



Improvements to
**EDWARDS/McCARTHY
PLAYGROUND**



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Boston Parks and Recreation



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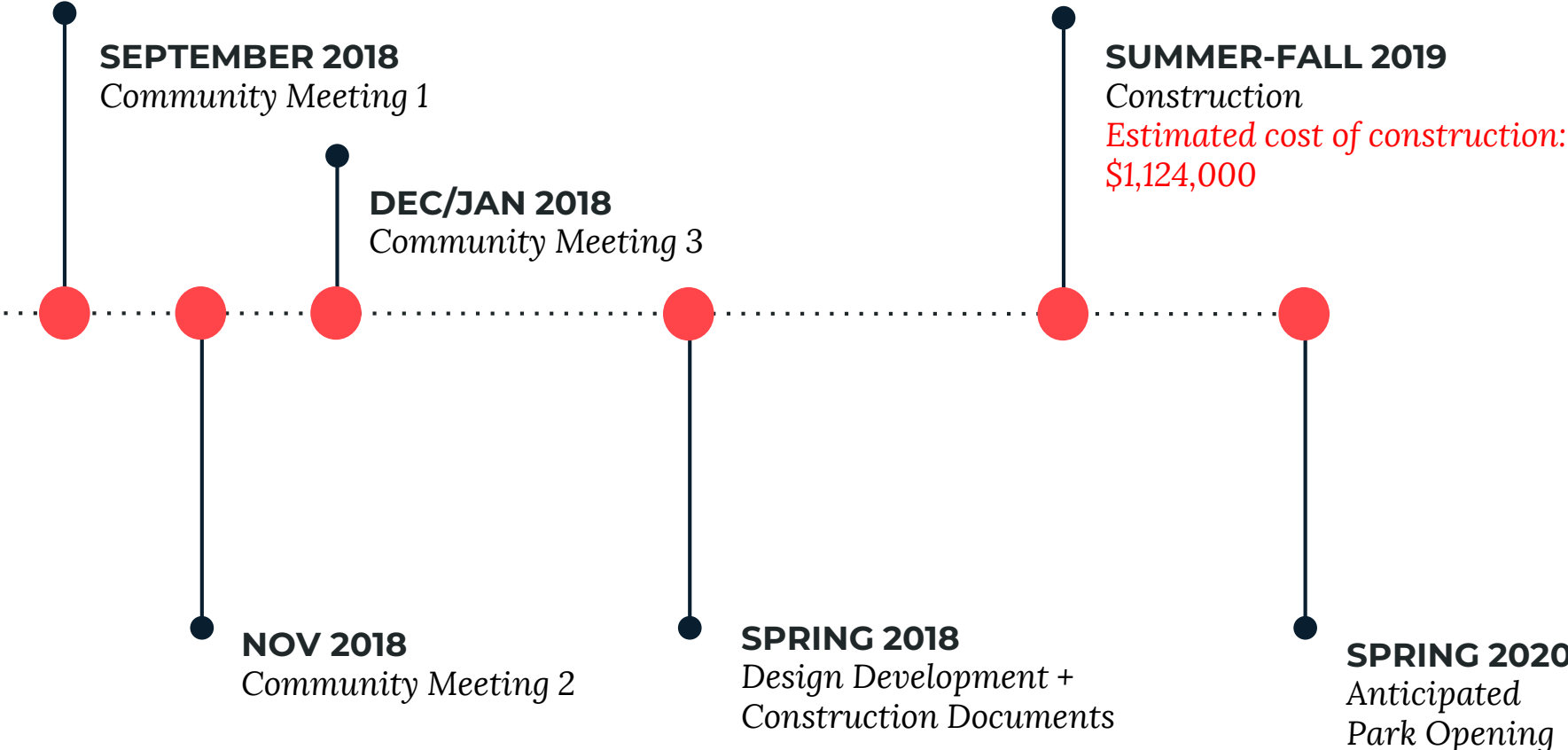
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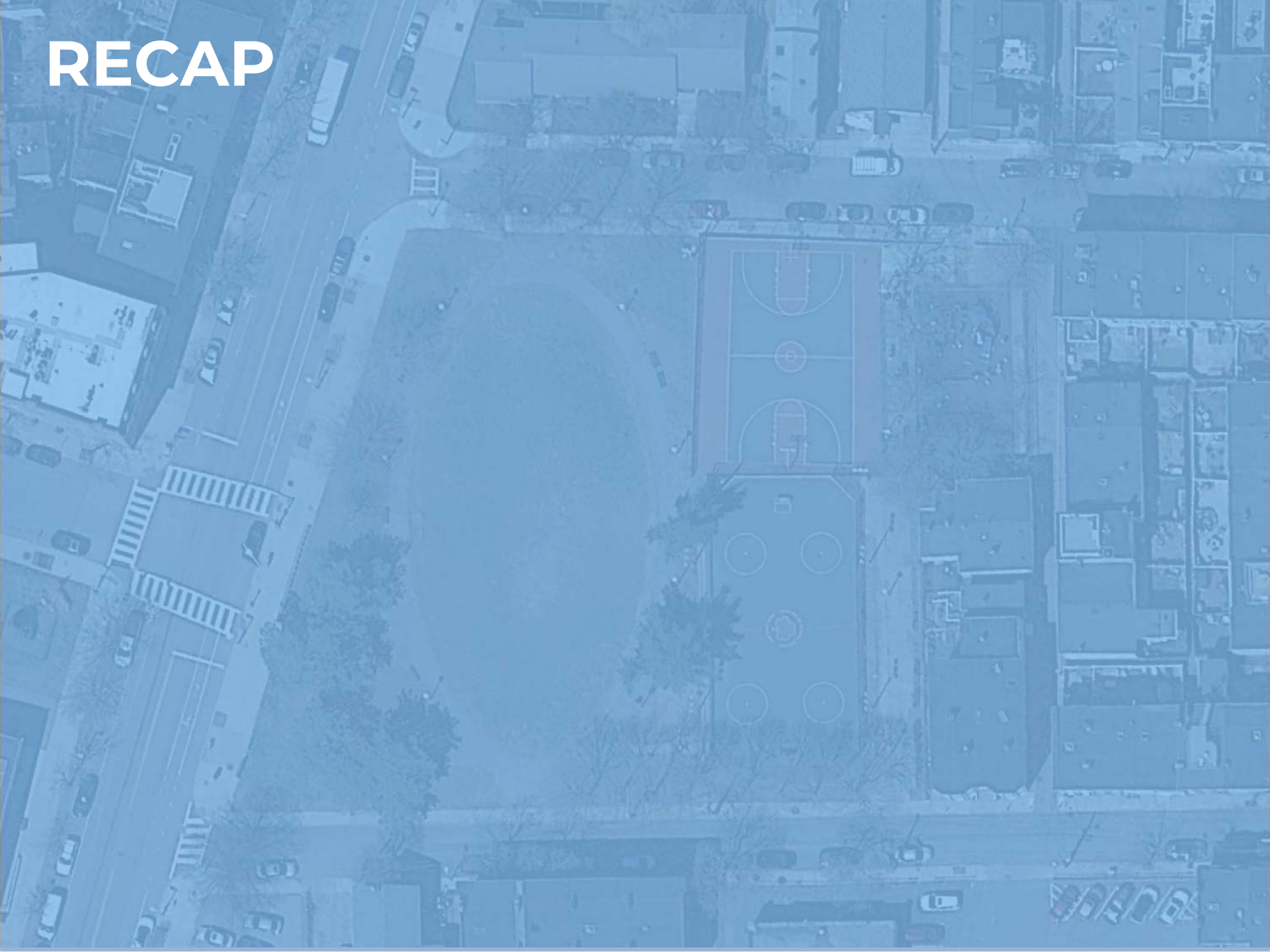
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PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



RECAP




**SITE
EXISTING**



SITE EXISTING PROGRAM



LEGEND

-  Playground
-  Street Hockey
-  Basketball
-  Lawn/Passive Area

SITE TOPOGRAPHY



LEGEND



Low Point/
Catch Basin



Surface
Drainage



Elevated
Landform



Flat Area



Low/ Depressed
Landform

Main Street

Mead Street

Eden Street

Ludlow Street

Berm

Berm

Berm
+
High Point

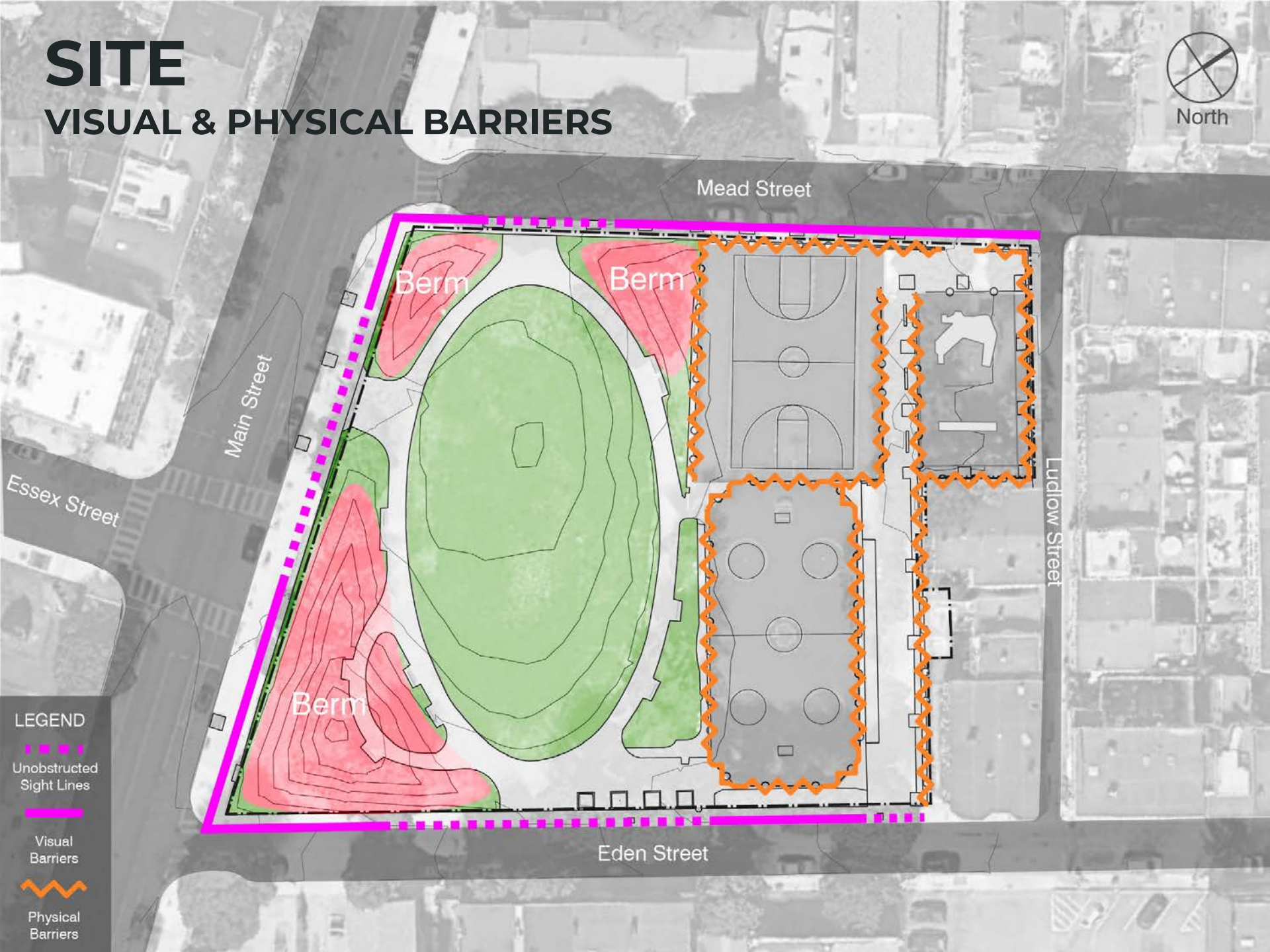
Low Point
Bowl

Flat
Area

Flat
Area

SITE

VISUAL & PHYSICAL BARRIERS



LEGEND

Unobstructed Sight Lines

Visual Barriers

Physical Barriers

MTG. 1 – GENERAL TAKEAWAYS



- Park is very important to the neighborhood and the community is highly engaged
- Overall layout of park is working
- For the most part, the berms are considered an amenity that provides a sense of enclosure/containment
- Playground gets a lot of use
 - Some would like it to stay a tot lot (primarily for ages 2-5)
 - Others would like to see more equipment suited for older children
- Upgrading the green space is also important
 - More benches
 - More trees
 - Different types of seating
 - Better lighting

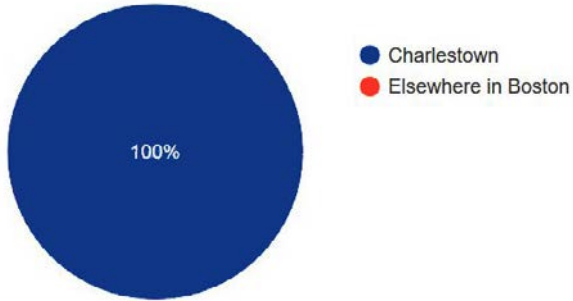
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- Lawn/ Passive Area

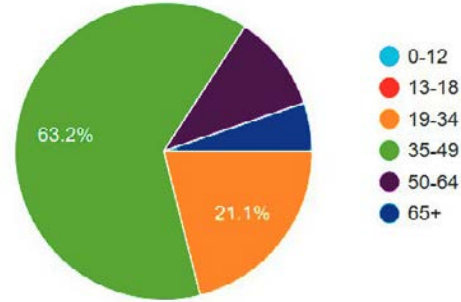
SURVEY RESPONSES

WHO WE HEARD FROM – 19 RESPONSES

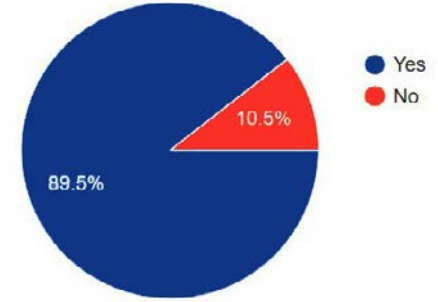
Where do you live?



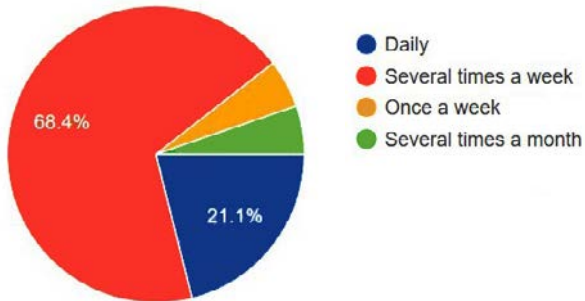
How old are you?



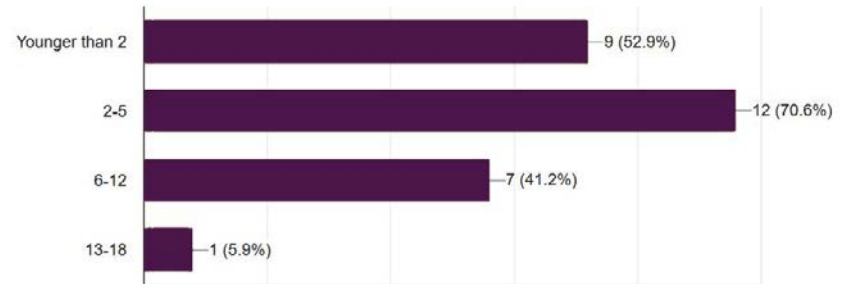
Do you have children that use the playground?



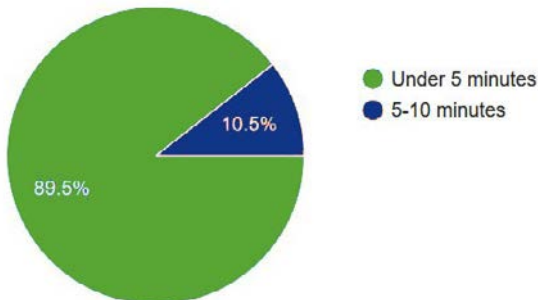
About how often do you visit?



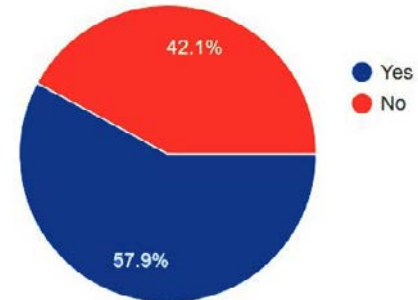
If you have children, how old are they?



How long does it take to get to the park from your home?



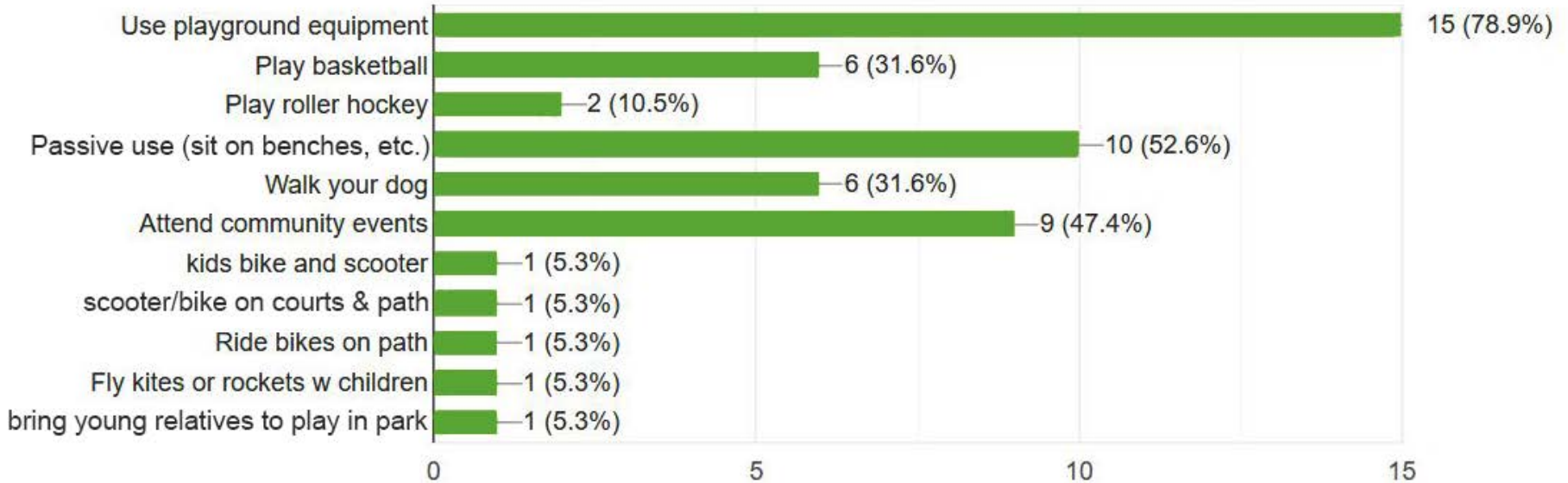
Did you attend the first meeting at the Golden Age Center?



SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT WE HEARD

When you visit, what do you like to do?



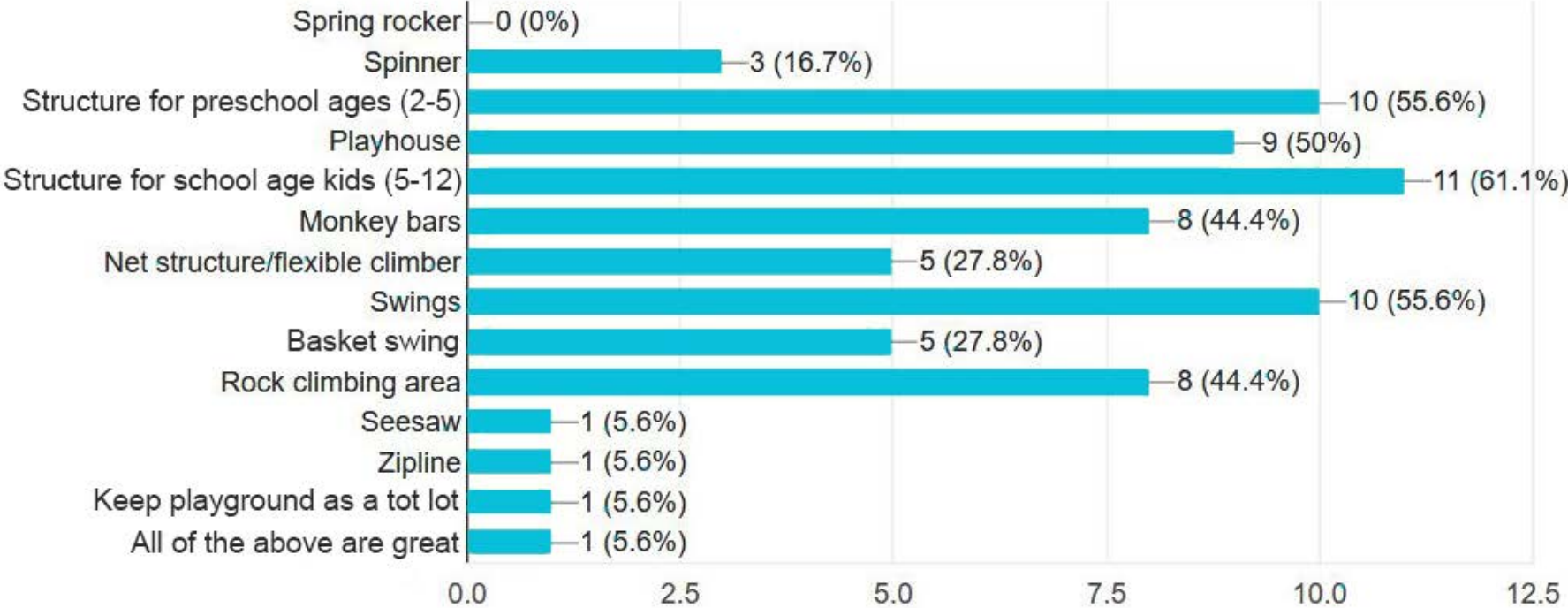
What is your first priority in improving the park?



SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT WE HEARD

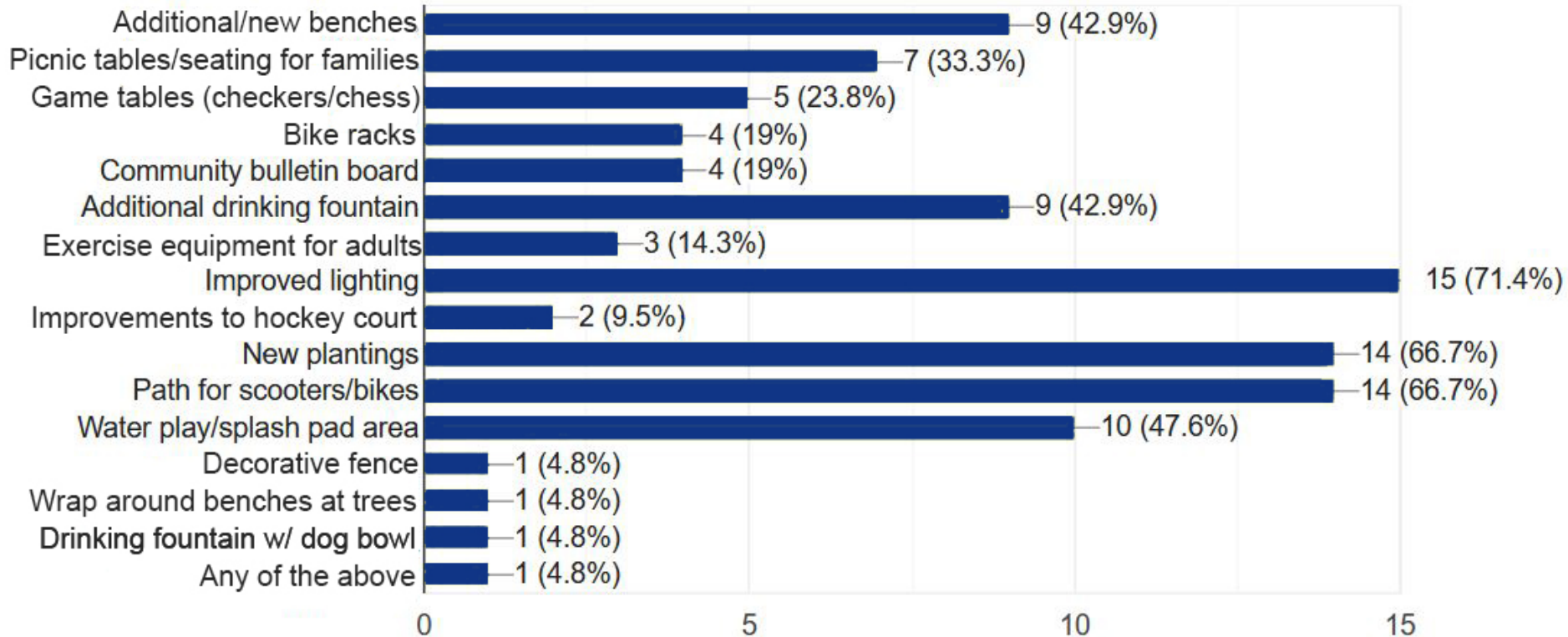
What types of play equipment are you most interested in seeing?



SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT WE HEARD

What other amenities are you interested in seeing?



SITE OPTIONS



SITE OPTIONS



Option 1

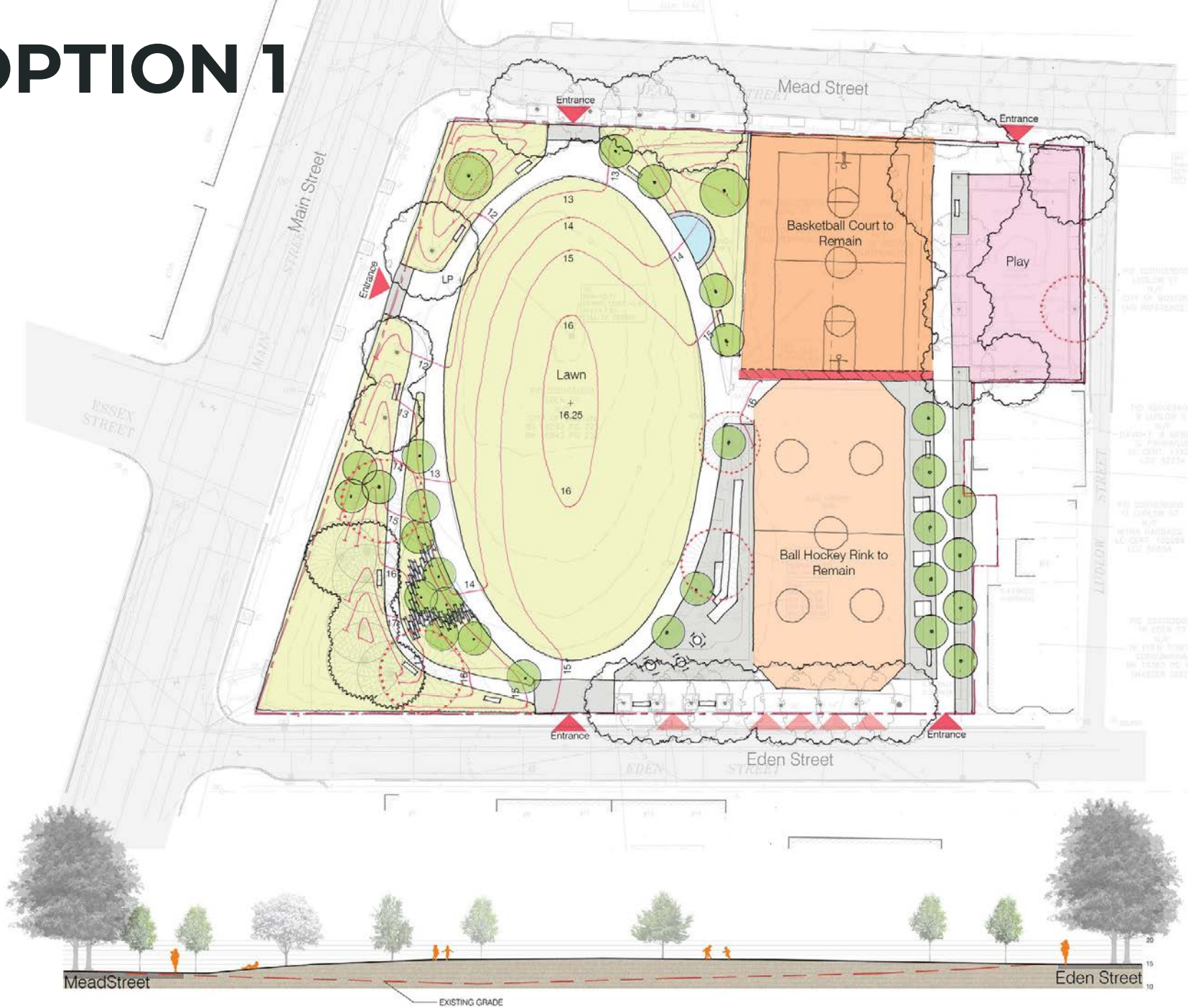
Option 2

Option 3

IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL OPTIONS:

- **Lighting**
- **More benches & seating**
- **Additional trees & lawn upgrade**
- **Fence & retaining wall at playground and border fence with abutters**
- **Hockey court – fence, baseboards, gates, resurfaced court**

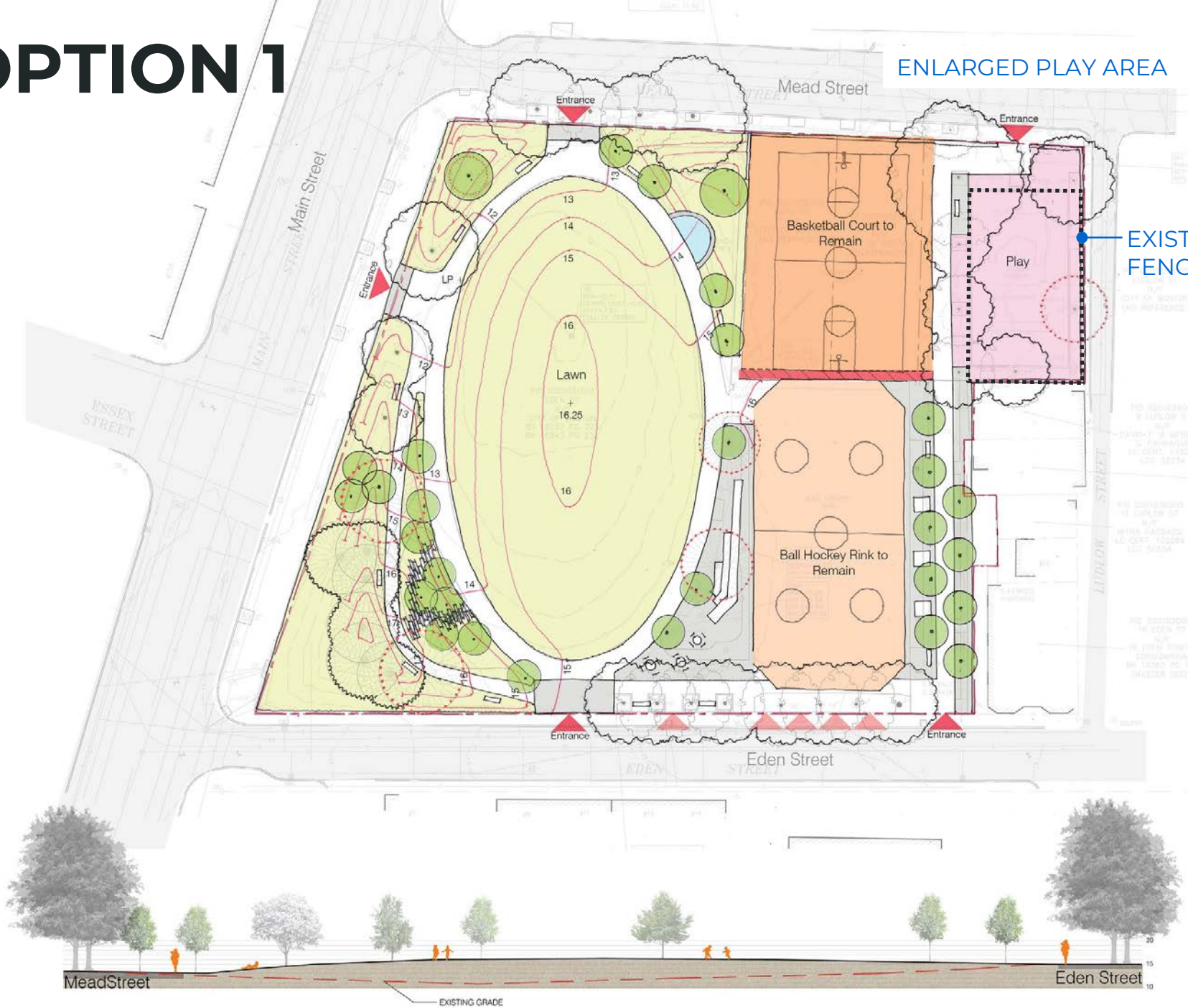
OPTION 1



OPTION 1

ENLARGED PLAY AREA

EXISTING FENCE

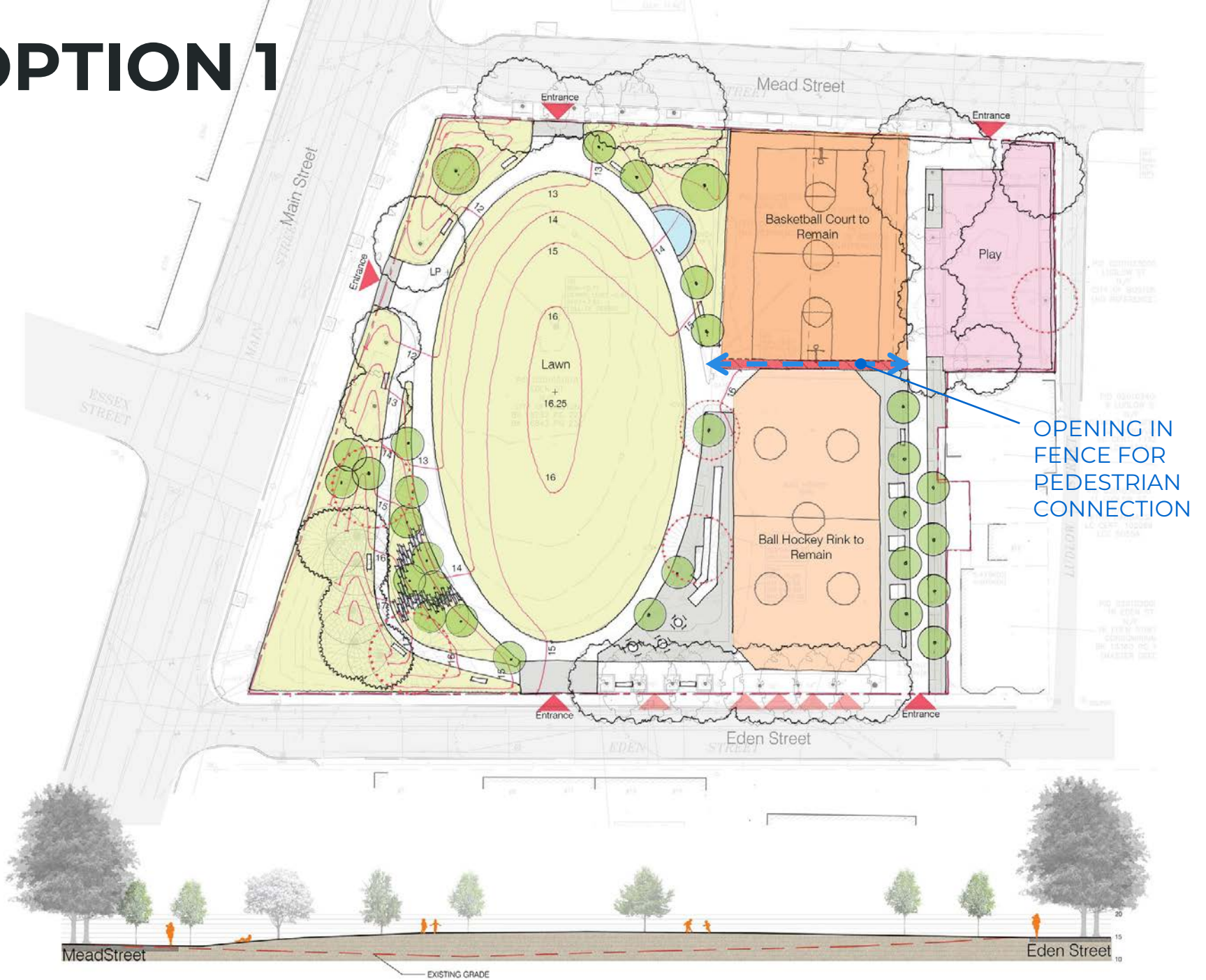


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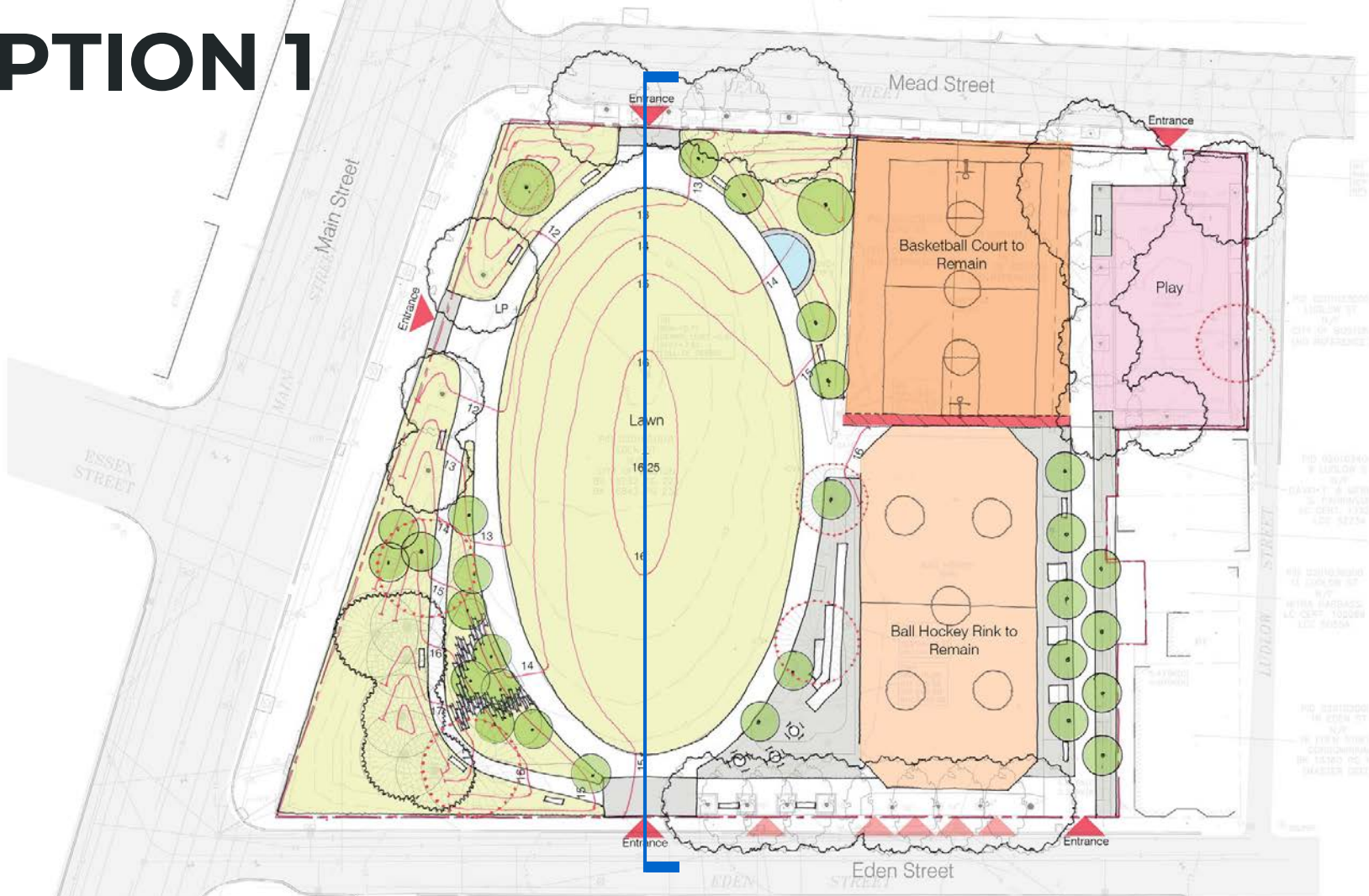
EXISTING GRADE

Eden Street

OPTION 1



OPTION 1



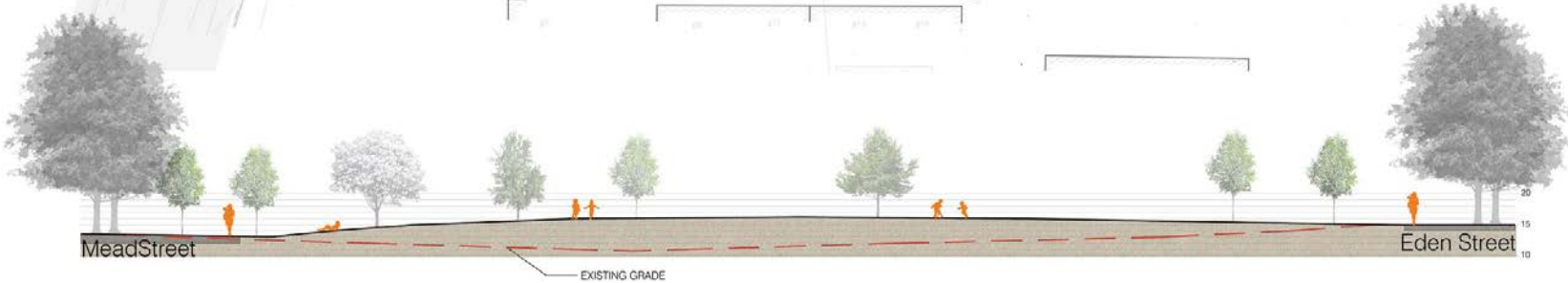
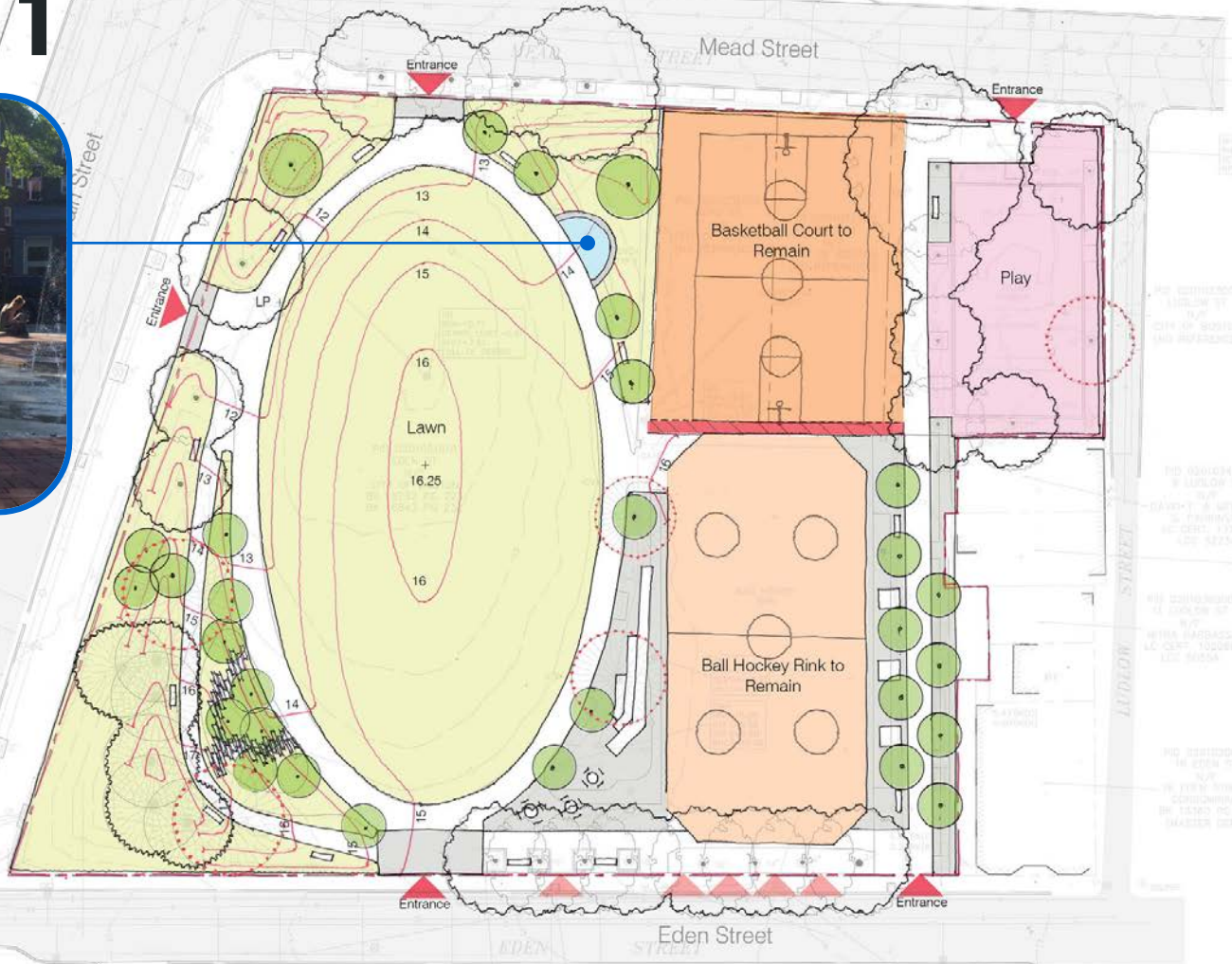
GENTLE MOUND AT ELLIPSE LAWN



OPTION 1

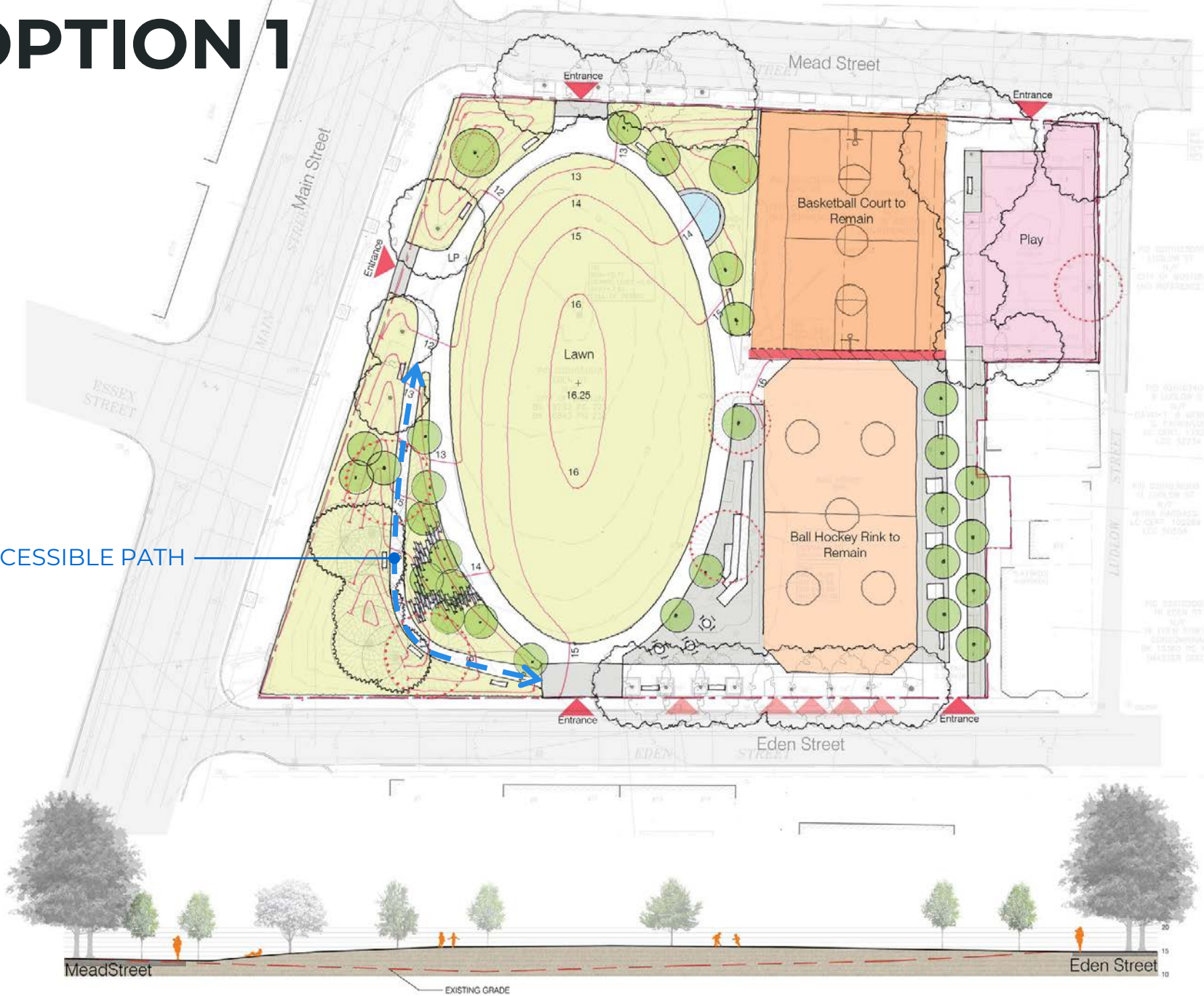


WATER PLAY



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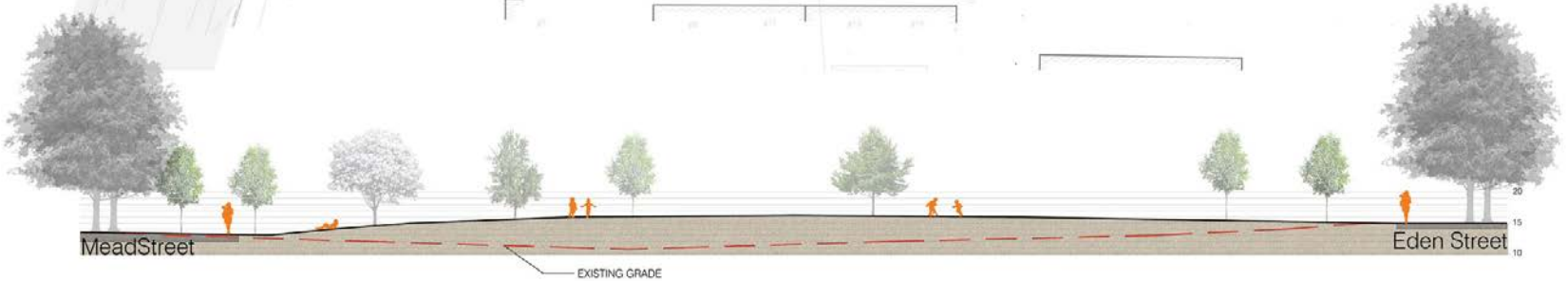
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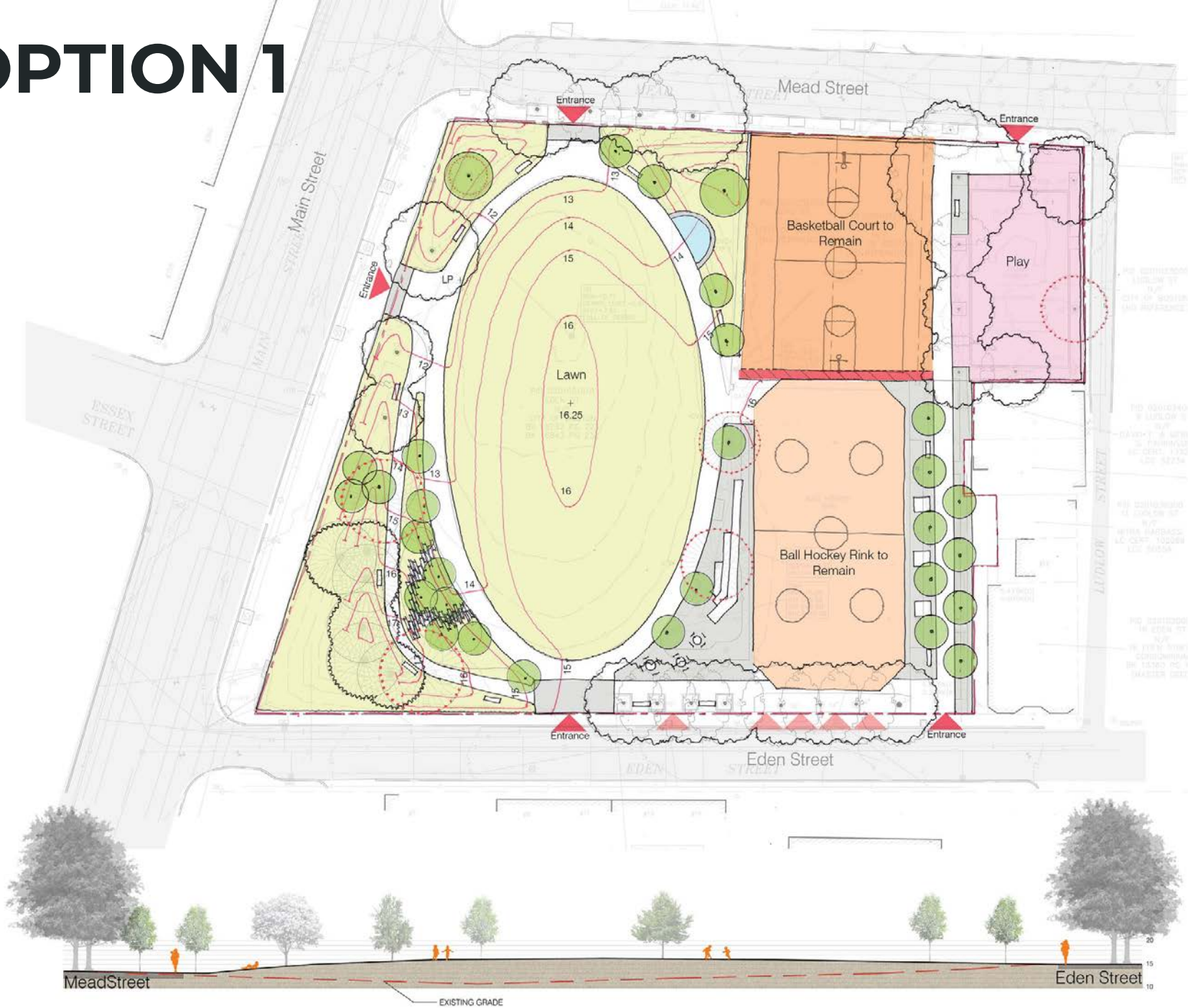
OPTION 1



HILL SCRAMBLE



OPTION 1



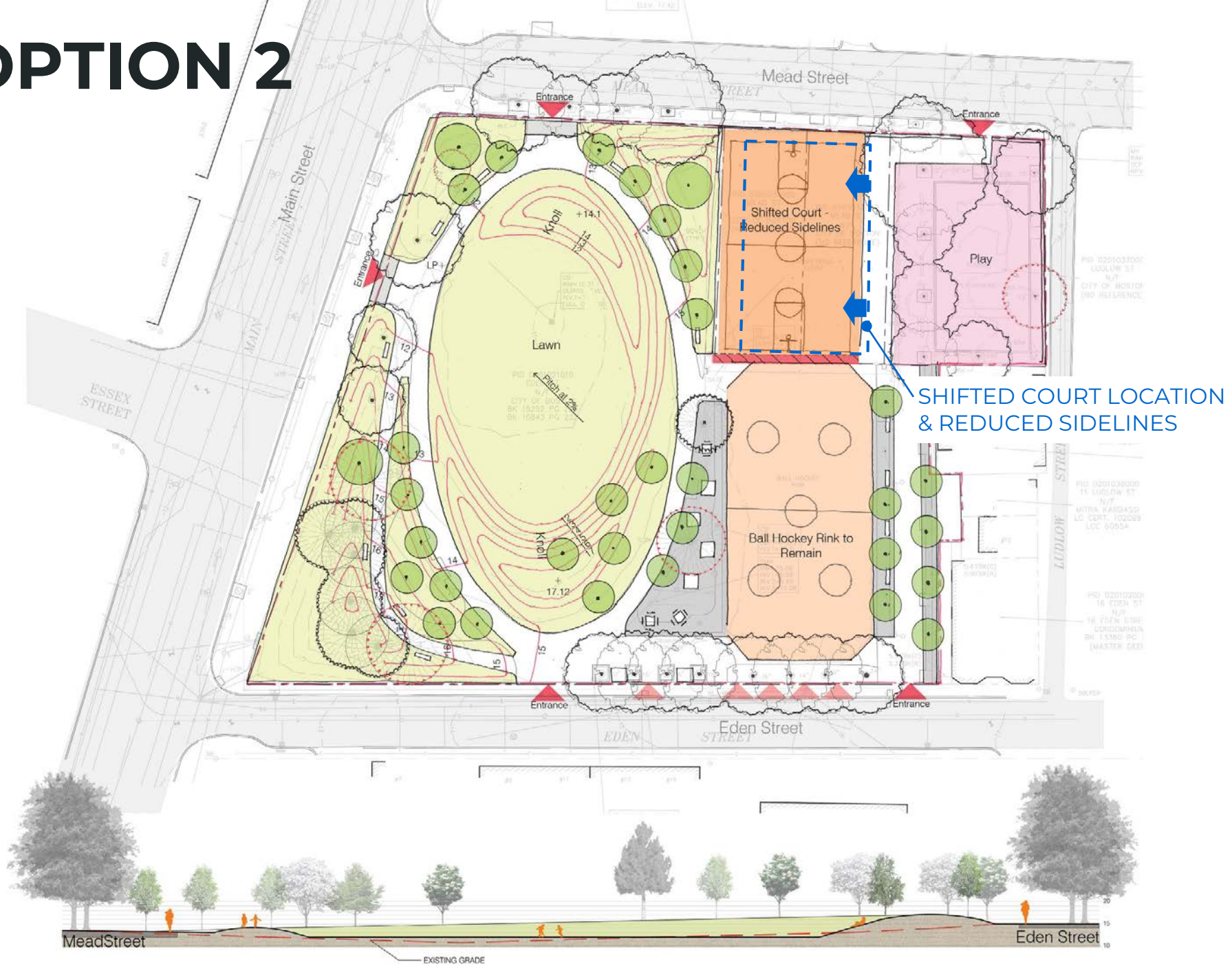
OPTION 2



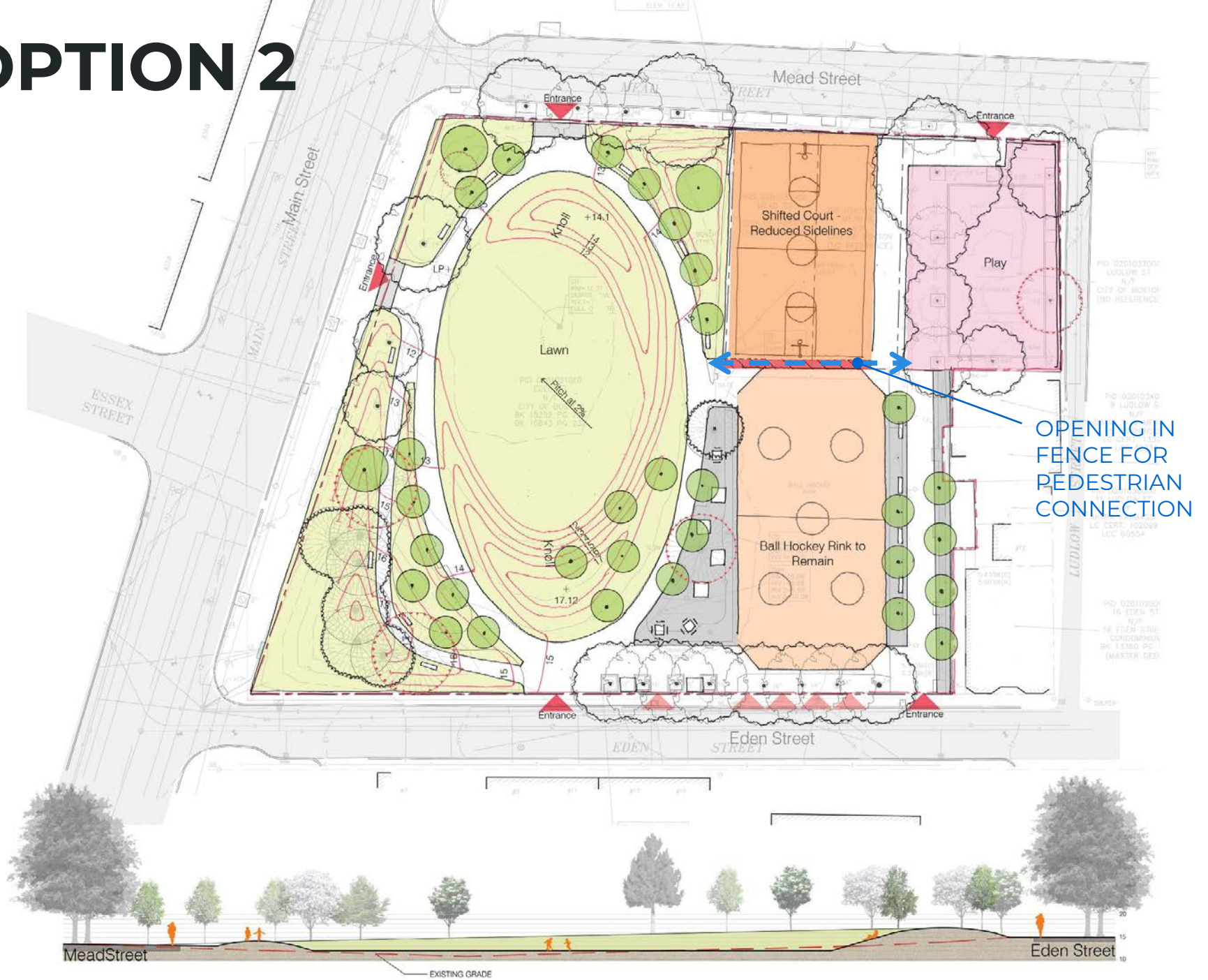
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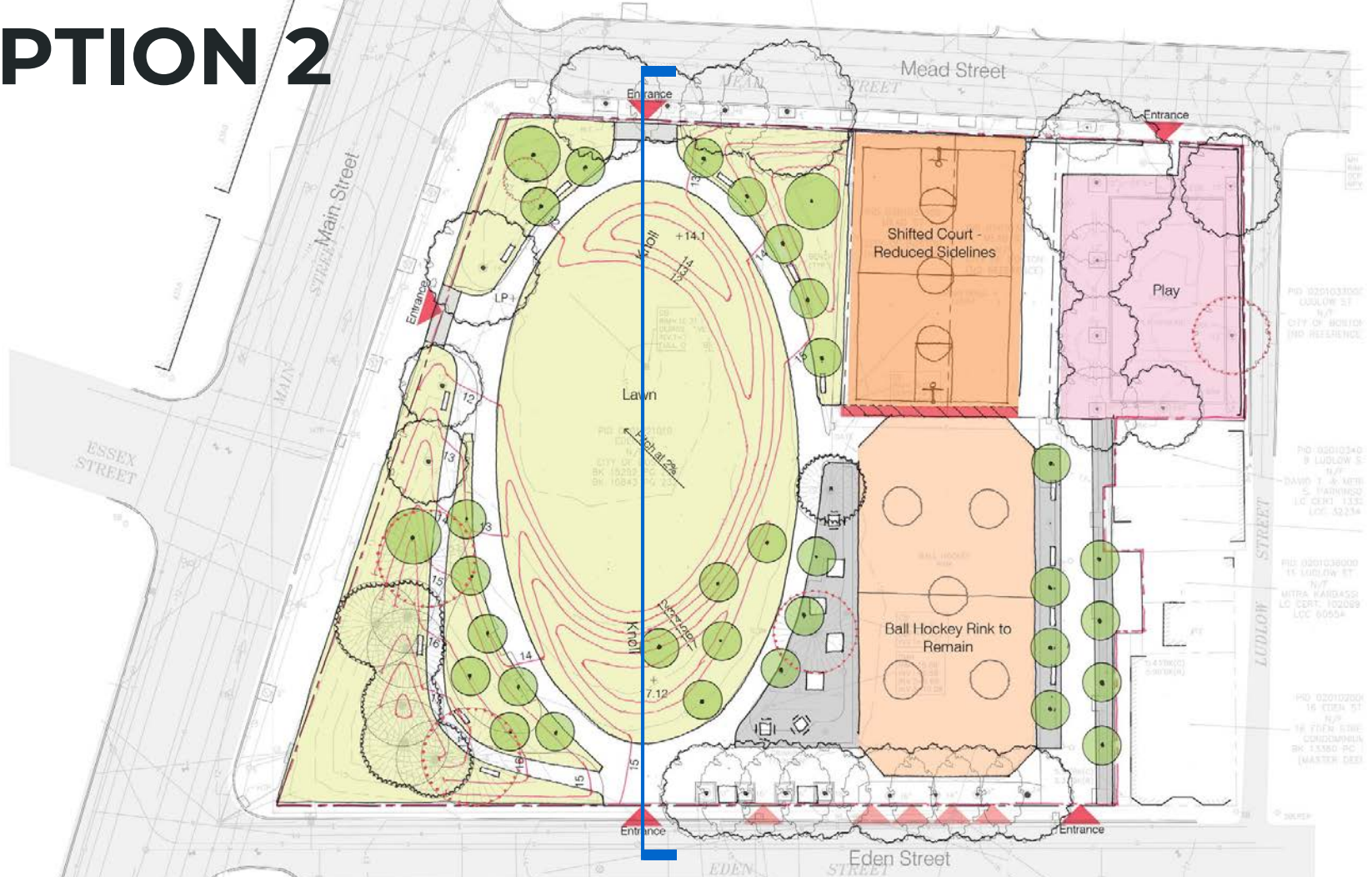
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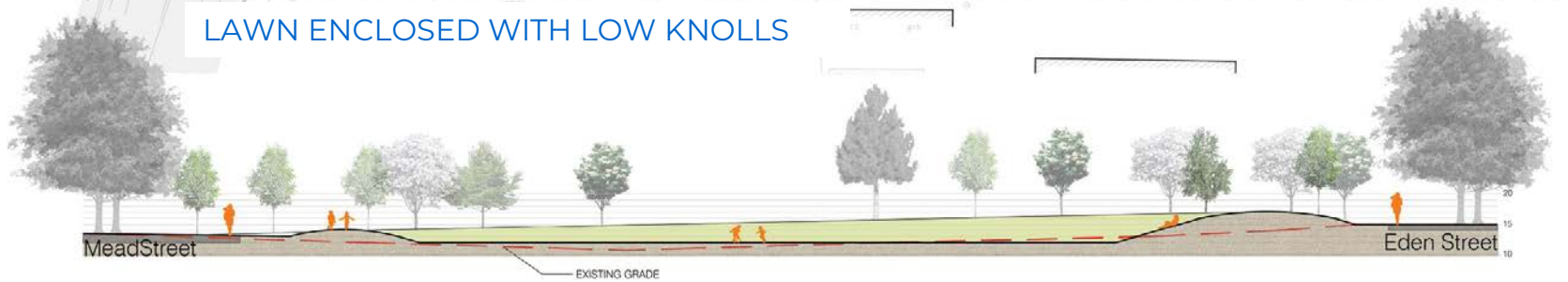
OPTION 2



OPTION 2



LAWN ENCLOSED WITH LOW KNOLLS



OPTION 2

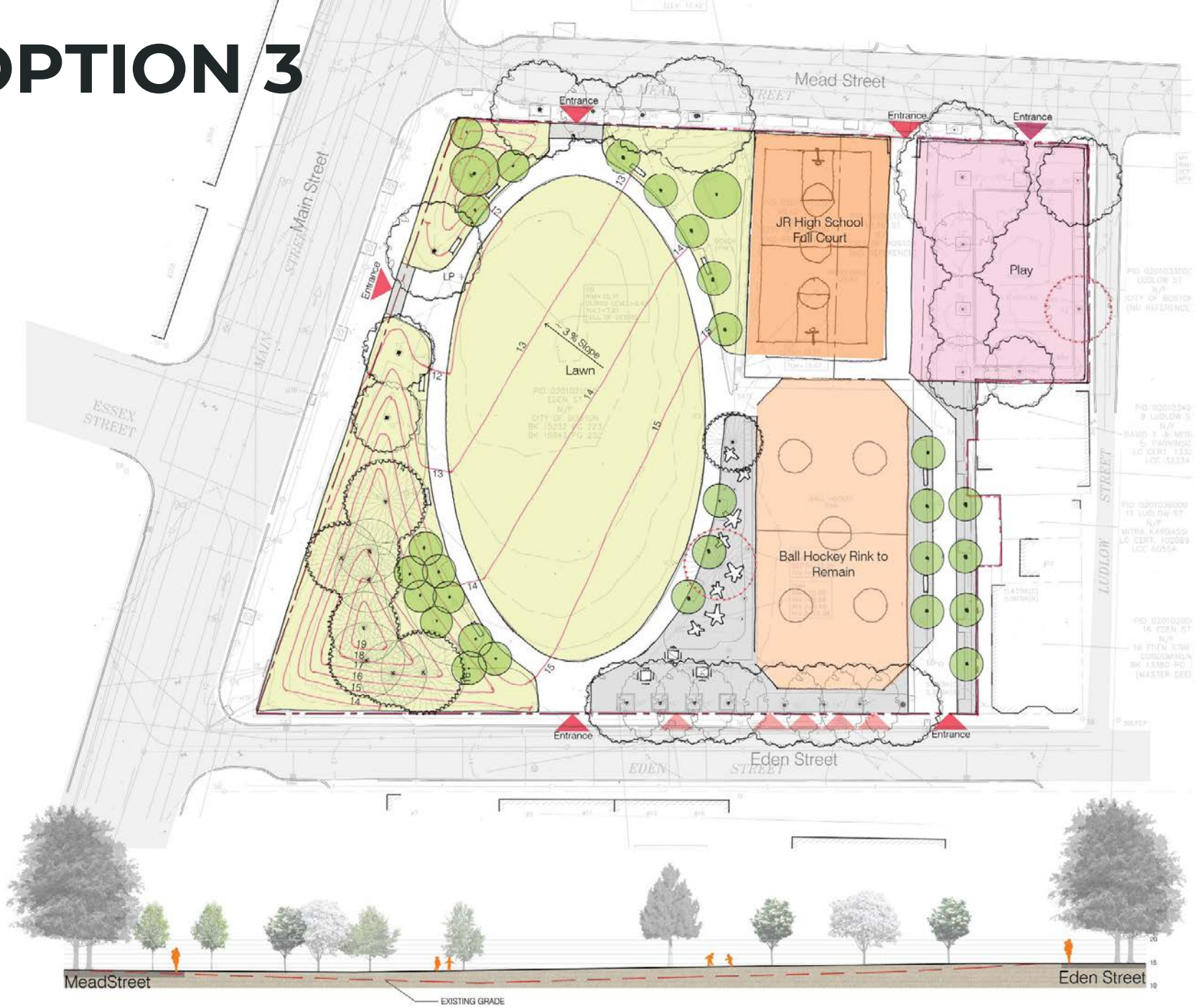
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OPTION 2



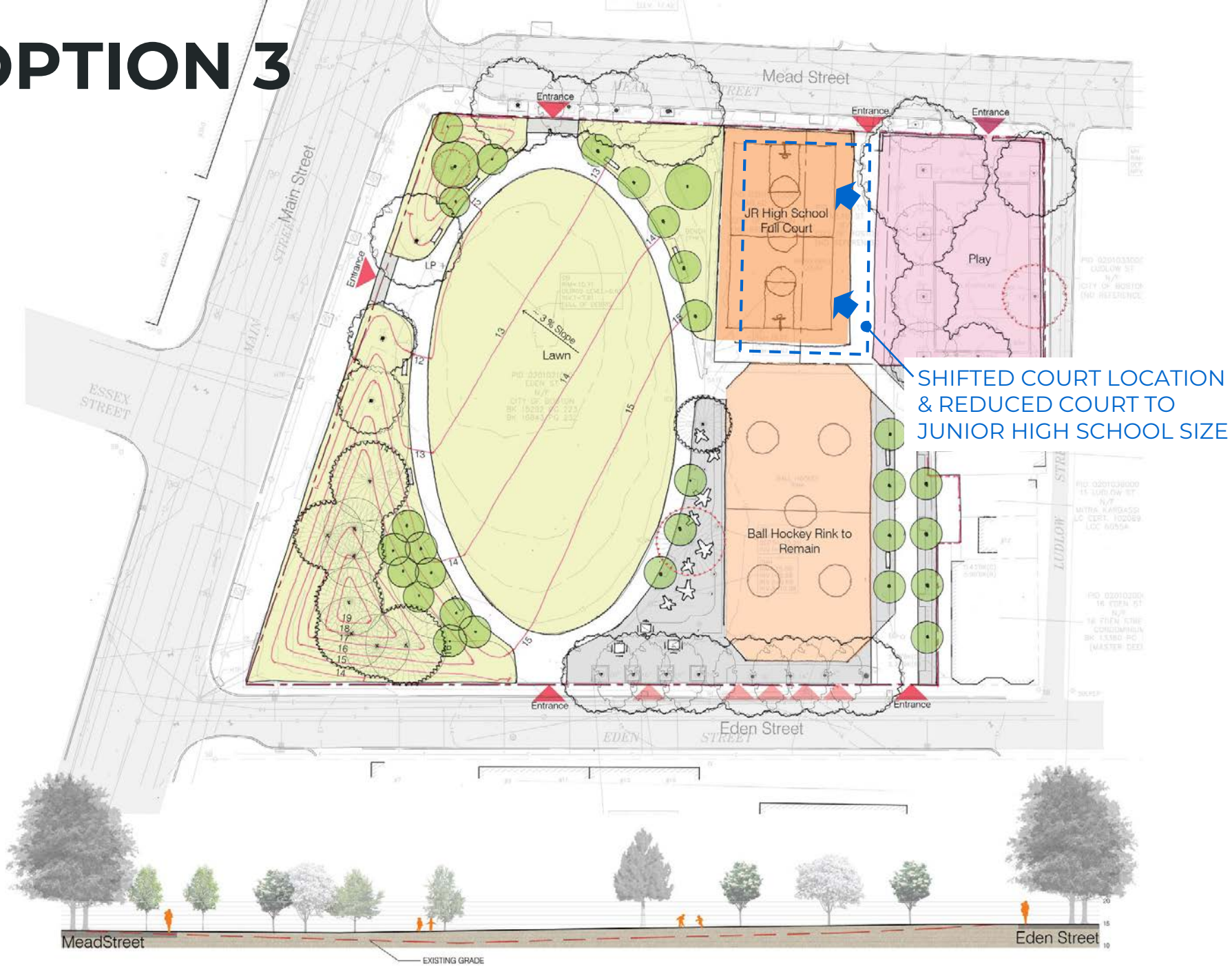
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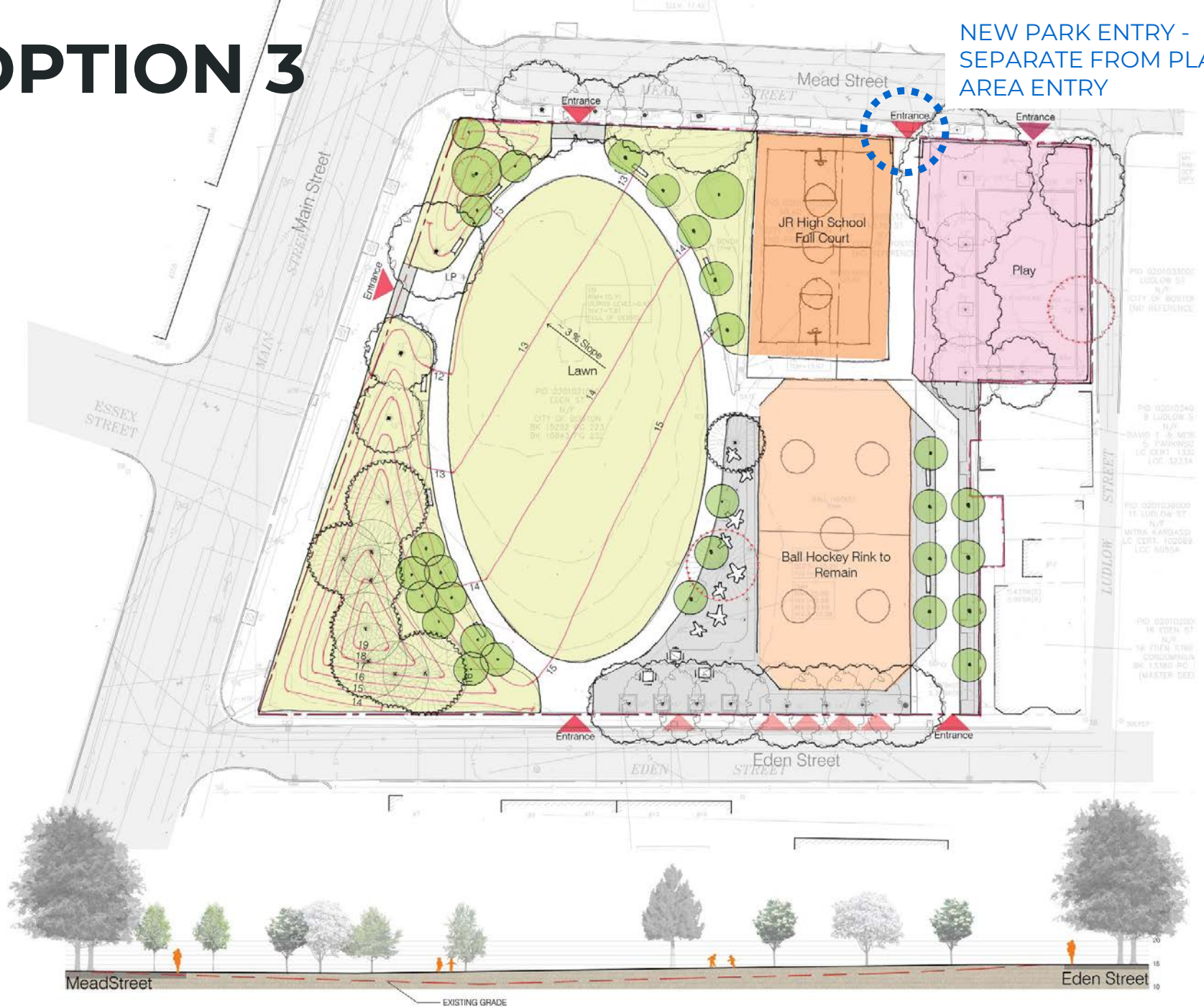


OPTION 3



OPTION 3

NEW PARK ENTRY -
SEPARATE FROM PLAY
AREA ENTRY

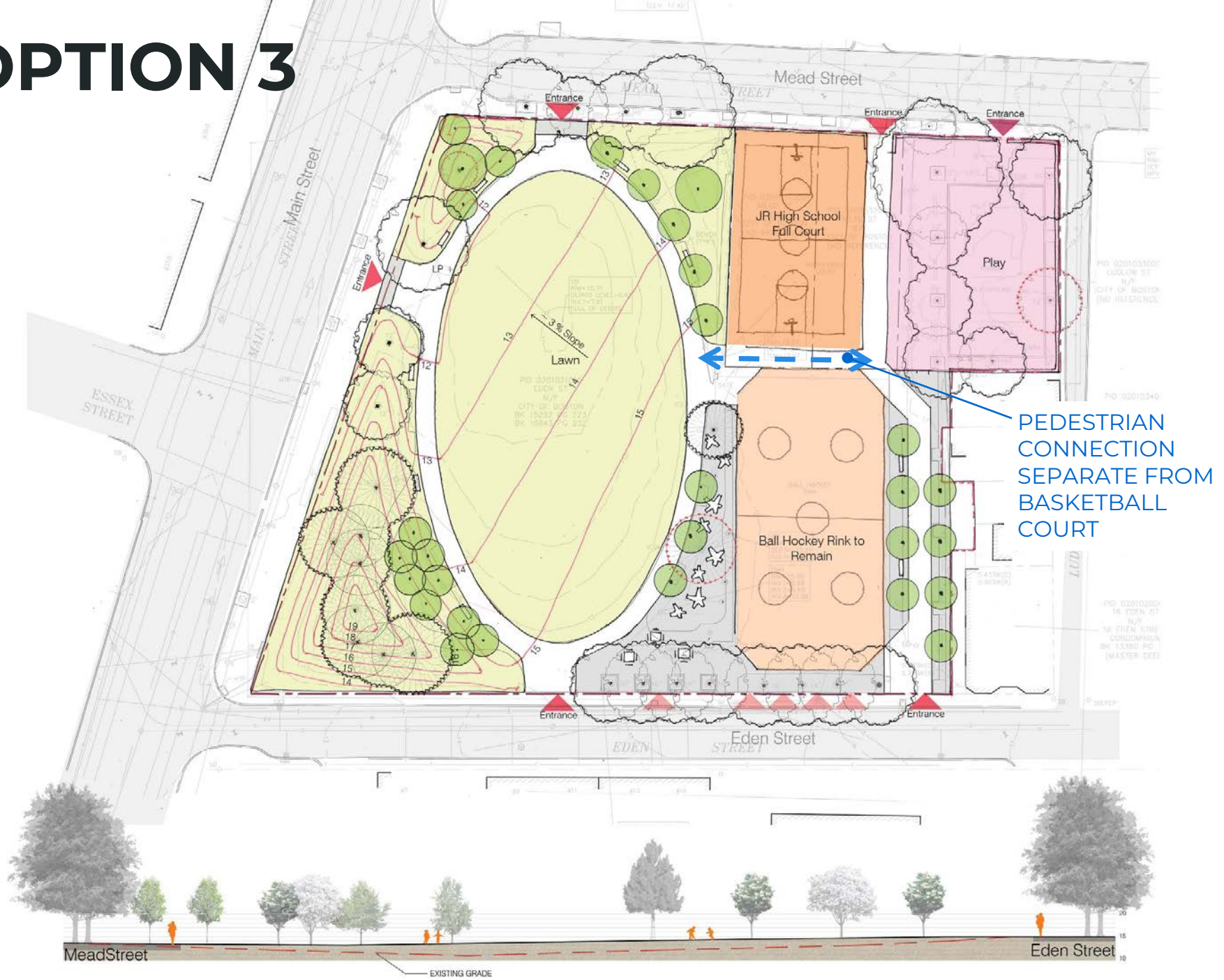


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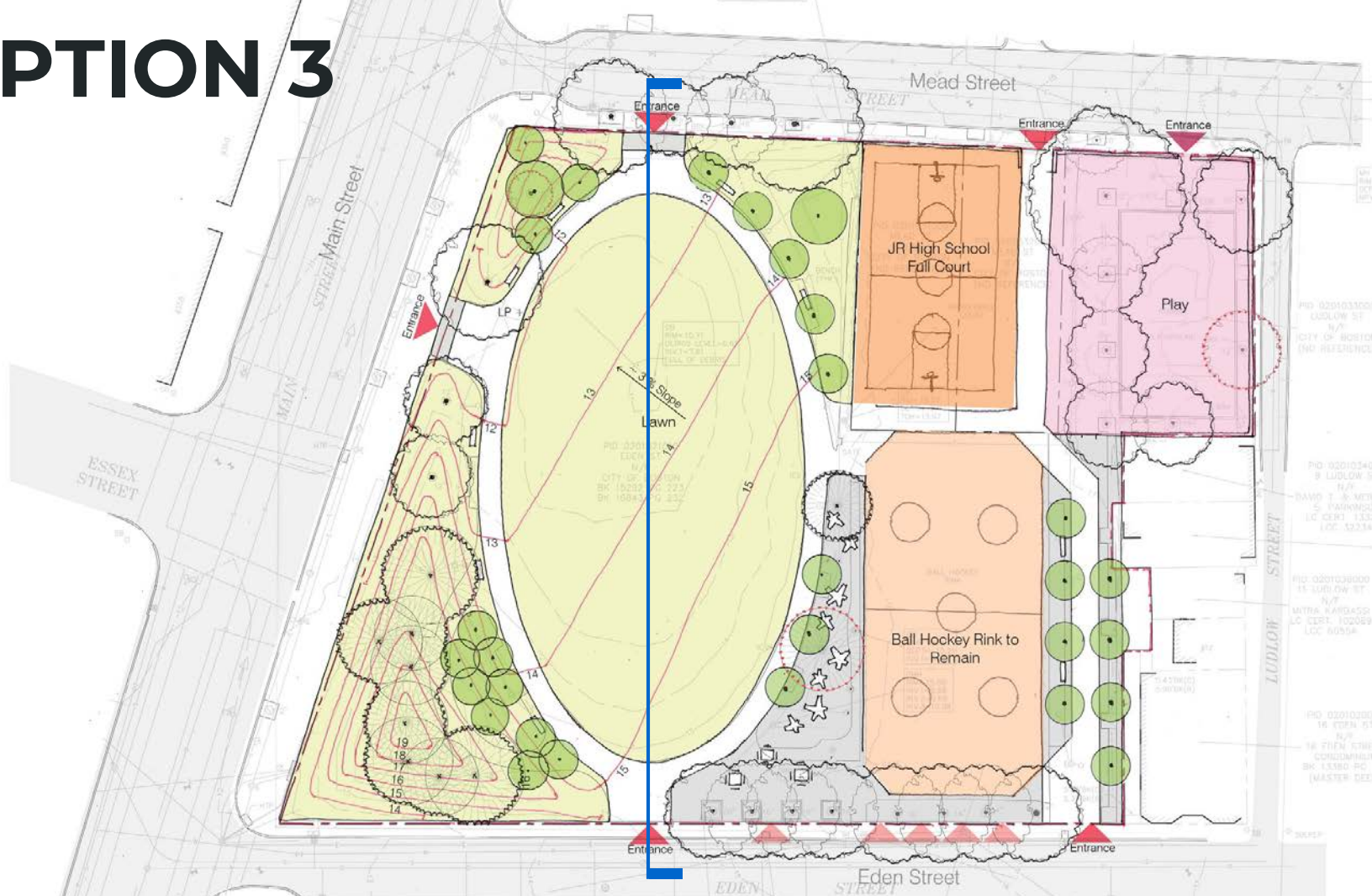
EXISTING GRADE

Eden Street

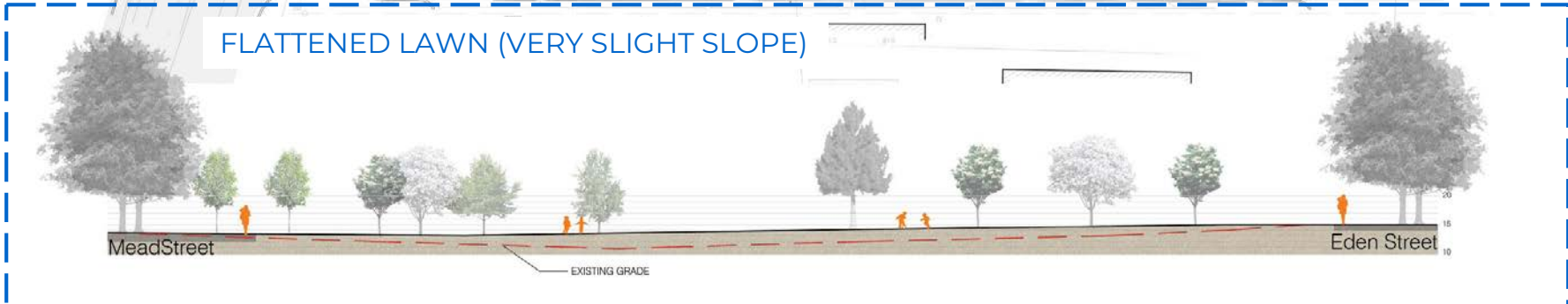
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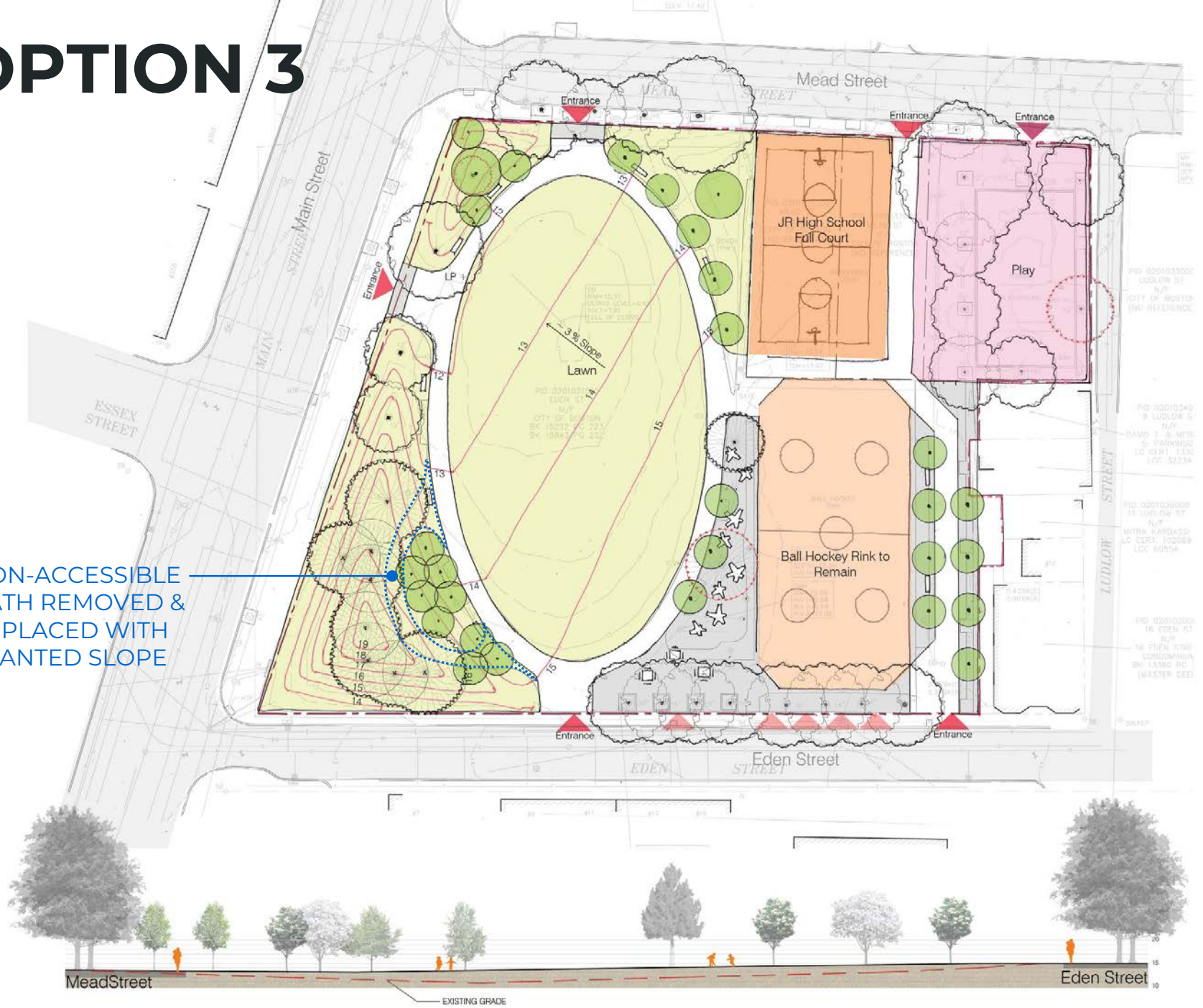


FLATTENED LAWN (VERY SLIGHT SLOPE)

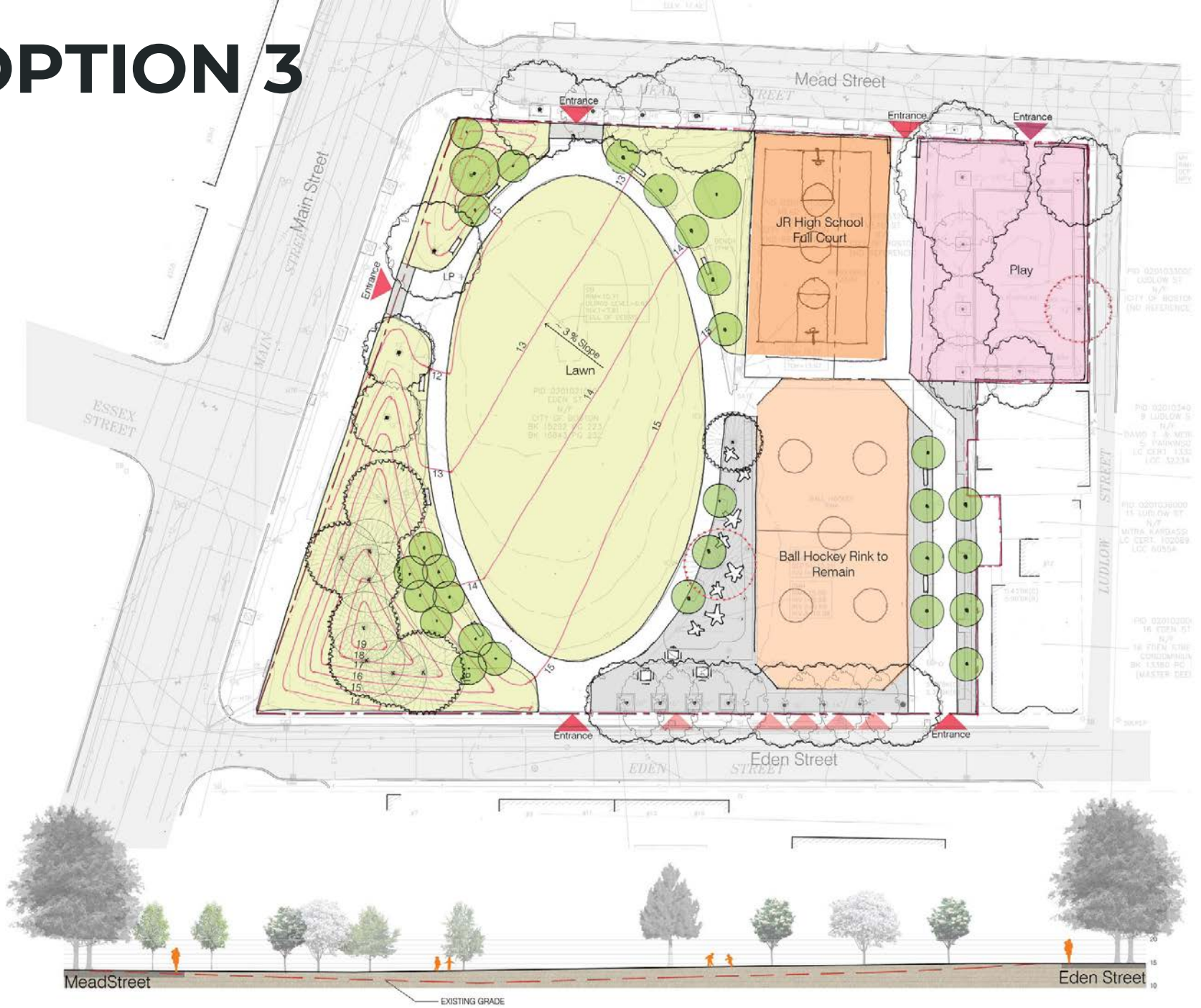


OPTION 3

NON-ACCESSIBLE
PATH REMOVED &
REPLACED WITH
PLANTED SLOPE



OPTION 3



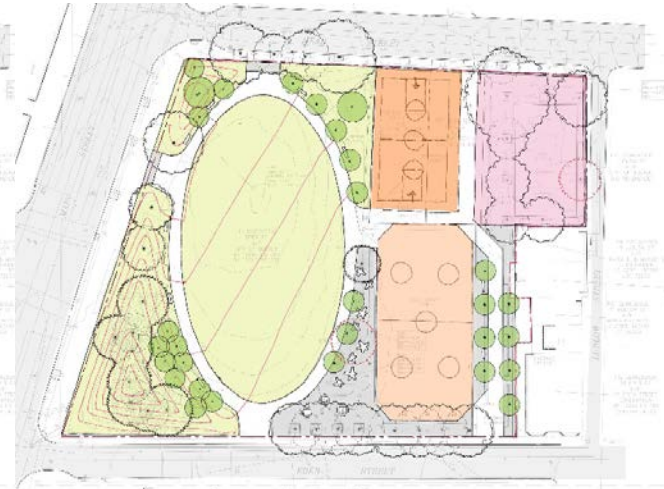
KEY DIFFERENCES



Option 1



Option 2

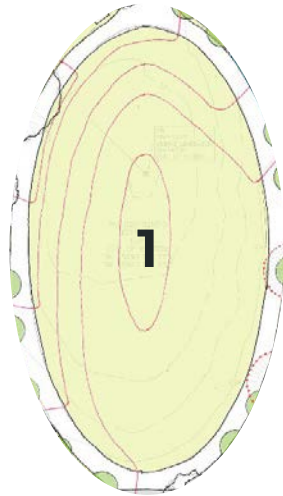


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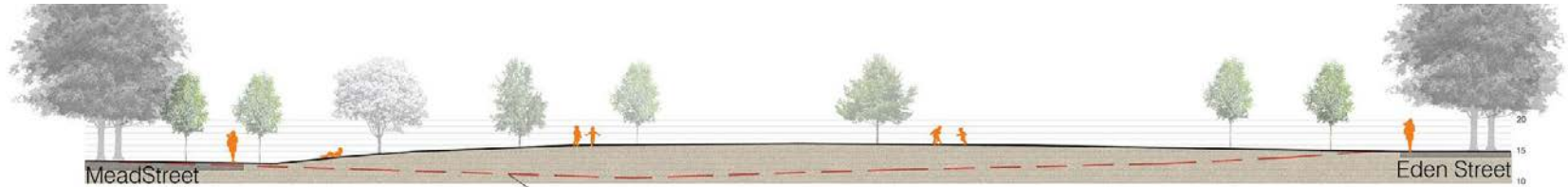
- **Changes to the basketball court & circulation**
- **Size of play area**
- **Water play**
- **Path to top of berm at Eden & Main**

A LA CARTE LAWN OPTIONS

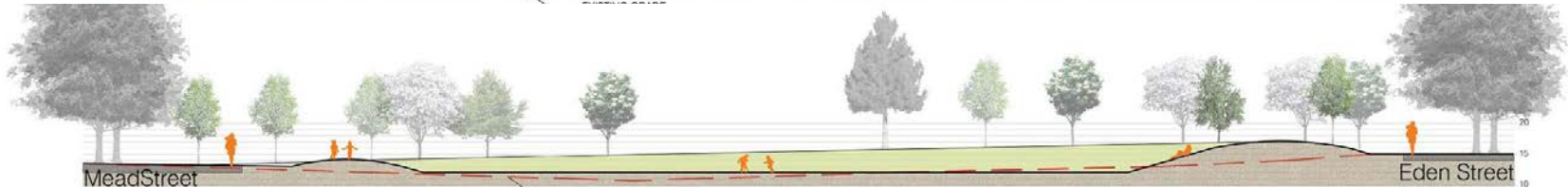
LANDFORM STRATEGIES CAN BE SELECTED INDEPENDENTLY FROM OTHER SPATIAL CHANGES



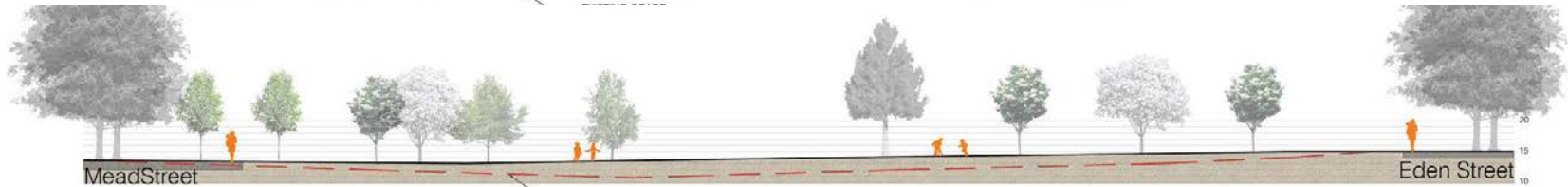
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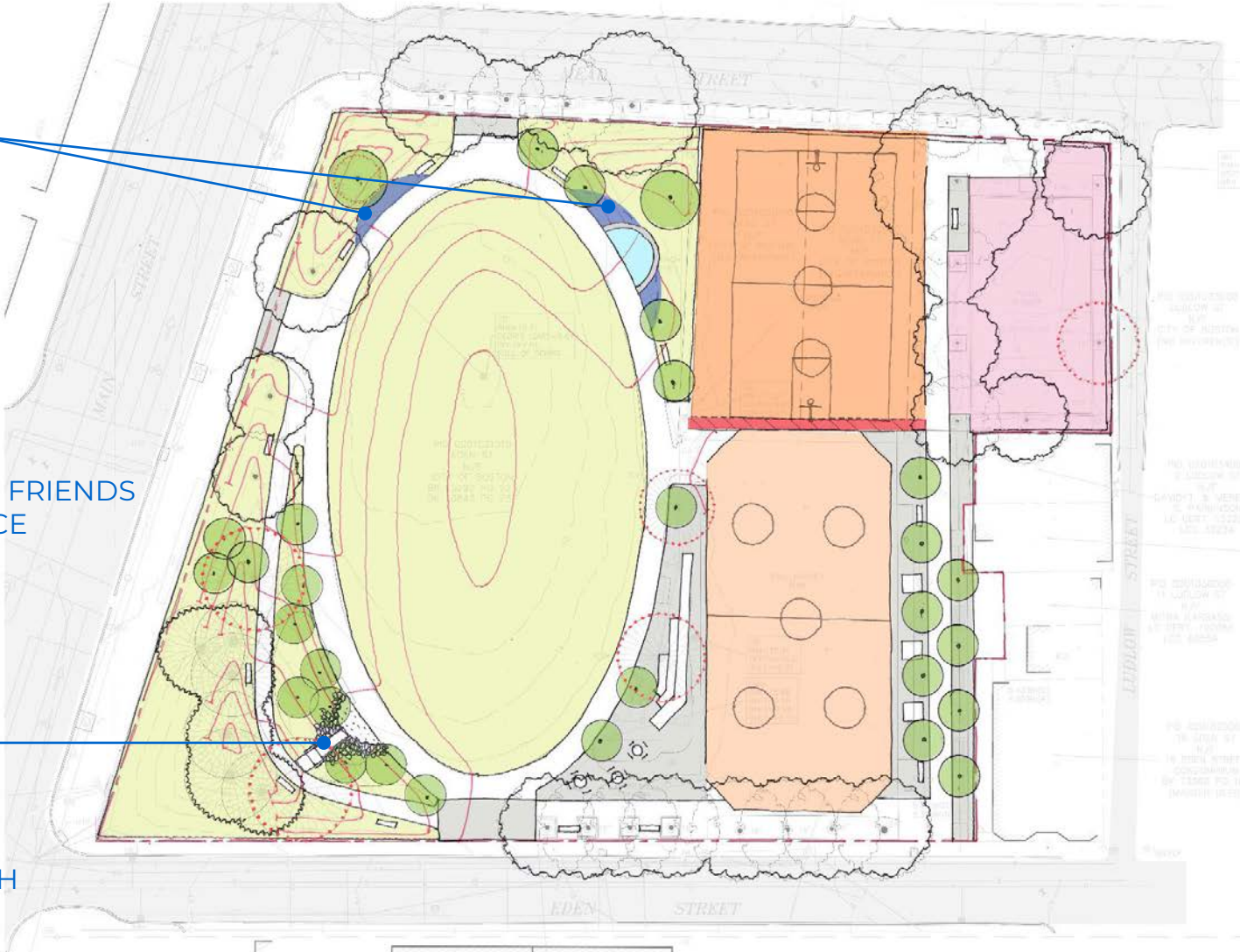
POSSIBLE CPA-FUNDED ADDITIONS



GARDEN BEDS – REQUIRE FRIENDS GROUP FOR MAINTENANCE



EMBANKMENT SLIDE WITH BOULDER SCRAMBLE



PLAY OPTIONS



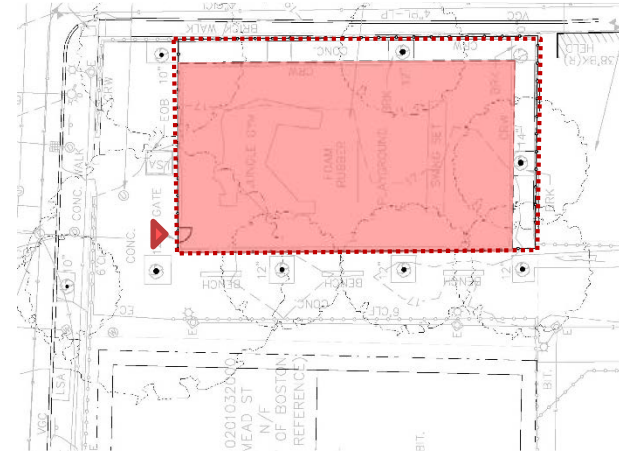
**PLAY
EXISTING**



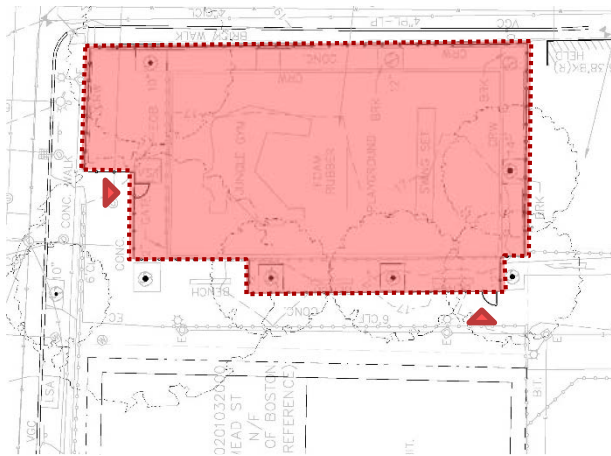
THE **5** ELEMENTS OF PLAY



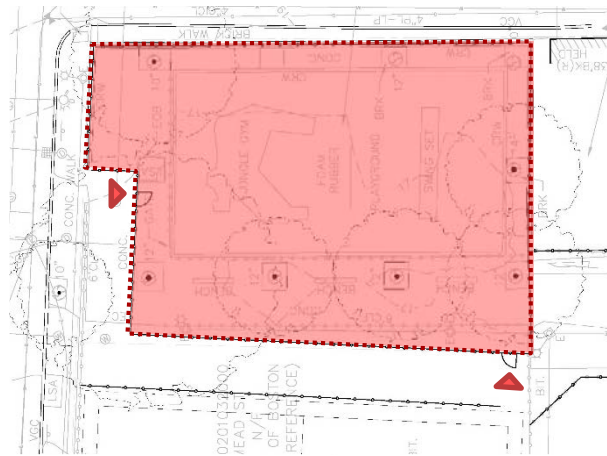
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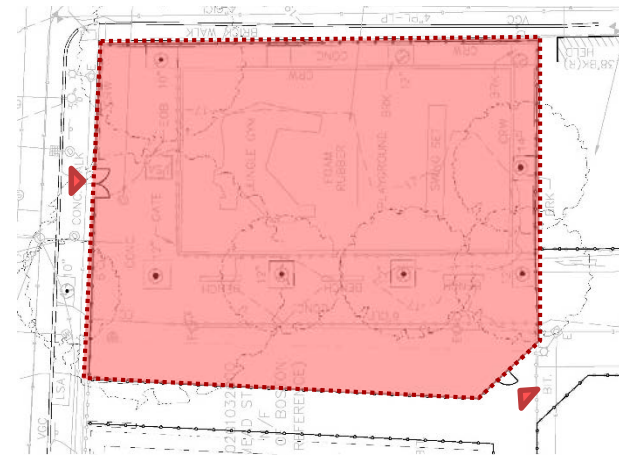
Existing



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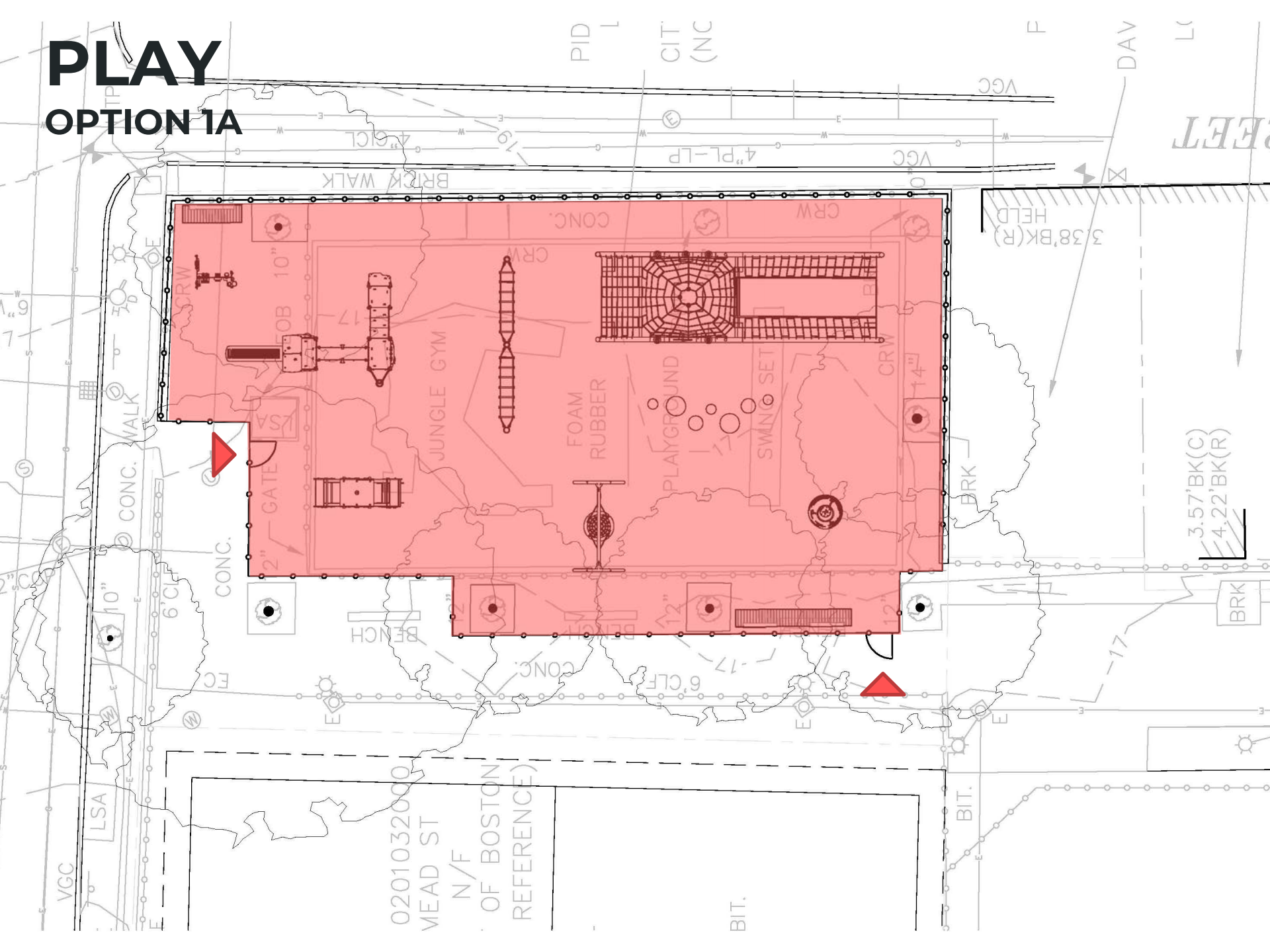


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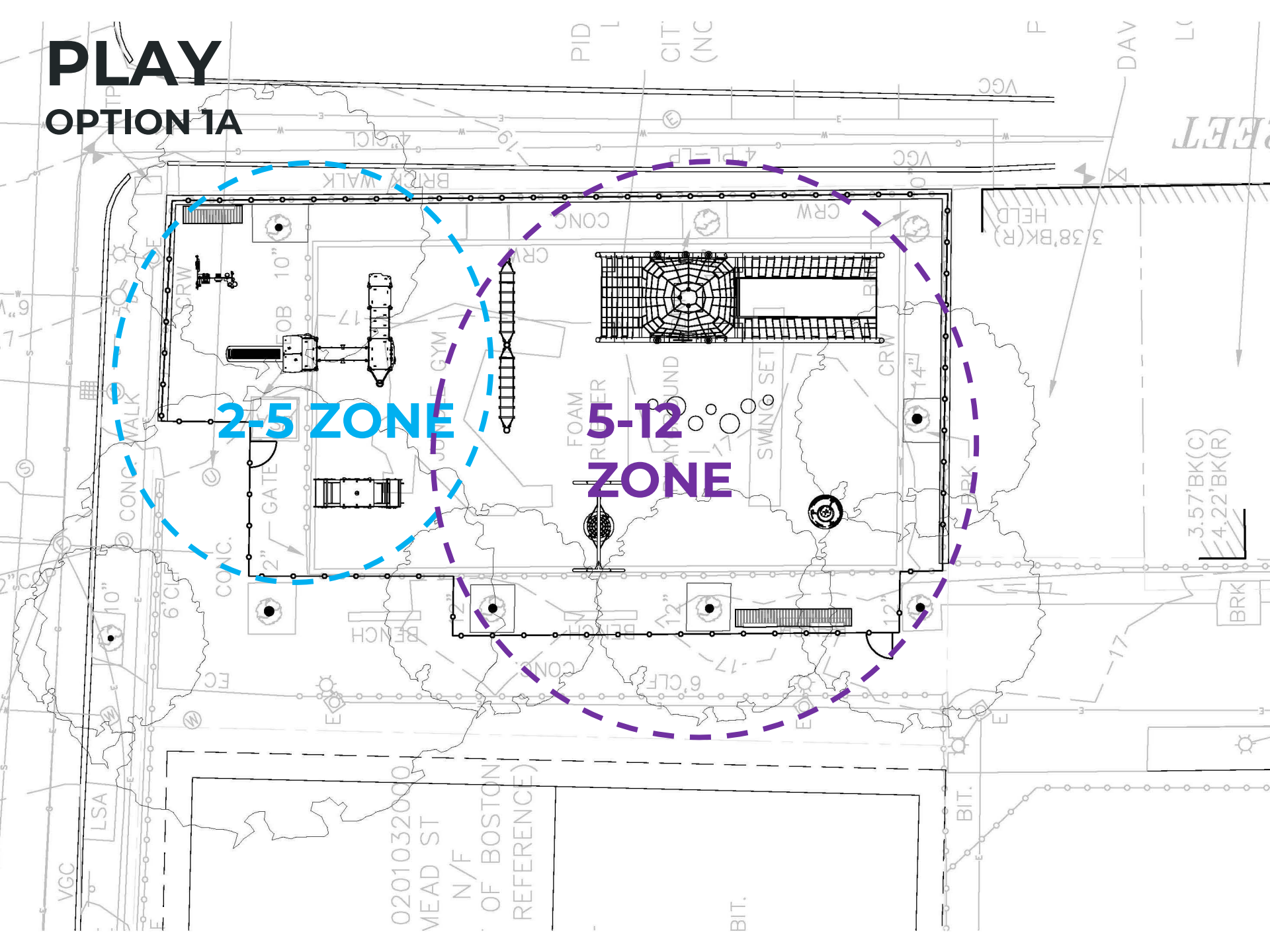
PLAY OPTION 1A



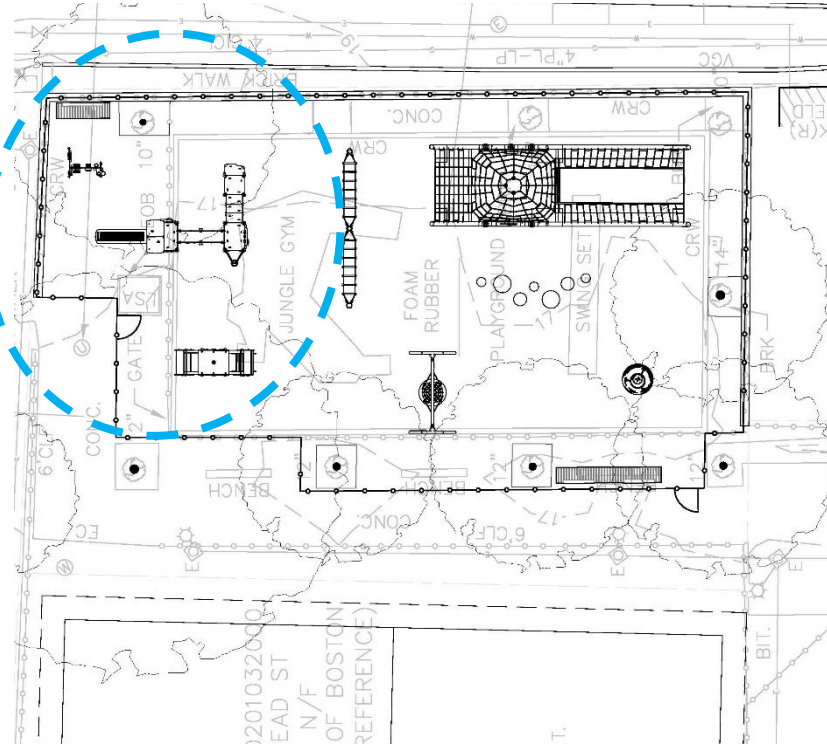
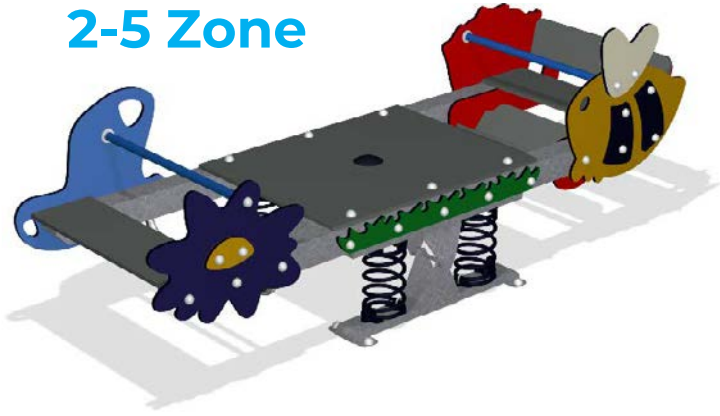
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2-5 ZONE

5-12 ZONE



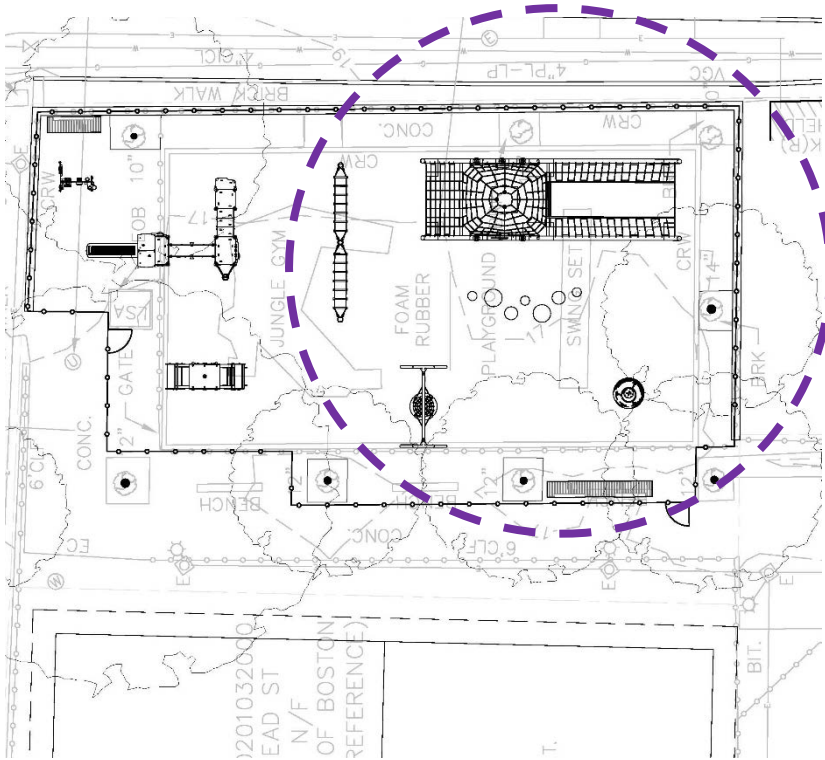
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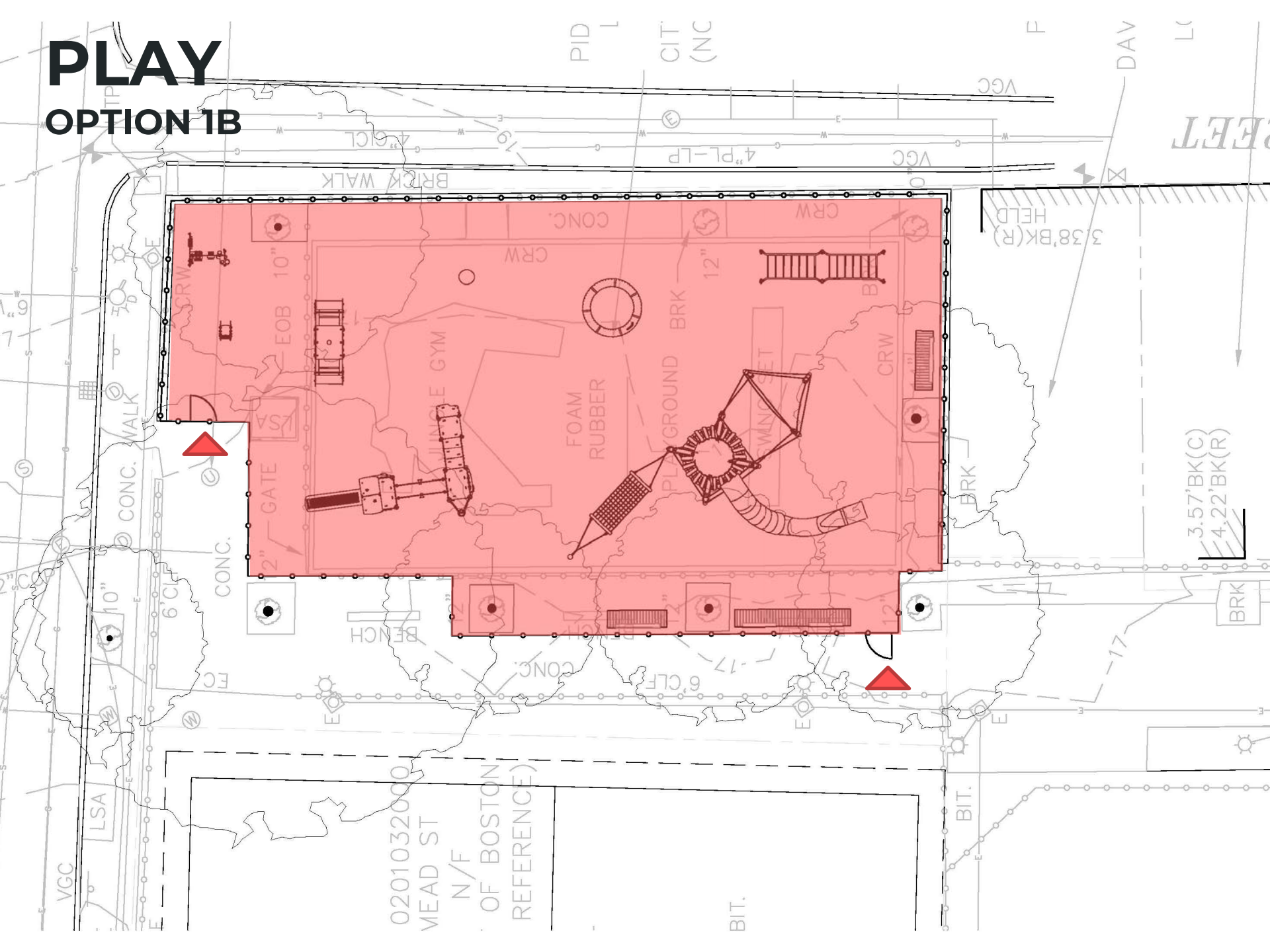
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OPTION 1A

5-12 Zone



PLAY OPTION 1B



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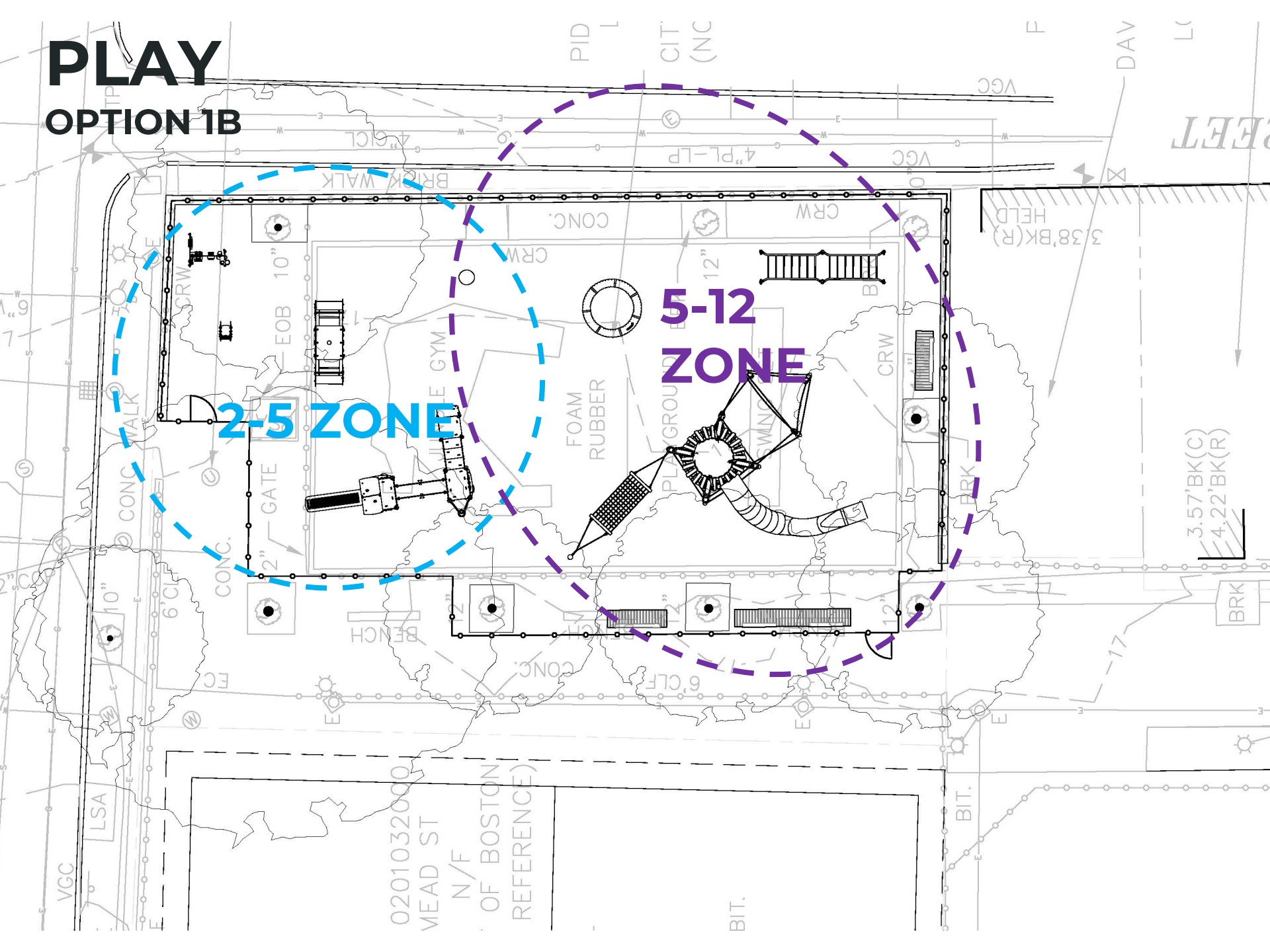
FEET

3.57' BK(C)
4.22' BK(R)

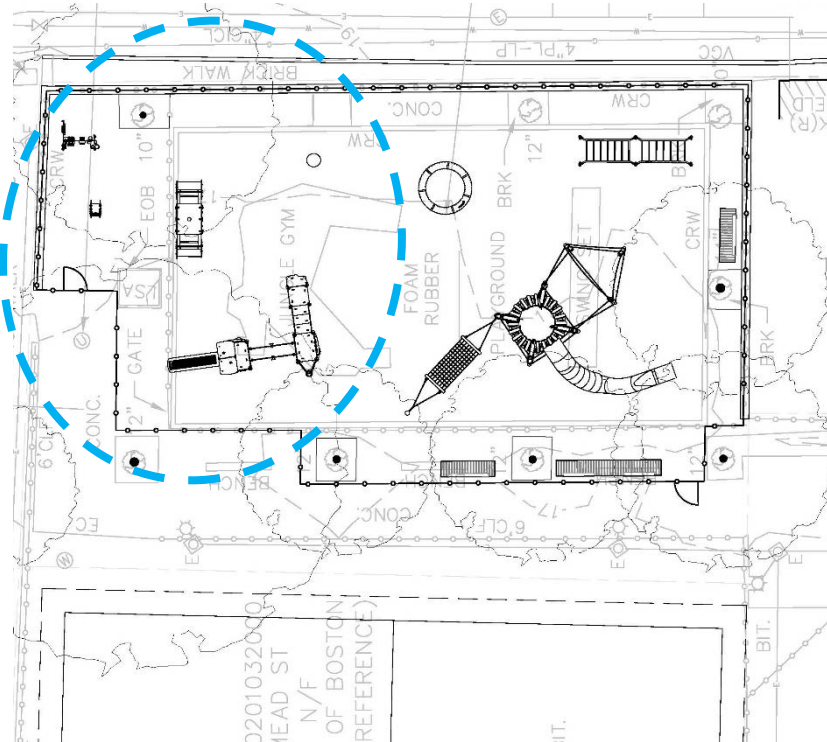
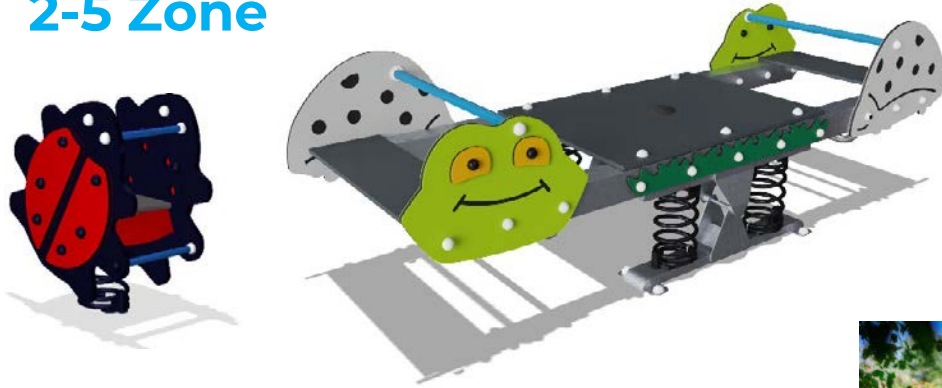
PLAY OPTION 1B

2-5 ZONE

5-12 ZONE



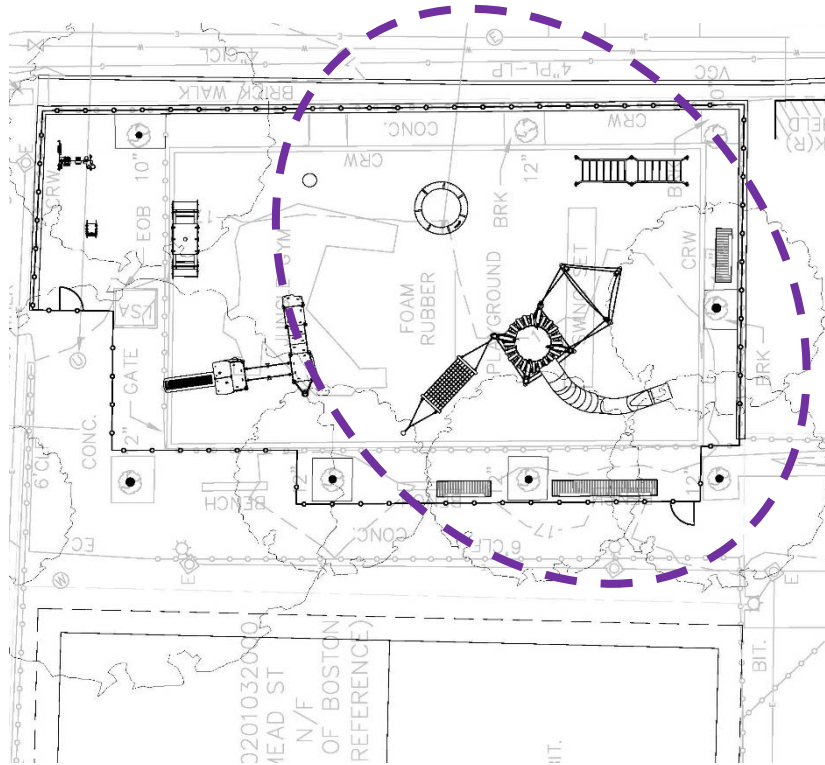
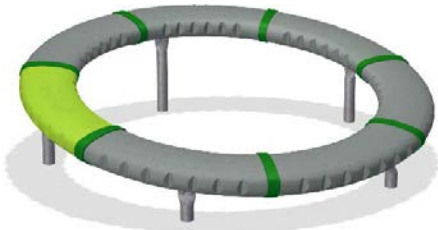
PLAY OPTION 1B 2-5 Zone



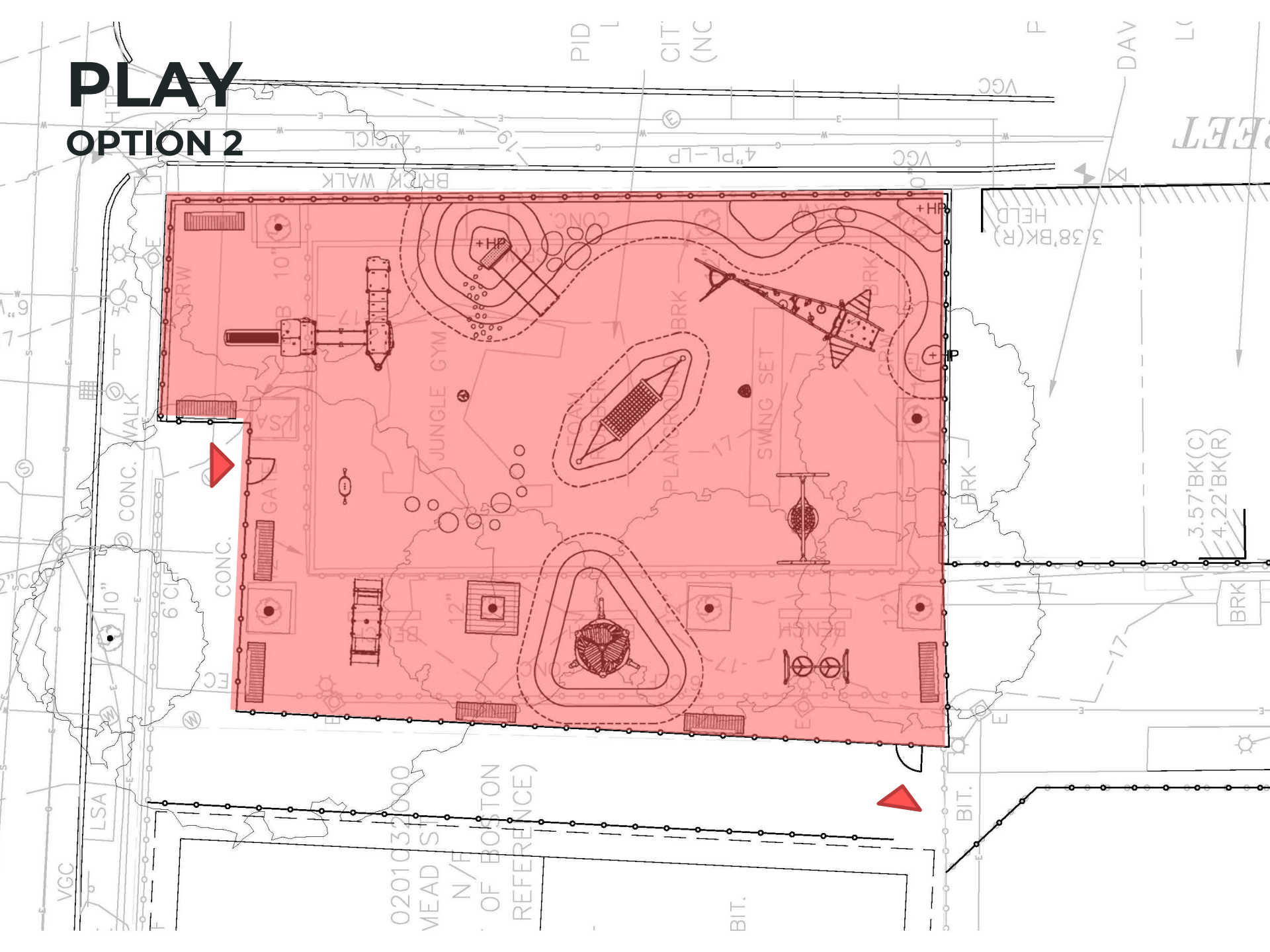
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OPTION 1B

5-12 Zone



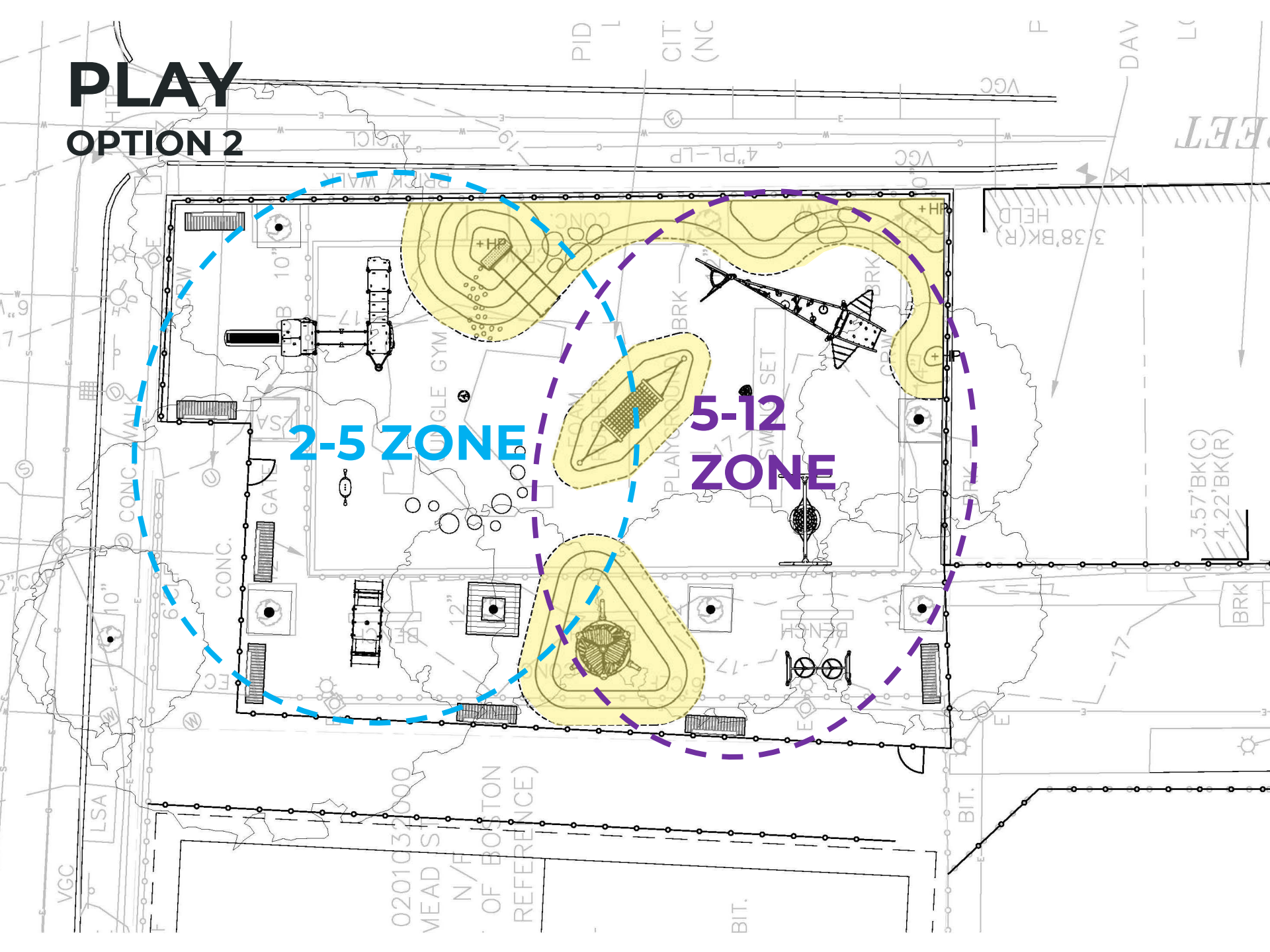
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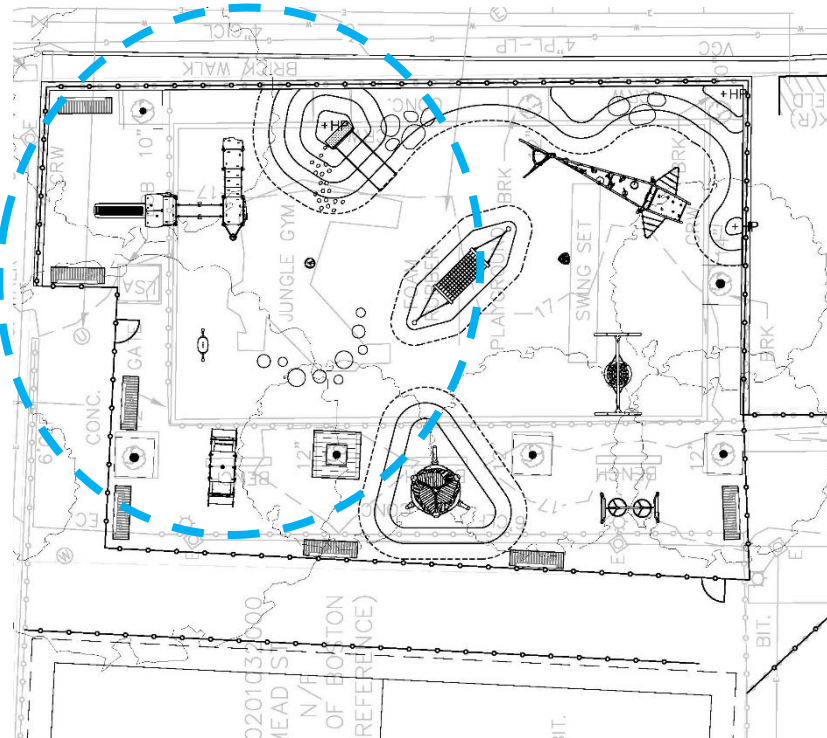
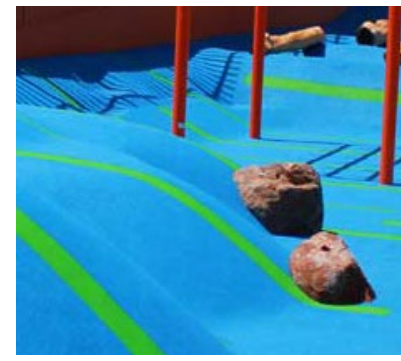
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2-5 ZONE

5-12 ZONE



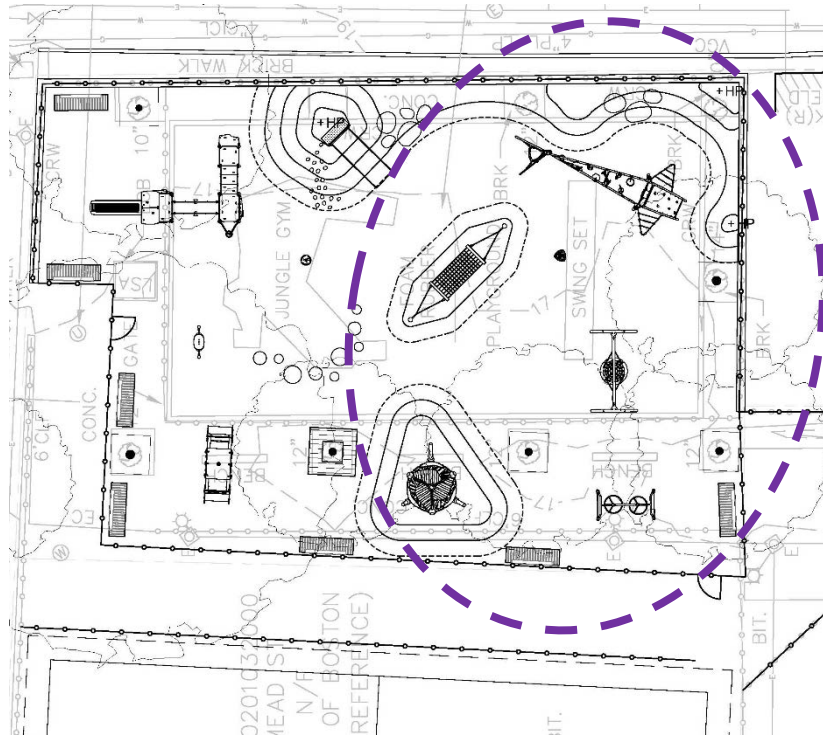
PLAY OPTION 2 2-5 Zone



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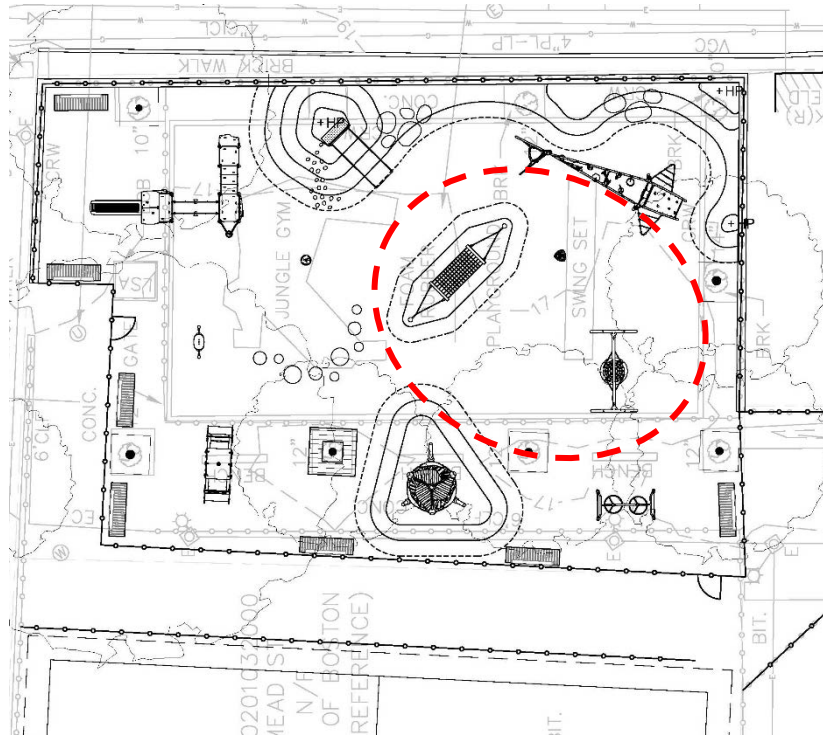
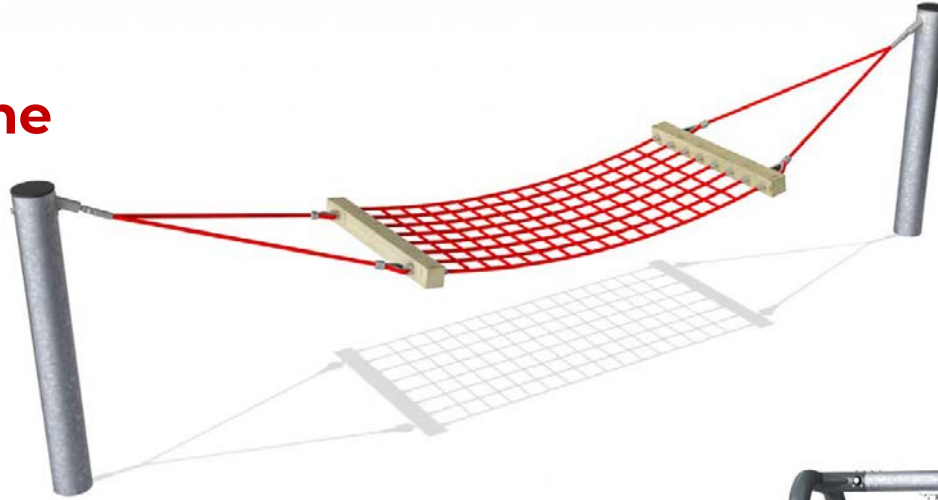
5-12 Zone



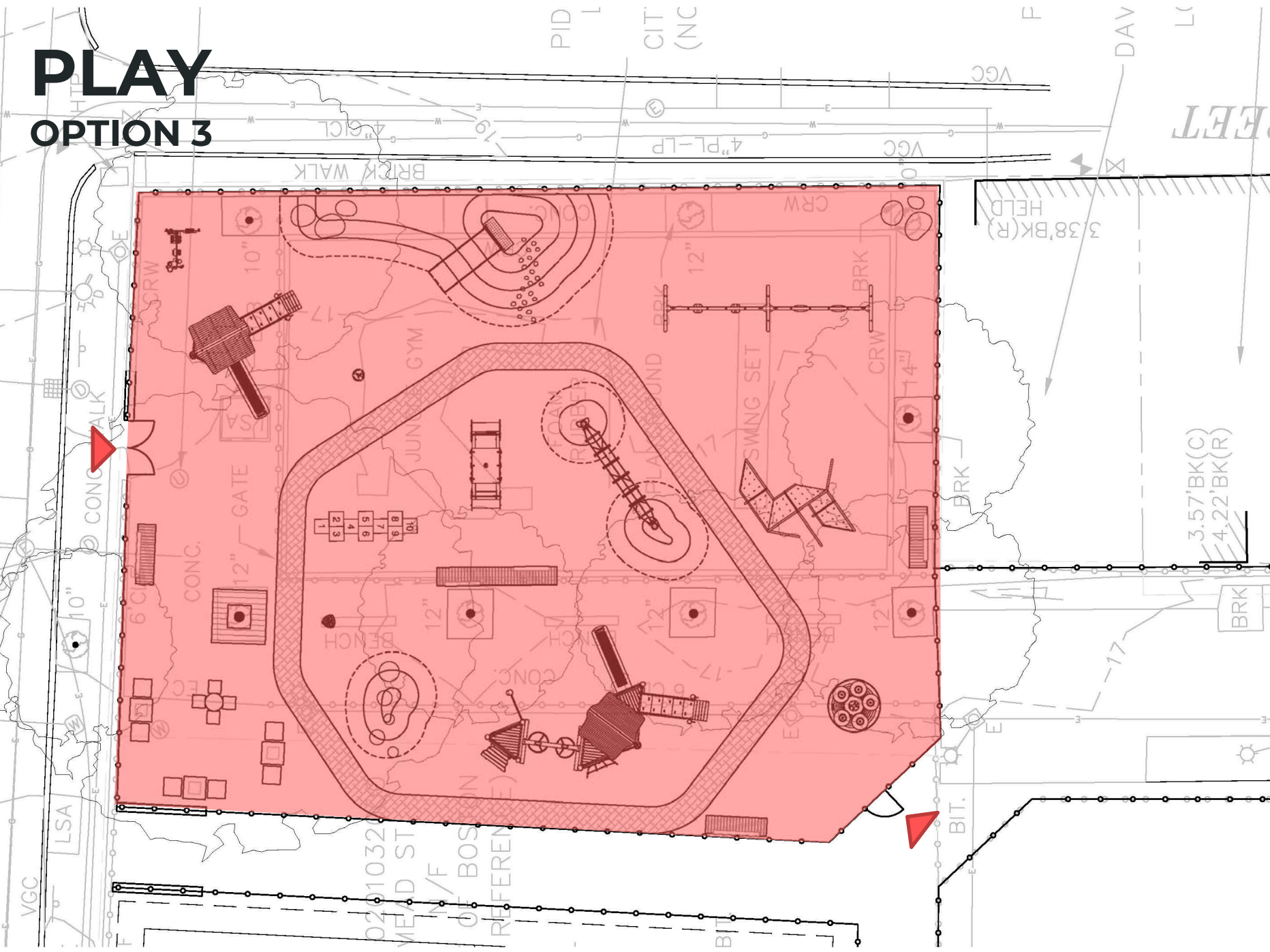
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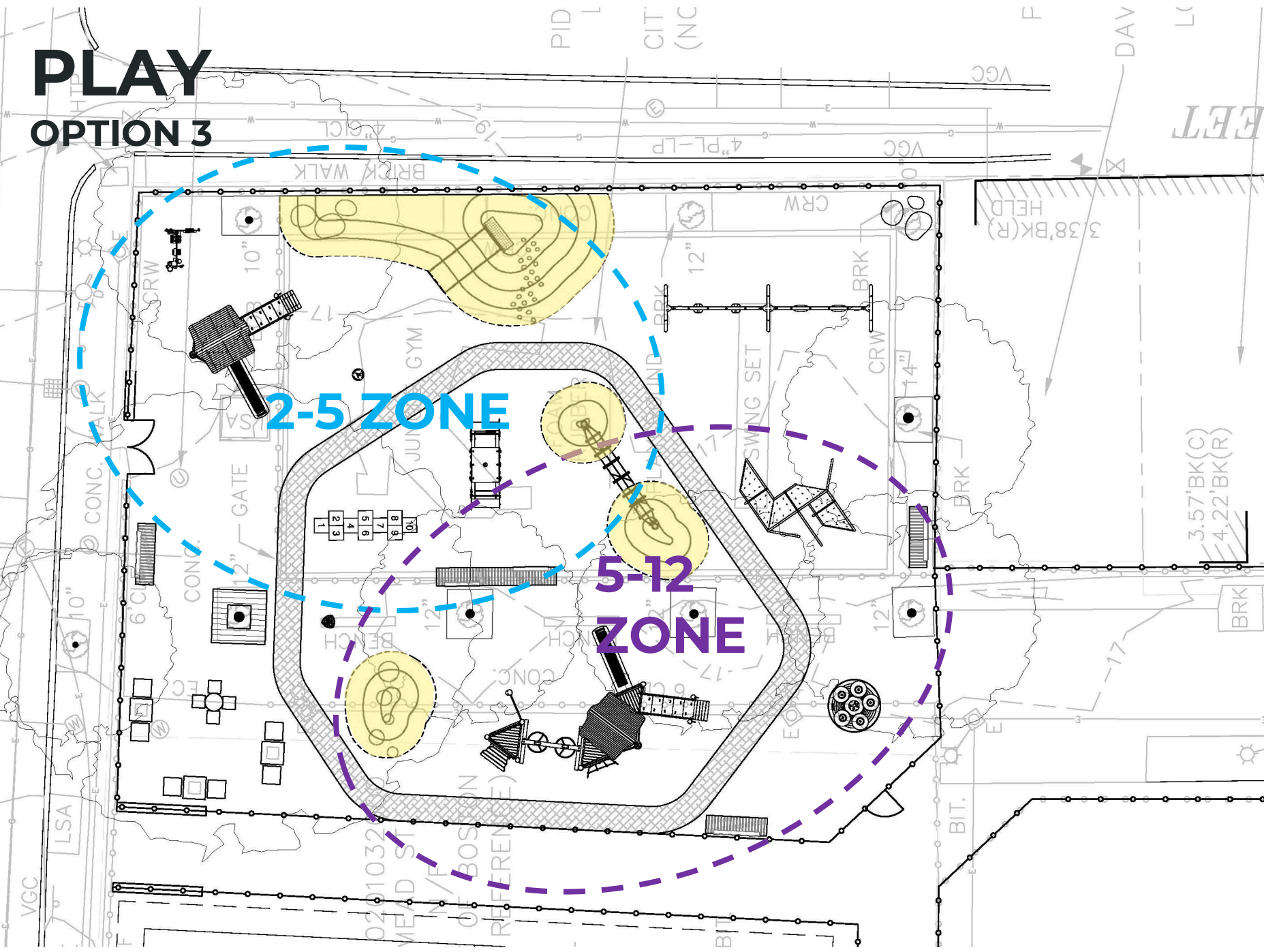
Shared Zone



PLAY OPTION 3



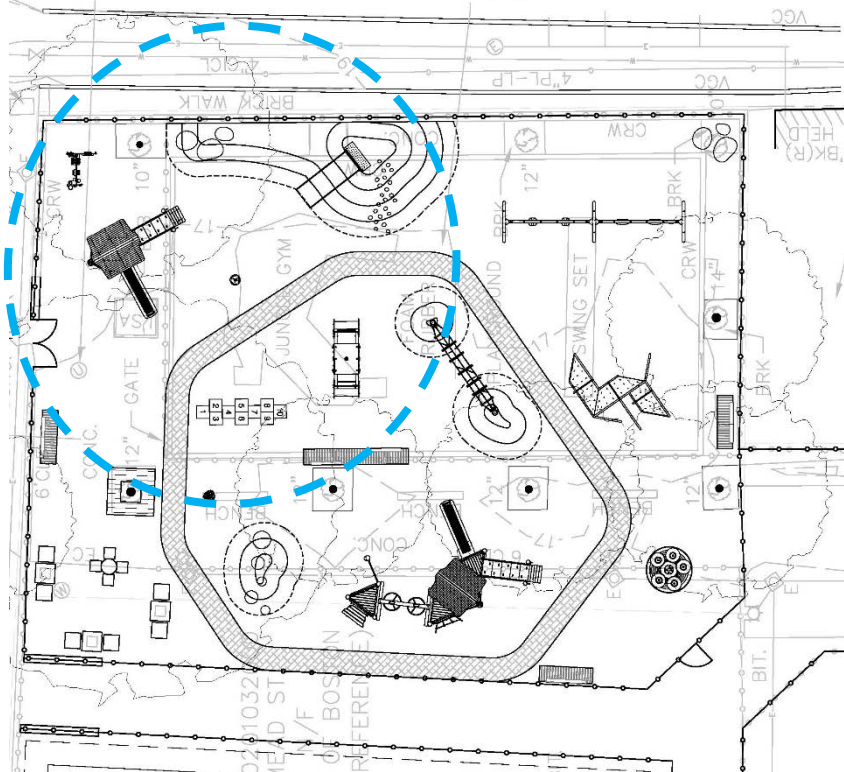
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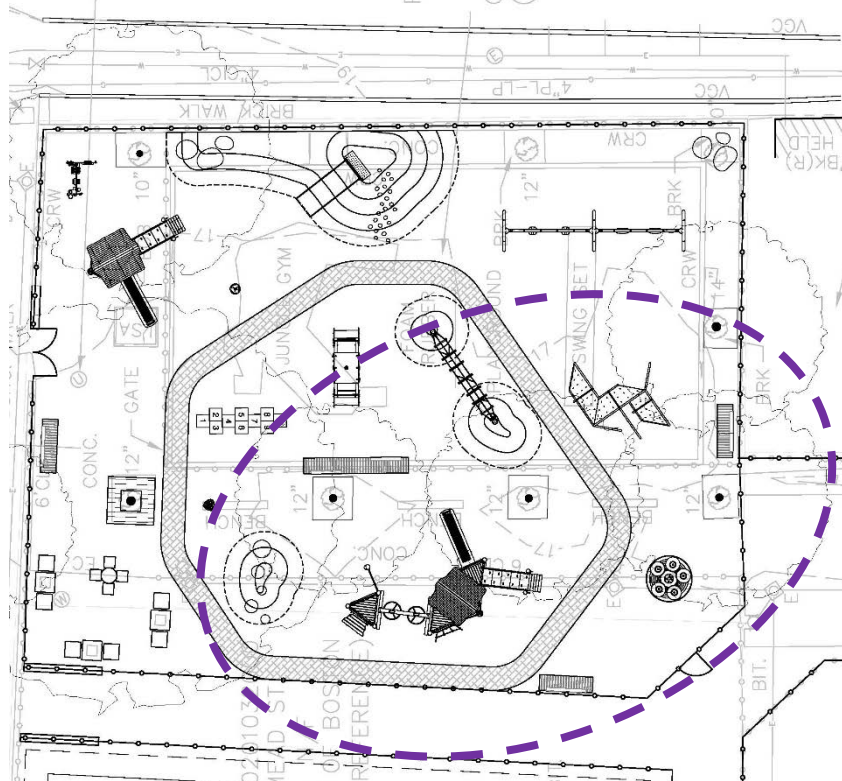
2-5 Zone



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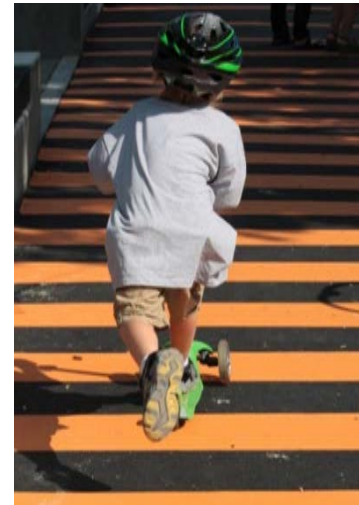
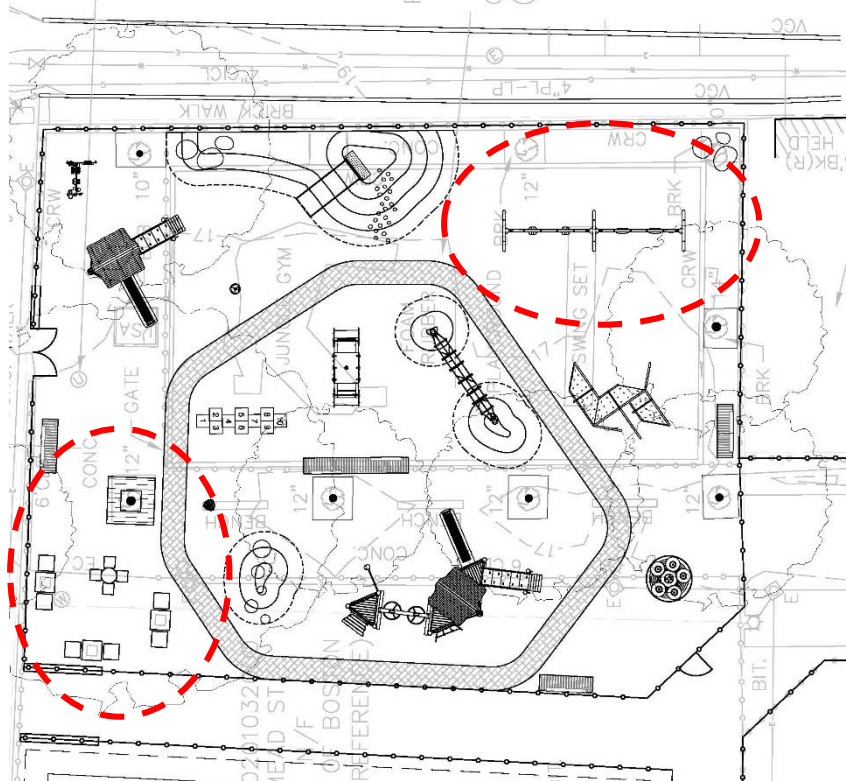
5-12 Zone



PLAY

OPTION 3

Shared Zones



SHARE FEEDBACK

1

GENERAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

2

USE STICKERS TO TELL US YOUR PREFERENCES



WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE OPTION OVERALL?



WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE ELLIPSE LANDFORM?



WHICH FIVE PLAY PIECES CATCH YOUR EYE?



LISTENING & DISCUSSION

Help us build great parks.
Let us know what matters to you.



THANK YOU!

Next Meeting – TBD in Dec/Jan

For questions, maintenance requests or concerns regarding any of our parks contact 311

