

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT #2

MLK MEMORIAL PARK AND JOSEPH WALKER WILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

June 18, 2024

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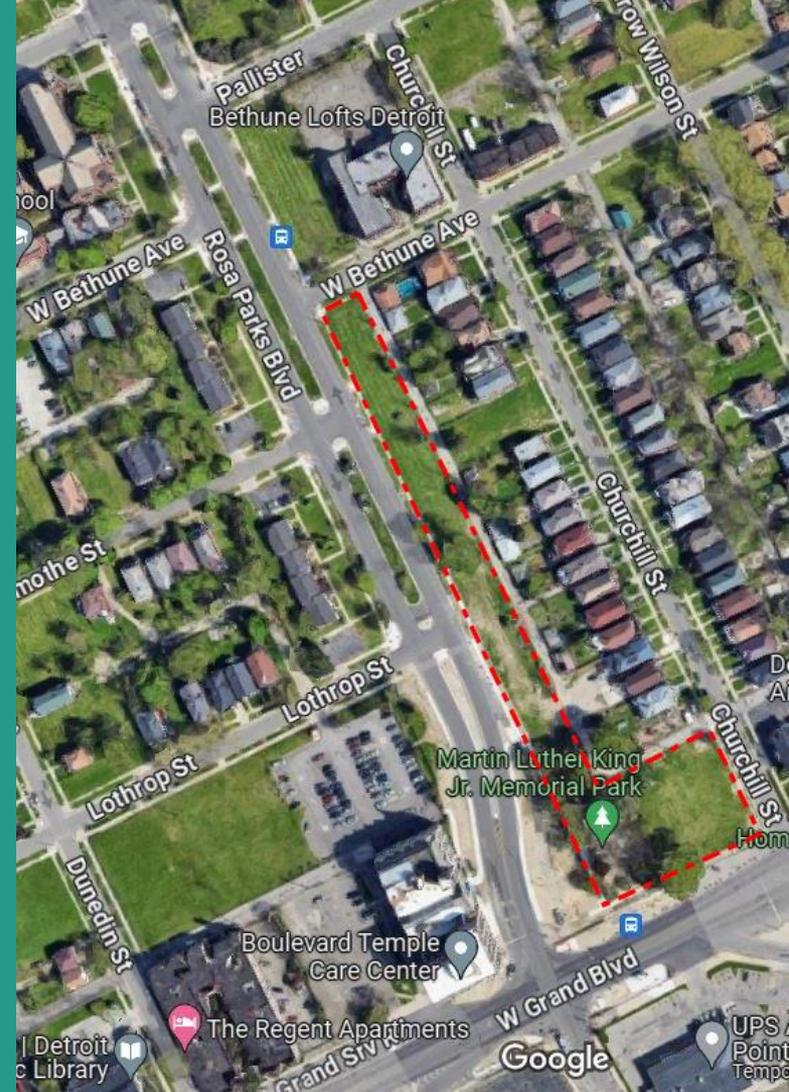


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MLK MEMORIAL PARK

- 2589 West Grand Blvd.
- 1.83 acres
- Additional parkland recently acquired by the city for development



MLK MEMORIAL PARK TIMELINE





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING ON MARCH 21, 2024

WHAT WE HEARD AT THAT MEETING (Main Takeaways):

- Some play elements (with sensory play)
- More seating
- Multigenerational space
- MLK information and stories on signs
- Fountain repair
- Lightning
- BBQ's
- Restrooms **
- Parking
- Power outlets
- Topography
- Trimming and replanting of trees
- Accessibility
- Shelter with picnic tables

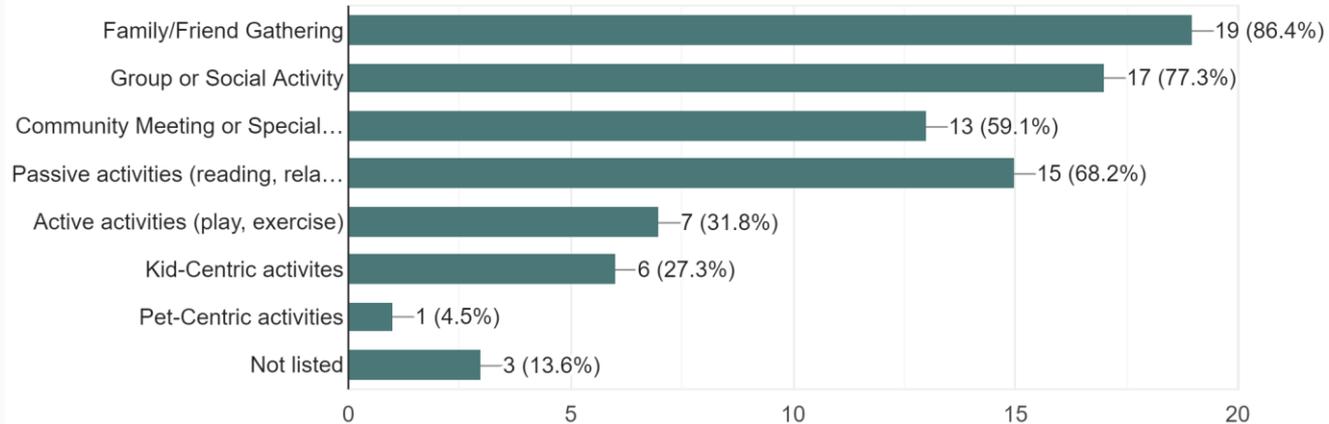
ONLINE SURVEY – MLK MEMORIAL PARK

- Open for more than a month end of March through April, 2024
- 28 responses
- 65% of respondents live less than a mile from MLK Memorial Park
- 53.8% of people who completed the survey said they do not visit the park more often because of the condition of the park amenities (could fill out all that applied)
- 57.7% of people also said they do not visit the park more often because of cleanliness
- Respondents were both familiar with MLK Park and with Dr. King's Detroit legacy and wanted to see it incorporated into the park design to educate others

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE THOSE CURRENTLY USING THE PARK FOR?

If so, what activities did you do in MLK Memorial Park- either alone or with others? (Select all that apply)

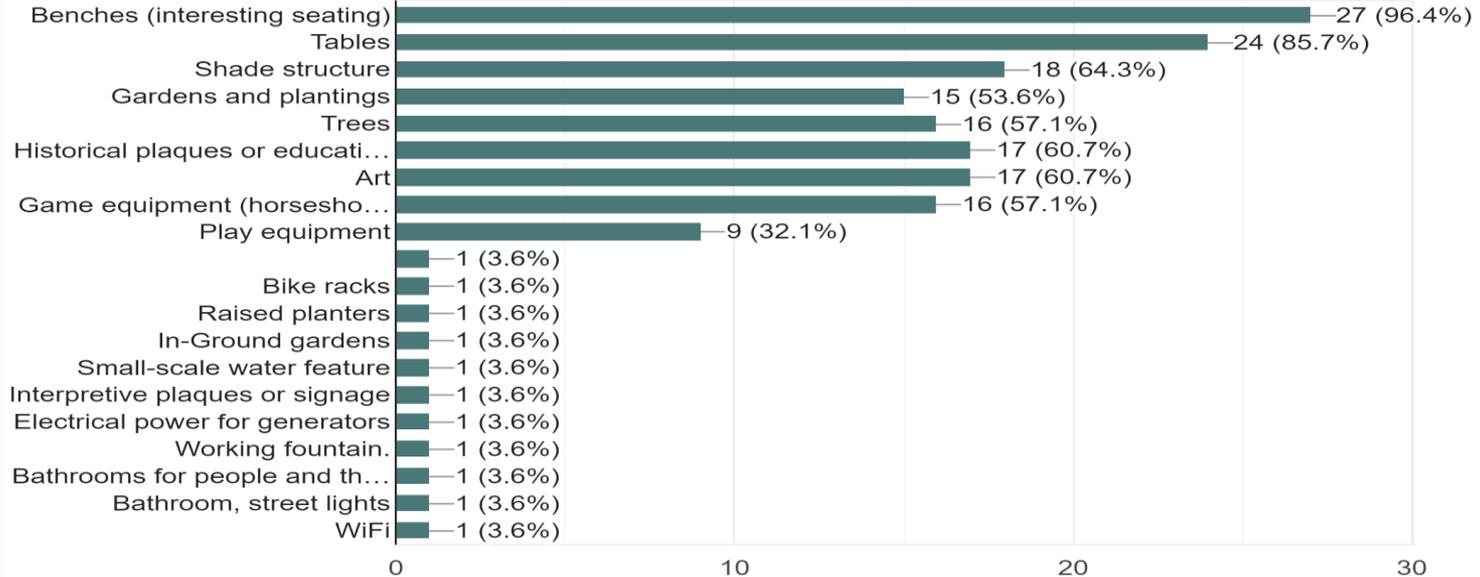
22 responses



WHICH AMENITIES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU AT THE PARK?

Which amenities are most important to you at the Park?

28 responses



COMMUNITY COMMENTS

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS MLK MEMORIAL PARK

- ❖ The park is a staple in the neighborhood
- ❖ There should be more activities in the park, like an opportunity for Black own businesses to sell, tech (education) days for adults and children
- ❖ Park lighting and a mogo station
- ❖ Historic signage going from MLK Park to 1967 Rebellion historic marker
- ❖ Park should be extended and use vacant lots to plant trees and perennials and create a pathway
- ❖ Add more parking to the park renovations

QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT

Some questions we want you to think about and will ask as we move through park concepts and images

PARK QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

MLK Memorial Park Questions:

- What are your thoughts on the space(s)?
- What do you like best?
- What do you like least?
- What is missing?

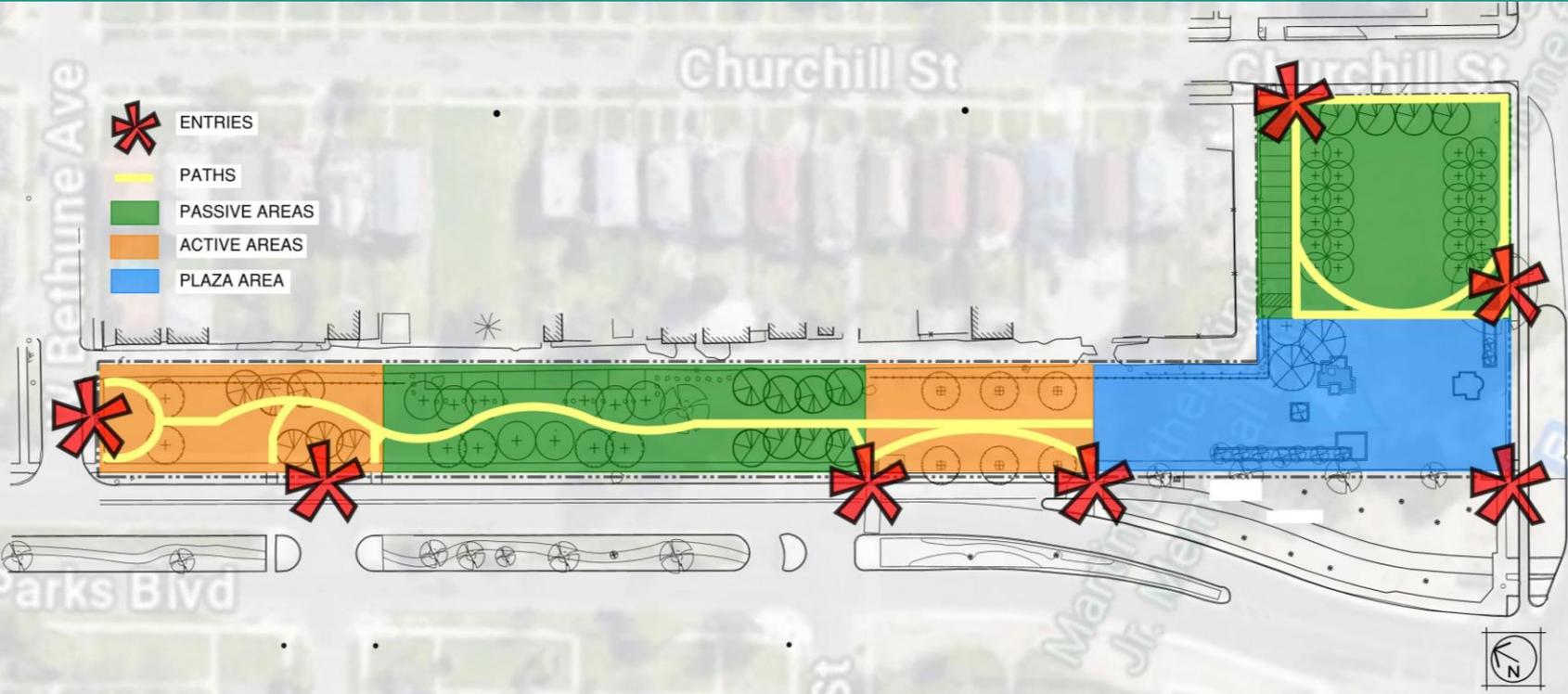
Williams Park Questions:

- Do the amenities serve you?
- What is missing?
- Does the concept layout work for you?

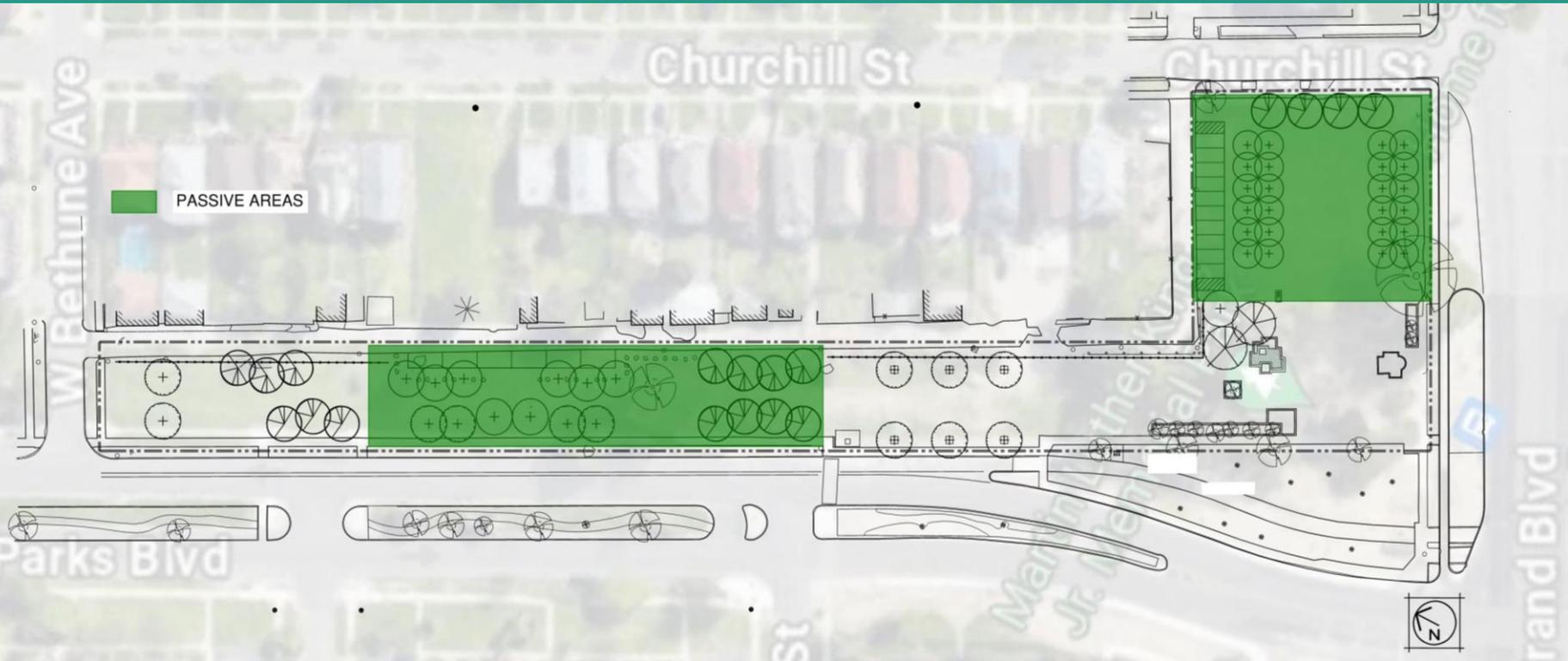


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MEMORIAL PARK CONCEPT**

MLK MASTER PLAN CONCEPT

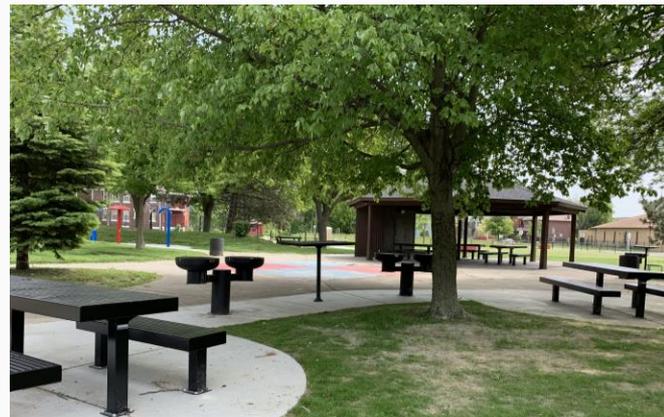


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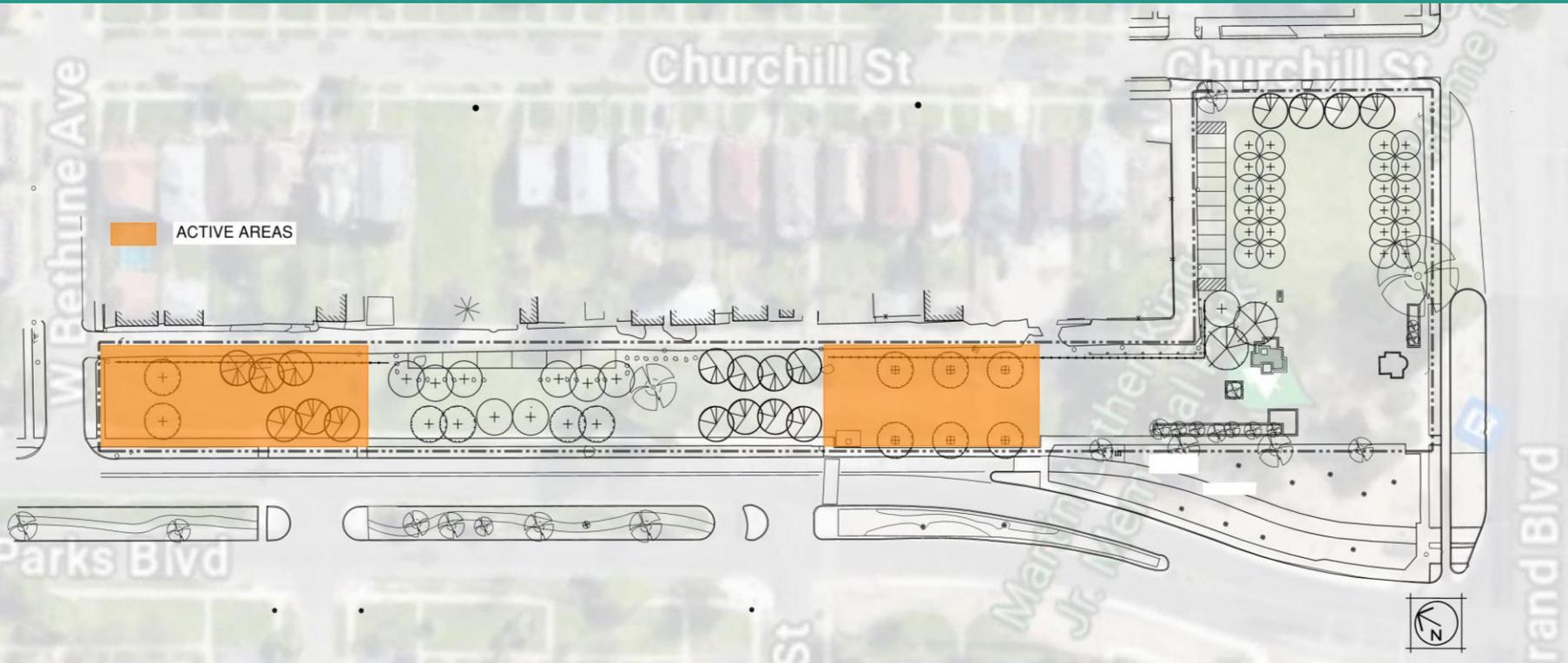
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PASSIVE AMENITIES



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ACTIVE AREAS



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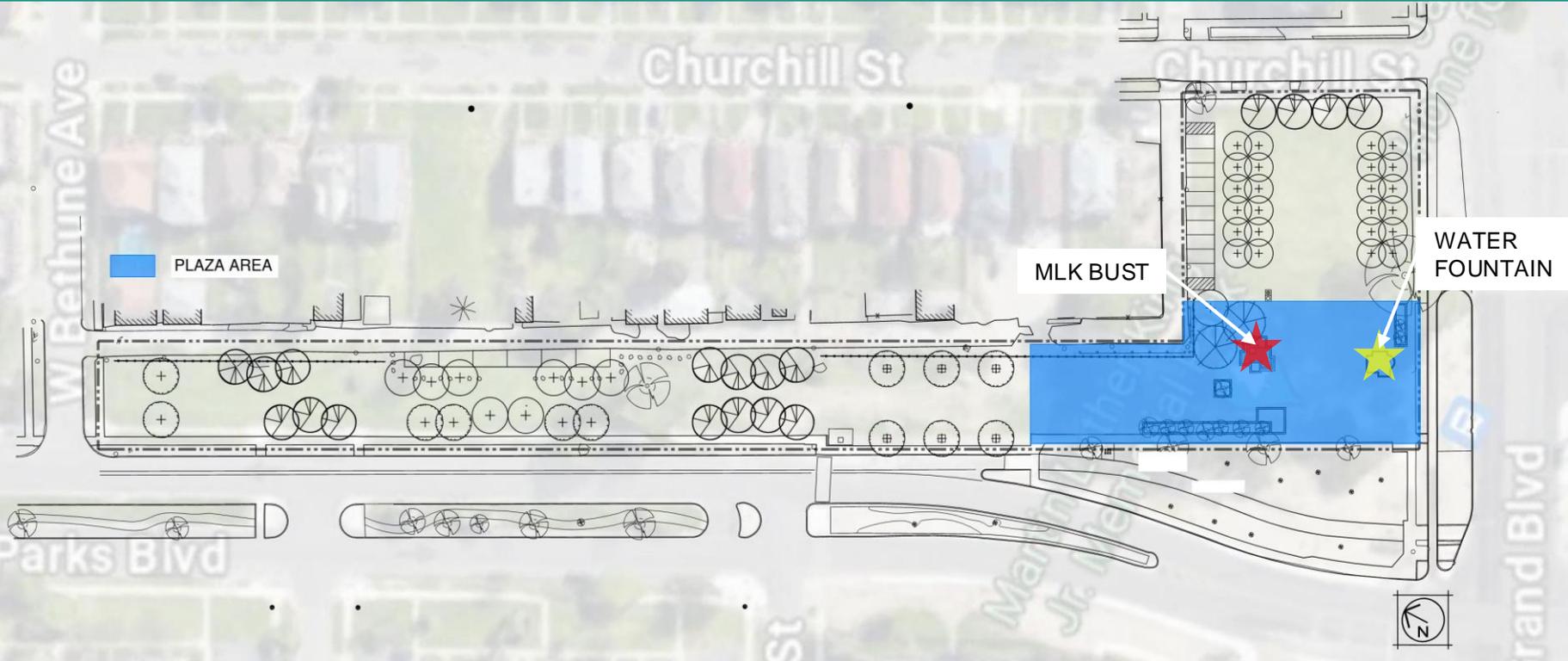
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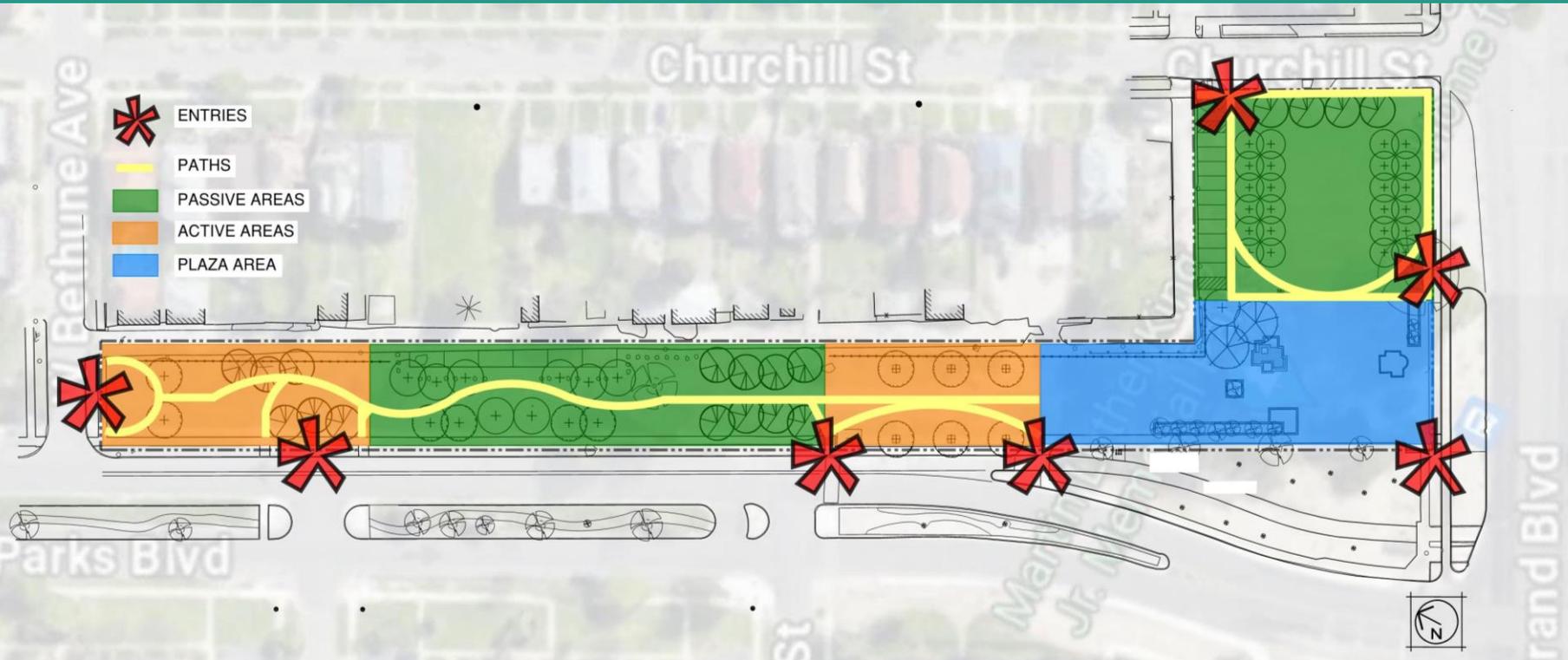


PLAZAS ARE TYPICALLY OPEN PUBLIC SPACES FOR PEOPLE TO GATHER, RELAX, AND SOCIALIZE; IMPROVEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE RESTORING THE **MLK BUST** AND **WATER FOUNTAIN**.

PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS



MLK MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



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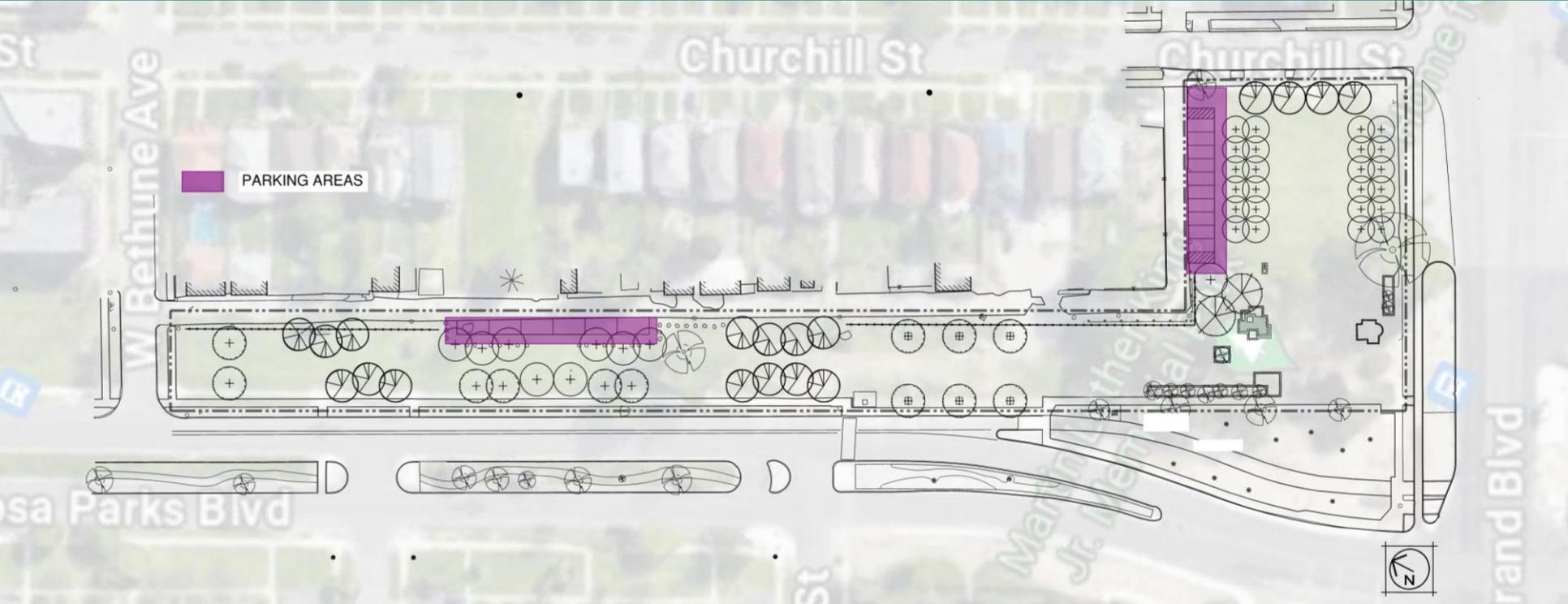
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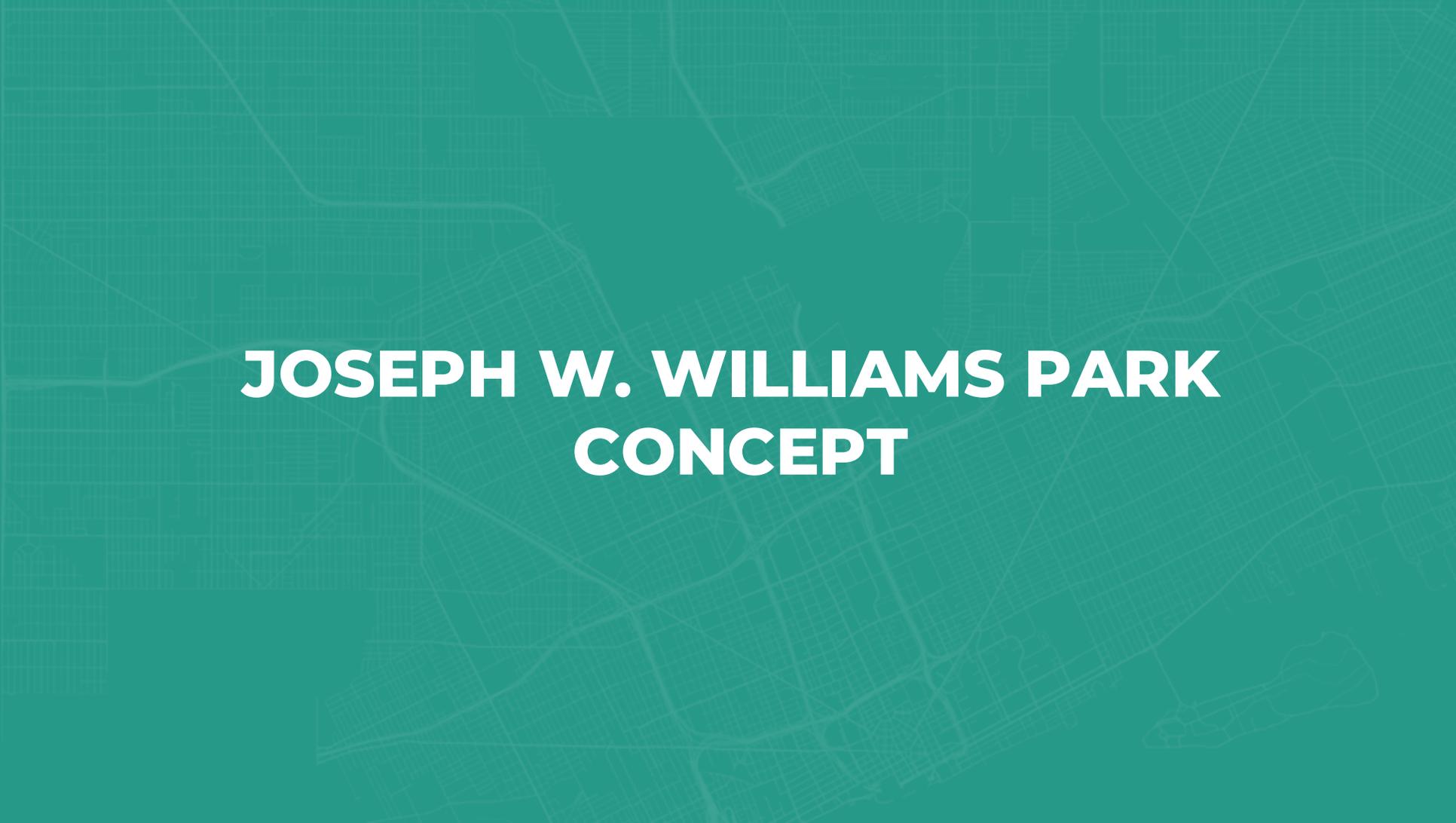
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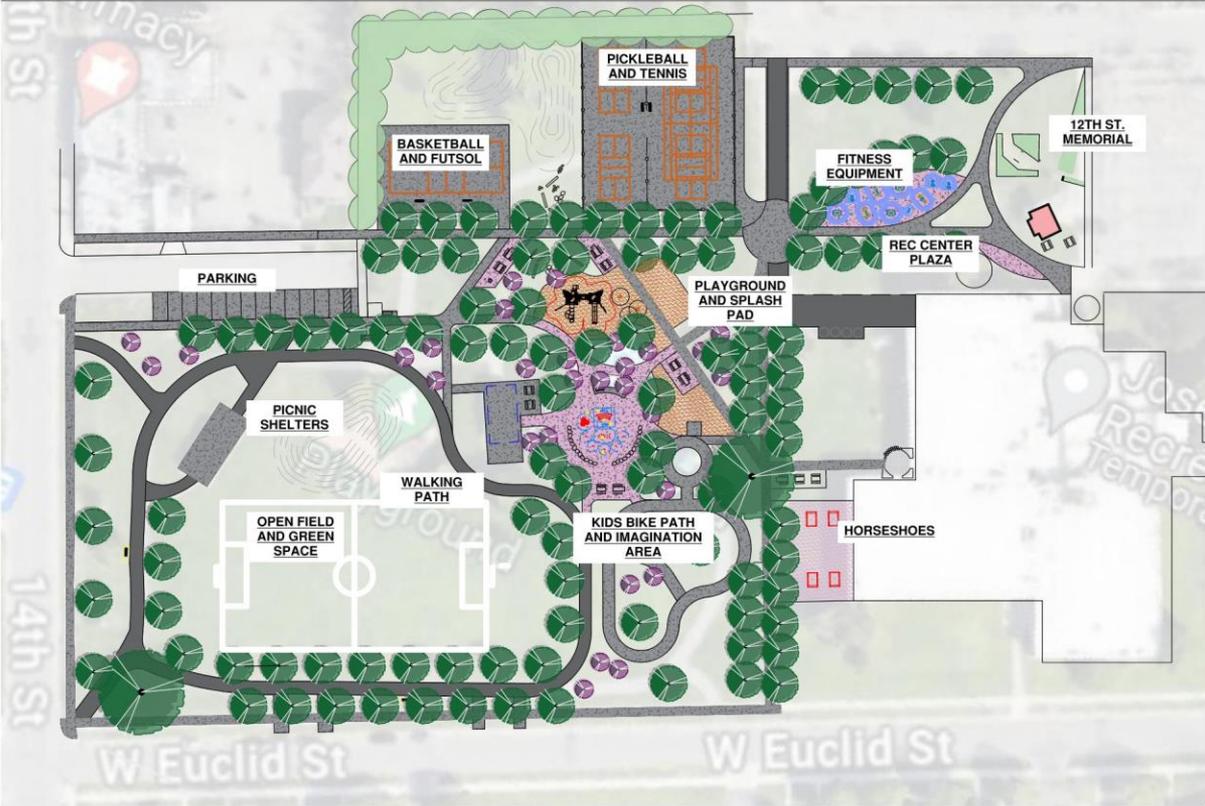
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JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS PARK CONCEPT

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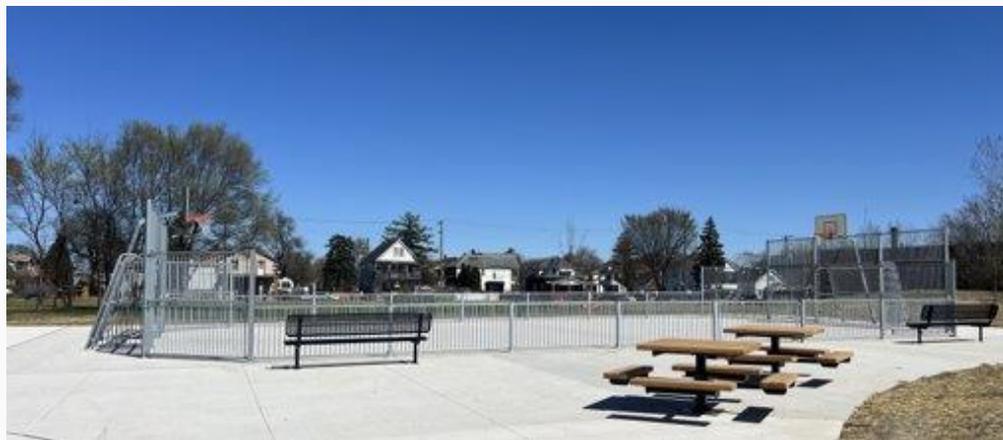
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