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Ms. Carolyn Chamorro, Chairperson said good evening and tonight we have a presentation from the New York City Department of Parks on the Pontiac Playground. Ms. Mattes you have the floor.

Ms. Denise Mattes, Design Director said that we are going to present our design for the Pontiac Playground.

We have \$7.6 million dollars, and the project size is about an acre. Our goals here are to upgrade active play opportunities for the neighborhood and school including a new spray shower, we're going to facilitate school use for functional and recreational uses which was part of the conversations that we had with the school, we also looked at community activities and along with the school events, to improve park security with new lighting and spatial organizing the spaces along with fencing, we're increasing the shade and planted areas adding some more trees and we're decreasing the amount of impervious area and we're going to be looking at capturing some of our stormwater.

As we all know the site, here's the site the school on the bottom, Jackson and Concord Avenue left and right. From the park within a five to ten-minute walk we have a number of different playgrounds and parks St. Mary's Park, Grove Hill Playground, Abigail Playground, Fountain of Youth Playground, Captain Rivera Playground, and Playground 52.

So, when we look at our site and the existing conditions we examine what's there now and look at what needs to be fixed based on the conversations that we've had with the community and school. Right now, there are a number of drainage issues that we know of, our safety surface and play equipment definitely need an upgrade including a beautiful spray shower area for the kids. Look at that multi-purpose area and how we can make it more inviting for everybody to use, look at the handball and reconstructing that area and then looking at basketball area as well.