

Board of Parks & Recreation Meeting

Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Trail Master Plan

August 27, 2025

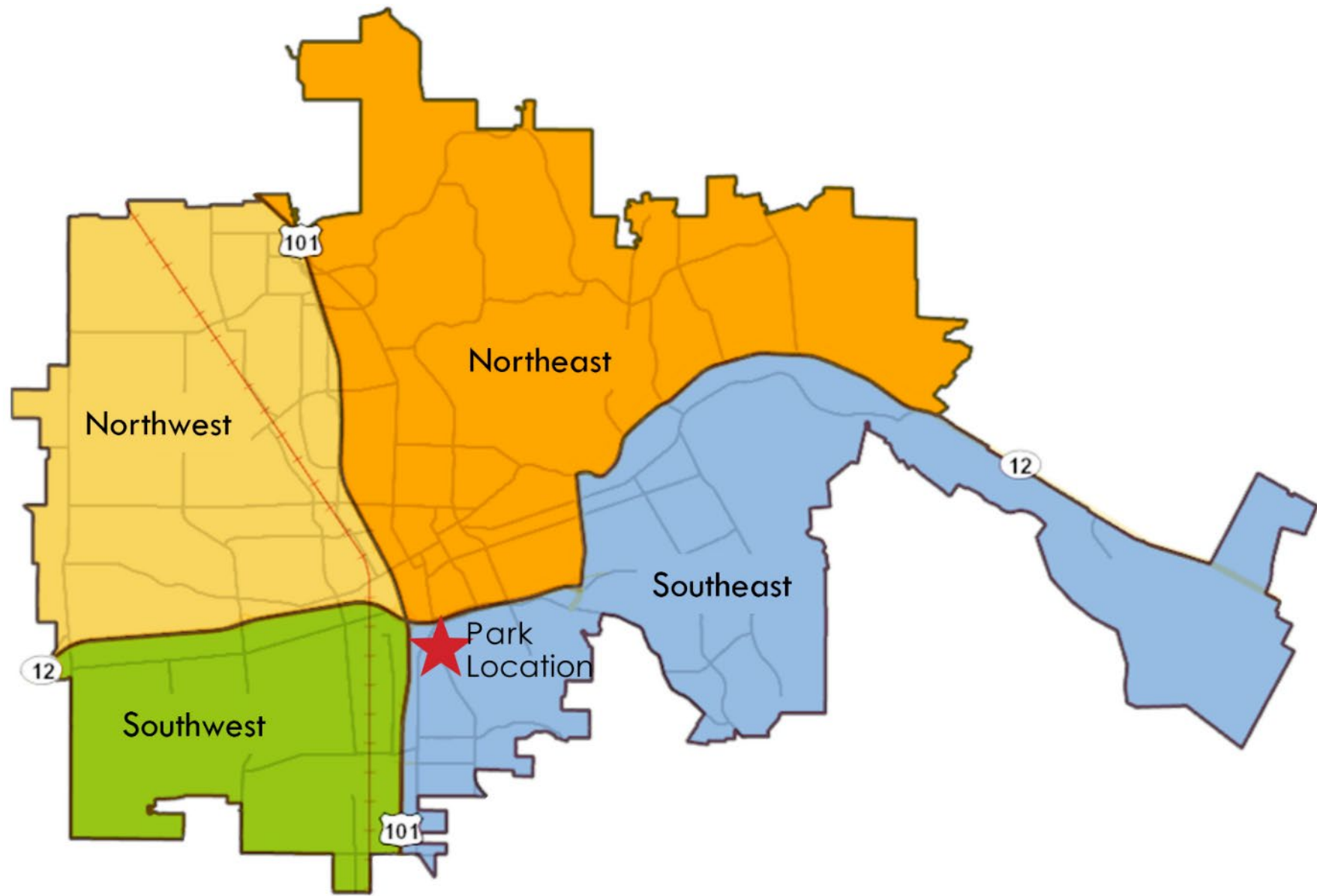




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- Dave Rubin, Principal



PARK LOCATION MAP

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- MLK Jr. Park is one of the oldest parks in Santa Rosa
- A 1/4-mile pedestrian and bike path connects the park to Petaluma Hill Road
- The City received grant funding to revitalize the park and trail
- The master planning process is the first step to define park and trail improvements and includes community and stakeholder engagement

PROJECT GOALS

- Balance the needs of the neighborhood and greater community
- Provide amenities that reflect community and stakeholder feedback
- Meet grant funding requirements
- Improve safety and overall park experience
- Accommodate sports user groups
- Integrate preschool buildings
- Provide space for organized events and gatherings



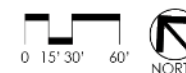
PARK CONTEXT

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EXISTING CONDITIONS

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Pathways



Newhall Trail



Lighting



Site Furnishings



Parking



Park Monument Sign



Athletic Field



Basketball Court



Picnic Areas



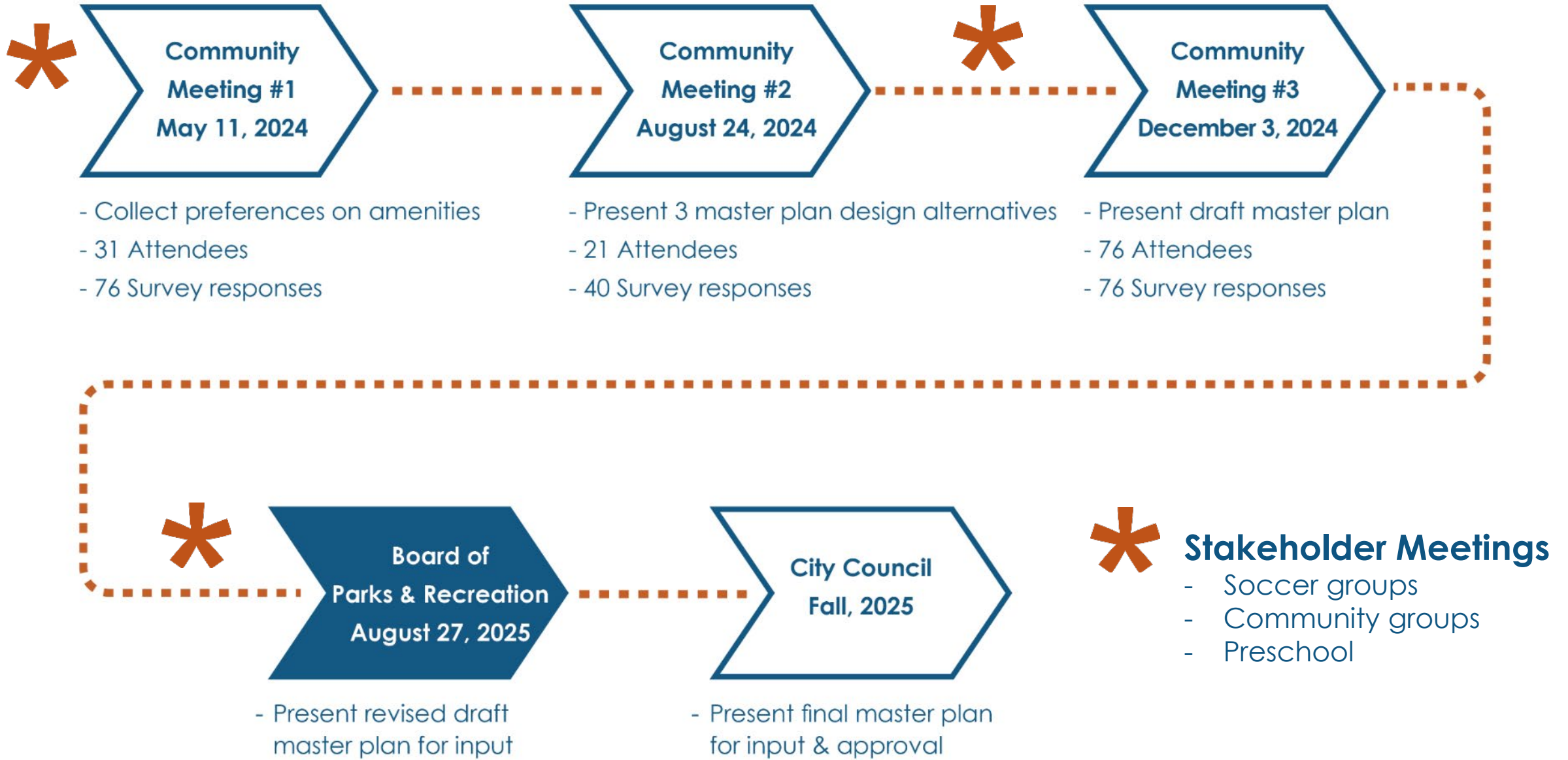
Restroom Building



Playground

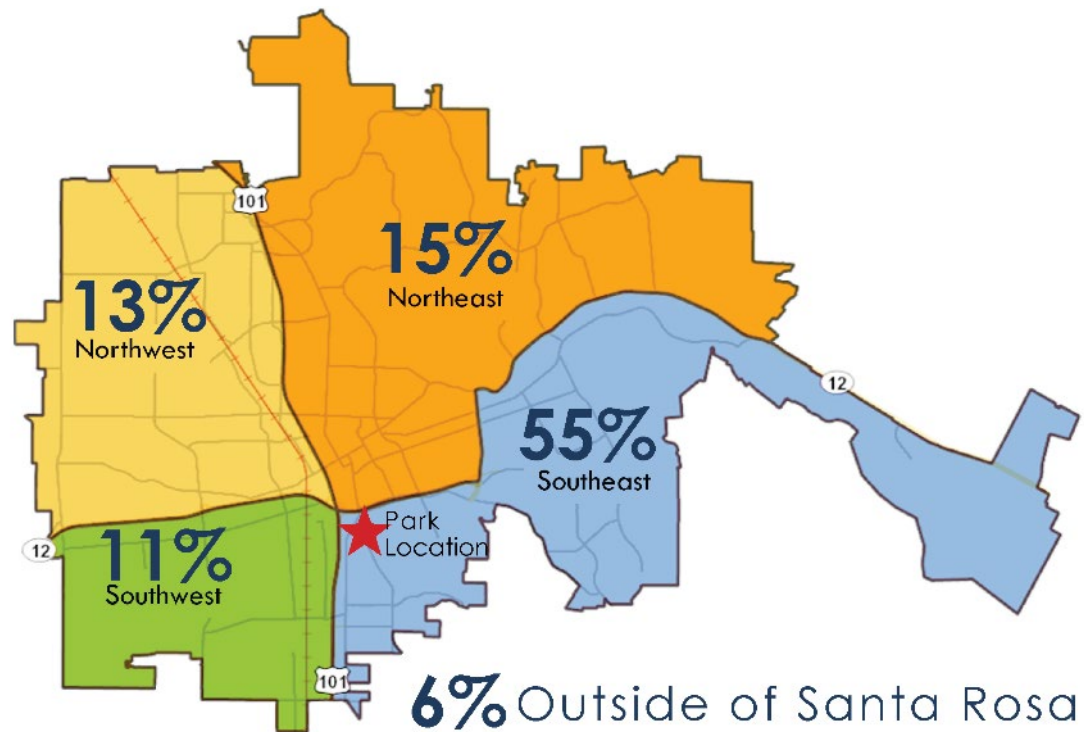


Open Lawn Areas

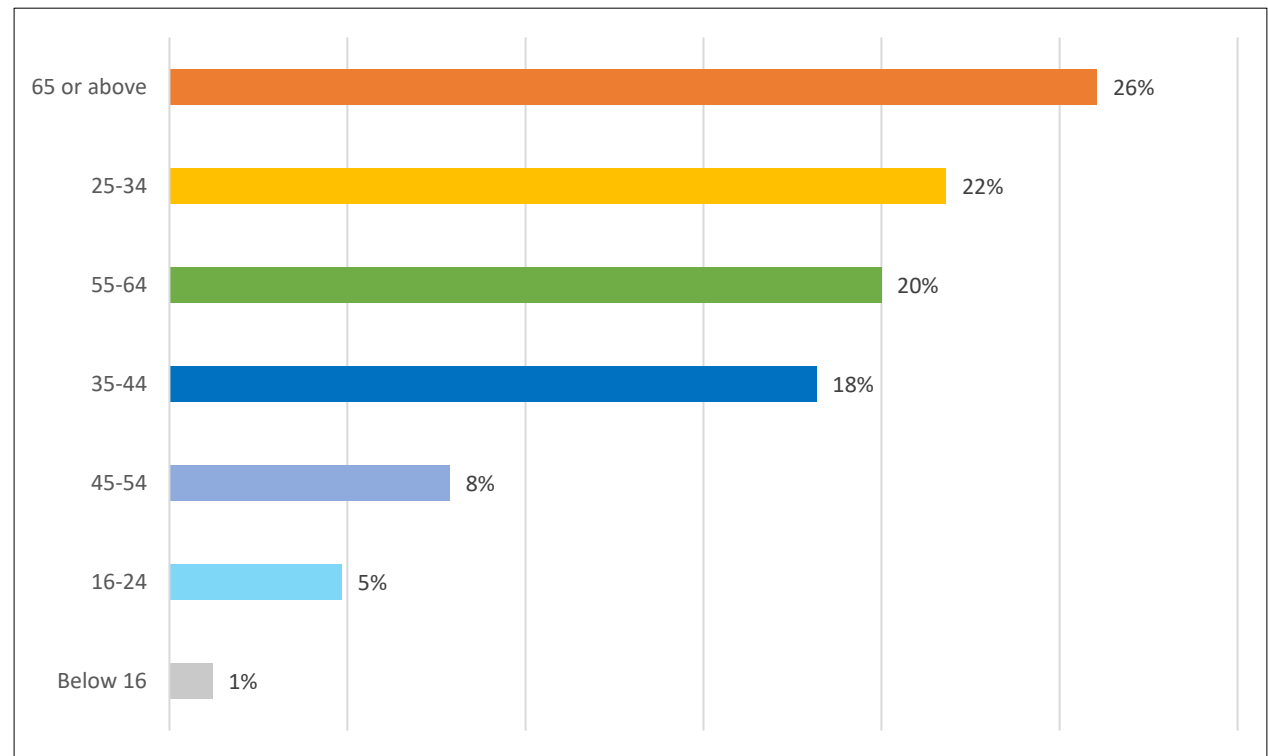


DEMOGRAPHICS

Survey participants were from the following locations within Santa Rosa:



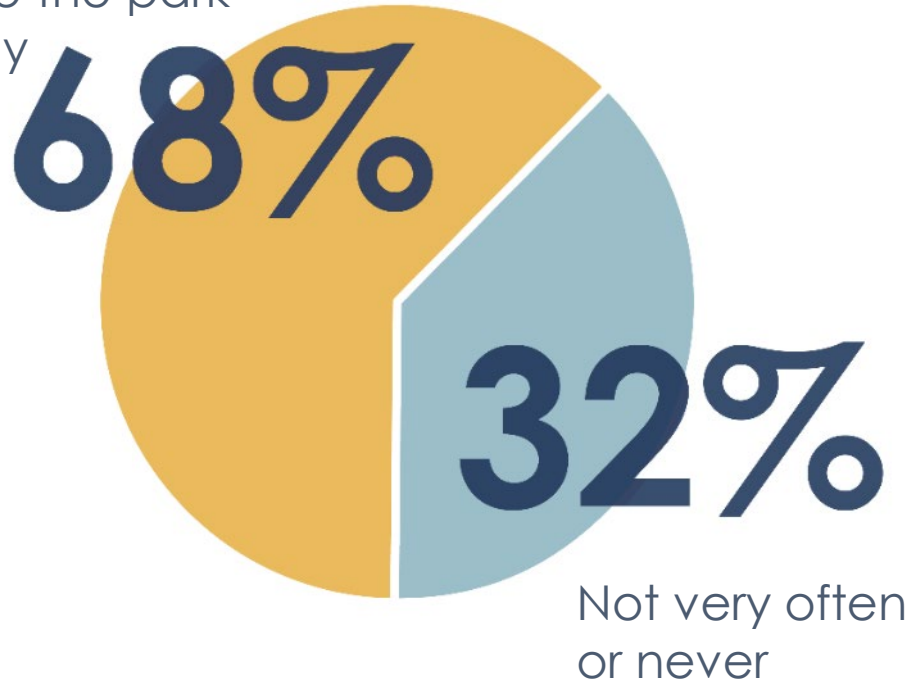
Age distribution of survey participants:



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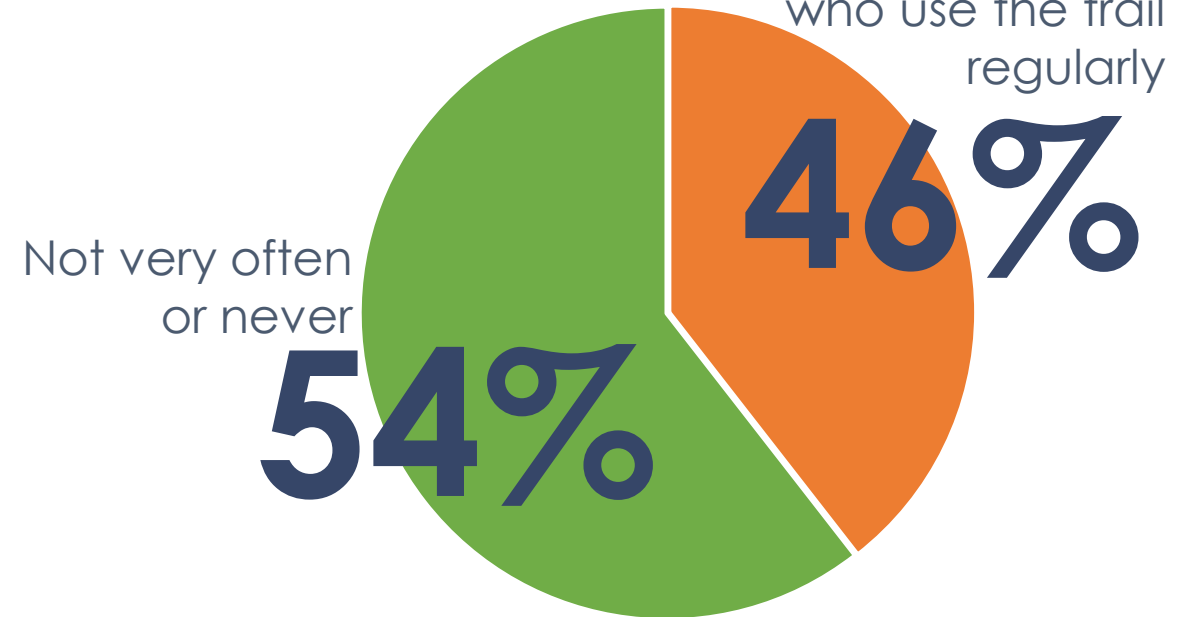
HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK?

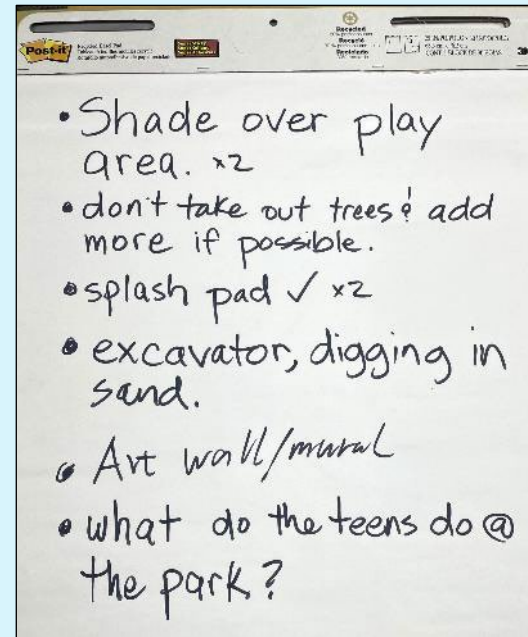
Survey participants
who use the park
regularly



HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE TRAIL?

Survey participants
who use the trail
regularly





COMMUNITY MEETING #1

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TOP 3 GOALS FOR PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Play opportunities for people of all ages and abilities

18%

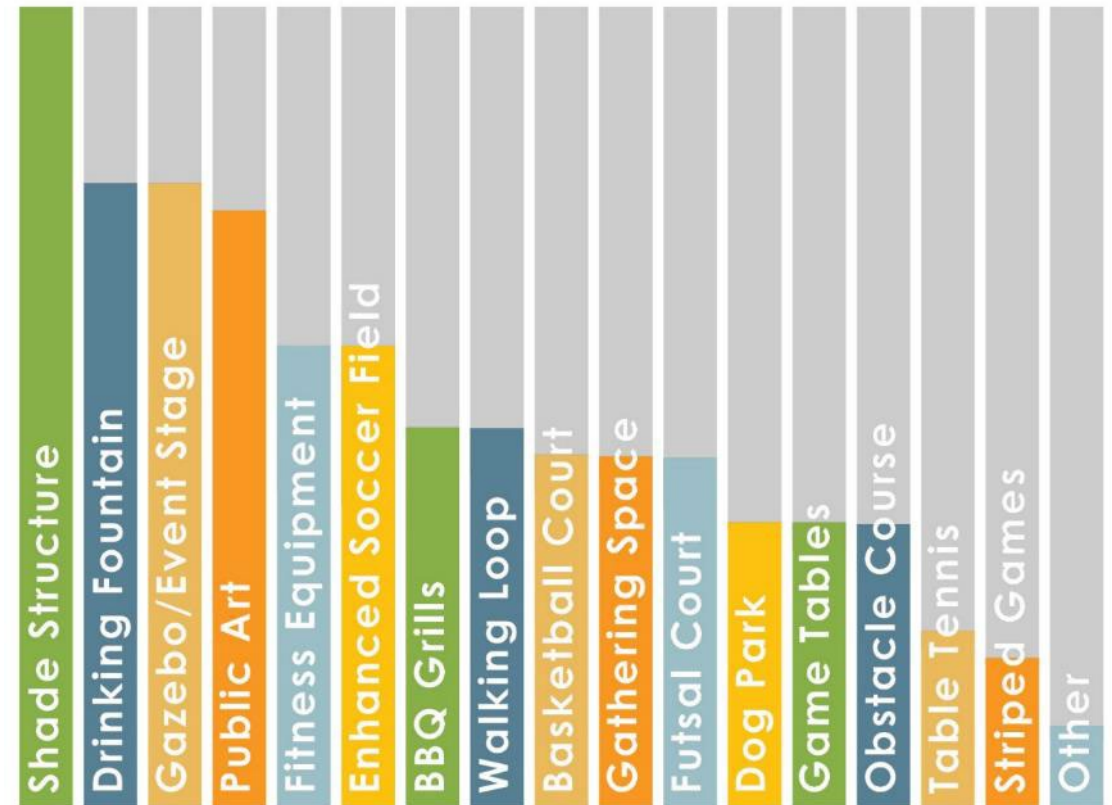
Safety in the park and along the trail

17%

Gathering spaces for the neighborhood to socialize and celebrate

15%

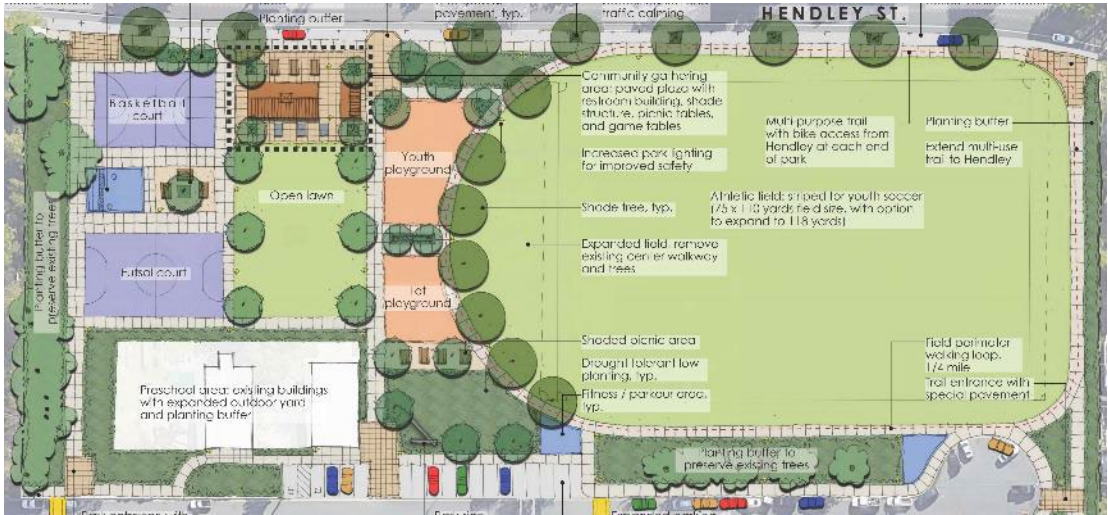
WHAT NEW PARK AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?



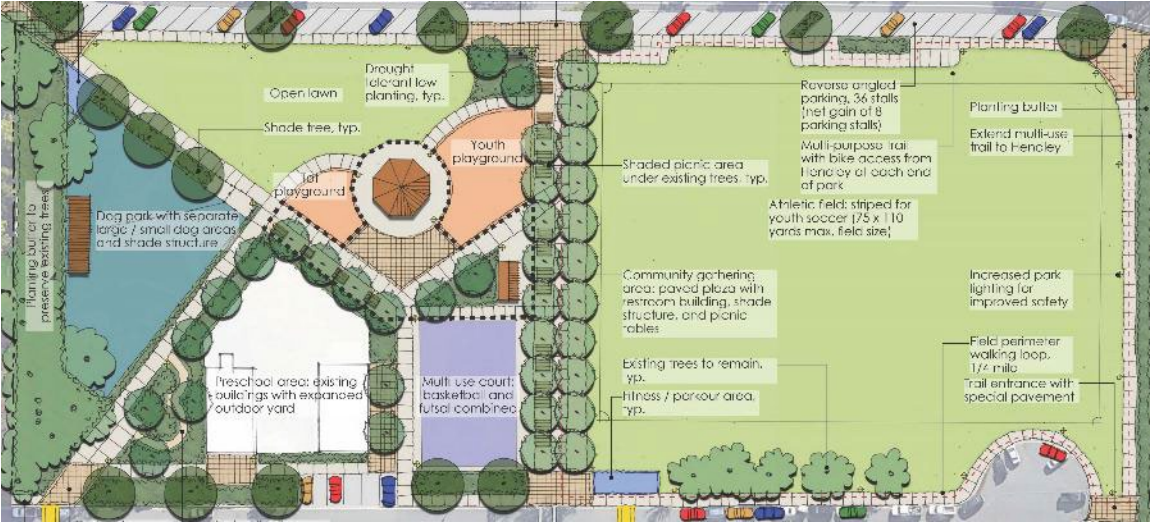
ALTERNATIVE 1 – CENTRAL GREEN



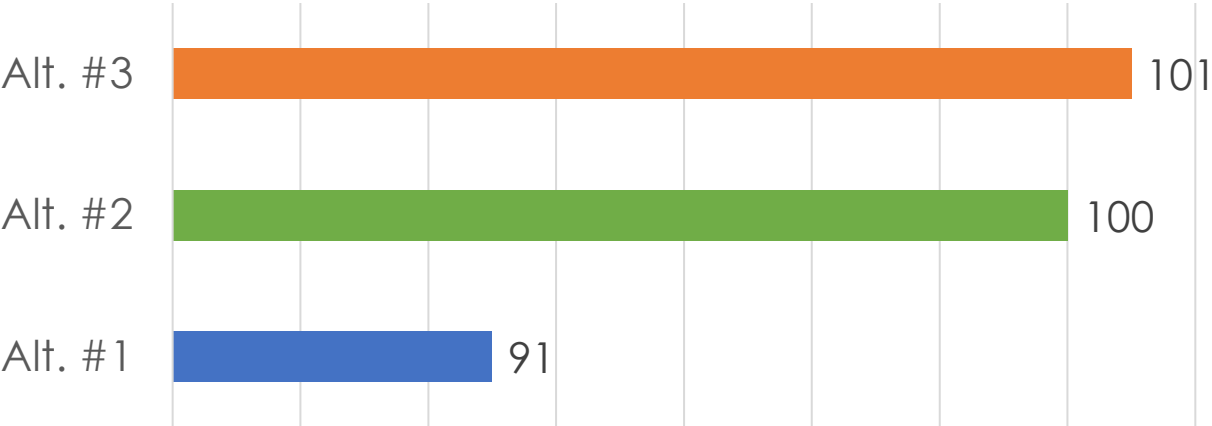
ALTERNATIVE 2 – EXPANDED FIELD



ALTERNATIVE 3 – CORNER CONNECTIONS



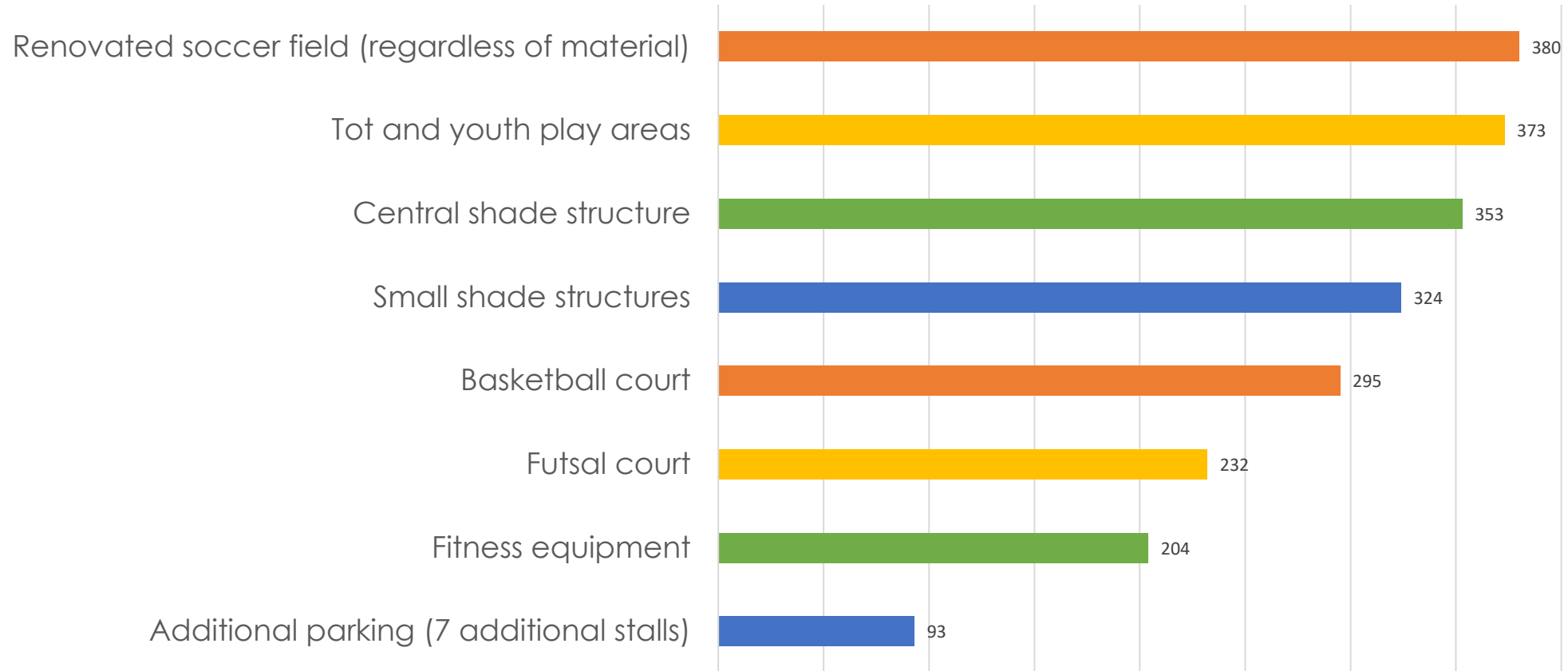
Design Alternatives Ranking



* Weighted totals based on ranking



IMPROVEMENTS PRIORITY

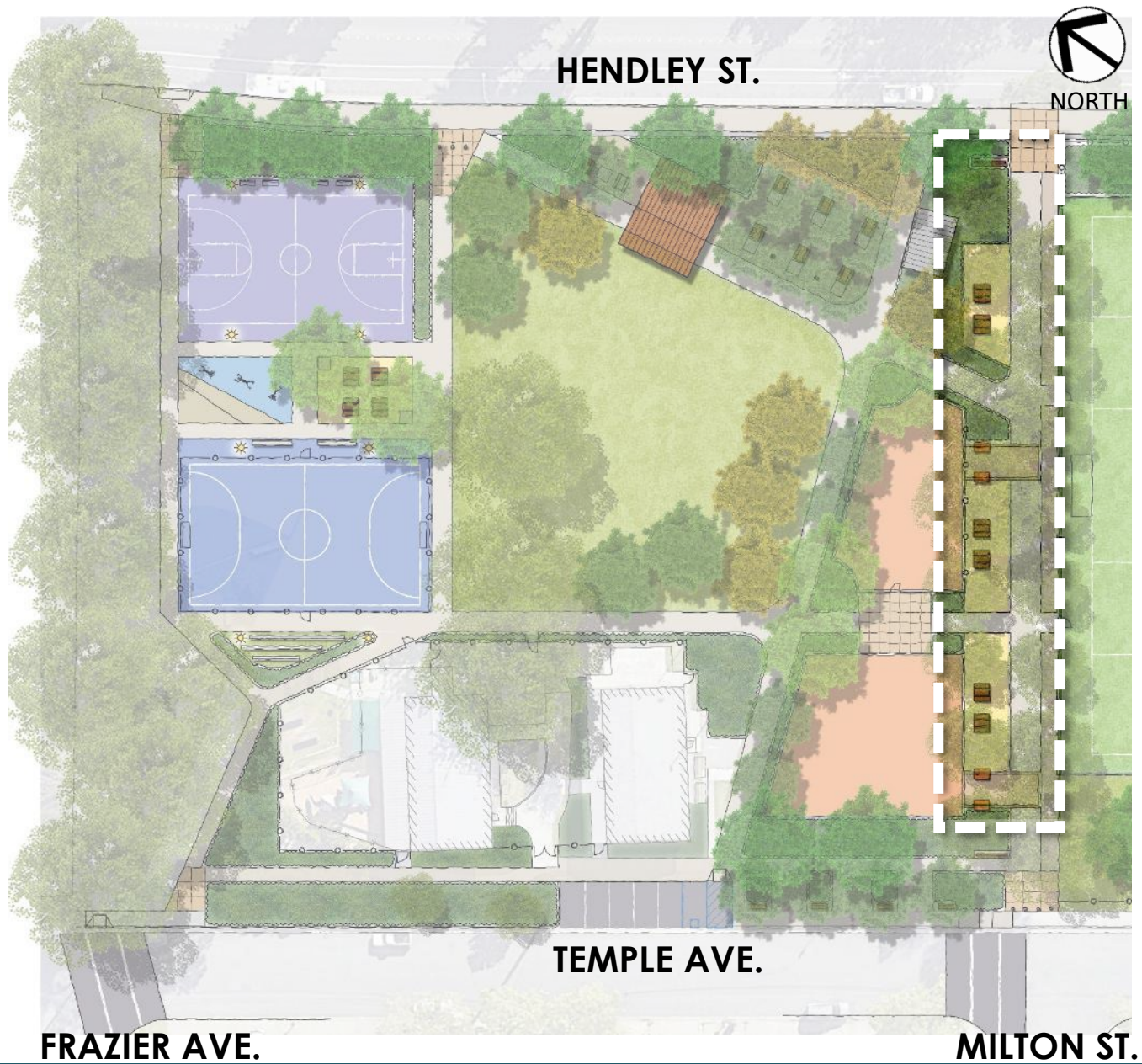


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REVISED DRAFT MASTER PLAN

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FRONT PORCH



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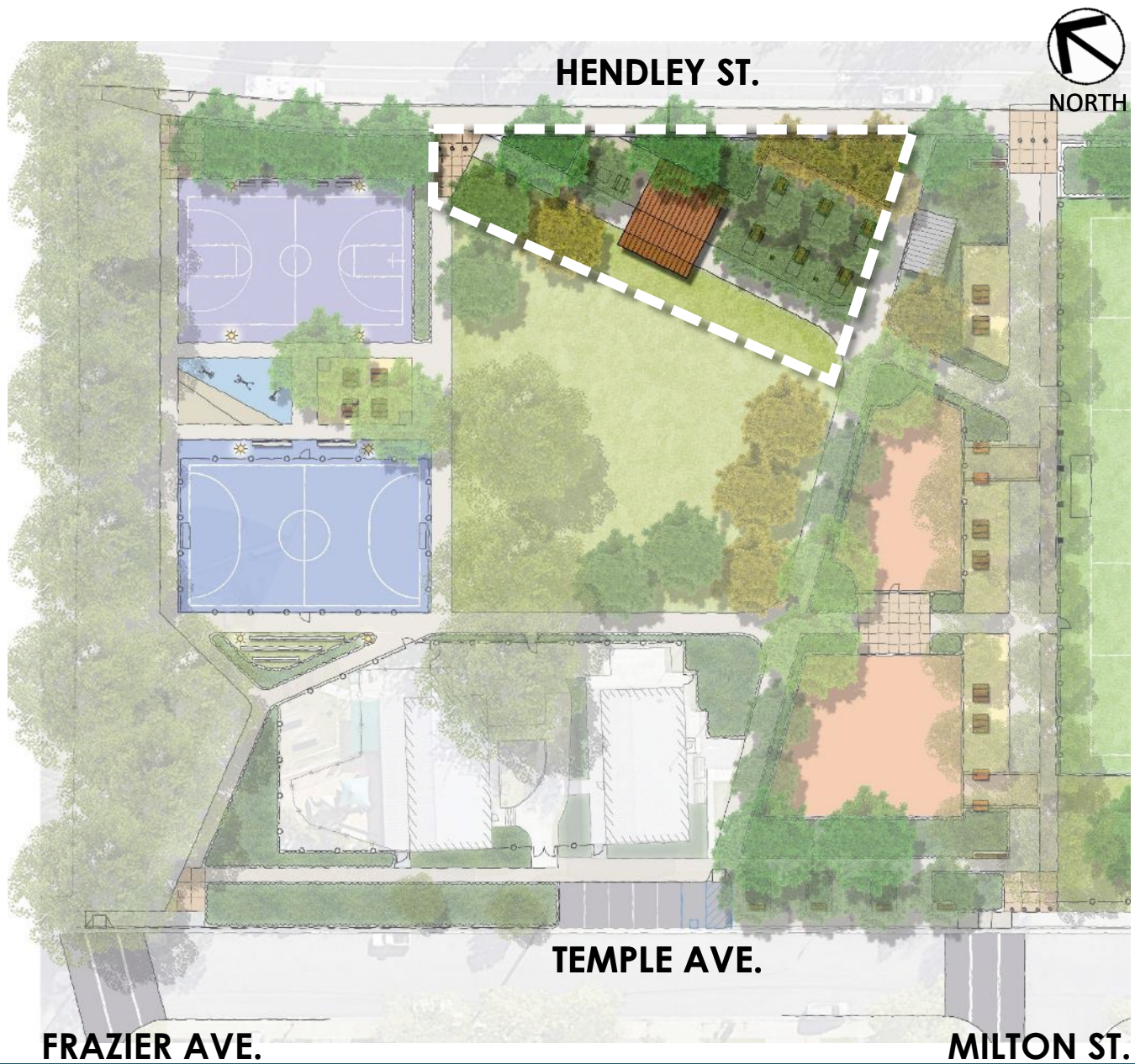
FRONT PORCH – Existing Conditions

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FRONT PORCH – Proposed Improvements

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BEAT THE HEAT

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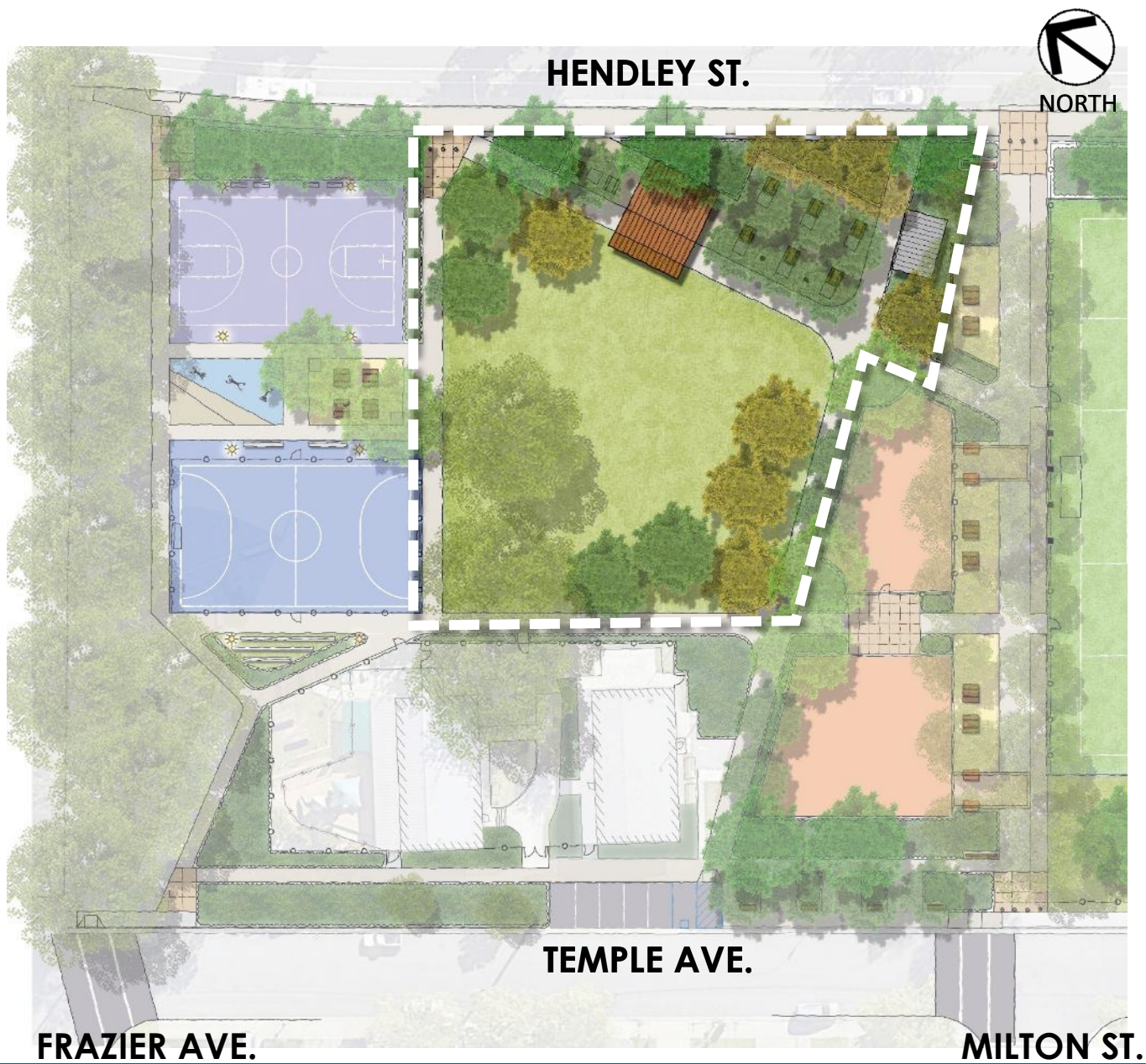
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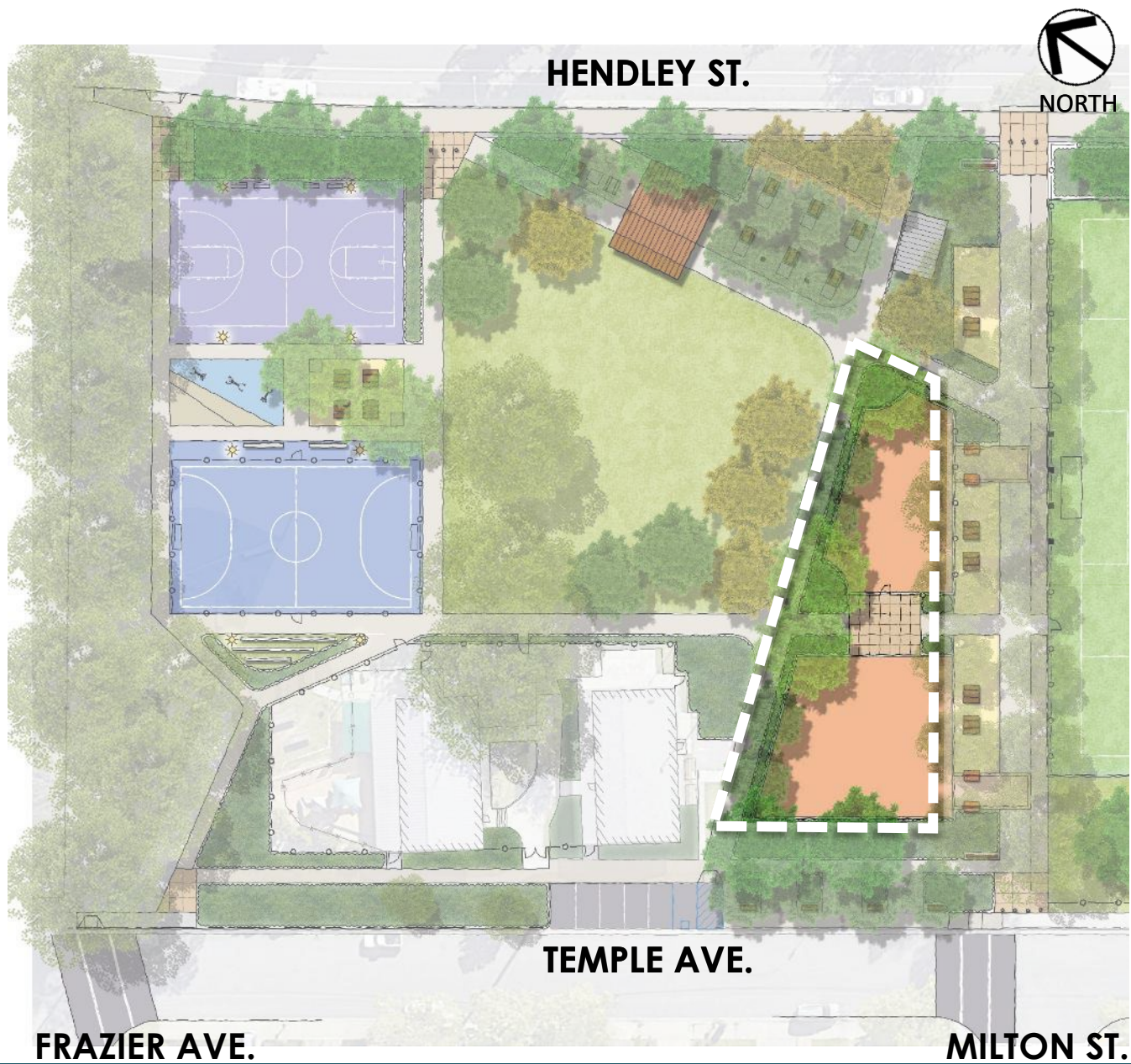
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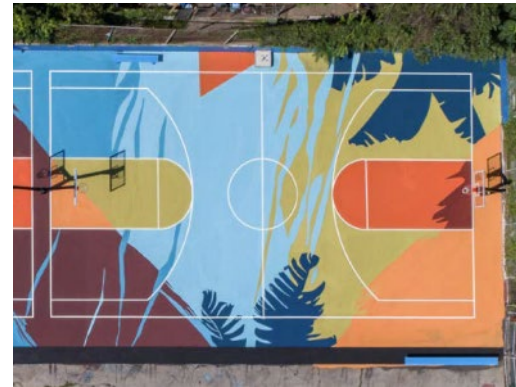
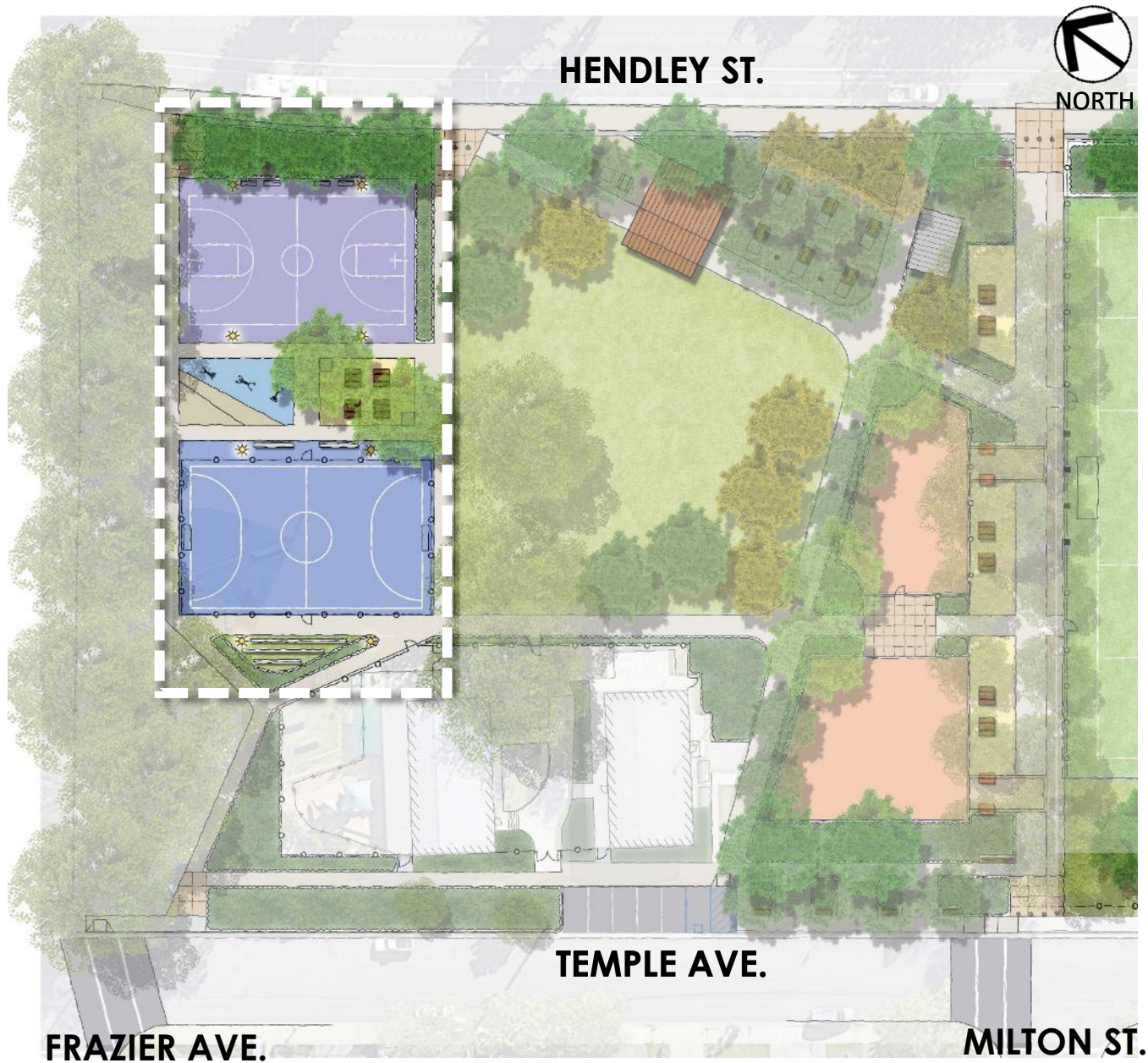
HEART OF THE PARK

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PLAY ZONE

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COURT ZONE

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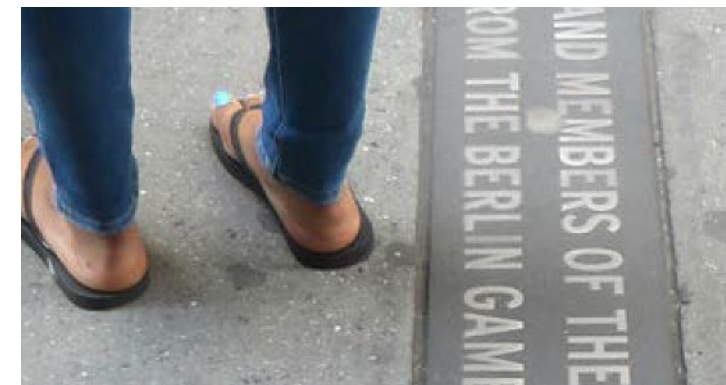
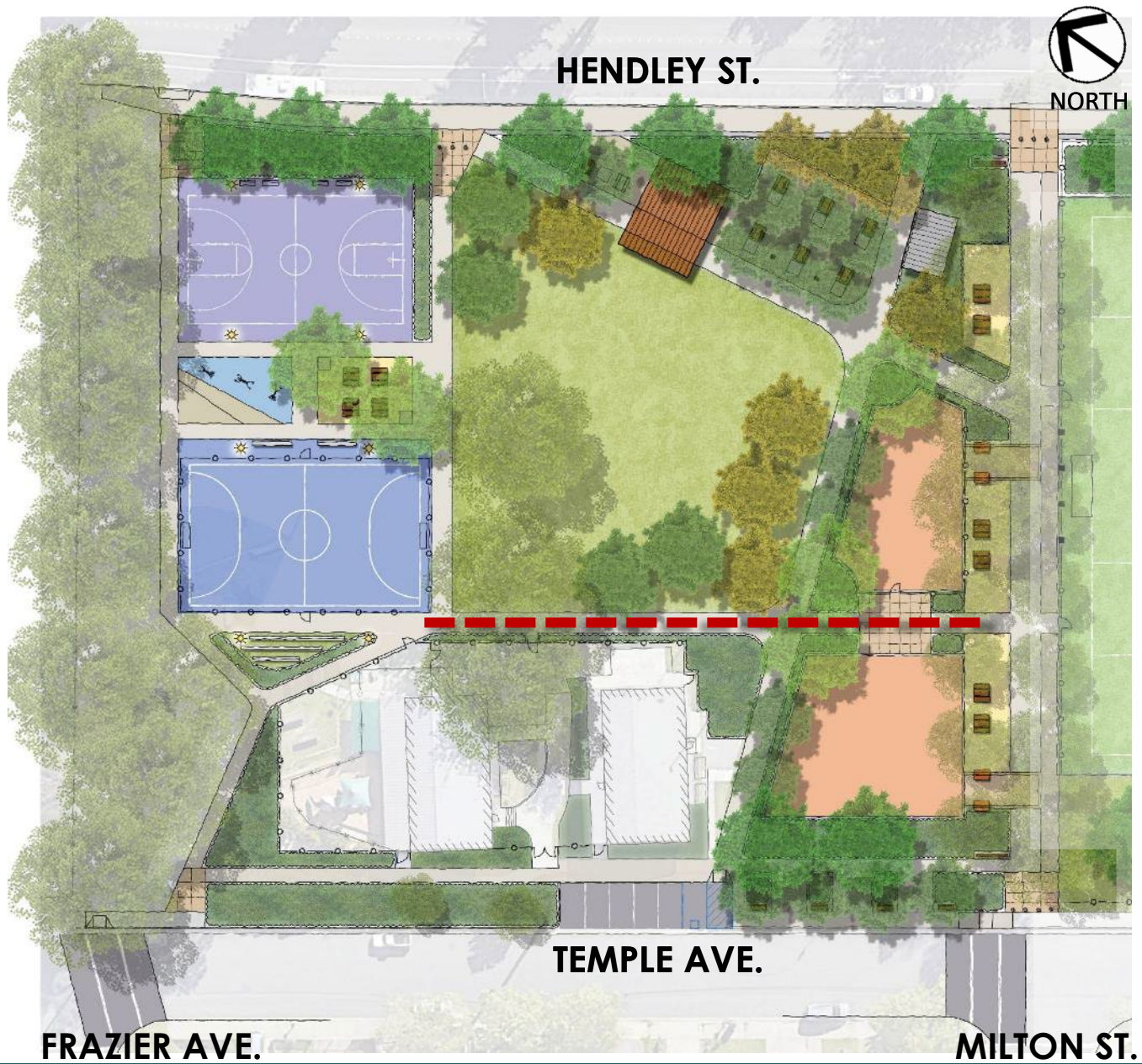
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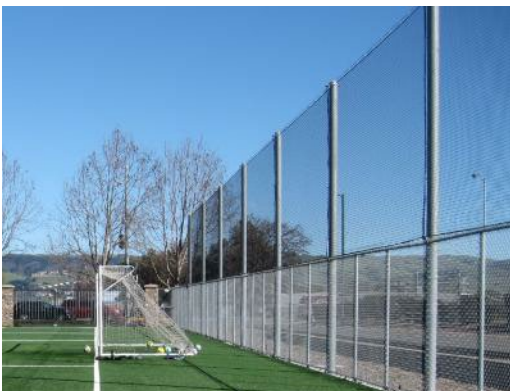
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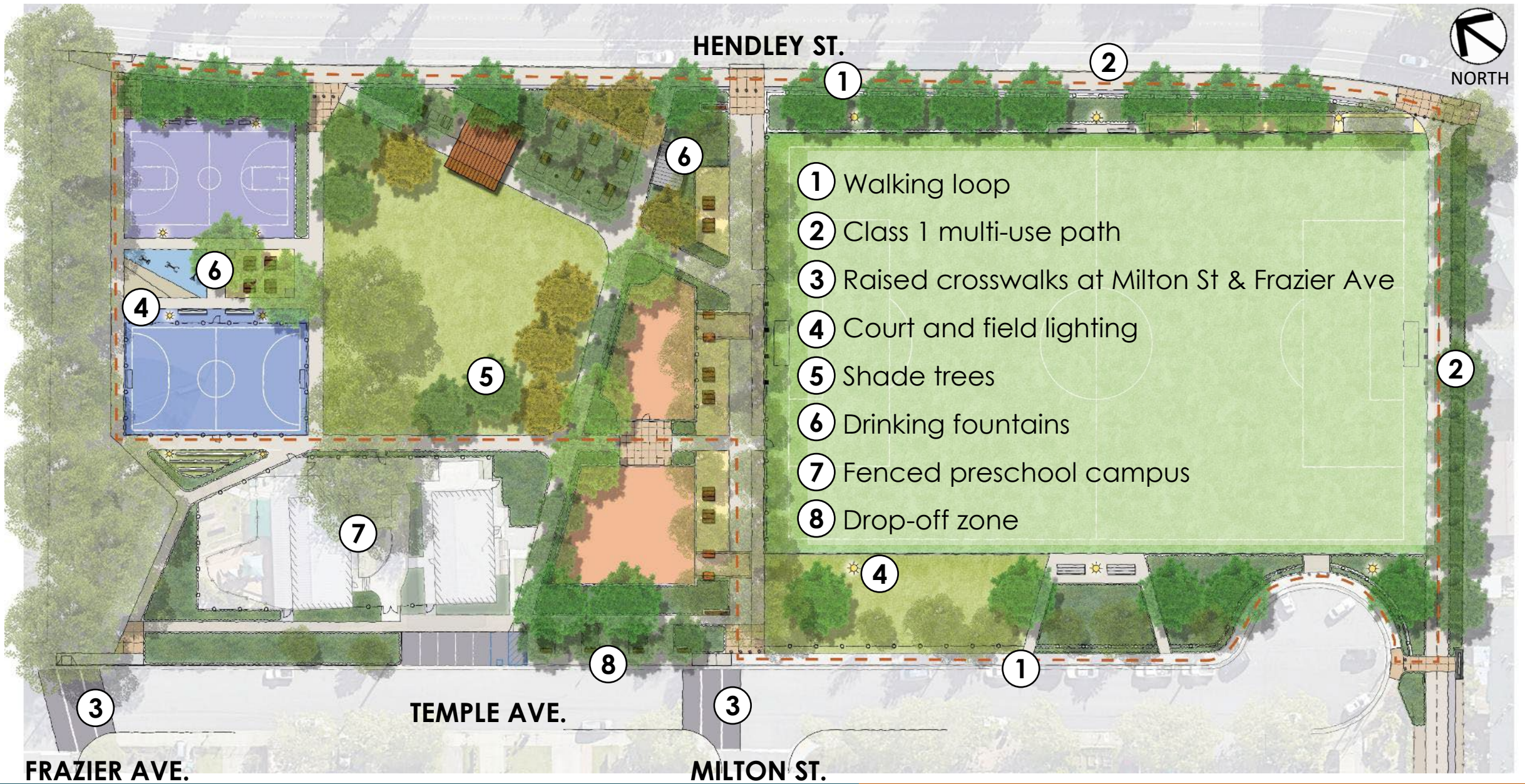
HISTORY WALK

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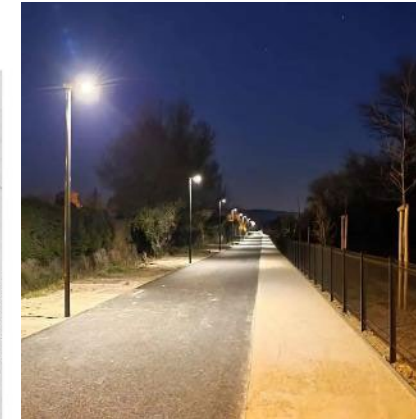
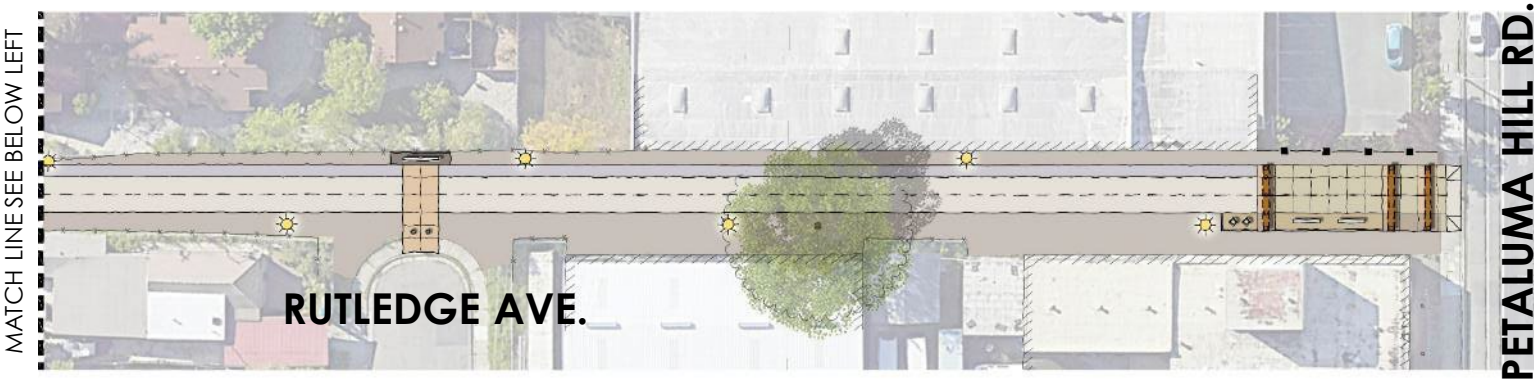
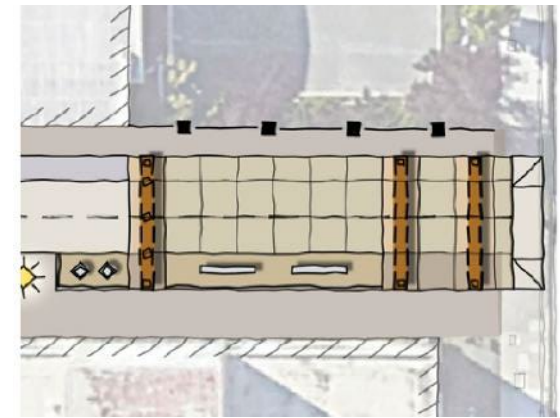
SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELD

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OTHER FEATURES

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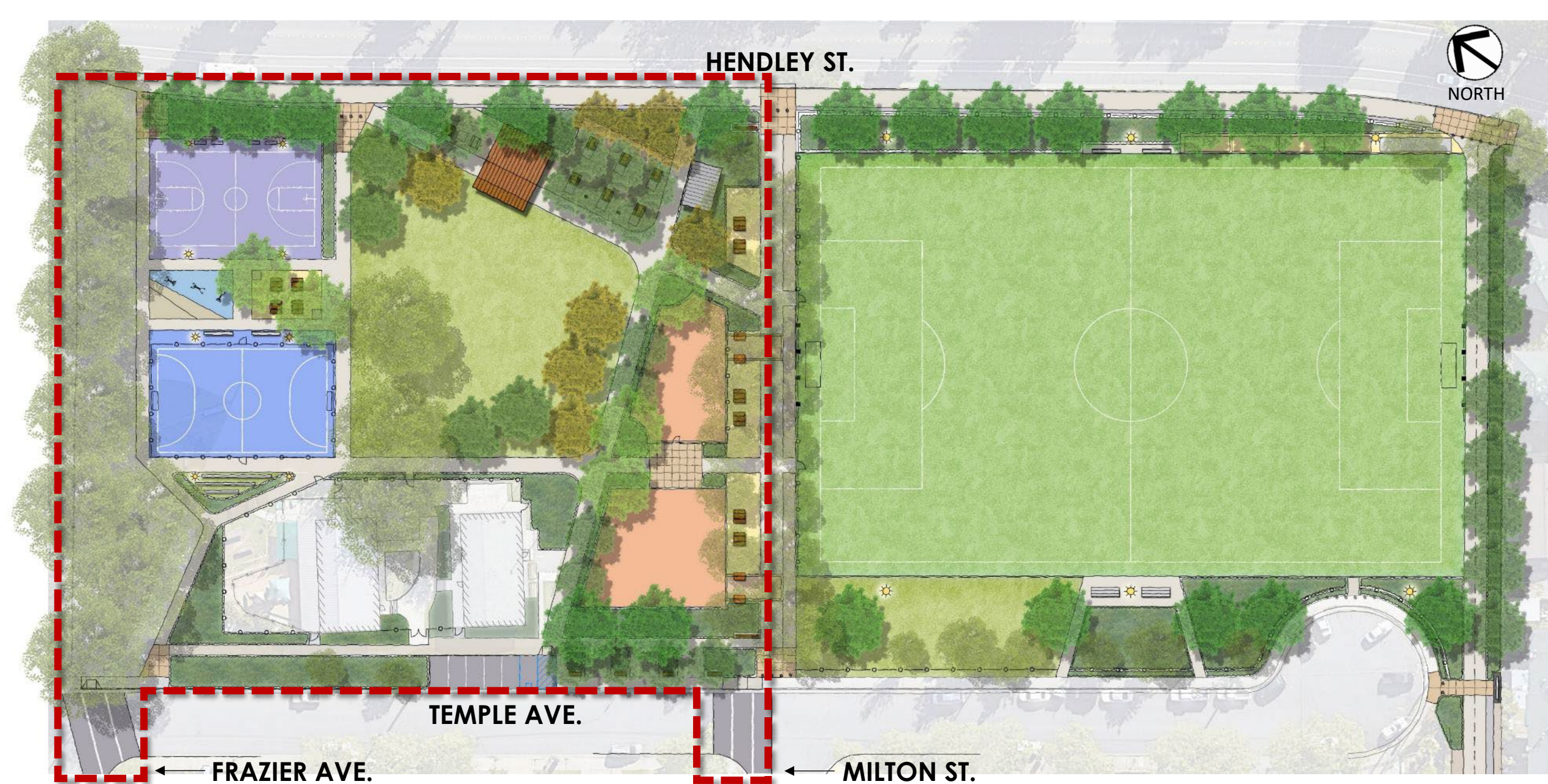
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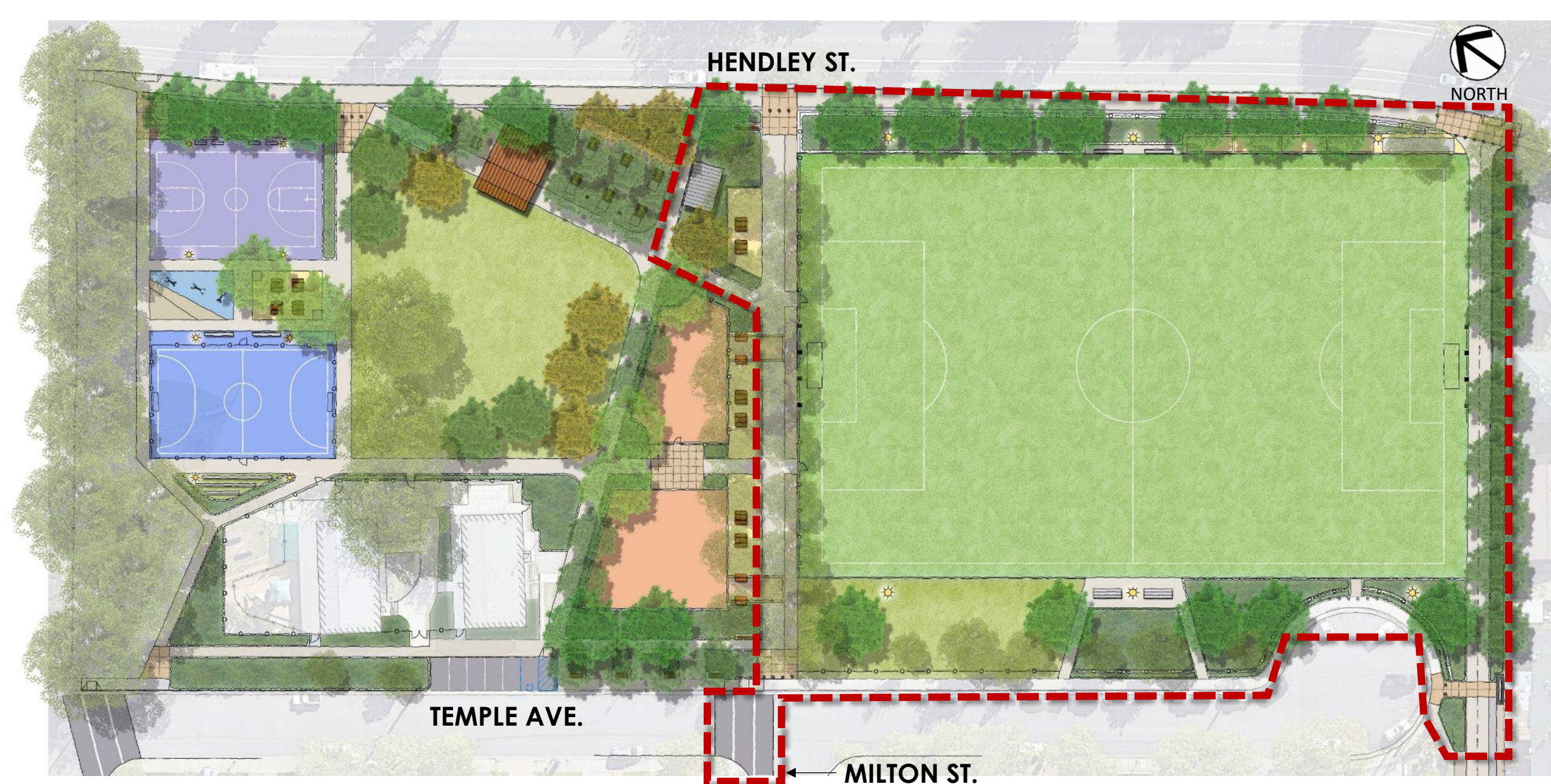
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POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PHASING

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- Environmental Review
- City Council Approval
- Design and Construction
- Park Opening, 2027





QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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