



Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan

Virtual Public Meeting

December 2, 2024



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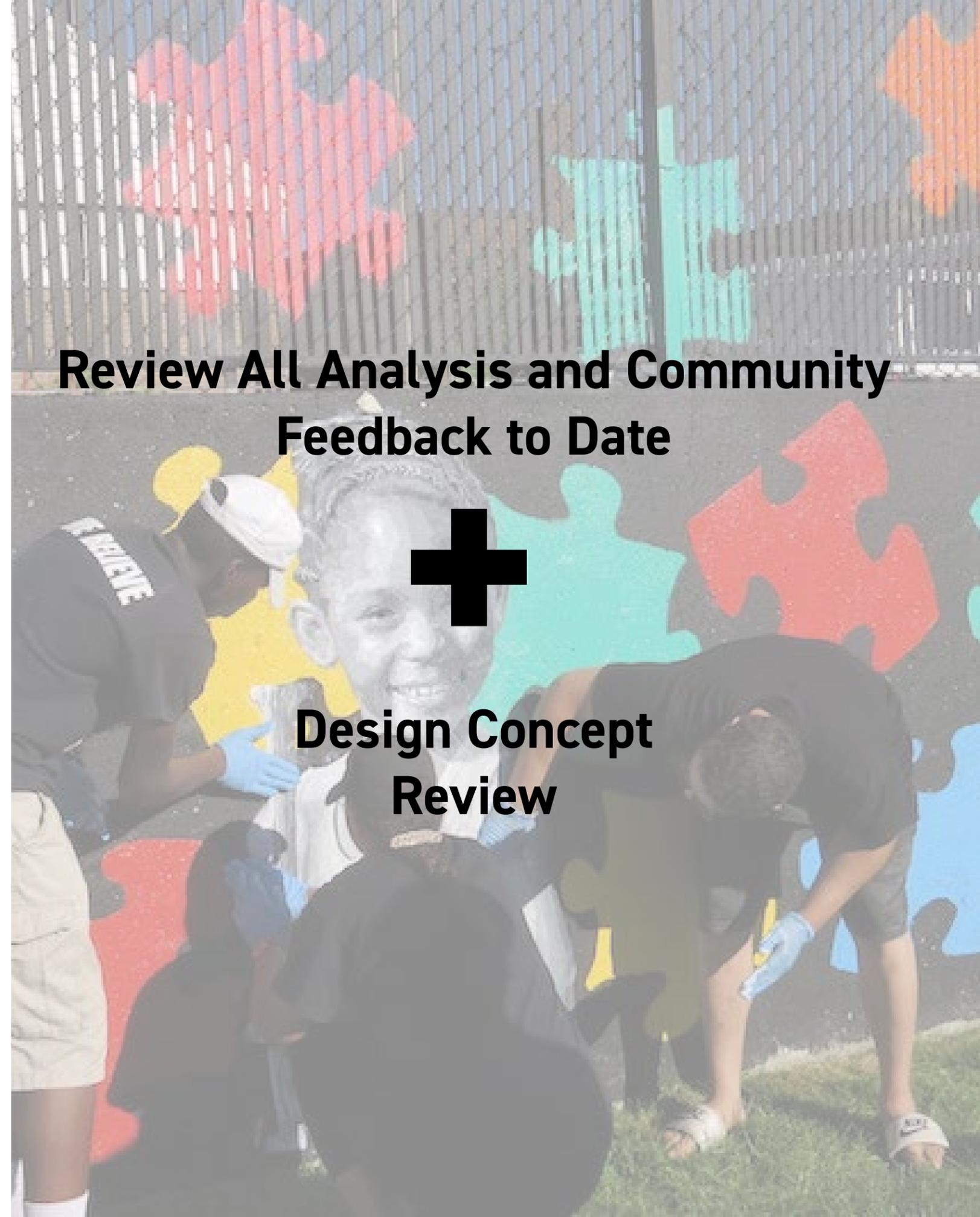
Tonight's Agenda

How Did We Get Here

- Plan Background + Purpose
- Discovery + Analysis
- Engagement + Community Vision

Where We Want To Go

- Strategic Planning
- Design Concept Review
- Next Steps
- Question & Answer Session



**Review All Analysis and Community
Feedback to Date**



**Design Concept
Review**

Background

Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan | Purpose

*The City of Shaker Heights will engage with the community to develop a **long-term recreation plan that prioritizes improvements to select parks and recreation facilities** to provide high-quality amenities for all neighborhoods and residents.*

Background

Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan | Goals + Objectives

- 1 Evaluate each facility and site's unique context, location, challenges and potential opportunities.**
- 2 Create a vision and plan that serves the diverse population and its needs.**
- 3 Provide community facilities that have the capability for gathering and bringing people together.**
- 4 Create an actionable framework that helps prioritize the next steps in Future Operational and Implementation Plans.**

Background

Project Phases

We are here

Current Plan

2024 - 2025

Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan

- Visioning & Framework
- Engagement & Needs Assessment
- Conceptual Facility Plans

Subsequent Plan

Future Date

Operations & Implementation Plan

- Phasing Plan
- Financing Plan
- Partnerships and Best Practices

Background

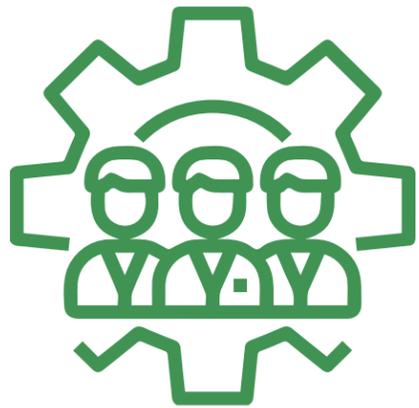
Shaker Heights Recreation Strategic Plan | Timeline



12 - 13 months

Discovery & Analysis

Existing Conditions



Inventory + Plan Review

Creating an inventory of the existing facilities and amenities in order to evaluate the current state of recreation as well as reviewing previous plans to build on past efforts.



Recreation Trends

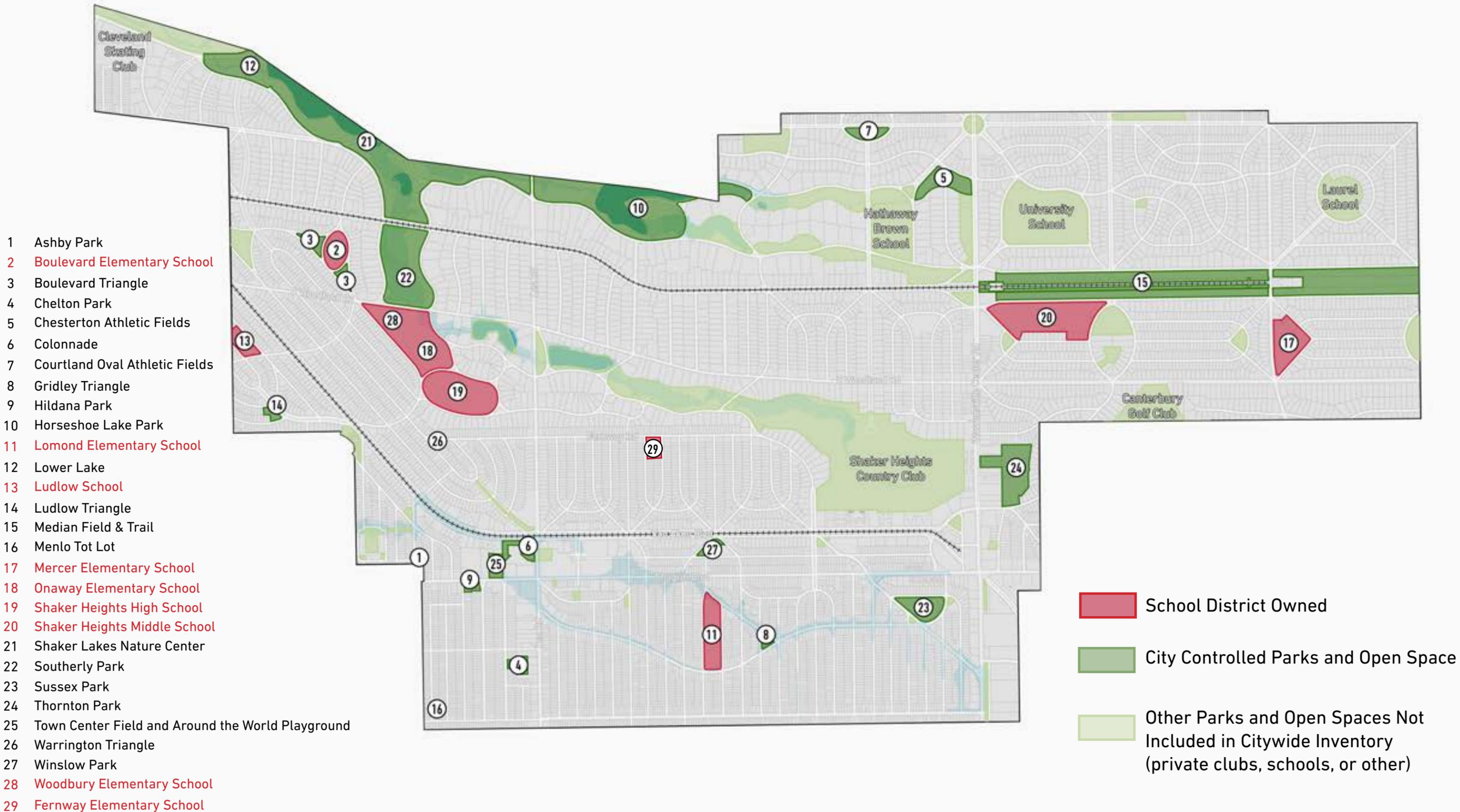
Provide insight into the makeup of the population and identify market trends in recreation. Data collection provided by PROS from the SFIA (Sports & Fitness Industry Association).



Community Benchmarking

Determining where Shaker Heights stands amongst peer cities, both similar and aspirational, to find the greatest areas of contrast, identify areas of improvement, and establish goals to pursue.

Shaker Parks & Recreation Sites



Shaker Parks & Recreation Sites Overview

11 total parks

27 outdoor recreation facilities

2 indoor recreation facilities

140 acres maintained by the Recreation Department



Discovery & Analysis

Summary

- 1 Shaker has a diverse set of park and recreation offerings that are spread throughout the community and accessible.**
- 2 Changing recreation trends, demands, and facility age have resulted in the need to upgrade or invest in Shaker Heights Park and Recreation**
- 3 Division of City and School controlled facilities may create various shared use opportunities and also challenges.**
- 4 Shaker Heights is a stable, well performing parks and recreation department measured against its peers, with a moderate amount of growth still possible.**

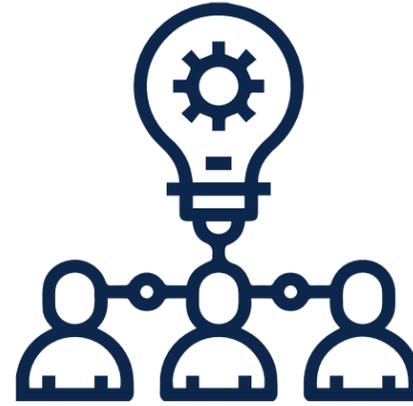
Engagement + Community Vision

Who is involved?



Advisory Group

Through an application process, individuals volunteered to provide feedback from different perspectives within the community.



Stakeholder Groups

Groups consisting of individuals or organizations representing recreational facilities, sports leagues, civic and community institutions, and residents who share common interests related to the Recreation Strategic Plan.

That's YOU!



Shaker Residents

Shaker Heights Residents are a key component to the development of the Recreation Strategic Plan, providing insights and feedback on their recreation needs and helping to create a vision for the future of the sites.

Engagement + Community Vision

Outreach Summary



5,828

SITE VISITS

PROJECT WEBSITE

1,059

INTERACTIONS

MAPPING ACTIVITY

1,113

POSTS

VISION BOARD

Online:



3

MEETINGS

ADVISORY GROUP

22

EVENTS

POP-UP EVENTS

60

ATTENDEES

STAKEHOLDER
GROUPS

In-Person
Engagement:

1

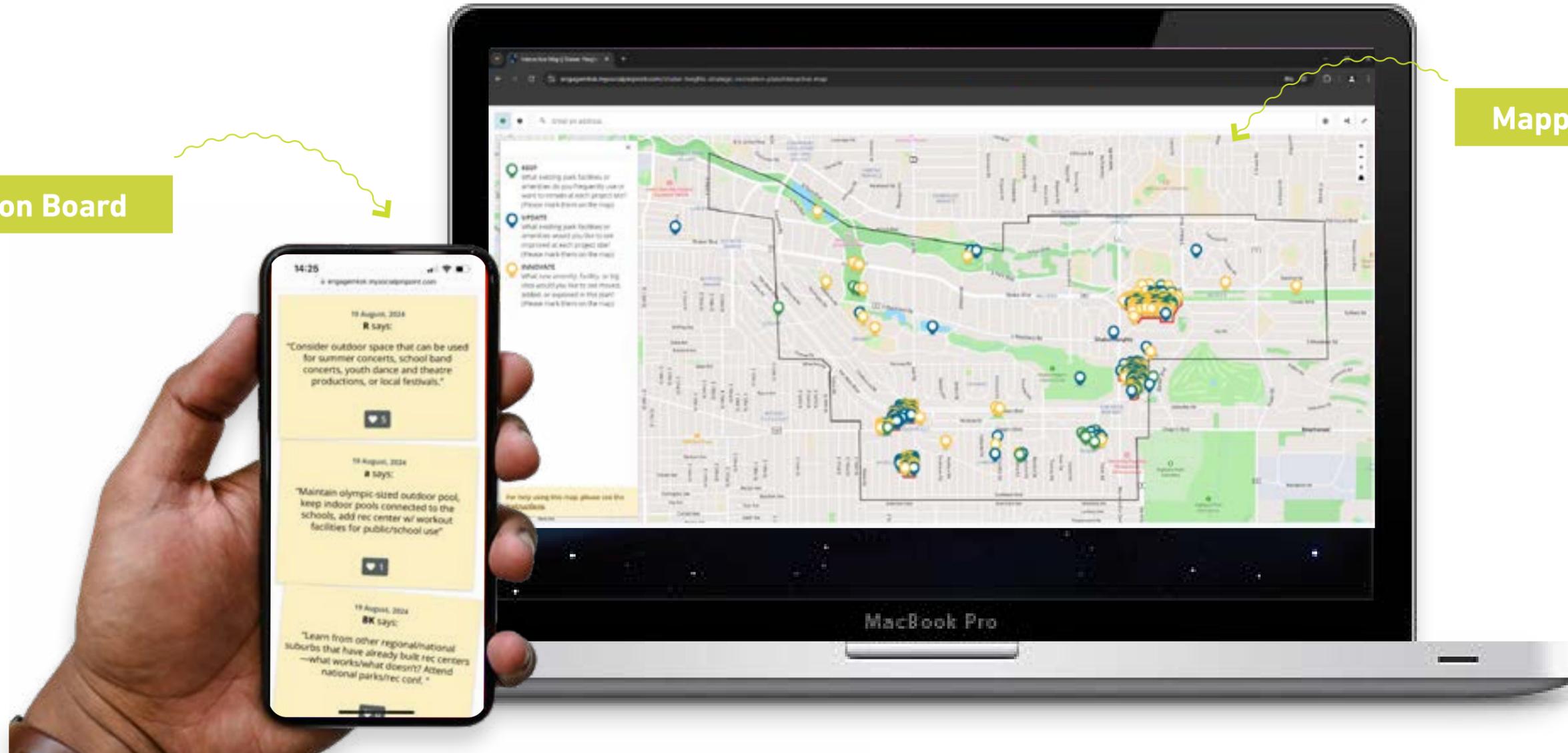
MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

Online Engagement Project Website

Vision Board

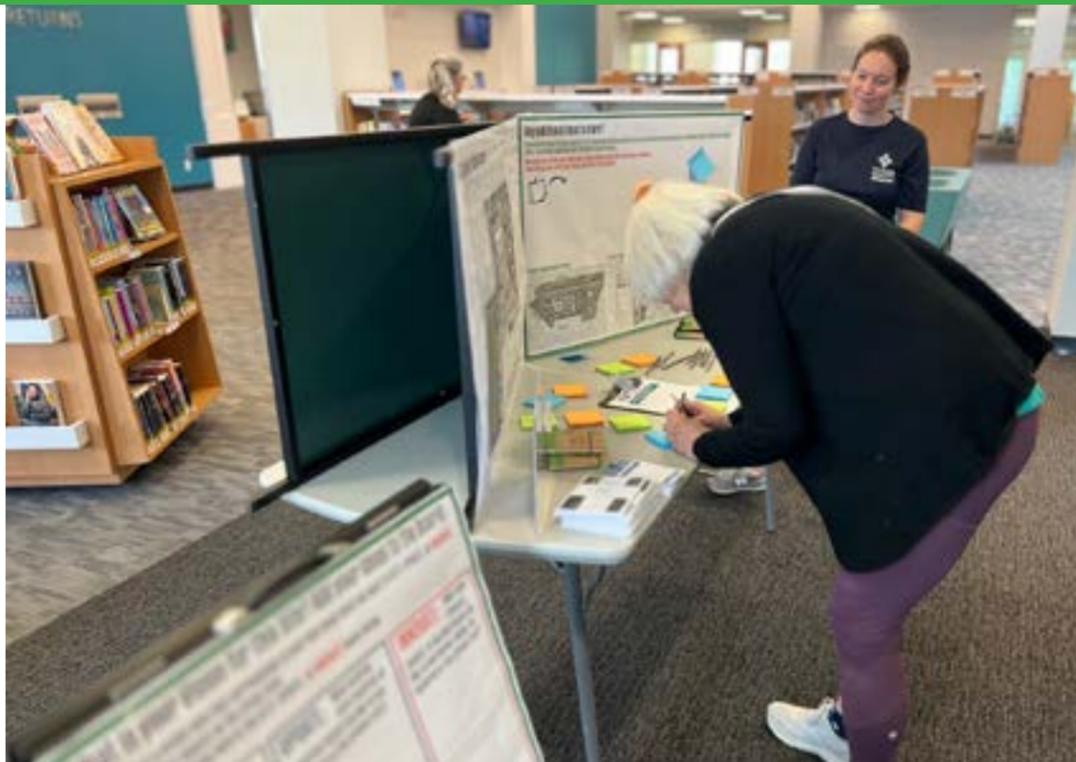
Mapping Activity



www.shakerheightsoh.gov/RecreationPlan-input

In-Person Engagement

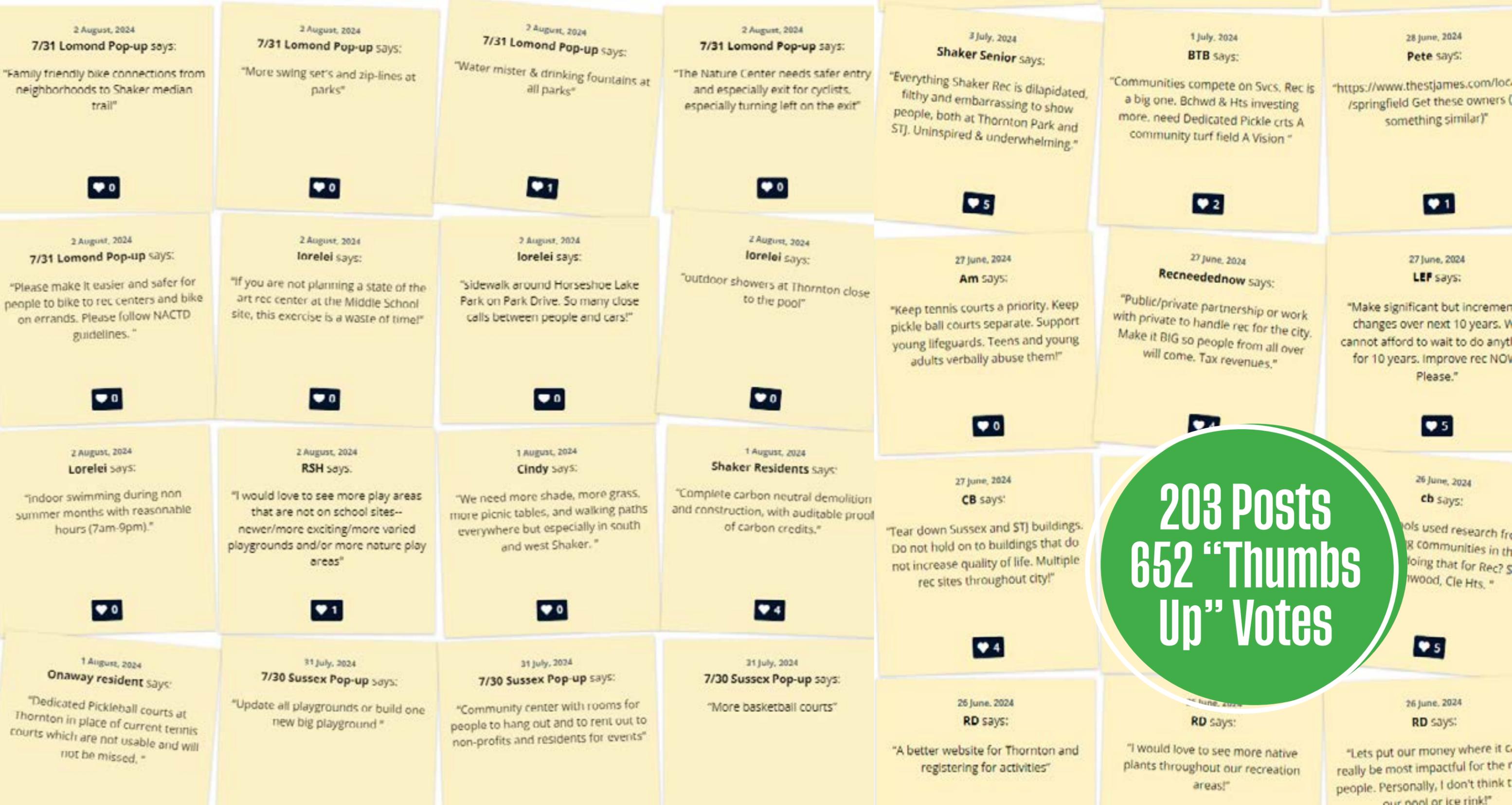
Pop-Up Events



22 Events

Engagement Results

Vision Board Results

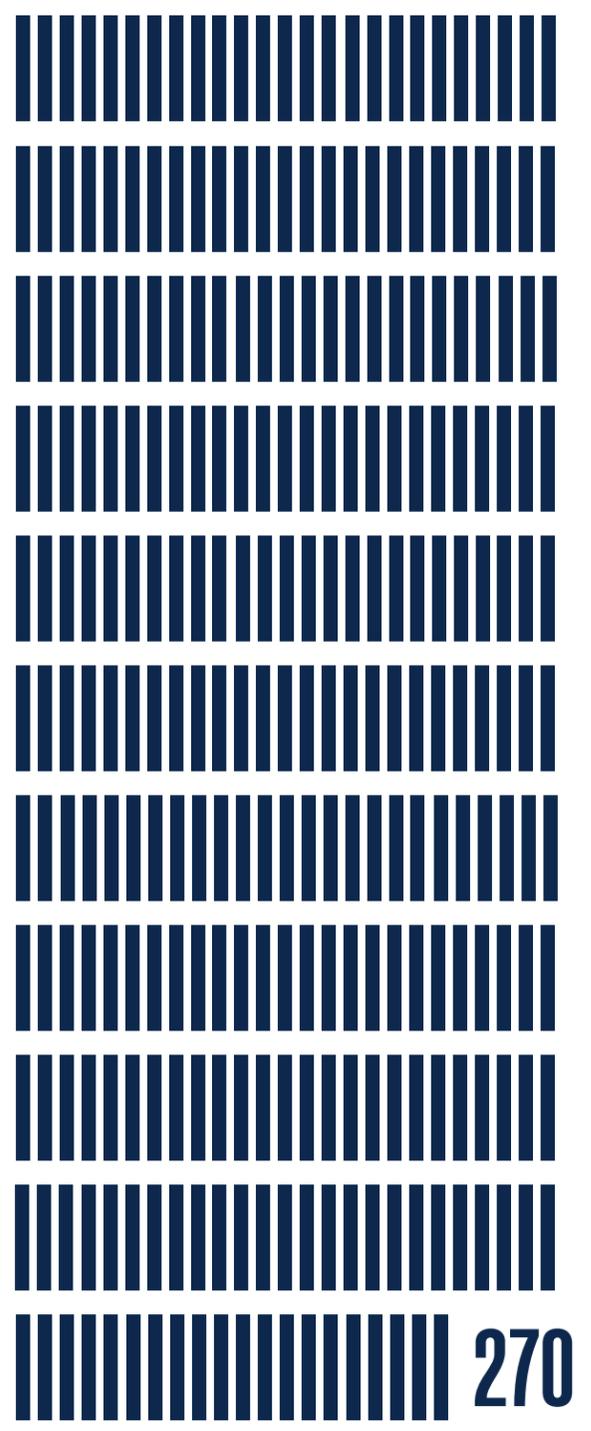


203 Posts
652 "Thumbs Up" Votes

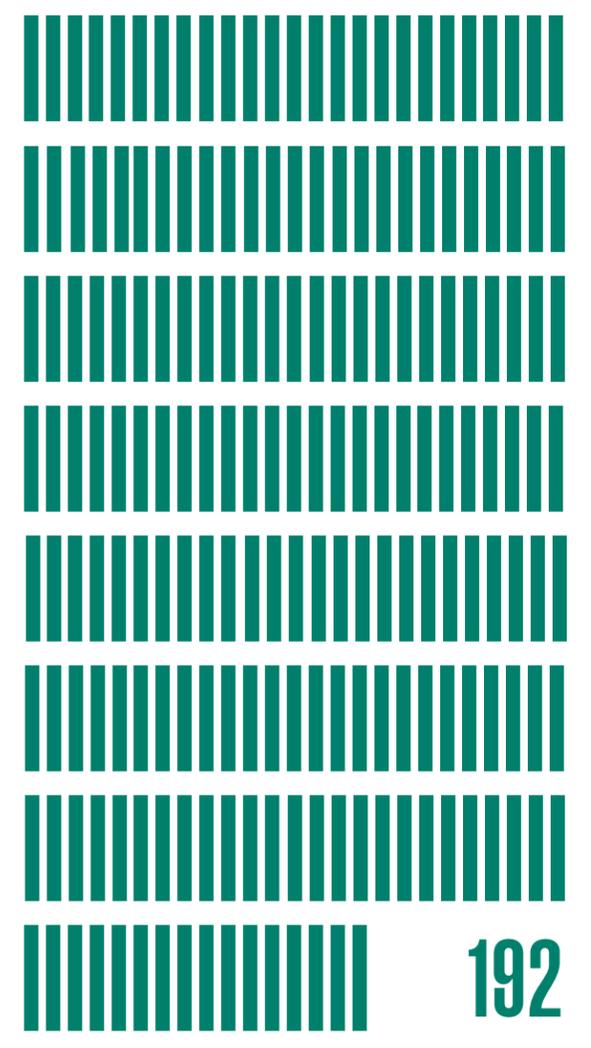
Engagement Results

Vision Board Results

Community Rec Center



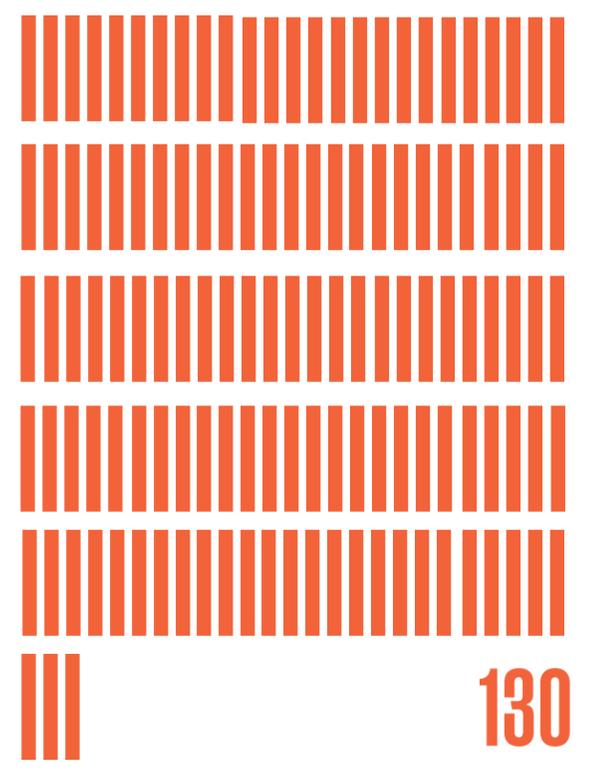
Outdoor Pool



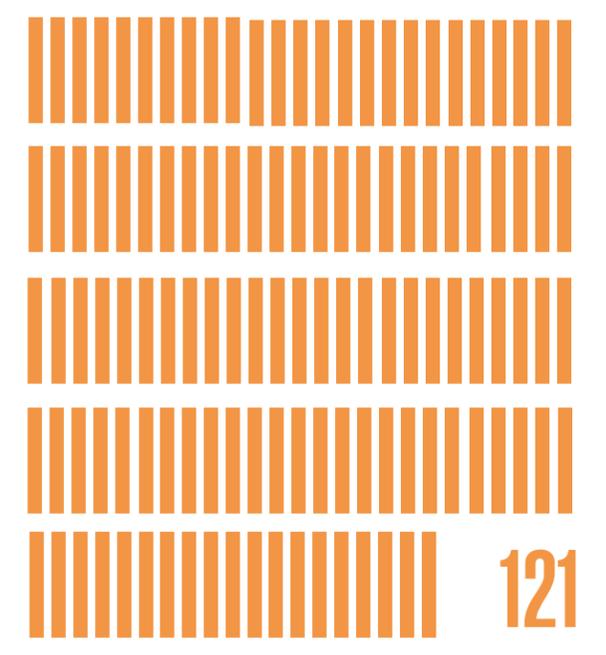
Ice Rink



Indoor Pool



Pickleball

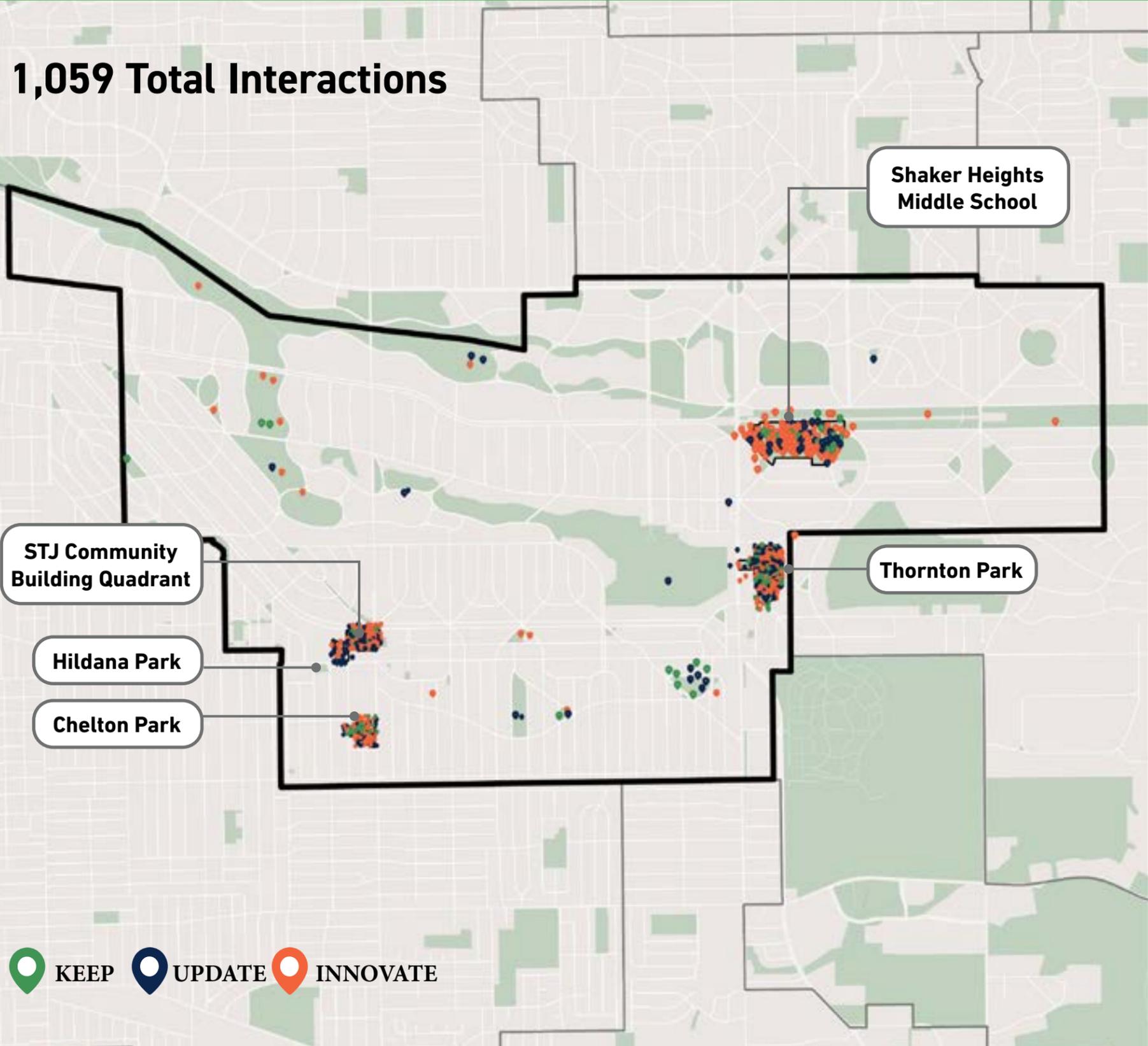


- Other Mentions
- Playground: 69
- Courts: 61
- Fields: 60
- Dog Park: 55

Engagement Results

Mapping Exercise

1,059 Total Interactions



KEEP

What existing park facilities or amenities do you frequently use or want to remain at each project site?

UPDATE

What existing park facilities or amenities would you like to see improved at each project site?

INNOVATE

What new amenity, facility, or big idea would you like to see moved, added, or explored in this plan?

Engagement Results

Mapping Exercise

381 Total Interactions



“The rink is a unique and special asset for our community and needs significant investment... we have the opportunity to be a huge draw for the area”

“Would love to see a pool renovation.”

“Keep the sledding hill. It is the best one around.”

 KEEP  UPDATE  INNOVATE

Engagement Results

Summary of Online and In-Person Engagement to Date

Opportunities for **Indoor Recreation** that enable year round use and activities

Programming and spaces for **teens, seniors, and those not in sports**

Updated **Pool and Ice Rink** facilities with better layouts, more amenities, and flexible spaces

Field Availability, Conditions, and Maintenance is a concern

Separation of **City and School facilities** creates various opportunities and challenges

Recreation facilities should represent Shaker and reflect changing recreation needs and trends

Engagement Results

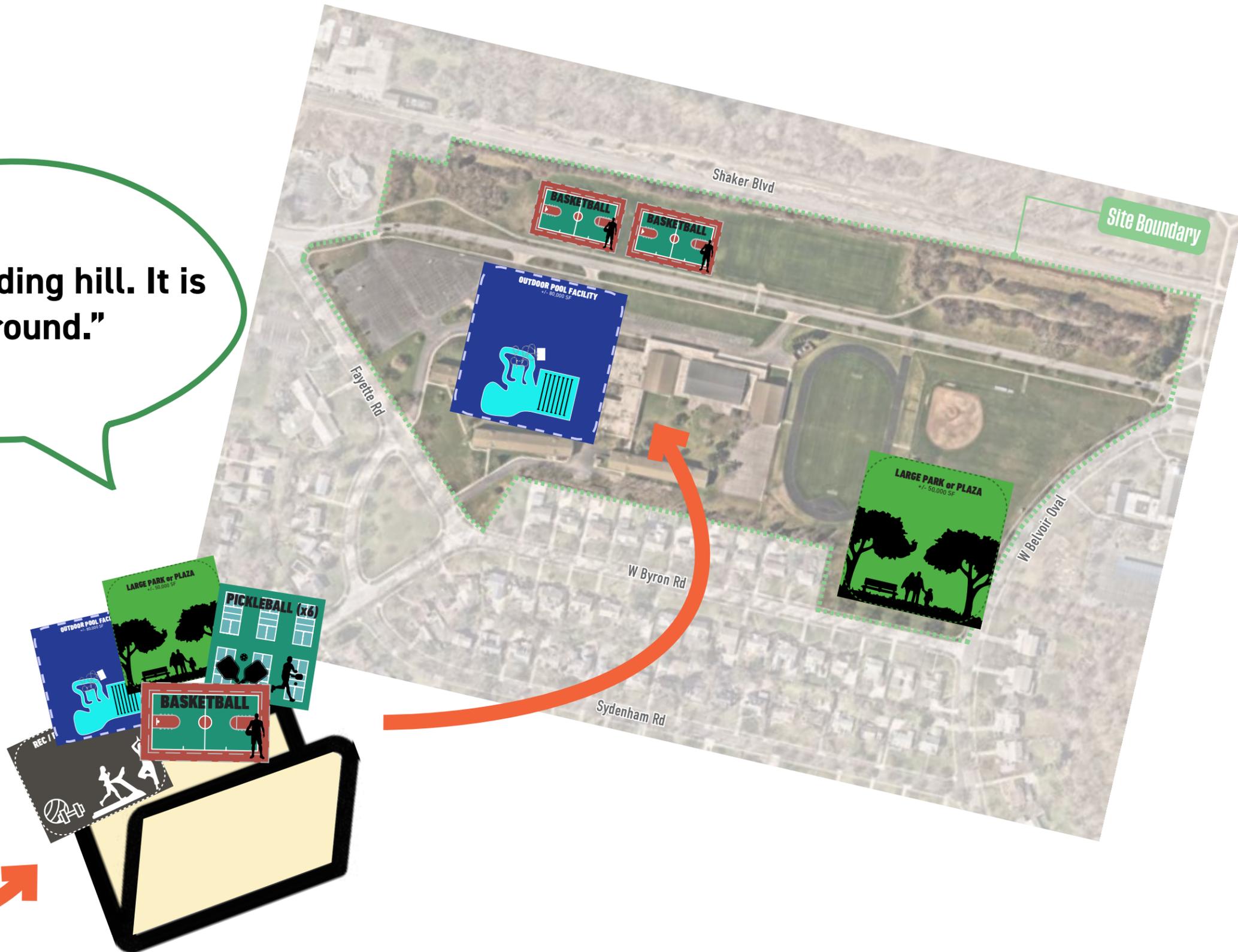
Public Meeting 1 | Design Your Site Activity

“Would love to see a pool renovation.”

“Keep the sledding hill. It is the best one around.”

“Would love to see a pool renovation.”

“Rink is a unique asset”



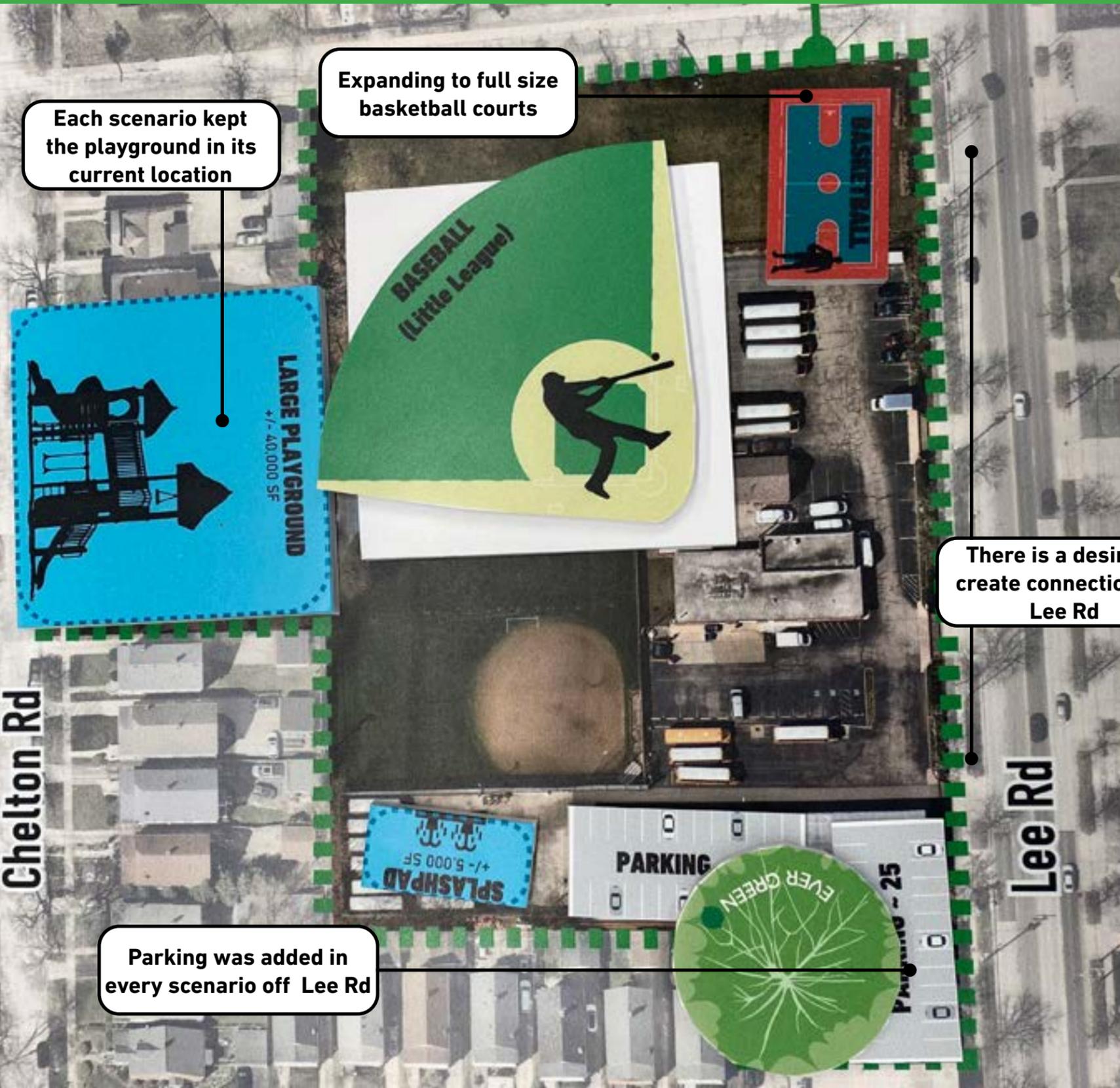
Engagement Results

Public Meeting 1 | Design Your Site Activity



Engagement Results

Chelton Park



Existing Amenities

- Neighborhood Mural
- Baseball Field
- Youth Basketball Hoop
- Playground
- Multi-Purpose Grass Field
- Bus Depot

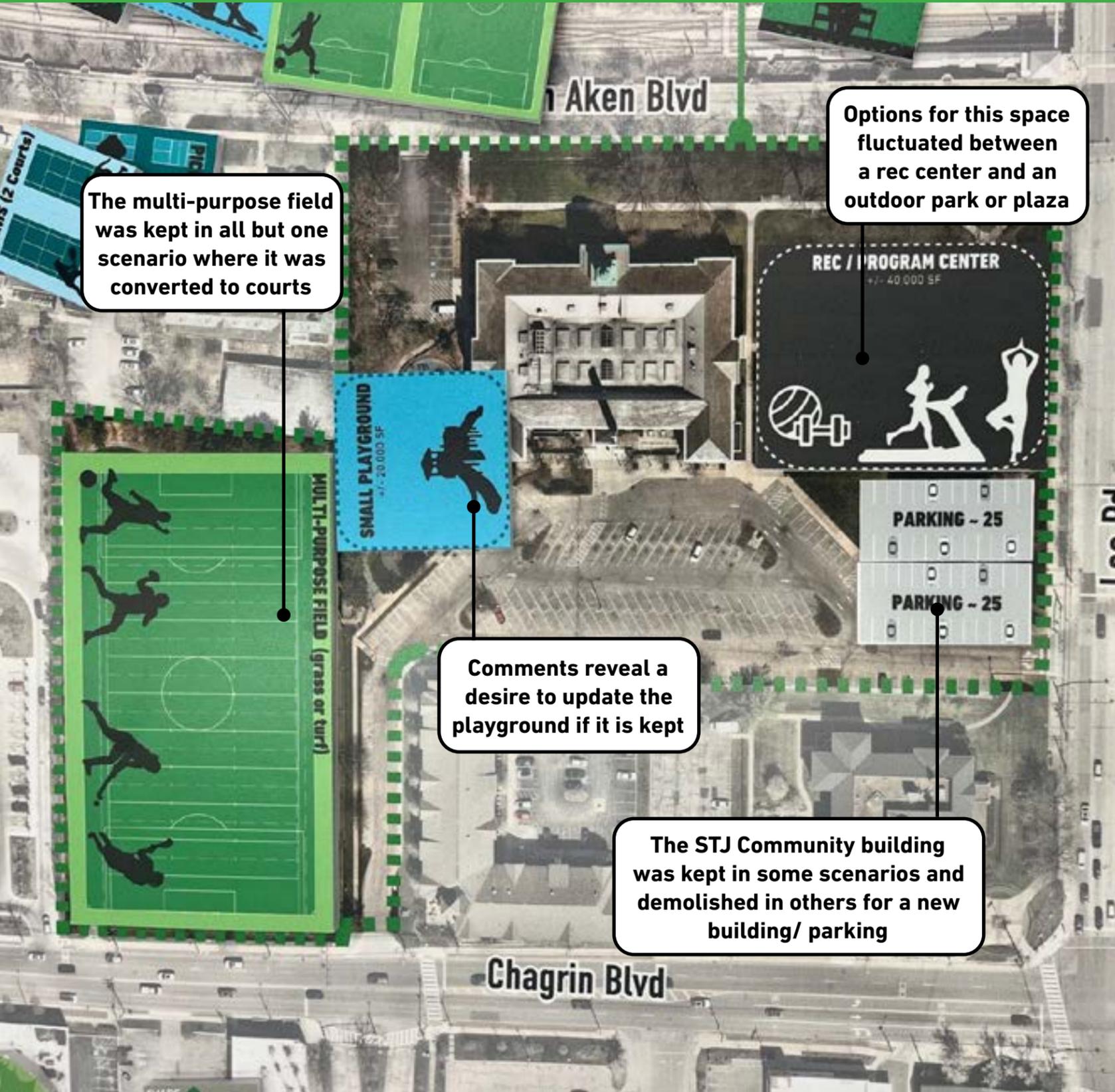
Proposed Amenities

- Parking
- Full Size Basketball Court
- Inclusive Playground
- Splash Pad
- Outdoor Park or Plaza
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court
- Rec/Program Center
- Field House
- Walking Trail
- Performance Stage
- Dog Park



Engagement Results

STJ Community Building Quadrant



Existing Amenities

- Library
- STJ Community Building
- Colonnade
- Playground
- Multi-Purpose Grass Field
- Walking Trail

Proposed Amenities

- Rec/Program Center
- Field House
- Multi-Purpose Turf Field
- Outdoor Park or Plaza
- Inclusive Playground
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Pickleball Court
- Parking
- Soccer Field



Engagement Results

Thornton Park



Existing Amenities

- Sledding Hill
- Gaga Pit
- Skate Park
- Ice Rink
- Outdoor Pool
- Tennis Court
- Playground
- Sand Volleyball
- Basketball Court

Proposed Amenities

- Outdoor Pool
- Walking Trail
- Additional Basketball Court
- Expanded Ice Rink
- Splash Pad
- Pickleball Court
- Outdoor Park or Plaza
- Additional Tennis Court
- Rec/Program Center
- Field House
- Parking



Existing	Keep	Update	Innovate	New Mention
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Engagement Results

Shaker Heights Middle School

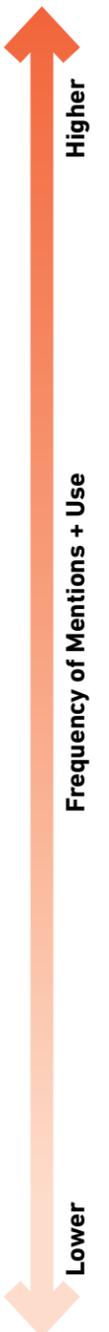


Existing Amenities

- SH Middle School
- Indoor Pool
- Baseball Field
- Track
- Multi-Purpose Grass Field
- Trail

Proposed Amenities

- Outdoor/ Indoor Pool
- Parking
- Rec/Program Center
- Multi-Purpose Turf Field
- Inclusive Playground
- Field House
- Pickleball Court
- Tennis Court
- Outdoor Park or Plaza
- Full Size Track
- Skate Park
- Dog Park
- Additional Baseball Fields



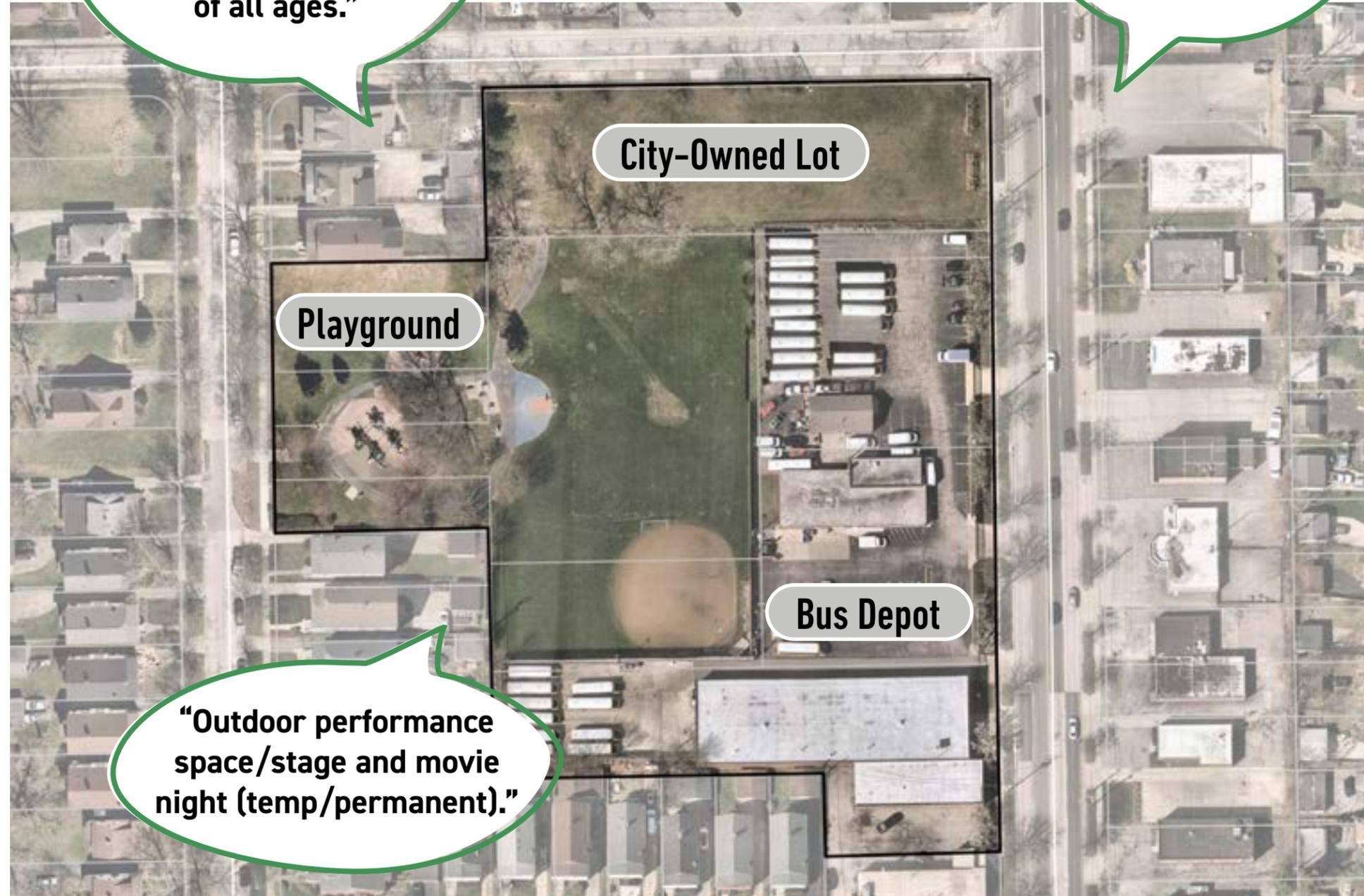
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Where We Want to Go

Strategic Planning + Design Concept Review

Chelton Park

Address	3645 Chelton Rd
Size	5.1 acres
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus Depot• Baseball Field• Youth Basketball Hoop• Playground• Multi-Purpose Grass Field



KEY TAKEAWAY:

Potential bus depot relocation creates numerous opportunities for the site

Chelton Park - Option 1



Hampstead Ave

Multi-Purpose Lawn Sports/Event Space

New Destination Playground

Performance Space

Pavilion and Grill Area

Mixed-Use Residential Buildings

Neighborhood Plaza & Gateway

Splash Pad

Community Mural

Nicholas Rd

Lee Rd

Chelton Park - Option 2



Hampstead Ave

Basketball Court

New Destination Playground

Performance Space

Multi-Purpose Lawn Sports/Event Space

Splash Pad

Neighborhood Plaza & Gateway

Mixed-Use Residential Buildings

Community Mural

Chelton Rd

Nicholas Rd

Lee Rd

Poll Question #1 - Which Chelton Option Do You Prefer?

OPTION 1



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

OPTION 2



- Playground
- Multipurpose Lawn
- Splash Pad
- Basketball Court

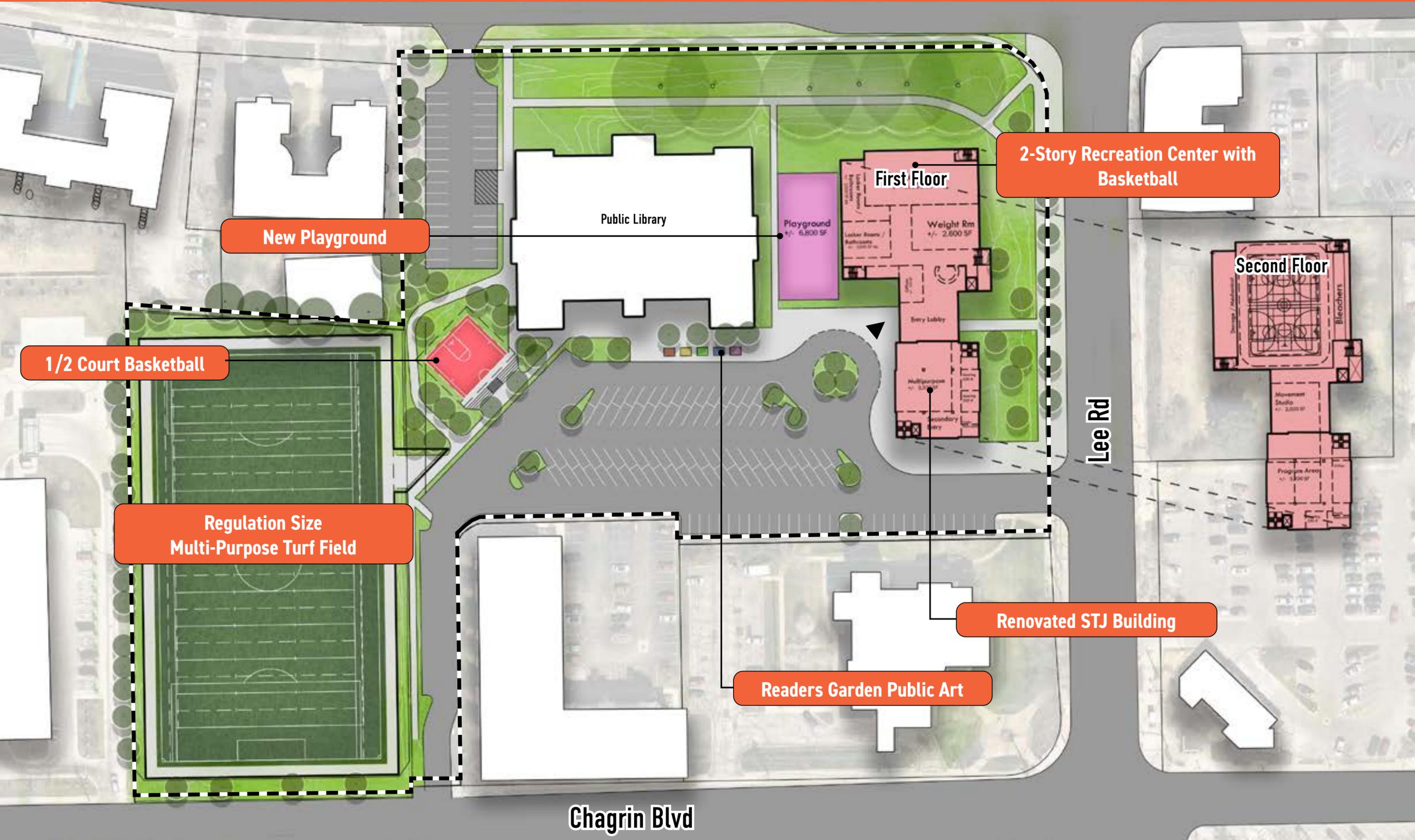
STJ Community Building

Address	3450 Lee Rd.
Size	8.1 acres
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STJ Community Building • Library • Colonnade • Playground • Multi-Purpose Grass Field



KEY TAKEAWAY

The STJ Quadrant has existing open space that could be repurposed for recreation



New Playground

1/2 Court Basketball

Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Field

Public Library

Playground +/- 6,800 SF

First Floor

2-Story Recreation Center with Basketball

Weight Rm +/- 2,600 SF

Locker Room / Bathrooms +/- 1,000 SF

Entry Lobby

Multi-purpose +/- 1,500 SF

Secondary Entry

Second Floor

Bleachers

Movement Studio +/- 2,000 SF

Program Area +/- 1,000 SF

Lee Rd

Renovated STJ Building

Readers Garden Public Art

Chagrin Blvd



Story Walk

New Playground

Regulation Size
Multi-Purpose Turf Field

Readers Garden Public Art

2-Story Recreation Center with
Basketball

Public Library

Playground
+/- 6,800 SF

First Floor
Fitness Facility +/- 5,100 SF
Multipurpose +/- 4,700 SF
Locker Rooms / Bathrooms +/- 1,800 SF
Program Area +/- 1,200 SF
Entry Lobby

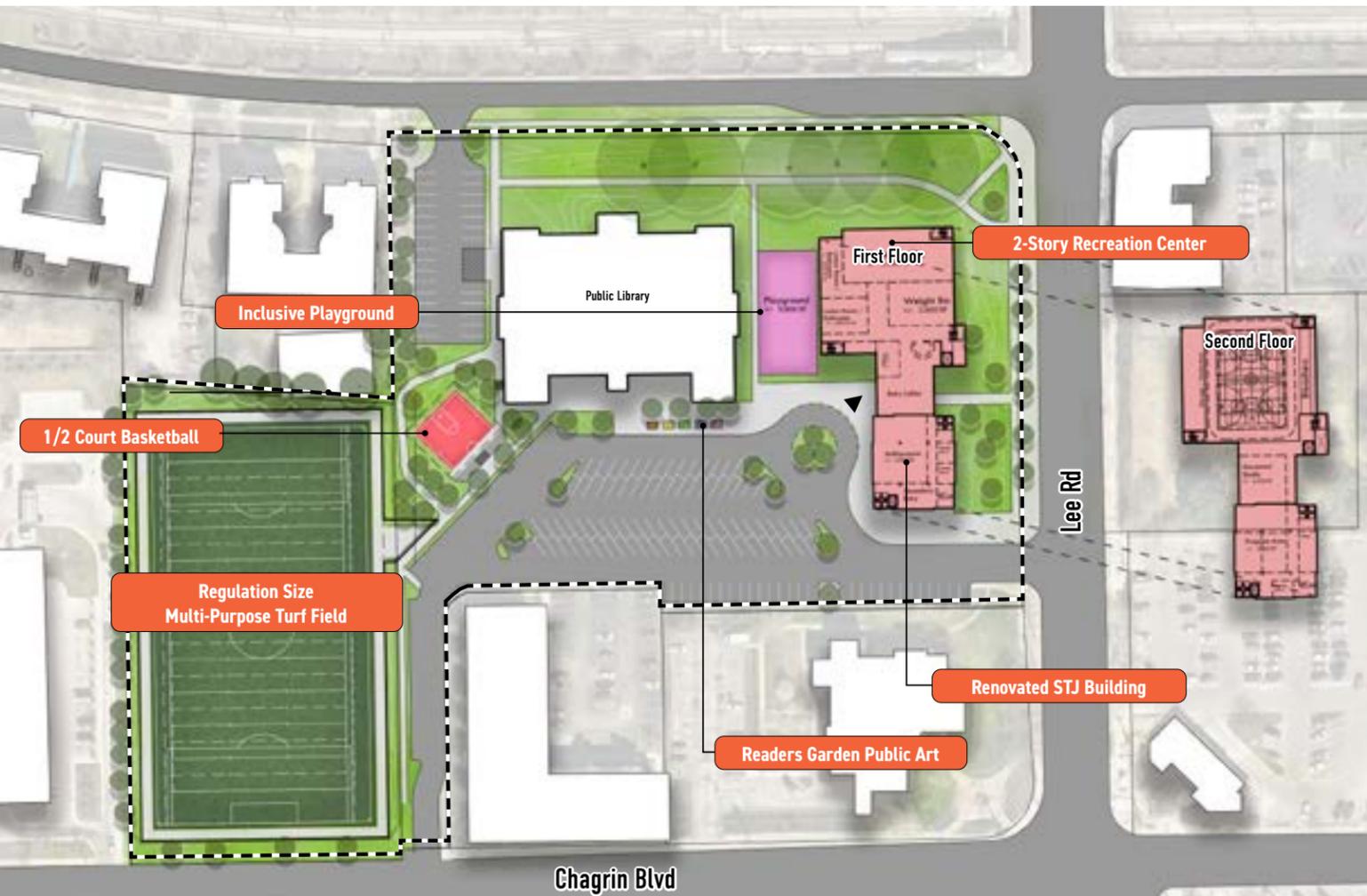
Second Floor
Weight Rm +/- 2,500 SF
Movement Studio +/- 2,500 SF
Bleachers

Lee Rd

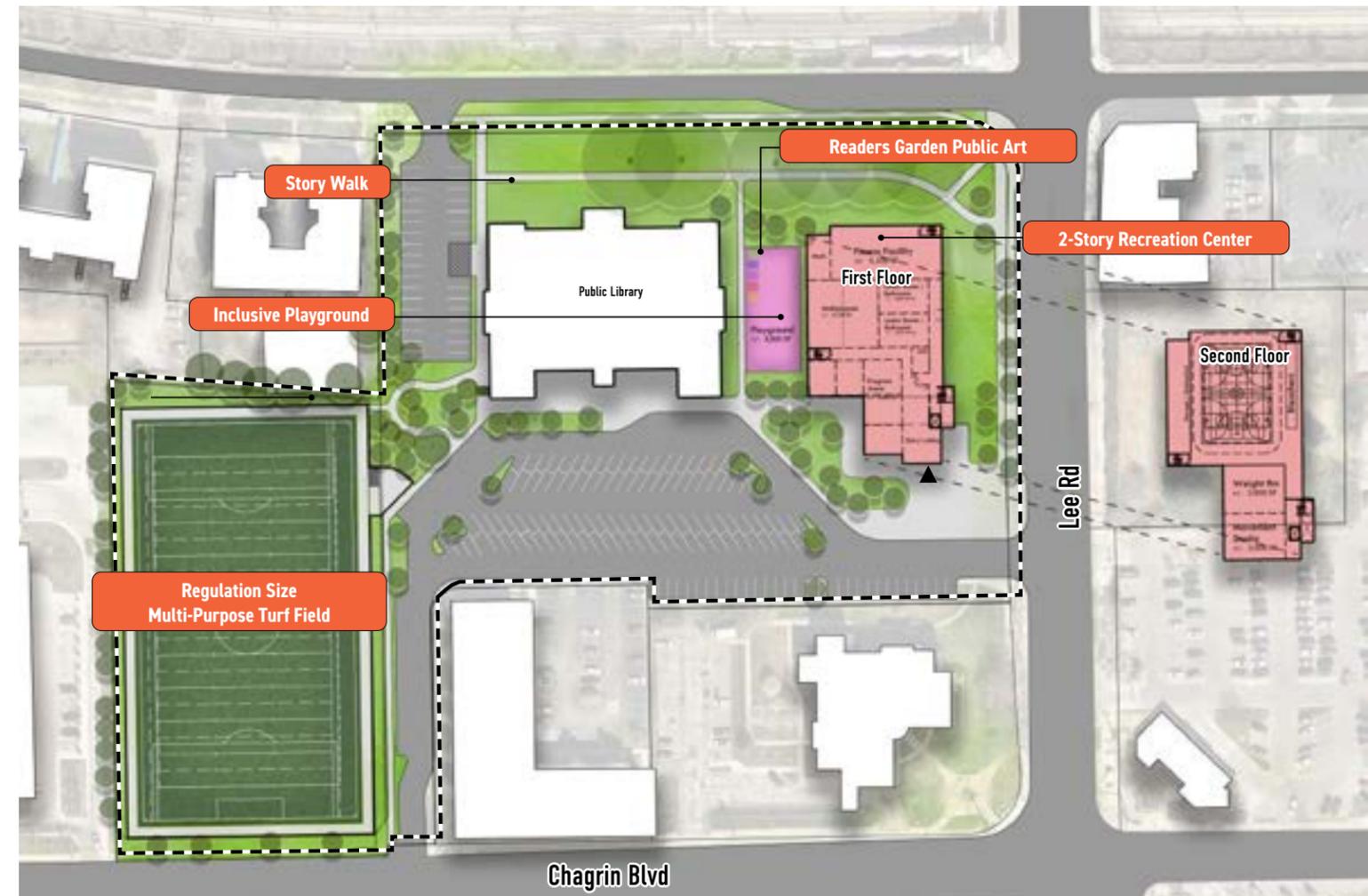
Chagrin Blvd

Poll Question #2 - Which STJ Option Do You Prefer?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



NEW RECREATION CENTER + RENOVATED STJ

Sample Uses:

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

NEW RECREATION CENTER (Demo STJ)

Sample Uses:

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

Thornton Park

Address	3301 Warrensville Center Rd.
Size	13 acres
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ice Skating Rink• Outdoor Swimming Pool• Tennis Courts• Basketball Court• Skate Park• Sand Volleyball Court• Playground• Sledding Hill• Gaga Pit



KEY TAKEAWAY

The Ice Rink may require significant capital investment in next 5 years

Thornton Park - Option 1



Reuse Existing Ice Rink Building for Indoor Turf Fields or Indoor Courts

New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility

Pool Mechanical Equipment

Upgraded Outdoor Pool Facility

New Playground

New Basketball Court

New Skate Park

Warrensville Center Rd

Sledding Hill

Sand Volleyball Court

Thornton Park - Option 2



Tennis + Pickleball

Future Development Site

Skate Park

Basketball Court

Sand Volleyball Court

New 1.5 Sheet Ice Rink Facility

New Destination/Adventure Playground

Sledding Hill

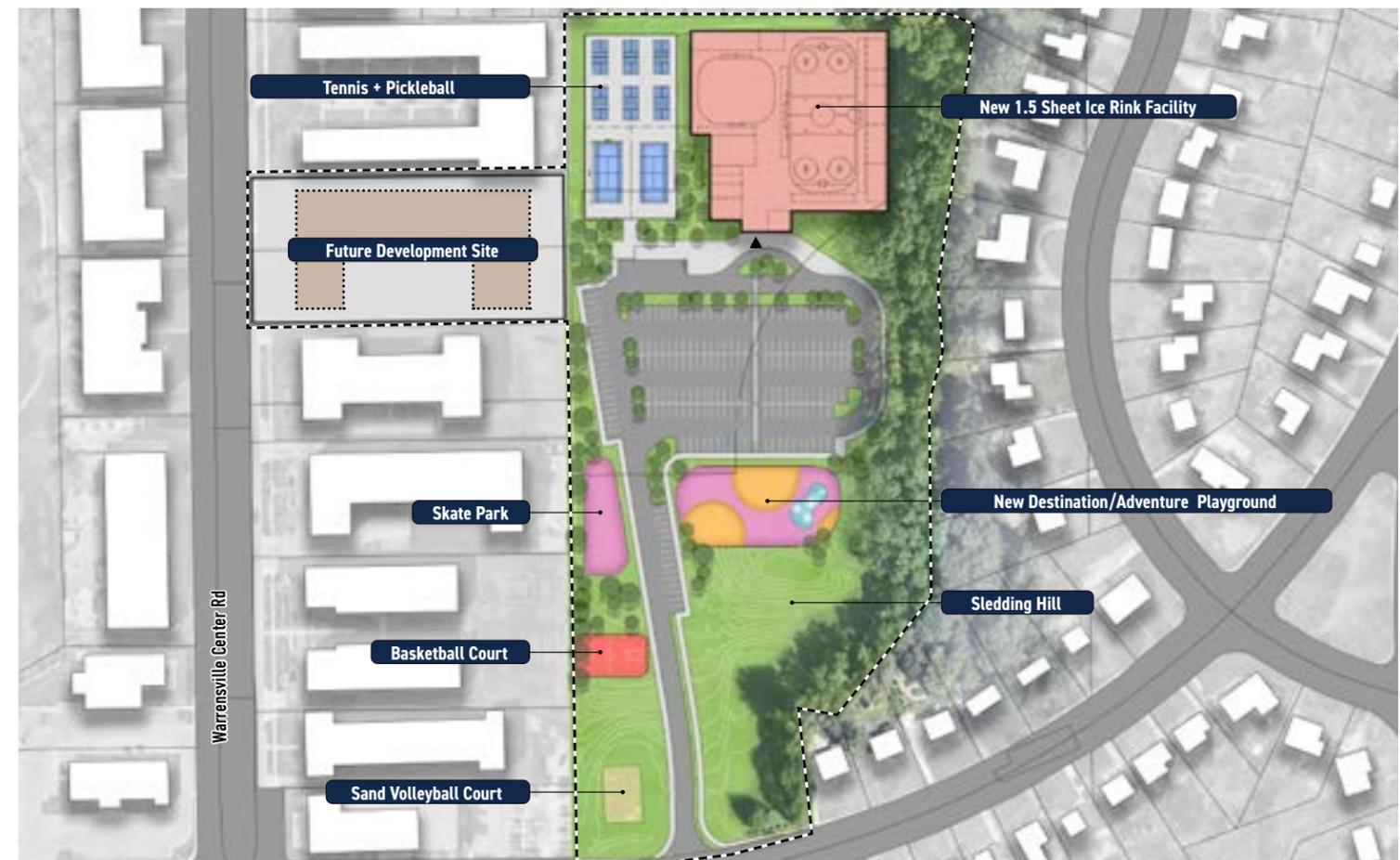
Warrensville Center Rd

Poll Question #3 - Which Thornton Option Do You Prefer?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



KEEP ICE RINK AND POOL AT THIS LOCATION

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

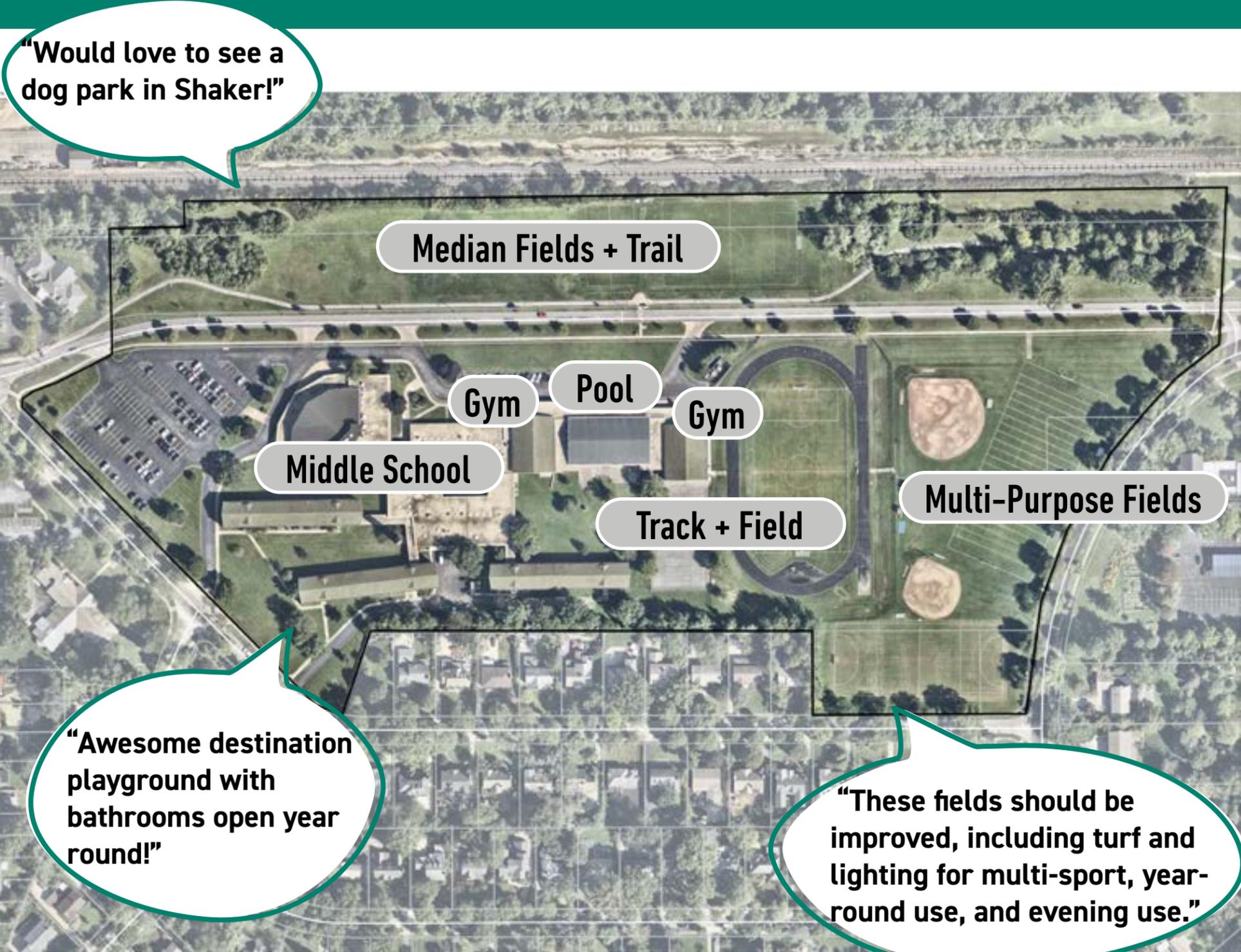
KEEP ICE RINK AT THORNTON BUT MOVE POOL

Sample Uses:

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

SH Middle School

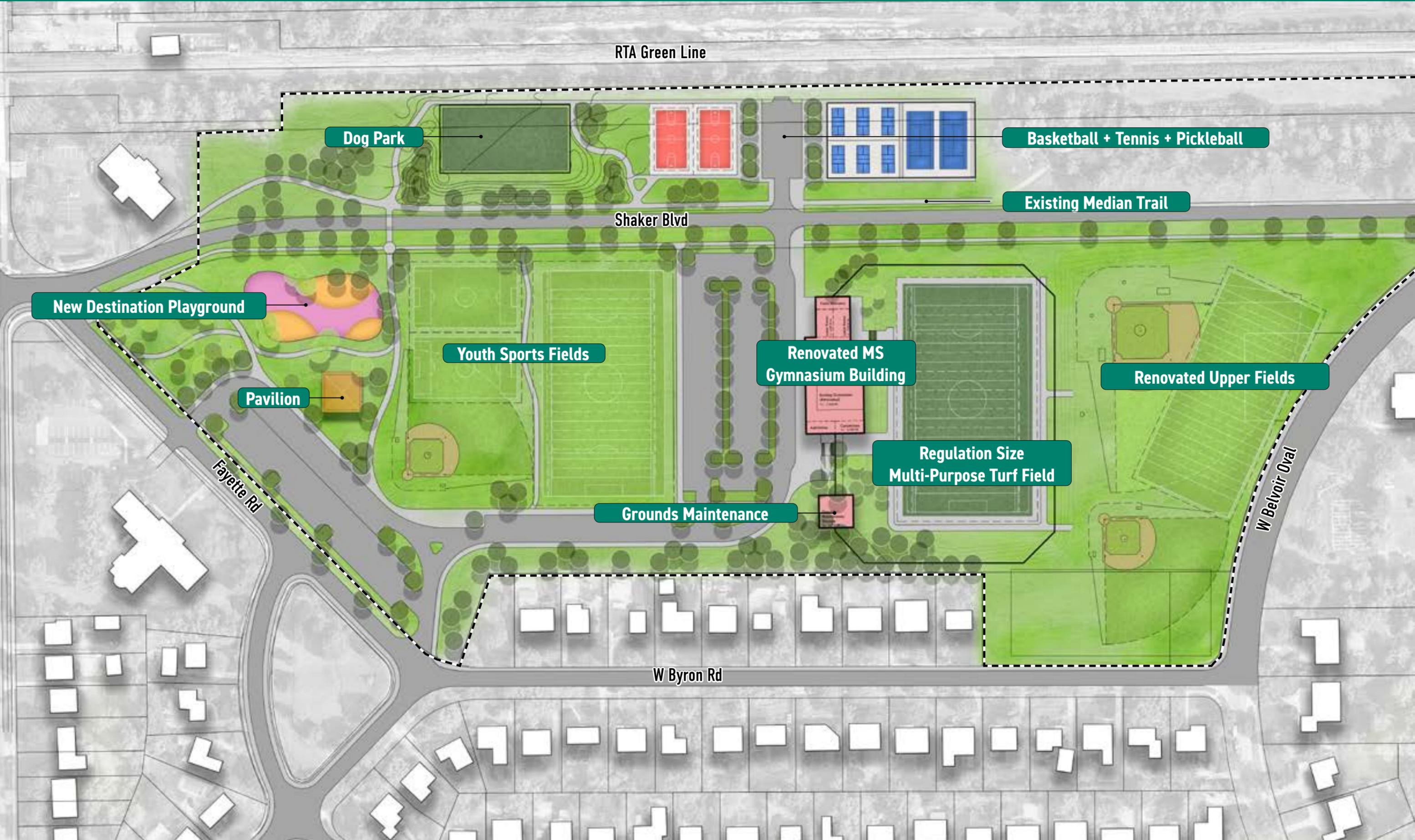
Address	20600 Shaker Blvd.
Size	33.6 acres
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH Middle School • Indoor Swimming Pool • Baseball Fields • Track • Multi-Purpose Grass Fields • Trail



KEY TAKEAWAY

Middle School Site may not be available for 10 or more years

Middle School - Option 1



RTA Green Line

Dog Park

Basketball + Tennis + Pickleball

Existing Median Trail

Shaker Blvd

New Destination Playground

Youth Sports Fields

Renovated MS
Gymnasium Building

Renovated Upper Fields

Pavilion

Regulation Size
Multi-Purpose Turf Field

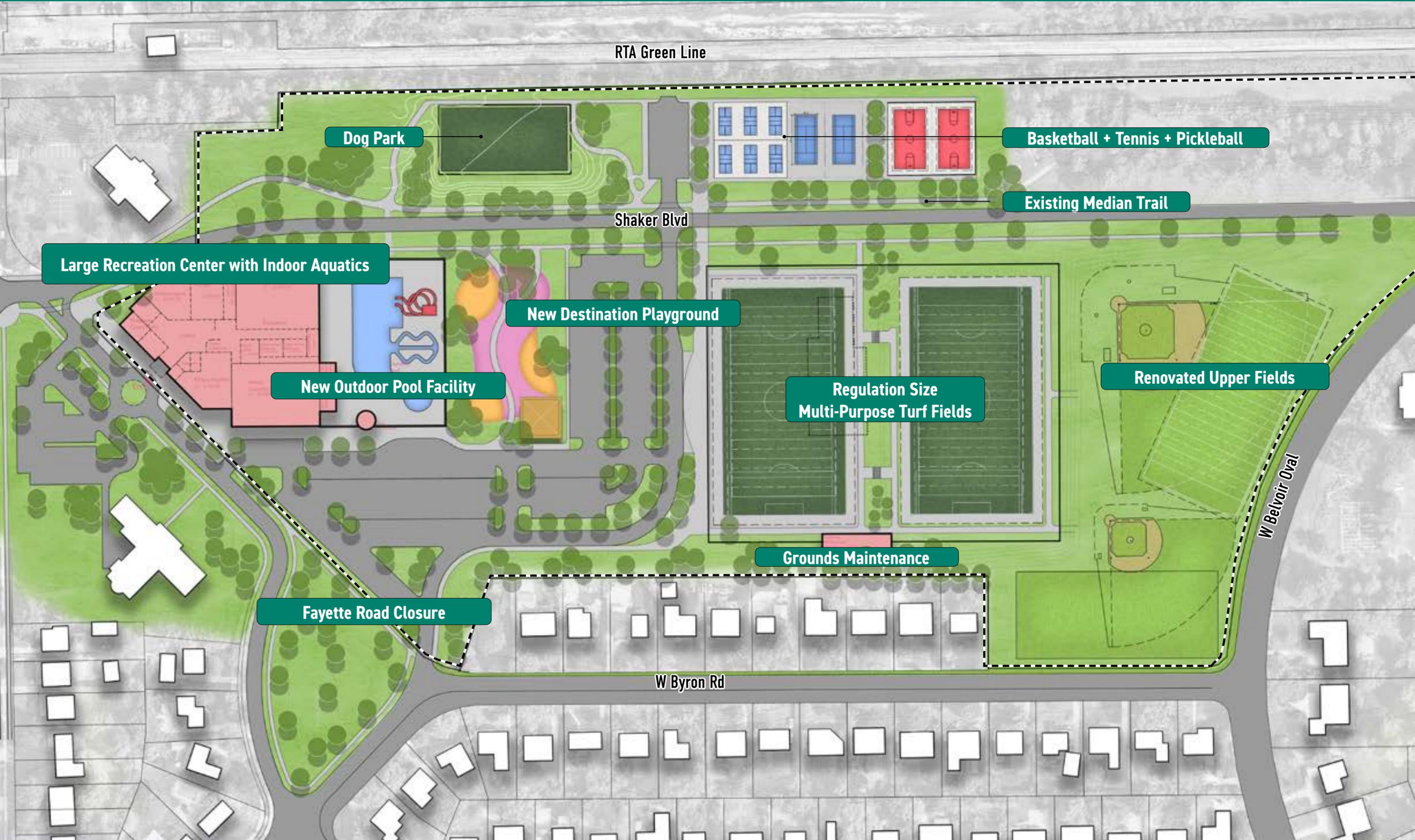
Grounds Maintenance

Fayette Rd

W Belvoir Oval

W Byron Rd

Middle School - Option 2



RTA Green Line

Dog Park

Basketball + Tennis + Pickleball

Existing Median Trail

Shaker Blvd

Large Recreation Center with Indoor Aquatics

New Destination Playground

New Outdoor Pool Facility

Regulation Size Multi-Purpose Turf Fields

Renovated Upper Fields

Grounds Maintenance

Fayette Road Closure

W Byron Rd

W Belvoir Oval

Poll Question #4 - Which Middle School Site Option Do You Prefer?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OUTDOOR RECREATION 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

LARGE 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

Hildana Park

“Have more benches and tables for gathering or sit alone to read”

Address	Chagrin Boulevard and Hildana Road
Size	1.08 acres
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chess and Backgammon Game Tables• Public Art• Benches



KEY TAKEAWAY:

Working to develop a new public art piece reflects the Moreland neighborhood.

Hildana Park - Proposed Recommendations



Join Us for Wednesday's In-Person Activity

Project Prioritization

1

**REVIEW THE DESIGN
CONCEPT OPTIONS
FOR EACH SITE**

2

**VOTE ON YOUR
PREFERRED OPTION
+ LEAVE ANY
COMMENTS OR
FEEDBACK**

3

**PARTICIPATE IN THE
PRIORITIZATION
ACTIVITY SHOWING
HOW YOU WOULD
SPEND FUNDS
ON RECREATION
IMPROVEMENTS IN
SHAKER HEIGHTS**

What's Next?

Share Concepts at Public Meeting

In-Person @ STJ Community Building

Wednesday December 4th, 6:30pm

Citywide questionnaire to prioritize needs based on resources

Refine + Finalize Recommendations

Develop Estimated Costs + Phasing

Deliver Final Recreation Strategic Plan

A photograph of children playing flag football on a grassy field. In the foreground, two boys are running; one is wearing a blue and red patterned shirt and grey shorts, while the other is in a light blue shirt and black shorts with a red flag. In the background, other children and an adult are visible, along with white bleachers. The image has a dark overlay.

Thank You!

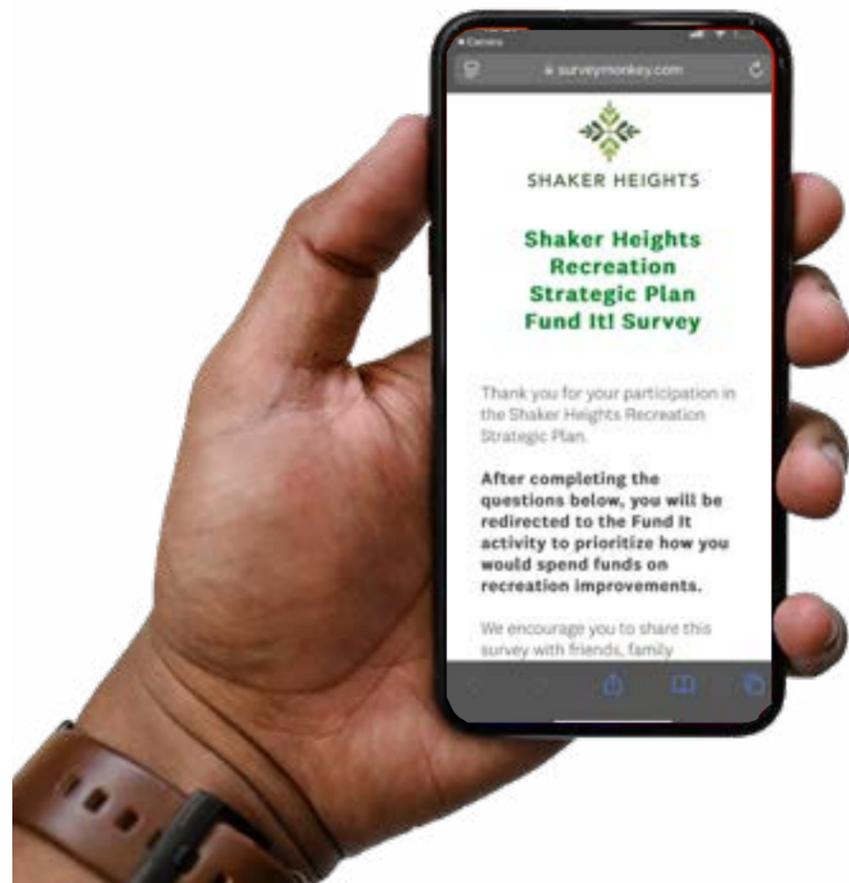
Question + Answer Session

**For more information visit the project website:
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**or contact Kara O'Donnell via email at:
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Scan the QR code below to participate in the Prioritization Activity:



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