



# KEEWAYDIN PARK PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Open House Online Via Zoom | 9.23.21

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## Welcome

We will get started in a few minutes. Feel free to introduce yourself and your connection to the park in the chat.

# Meet The Team

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## HKGI (On the Call)



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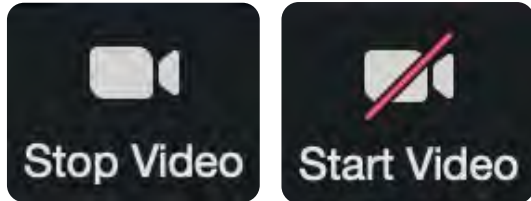


**Tim Solomonson**  
Landscape Architect

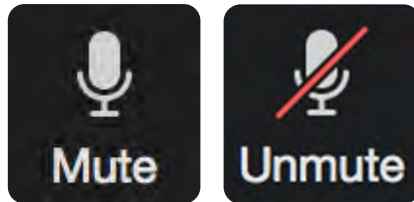


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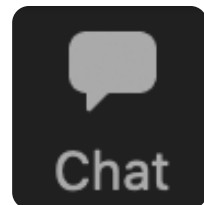
# Orientation to Zoom



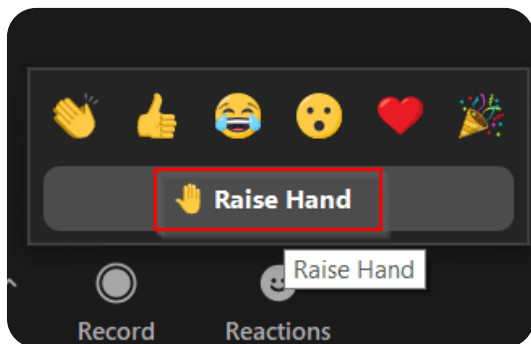
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You have been muted. Please remain muted unless speaking.



During the presentation, type questions into the chatbox. We'll read and answer these out loud.



During open discussion, use raise hand button and unmute to talk when called upon.

# Online Forum Guidelines

1. Both project staff and the public will be given **opportunities to speak**.
2. Please **don't be anonymous** – use your real name.
3. Please **stay on mute** until you are called upon.
4. Chatbox questions will be read and answered out loud. Please **refrain from back-and-forth text** discussions in the chatbox.
5. Moderators will remove from the meeting anyone “zoom-bombing” or using offensive language or images.
6. We are **not recording this meeting**. Presentation and notes will be uploaded to project website afterwards.



# Ground Rules

1. Assume good intent
2. One conversation: respect the speaker, actively listen
3. Value different perspectives
4. Speak from your experience
5. Be respectful even if you don't agree
6. Step up, step back



# Open House Agenda

## 1. Welcome! (10 minutes)

- Introductions
- Orientation to Zoom
- Online Forum Guidelines
- Ground Rules
- Review of Agenda

## 2. Project Overview (20 minutes)

- South Service Area Master Plan
- Keewaydin Park Plan
- Project Scope and Funding
- Schedule

## 3. Engagement and Results (10 minutes)

## 4. Concepts (20 minutes)

- Existing Conditions
- Site Analysis
- 3 Ideas: Canyonlands, Castle on the Hill, Boulderventure
- Cost Estimates

## 5. Open Discussion (45 minutes)

## 6. Next Steps (10 minutes)



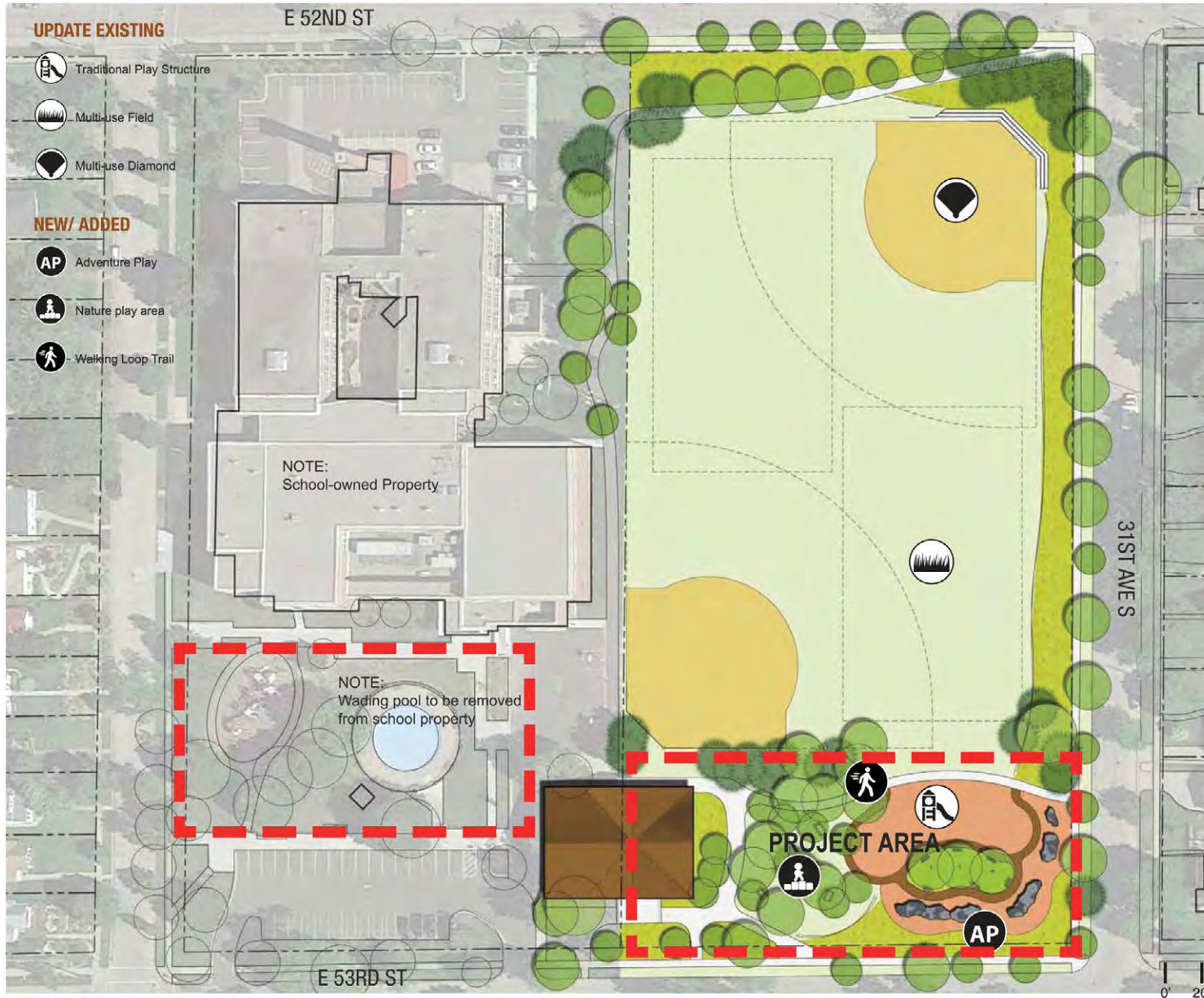
# Project Overview

# South Service Area Master Plan

- 160 neighborhood parks in 5 Service Areas (SAs)
- Engagement 2014-2020 lead to 5 adopted SA master plans. Will guide capital investment, operations, and maintenance for next 20-30 years
- South Service Area is south of downtown and east of I-35W
- Keewaydin is one of 32 neighborhood parks located in South SA
- **Master Plan for South SA created during 18-month process with over 100 engagement events, including**
  - 11 Appointed Community Advisory Committee meetings
  - Park and community events
  - Online and in-person surveys
  - Roundtables
  - Open houses
  - Focus groups
  - Public hearing and adoption by Board of Park Commissioners in 2016



# 2016 Keewaydin Park Plan



Proposed Plan: Keewaydin

- MPRB facilities to be moved off school property and onto the green space east of the recreation building
- Reduction of the multi-use diamonds from 4 to 2 to allow for greater flexibility in athletic use
- Slopes around field to be naturalized with pollinator-friendly plants
- New, refurbished pathways to create a walking loop around most of the park
- Grassy area east of the recreation building to become a play area with 3 types of play: traditional, nature, and adventure
  - To become the first climbing facility in the MPRB system
- No aquatic facility in this park – wading pool to be removed and returned to MPS use

# Cost Estimates

## 2021 Keewaydin Play Budget: \$1,318,000

Asset Type	Project	2017 Estimated Cost / Project	Implementation Sequence
Play	<b>Play Area:</b> small traditional structure and climbing wall in new containers, including demolition of existing wading pool	\$1,256,685	Stand-alone
Play	<b>Nature Play Area</b>	\$349,079	Stand-alone
Athletics	<b>Athletic Field Renovation:</b> Incl. demolition of 2 diamonds, renovations of 2 diamonds, renovation of 2 fields	\$1,162,228	Stand-alone
Landscape	<b>Naturalized areas</b>	\$23,409	Stand-alone or with other projects, as appropriate
Other	<b>Renovate walking paths</b>	\$106,843	Stand alone or with other projects, as appropriate
Other	<b>Misc. signs, trees, furniture</b>	\$57,827	With other projects, as appropriate
n/a	<b>Update agreement with MPS related to capital improvement</b>	-	Before major capital improvement
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,956,070</b>	

Allocated via MPRB's adopted Capital Improvement Program using NPP20 funds, plus a Hennepin Youth Sports Grant

# Schedule

- ❑ **Summer / Fall 2021:** Community Engagement and Input
- ❑ **Fall 2021:** Draft Designs for Review
- ❑ **Winter 2021/2022:** Final Design
- ❑ **Summer 2022:** Construction
- ❑ **Fall 2022:** Grand Opening Anticipated

# Community Engagement | Summer & Fall 2021

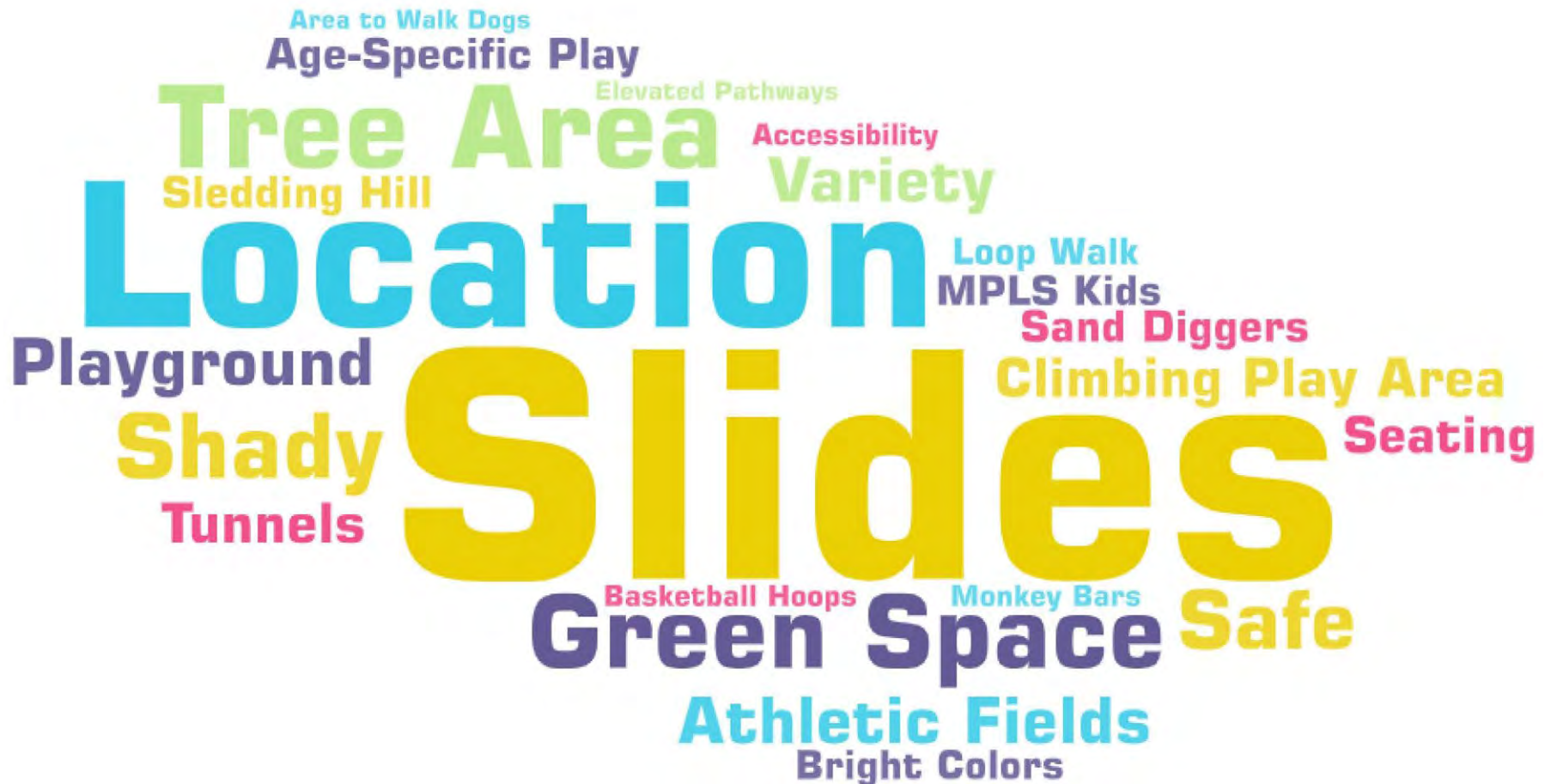
- ✓ Lake Nokomis Community School (LNCS) School Site Council/ Parent Leadership Team Mtg.
- ✓ LNCS PTA End of Year Bash
- ✓ NEBA Crazy Days
- ✓ NENA Annual Meeting
- ✓ NENA Free Food Distribution
- ✓ NENA Food Truck Event at Shoreview Triangle
- ✓ LNCS Open House
- ✓ Minnehaha Athletics Club Discussion
- ✓ Email Updates via GovDelivery
- ✓ Webpage Updates
- ✓ MPRB Nature Nuts Recreation Discussion
- ✓ Online Surveys
- ✓ Multiple Pop-up Events in Keewaydin, Bossen, and Lake Nakomis parks
- ✓ Rec Plus Student and Parent Outreach
- MPRB Project Open House
- LNCS Classroom Conversations (students)
- NENA Food Truck Rally

# Engagement & Results

132 Total Surveys Submitted

# Survey Results | Existing Play

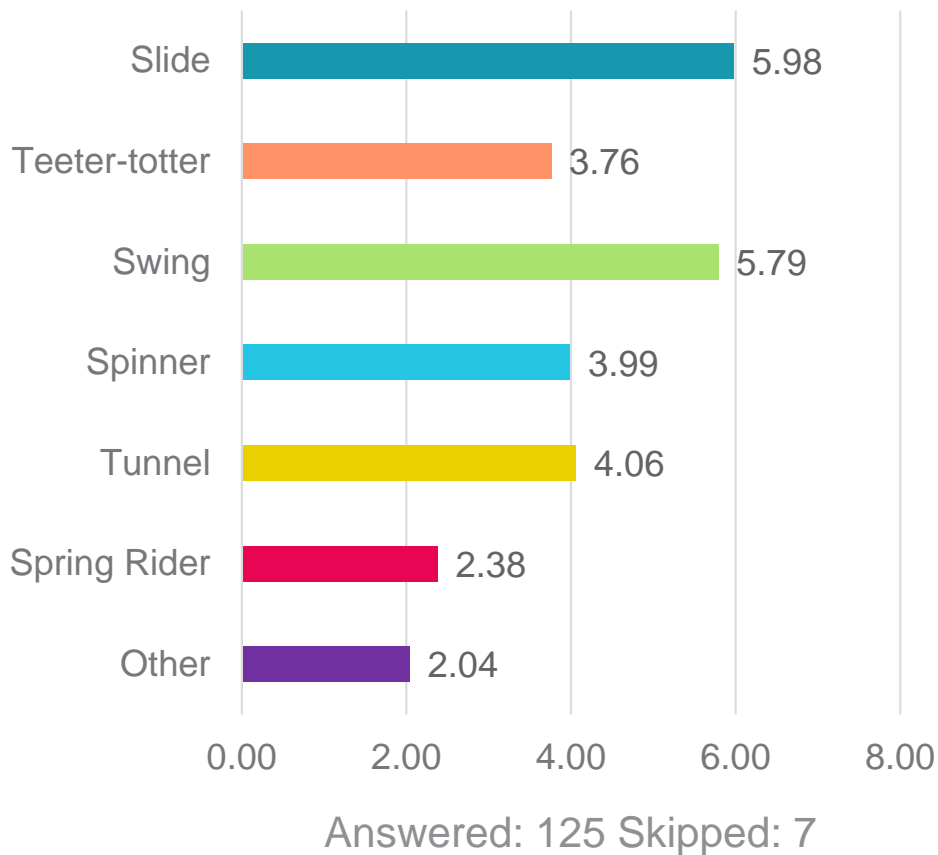
Q1: What do you like about the current Keewaydin playground?\*



\*Includes responses related to play equipment only

# Survey Results | Traditional Play

Q2: Traditional: Rank the following, with 1 being what you'd most like to see included in the new traditional play area.



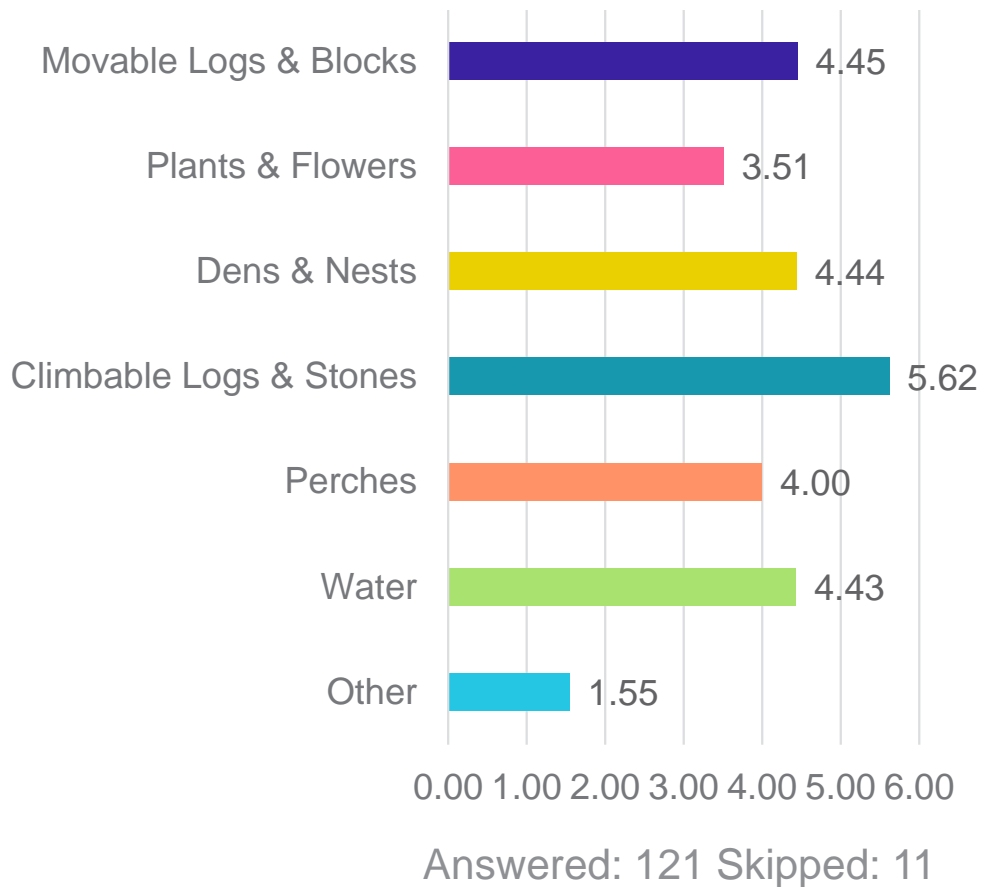
Q3: If you answered "other" above, please describe...\*



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# Survey Results | Nature Play

Q4: Nature: Rank the following, with 1 being what you'd most like to see included in the new nature play area.



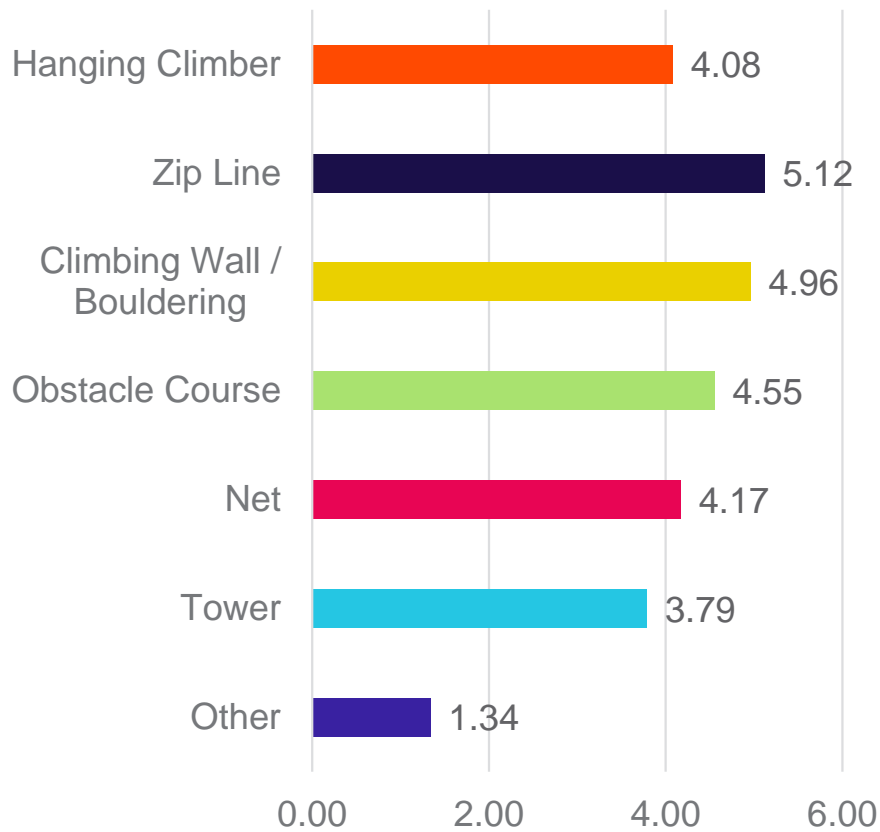
Q5: If you answered “other” above, please describe...\*



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# Survey Results | Adventure Play

**Q6: Adventure: Rank the following, with 1 being what you'd most like to see included in the new nature play area.**



Answered: 117 Skipped: 15

**Q7: If you answered "other" above, please describe...\***

"Nest" Spinner  
 Sand Feature  
 Tower  
 Obstacle Course  
 Bouldering  
 Tree Climbing  
 Climbing Built In Hill  
 Exercise Stations  
 Climbing for Adults  
 Accessible Playground  
 Tree House

\*Includes responses related to play equipment only

# Survey Results | Feedback

Q8: Is there anything else you'd like to share about a new play area at Keewaydin?\*



\*Includes responses related to play equipment only

# Event Engagement Results



Traditional Boulder Climber



Grade Changes and Rock Steps



Wood Climber Fort



Multi-deck Netting



Traditional Play



Net Climber



Tree House / Role Play



Natural Wood Play with Tall Heights

# Event Engagement Results

“Climbing!”



Traditional Boulder Climber

“Love the nature element”



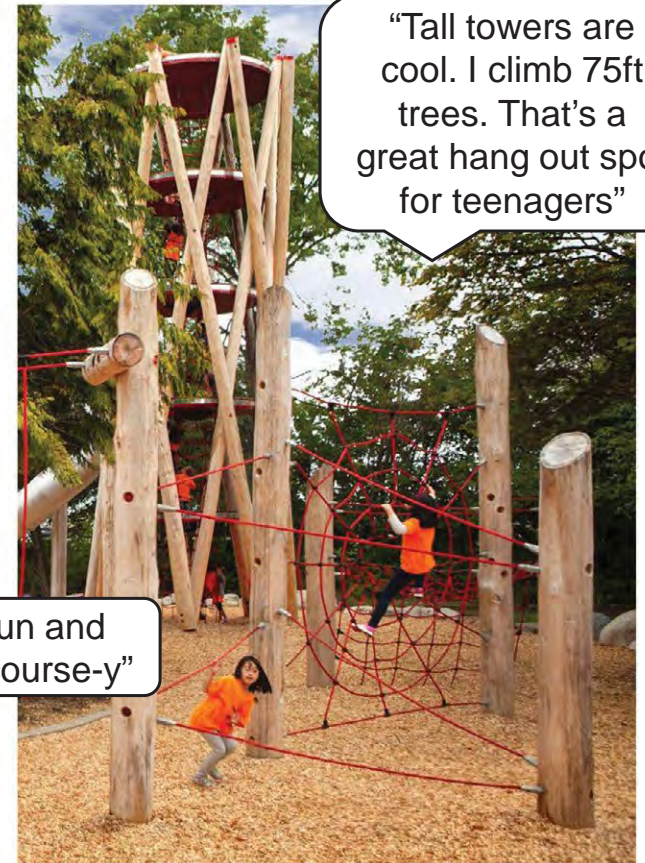
Grade Changes and Rock Steps

“Need harder stuff for bigger kids. All of these look cool. Stuff that’s harder to climb, not a normal ladder”



Wood Climber Fort

“Tall towers are cool. I climb 75ft trees. That’s a great hang out spot for teenagers”



Natural Wood Play with Tall Heights

“I like the nets – it looks challenging”



Multi-deck Netting



Traditional Play



Net Climber

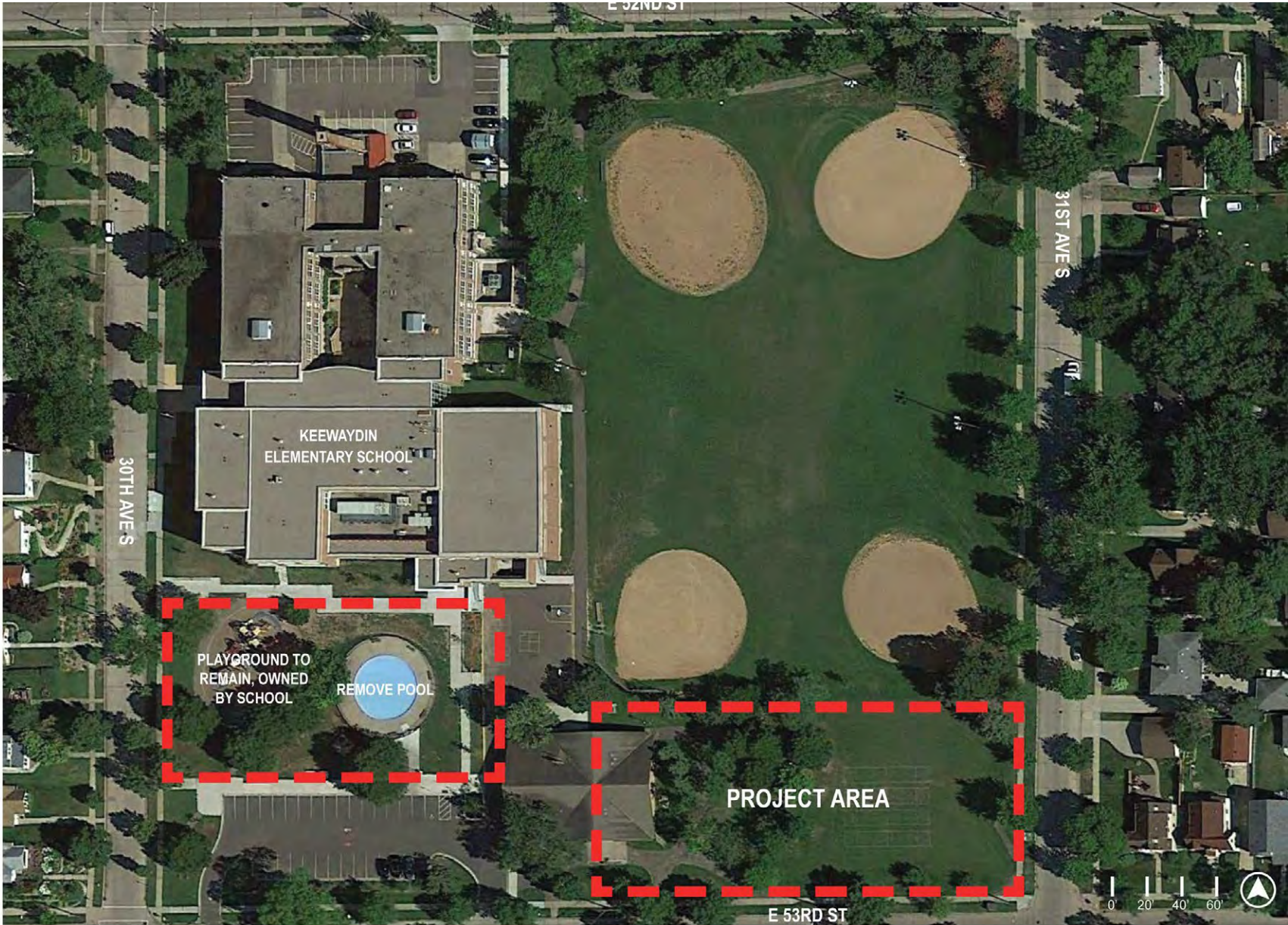
“Looks fun and obstacle course-y”



Tree House / Role Play

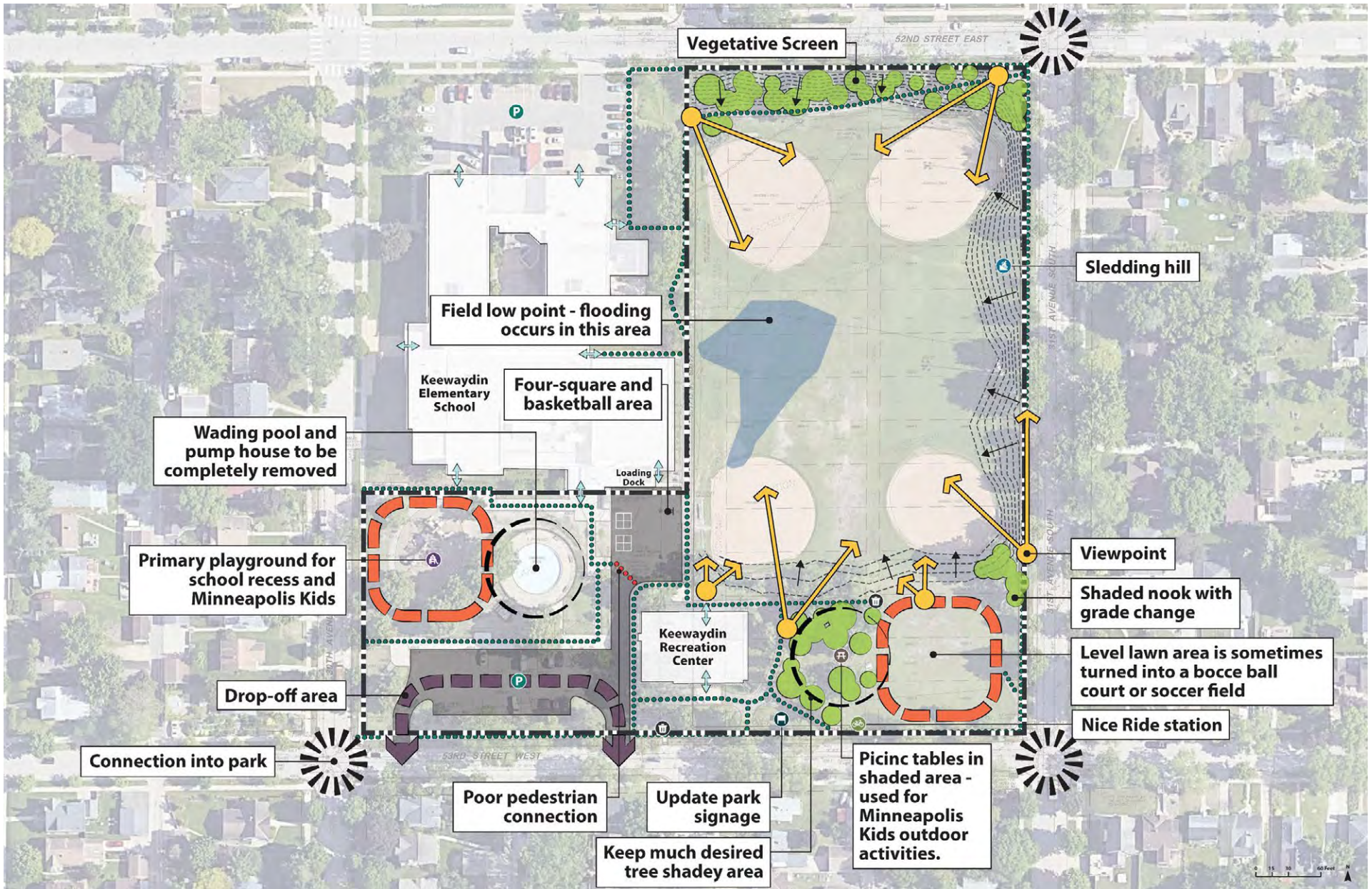
# Concept Design

# Existing Conditions



Existing Conditions: Keewaydin

# Site Analysis



# Concept 1 Canyonlands

**Concept Intent:**  
A climbing and nature play oriented playground with multiple play circuits and climbing options and an emphasis on natural design features, plants, and materials



# Concept 1 Canyonlands



- Climbable stacked boulder hills and walls
- Passageway / zip-line / tower / bouldering play-circuit
- Play structures with natural material design character
- 2-5 and 5-12 core play equipment separated by shared play features
- Shaded core flex space for nature play and classroom use
- Shaded seating areas with movable seating options
- Separate sand play on upper terrace
- Nature-play and imagination spaces with many nooks and play pods
- Free-standing bouldering monolith at center of play container
- Native landscape beds at key corners, edges, and portals

# Concept 1 Canyonlands



Terraced Deck Platforms



Creativity & Nature Play



Double Zip Line

# Concept 1 Canyonlands



4 Freestanding Boulder Wall



5 Boulder Climbing Hill / Slide



6 Bridge / Underpass



# Concept 2

## Castle on the Hill

### Concept Intent:

A central iconic tower placed at the top of a spiraling playground leads users through rooms of play features and climbing walls along the way to excite and challenge all ages and abilities.



# Concept 2 Castle on the Hill



- Large climbable play tower focal point with long slides to lower play levels
- Grade changes creates climbing walls on inside slopes of play area
- Side slopes of play areas vary from taller climbing walls with hand holds, to low boulder scrambles and log stump climber
- Simple picnic table in wood mulch nodes
- Natural area with an agility course and 2 hammocks
- Building roof rain garden
- Natural grass planting areas
- Multiple sunken play areas divided into pods, with trees and tables dispersed between ornamental fence

# Concept 2 Castle on the Hill



1  
Tree Stumps / Log Play



2  
Hammock



3  
Climbing Logs

# Concept 2 Castle on the Hill



4 Climbing Wall



5 Bridge



6 See-saw

# Concept 2 Castle on the Hill



- Nature Play
- Adventure Play
- Traditional Play

# Concept 3 BoulderVenture

**Concept Intent:**  
An adventure inspired playground that focuses on climbing for all ages, while also providing shaded areas for both seating and play.



# Concept 3 BoulderVenture



- Fence around the perimeter of the park for safety from roadway
- Existing trees to remain and provide shade
- Update park signage
- Long, curved seat wall around play areas
- Separate play by age
- Provide shade sails over picnic tables
- Boulders placed into the slope down to the field for a casual hangout area
- Stormwater redirected to dedicated area and framed by walkways
- Planting around the exterior areas of the playground
- Bouldering walls for different skill levels

# Concept 3 BoulderVenture



1 Natural Play Feature



2 Shade Sail



3 Stormwater / Rain Garden

# Concept 3 BoulderVenture



Rope and Log Climber

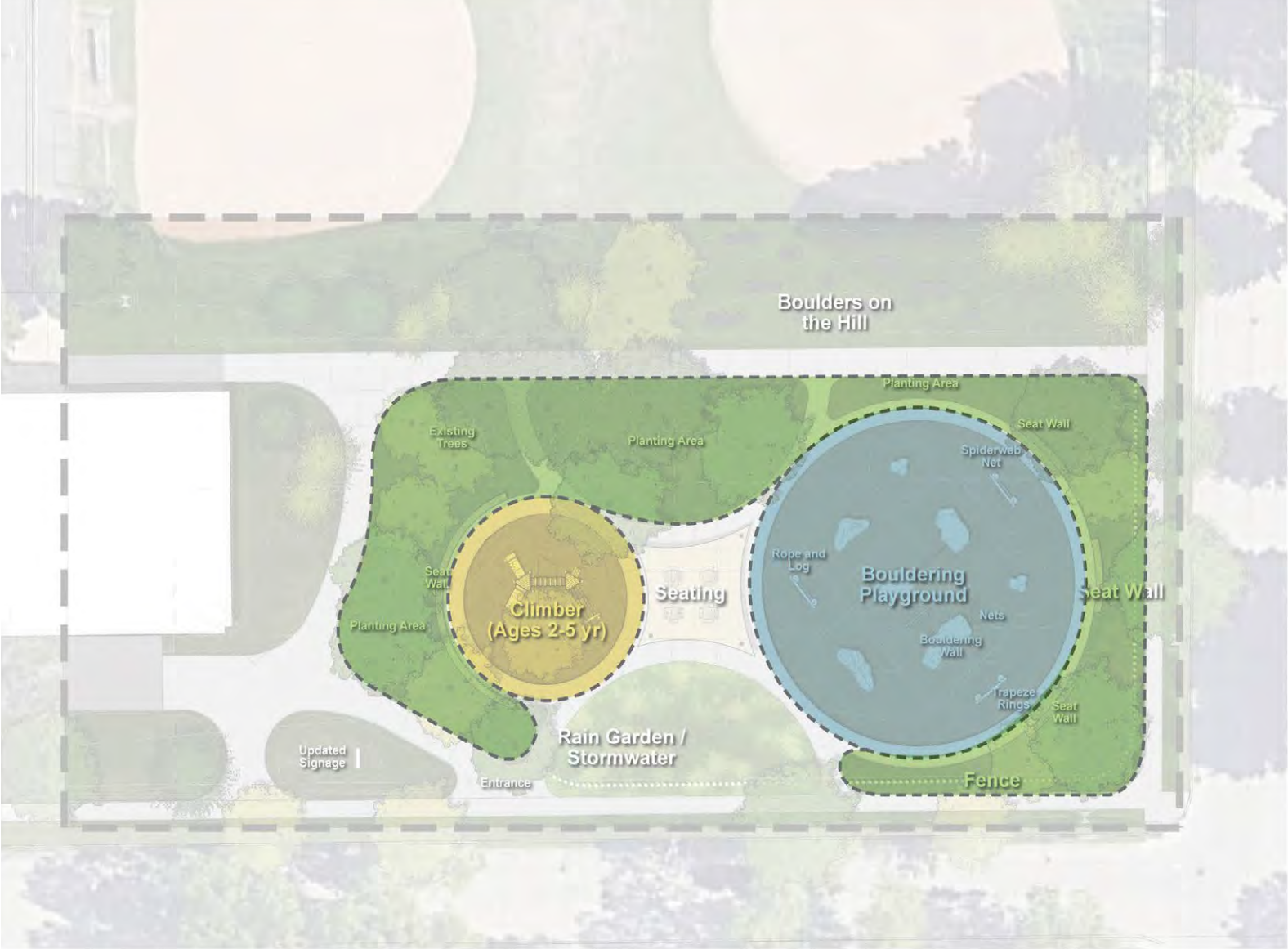


Bouldering Wall



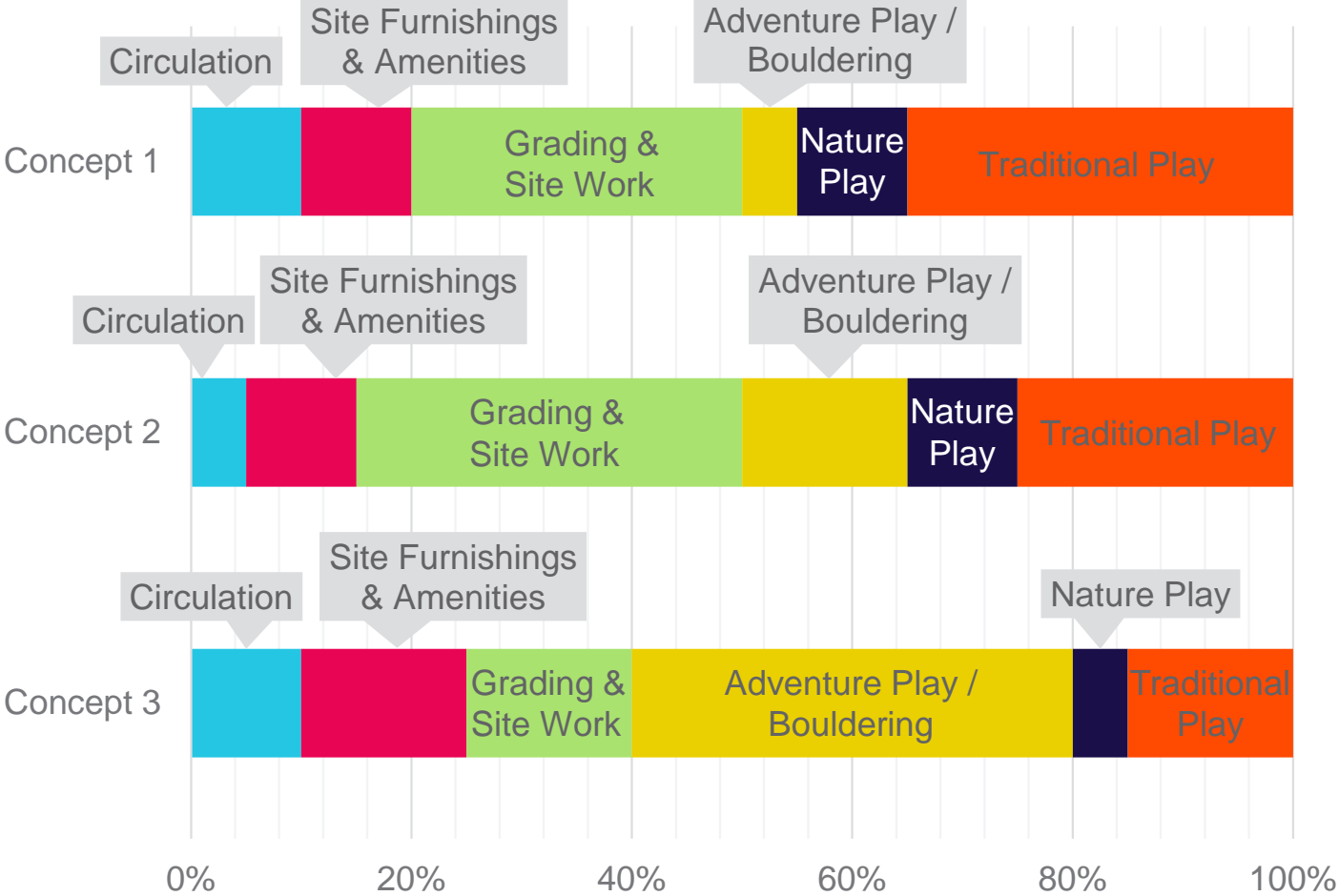
Seat Wall

# Concept 3 BoulderVenture



- Nature Play
- Adventure Play
- Traditional Play

# Concept Cost Allocations



# Next Steps

- **Next Week**
  - Presentation and notes will be posted to project webpage: [www.minneapolisparcs.org/current\\_projects](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/current_projects), then look for “Keewaydin”
  - New survey open through October 17th
- **October**
  - Updated concept released, check webpage or sign up for Keewaydin Play [email updates](#)
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