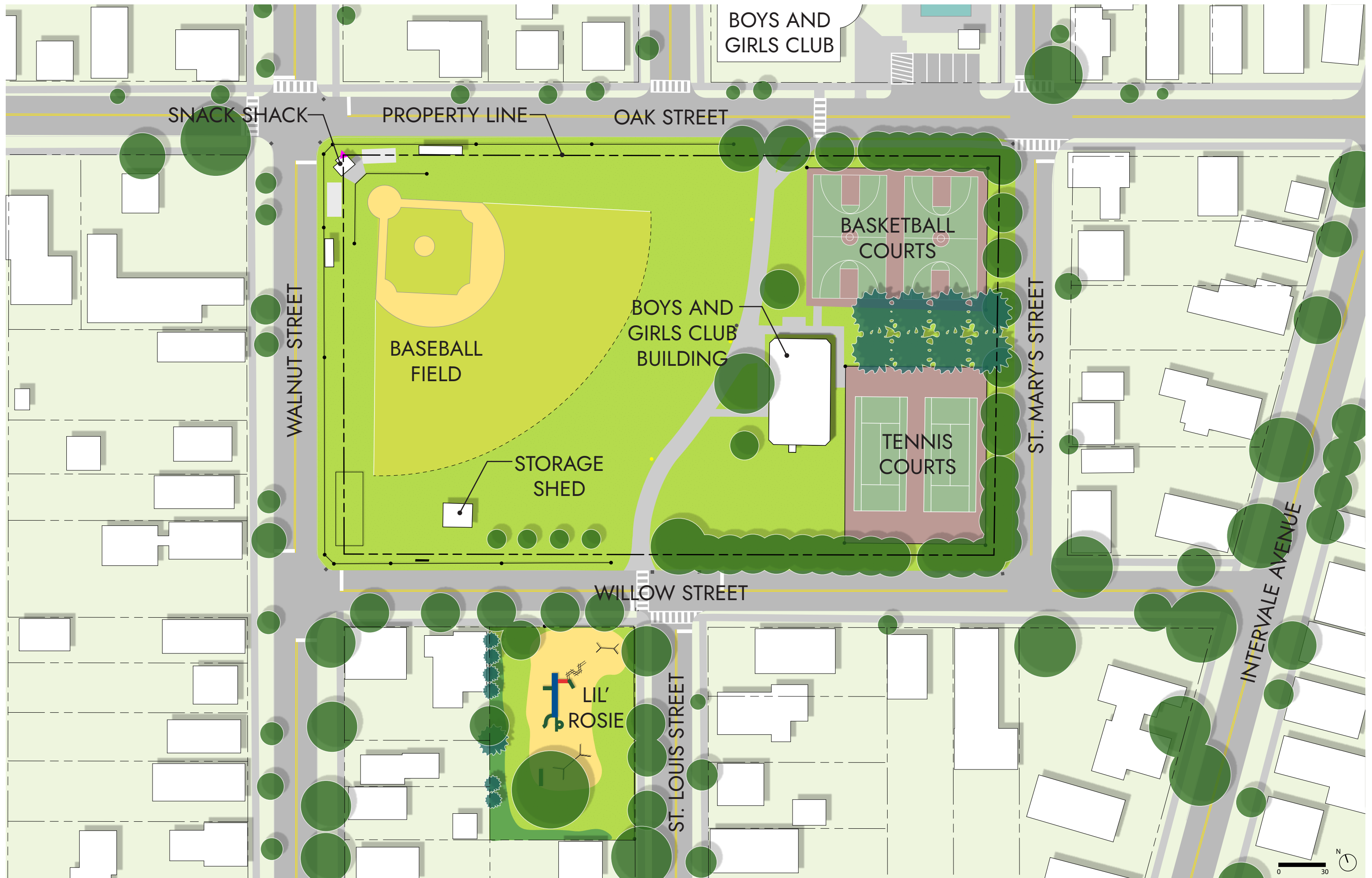




**THE ROOSEVELT PARK  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

*November 8, 2023*



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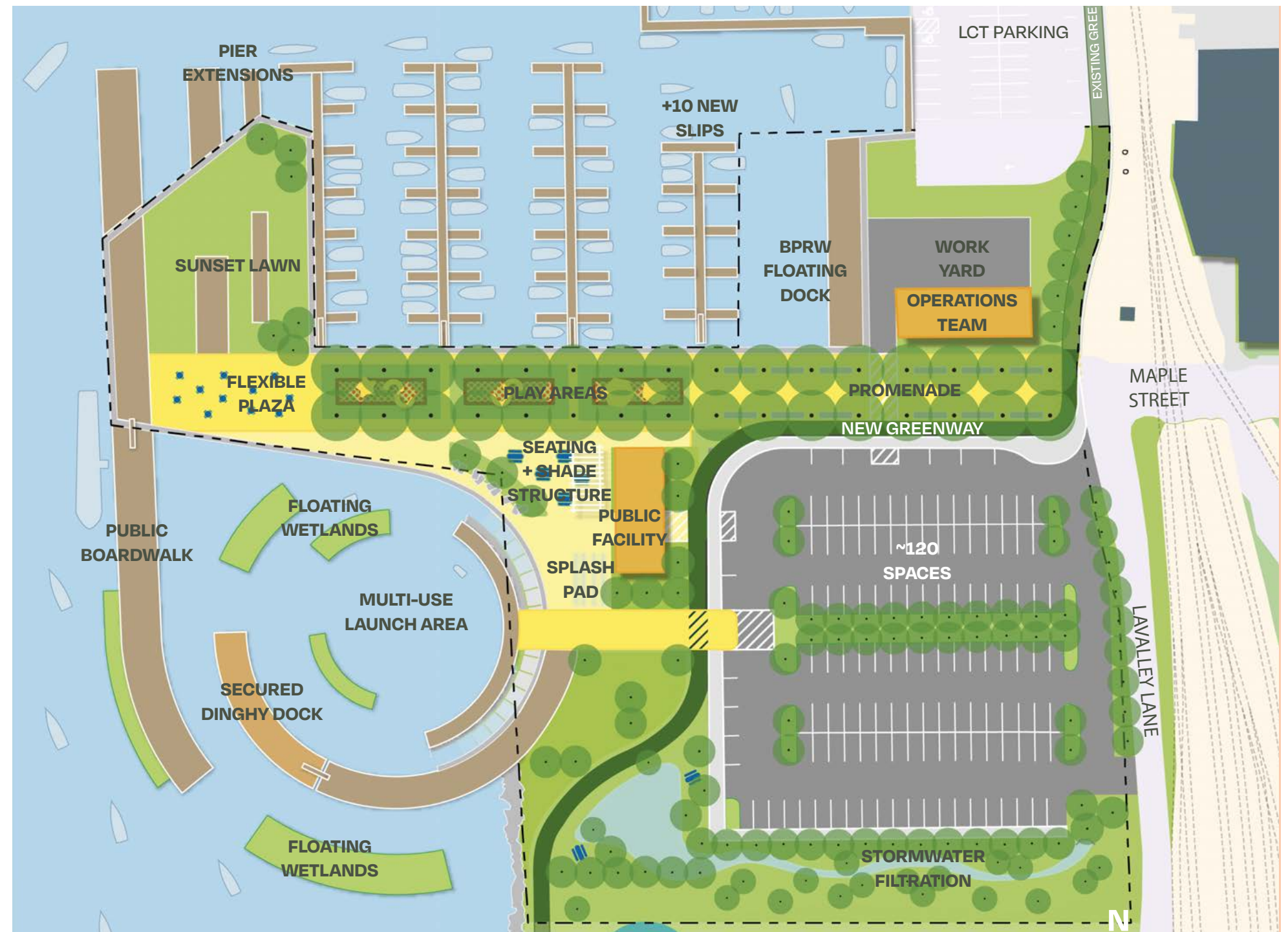
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# What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A map of long-range improvements and changes.

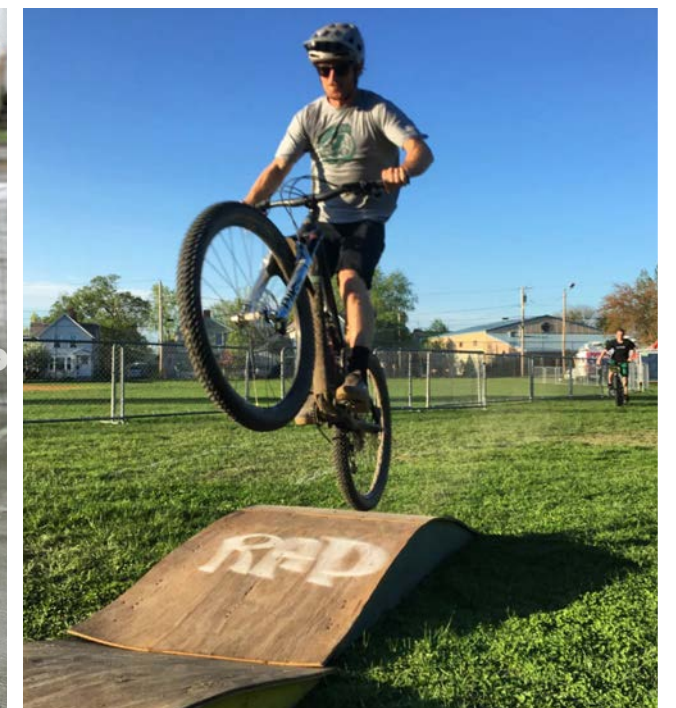
It includes information about the park's current conditions and envisions the changes that are possible for a park. The plan also details how the public is included in the process and illustrates the steps taken towards a final plan for the future of the park.





# Big Ideas

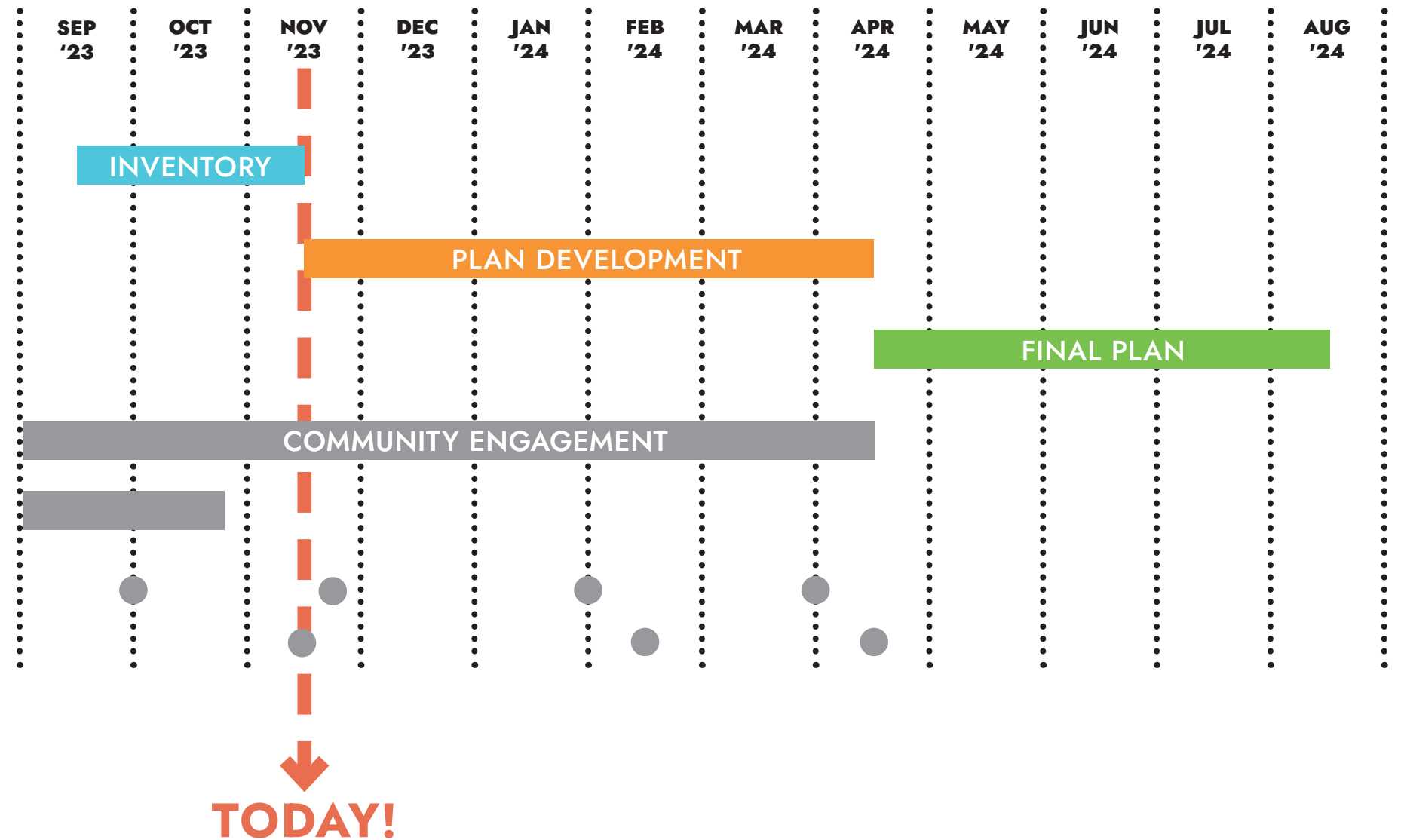
- Public Participation
- Neighborhood Park
- Feasible Budget
- Inclusive Process
- Accessibility
- Safety
- Stormwater & Ecology





# What is the Comprehensive Plan process?

## Project Schedule



# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**



# Community Engagement

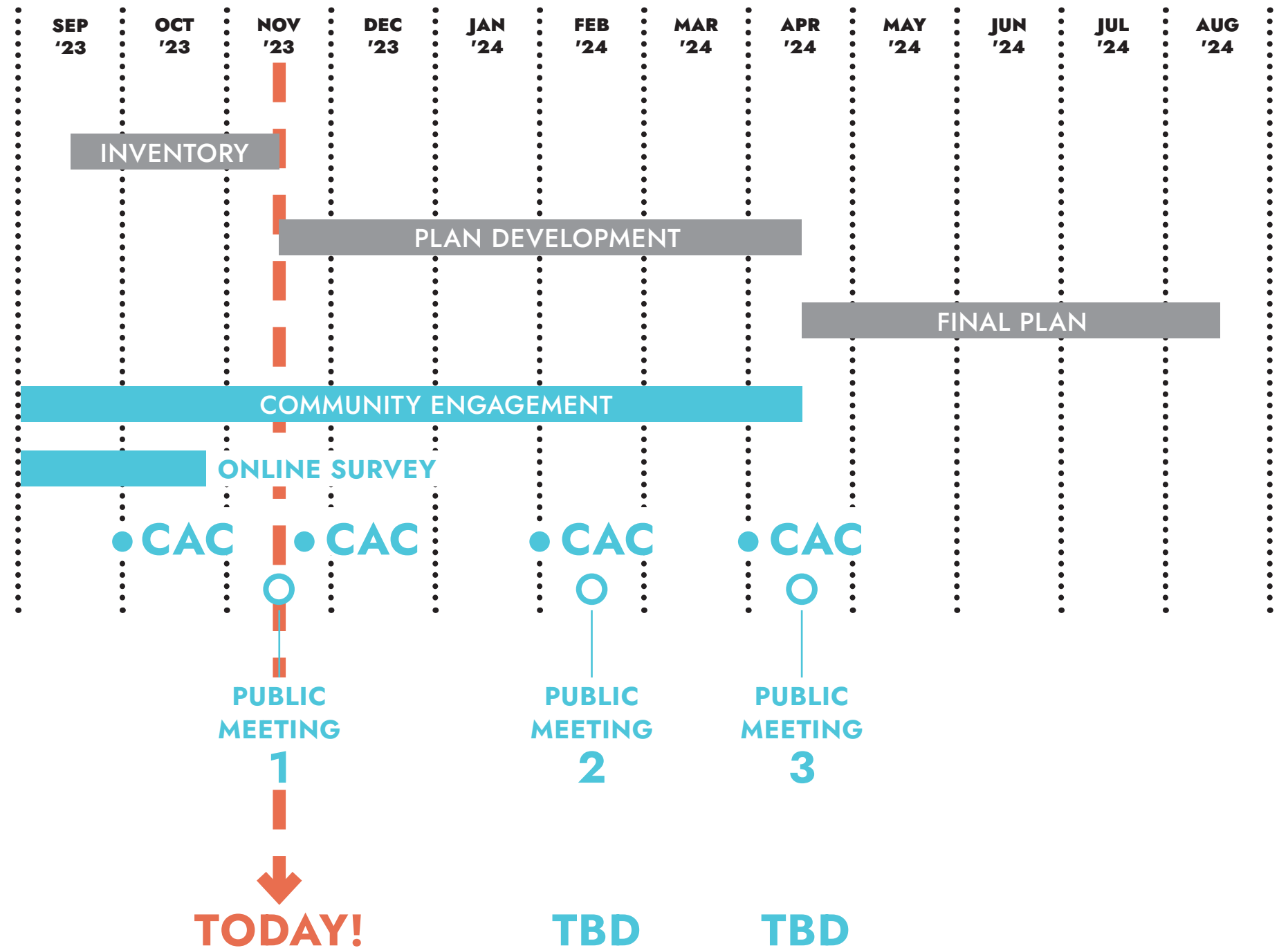
## Engagement Schedule

**Community Survey:** A digital survey gathered input and feedback from residents and park users to inform the development of the comprehensive plan.

**Public Meetings:** There are usually three public meetings held throughout the process for a comprehensive plan:

- First to hear how the park as it is works for everyone.
- Second to propose options for change.
- Third to talk about the proposed future changes to the park.

**CAC:** The Community Advisory Committee will include local residents who will meet to provide input on the process and will commit to actively participate in the process.

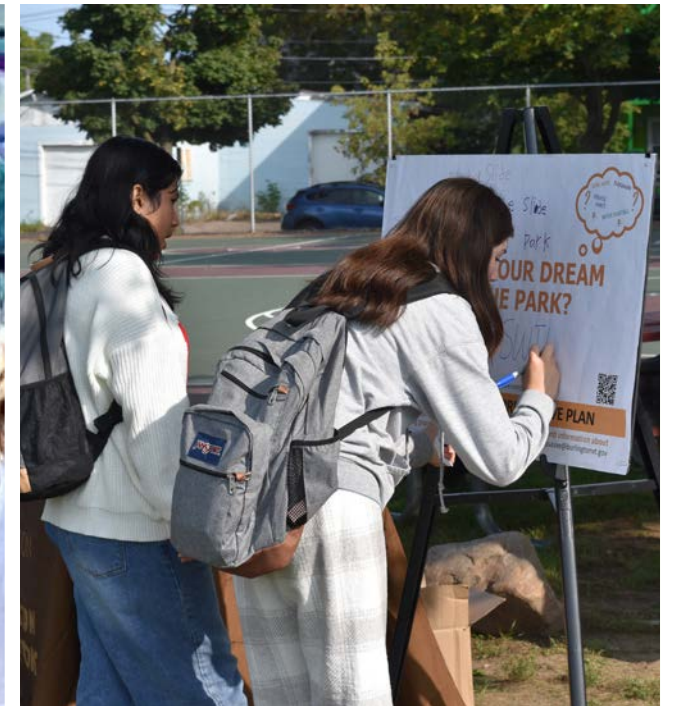




# Community Survey

## Community Inclusion:

The Old North End community is made up of members from various ethnic backgrounds, cultures, religions, socioeconomic statuses, and lifestyles, creating a rich tapestry of perspectives and experiences unique to this area of Burlington.



## Intercept Surveys

### What's an intercept survey?

Survey data was collected through in-person interactions with park visitors to obtain their opinions and preferences regarding park features, layout, and amenities.



### When did they happen?

- Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 3 - 5 PM
- Thursday, September 27, 2023 from 9 - Noon



# Community Survey

## Online Survey

The survey was structured into four parts:

### Part 1: Tell us about yourself

Where do you live and what's your background?

### Part 2: Tell us about Roosevelt Park

What do you like? What is missing? What should change?

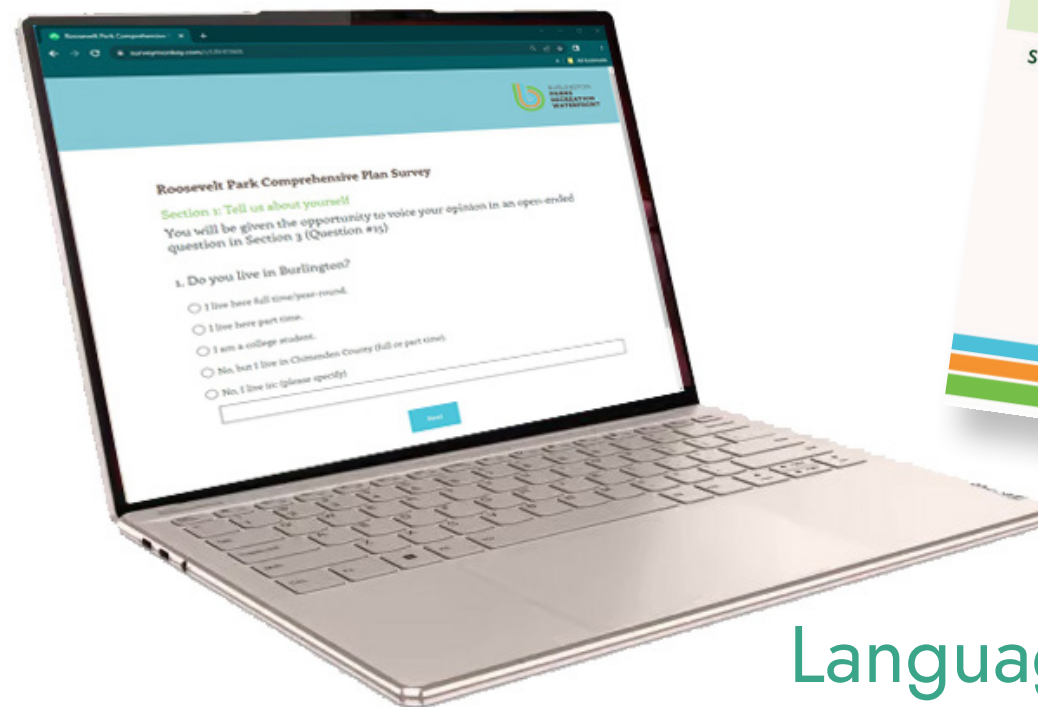
### Part 3: Voice your opinion!

What do you want to tell us about the park?

### Part 4: How would you like to be involved?

- Come to a public meeting
- Join the CAC
- Get email announcements about the project

You did - yay!



## Languages Offered:

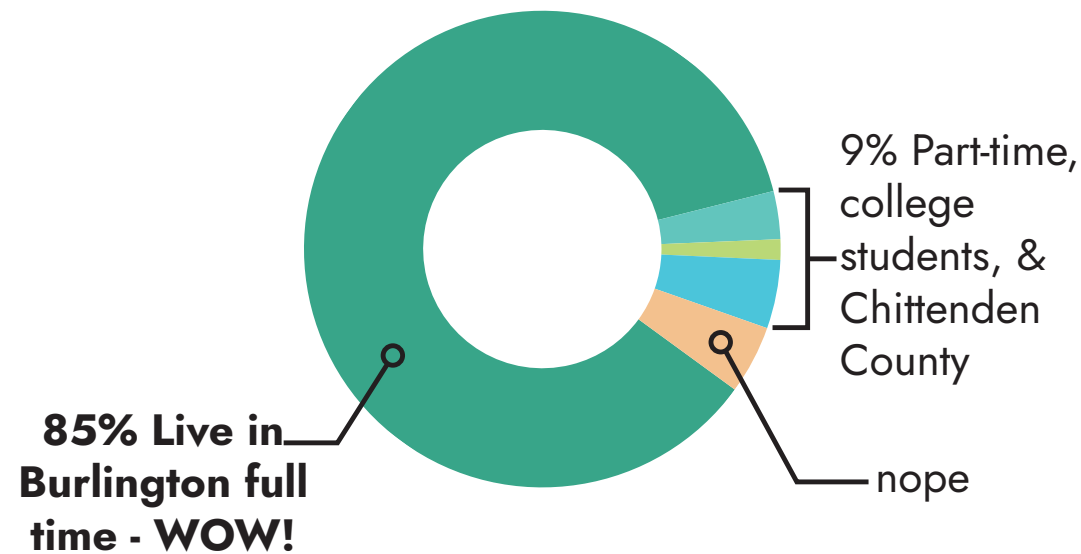
- English (207 responses)
- Arabic (8 responses)
- Dari
- French (1 response)
- Kirundi
- Lingala
- Nepali (1 response)
- Pashto
- Somali
- Swahili
- Vietnamese

# Survey Results

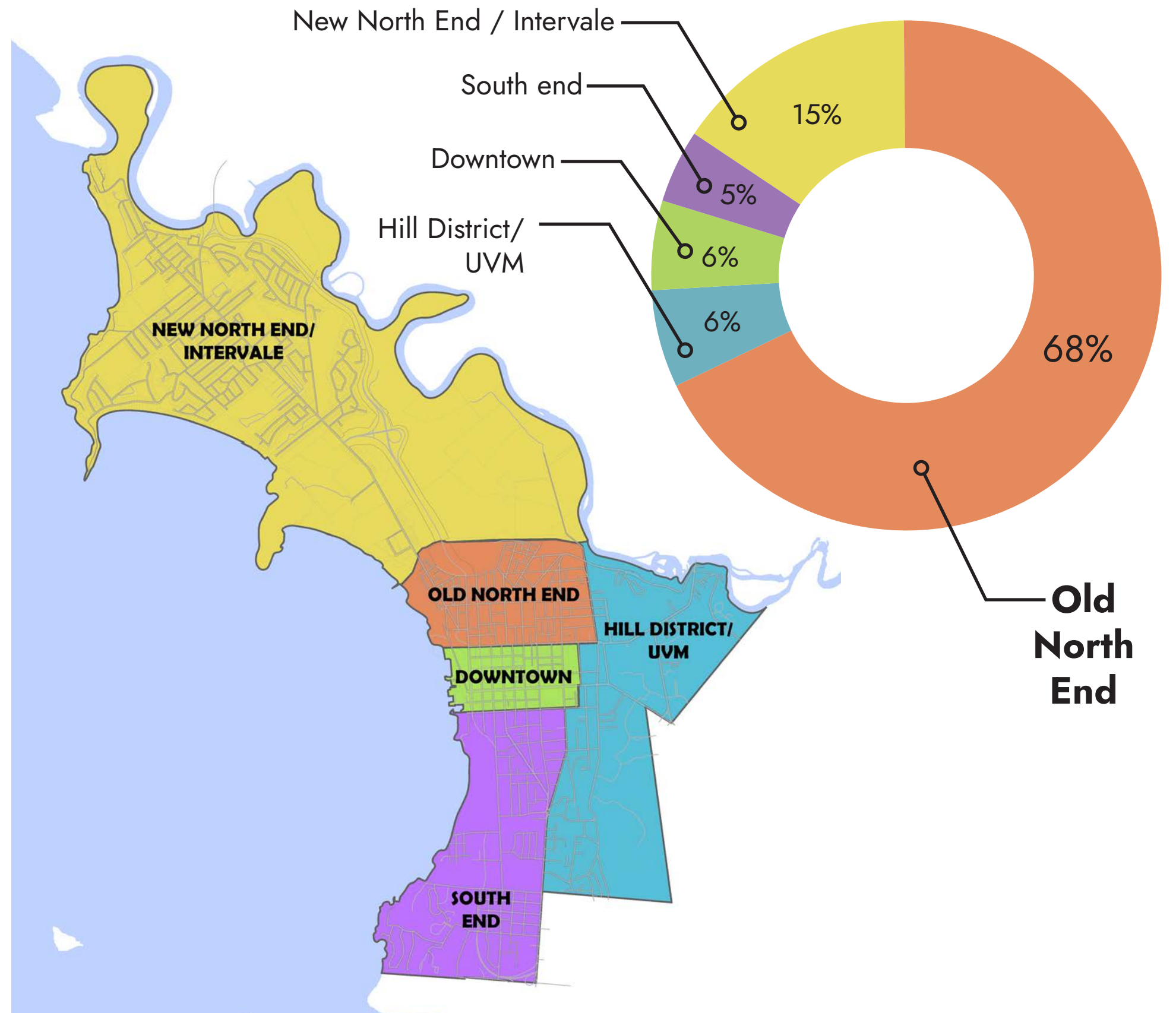
## Who Responded?

- Majority of people **live in Burlington full time**
- Most of those residents **live in the O.N.E.**

### DO YOU LIVE IN BURLINGTON?



### WHERE IN BURLINGTON DO YOU LIVE?



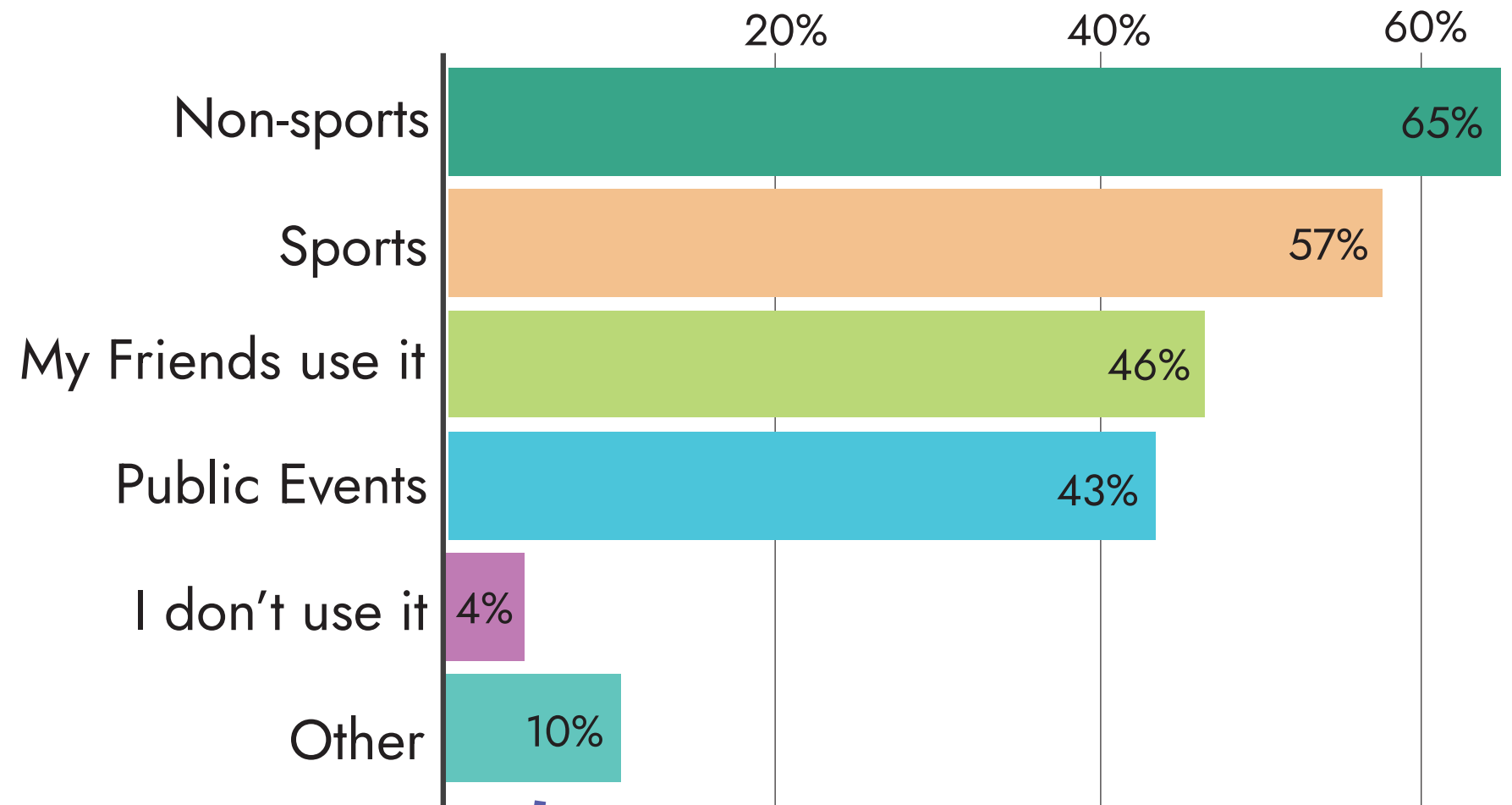


# Survey Results

## Park Use

- A **majority** of people use the park for **walking, jogging, playground, gatherings, etc.**
- **Over half** use the park for **sports**

## WHY DOES YOUR FAMILY GO TO THE PARK?



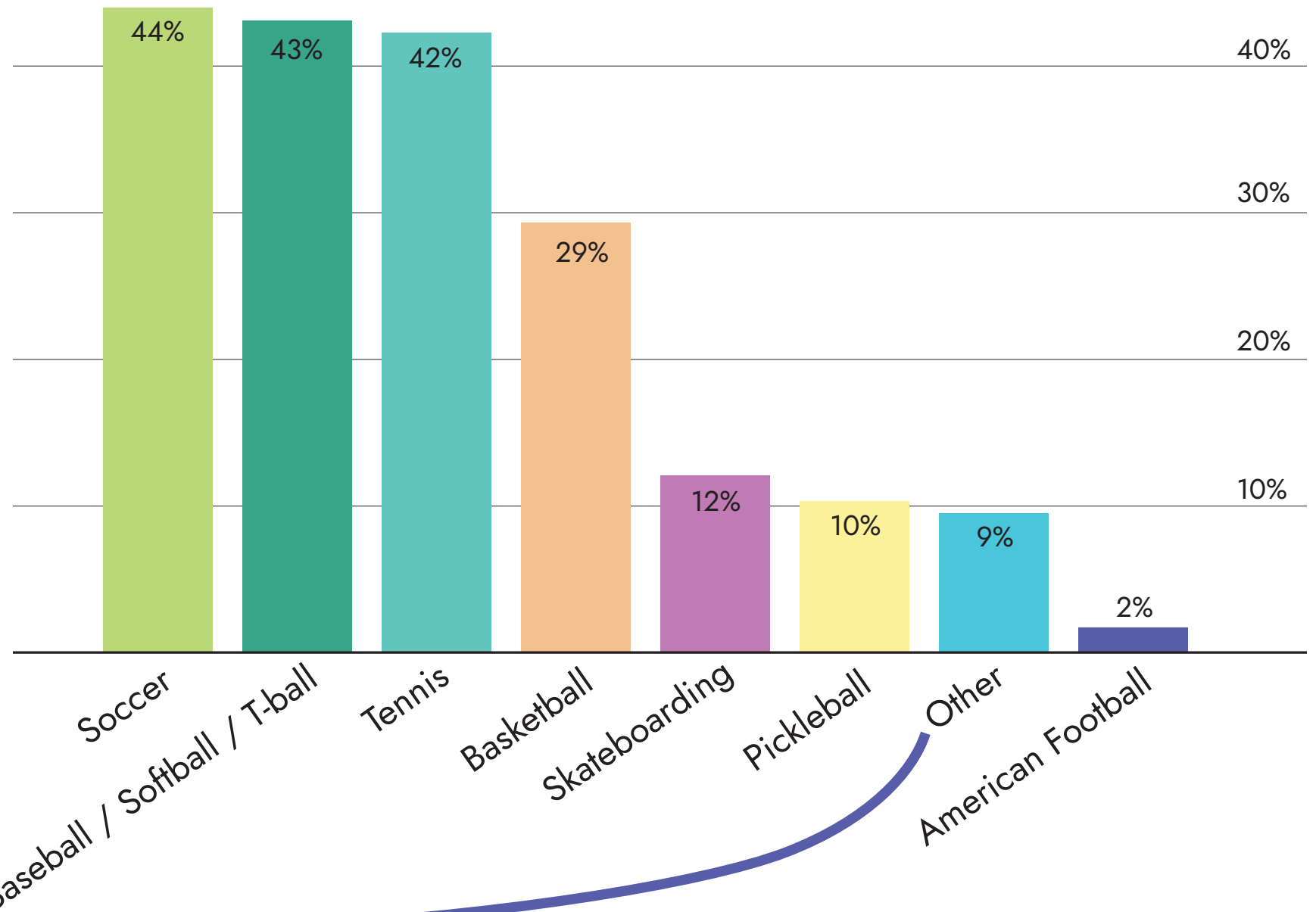
Mostly **dog walking**

# Survey Results

## Organized Sports

- **Most** people play/watch **Soccer and Little League**
- **Tennis and Basketball** are important too

## WHAT SPORTS DOES YOUR FAMILY PLAY OR WATCH IN THE PARK?



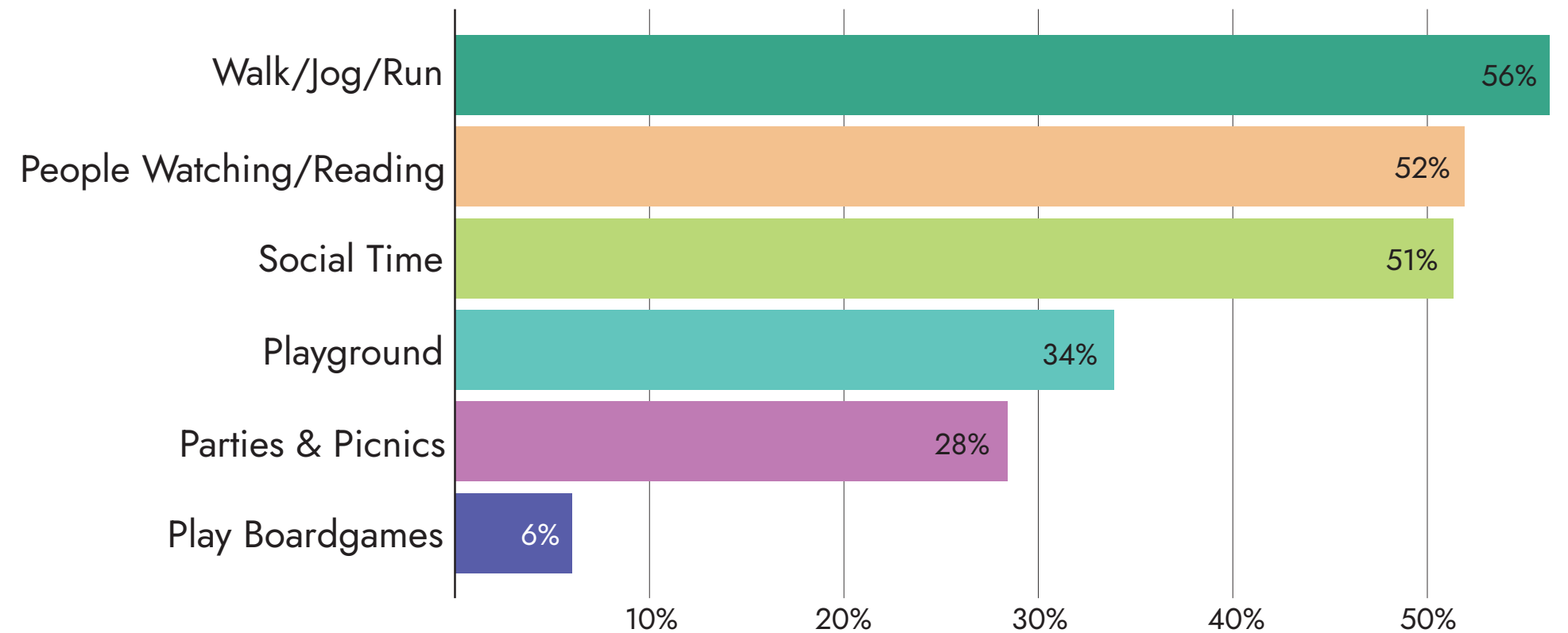
Generally **Ultimate Frisbee** ←

# Survey Results

## Non-Sports

- **Most** people **walk/jog,** **people watch,** and have **social time**
- The **playground** is important as well

## WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY DO IN THE PARK?



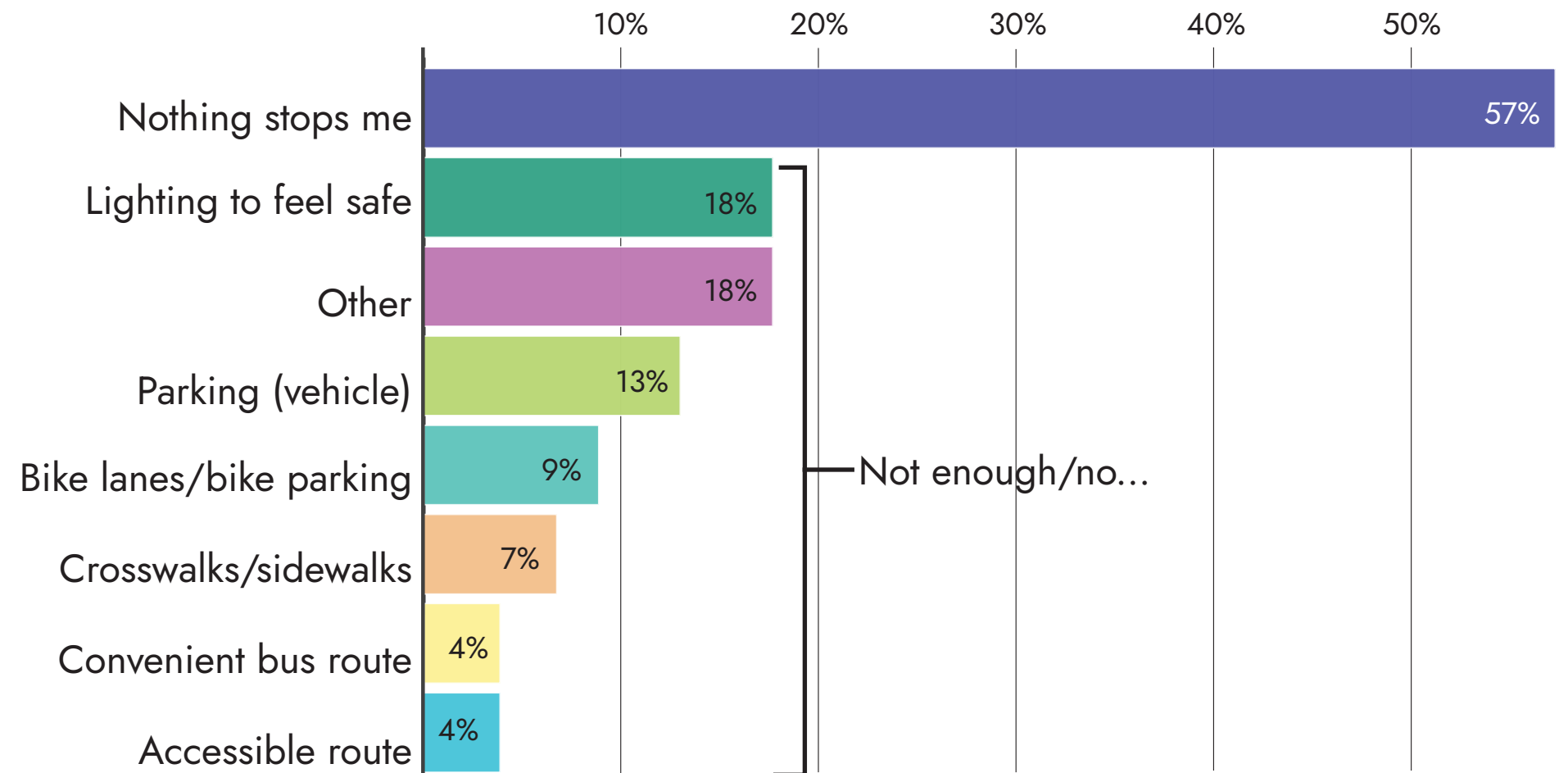


# Survey Results

## Park Access

- **Nothing** stops most people
- **Lighting** and **safety** stop many people

## WHAT STOPS YOUR FAMILY FROM GOING TO THE PARK?



# Survey Results

## Park Access

### WHAT STOPS YOUR FAMILY FROM GOING TO THE PARK?

*"The built infrastructure plus the little league fence prevent me from using the park more"*

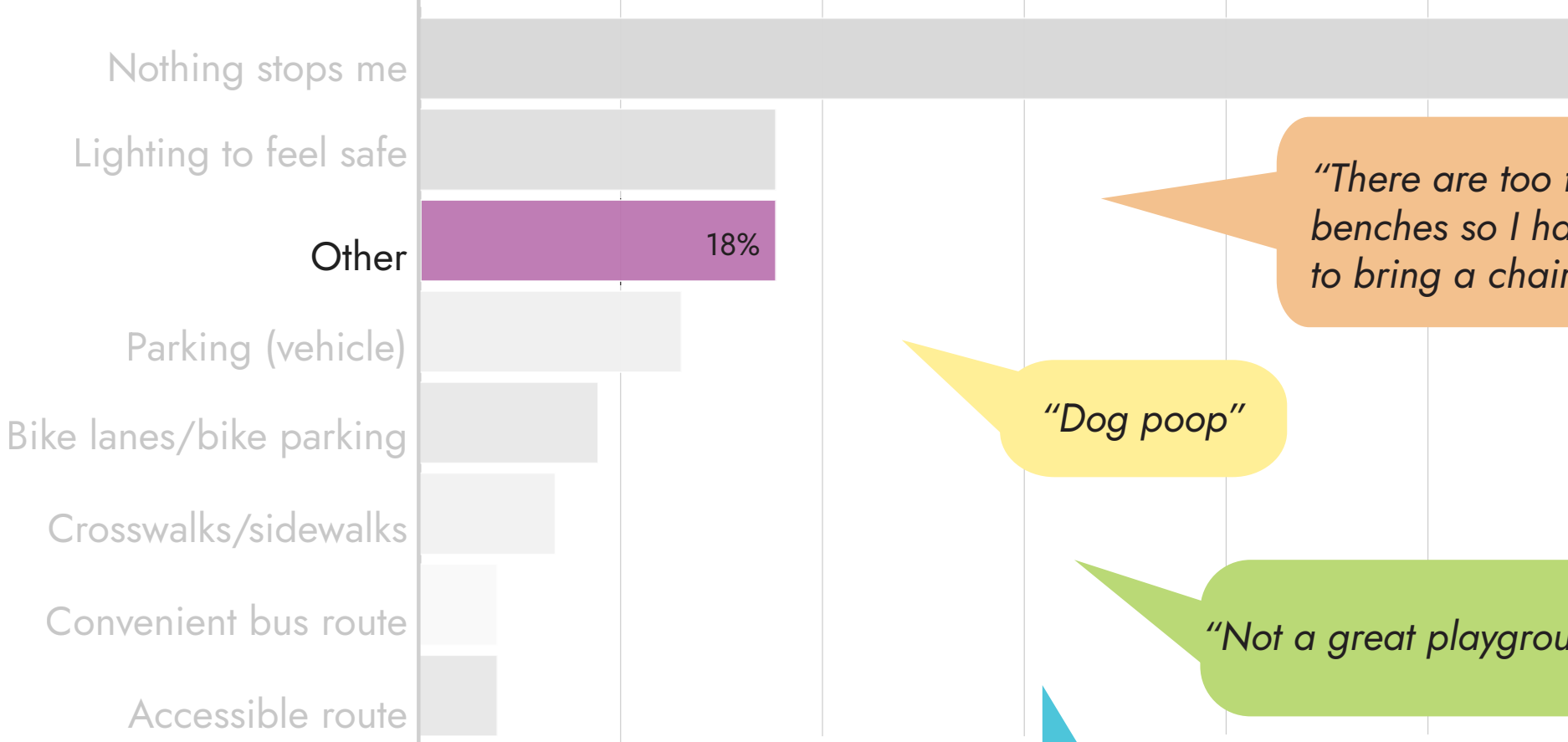
*"Not enough shade"*

*"The bathrooms aren't always open to the public and I have two toddlers "*

*"Fence along SW corner is unwelcoming, should be access from this corner"*

*"Not enough unprogrammed space. Little league makes me want to run in the opposite direction."*

*"I would go more if there were other amenities (pavilion to use for events, splash pad for kids, etc.)"*



*"There are too few benches so I have to bring a chair"*

*"Dog poop"*

*"Not a great playground"*

*"Off-leash Dogs"*

*"I am disabled. No places to rest or get away from the sun"*

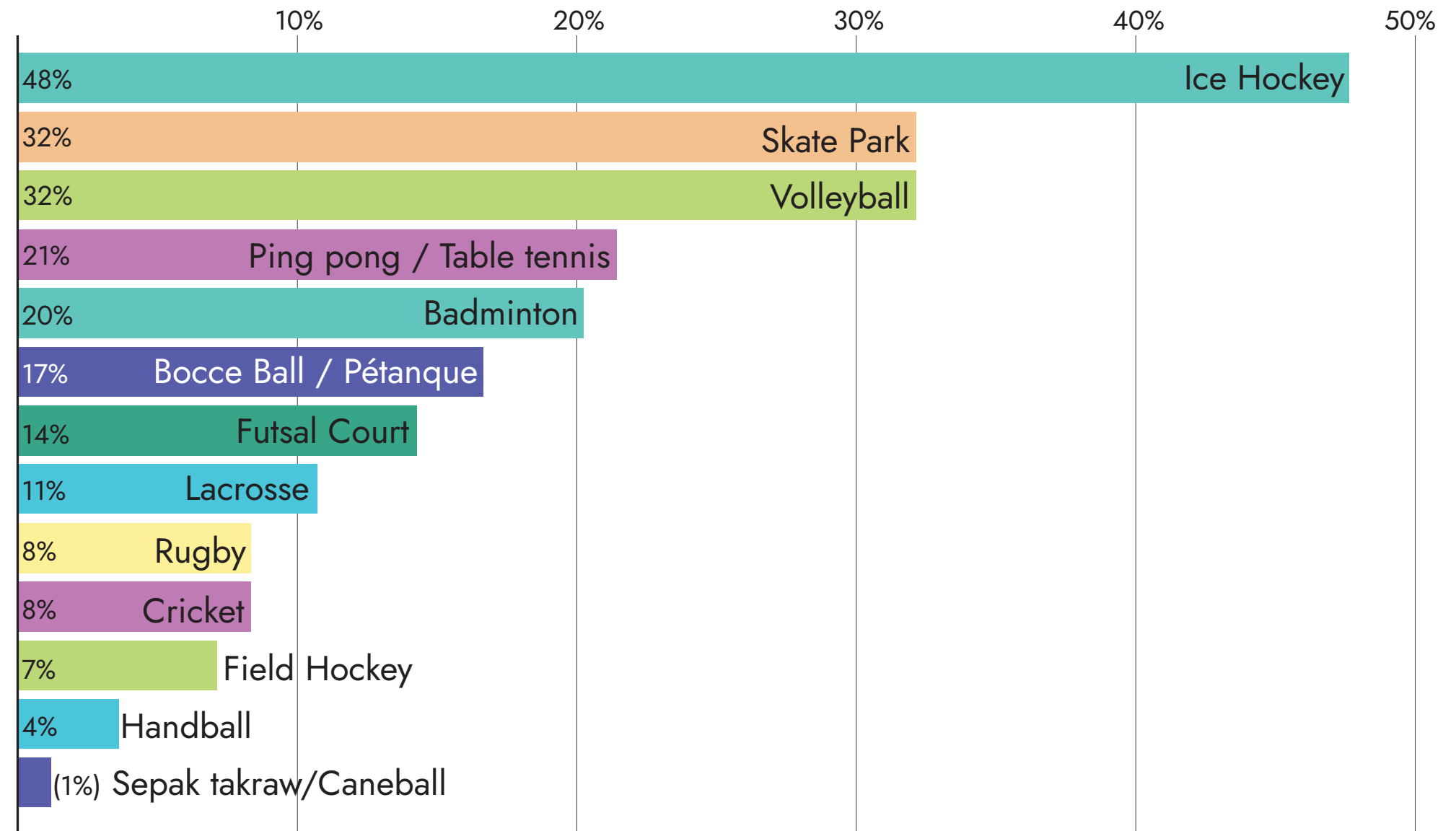


# Survey Results

## New Organized Sports

- A lot of people want **Ice Hockey!**
- **Skate Parks** and **Volleyball Courts** are very popular too

## WHAT SPORTS WOULD YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO ADD TO THE PARK?

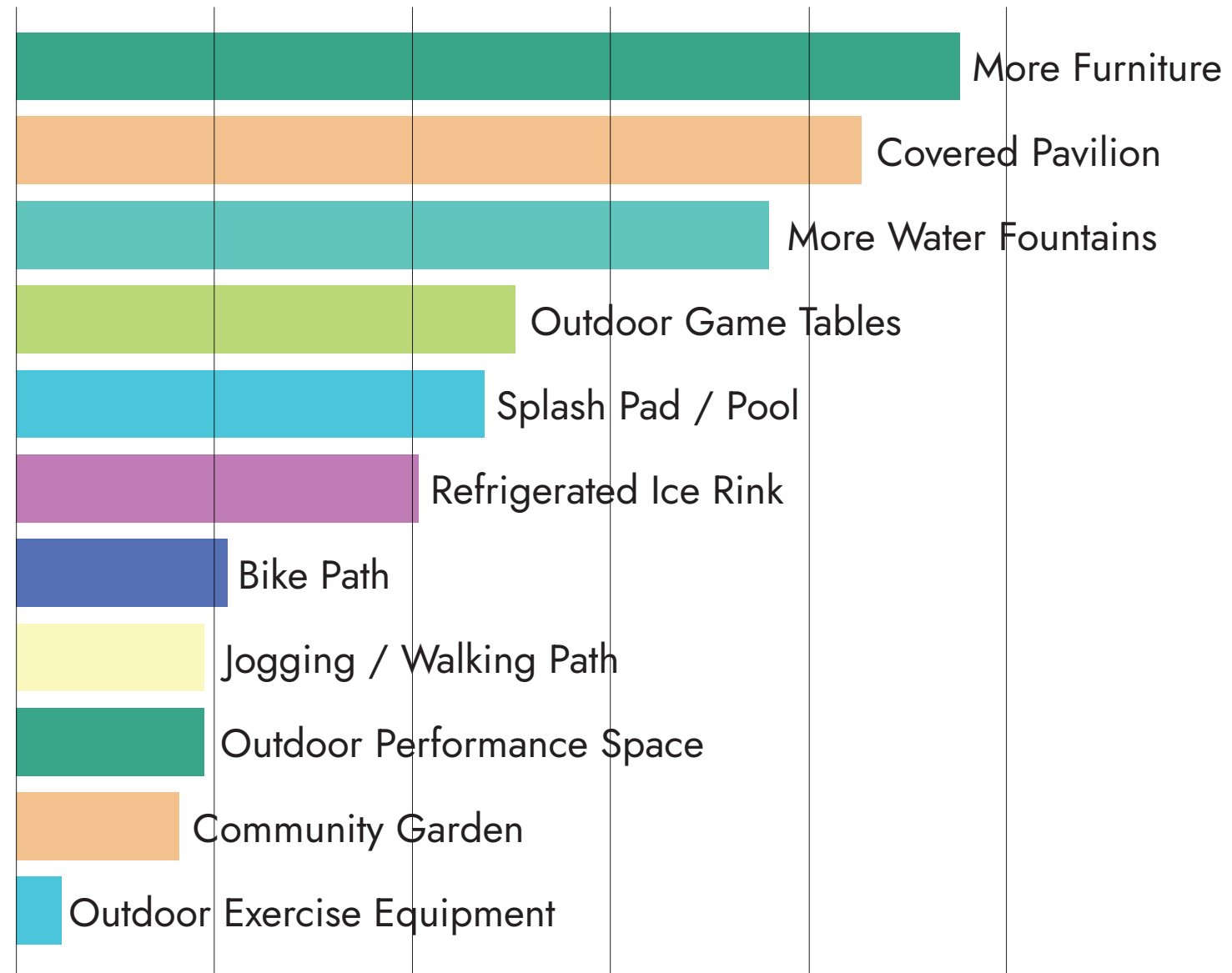


# Survey Results

## Non-Sports

- **More comfort!** Top responses included seating, shade, and drinking fountains.
- **Game Tables!**
- **Water and Ice!** Respondents requested a splash pad and refrigerated ice rink.

## PRIORITIZE WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE PARK (NON-SPORT)







# **SITE ANALYSIS**





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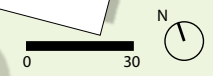
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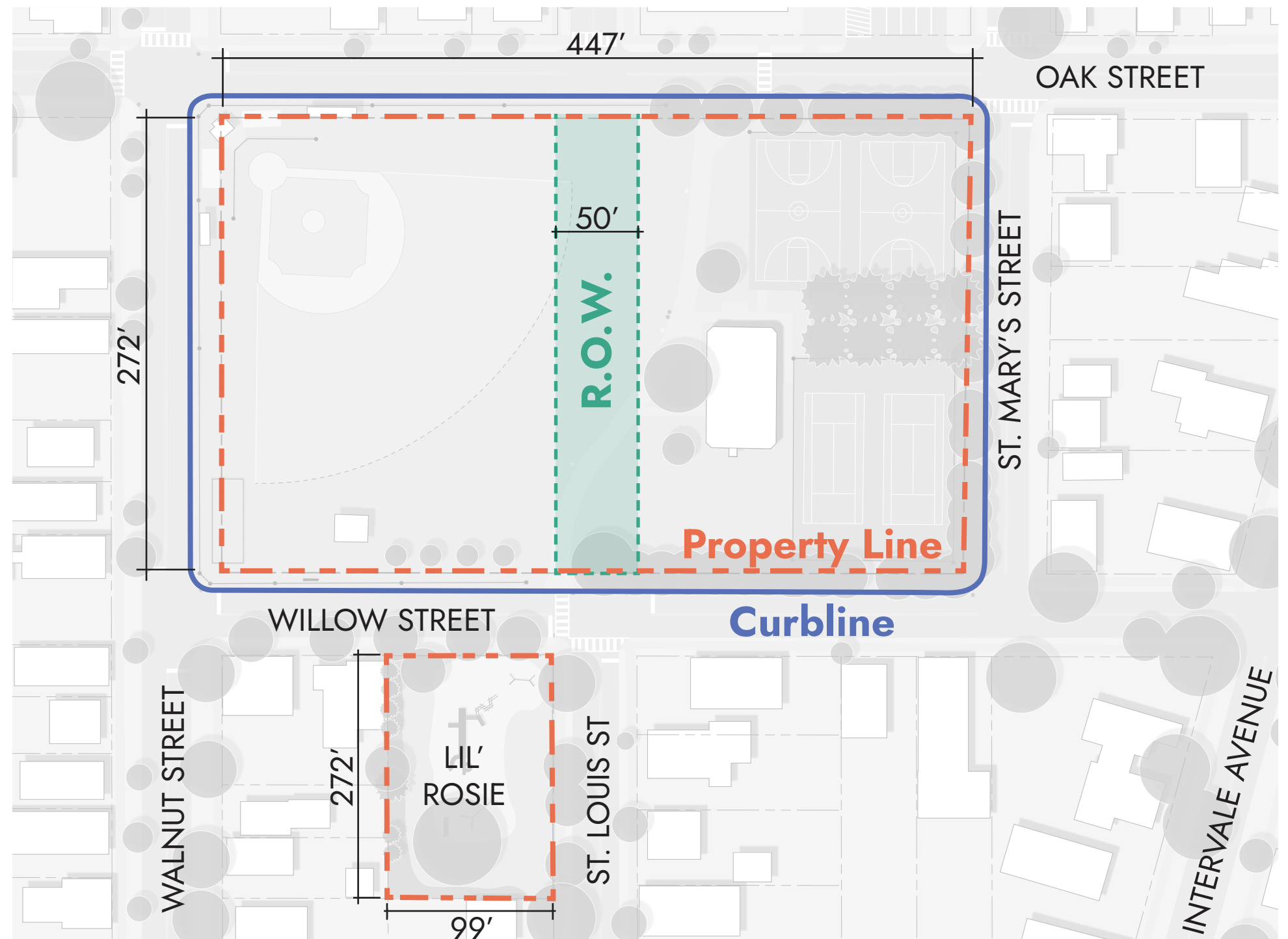
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# Site Analysis

## Park Boundaries

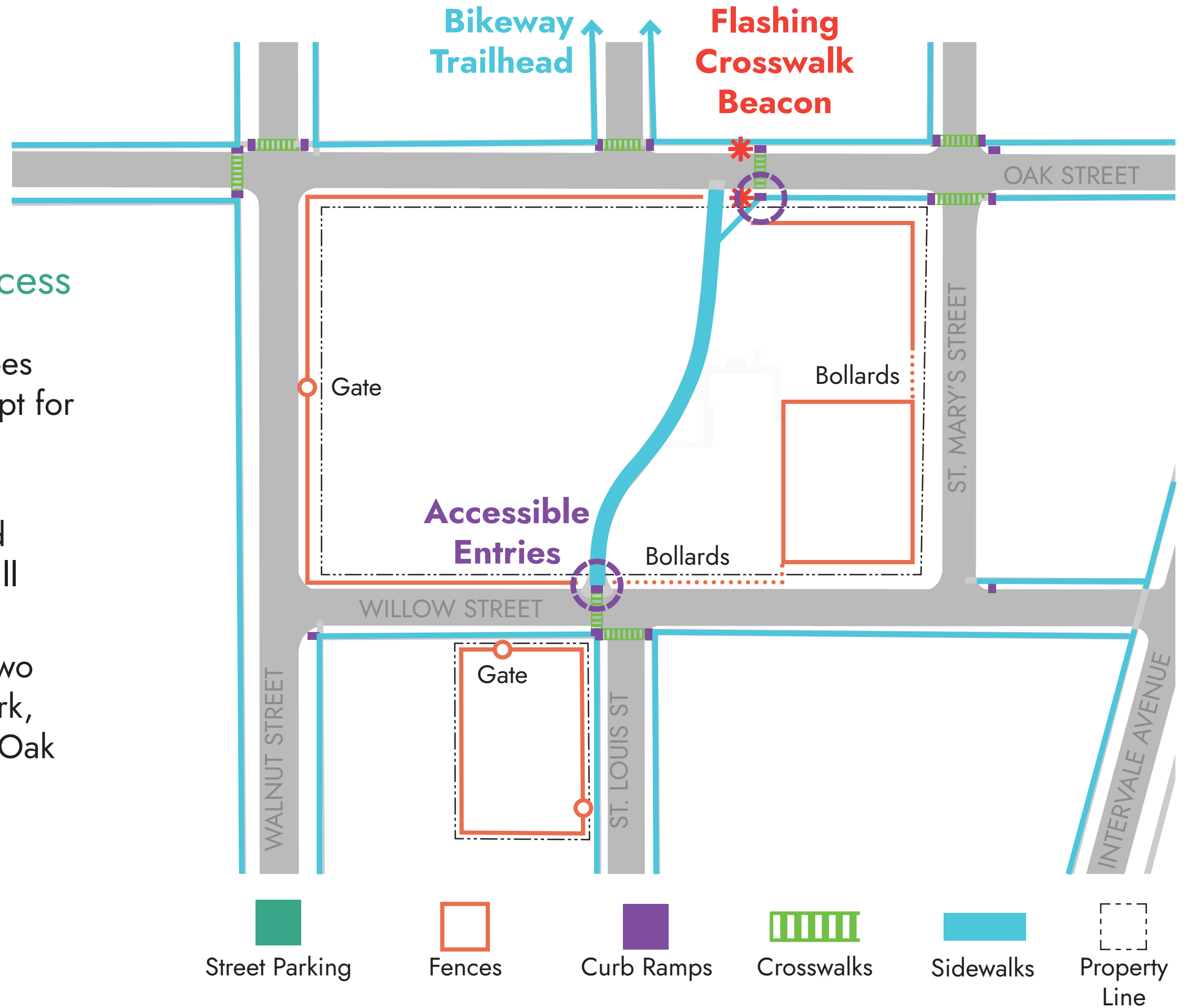
- **Over the line!** The perimeter of the main park extends beyond the property line by an average of 12 feet, adding nearly a half an acre of park space (2.8 vs 3.2 acres)
- **Right of Way.** A 50-foot-wide R.O.W. remains at the center of the park. The corridor includes an active 8" clay sewer line.
- **Lil' Rosie.** The .33 acre lot is separate and fully within its property lines.



# Site Analysis

## Bike and Pedestrian Access

- **Sidewalks.** The park does not include sidewalks, except for 130 feet along Oak Street.
- **Fences.** The majority of the park's perimeter is lined with fencing. Lil' Rosie is full enclosed by fences.
- **Entries.** There are only two accessible entries to the park, located at the mid-block of Oak and Willow Streets.

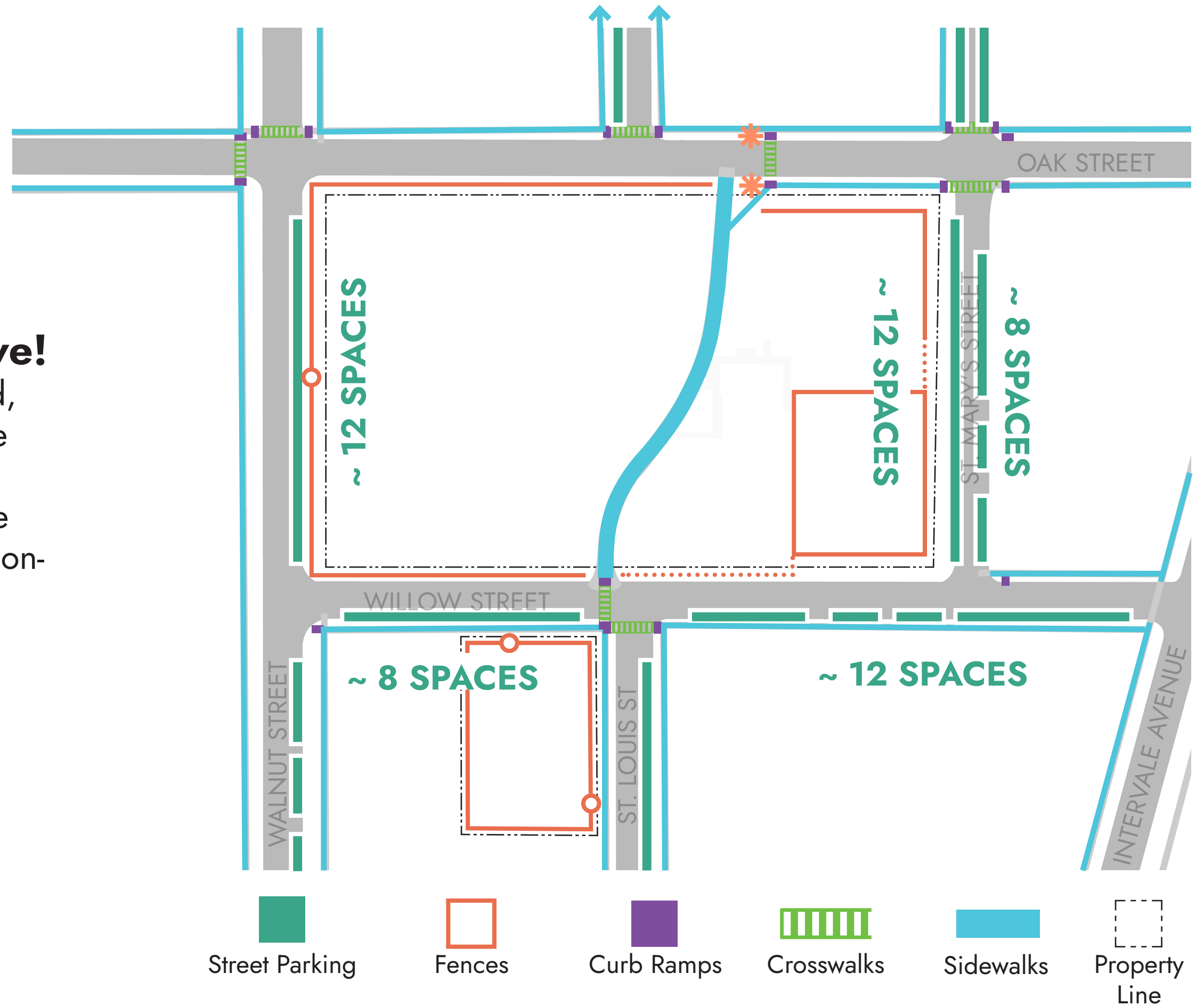




# Site Analysis

## Parking

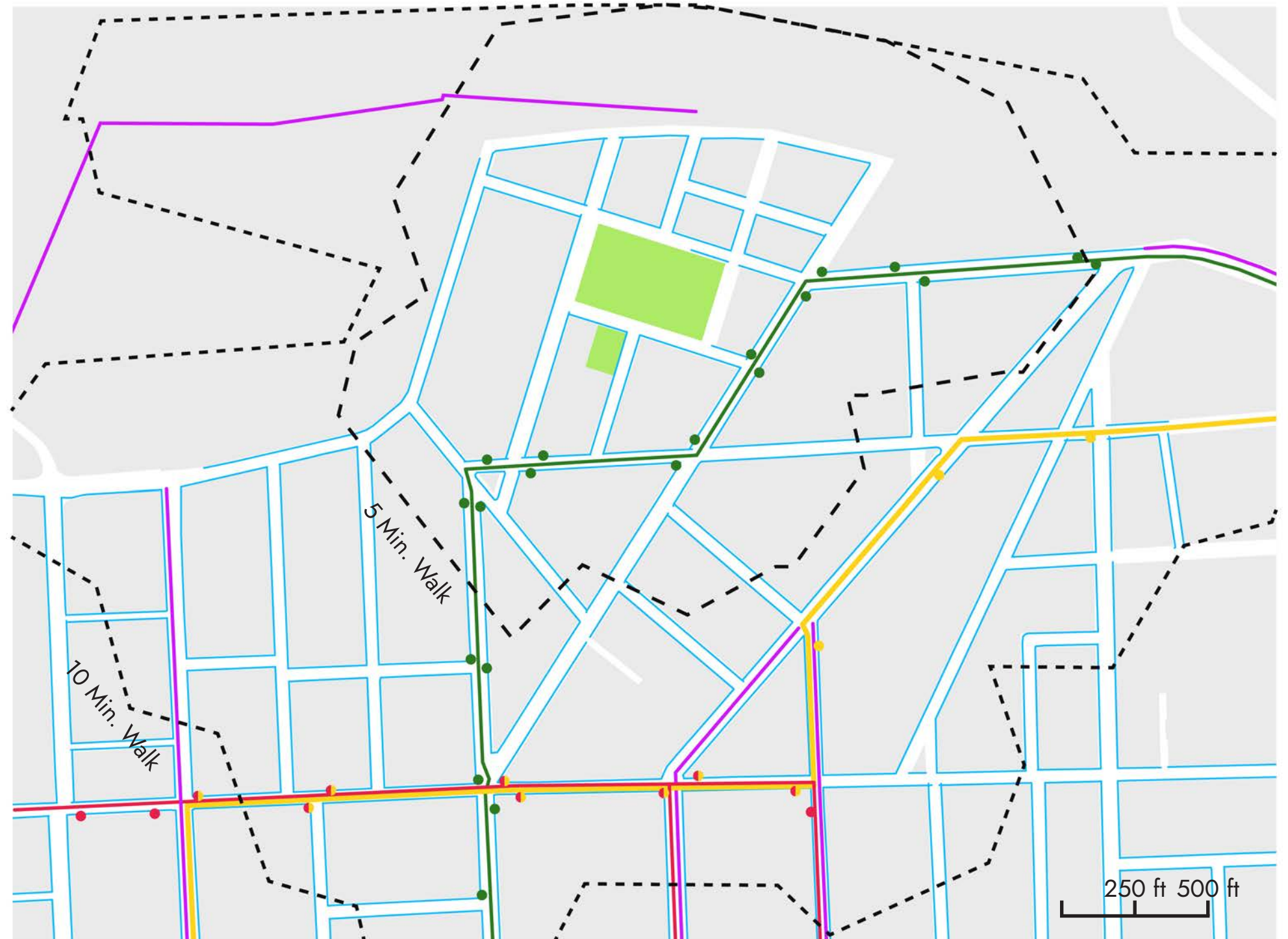
- **First come, first serve!**  
Approximately 50 unstriped, on-street parking spaces are available around the park's perimeter. These spaces are shared with residents and non-park visitors.
- No accessible parking is available at the park.



# Site Analysis

## Access

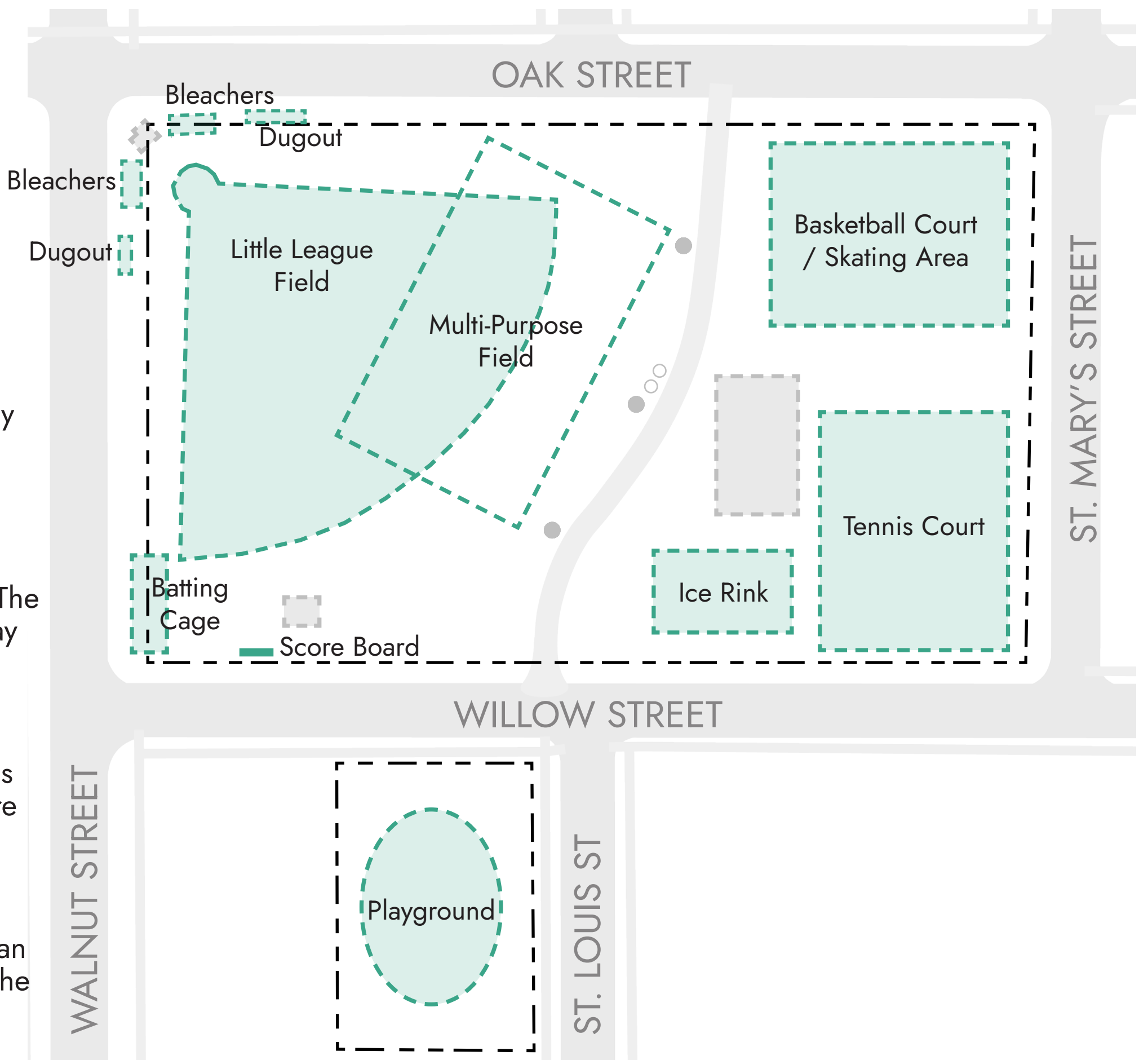
- **Mind the Gap!** Sidewalks and Bike Lanes exist throughout the neighborhood, but do not connect directly to the park.
- **Nearby Transit.** Park users have access to the Winooski Line (Bus) within a 5-minute walk from the park.



# Site Analysis

## Sport & Play Facilities

- **Out of bounds!**  
All of the baseball-related structures partially or completely outside of the park property lines.
- **Tennis is on the ball!**  
The recently resurfaced courts support a beloved youth program (Kids on the Ball). The program is interested in adding flexible play areas and shade for parents/events.
- **Sharing with Skaters**  
Skaters use DIY rails, boxes, and quarter pipes on the basketball court. Opportunities exist for more permanent features elsewhere in the park.
- **Best Place for Play?**  
The Lil Rosie playground is well-used and will need replacement soon. This presents an opportunity to bring the play features into the main park.

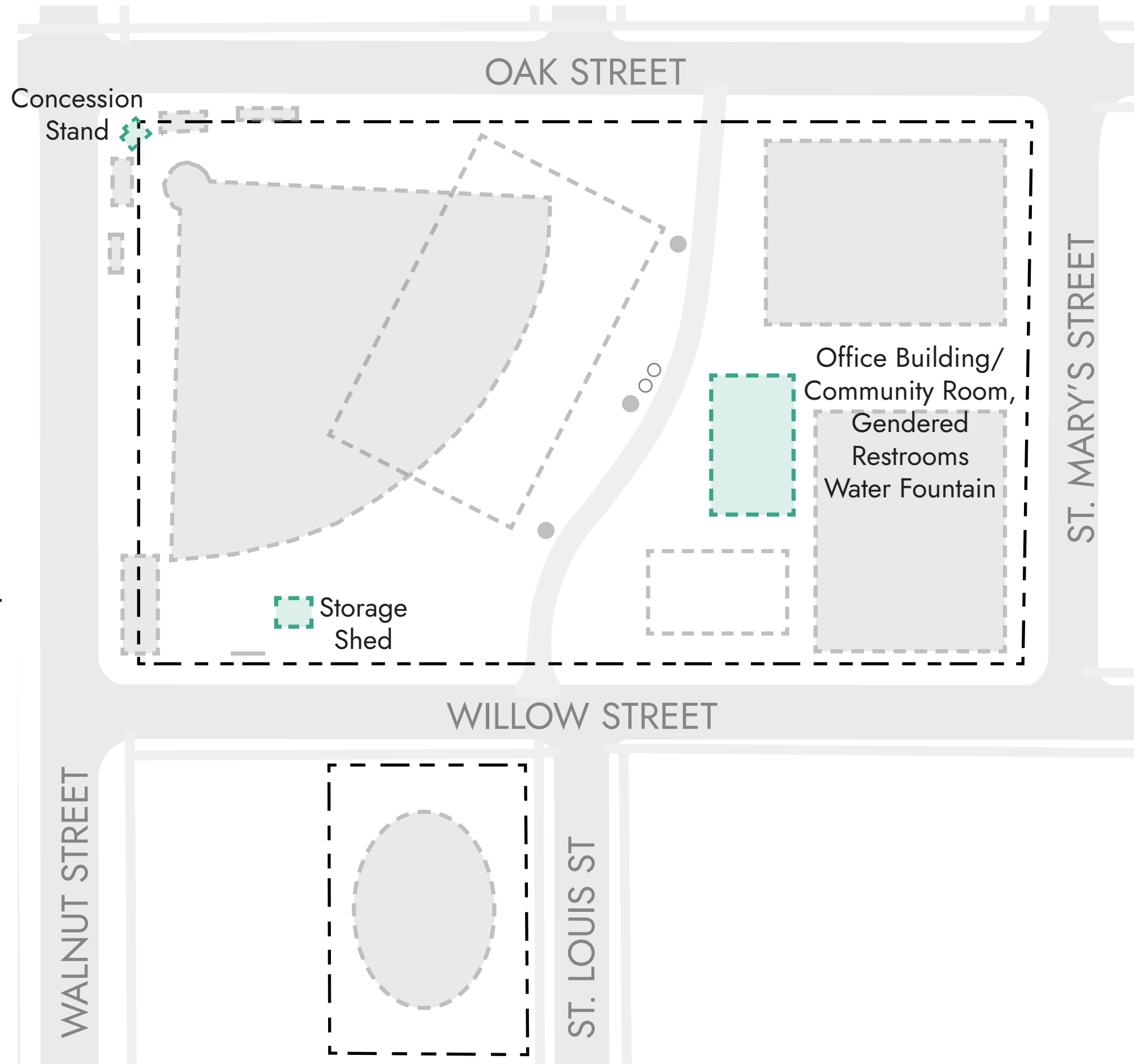




# Site Analysis

## Structures

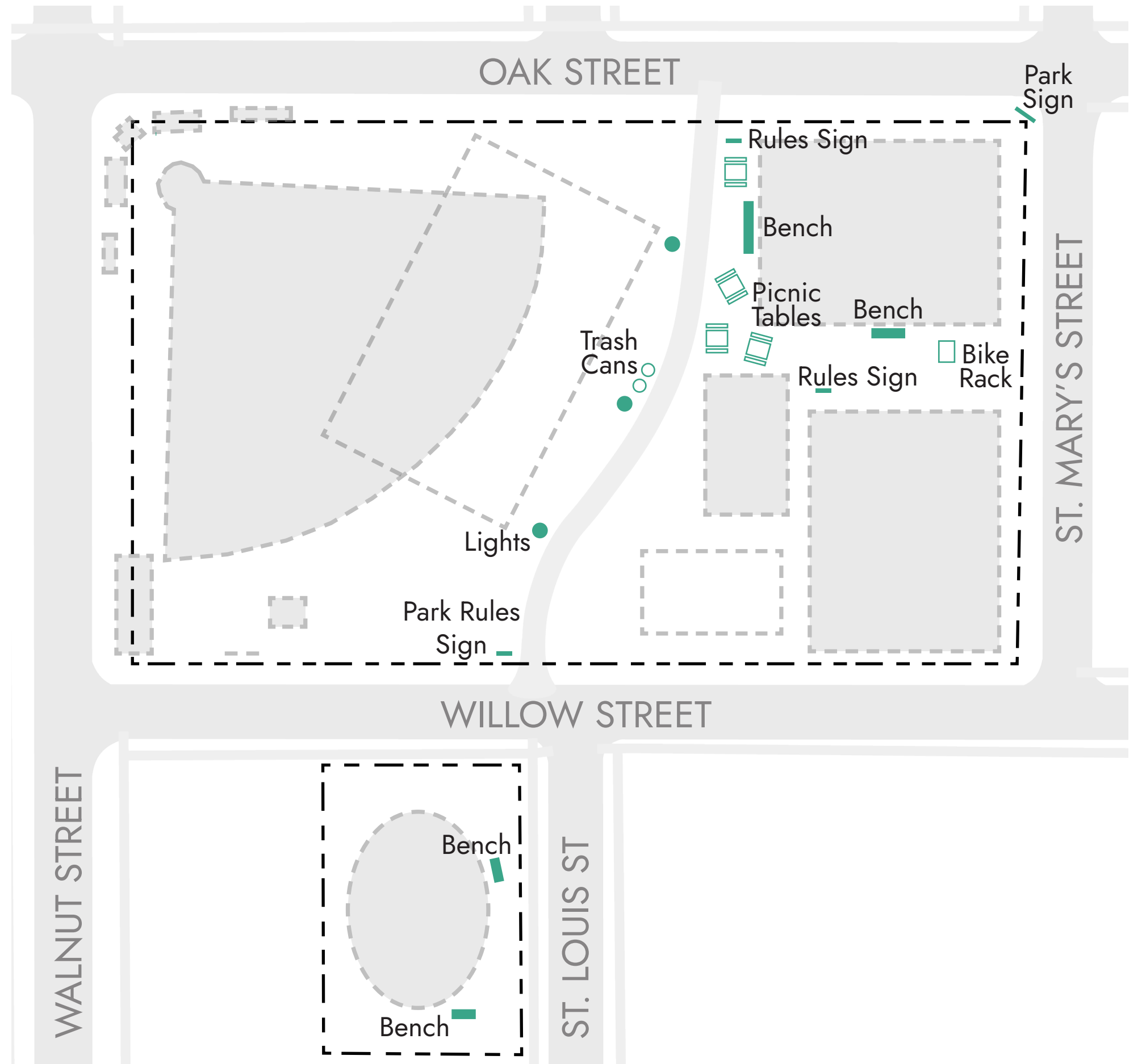
- **Everything but the sink!**  
The concession stand needs water!
- **What the eye doesn't see**  
Office building is isolated and needs visual connection to the park - windows would be nice!
- **Blank canvas**  
Storage shed = art & color opportunity!
- **Nature Calls!**  
Regular and reliable access to restrooms needed!



# Site Analysis

## Amenities

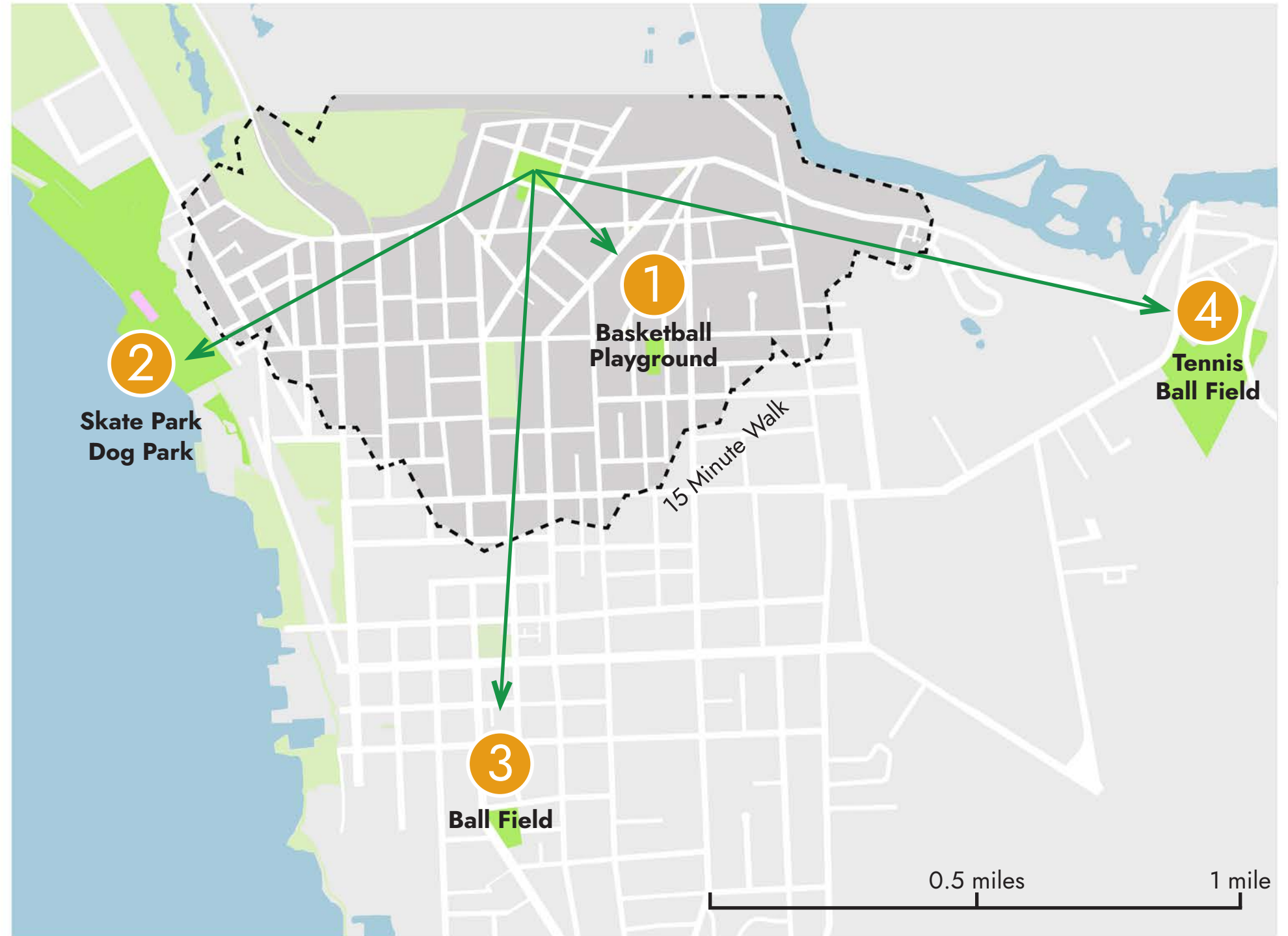
- **Don't be trashy!**  
More trash cans and recycling bins are needed
- **Piece of Cake**  
Picnic tables are well used and moved often, but more are needed. A shelter for shade and rainy days would be great too!
- **Sitting pretty**  
Add benches everywhere!
- **Hitching Post**  
Better bike storage is needed
- **See the light!**  
Night lighting is sparse



# Site Analysis

## Neighboring Facilities & Amenities

- 1** Pomeroy Park  
*Walk: 12 min | Drive: 3 min*  
Basketball Court - Playground
- 2** Waterfront Park  
*Walk: 34 min | Drive: 7 min*  
Skate Park - Dog Park
- 3** Smalley Park  
*Walk: 29 min | Drive: 6 min*  
Ball Field
- 4** Schmanska Park  
*Walk: 38 min | Drive: 6 min*  
Tennis Court - Multi-purpose Field





# Site Analysis

## Community Assets

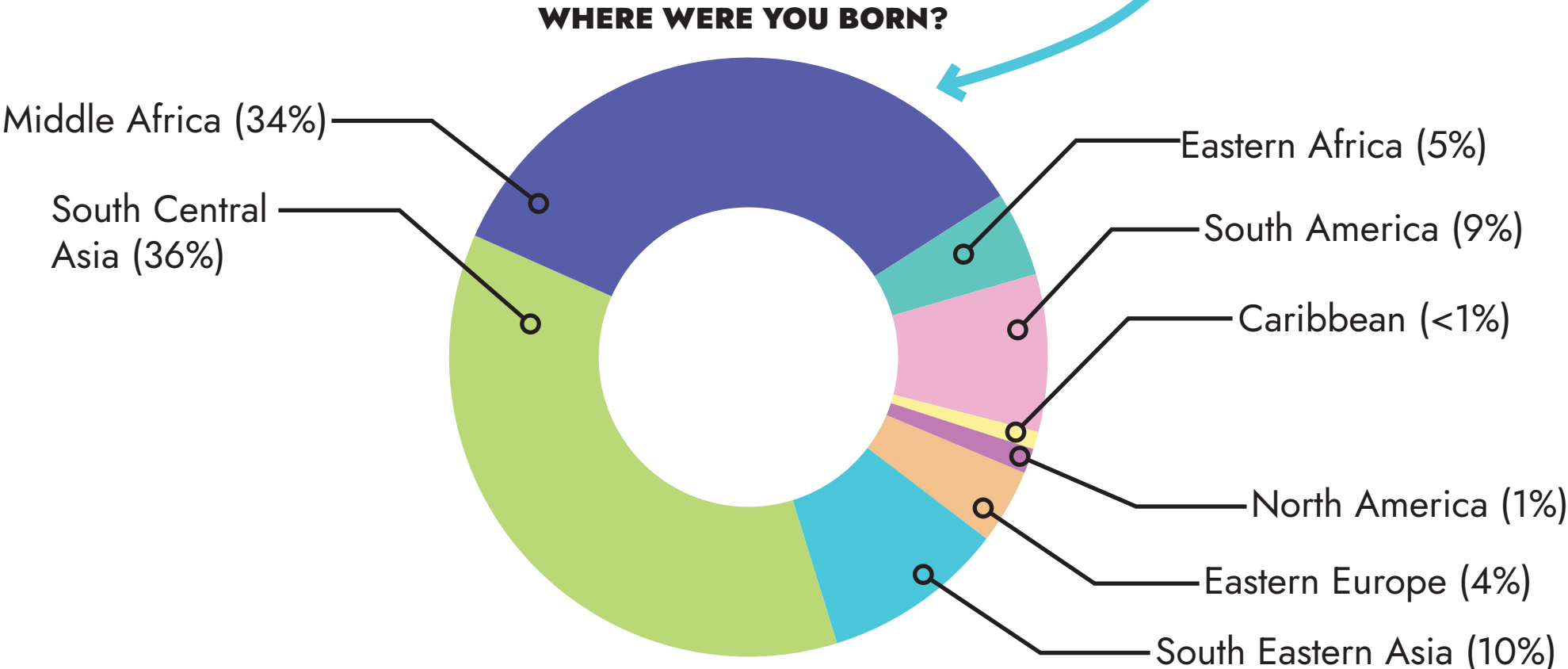
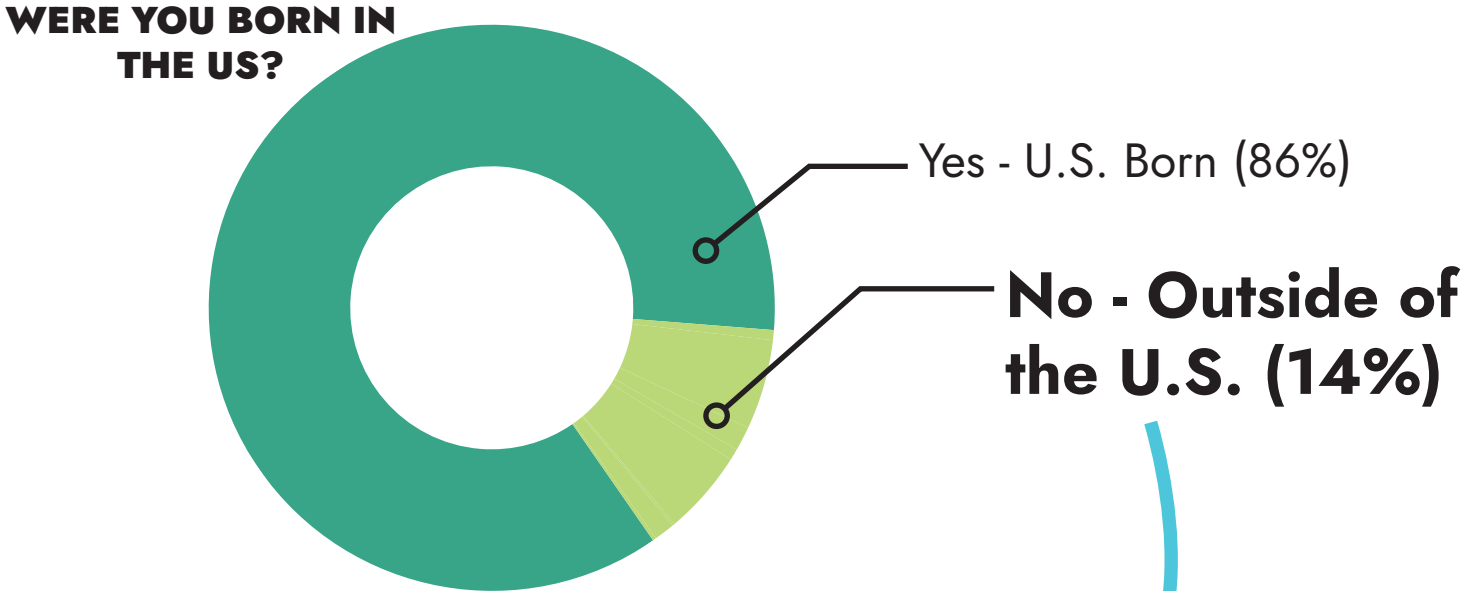
- **Two peas in a pod!**  
The Boys and Girls Club and the park have a symbiotic relationship - the park is crucial to the club's programming and the Club breathes life daily into the park.
- **Pit Stop**  
Many families travel through the park on their way to school (The Integrated Arts Academy) and work
- **Close to home**  
The park is the backyard for Riverside Apartments families
- **On the mend**  
The park provides fresh air and a space for lunch and rehabilitation for the Community Health Center employees and visitors



# Site Analysis

## Community

- **Multicultural!**  
The O.N.E is one of Vermont's most diverse communities!
- 14% of residents were born outside of the United States
- 14% of residents speak languages other than English at home

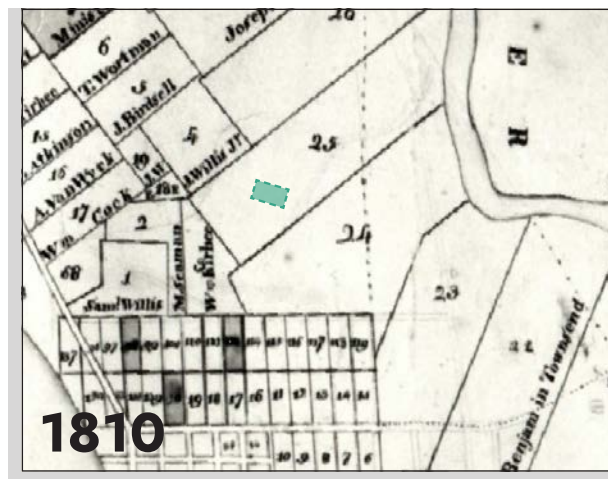
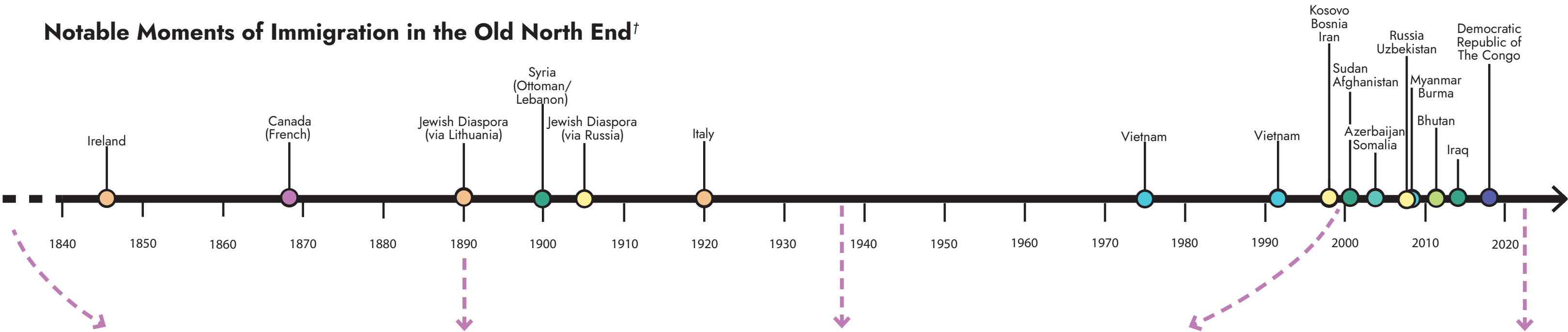


\*2021 American Community Survey, Census Tract 3



# Site Analysis

## Notable Moments of Immigration in the Old North End<sup>†</sup>



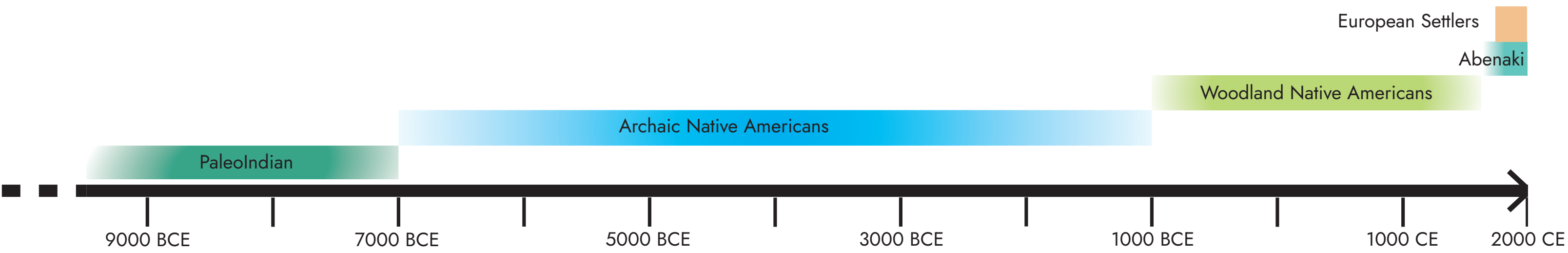
<sup>†</sup> Approximate peak immigration period  
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# Site Analysis

## Indigenous Roots

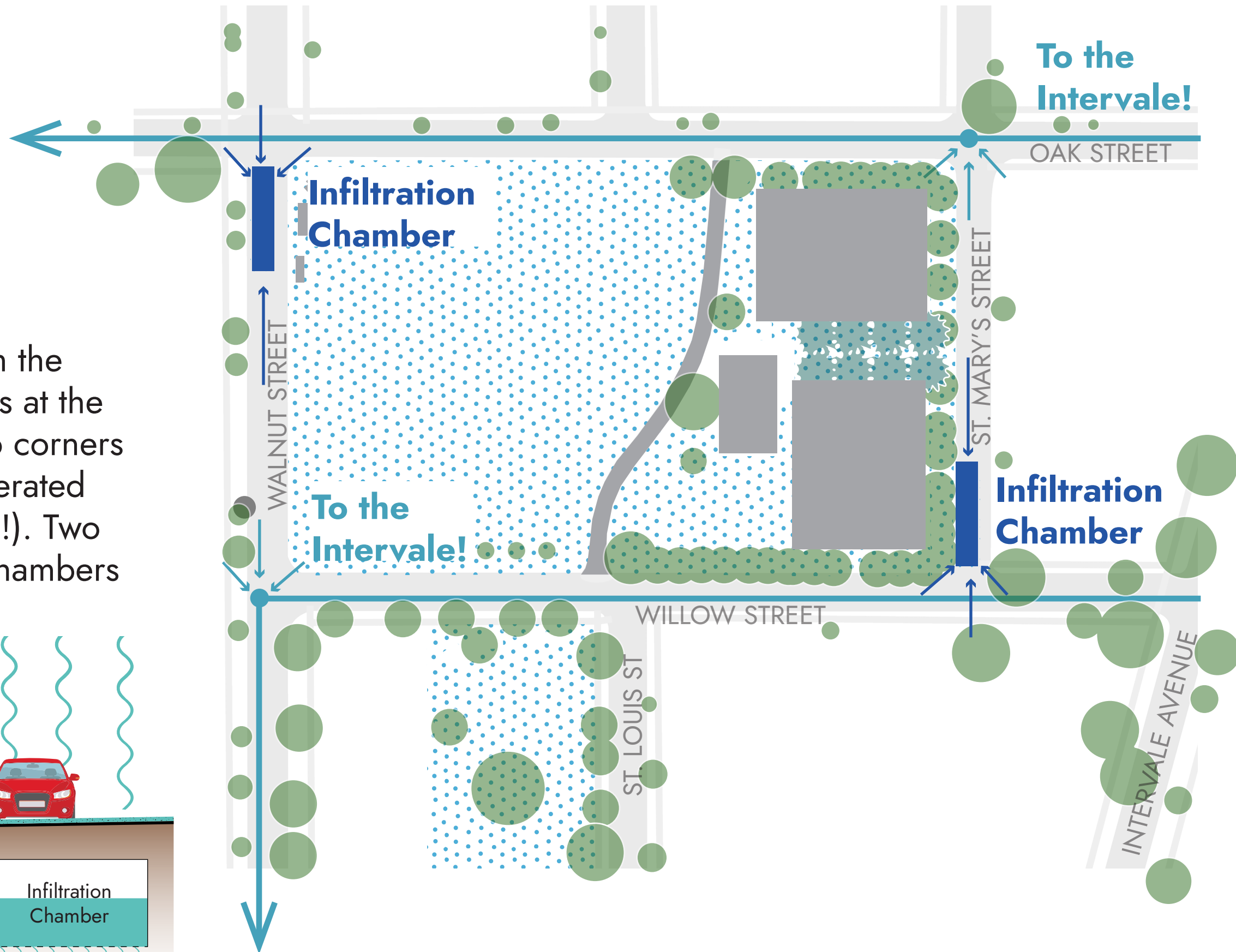
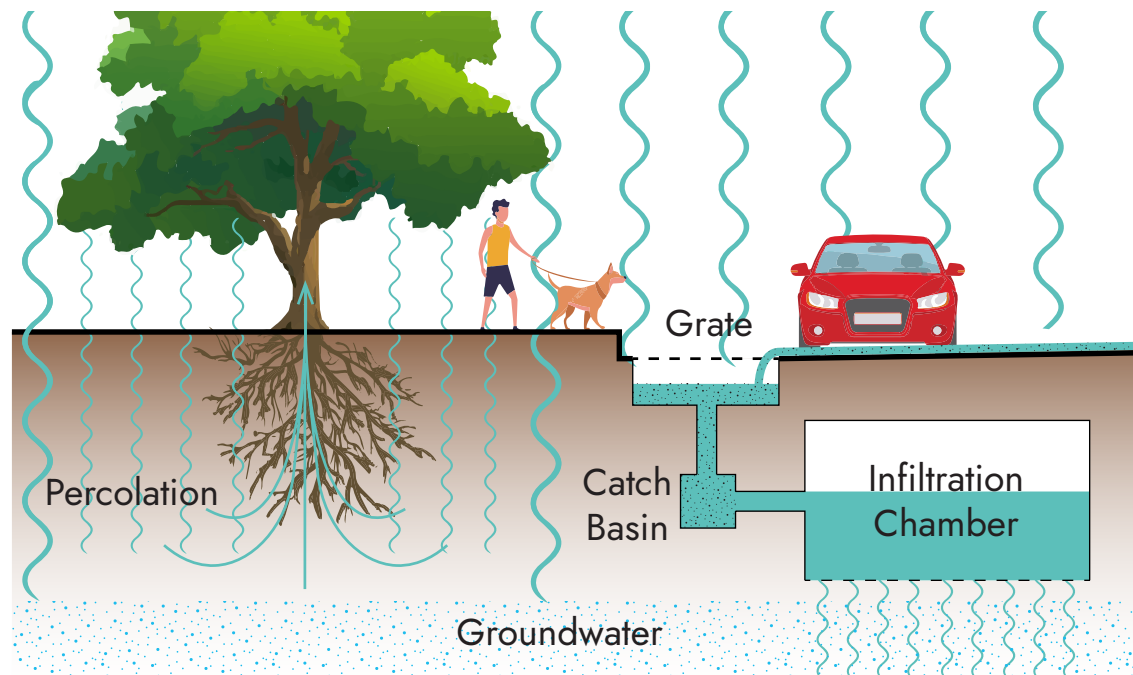
The first to call the Old North End HOME!\*



# Site Analysis

## Stormwater: Streets

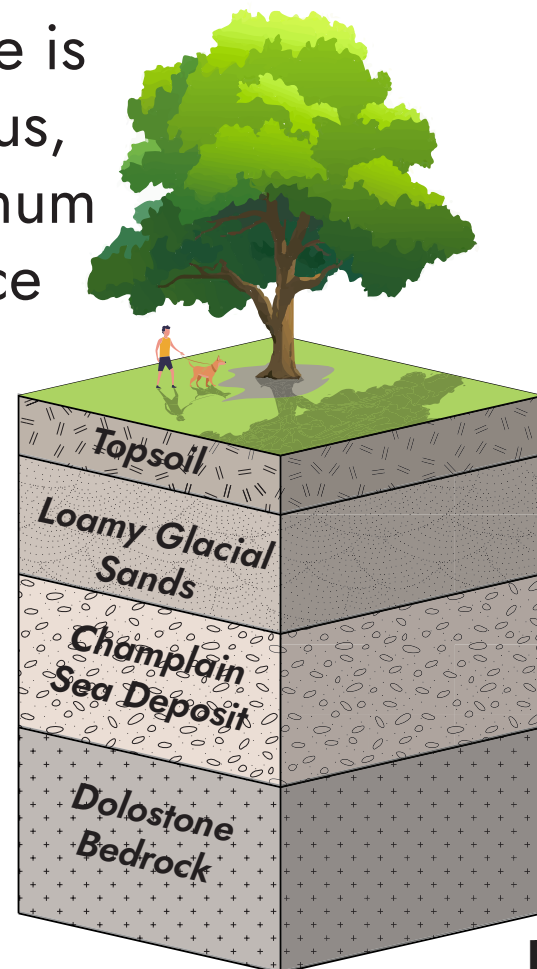
- **Corners!** Stormwater from the streets are collected by drains at the four corners of the park. Two corners drain to the Intervale via seperated stormwater pipes (not a CSO!). Two corners drain to infiltration chambers below the streets.



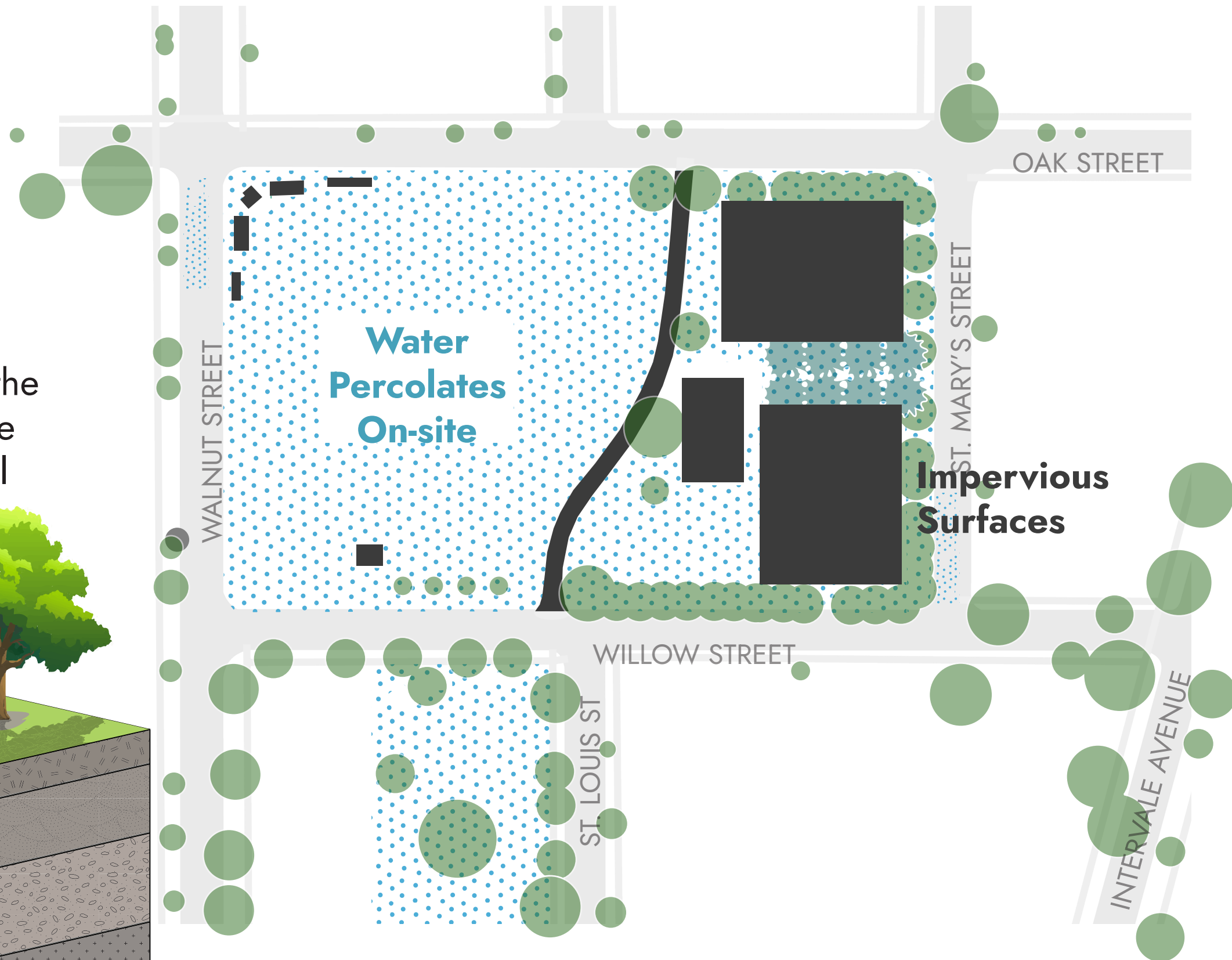
# Site Analysis

## Stormwater: Park

- **Sandy Soils!** The soils under the park are highly sandy, enabling the site to infiltrate rain water very well
- **At the limit!** The site is currently 27% impervious, which is near the maximum allowed by the ordinance (30%)



Geology Of  
Roosevelt Park





# Site Analysis

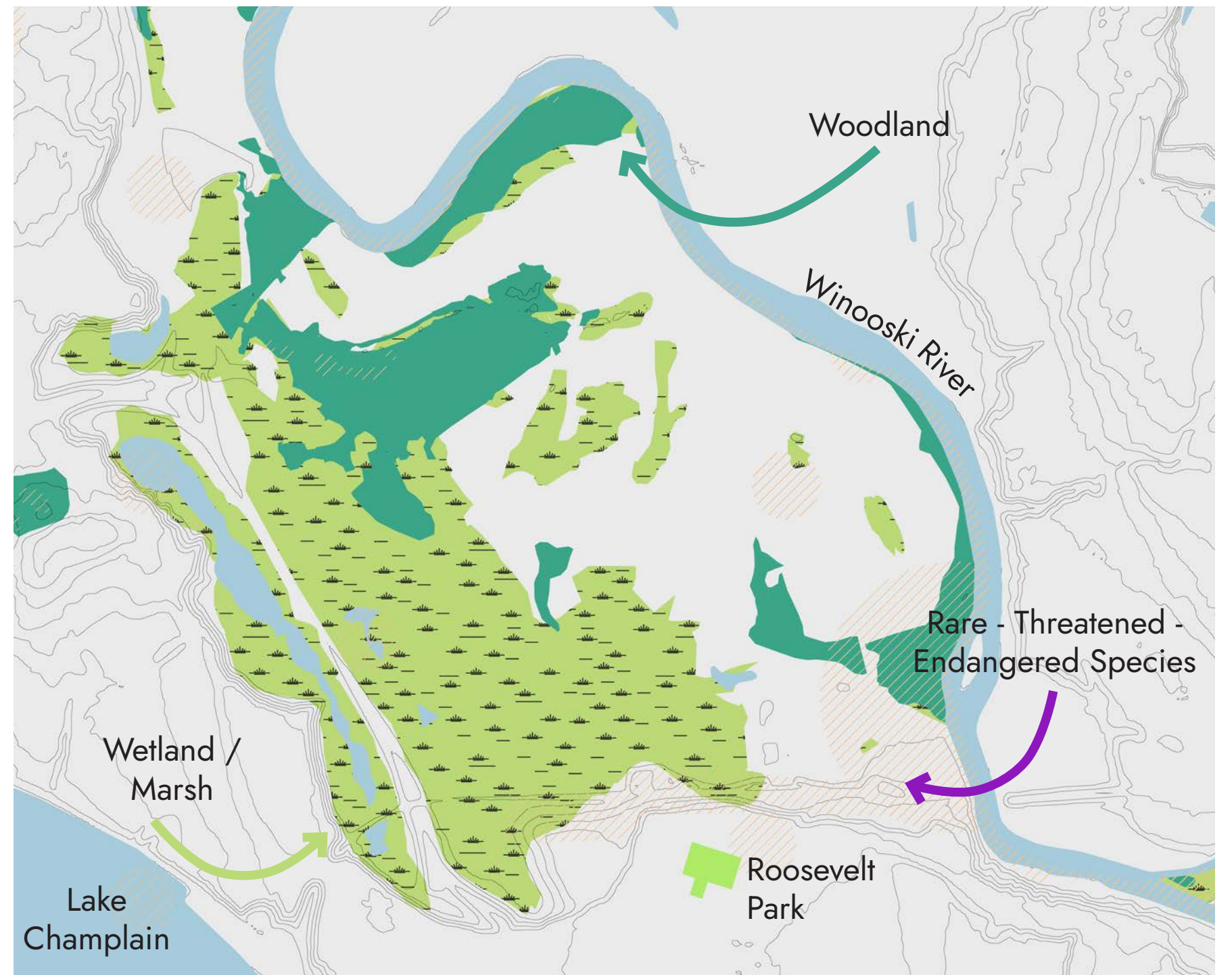
## Environment & Natural Systems

- **Call of nature!**

The nearby Intervale offers a diverse ecology with rare species, cattail marshes, natural caves and woodlands with carpets of ferns

- **Cliff hanger**

Just to the North of the site, it's a very steep dropoff into the Intervale



# **ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**





**Q+A**



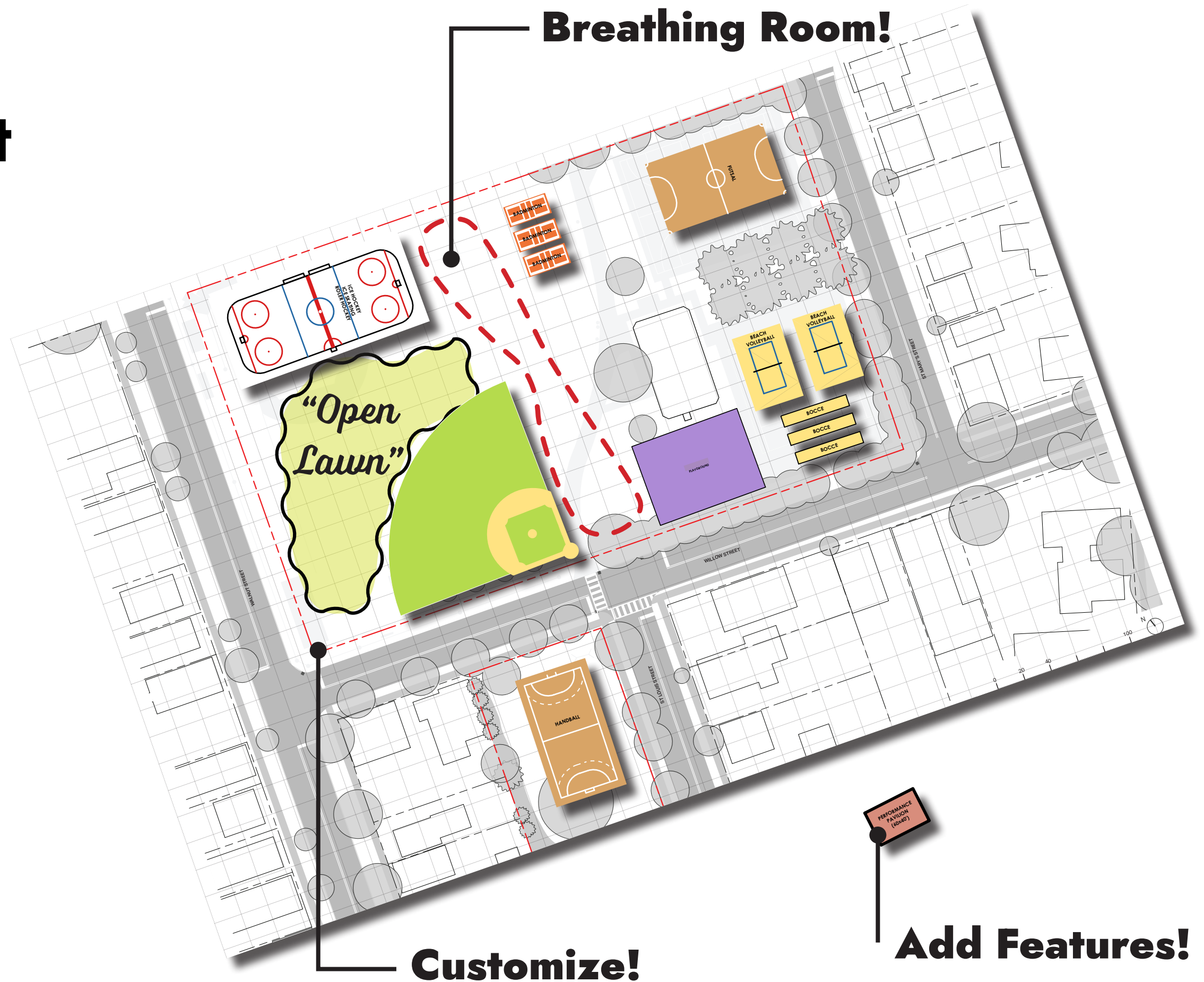
# Engagement Activity #1

Rank your priorities!

- Furniture (benches, lights, tables, etc)
- Covered Pavilion
- Water Fountains
- Jogging/Walking Path
- Outdoor Performance Space
- Community Garden
- Dog Park
- Skate Park
- Soccer field
- Baseball/softball/t-ball field
- Lacrosse Field
- Field Hockey
- Rugby Field
- Cricket Field
- Ultimate Frisbee Field
- Wiffle Ball Field
- Bocce Ball / Pétanque
- Refrigerated Ice Rink
- Outdoor Game Tables (Ping pong, chess, etc)
- Splash Pad/Pool
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Playground
- Roller skating rink
- Tennis court
- Basketball court
- Volleyball court
- Badminton court
- Handball court
- Futsal Court
- Sepak takraw/Caneball court

# Engagement Activity #2

Design Your Park!



**\*Don't sweat the details**

**Customize!**

**Add Features!**

# Engagement Activity #2

Design Your Park!

## Sports:

### Ball Diamonds

- Little League Baseball
- T-Ball Baseball
- Adult Club Softball

### Field Sports

- Multi-use field  
(Soccer, Lacrosse, Football, Field Hockey)
- Cricket
- Rugby

### Court Sports

- Basketball
- Tennis
- Bocce/Petanque
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Handball
- Futsal
- Roller Hockey

### Other

- Winter Hockey/Skating Rink
- Beach Volleyball
- Table Tennis/Ping Pong
- Skate Park

## Non-Sports:

### Structures

- Covered Pavilion
- Outdoor stage
- Picnic pavilions
- Shade Sail (seasonal) Pavilion
- Concession Stand
- Storage

### Play

- Playground
- Splash Pad/Pool

### Vegetation

- Community Garden
- Rain Garden
- Trees

### Furniture

- Benches
- Tables/Picnic Tables
- Game Tables
- Lights
- Trash Cans
- Bike Racks

### Circulation

- Sidewalks
- Parking



# Join the Community Advisory Committee!

To reflect community values and desires throughout the park planning process, we are forming a Community Advisory Committee.

Members of the CAC will provide input into the project process and are committed to actively providing feedback on both the project and the process being developed for the project. A stipend of \$50 per meeting is available to help remove barriers to community members to attend, including transportation, childcare, etc. Please reach out to [ssauve@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:ssauve@burlingtonvt.gov) for more information.



The next CAC meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**