



# Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan

City Council Update #4

February 4, 2025



SHAKER HEIGHTS

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# Agenda

## **Public Meeting #2**

Summary + Recap

## **Fund-It Activity**

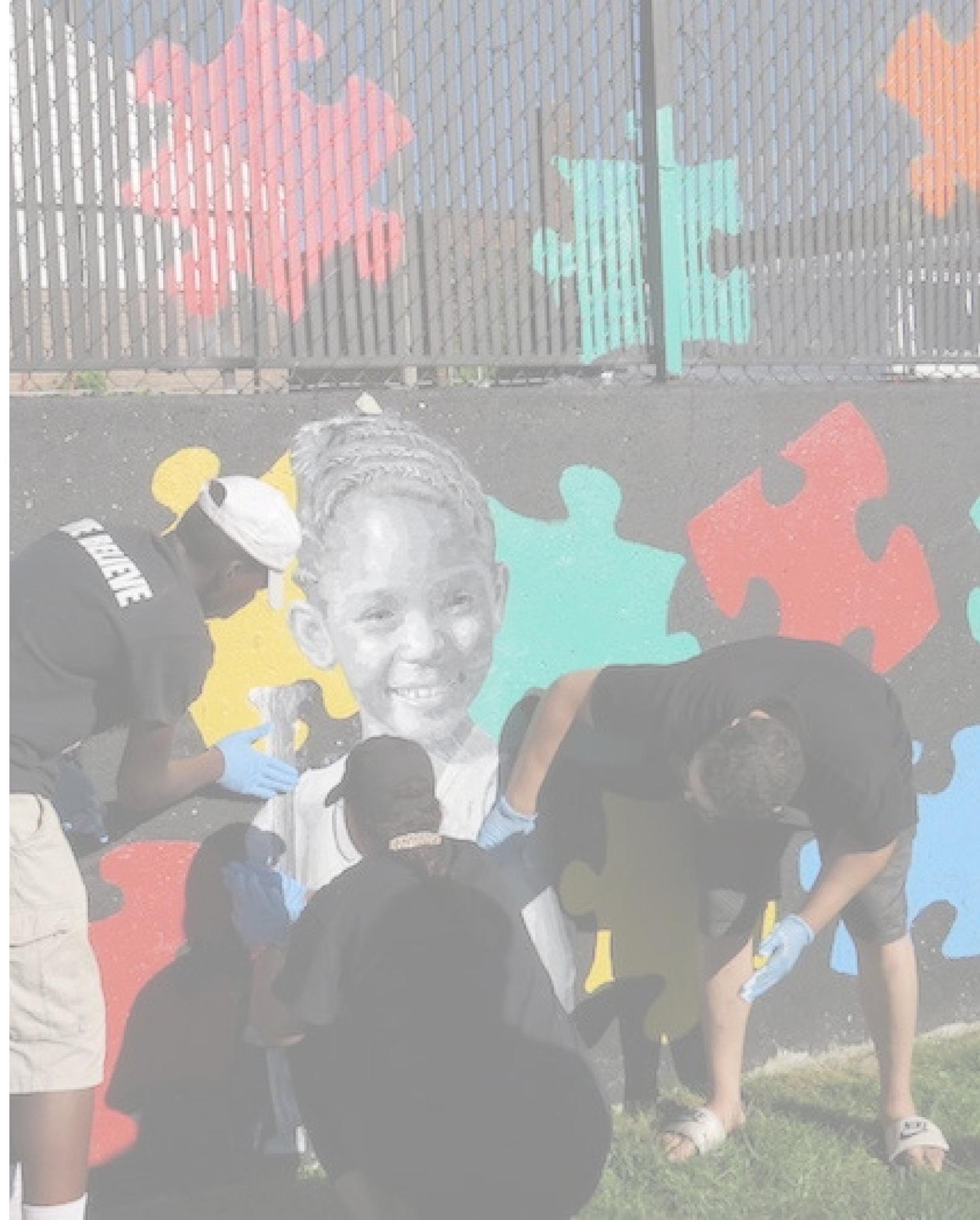
Summary + Results

## **Conceptual Plans**

Updates

## **Strategic First Actions**

Discussion



# Background

## Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan | Timeline



**12 - 13 months**

# Community Engagement

## Summary



8,367

SITE VISITS

PROJECT WEBSITE

1,059

INTERACTIONS

MAPPING ACTIVITY

1,113

POSTS

VISION BOARD

1,114

POSTS

FUND IT ACTIVITY

Online:



3

MEETINGS

ADVISORY GROUP

30

EVENTS

POP-UP EVENTS

60

ATTENDEES

STAKEHOLDER  
GROUPS

2

MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

In-Person  
Engagement:

# Public Meeting #2

Recap + Summary

December 4<sup>th</sup>  
@ STJ Building

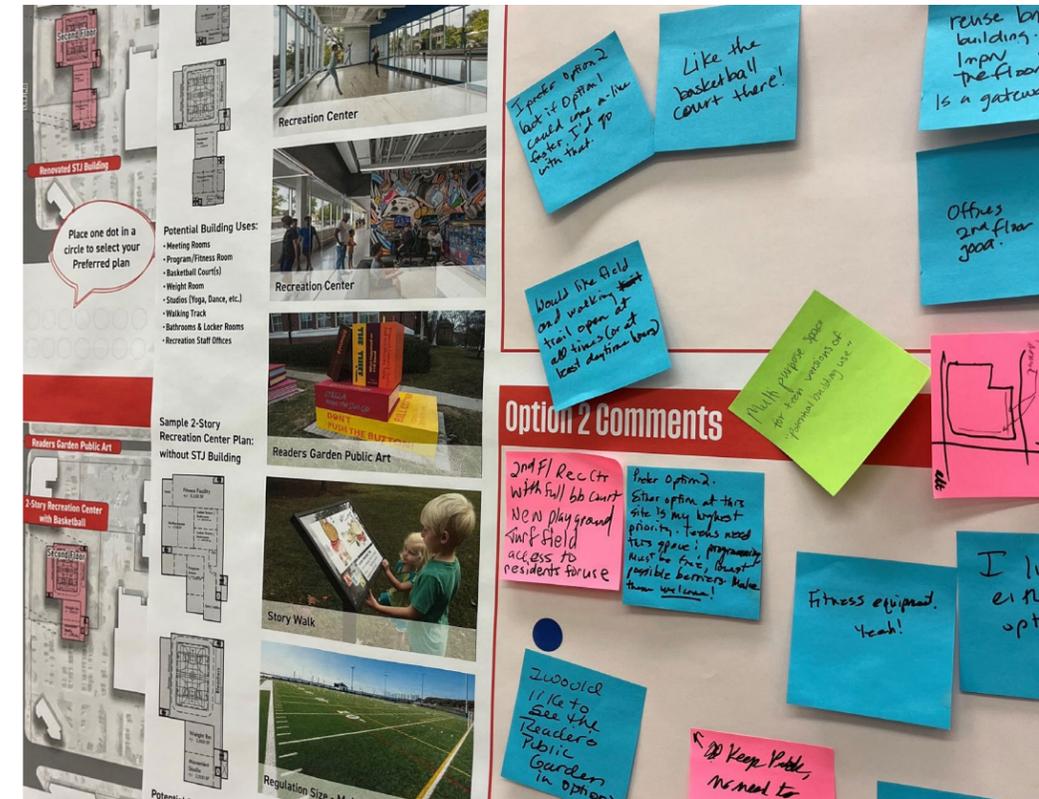
Virtual on December 2<sup>nd</sup>



9 Pop-Ups  
December - January



2 Plan Options  
for Each site  
+  
Prioritization Activity



# Public Meeting #2

## Summary

### 1 REVIEW THE DESIGN CONCEPTS + LET US KNOW YOUR PREFERRED OPTION

#### Thornton Park: Option 1



Sample 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility Plan: With Outdoor Pool



#### Potential Building Uses:

- Half Sheet Ice Rink
- Full Sheet Ice Rink
- Bleacher Seating
- Home and Visitor Team Locker Rooms
- Varsity and JV Locker Rooms
- Multi-Purpose / Program Room
- Potential for Recreation Offices on Second Floor
- Concessions
- Separate Pool Locker Rooms
- Reuse Existing Ice Rink Building for Indoor Turf Fields or Indoor Courts

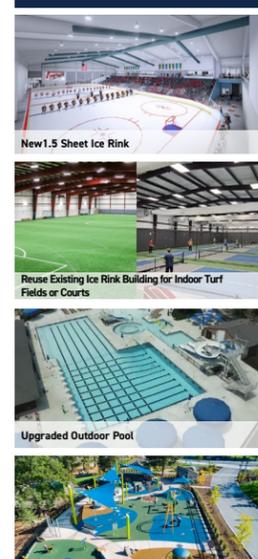
#### Do you prefer Option 1?

Place one dot in a circle to select your Preferred plan

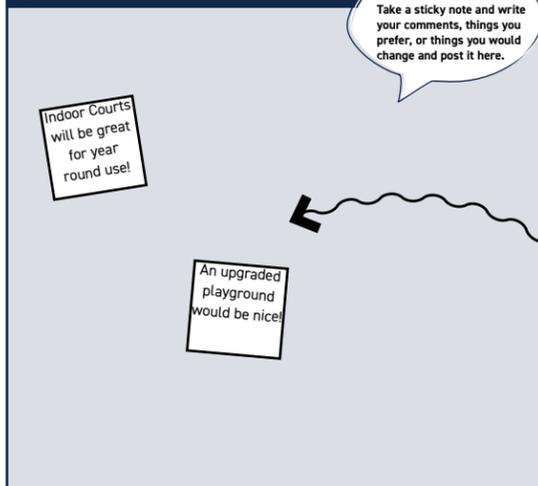
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Place one dot sticker on the board next to your preferred option for each site.

#### Park Examples



#### Option 1 Comments



#### Option 2 Comments

Leave any additional comments or feedback with sticky notes!



# Public Meeting #2

## Which Option Do You Prefer?

“Love the pavilion/grill area.”

“Love the option of a full basketball court”



**Chelton #1**

- Playground
- Multipurpose Lawn
- Splash Pad
- Pavilion + Grill Area



“Prioritize the field use [in the open space] combine with multi-use field.”



**Chelton #2**



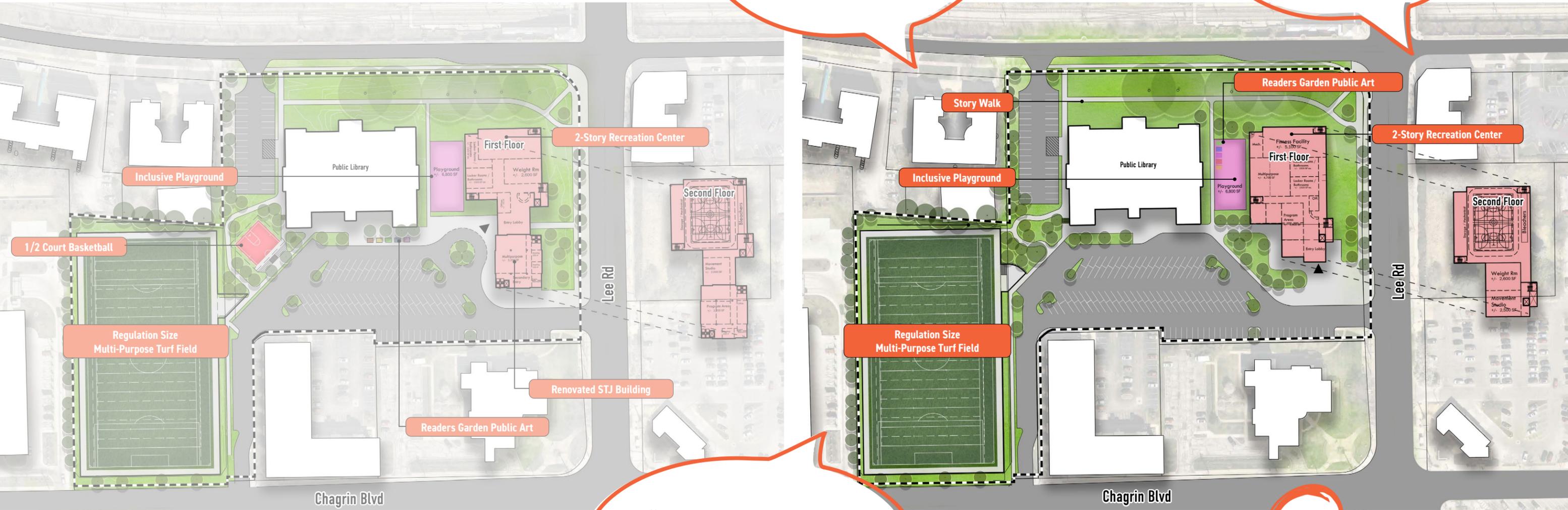
- Playground
- Multipurpose Lawn
- Splash Pad
- Basketball Court

# Public Meeting #2

## Which Option Do You Prefer?

“Like basketball courts”

“This rec center is a priority, this site is my highest priority”



**STJ #1**

**STJ #2**



### Sample Uses:

- Meeting + Multipurpose Rooms
- Fitness Facility + Weight Room
- Basketball Court(s) + Walking Track
- Movement Studio (Yoga, Dance, etc.)
- Staff Offices

### Sample Uses:

- Meeting + Multipurpose Rooms
- Fitness Facility + Weight Room
- Basketball Court(s) + Walking Track
- Movement Studio (Yoga, Dance, etc.)
- Recreation Program Areas - Gaming/Activity Rooms

“Would like field and walking trail open”

# Public Meeting #2

## Which Option Do You Prefer?

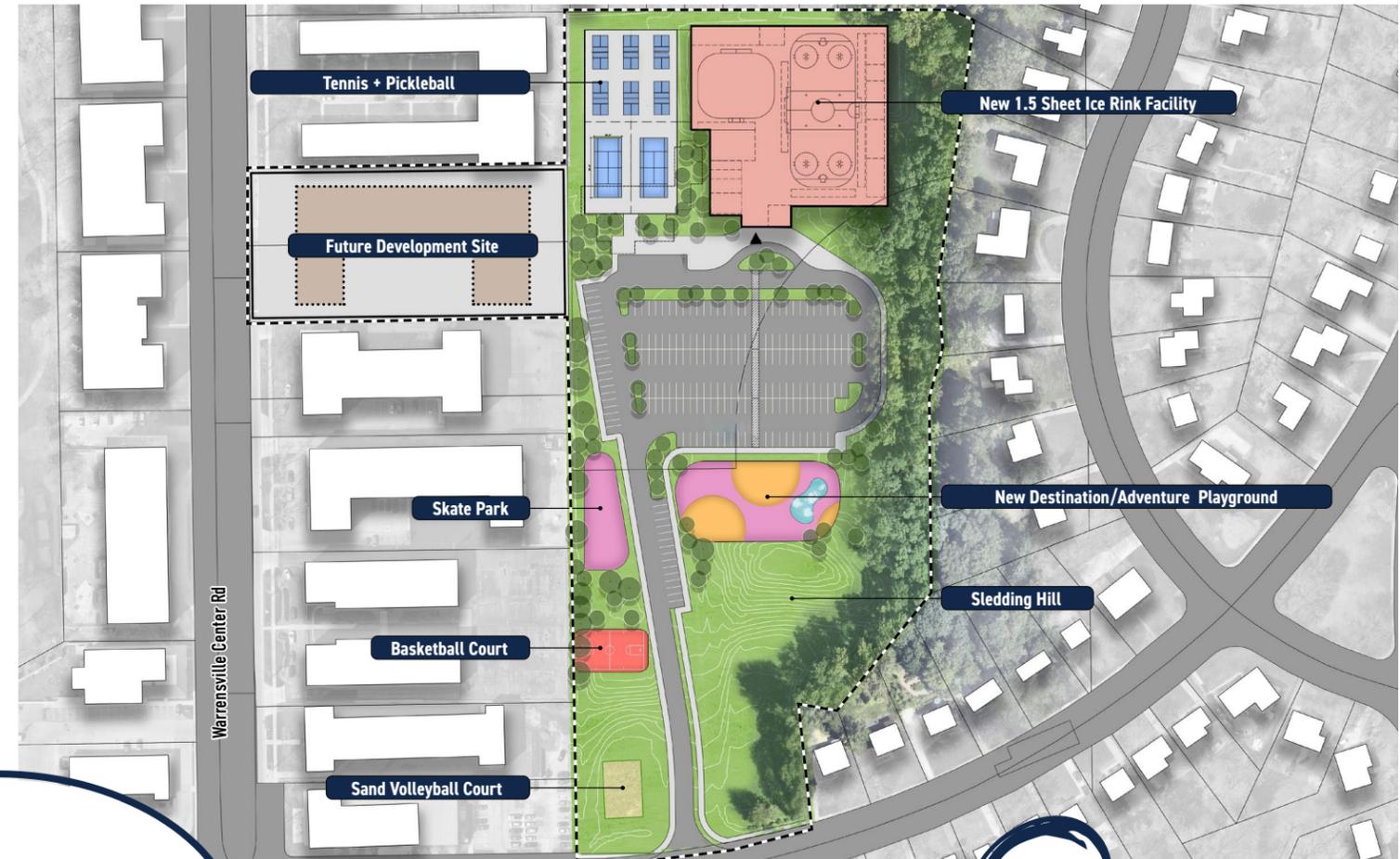
"Love the indoor fields and reusing the existing rink."



### THORNTON #1



"We need a new playground, please!"



### THORNTON #2



#### Sample Uses:

- New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility
- Reused Existing Ice Rink Building for Indoor Turf Fields or Indoor Courts
- Upgraded Outdoor Pool Facility

#### Sample Uses:

- New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility
- Tennis + Pickleball
- New Destination/Adventure Playground
- Future Development Site

# Public Meeting #2

## Which Option Do You Prefer?

“Close Fayette Road entirely, get more green space!”

“Middle School Site needs an indoor pool.”



### OUTDOOR REC WITH AMENITY BUILDING

#### Sample Uses at the MS Amenity Building

- Public Restrooms
- Team Locker Rooms + Changing Areas
- Admissions + Ticketing
- Concessions
- Gym for Event Staging and Inclement Weather
- Sports Equipment Storage

### RECREATION CENTER WITH OUTDOOR POOL

#### Sample Uses at the Large Recreation Center

- Indoor and Outdoor Aquatics
- Concessions
- Bathrooms & Locker Rooms for Pool & Gym
- Program/Fitness Rooms/Studios (Yoga, Dance)
- Fitness Facility
- Weight Room
- Multipurpose Room
- Gymnasium with Courts

# Fund-It Activity

## Summary

### PRIORITIZATION ACTIVITY (PUBLIC MEETING)

Fill out the questionnaire with your information.

Place your stickers on the facilities that you prioritize:

\$80 (8 dots)	Large Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
\$60 (6 dots)	New Ice Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
\$50 (5 dots)	Small Recreation Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
\$40 (4 dots)	Reuse Existing Ice Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
\$40 (4 dots)	Building for Indoor Turf Fields or Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
\$40 (4 dots)	New Outdoor Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
\$30 (3 dots)	Upgrade Existing Outdoor Pool	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
\$20 (2 dots)	Destination/ Adventure Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
\$20 (2 dots)	Multipurpose Outdoor Turf Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
\$10 (1 dot)	Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>							
\$10 (1 dot)	Courts (Basketball)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
\$10 (1 dot)	Courts (Tennis, Pickleball)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
\$10 (1 dot)	Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>							
\$10 (1 dot)	Splash Pad + Water Play	<input type="checkbox"/>							
\$10 (1 dot)	Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>							



**SHAKER HEIGHTS**

**Shaker Heights Strategic Recreation Plan  
Public Meeting #2  
December 4th, 2024**

Your feedback on the future of Shaker Heights Parks and Recreation is important! Please follow the directions below to participate in the prioritization activity.

**Activity Directions:** You have a total of \$100 (each attached sticker dot represents \$10). With these limited funds, we ask you to prioritize how you would spend these funds on recreation improvements. If you want the item, you must FILL ALL THE DOTS next to it. Your priorities cannot be counted if you do not fill all the circles on a specific recreation option. In the example below, if you want a new outdoor pool, you must cover all of the circles with dots/dollars:

\$40 (4 dots)    ●●●●    ✓ YES!  
New Outdoor Pool

\$40 (4 dots)    ●●○○    ✗ NO!  
New Outdoor Pool

**Please start the activity by telling us a little bit about yourself!**

- I live in the following neighborhood: (circle your answer)  
Boulevard - Fernway - Lomond - Ludlow - Malvern - Mercer - Moreland - Onaway  
Sussex - Ward 1 Cleveland - Non-Ward 1 Cleveland - Not Sure - Other
- What is your age? (circle your answer)  
under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65 or over
- How do you identify? (circle your answer)  
Female Male Non-binary Other
- What is/are your race(s)? (circle all that apply)  
American Indian/Alaskan Native - Asian/Asian American - Black/African America  
Hispanic/Latino - Middle Eastern/North African - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
White - Another Race

Place stickers (10) to where YOU would like to see funds spent on improvements!

### FUND IT EXERCISE (IN-PERSON + ONLINE)

What projects would you like to fund?

Closed

You have a total of \$100 to spend toward recreation amenities. With these limited funds, we ask you to prioritize how YOU would spend these funds on recreation improvements in Shaker Heights. Click the items you would like to fund to use up your budget and hit submit! Locations listed are possible sites for each amenity.

Your remaining budget:

**\$ 100**

MINIMUM SPEND \$20

Sort by ▾



**Large Recreation Center**

Middle School Site

Cost: **\$80**

[Fund this](#)



**New Ice Rink**

Thornton Park

Cost: **\$60**

[Fund this](#)

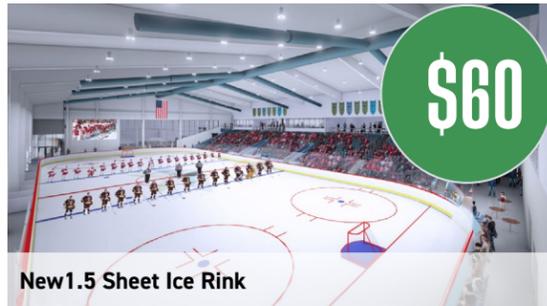
# Fund-It Activity

## Results

### Park Examples + Costs



Large Recreation Center



New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink



Small Recreation Center



Reuse Existing Ice Rink Building with Indoor Fields or Courts



New Outdoor Pool



Upgrade Existing Outdoor Pool



Destination / Adventure Playground



Multipurpose Outdoor Turf Fields



Playground



Outdoor Courts (Basketball + Pickleball + Tennis)



Dog Park



Splash Pad + Water Play

### SURVEY OPEN:

**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> to JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Open + Competition Skating @ Thorntoneekend
- Senior Movie Night at STJ
- Senior MLK Art Activity
- Middle School MLK Event
- Public Library Teen Event
- VAD Chat with the Mayor
- Community Meal @ St. Dominick's

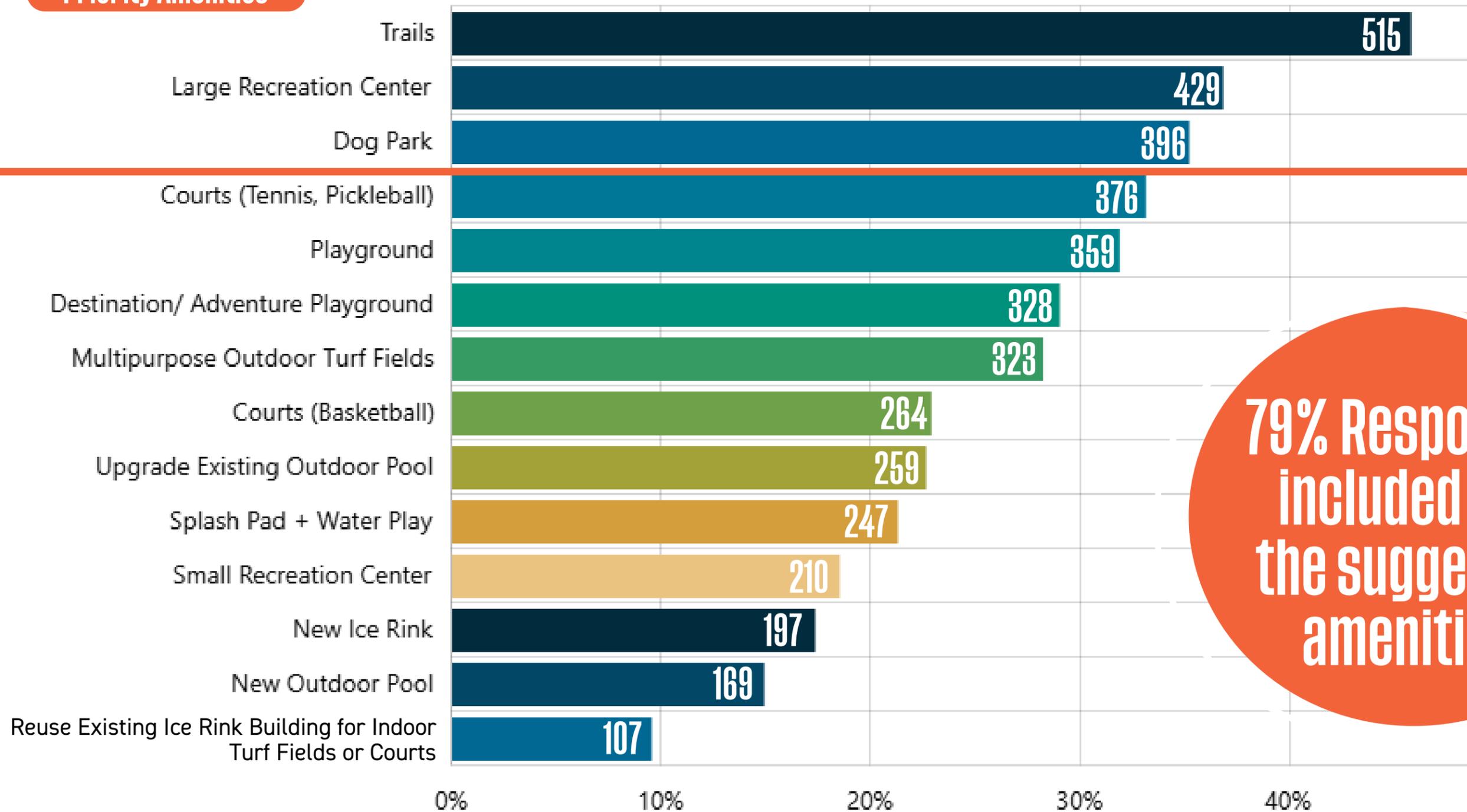
**1,114  
Responses**

**3.67  
Average Amenities  
Funded**

# Fund-It Activity

## Results

### Priority Amenities

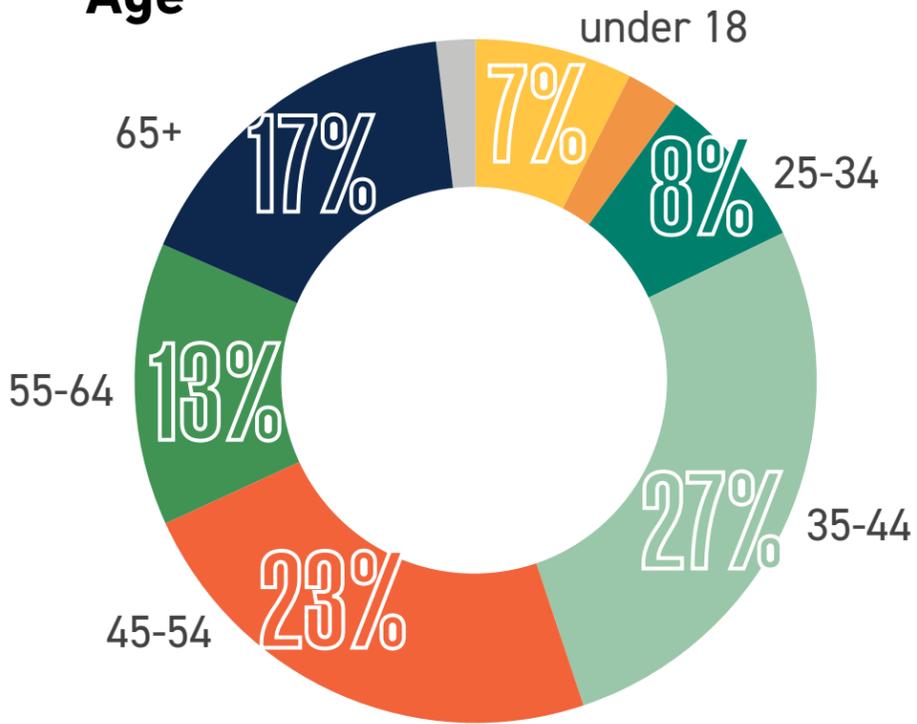


79% Responses included 1 of the suggested amenities

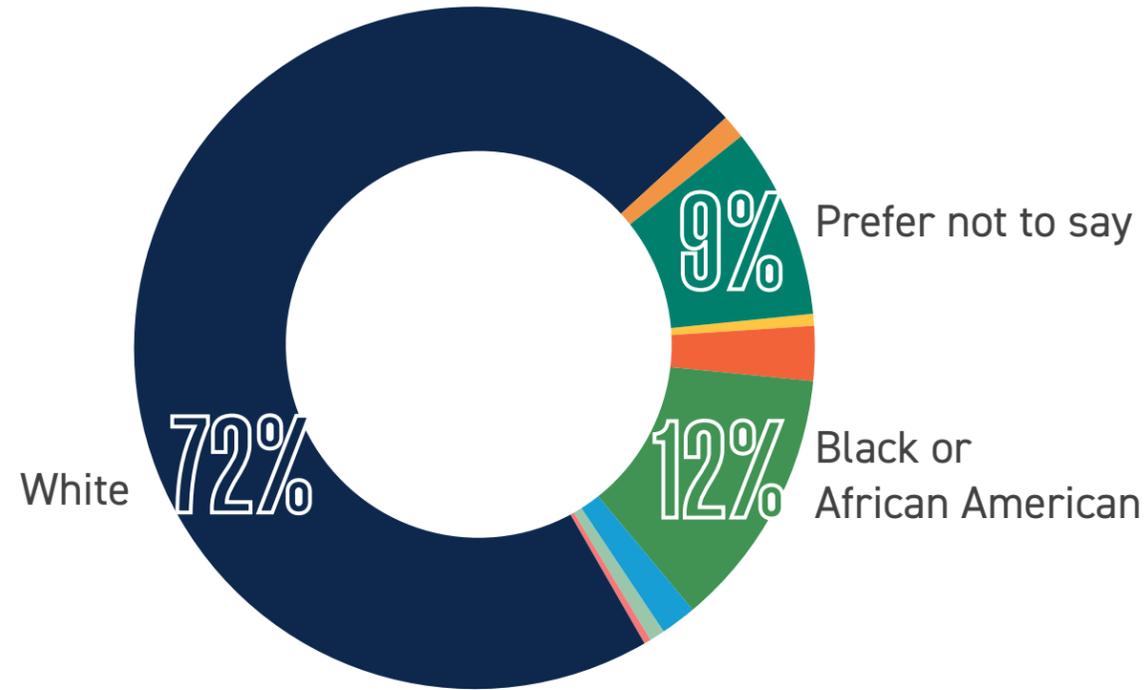
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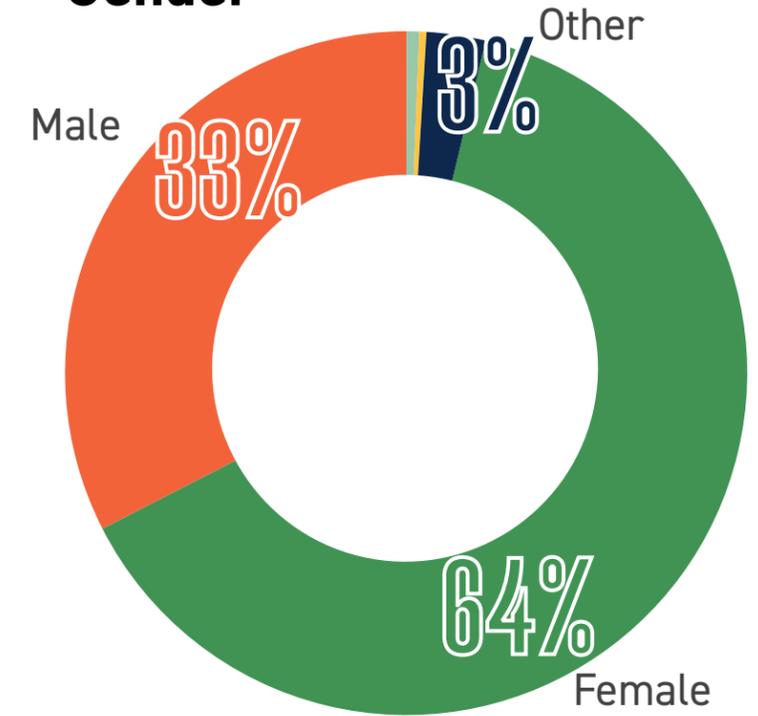
### Age



### Race



### Gender



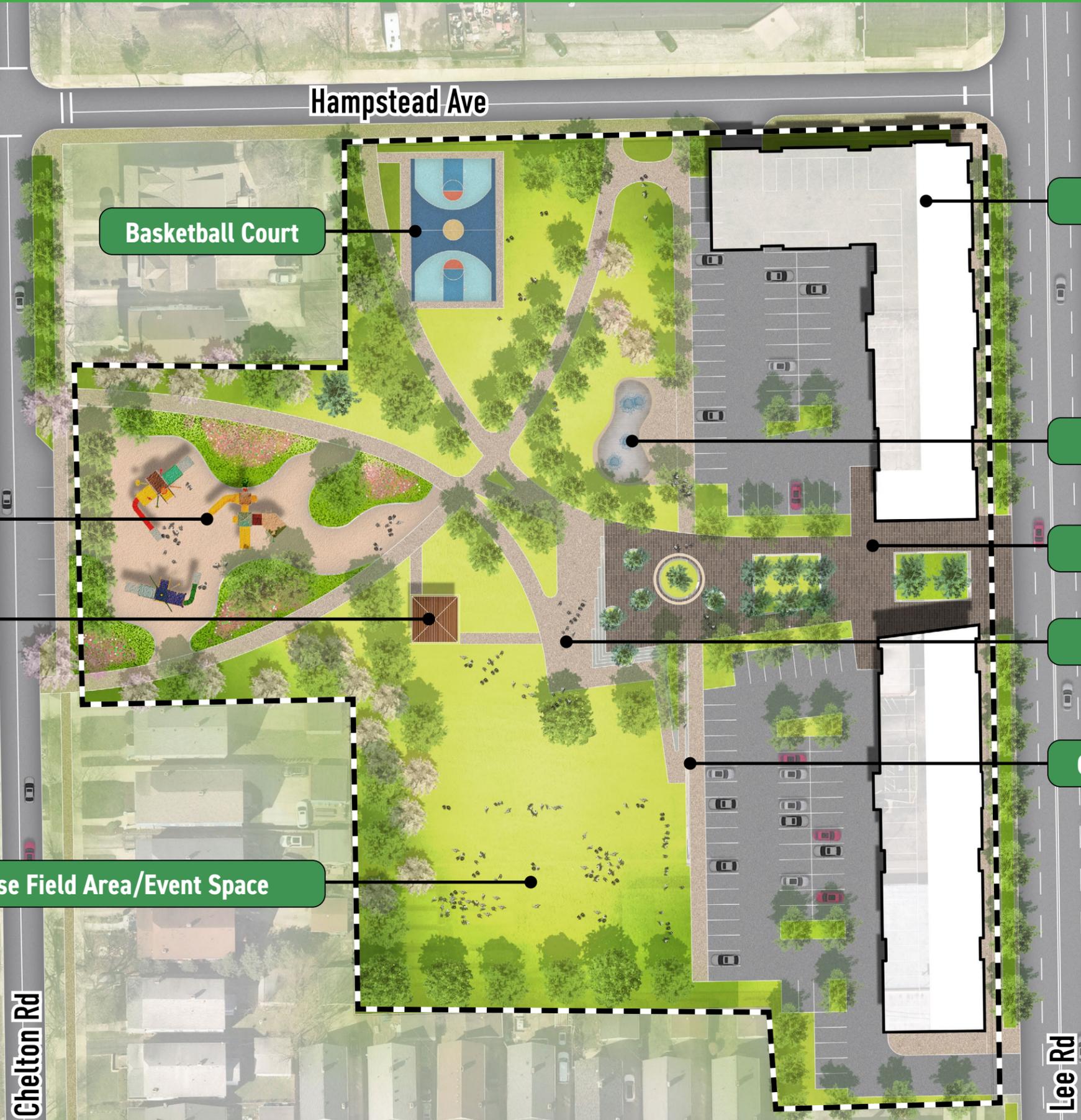
### Neighborhood Counts



# Conceptual Plans

Updates

- Basketball Court
- Community Mural
- Mixed-Use Residential Buildings (2)
- Multi-Purpose Field Area/Event Space
- Neighborhood Plaza + Gateway
- New Playground
- Pavilion
- Splash Pad
- Stage/Performance Space



**Basketball Court**

**Mixed-Use Residential Buildings**

**Splash Pad**

**Neighborhood Plaza & Gateway**

**Stage/Performance Space**

**Community Mural**

**New Playground**

**Pavilion**

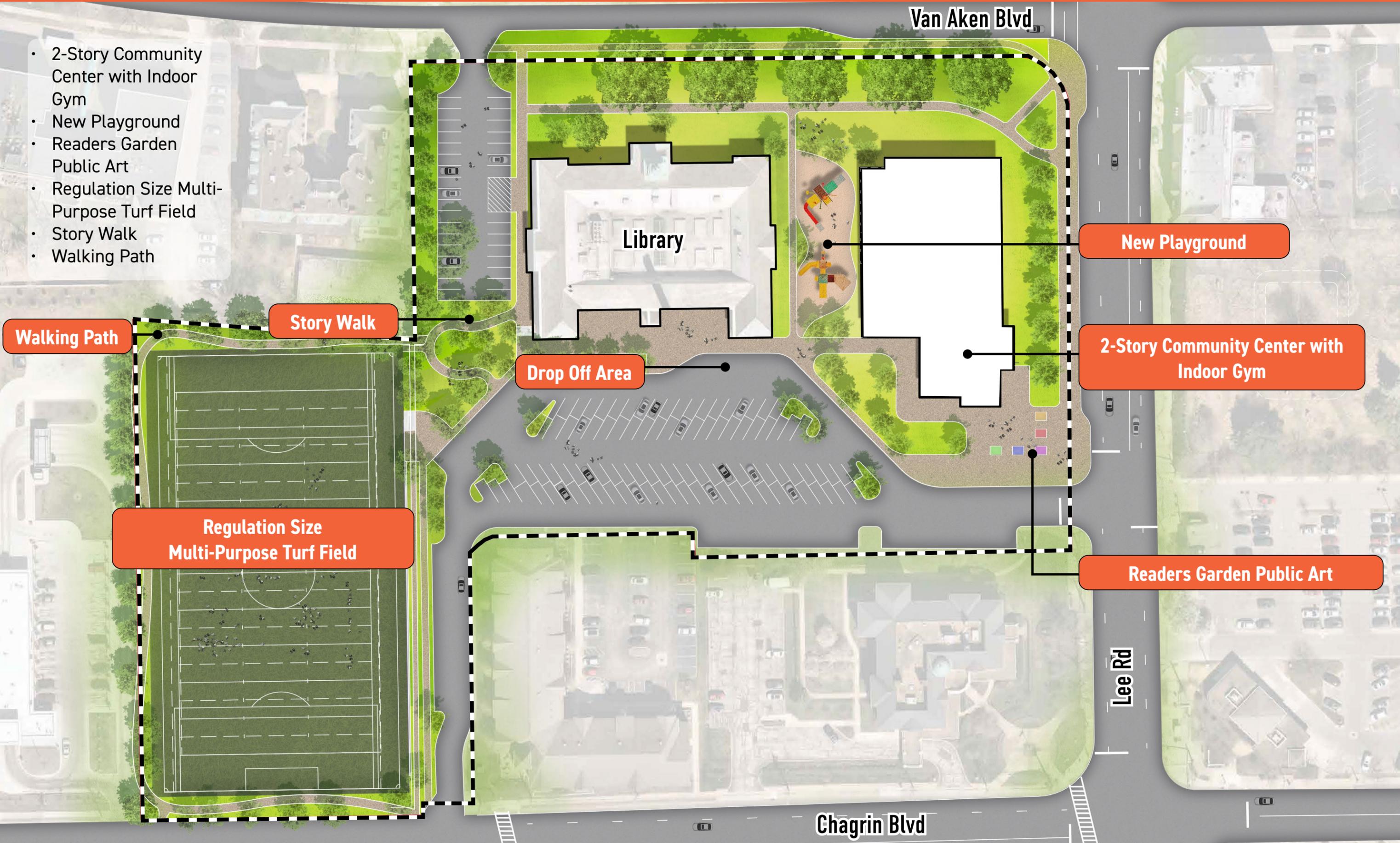
**Multi-Purpose Field Area/Event Space**

**Chelton Rd**

**Hampstead Ave**

**Lee Rd**

- 2-Story Community Center with Indoor Gym
- New Playground
- Readers Garden Public Art
- Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Field
- Story Walk
- Walking Path



Walking Path

Story Walk

Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Field

Drop Off Area

Library

New Playground

2-Story Community Center with Indoor Gym

Readers Garden Public Art

Van Aken Blvd

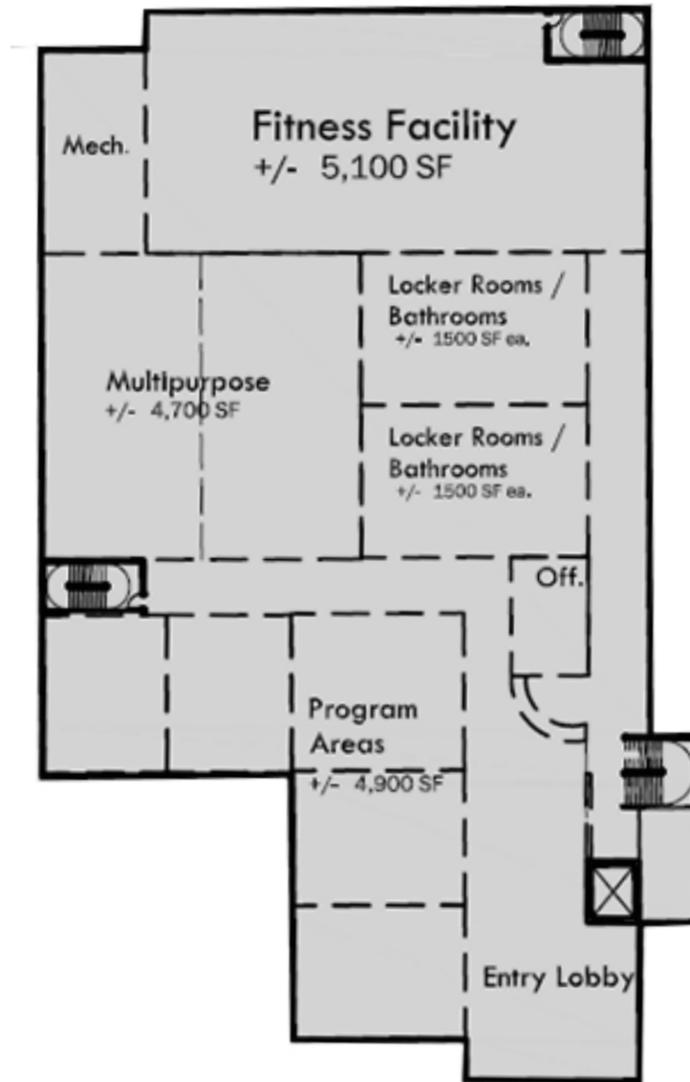
Chagrin Blvd

Lee Rd

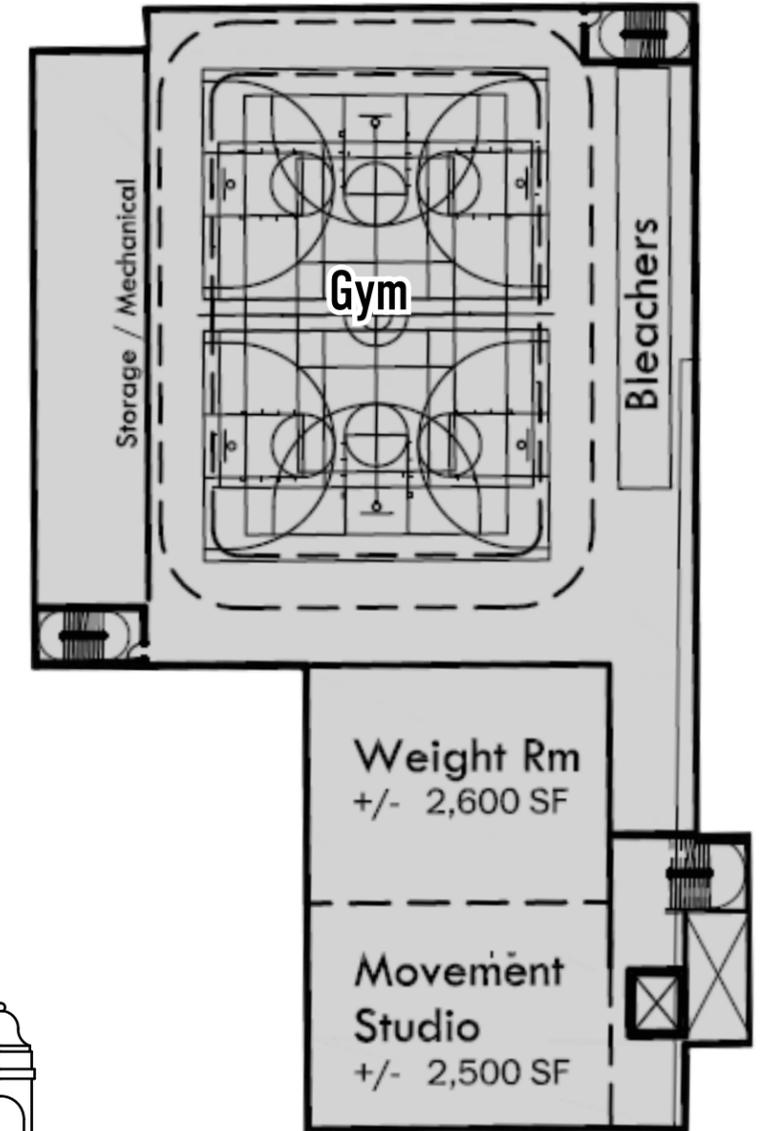
## POTENTIAL USES:

- Meeting Rooms
- Program/Fitness Room
- Gym / Basketball Court(s)
- Weight Room
- Studios (Yoga, Dance, etc.)
- Walking Track
- Game/Activity Room
- Bathrooms & Locker Rooms
- Recreation Staff Offices

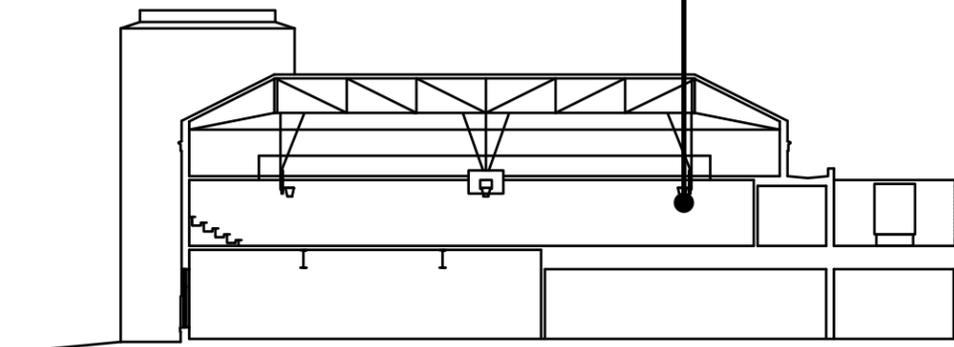
## 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR



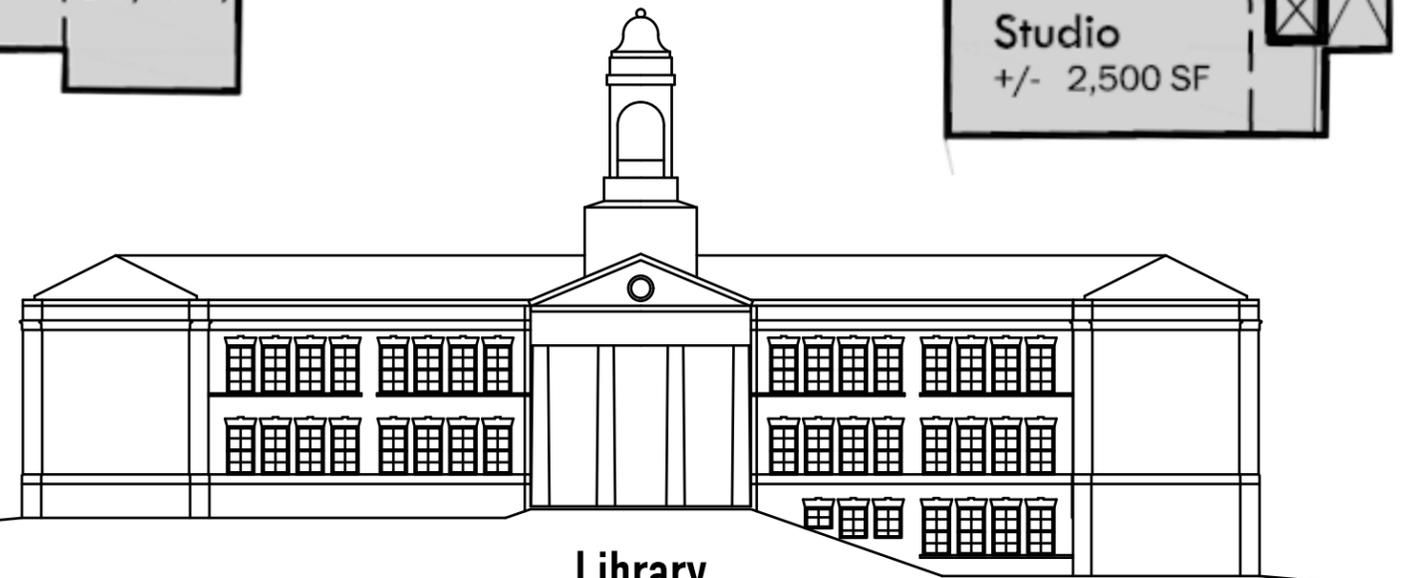
## 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR



2nd Story Gym + Mezzanine



Community Center



Library



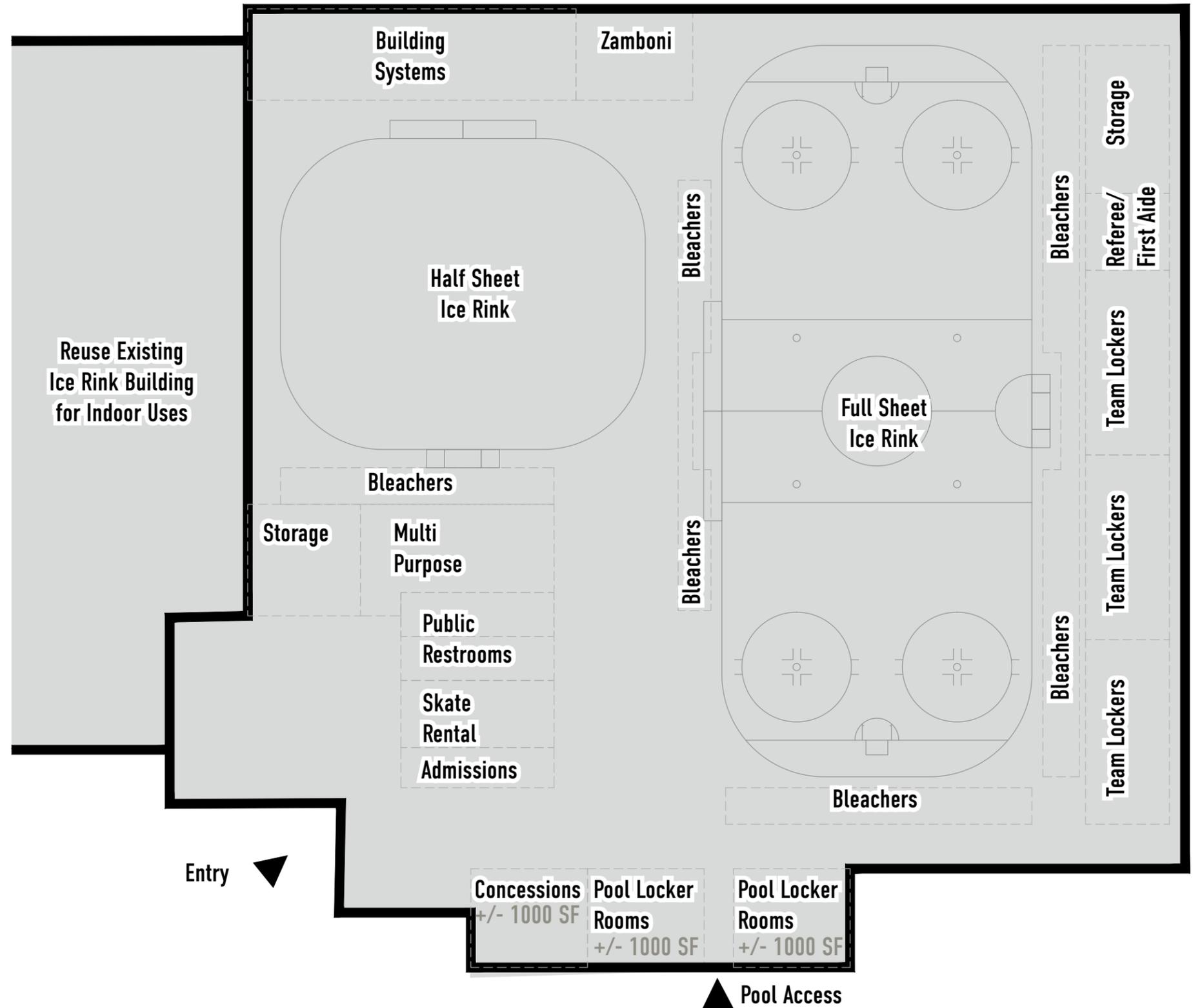
- New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility
- New Court
- New Playground
- (Opt 1) Indoor Turf Fields of Indoor Courts
- (Opt 2) Outdoor Courts
- Relocated Skate Park
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Sledding Hill
- Upgraded Outdoor Pool Facility



- Adventure Playground
- Future Development
- New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility
- Outdoor Courts
- Relocated Basketball Court
- Relocated Skate Park
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Sledding Hill

## POTENTIAL USES:

- Half Sheet Ice Rink
- Full Sheet Ice Rink
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- Home and Visitor Team Locker Rooms
- Varsity and JV Locker Rooms
- Multi-Purpose / Program Room
- Potential for Recreation Offices on Second Floor
- Concessions
- Separate Pool Locker Rooms
- Reuse Existing Ice Rink Building





RTA Green Line

Dog Park

Courts

Existing Median Trail

Adventure Playground

Pavilion

Youth Sports Fields

Walking Trails

Renovated MS  
Gymnasium Building

Maintenance Building

Regulation Size  
Multi-Purpose Turf Field

Renovated Upper Fields

Library

Fayette Road Closure

W Byron Rd

Belvoir Oval

- Adventure Playground
- Courts
- Dog Park
- Existing Median Trail
- Pavilion
- Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Field
- Renovated MS Gymnasium Building
- Renovated Upper Fields
- Walking Trails
- Youth Sports Fields

# CONCEPTUAL RECREATION CENTER PLAN WITH OUTDOOR POOL

# Middle School



RTA Green Line

Outdoor Pool

Recreation Center with Indoor Aquatics

Dog Park

Courts

Existing Median Trail

Adventure Playground

Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Fields

Renovated Upper Fields

Warrensville Center Rd

Library

Fayette Road Closure

Maintenance Building

Walking Trails

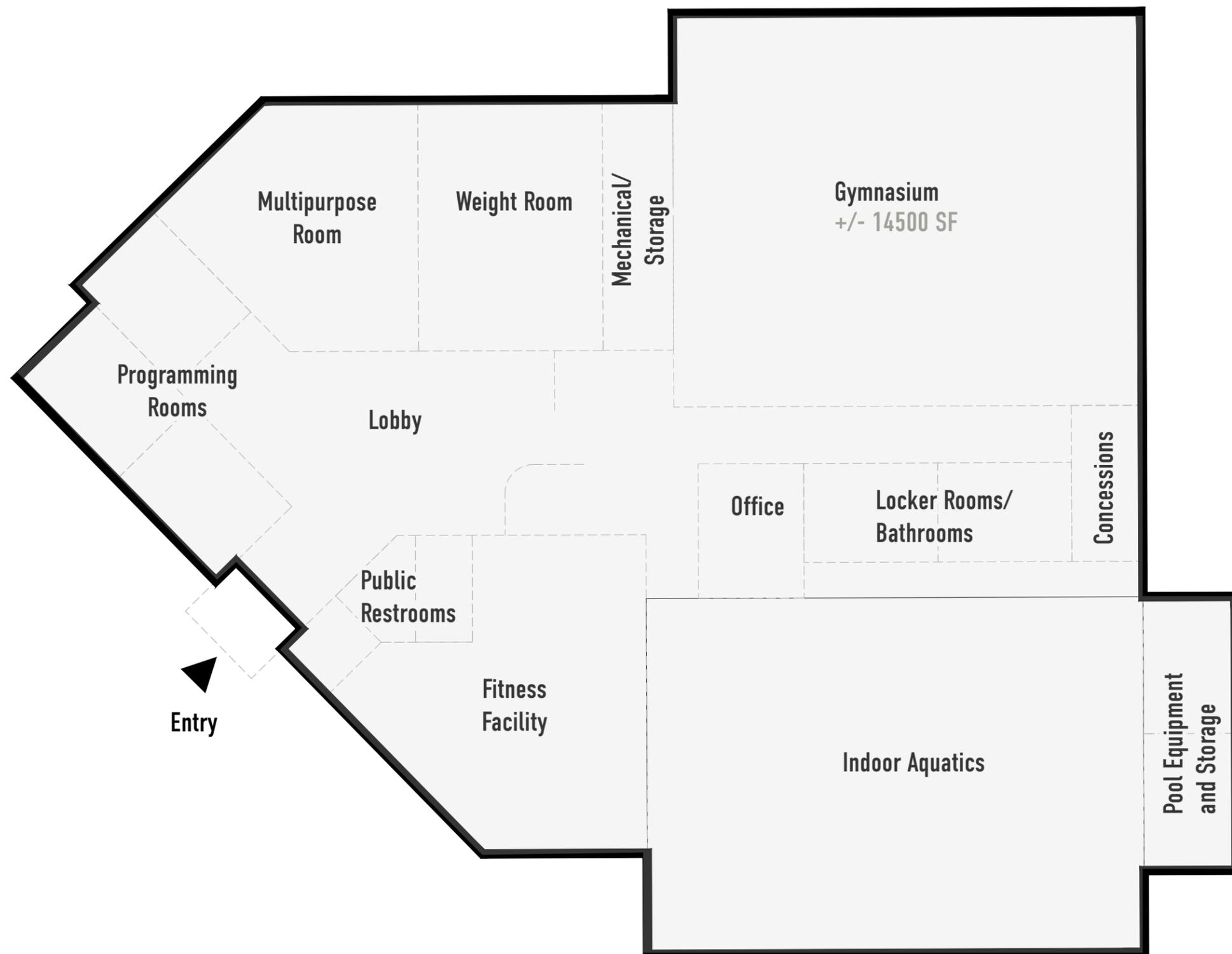
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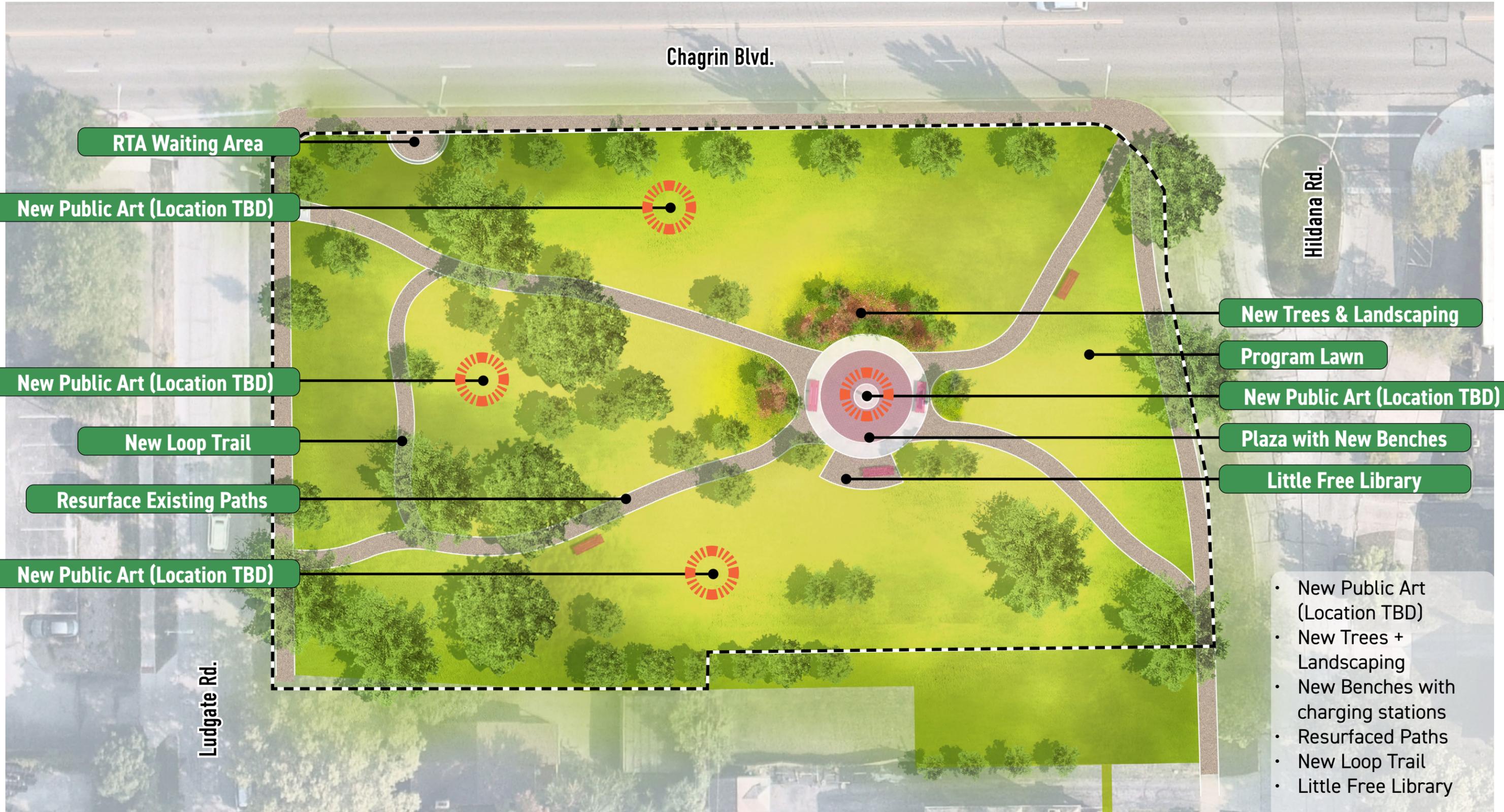
W Belvoir Oval

- Adventure Playground
- Courts
- Dog Park
- Existing Median Trail
- Outdoor Pool
- Pavilion
- Recreation Center with Indoor Aquatics
- Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Fields
- Renovated Upper Fields
- Walking Trails

## POTENTIAL USES:

- Public Restrooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Program/Fitness Rooms/Studios (Yoga, Dance)
- Multipurpose Room
- Fitness Facility
- Weight Room
- Gymnasium with Courts
- Walking Track
- Bathrooms & Locker Rooms for Pool & Gym
- Concessions
- Indoor Aquatics





RTA Waiting Area

New Public Art (Location TBD)

New Public Art (Location TBD)

New Loop Trail

Resurface Existing Paths

New Public Art (Location TBD)

New Trees & Landscaping

Program Lawn

New Public Art (Location TBD)

Plaza with New Benches

Little Free Library

- New Public Art (Location TBD)
- New Trees + Landscaping
- New Benches with charging stations
- Resurfaced Paths
- New Loop Trail
- Little Free Library

# Strategic First Actions

## Discussion

# Strategic First Actions

## Overview

This plan serves as a framework and guide for recreation improvements

Implementation of amenities will take place over many years

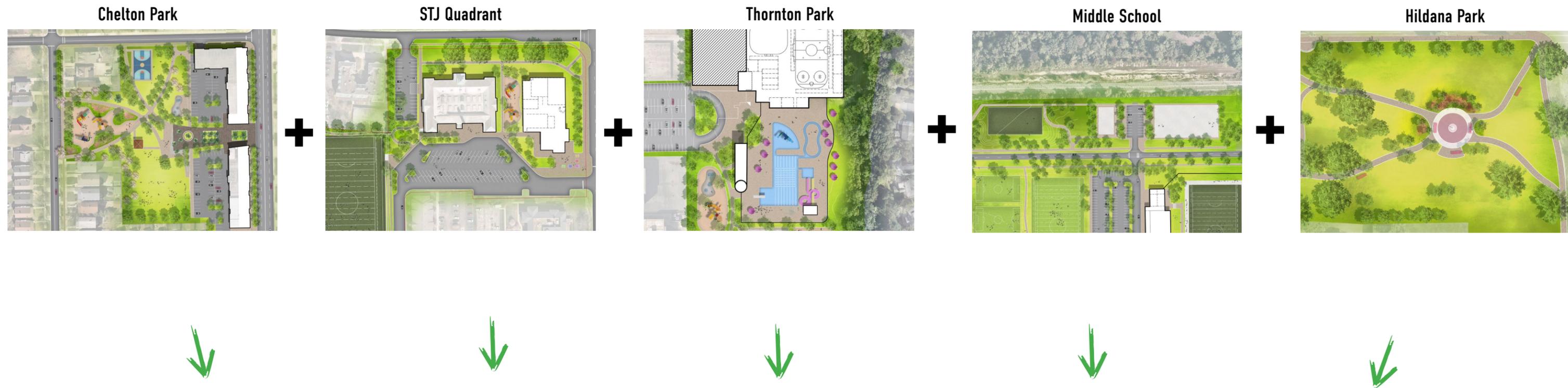
The Community & Stakeholders have been asked for input on priorities and future actions

- **Final decisions on recreation improvements, upgrades, or replacements will be the responsibility of City Administration & City Council.**
- **Balance the vision, wants, and needs with the realities of timing, costs, existing conditions, and funding.**

# Strategic First Actions

Project Sites

**Not every site is shovel ready or available for recreation improvements**



**Based on timing, location, and potential needs is there specific site that you believe should be a priority for implementation?**

# Strategic First Actions

## Project Sites

### Advisory Group comments:

- STJ and Chelton Park to focus on underserved neighborhood
- STJ small recreation center
- Hildana Park improvements
- Thornton ice rink
- Consider bundling by component
  - turf fields at STJ and middle school
  - playgrounds at more than one site

# Strategic First Actions

## Early Wins

**Early Wins** are amenities and recommendations that represent

- **Near-Term Opportunities**
- **Relatively Lower Cost (or may have grant funding options)**
- **Help fill a need or gap while creating momentum for future efforts**

# Strategic First Actions

## Early Wins

What sites, amenities, or recommendations are potential **Early Wins**?

Chelton Park



STJ Quadrant



Thornton Park



Middle School



Hildana Park



# Strategic First Actions

## Early Wins

### Advisory Group comments:

- Chelton Park basketball court
- Chelton Park splash pad
- STJ expand programming for all ages; trail
- Middle School median dog park
- Middle School median Pickleball courts
- Turf fields could increase programming opportunities
- Playgrounds (Chelton, Thornton, STJ)

# What's Next?

**Estimated Costs**

**Deliver + Present Final Recreation Strategic Plan for**

**Approval**

**Phase II (2025) • Phasing + Operations + Funding +  
Implementation Plan**