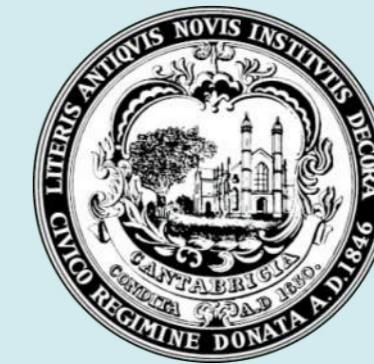




DANEHY PARK

IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

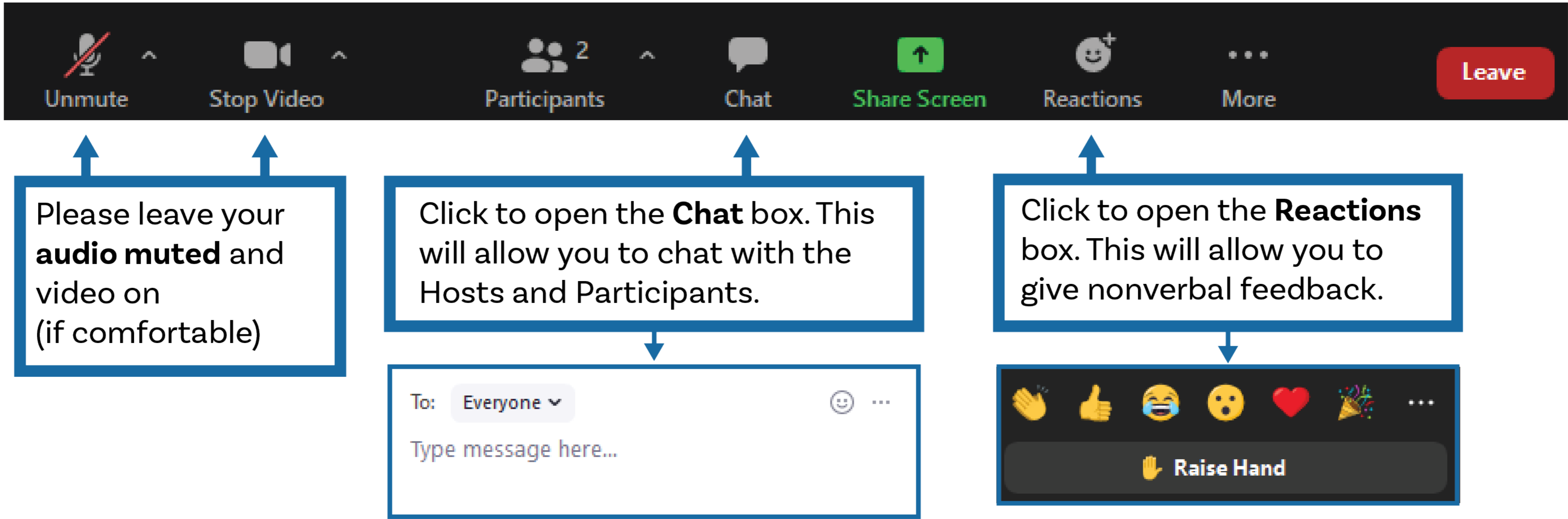
COMMUNITY MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2024



**CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Weston & SampsonSM
design studio

USING ZOOM



For Zoom-related questions reach out to Kevin Beuttell via chat or email kbeuttell@cambridgema.gov



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Phone Number: (929) 436-2866
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We're recording!





AGENDA

- 1** Project Background
- 2** Plan Development
- 3** Community Input
- 4** Ideas for Consideration



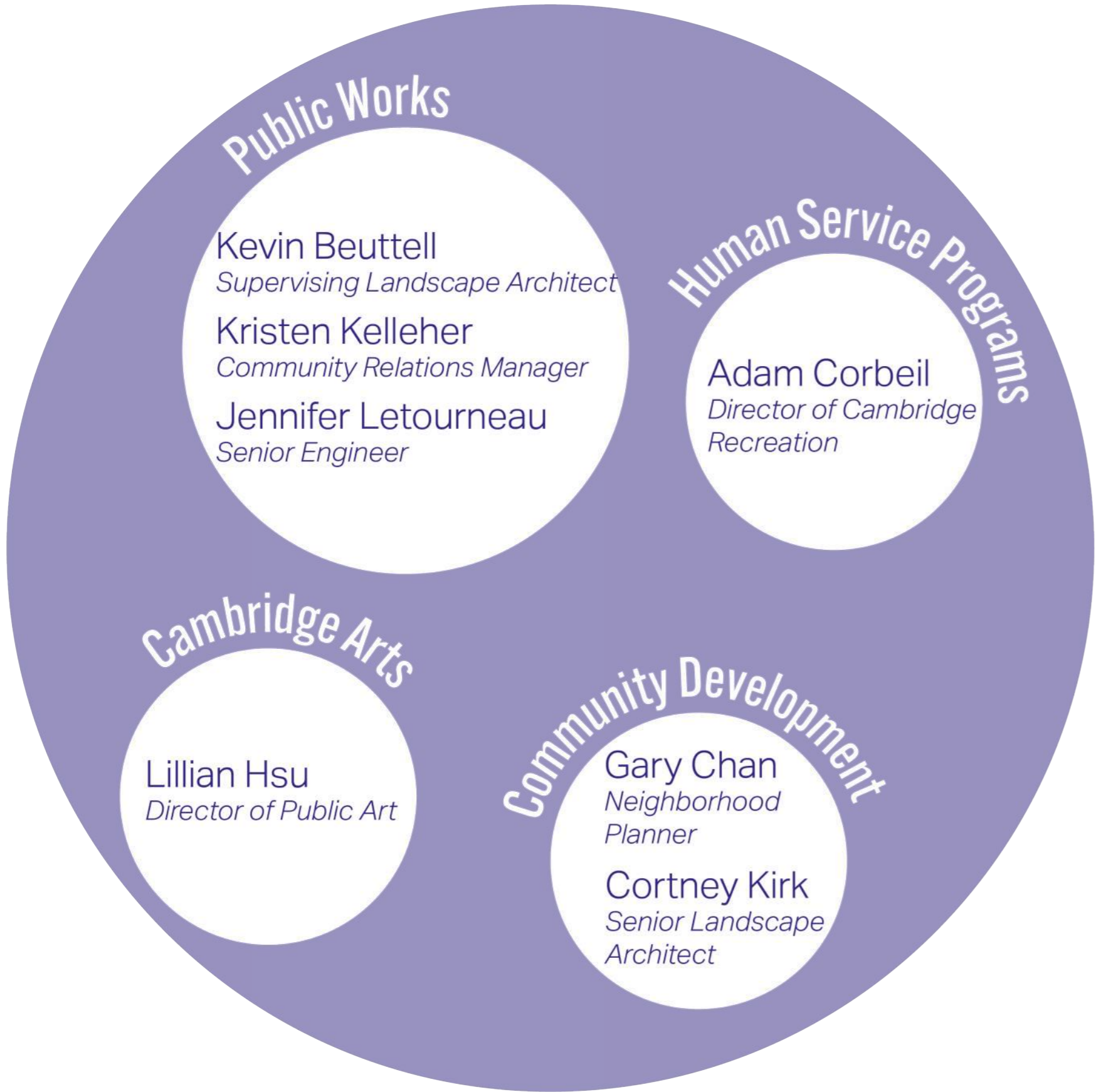
DANEHY PARK IS A ...

Neighborhood park for “everyday” needs, as well as a venue for “big day” annual events.

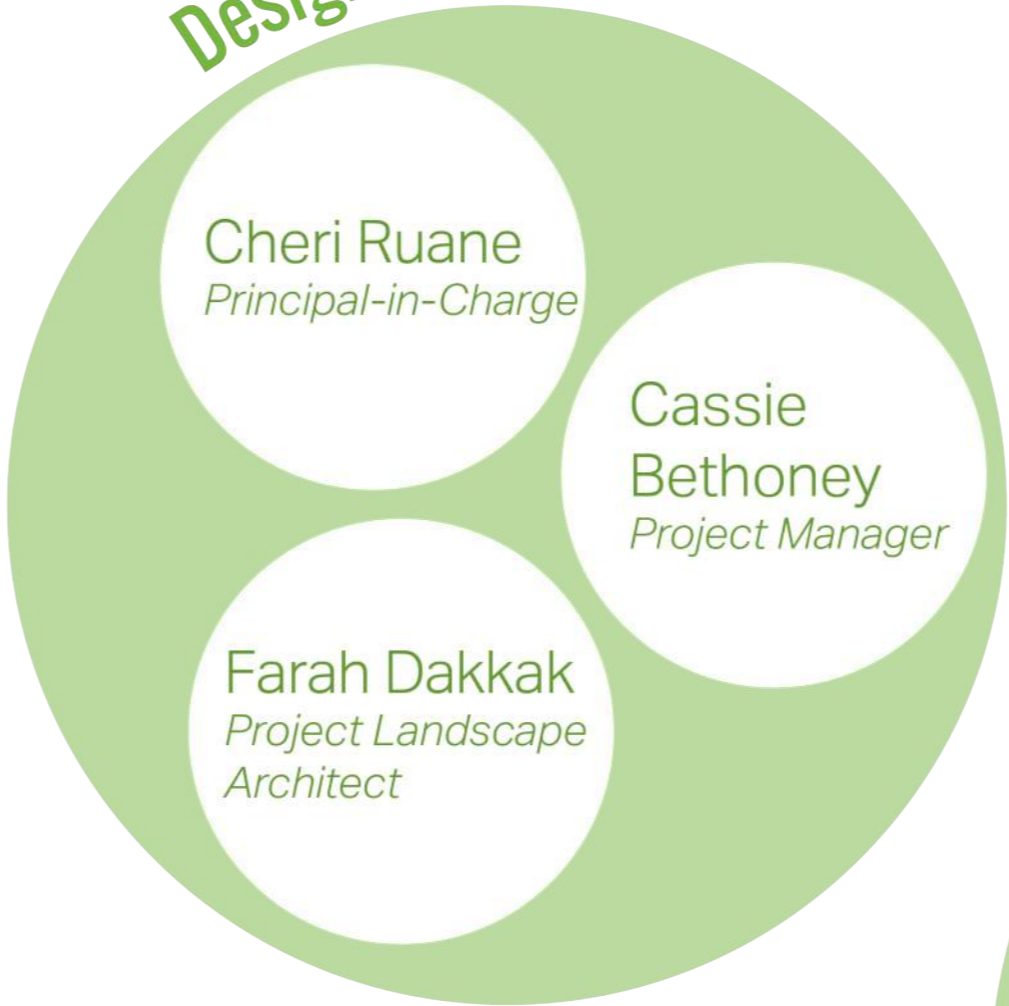


PROJECT BACKGROUND: TEAM

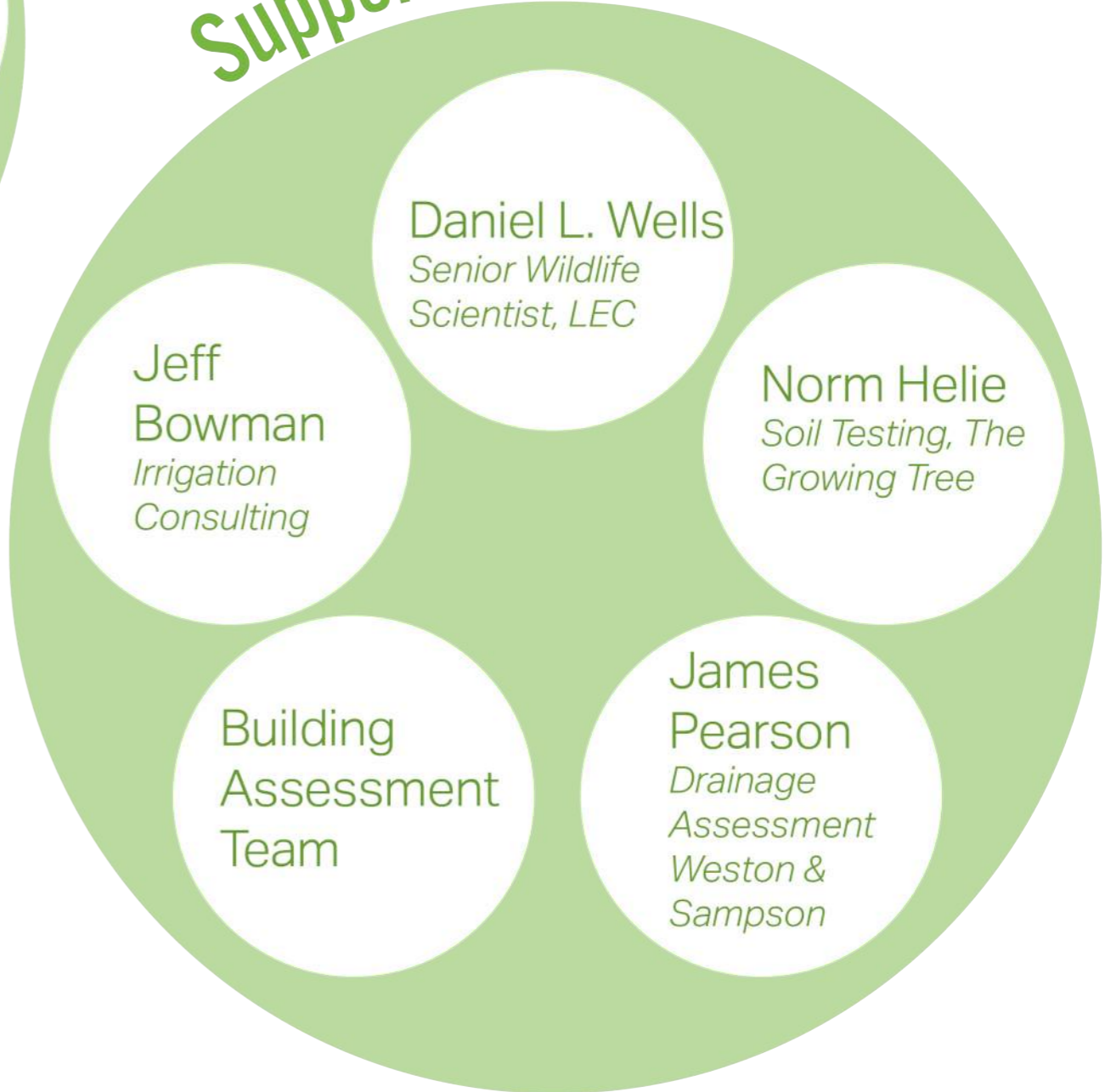
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Design Team



Support Team



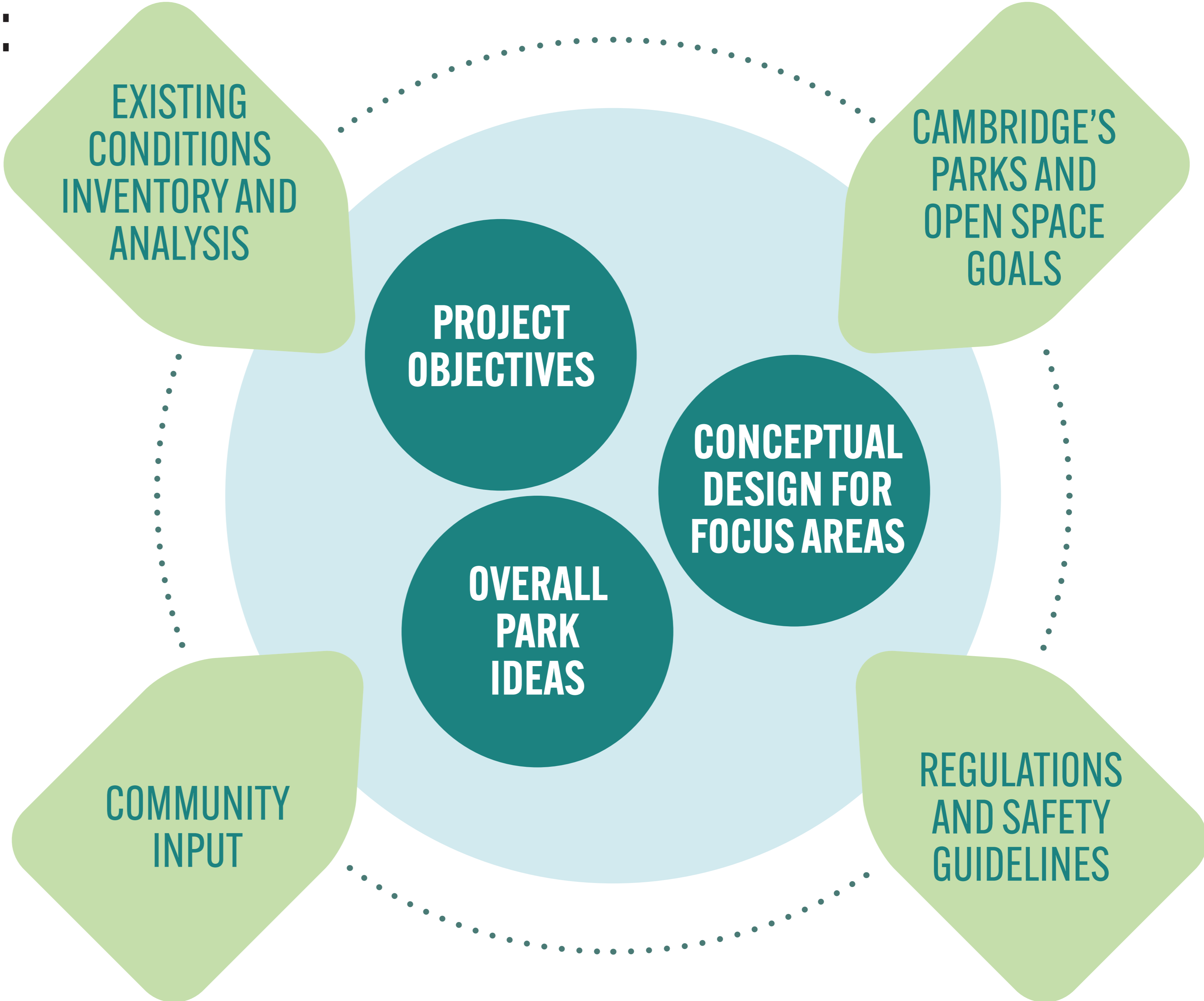
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PROJECT BACKGROUND: SCHEDULE



PROJECT BACKGROUND: PLAN DEVELOPMENT



PLAN DEVELOPMENT: CAMBRIDGE'S PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOALS

This framework will guide every phase of growth, from planning to design to construction to maintenance, as well as future use by community members.

EXPANDING & ENHANCING PARK ACCESS FOR ALL

PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS IN OUR URBAN CONTEXT

ACTIVATING & ENHANCING SPACES

ENHANCING & IMPROVING DESIGN, OPERATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT

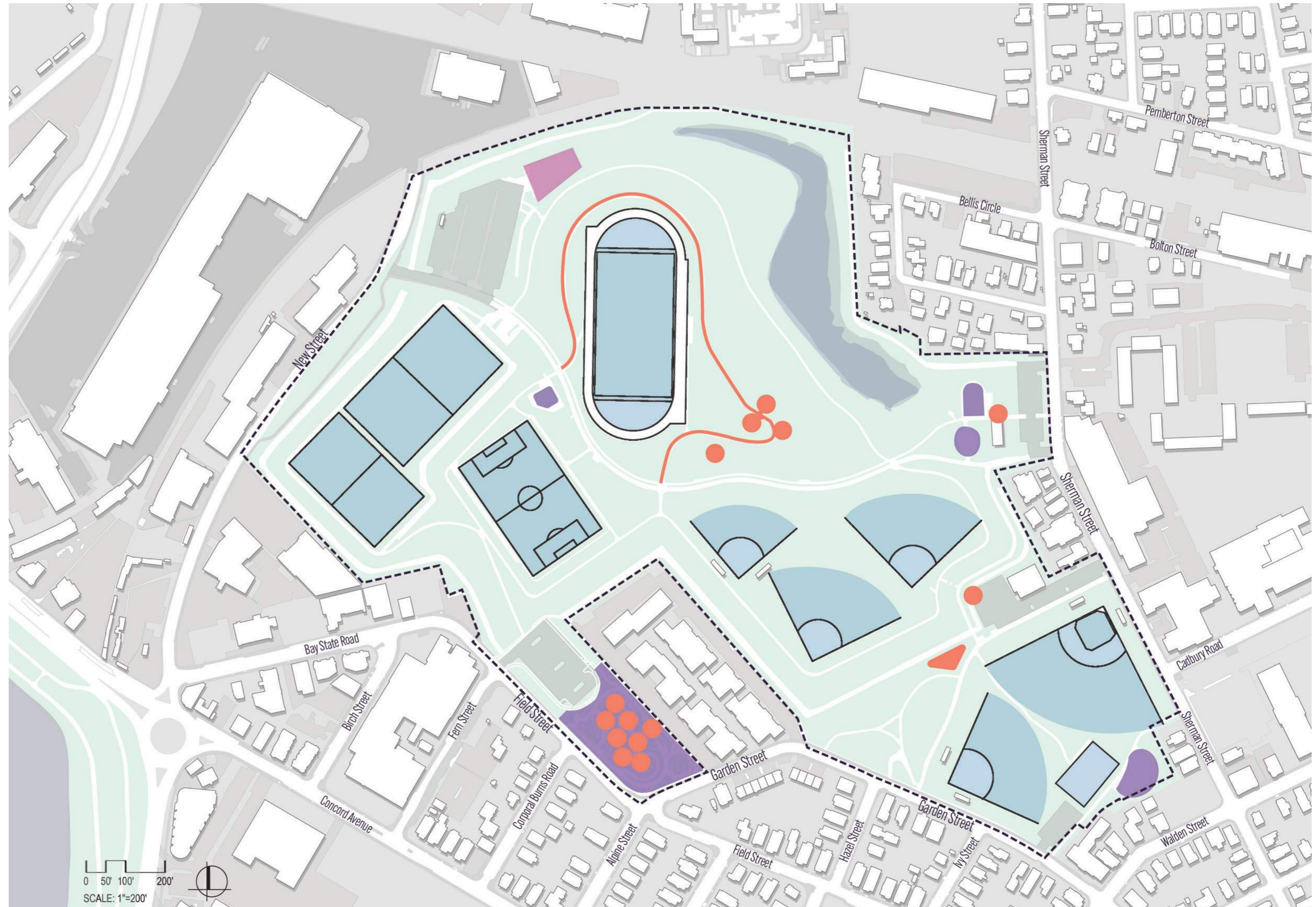


INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS: ACTIVITY AREAS

- **ATHLETIC FIELDS** - Targeted improvements to athletic fields
- **PLAYGROUNDS** - All but Universal Design need renovations; they will generally be located in their existing spots
- **WETLANDS AND TREES** - Impacts will be kept to an absolute minimum
- **PUBLIC ART** - Renovate all

LEGEND:

- Public Art
- Sports Fields
- Playgrounds
- Dog Park

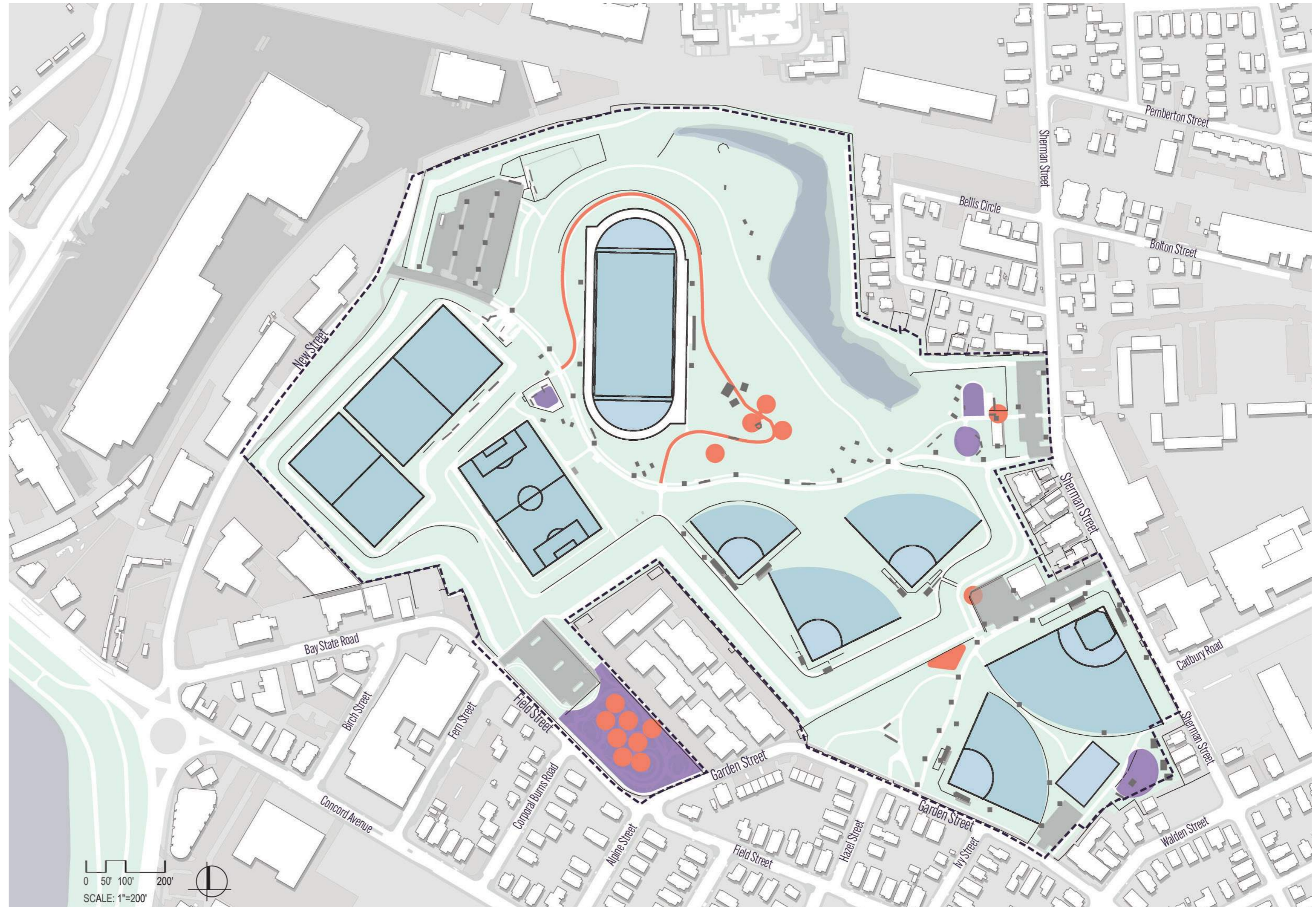


INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS: PARK AMENITIES

- **SITE FURNISHINGS & FENCING** - Freshen up park amenities in existing or rethought locations based on the proposed improvements.
- **WALKWAYS** - Resurface tired walks.
- **PARK SIGNAGE** - Clarify where amenities are and how to get from here to there through fun signs.

LEGEND:





- Public Art
- Sports Fields
- Playgrounds
- Site Amenities
- Fences



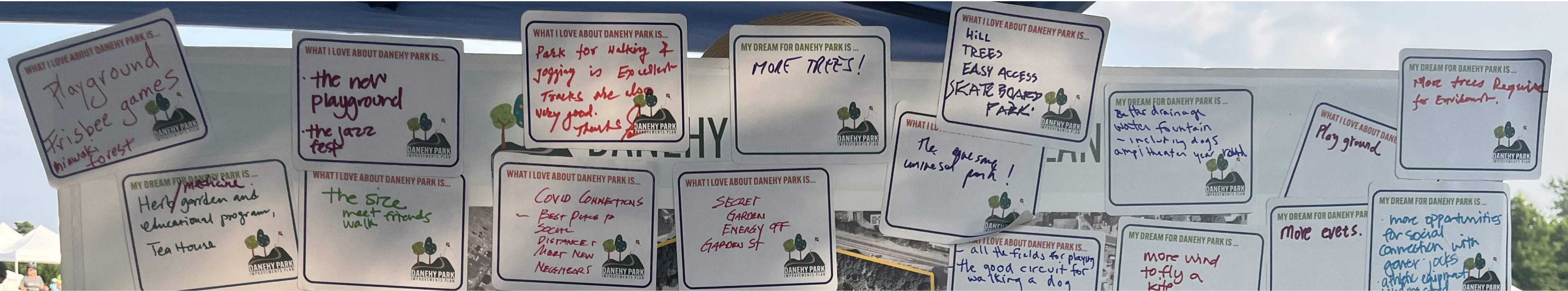
INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS: CIRCULATION

- **ACCESSIBILITY** - Incorporate and enhance ADA accessible routes
- **DESIRE LINES** - Create direct connections for through traffic and consider addition of Fitchburg Crossing and New Street Multi-use Path
- **MAJOR ROUTES AND ENTRANCES** - Strengthen major circulation routes and entrances through adjustments in width, accommodations for walkers, bikers and other modes of travel, etc.

LEGEND:

-  Site Pathway
-  Proposed Perimeter Loop
-  Accessibility Upgrades Needed
-  Proposed New Street and Fitchburg line Bridge





COMMUNITY INPUT SO FAR



KEY IDEAS FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1

There is much to love about Danehy Park. People like the Park's essential aspects - size, open feel, and mix of different amenities.



2

The park's walkways and amenities are aging. **There is room for improvement and a chance to explore new uses.**



3

Over time, **Danehy can evolve into a beloved space for even more people.** It can become a mix of celebrating old uses and making new memories with new facilities.



HOW WE ARE ENGAGING

2 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting # 1
27 June 2024

Meeting # 2
5 December 2024

Future Meetings
2025

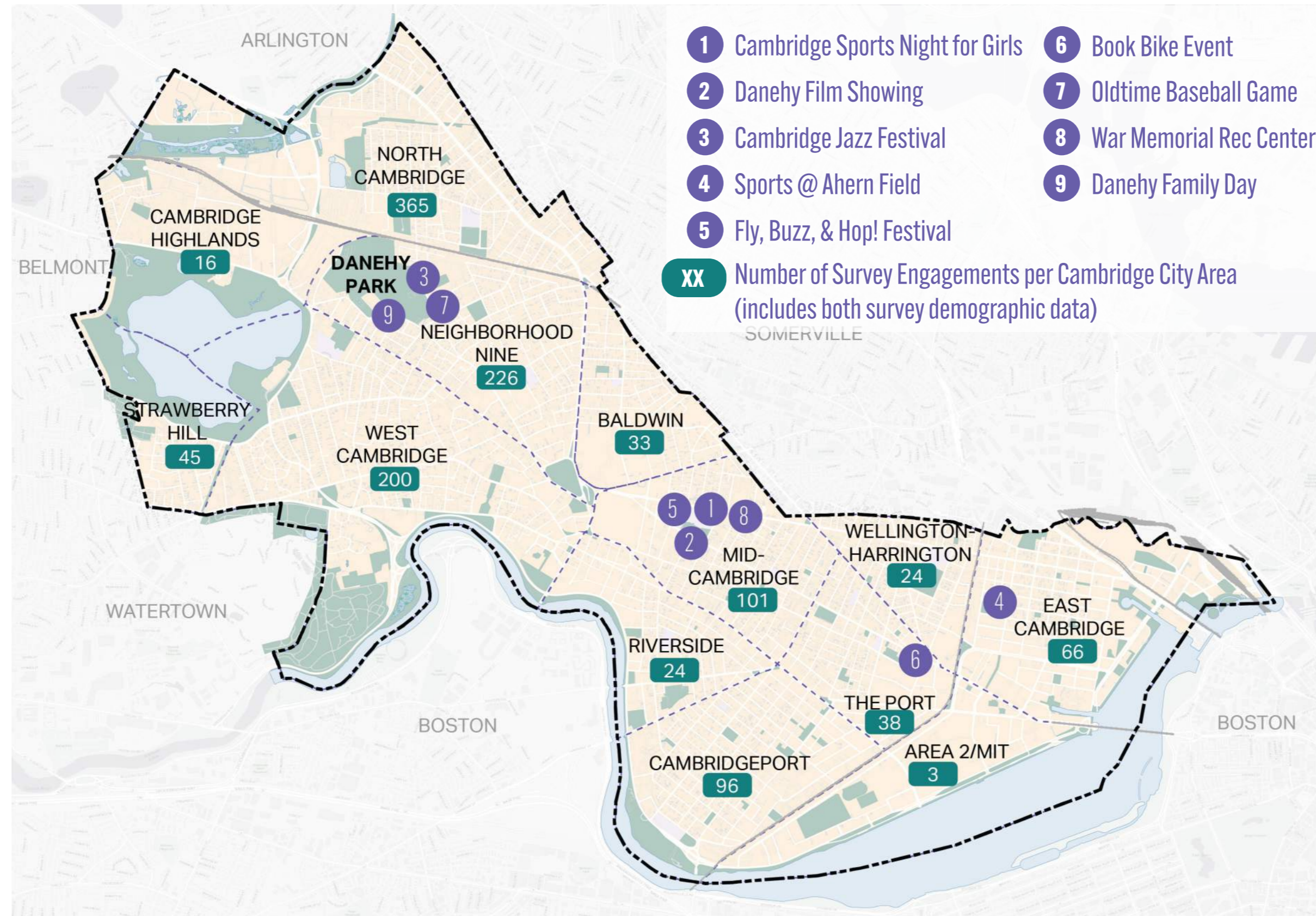
2 ONLINE SURVEYS

General Survey
Spring 2024 - Fall 2024

Athletics Survey
October - November 2024

Future Surveys
2025

9 POP-UP EVENTS JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2024



FOCUS MEETINGS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS OR AREAS OF THE PARK

Cambridge Athletics	Dog Park Users	Assisted Living	Daycares	Teachers Associations / Schools
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ENGAGEMENT STATS



spoke with **800**
individual community members
at all pop-up events



930 general survey
responses

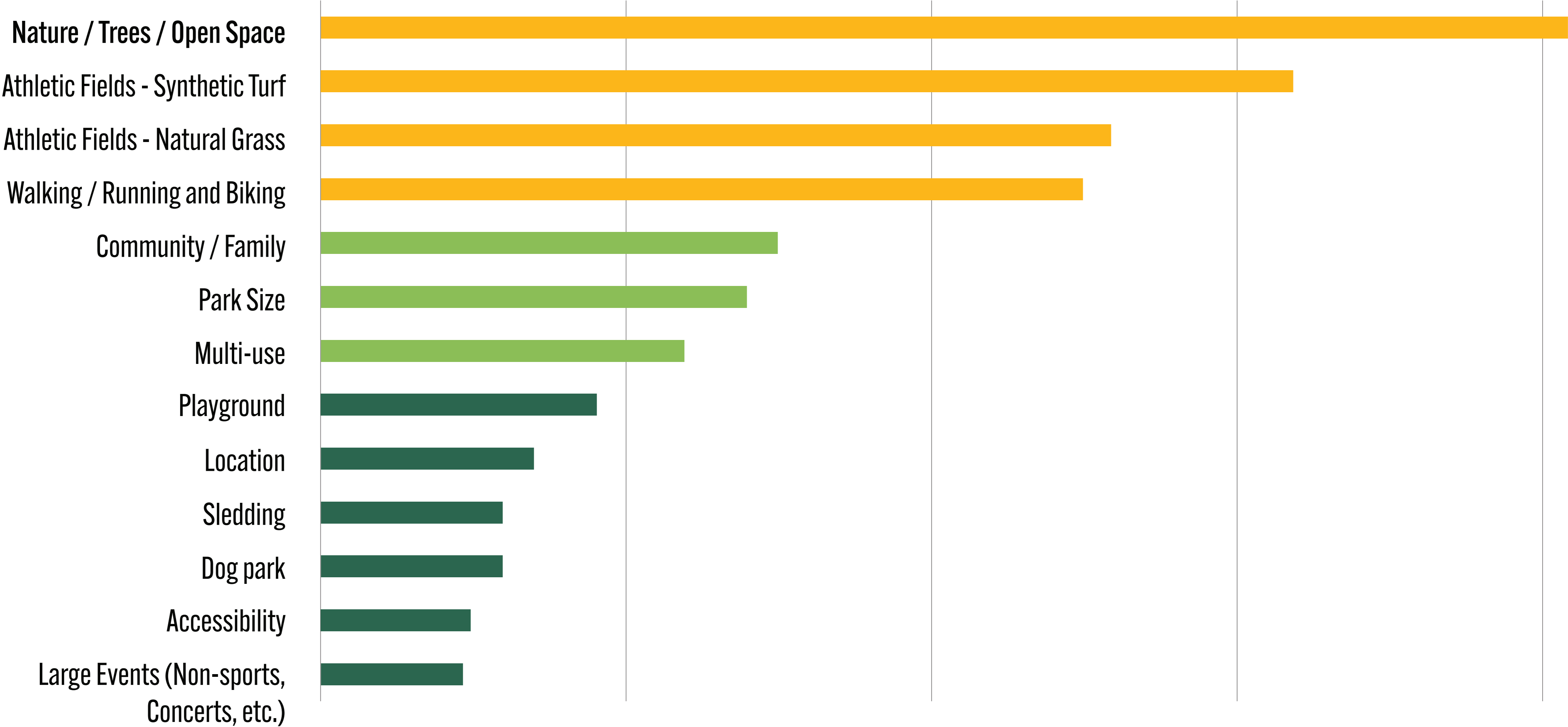


422 athletic survey
responses



20 yard signs at
Danehy Park

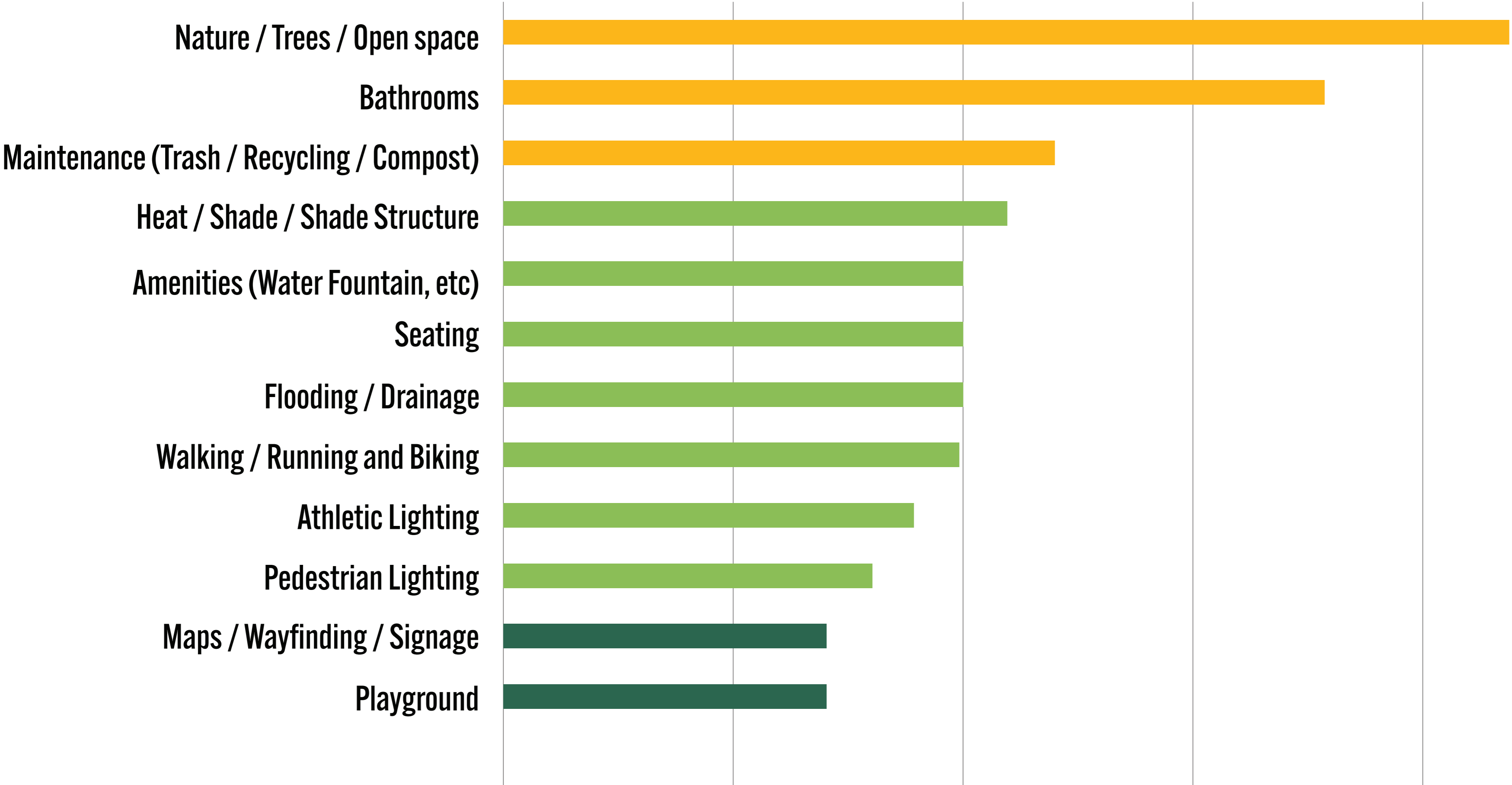
WHAT WE HEARD: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT DANEHY? (TOP 12)



1,143
individual engagements
on favorite thing at
Danehy
(Pop-up events and Online
Survey Combined)



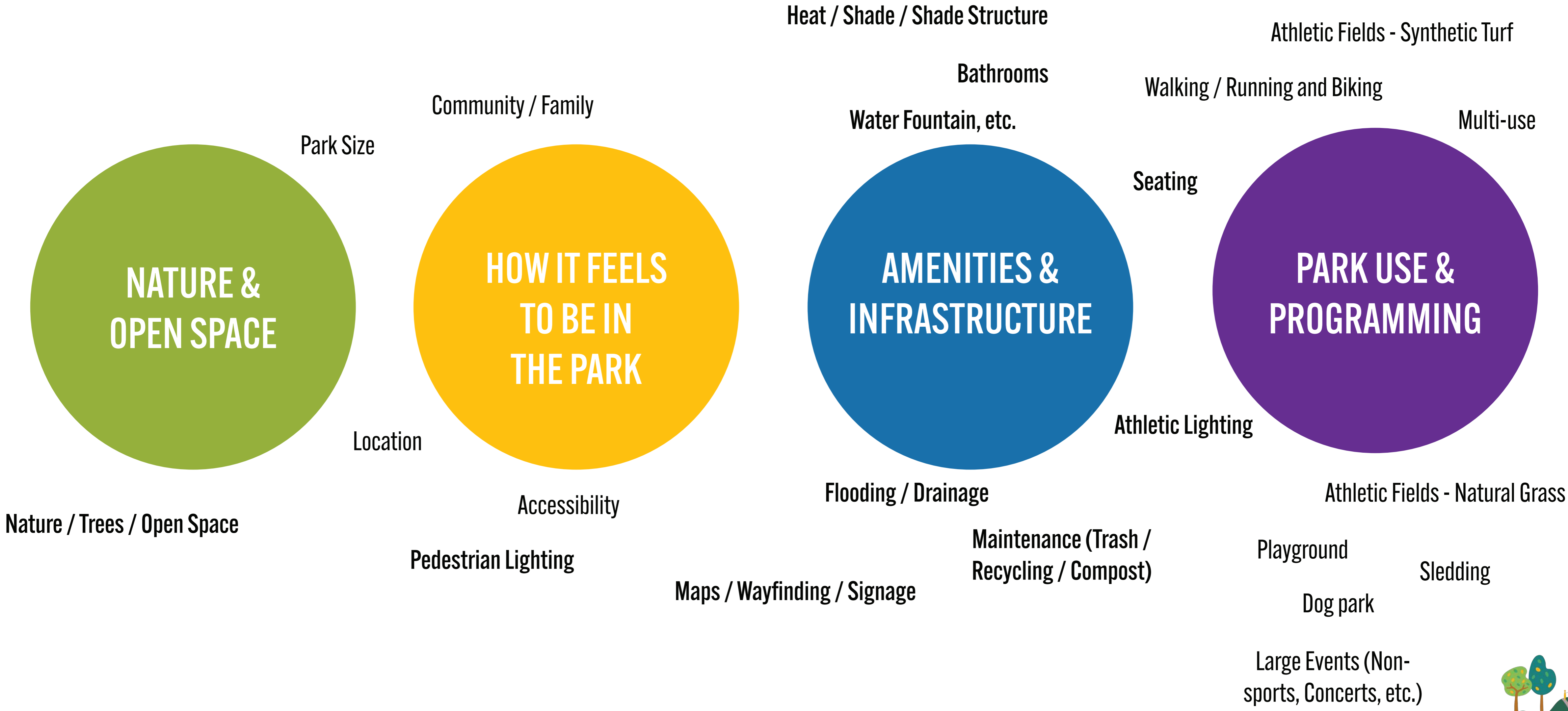
WHAT WE HEARD: WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS FOR DANEHY? (TOP 12)



1,300
individual engagements
on ideas for Danehy
(Pop-up events and Online
Survey Combined)



ORGANIZING WHAT WE HEARD INTO PROJECT GOALS



EMERGING DANEHY PROJECT GOALS (DRAFT)



CAMBRIDGE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE GOALS:

- Providing environmental benefits in our urban context
- Expanding and enhancing park access for all
- Enhancing and improving design, operations, and management
- Activating and enhancing spaces



A CONNECTION TO NATURE

Protect and improve Danehy's open spaces and wildlife.



A WELCOMING AND SAFE PLACE

Make Danehy Park more welcoming. Create flexible spaces for new uses. Ensure safe access to and through the park.



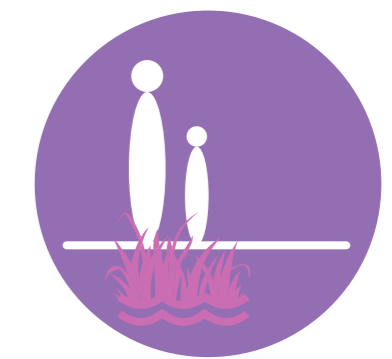
A STRONG FOUNDATION

Improve Danehy's infrastructure. It must endure and bounce back from both everyday use and big events.



A CULTURE OF CREATIVE PARK USES

Improve how people play and watch sports. Create more chances for casual gatherings and free play. Grow the park's art, events, and education programs.



PASSIVE RECREATION



ACTIVE RECREATION



PUBLIC ART & EVENTS

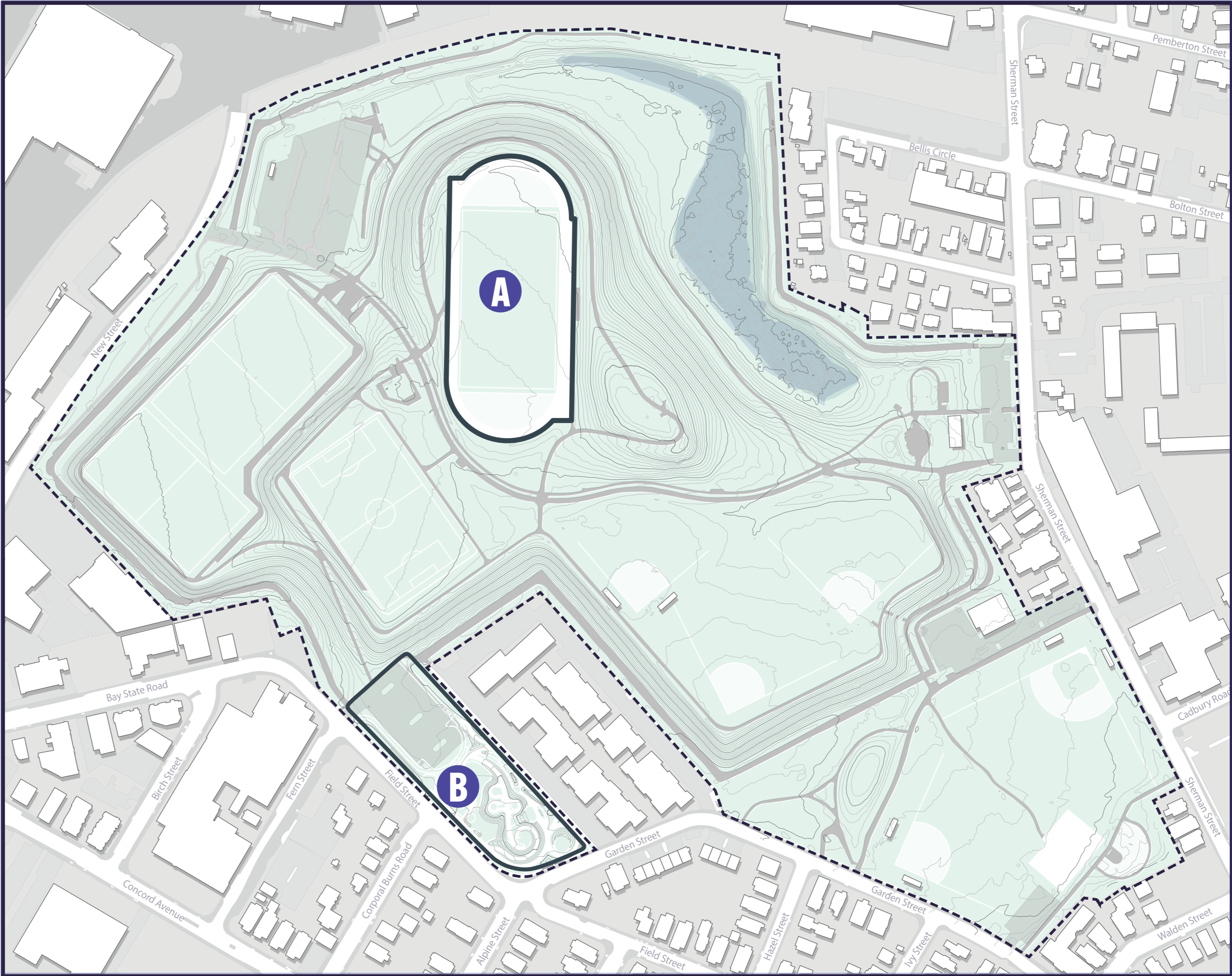
IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION



CURRENT PROJECTS AND RECENTLY COMPLETED

A Field 4 and Track Updates

B Louis A. DePasquale Universal Design Playground

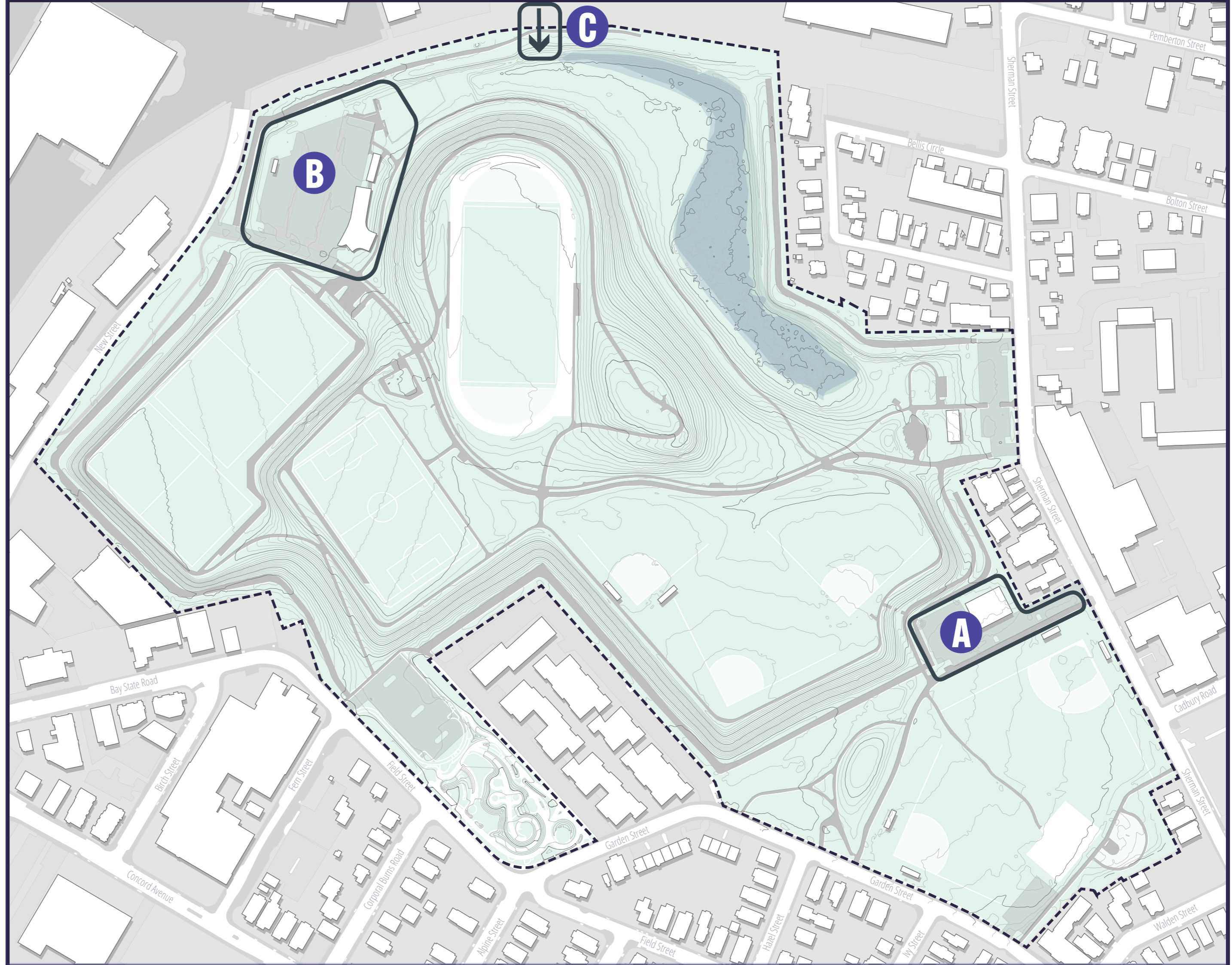


PROJECTS IN PLANNING / DESIGN

A Salt Shed

B Gateway Pavilion

C Fitchburg Crossing and New Street
Bike Path



PARK-WIDE 'GIVENS'

New Irrigation System

Drainage Improvements

Electrical Upgrades

**Lighting Safety
Improvements**

**Athletic Field
Renovations**

Methane Management

**Tree Planting and
Management**

**Playground & Splash Pad
Renovations**

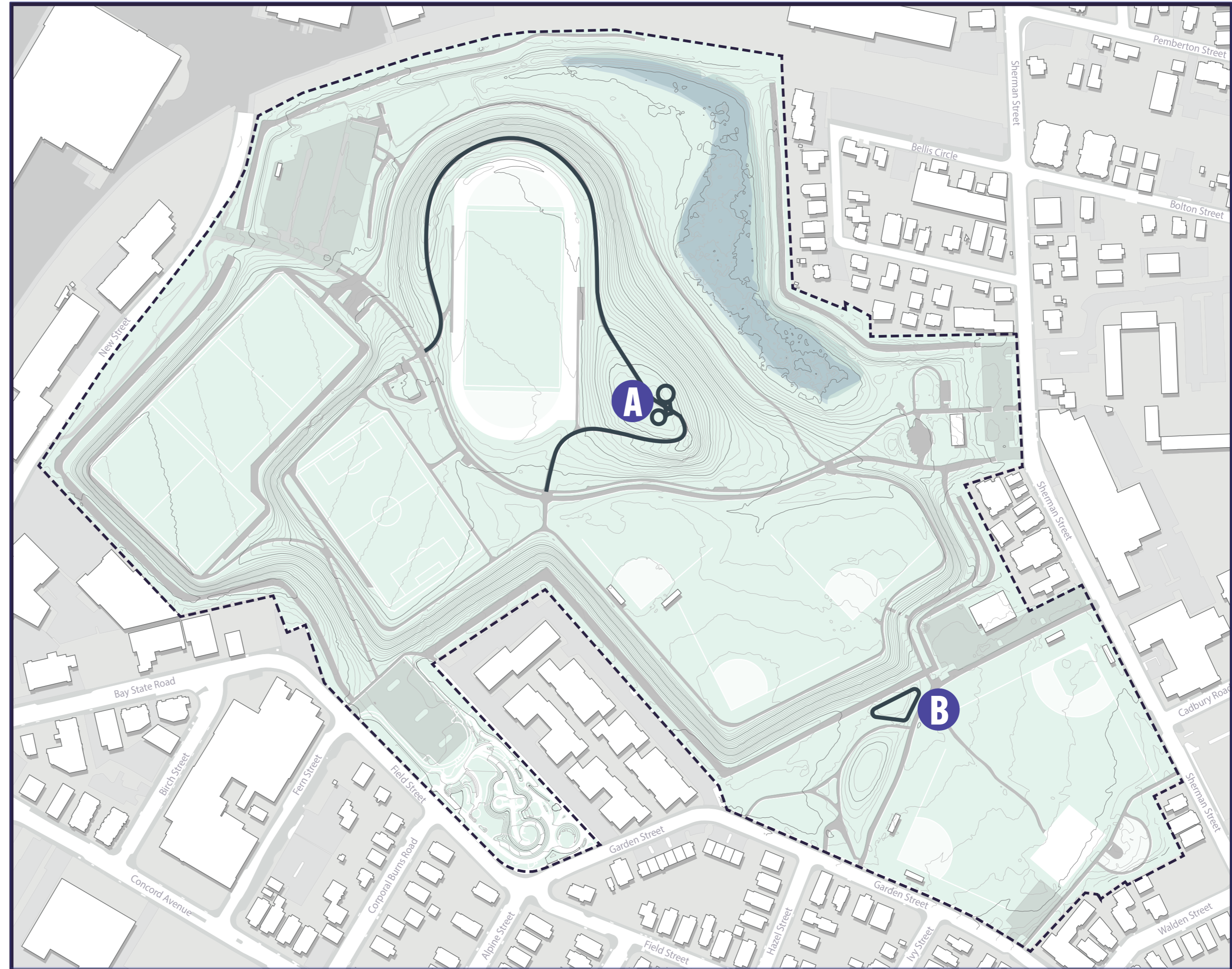
Pathway Renovations
(accessibility, wear & tear)



'GIVEN' ART RENOVATIONS

A Mierle Ladreman Ukeles Collection:
Galaxy Dance Floor
Throne Room for the King and
Queen of the Hill
Wavers and Smellers
Glassphalt Path

B Floating Stones by Edward Levine



PRELIMINARY PROJECT IDEAS

CIRCULATION

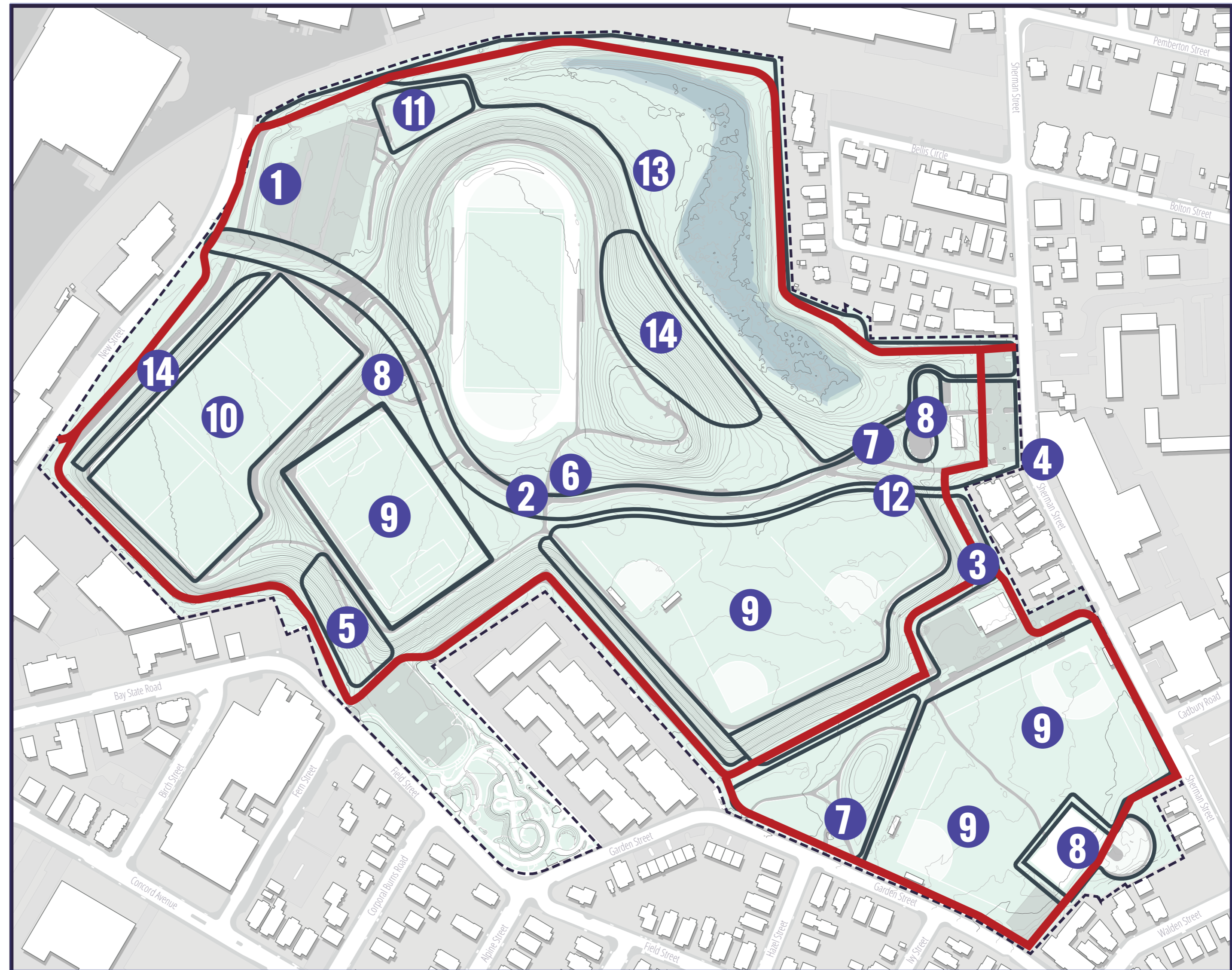
1. Vent Trench Community Loop Path
2. 'Main Street' Corridor + Nodes
3. ADA Access Improvements / Expansion
4. Entrance and Signage Improvements

PARK USE

5. Teen Hub
6. New Types of Seating / Gathering
7. Inclusive Spaces for Seniors
8. New Play Experiences
9. Athletic Experience Improvements
10. Synthetic Turf Improvements
11. Dog Park Enhancements
12. Events Infrastructure

NATURE

13. Wetlands as a Protected Experiential Feature
14. Planting Diversity



CIRCULATION IDEAS



Connections to Amenities + Protection of Slope Ecology



Main Corridor Enhancements



Sloped Walkway Switchbacks



Social Spaces



Small Event & Performance Space



Main Entrance Upgrades & Wayfinding



PARK USE IDEAS



Multifunctional Court



Better Sports Amenities



Play Opportunities



Multifunctional Seating



Quiet Spots for Relaxation



Freerunning, Table Sports, Etc.



NATURE IDEAS



Sensory Trail



Elevated Boardwalk



Skate Garden



Temporary Art



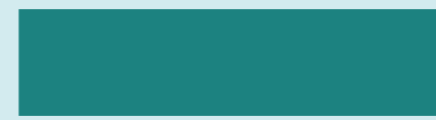
Sloped Pollinator Meadows



Native Planting



Thoughts? Questions?



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