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Riverside Park's River Run Playground Reconstruction

Located In Riverside Park at W82nd Street and Riverside Drive

PDC Preliminary Presentation

February 23, 2026

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Total Budget:	Council Member Gale Brewer CD6	\$7.09M
	Mayoral	\$2.803M
	Total	\$9.893M

Project Size: 0.70 ac



City NTS 



Neighborhood NTS 



Site 



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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Project Location

Land Use Categories

- 1 And 2 Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential (Walkup)
- Multi-Family Residential (Elevator)
- Mixed Use
- Commercial & Office
- Industrial & Manufacturing
- Transportation / Utilities
- Public Facilities & Institutional
- Open Space And Outdoor Recreation
- Parking
- Vacant Land
- Other



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Surrounding Land Use





Image exhibits the playground in relationship to the 1930s park expansion, circa 1945

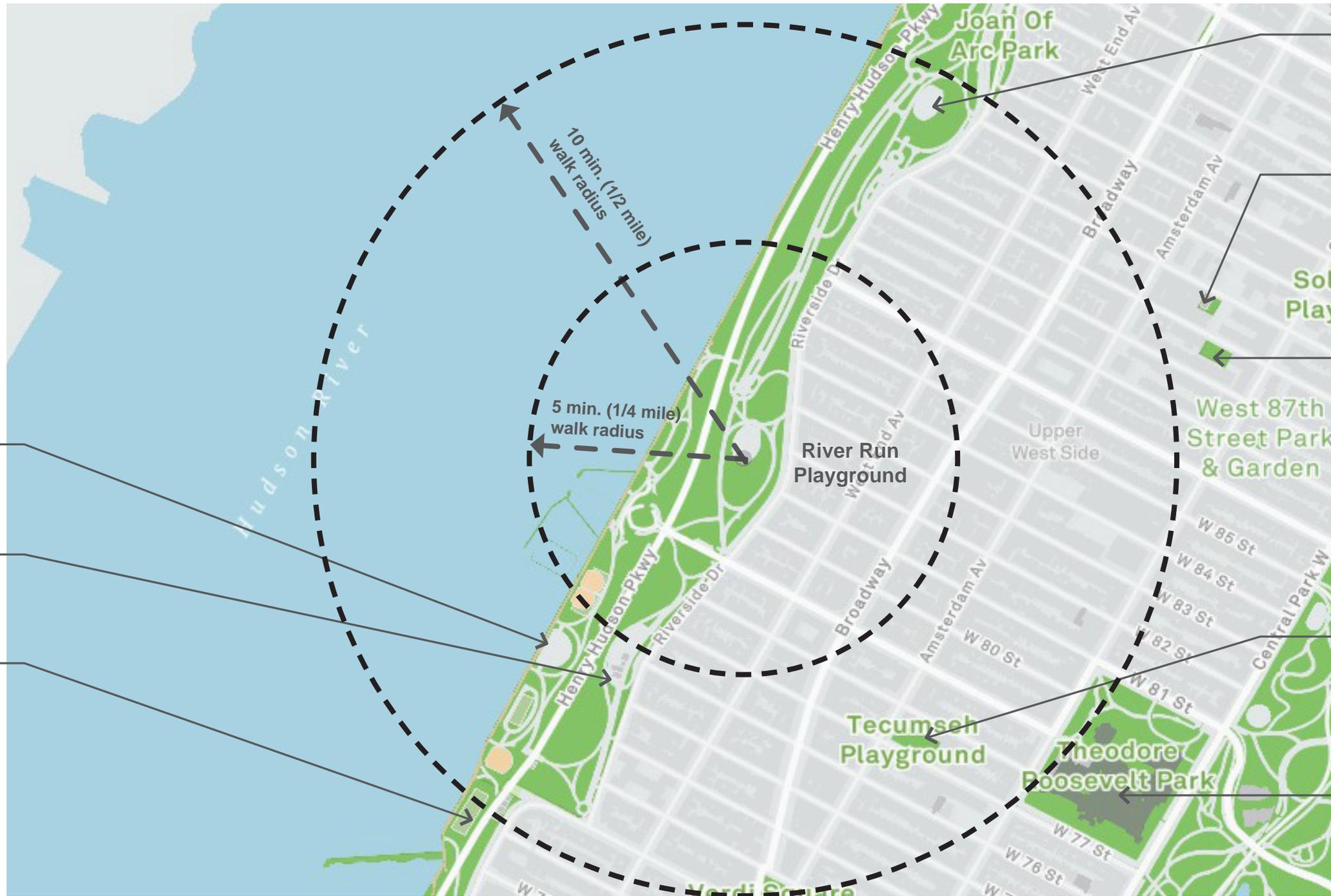


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Site History



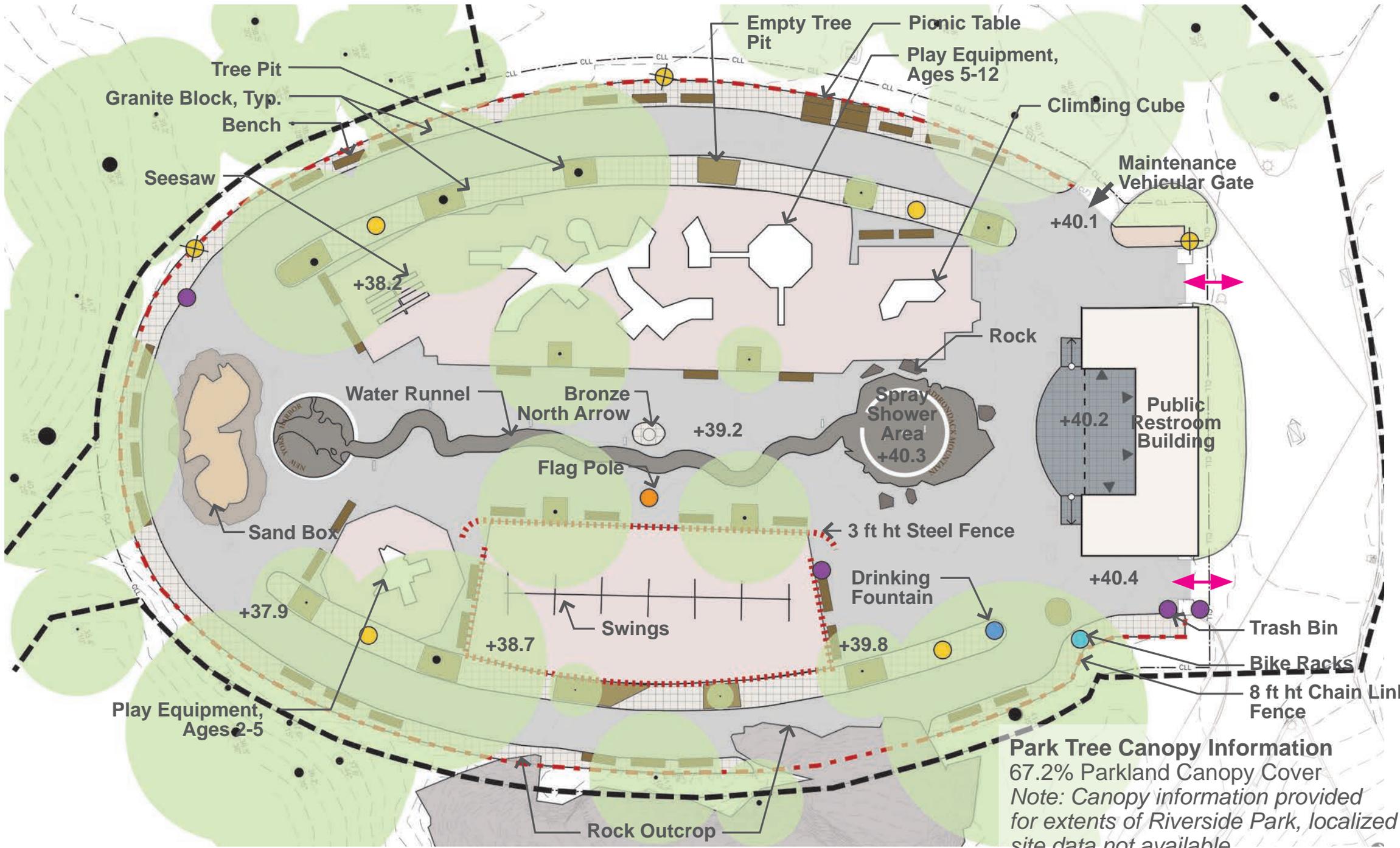
- Riverside Park / Classic Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Play Equipment
- Riverside Park / Neufeld Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
- Riverside Park South**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
Soccer
Baseball
Dog Run
Play Equipment
Eatery

- Riverside Park / Hippo Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Play Equipment
Spray Shower
- St. Gregory's Playground**
Play Equipment
- West 87th Street Garden**
Seating
- West 87th Street Park & Garden**
- Tecumseh Playground**
Public Restroom Building
Basketball
Play Equipment
Spray Shower
- Theodore Roosevelt Park**
Dog Run
Sitting Areas
Nobel Monument



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Neighborhood Parks Context





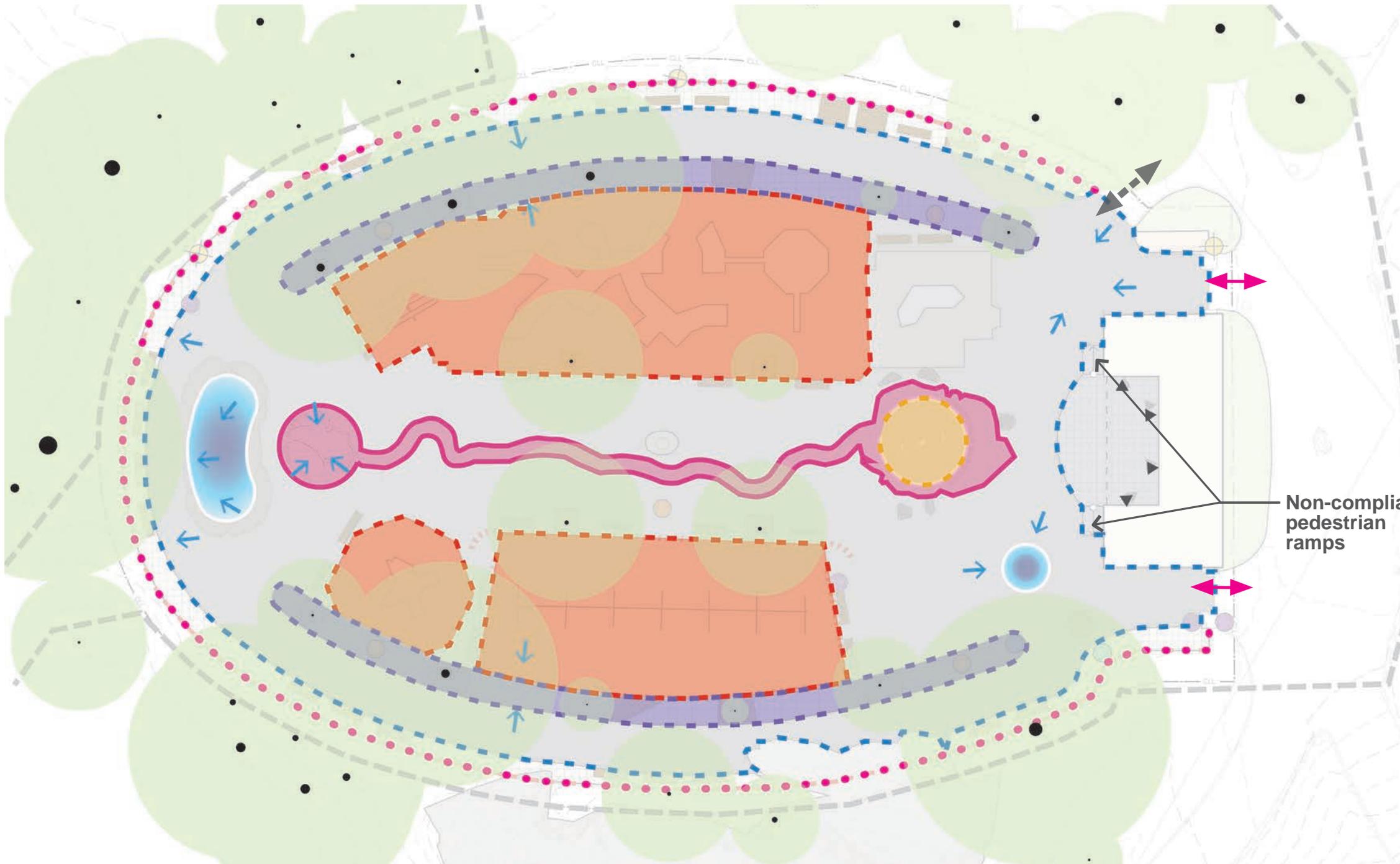
Legend

- Project Limit
- ↔ Park Entrance
- Play Equipment on Safety Surface
- Building or Structure
- ▶ Building Entrance
- Asphalt Pavement
- Concrete Pavement
- Granite Block
- Bluestone Pavement
- Planted Area
- Tree
- Parks Light Pole (Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire)
- Parks Light Pole (Octagonal Pole with Flood Lights)
- Drinking Fountain
- Trash Bin
- Bike Racks
- PRB Public Restroom Building (Non-Accessible & Not In Contract)

Park Tree Canopy Information
 67.2% Parkland Canopy Cover
Note: Canopy information provided for extents of Riverside Park, localized site data not available.

Heat Vulnerability Index
 Site is not in high HVI area.

Rat Mitigation Zone
 Site is not in rat mitigation zone.



- ### Legend
- Project Limit
 - Park Entrance
 - Building Entrance
 - Maintenance Vehicle Entrance
 - CLF in poor condition
 - Outdated Play Equipment & Safety Surface
 - Undersized Tree Pit Row
 - Water Runnel in poor condition
 - Damaged Pavement
 - Outdated Spray Shower Area
 - Drainage Problem
 - Site Drainage
 - Tree Canopy/Shade

Non-compliant pedestrian ramps





Legend

-  Canopy
-  Structural Root Zone
-  Critical Root Zone
-  Tree to be transplanted



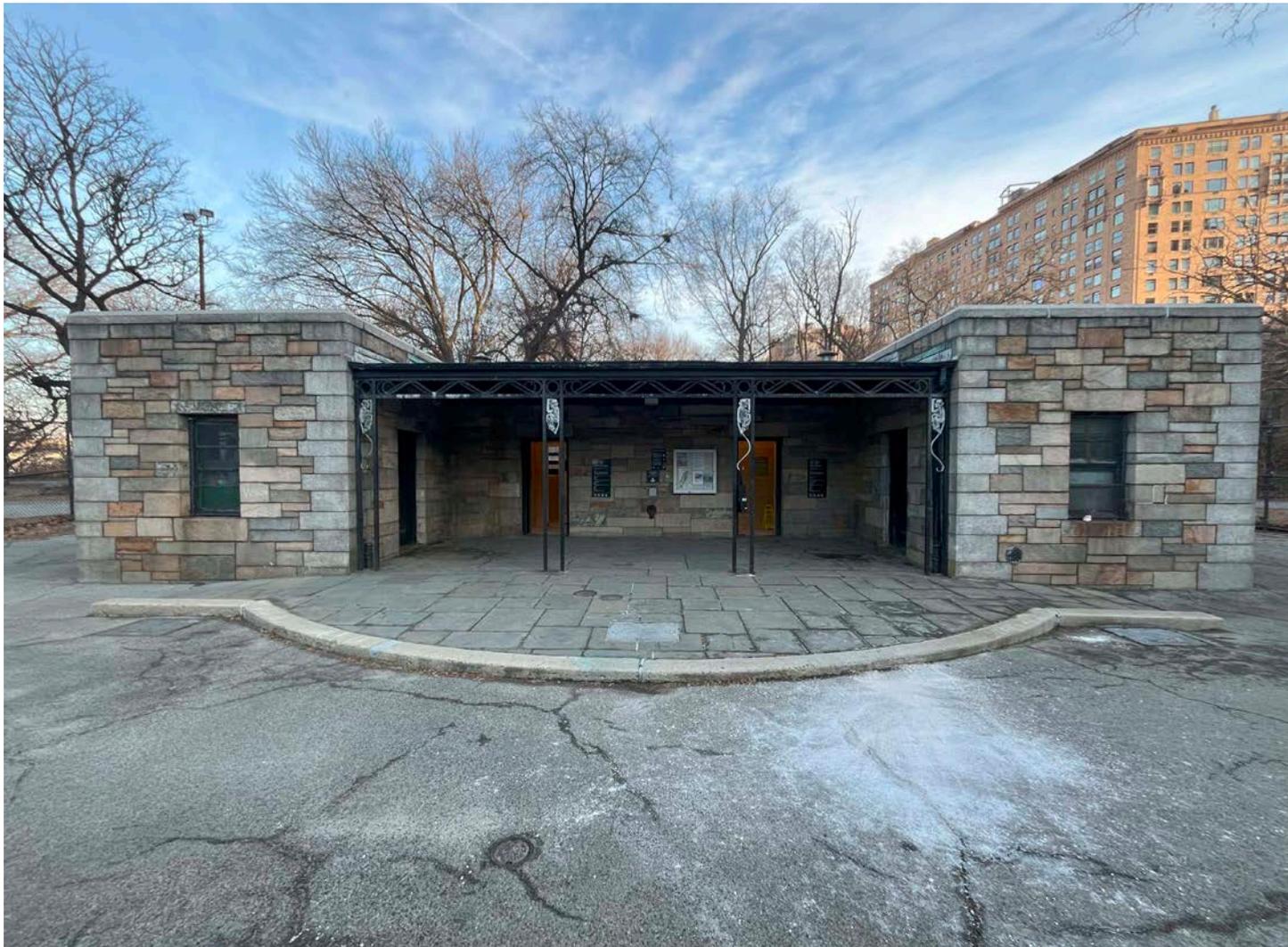
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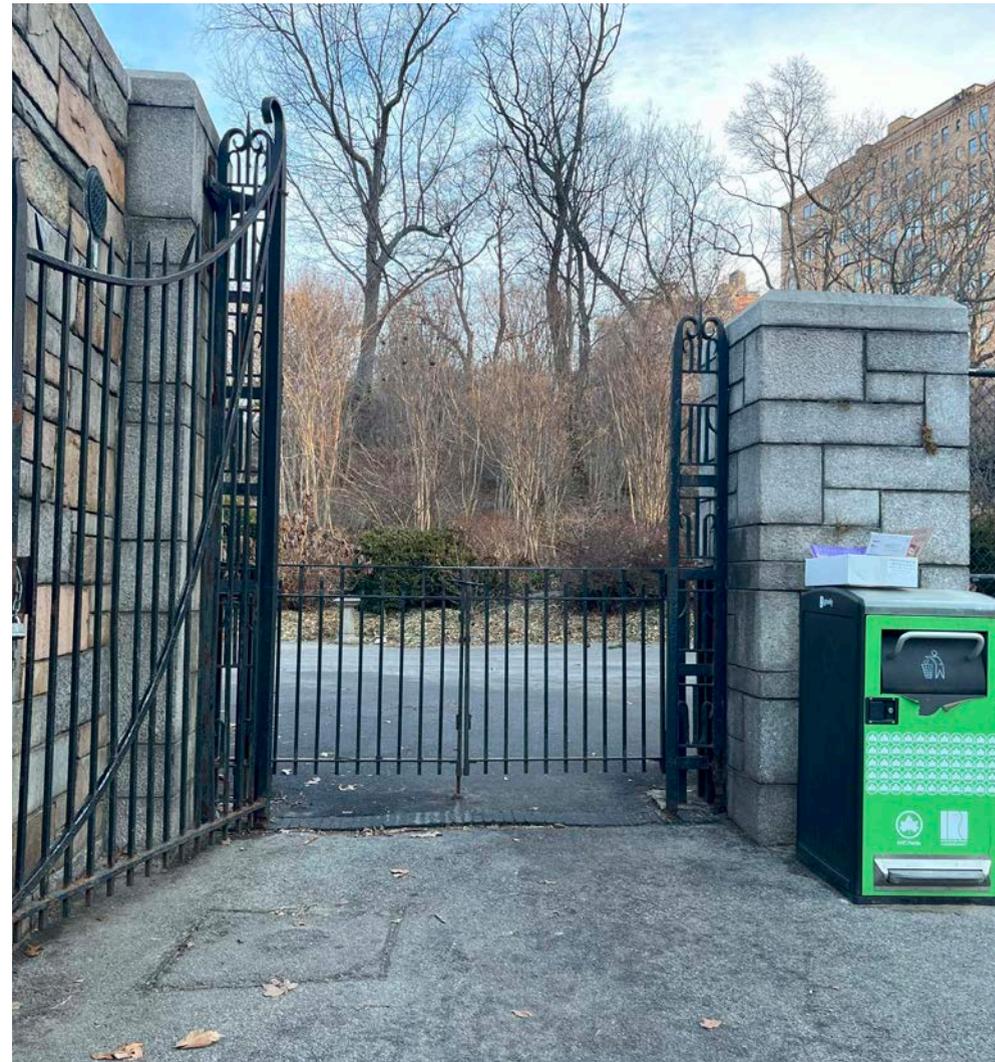
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Tree Inventory

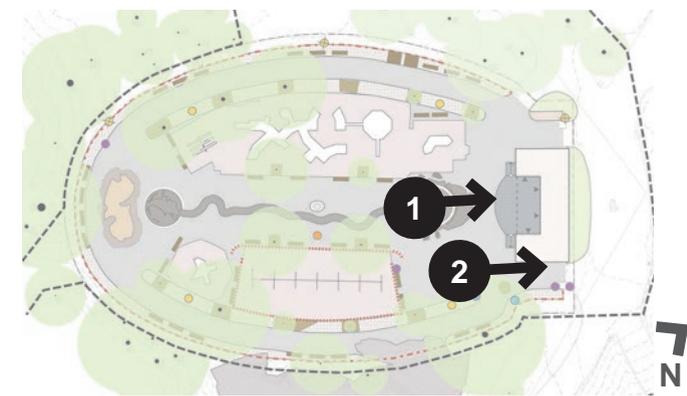




1 - South facade of public restroom building



2 - Steel double entry gate (east side) and gate attachment detail

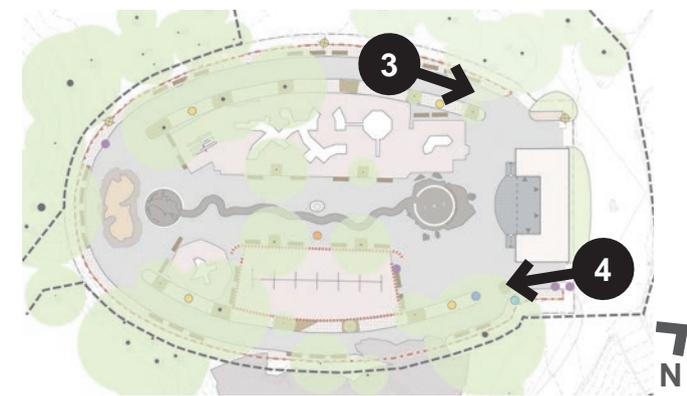




3 - Chainlink vehicular maintenance gate and western steel entry gate



4 - Eastern playground perimeter



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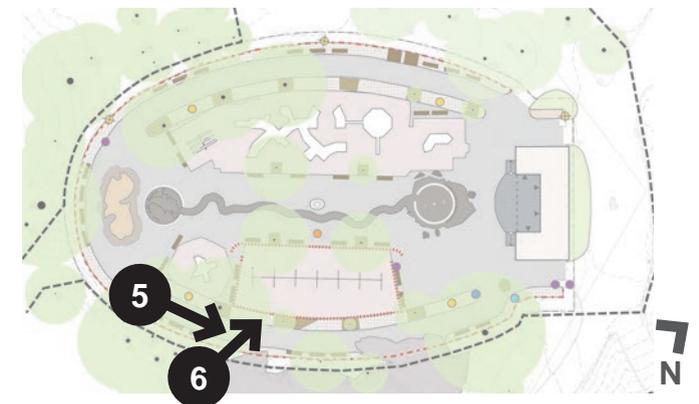
Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Photos



5 - Condition at northeastern perimeter



6 - Swings on east side of playground



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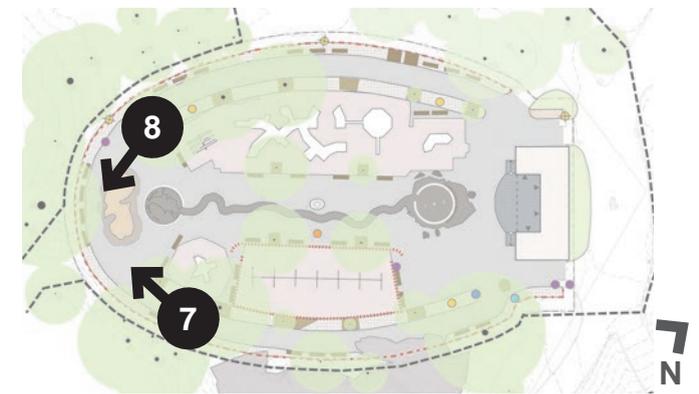
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7 - Southern perimeter



8 - Sculptural sand box, created by local artist



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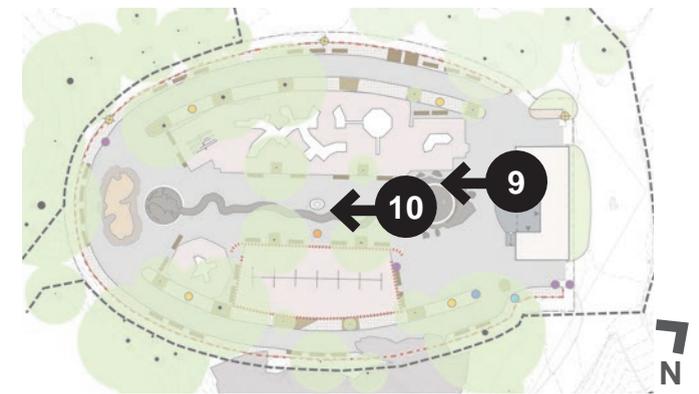
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9 - Water play area features decorative pavement and rocks



10 - Water runnel is in poor condition

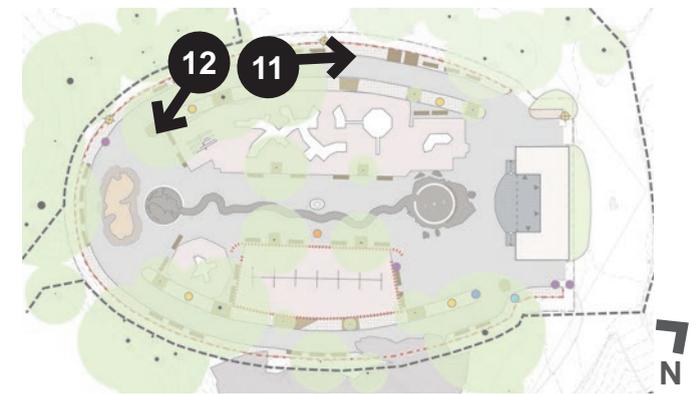




11 - Cracked & heaving asphalt pavement due to tree roots



12 - Mature trees are in undersized tree pits bordered with granite block

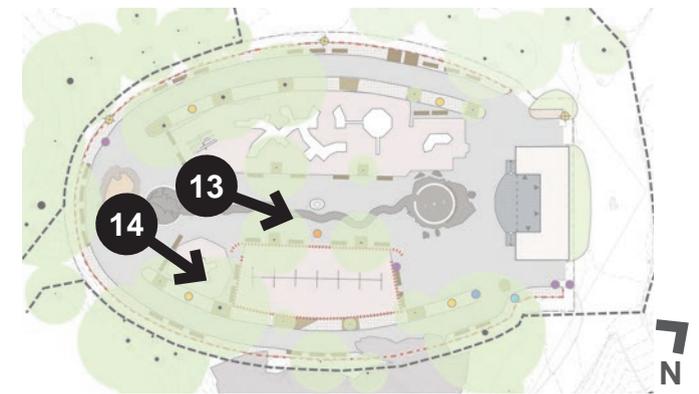




13 - Flag pole, constructed in the 1997



14 - Small play structure (ages 2-5 yrs)



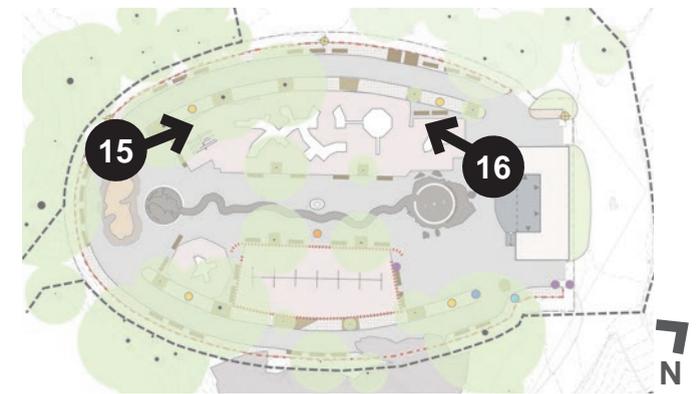
Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Photos



15 - Seesaw and large play structure (ages 5-12 yrs.) at background



16 - Climbing play cubes



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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Conditions Photos

Community Priorities

Green

preserve healthy trees, add planting

Seating

benches, picnic tables, gathering spaces

Play

ADA accessible, challenging play equipment, safer climbing options, slides

Water

improve water play features, improve site drainage

Site Safety

lighting, improve chain link fence

Sustainability

green, manage stormwater, signage explaining trash protocol



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Legend

-  Building or Structure
-  Project Limit
-  Steel Fence & Gate
-  Park Entry

* Swings are 8' Ht. & include:
 - 4 strap seats
 - 6 full bucket seats
 - 1 inclusive seat

PRB Public Restroom Building
 (Not Accessible & Not in Contract)

-  Hi-Lo Drinking Fountain
-  Bottle Filler
-  Trash Bin
-  Spray Shower Area
-  Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - Exist. to Remain
-  Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - Relocated
-  Type B Pole with Riverside Park Luminaire - New



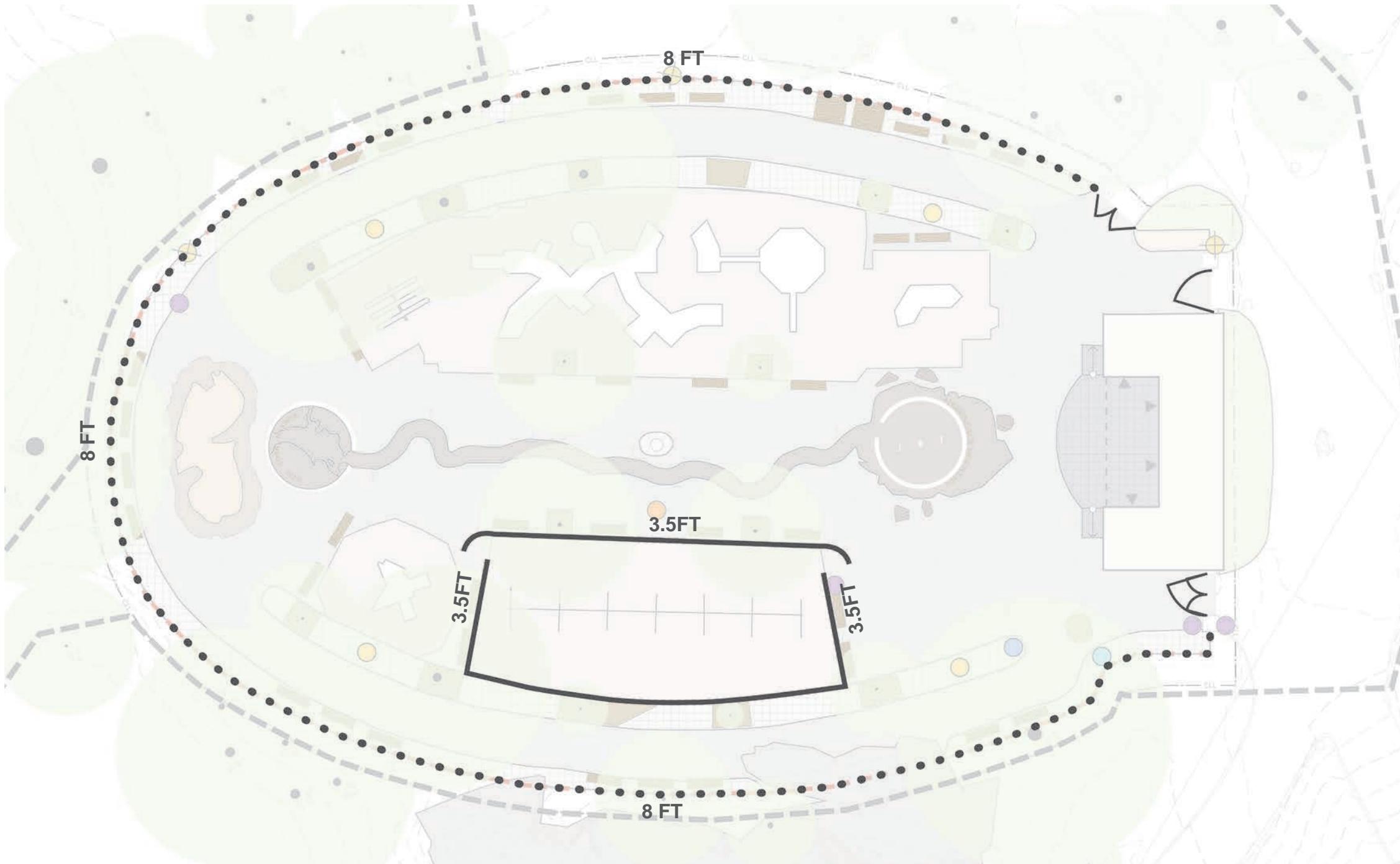
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Schematic Plan





Legend

-  FENCE GATE
- EXISTING FENCES (x = HEIGHT)
-  CLF
-  STEEL



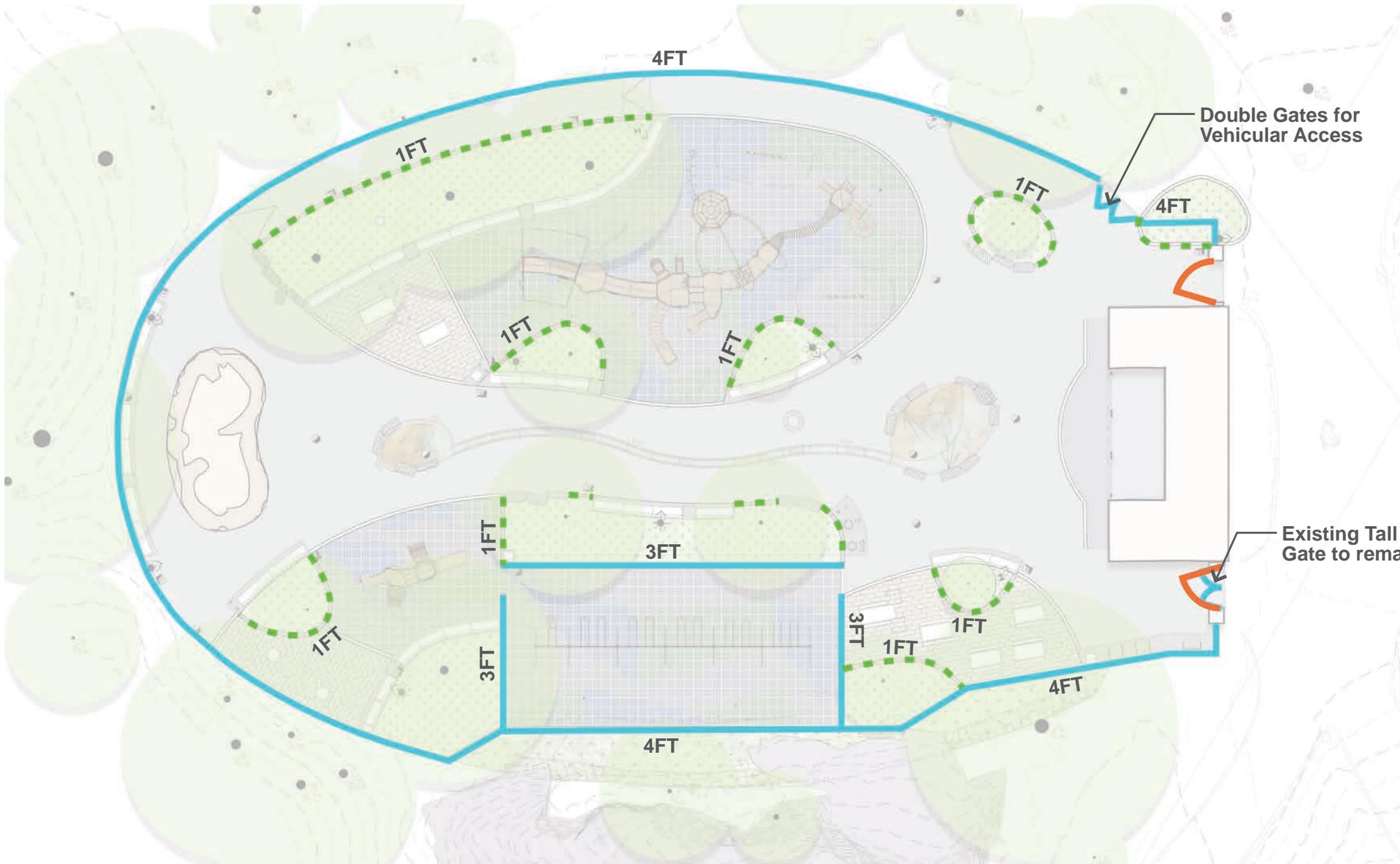
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Existing Fence Diagram





Legend

-  FENCE GATE
- RESTORED EXIST. GATE
-  RESTORED EXIST. GATE
- MEDIUM: 3'- 4' HT.
x' STEEL
- LOW: 1' HT.
x' WICKET STEEL FENCE

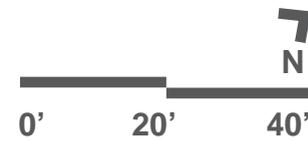


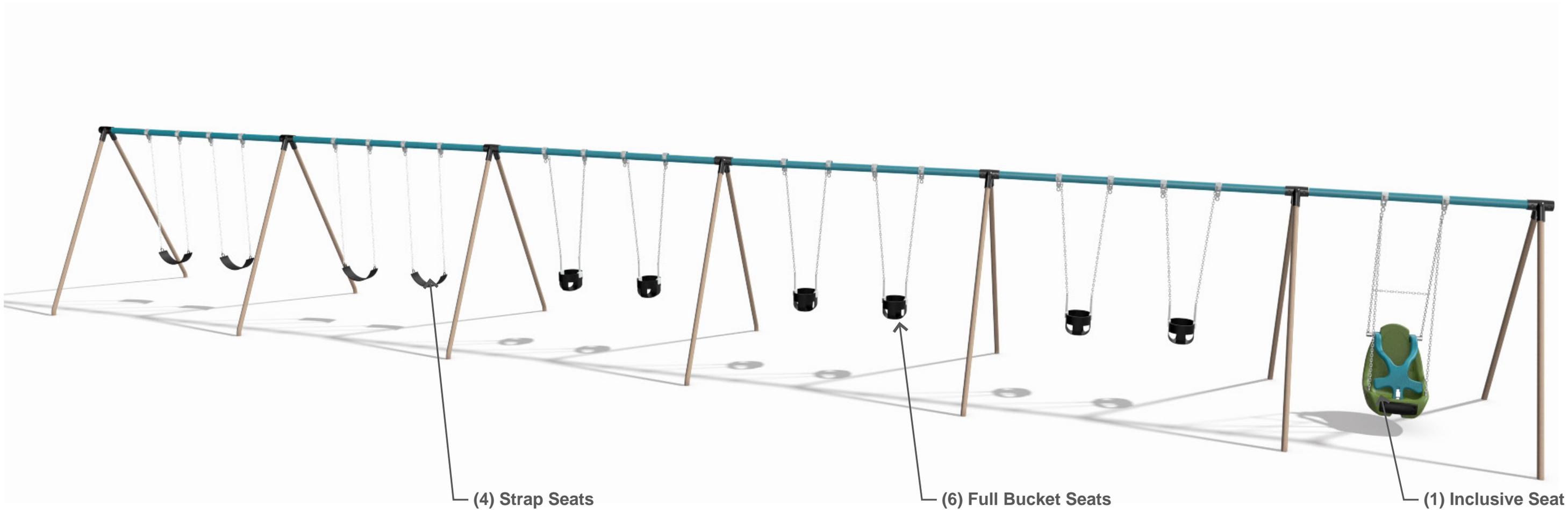
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Proposed Fence Diagram





Note

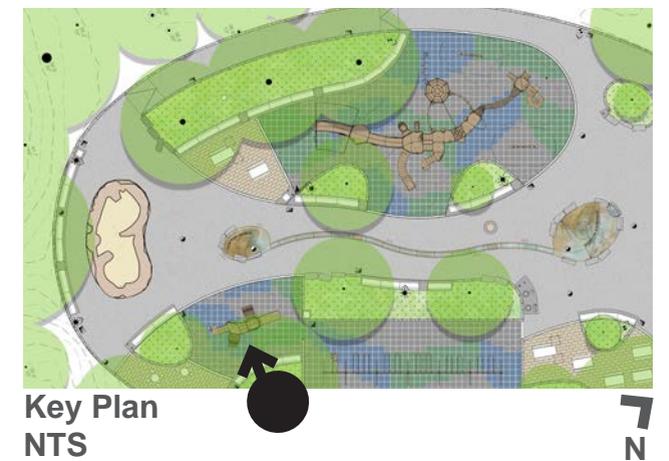
- Swings are 8 ft. Height

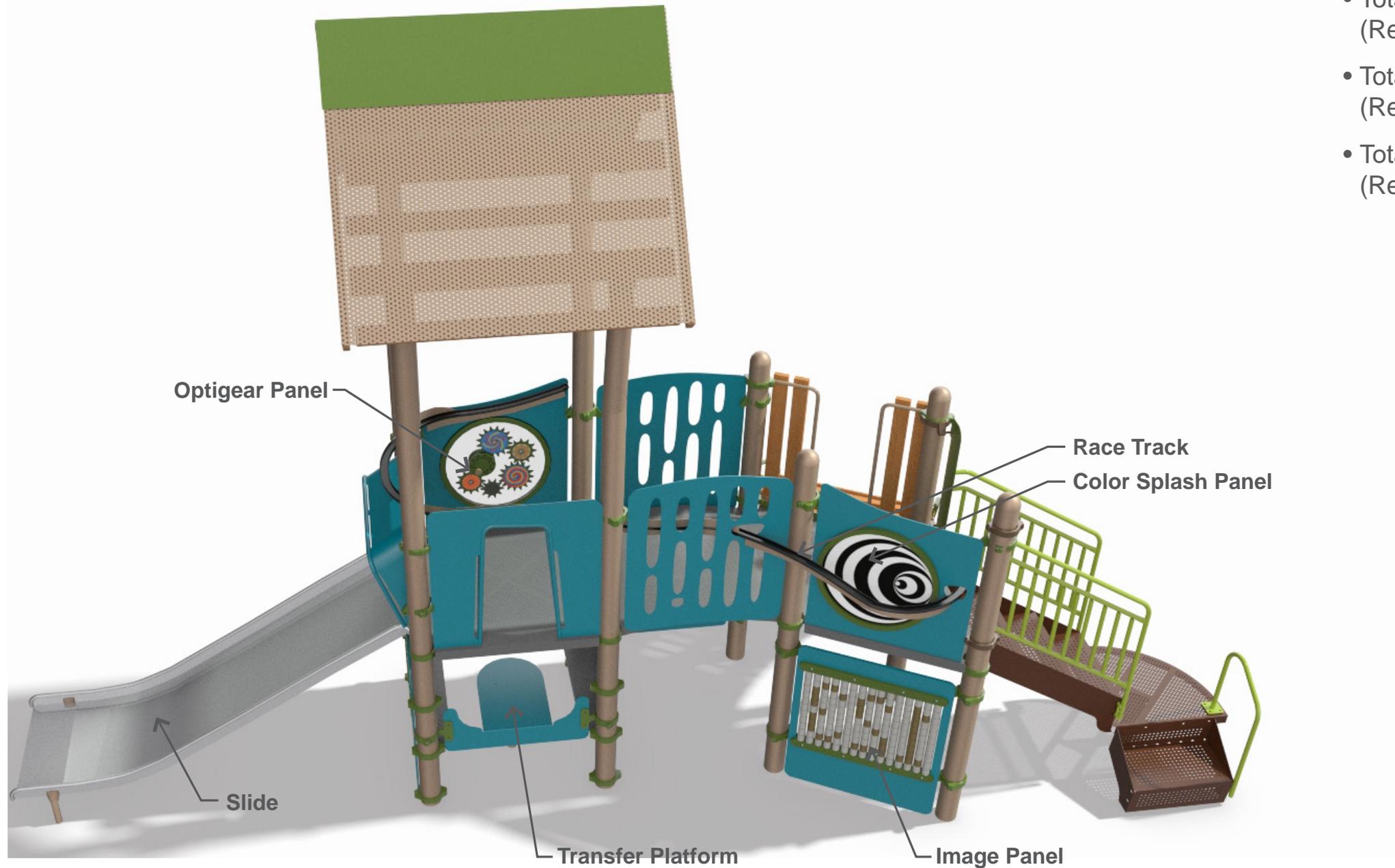




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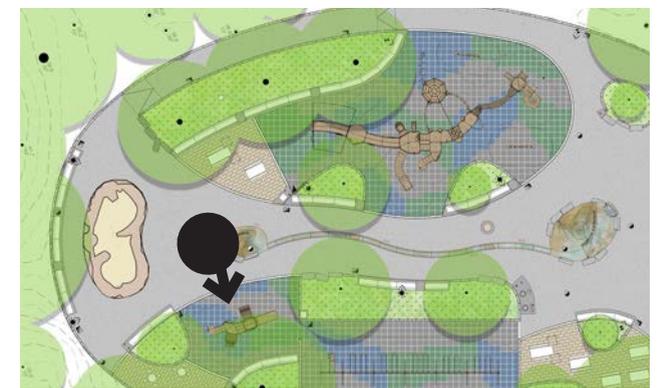
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(Required - 4)
- Total accessible ground level components shown - 14
(Required -3)
- Total different types of ground level components - 4
(Required - 4)





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Key Plan
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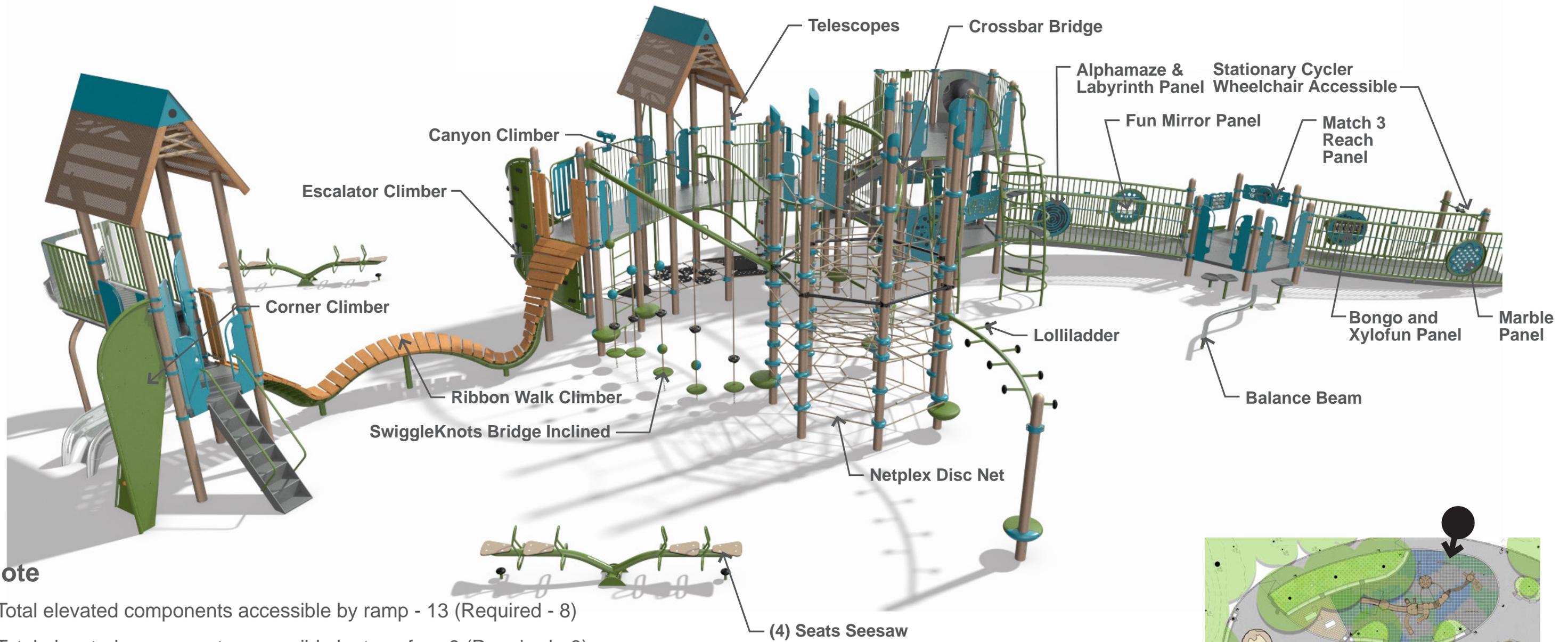


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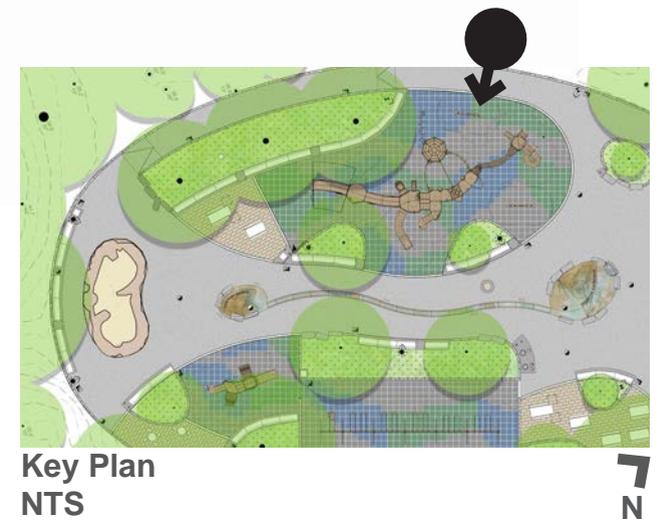
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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Play Equipment 2-5

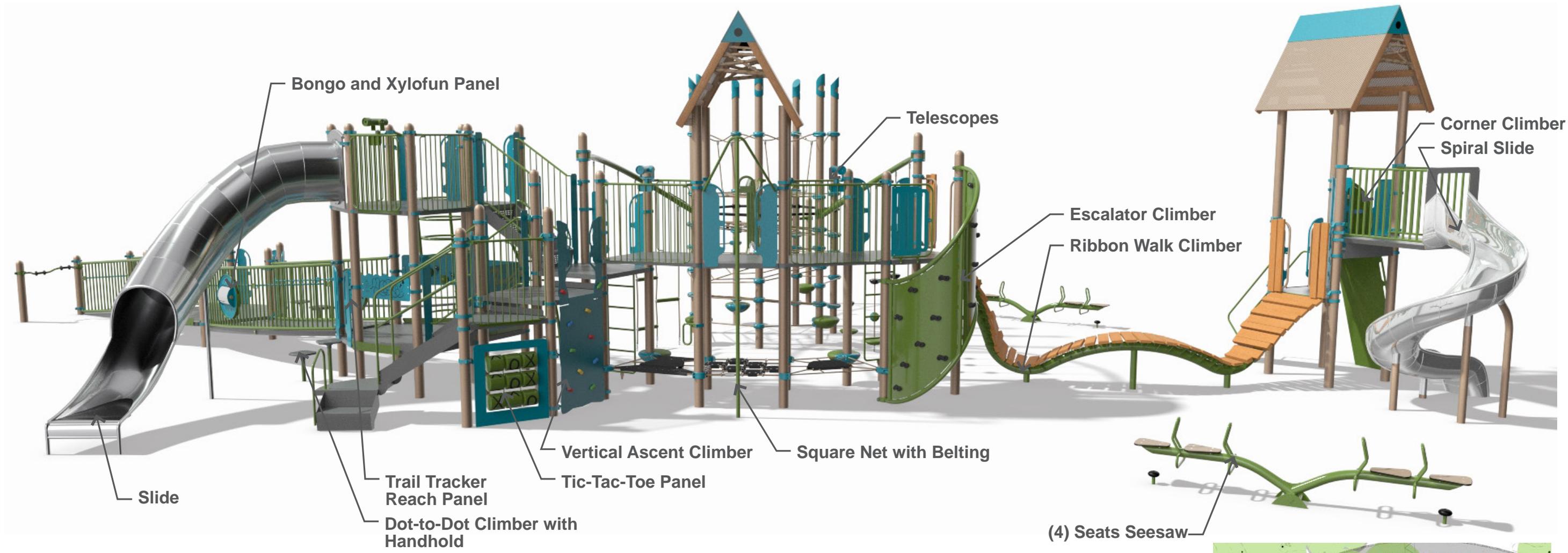


Note

- Total elevated components accessible by ramp - 13 (Required - 8)
- Total elevated components accessible by transfer - 9 (Required - 8)
- Total accessible ground level components shown - 12 (Required - 10)
- Total different types of ground level components - 9 (Required - 9)

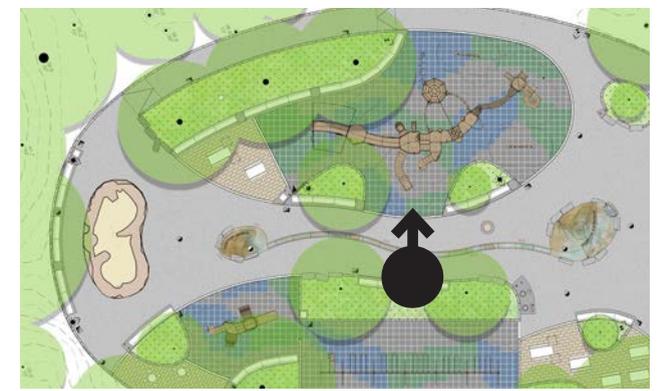


Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Play Equipment 5-12



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Key Plan
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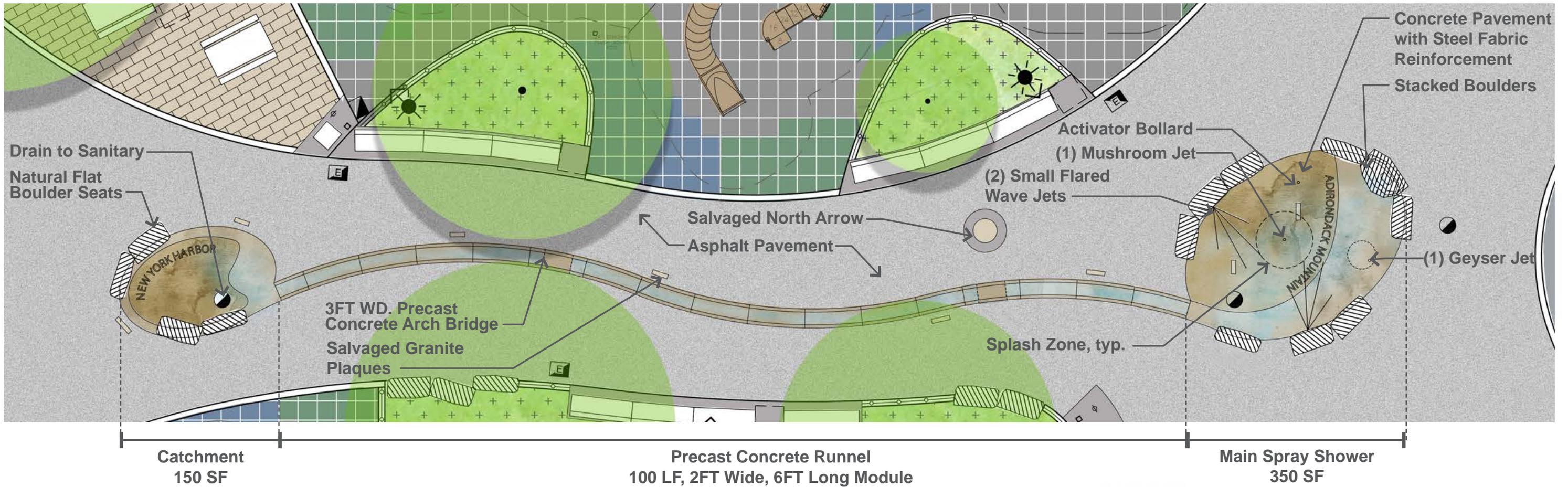


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Play Equipment 5-12



Spray Shower Enlargement Plan
 Spray Shower: 700 SF



Natural Flat Boulder Seats,
 South Bay Quartzite



Small Flared Wave Jet



Mushroom Jet



Geyser Jet



Activator Bollard

Iron
 Texture
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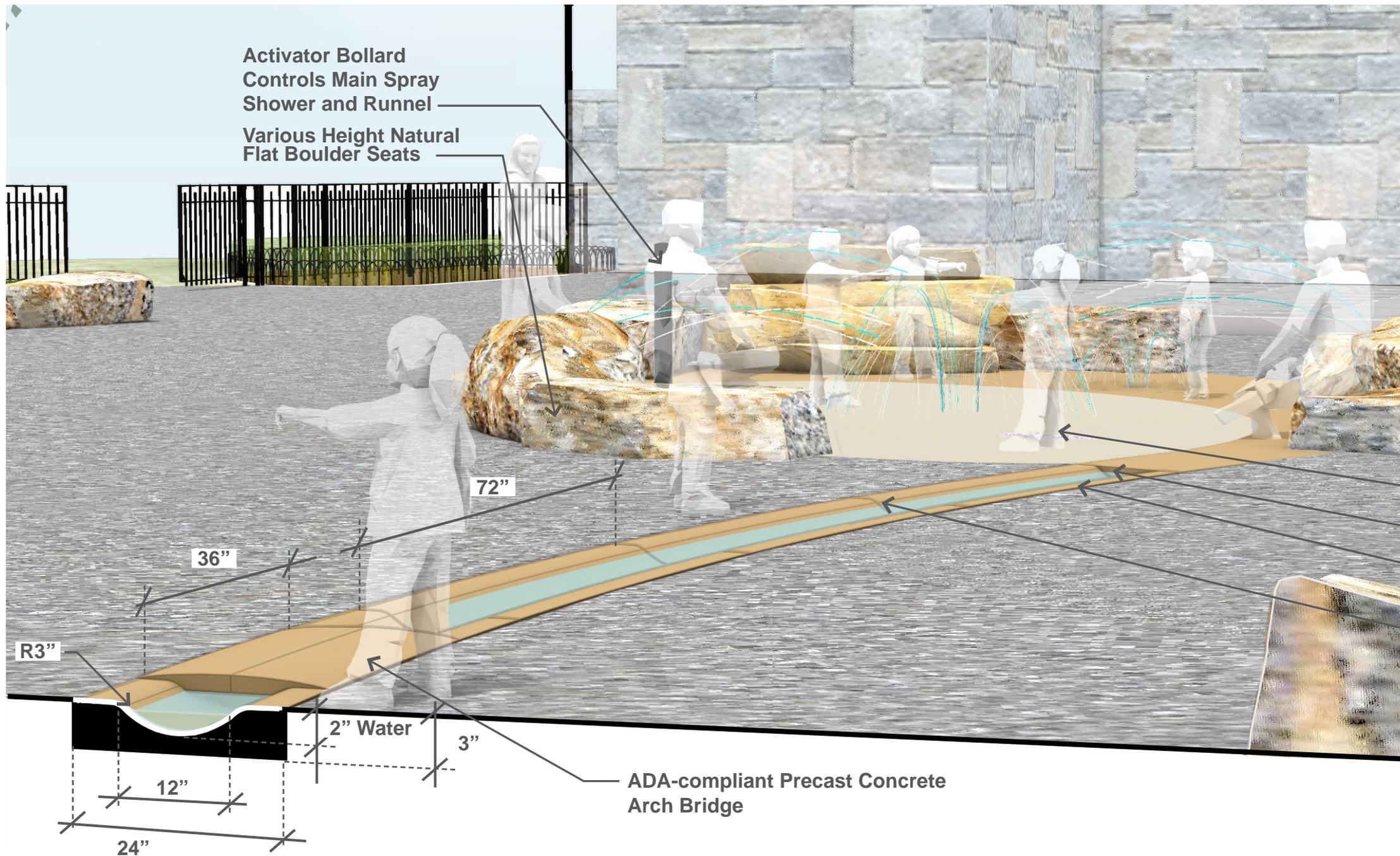
**Powder Coat
 Colors**

Spray Fixture Manufacturer:
 Aquajeux or Approved Equal



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Spray Shower Materials





- Salvaged Granite Plaques
- Fresh Water Source to Runnel
- 4" Wide Flat Edge, Flush with Adjacent Pavement
- Precast Concrete Runnel



Public Restroom Building (Not Accessible, NIC)

Spray Shower

Picnic Area, Beyond

Play Equipment Ages 5-12

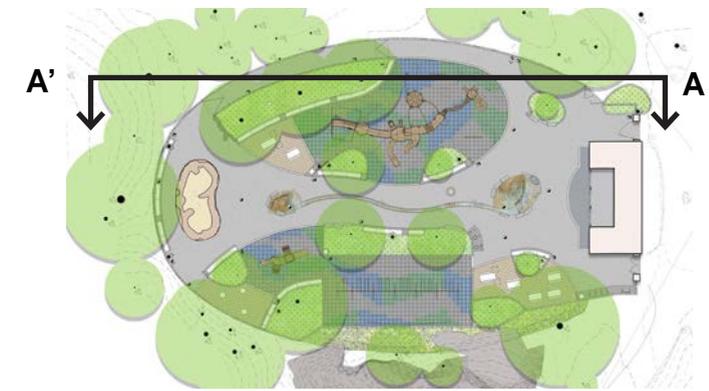
Tunnel Beyond

8' Height Swings, Beyond

Play Equipment Ages 2-5, Beyond

Sand Box

0' 10' 20'



Key Plan NTS



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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Section



Concrete Pavement



Asphalt Pavement



Steel Decks



Cable



Slides
Stainless Steel



Roof
Recycled Plastic Lumber

Play Equipment Colors & Materials (2-5 & 5-12)



Salvaged Granite Plaques



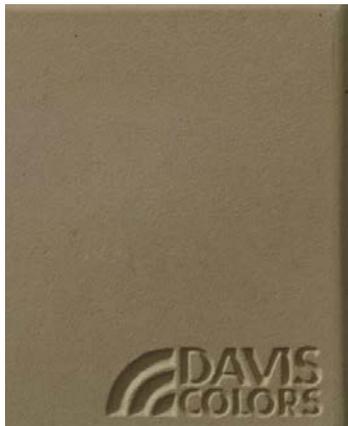
Stone on Concrete
Base - Bluestone



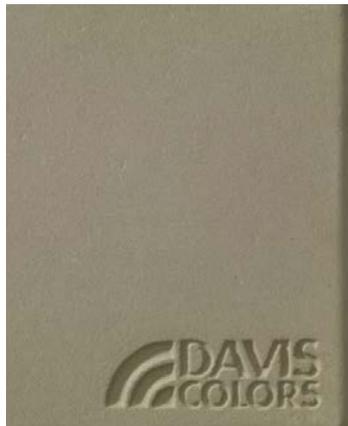
Hanover Concrete
Paver, Size: 12"x12",
Color: Beige



Salvaged Bronze North Arrow



Colored Concrete
Pavement, Sand Diego
Buff 5237 by Davis
Colors or Equal



Colored Concrete
Pavement, Sandstone
5237 by Davis Colors
or Equal



Safety Surface: GreenScape Sustainable Surface
or Eq. Selection from NYC Parks Standard
Colors



Etched Concrete Lettering



Concrete Type 'B' Bench with Armrests
Arms: Ductile Iron, Finish: Galvanized
Wood: Kebony



Wooden Picnic Tables, Accessible and Regular
Wood: Kebony



Finish of Picnic Tables and Benches, Typ.
Wood Slats: Thermally Modified Wood, Kebony, or
Approved Equal



ADA Accessible Type "E" Hi-Lo Drinking Fountain
Color: Black



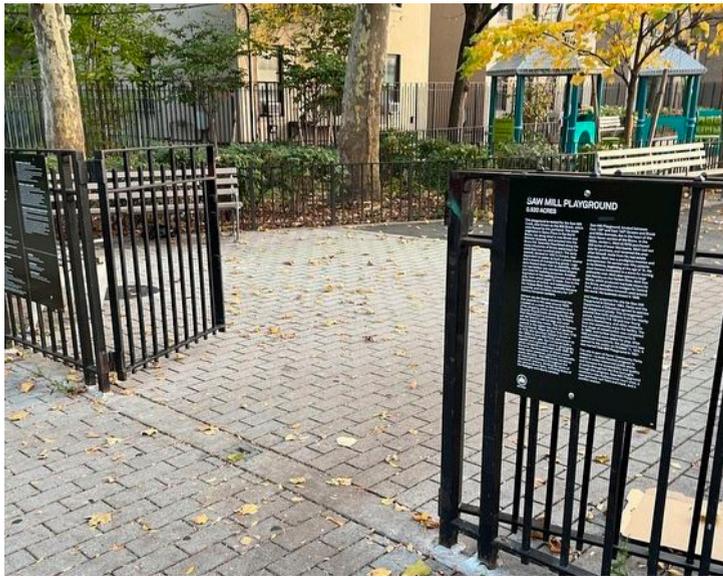
Bottle Filler
Color: Black



Precast Concrete Tot Tables and Seats



Bigbelly Trash Cans



Double Gate for Steel Fence Vehicular Access, 4ft high



4ft High Steel Picket Fence at Perimeter, 3ft Steel Picket Fence at Swings



Wicket Steel Fence



B9 light pole with Riverside Park luminaire



Standard NYC DOT 'City Rack'



Toddler Scooter Rack, Color: Black



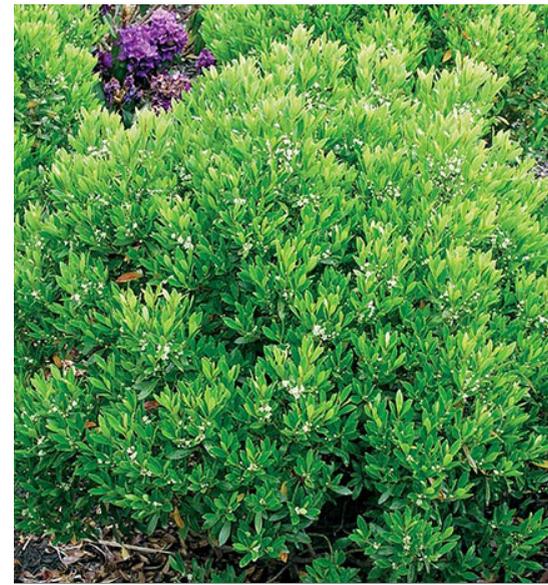
Christmas fern *
Polystichum acrostichoides



Black Chokeberry *
Aronia Melanocarpa



White Wood Aster
Eurybia Divaricata



Inkberry *
Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'



False Spirea
Astilbe Bridal Veil



Fragrant Sumac
Rhus aromatica 'gro low'



Pennsylvania Sedge *
Carex pensylvanica



Blazing Star
Liatris Spicata Kobold



Creeping Lily Turf *
Liriope Spicata



Allegheny Spurge *
Pachysandra procumbens

Evergreen *



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Planting Palette

Total Project Area: 30,140 SF

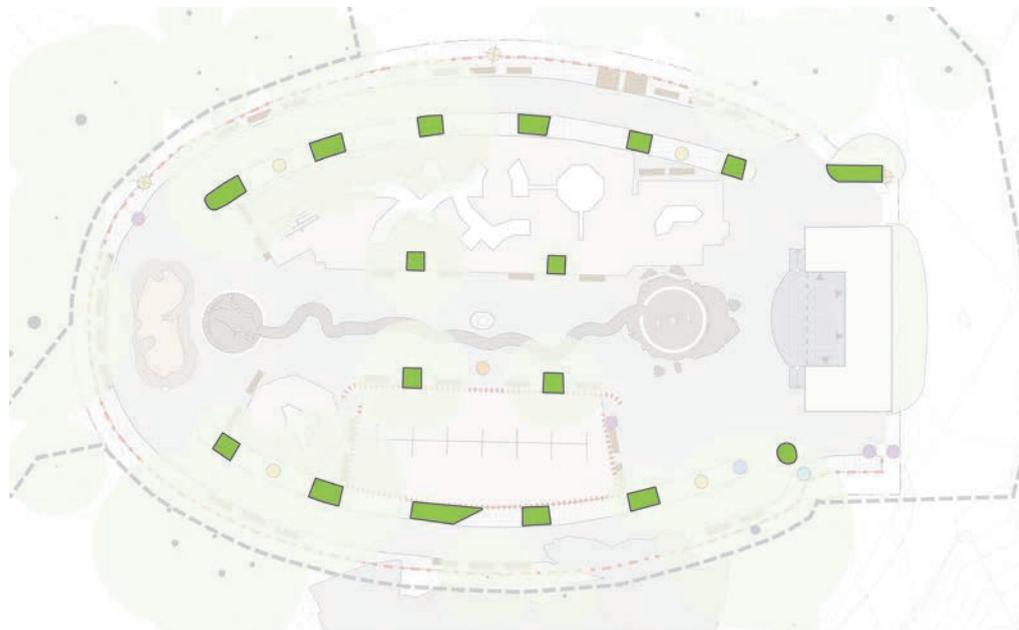
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 PLANTED AREA (5,220 SF)

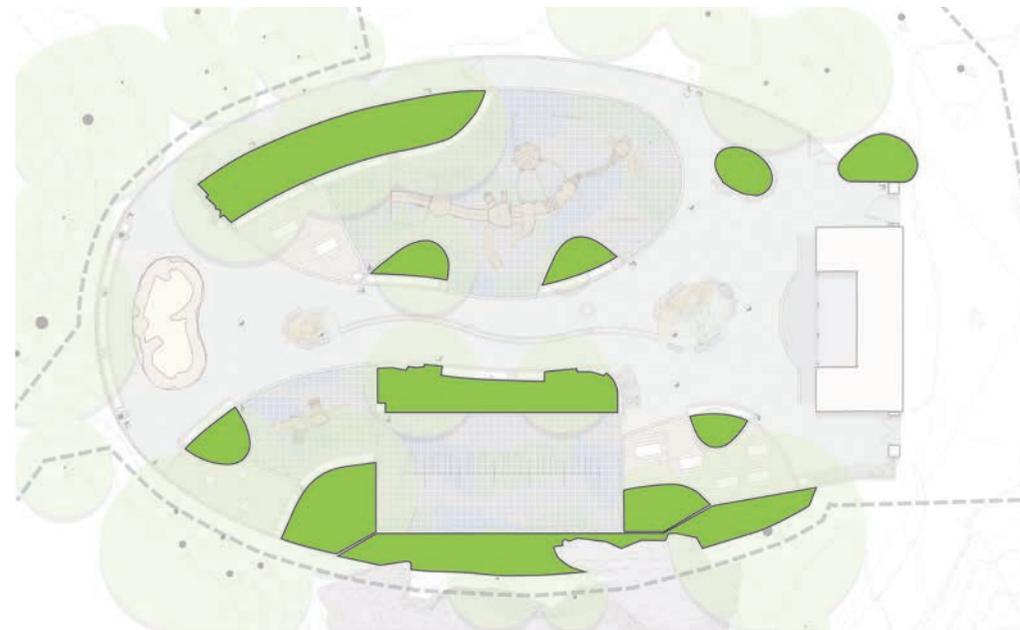
SF of areas noted above are for proposed conditions.

Sustainable Practices

- Reduce storm water runoff
- Improve tree health and growing conditions
- Use site appropriate resilient plant material



Existing Permeability: 2.5% (774 SF)



Proposed Permeability: 17.3% (5,220 SF)

DEP Unified Stormwater Rule (USWR) Requirement

USWR stormwater management and permitting is required for this project. USWR is required because more than 20,000 SF is being disturbed.



Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Perspective Renderings



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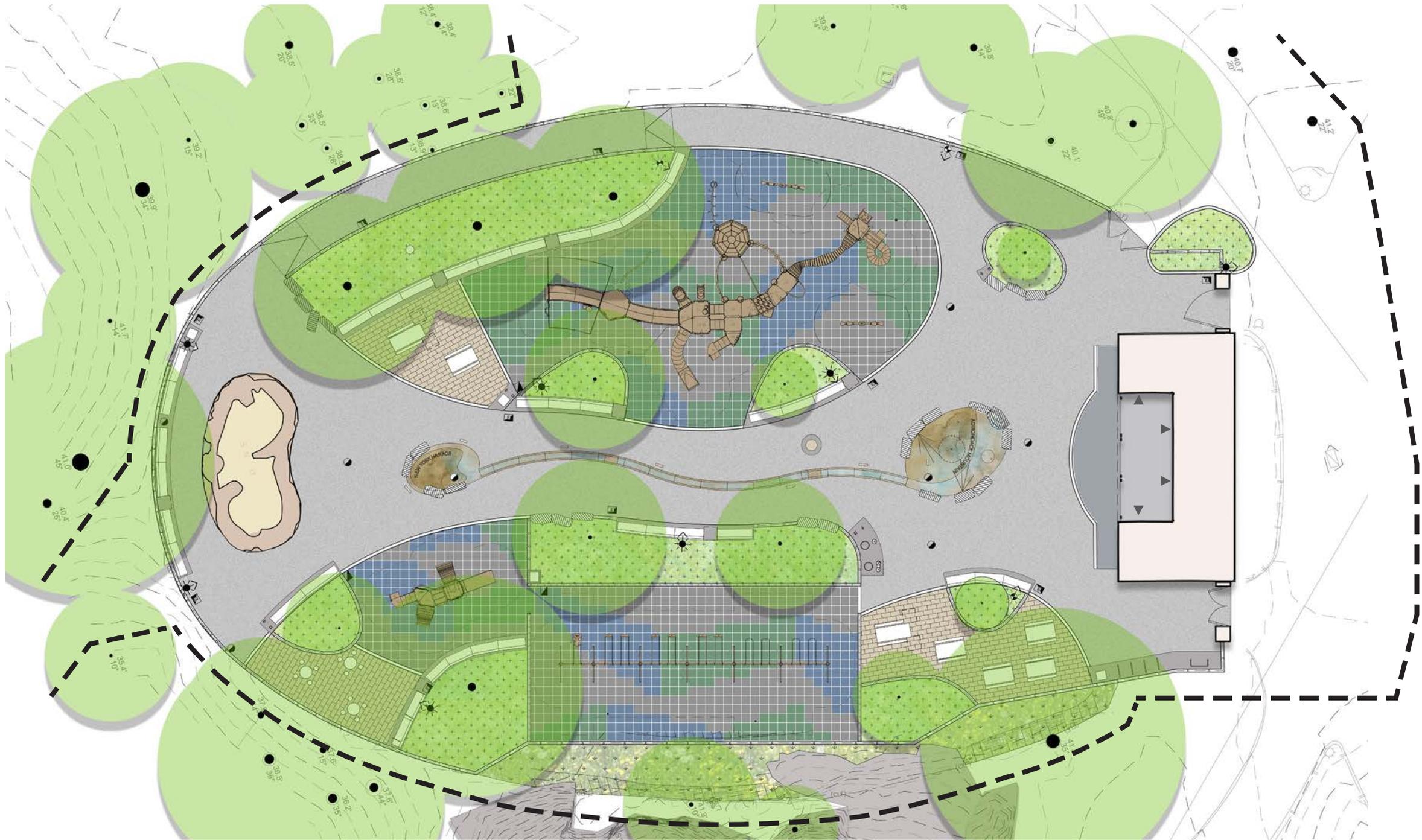


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Riverside Park's River Run Playground | Schematic Plan

