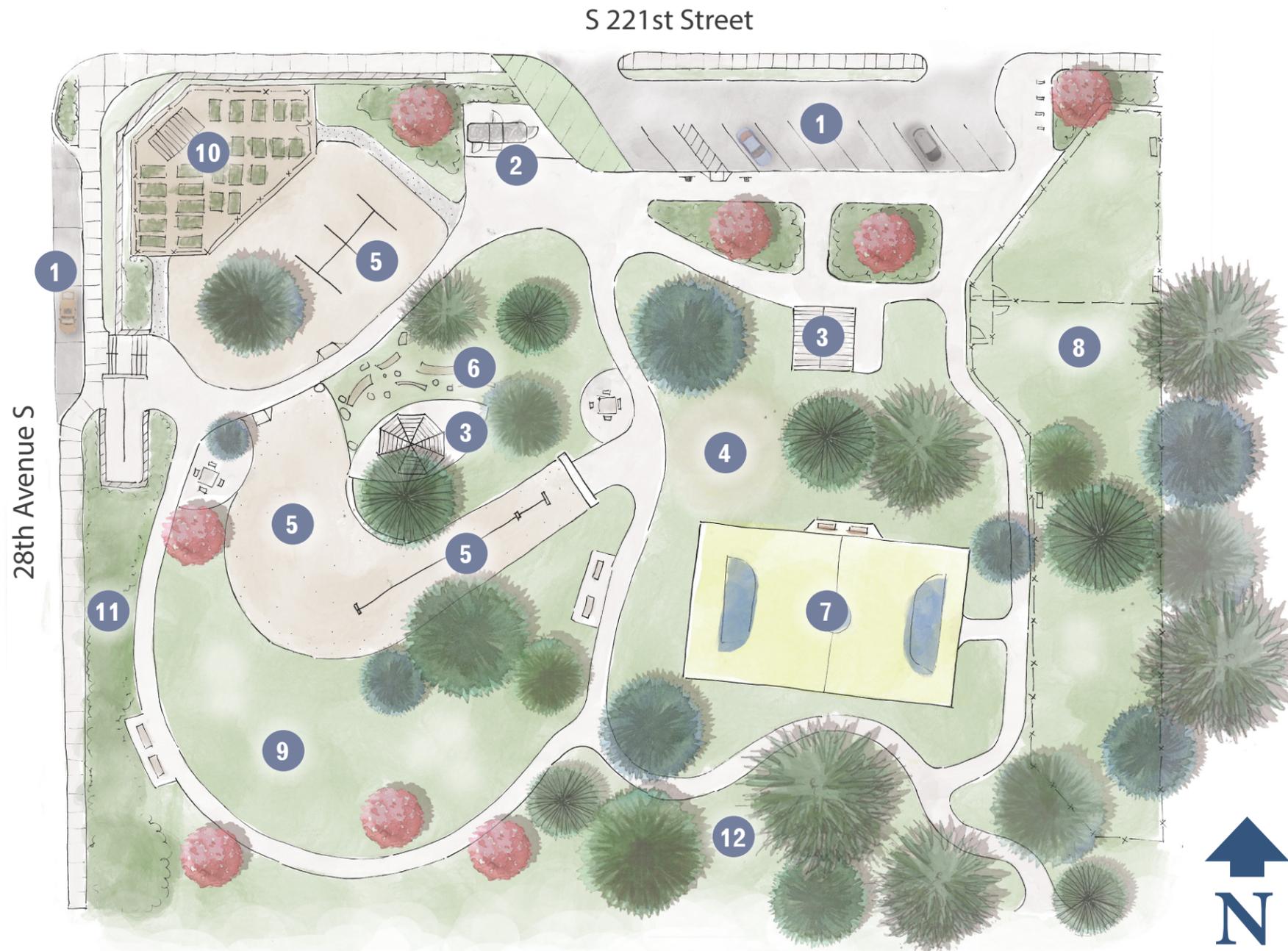
SCHEMATIC DESIGN | Layout Alternative A



- 1 Parking
- 2 Prefabricated Restroom
- 3 Picnic Shelter
- 4 Play Area 2-5 yrs.
- 5 Adventure Play Area 5-12+ yrs.
- 6 Pickleball Courts
- 7 Sport Court
- 8 Fitness Circuit
- 9 Flexible Open Lawn
- 10 Focal Point / Movie Screen
- 11 Sensory Garden
- 12 Woodland Glen



SCHEMATIC DESIGN | Layout Alternative B



- 1 Parking
- 2 Prefabricated Restroom
- 3 Picnic Shelter
- 4 Play Area 2-5 yrs.
- 5 Adventure Play Area 5-12+ yrs.
- 6 Log Hill Climb
- 7 Sport Court
- 8 Dog Park
- 9 Flexible Open Lawn
- 10 Community Garden
- 11 Rain Garden
- 12 Woodland Glen



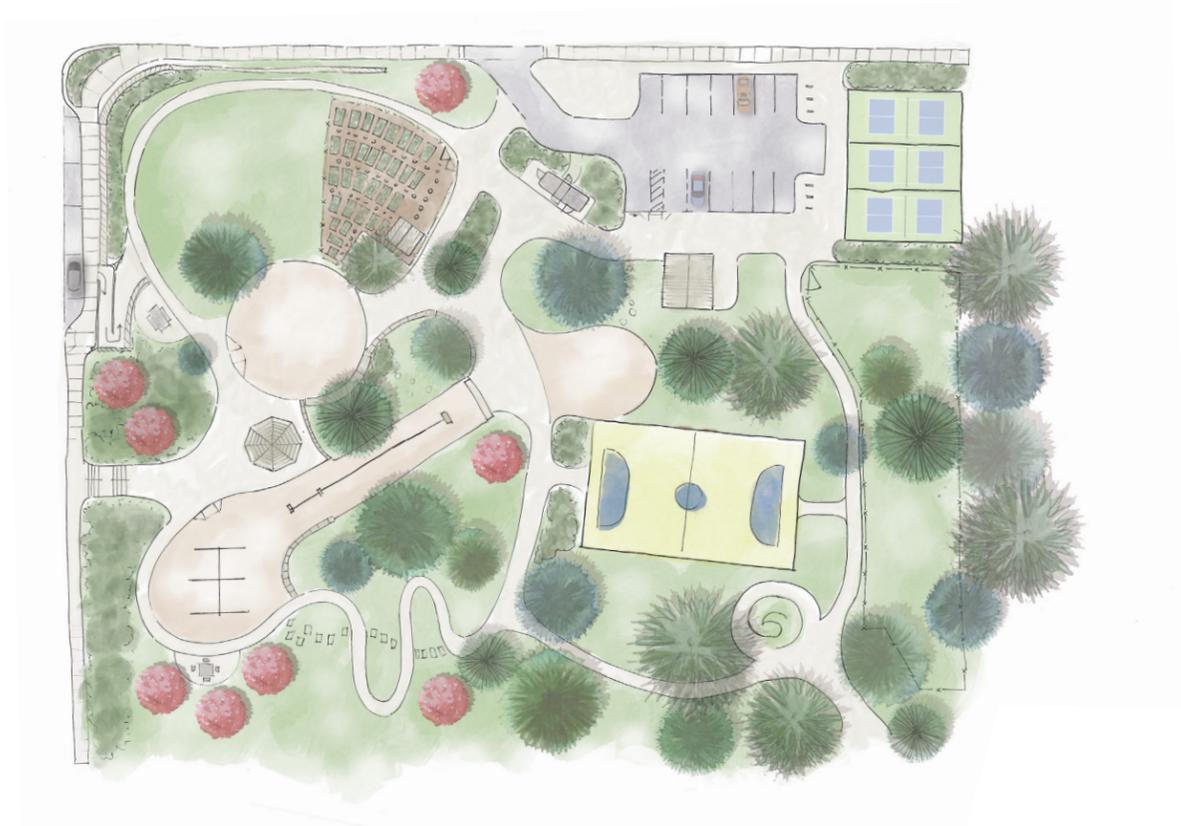
SCHEMATIC DESIGN | Layout Alternative C



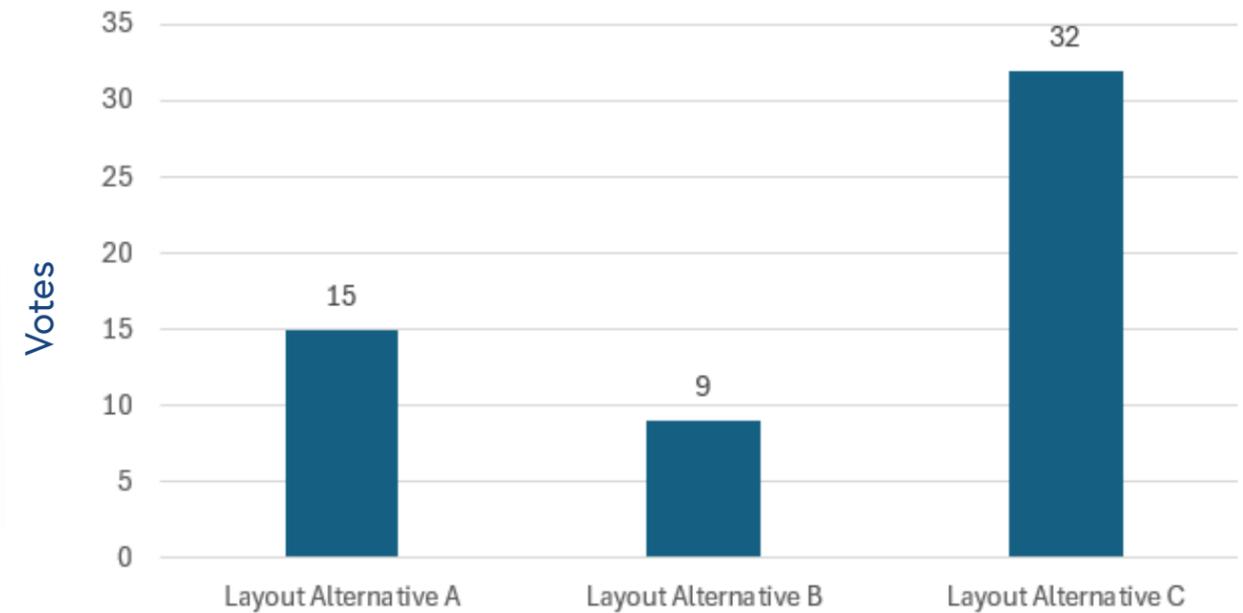
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- 6 Pickleball Courts
- 7 Sport Court
- 8 Dog Park
- 9 Flexible Open Lawn
- 10 Community Garden
- 11 Rain Garden
- 12 Woodland Glen + Learning Circle



PREFERRED LAYOUT ALTERNATIVE



LAYOUT ALTERNATIVES



Alternative C was the preferred park layout design.

** In-person + online survey voting results*

- Sample comments from online survey:
 - "It has a dog park, pickle ball, and a rain garden."
 - "Like the combination of community garden, pickle ball courts, and larger parking lot."
 - "Dog park, pickle ball court, and adventure area. Would love if you could work fitness area into option C."



NEXT STEPS

PRELIMINARY DESIGN

- Preferred layout + conceptual theme = preliminary site plan (10% design)
- Draft Reports
 - Geotechnical Analysis & Report
 - Trip Generation & Parking Study
 - Preliminary Illumination Analysis
 - Stormwater Memo
- Preliminary Cost Estimate

FINAL DESIGN

- End of August - begin 60% Design

Questions?