



PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS
SCHEMATIC DESIGN PROPOSAL

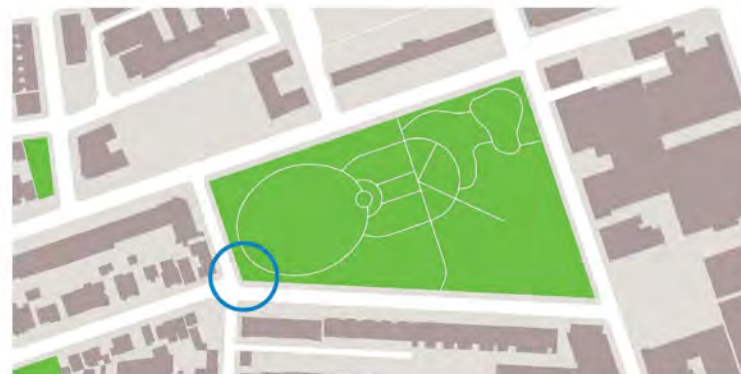
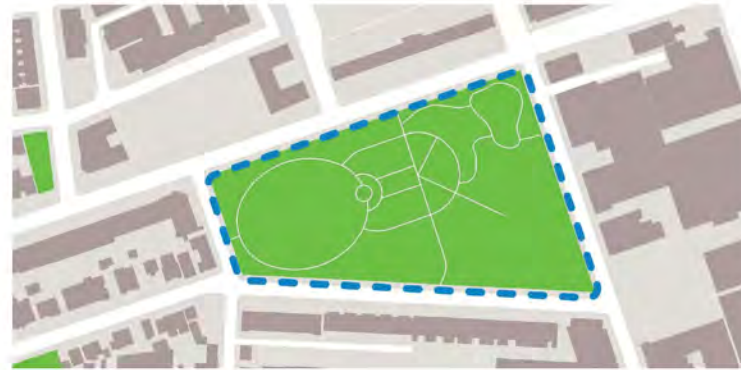
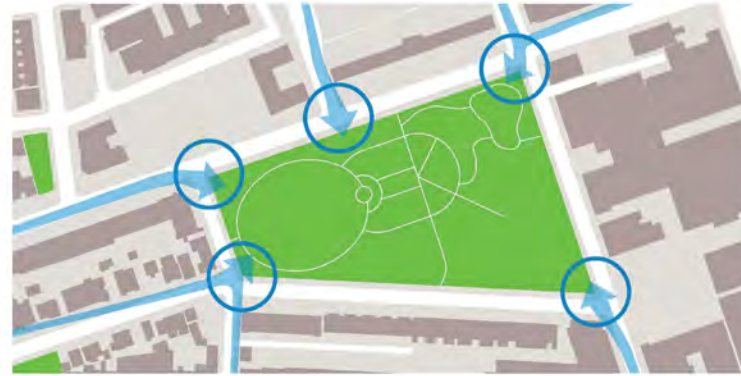
Jackie Robinson Park

Located between 145th & 155th Streets
between Edgecombe & Bradhurst Avenues
in the Borough of Manhattan

NYC LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION FULL HEARING
June 6, 2017

Parks

Parks without Borders is a new design approach focusing on improving the areas where parks and neighborhoods meet: entrances, edges, and park-adjacent space.



PROJECT OVERVIEW:

PROJECT GOALS:

- Make five park entrances more welcoming
- Create friendly, transparent park edges
- Improve connections through park to public transit
- Improve safety within park

PROJECT BUDGET:

- \$4.73 million Mayoral allocation FY17

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Parks without Borders outreach and voting process
- Community visioning session 10/17/2016
- Online and e-mail outreach for input on scope
- Community Board 10 Parks Committee meetings
- Community Board 10 Full Board unanimous approval

PARK SIZE:

- 12.8 acres





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2000'

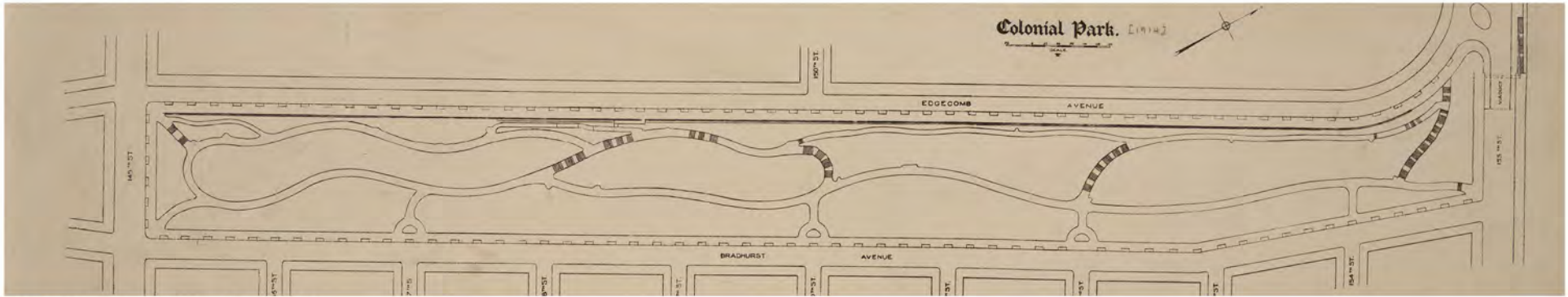


200' 1000'



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 SIDEWALK / PATH
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 STEPS
 ○ X [CLOSED]
 PARK ENTRANCE
 M
 SUBWAY ENTRANCE
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 CONNECTIONS TO SUBWAY





Colonial Park - early plan, 1914
 source: NYPL digital collections



Early Playground
 source: NYPL digital collections



View North from Edgemont, 1935
 source: NYPL digital collections



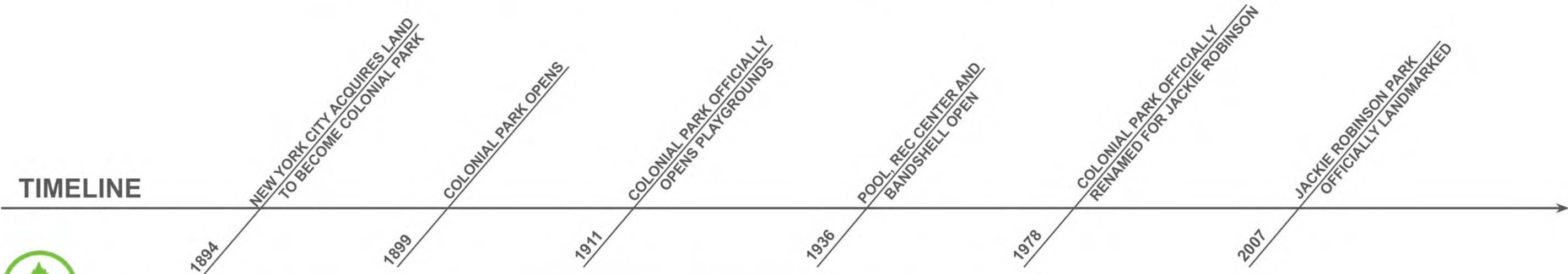
Jackie Robinson Pool, 1937
 source: NYC Parks photo archive



Renaming Ceremony, 1978
 source: NYC Parks photo archive



Metropolitan Opera performance, Jackie Robinson Bandshell 2016





Aerial view looking north over Jackie Robinson Park to Polo Grounds and Harlem River, c. 1937
NYC Parks Photo Archive



Jackie Robinson Recreation Center, 2009
LPC Designation Record Photo

Approximately **100 participants** shared their priorities at the community input session on October 17, 2016!





NORTHERN CONNECTION

- ENTRANCE 155TH / EDGECOMBE
- ENTRANCE 152ND / BRADHURST
- TWO STAIRWAYS
- CONNECTING PATH

SOUTHERN CONNECTION

- ENTRANCE 145TH / EDGECOMBE
- ENTRANCE 146TH / BRADHURST
- REBUILD STAIRWAY
- CONNECTING PATH - ADA ACCESS

WESTERN BORDER

- ENTRANCE 150TH / EDGECOMBE
- EDGECOMBE FENCE ONLY



ADD ALTERNATE

(IF FUNDING ALLOWS)

WESTERN BORDER

- EDGECOMBE TREE BEDS AND BENCHES

SOUTHERN BORDER

- 145th ST. AND BRADHURST FENCE
- 145th ST. TREE BEDS AND SIDEWALK



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PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS | JACKIE ROBINSON PARK | PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE



FURNITURE AND SITE FIXTURES

NEW SITE FURNITURE TO MATCH NYC PARKS
STANDARD FIXTURES FOR HISTORIC PARKS
AND EXISTING ELEMENTS CURRENTLY FOUND
WITHIN JACKIE ROBINSON PARK.



WIRE BASKET AND METAL
BARREL TRASH RECEPTACLES
TO BE REPLACED WITH "PUBLIC
SPACE" MODEL



4'-0" HT DECORATIVE STEEL FENCE WITH CAST
HORSESHOES, HISTORICALLY EXTENDED
THE FULL LENGTH OF EDGECOMBE AVENUE.
CURRENTLY FOUND ALONG EDGECOMBE
AVENUE ONLY NORTH OF 150TH STREET.



1939 WORLD'S FAIR BENCH
CURRENTLY FOUND THROUGHOUT
JACKIE ROBINSON PARK



NYC DOT STANDARD TYPE "B" LAMP
NEW LIGHTING TO MATCH EXISTING

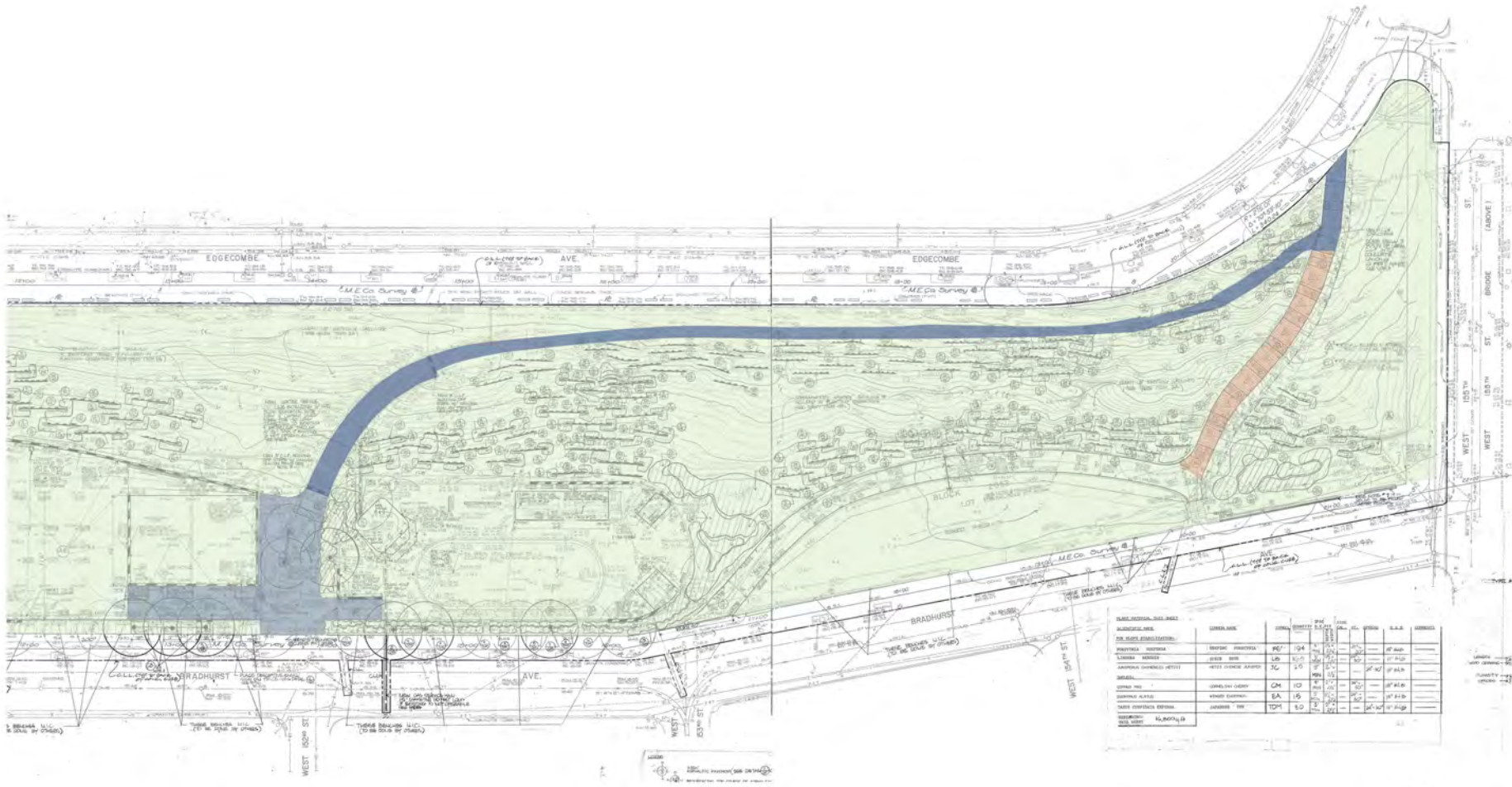


PIPE RAIL FENCING WITHIN PARK
WHERE NEEDED AS SAFETY BARRIER

PROJECT AREA 1: NORTH CONNECTION



HISTORIC PLAN AND PHOTO



NORTH-WEST ENTRANCE (CURRENTLY CLOSED) EDGECOMBE AVENUE AT 155TH STREET



- Reopen entrance
- Create welcoming, well-lit gateway
- Improve sight lines through the park



ENTRANCE AT 155TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE
NORTH-WEST CORNER JACKIE ROBINSON PARK c. 1968 (NOW CLOSED)
NYC Parks photo archive



EXISTING ENTRANCE AT 155TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE (CLOSED)



NORTH-WEST ENTRANCE STAIRWAY (CURRENTLY CLOSED) EDGECOMBE AVENUE AT 155TH STREET



- Reconstruct stairway
- Create welcoming, well-lit gateway
- Improve sight lines through the park



ENTRANCE STAIRWAY AT 155TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE
NORTH-WEST CORNER JACKIE ROBINSON PARK c. 1968 (NOW CLOSED)
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EXISTING ENTRANCE STAIRWAY AT 155TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE (CLOSED)



PATH (CURRENTLY CLOSED) FROM EDGECOMBE AVENUE AT 155TH STREET TO BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET



- Reconstruct pathway to enable safe public access
- Cut back overgrown vegetation to open views and sight lines
- Provide lighting and seating



PATH BELOW EDGECOMBE AVENUE AT NORTH-WEST CORNER OF JACKIE ROBINSON PARK c. 1965
NYC Parks photo archive



EXISTING CONDITIONS - PATH BELOW EDGECOMBE PROMENADE TO 152ND STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE (CLOSED)

EXISTING CONDITIONS
STEPS (CURRENTLY CLOSED) TO BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET



- Remove and reset step risers to enable safe public access
- Reconstruct cheek wall where necessary
- Provide lighting and hand rails



EXISTING CONDITIONS - BLUESTONE STEPS TO 152ND STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE (CLOSED)



EXISTING ENTRANCE AT 152ND STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE (PARTIALLY CLOSED)

EXISTING CONDITIONS

NORTH-EAST ENTRANCE BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET



- Create welcoming, accessible, well-lit gateway and seating area
- Improve access to sports fields and playground
- Remove or replace fencing



EXISTING ENTRANCE AT 152ND STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE (PARTIALLY CLOSED)

REOPEN NORTH CONNECTION
EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



REOPEN NORTH CONNECTION
PROPOSED DESIGN PLAN



REOPEN NORTH CONNECTION
PROPOSED PATH LIGHTING



NEW LIGHTING
SPACED MAX 75'







FENCING DIAGRAM EDGECOMBE AVENUE AT 155TH STREET



EXISTING FENCING



PROPOSED FENCING



PIPE RAIL FENCE
(WOODLAND STAIR AND PATH)



REOPEN NORTH CONNECTION
DESIGN PRECEDENTS AND PROPOSED MATERIALS



EXAMPLE - MORNINGSIDE PARK WOODLAND PATH

FORMER STAIRWAY AT 155TH STREET
AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE.
NEW GRANITE STEPS TO MATCH
EXISTING GRANITE CHEEK WALL
AND RETAINING WALL.



EXAMPLE - RIVERSIDE PARK ENTRANCE STAIRWAY AND PATH

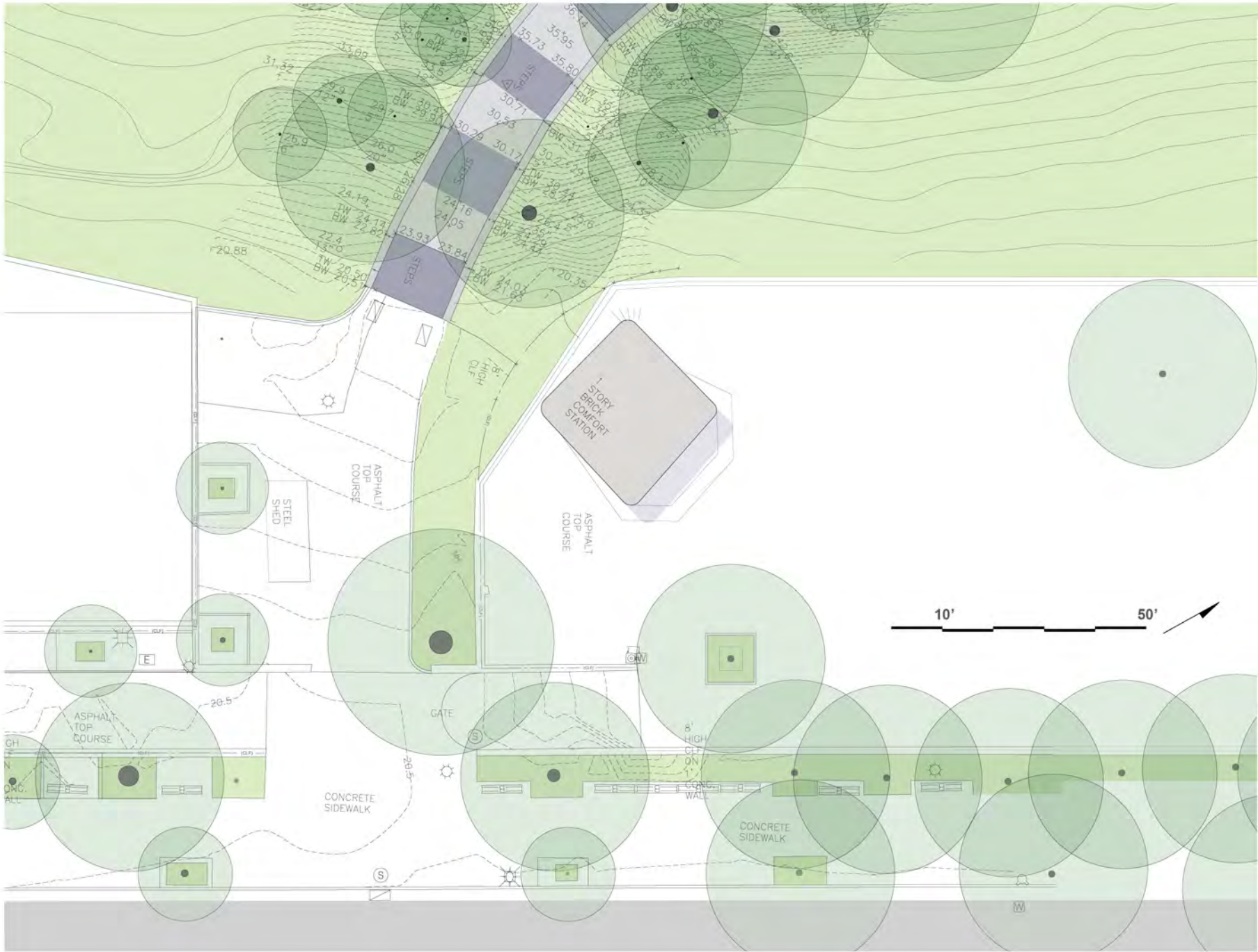


MATERIAL FOR RECONSTRUCTED STAIRWAY AT 155TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE ENTRANCE TO MATCH EXISTING GRANITE STEPS AT ENTRANCE FROM EDGECOMBE AVENUE NEAR 150TH STREET.

BRADHURST PLAZA BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET
EXISTING CONDITIONS



- UNDESIGNED ENTRY SPACE**
- NO SEATING OPPORTUNITIES
 - HIGH, DERELICT CHAIN LINK FENCING
 - UNCLEAR, UNWELCOMING ACCESS TO SPORTS FACILITIES AND PLAYGROUND
 - STAIRWAY ACCESS CLOSED
 - UNEVEN PAVEMENT COVERED WITH DEBRIS



BRADHURST PLAZA BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET
PROPOSED DESIGN



CREATE WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE ENTRY PLAZA

- CREATE NEW SEATING AREA
- REMOVE OR REPLACE CHAIN LINK FENCING
- IMPROVE ACCESS TO SPORTS AND PLAYGROUND

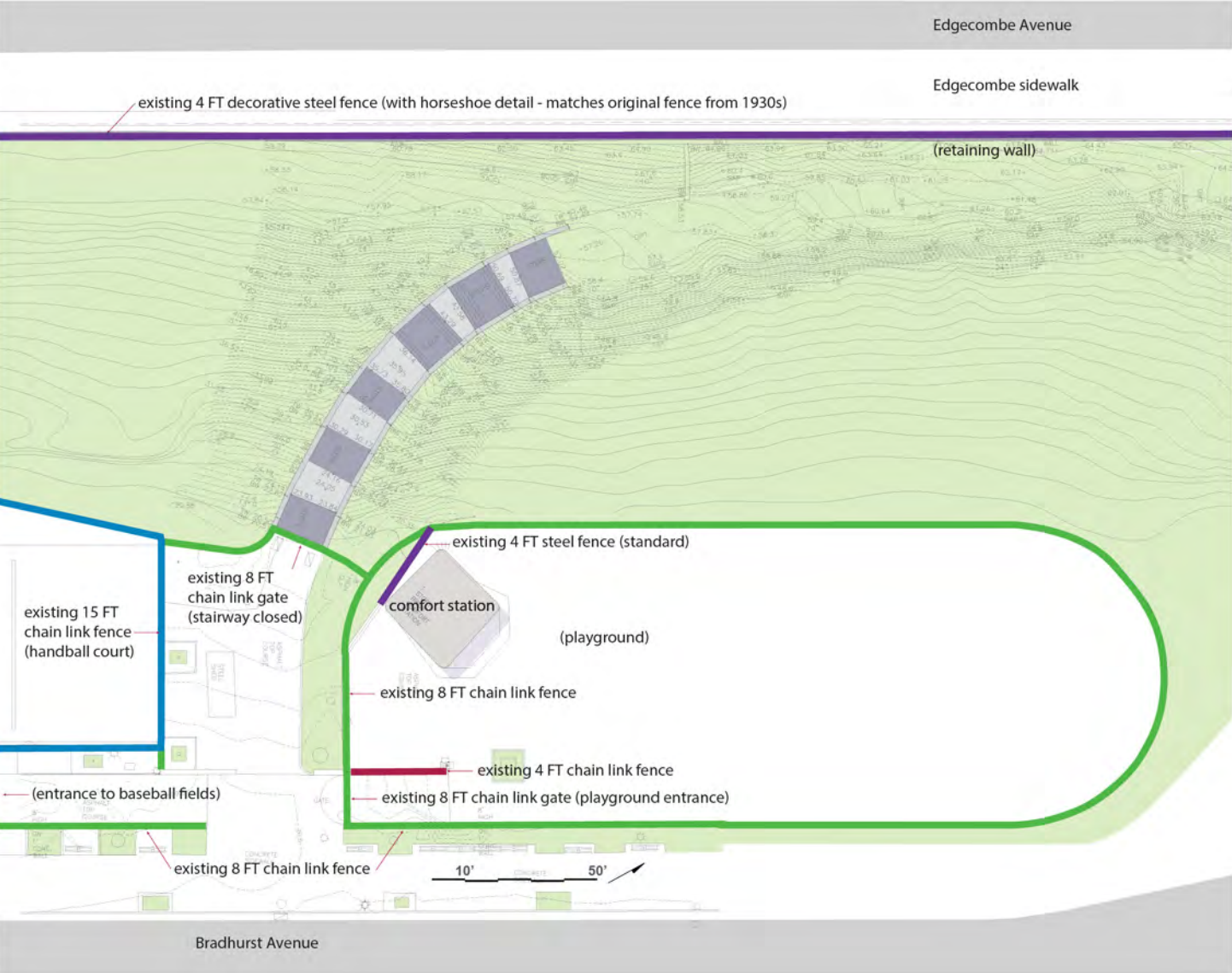
REPAVE PLAZA



MATERIALS: ADA GRANITE BLOCK WITH HEX PAVERS



EXISTING FENCING BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET



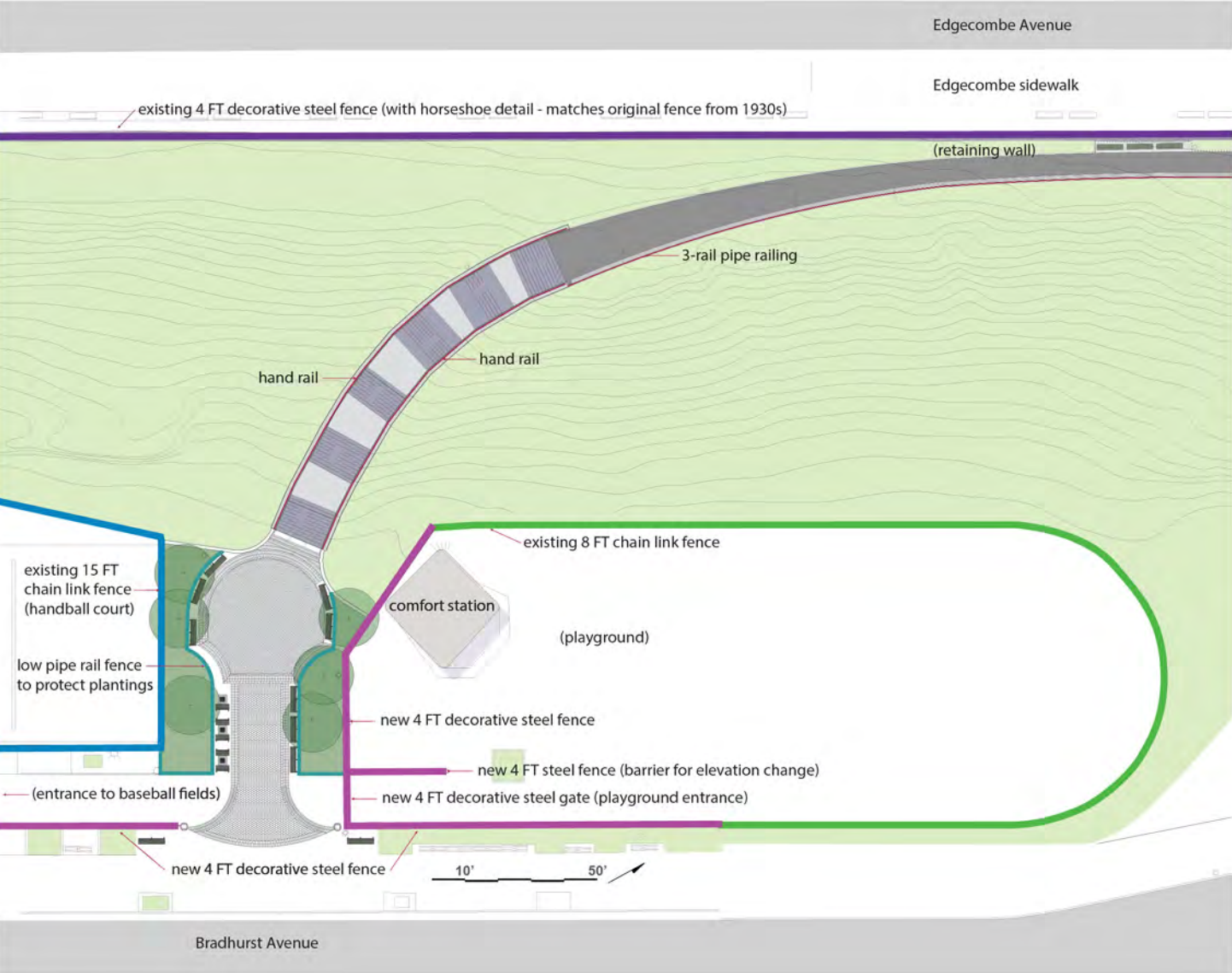
8 FT CHAIN LINK FENCE AROUND PLAYGROUND



BROKEN 8FT CHAIN LINK GATE TO PLAYGROUND



PROPOSED FENCING BRADHURST AVENUE AT 152ND STREET



2-RAIL PIPE RAIL FENCE
(PLAZA PLANTINGS)



4 FT DECORATIVE STEEL FENCE
(BORDER AND PLAYGROUND)

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TO 3 TRAIN

EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



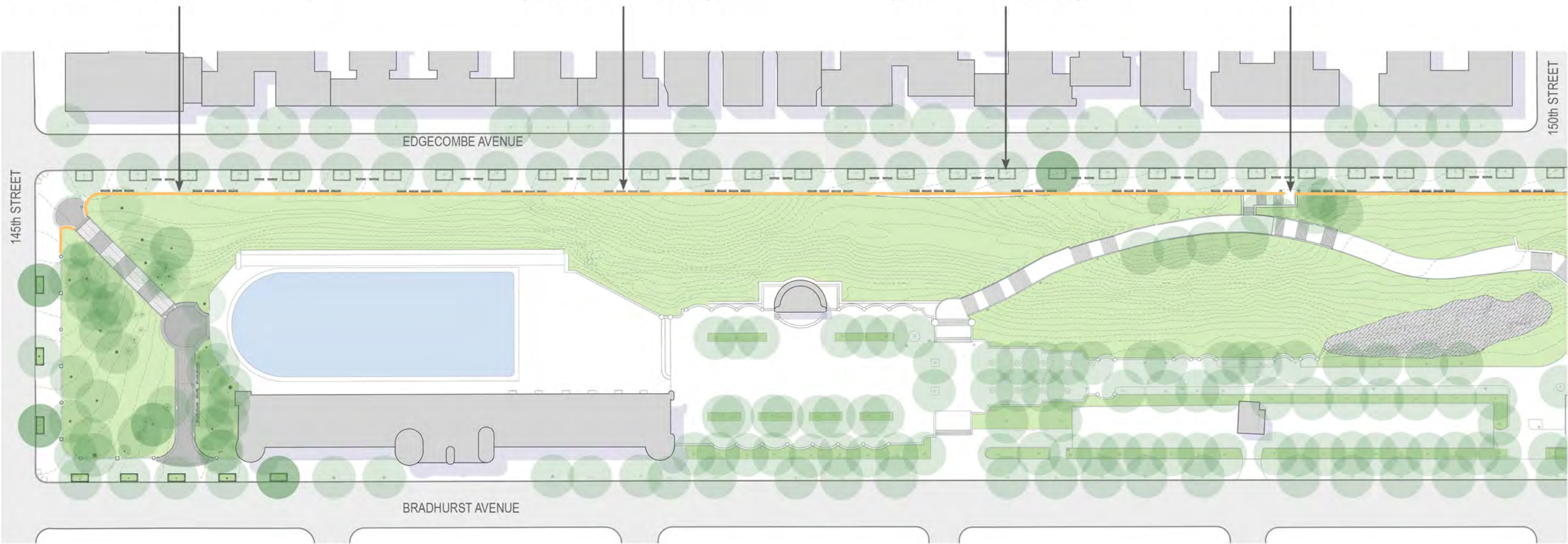
PROPOSED DESIGN PLAN

REPLACE 8FT CHAIN LINK FENCE
WITH 4FT DECORATIVE STEEL

REPLACE BENCHES
(ADD ALTERNATE)

EXPAND TREE BEDS
(ADD ALTERNATE)

NEW GRANITE PIERS
AT PARK ENTRANCE



FENCE AND BENCHES



- Replace chain link fence with low decorative steel to match historic fence and northern Edgcombe Avenue, modified for improved safety and increased transparency
- Replace old benches with 1939 World’s Fair style to match northern Edgcombe (ADD ALTERNATE)



EXISTING CONDITIONS - 8FT CHAIN LINK FENCE ALONG EDGECOMBE AVENUE PROMENADE (SOUTH)



EXISTING CONDITIONS - DECORATIVE STEEL 'HORSESHOE' FENCE AND 1939 WORLD'S FAIR BENCHES

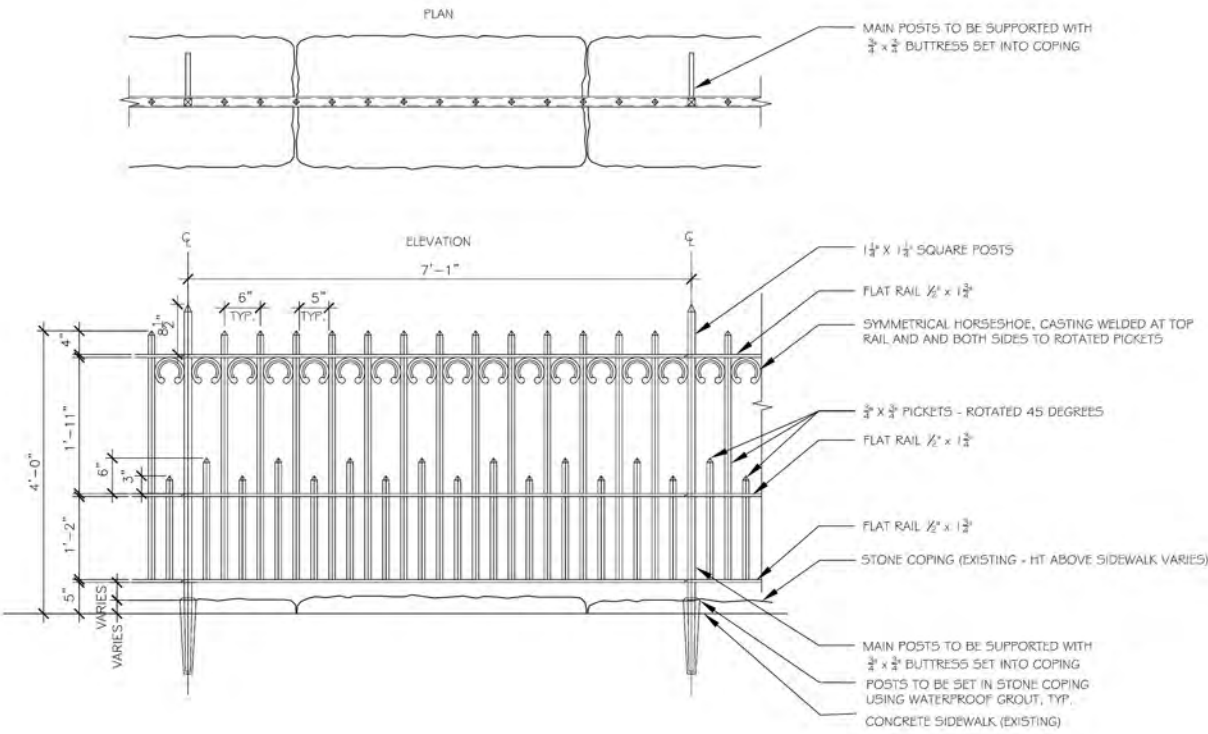
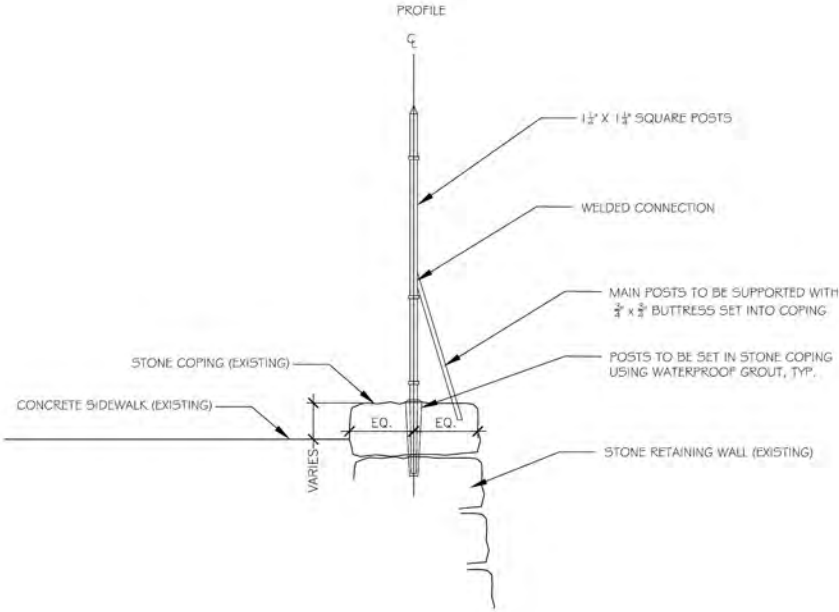
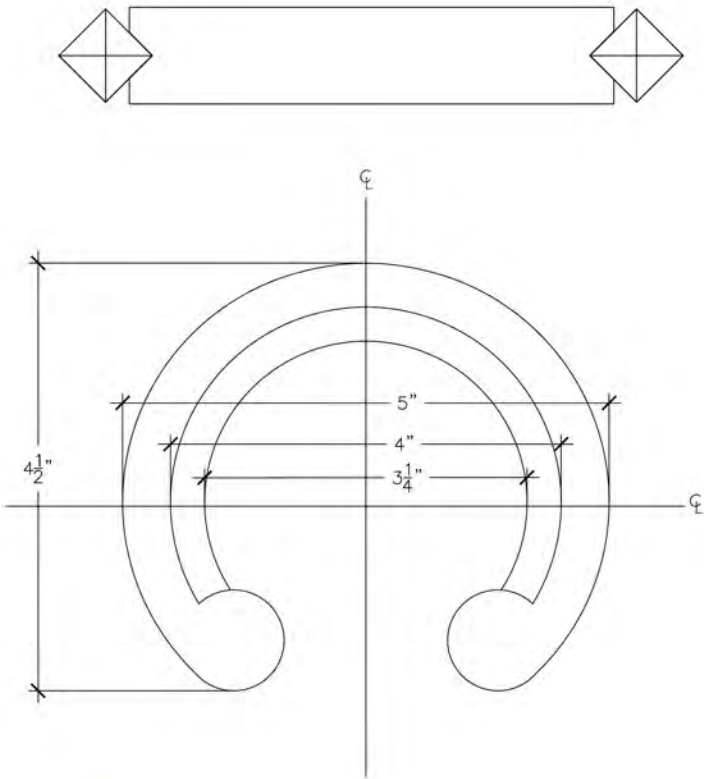
PROPOSED STEEL FENCE DETAIL



view north from Edgcombe, 1935
source: NYPL digital collections



Edgcombe Avenue near 150th St, 1968
source: NYC Parks photo archive



TREE BEDS INCLUDED ONLY IF FUNDING ALLOWS



- Match tree guard and Belgian block border improvements made to northern Edgcombe Avenue (modified with 3-sided step-down tree guard design)



EXISTING CONDITIONS (SOUTH) - DERELICT OR MISSING TREE GUARDS

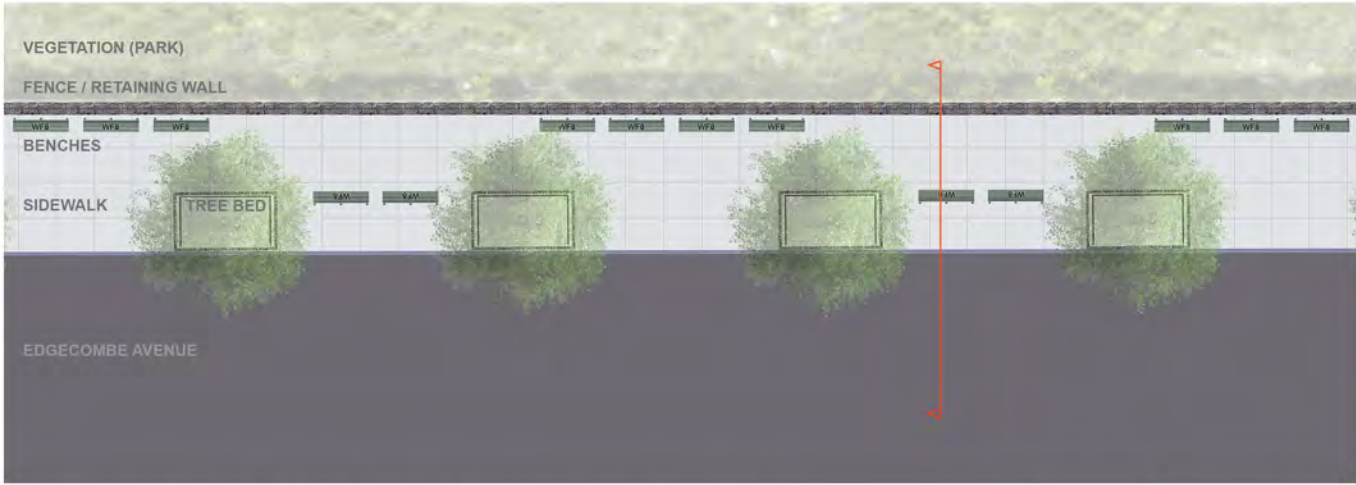


EXISTING CONDITIONS (NORTH) - GENEROUS TREE BEDS WITH STEEL GUARD AND BELGIAN BLOCK EDGE



PROPOSED FENCE IMPROVEMENTS AND RETAINING WALL REPAIRS (INCLUDED)
BENCHES AND TREE BEDS INCLUDED ONLY IF FUNDING ALLOWS

- Replace 8ft chain link fence with 4ft decorative steel to match historic fence and northern Edgcombe Avenue, modified for improved safety and increased transparency
- Repair retaining wall and sidewalk where needed



EDGECOMBE AVENUE BORDER - PROPOSED TYPICAL PLAN

0' 20' 40'



EDGECOMBE AVENUE BORDER
PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION

0' 10' 20'

WEST ENTRANCE EDGECOMBE AVENUE NEAR 150TH STREET



- Add way-finding signage at 150th Street and at park entrance
- Add piers at park entrance to improve visibility



directional sign example



park entrance



EXISTING CONDITIONS - 150th STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE



EXISTING CONDITIONS - VIEW TOWARDS ENTRANCE



WEST ENTRANCE EDGECOMBE AVENUE NEAR 150TH STREET



HISTORIC PHOTO: WEST ENTRANCE TO JACKIE ROBINSON PARK
AT EDGECOMBE AVENUE NEAR 150TH STREET c. 1968
NYC Parks photo archive



EXISTING CONDITIONS

WEST ENTRANCE EDGECOMBE AVENUE NEAR 150TH STREET



EXISTING ENTRANCE FROM BELOW

- Create welcoming gateway
- Replace 8ft chain link with 4ft decorative steel
- Increase entrance visibility with stone piers (stone material to complement existing granite coping and retaining wall)
- Add way-finding signage
- Repave sidewalk



PROPOSED ENTRANCE SKETCH - EDGECOMBE AVENUE ENTRANCE NEAR 150TH STREET

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EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN



UNWELCOMING ENTRANCE

STAIRWAY IN DISREPAIR

HIGH, EXCESS FENCING THROUGHOUT

DIFFICULT ADA ACCESS

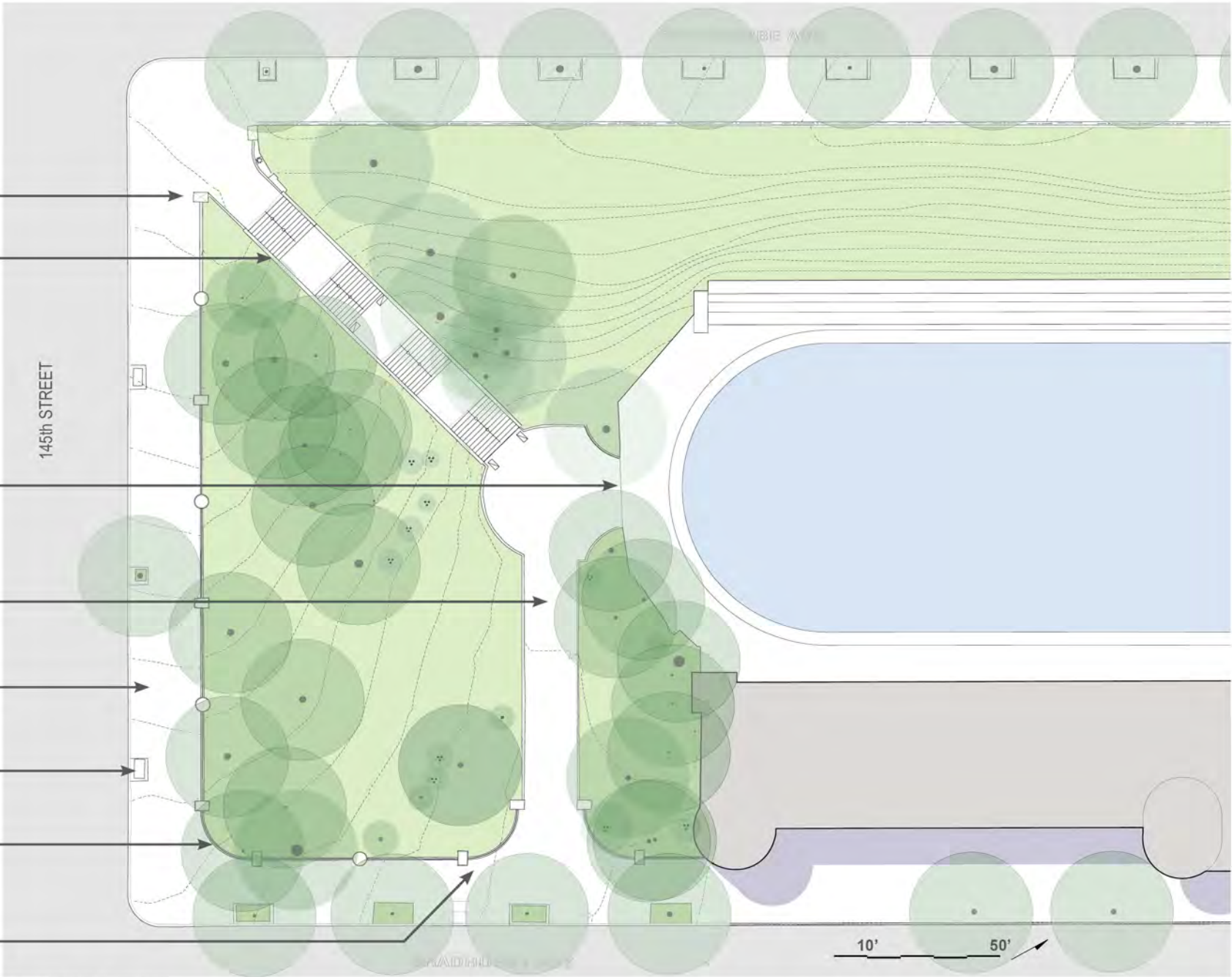
PATH IN DISREPAIR

SIDEWALKS IN DISREPAIR

STREET TREES MISSING OR COMPACTED

UNWELCOMING PARK EDGE

UNWELCOMING ENTRANCE



EXISTING PLAN



PROPOSED DESIGN PLAN



CREATE WELCOMING ENTRANCE

REBUILD STAIRWAY

ADD HANDRAILS

REMOVE OR LOWER FENCING THROUGHOUT

IMPROVE ADA ACCESS

REPAVE PATH

ADD SEATING

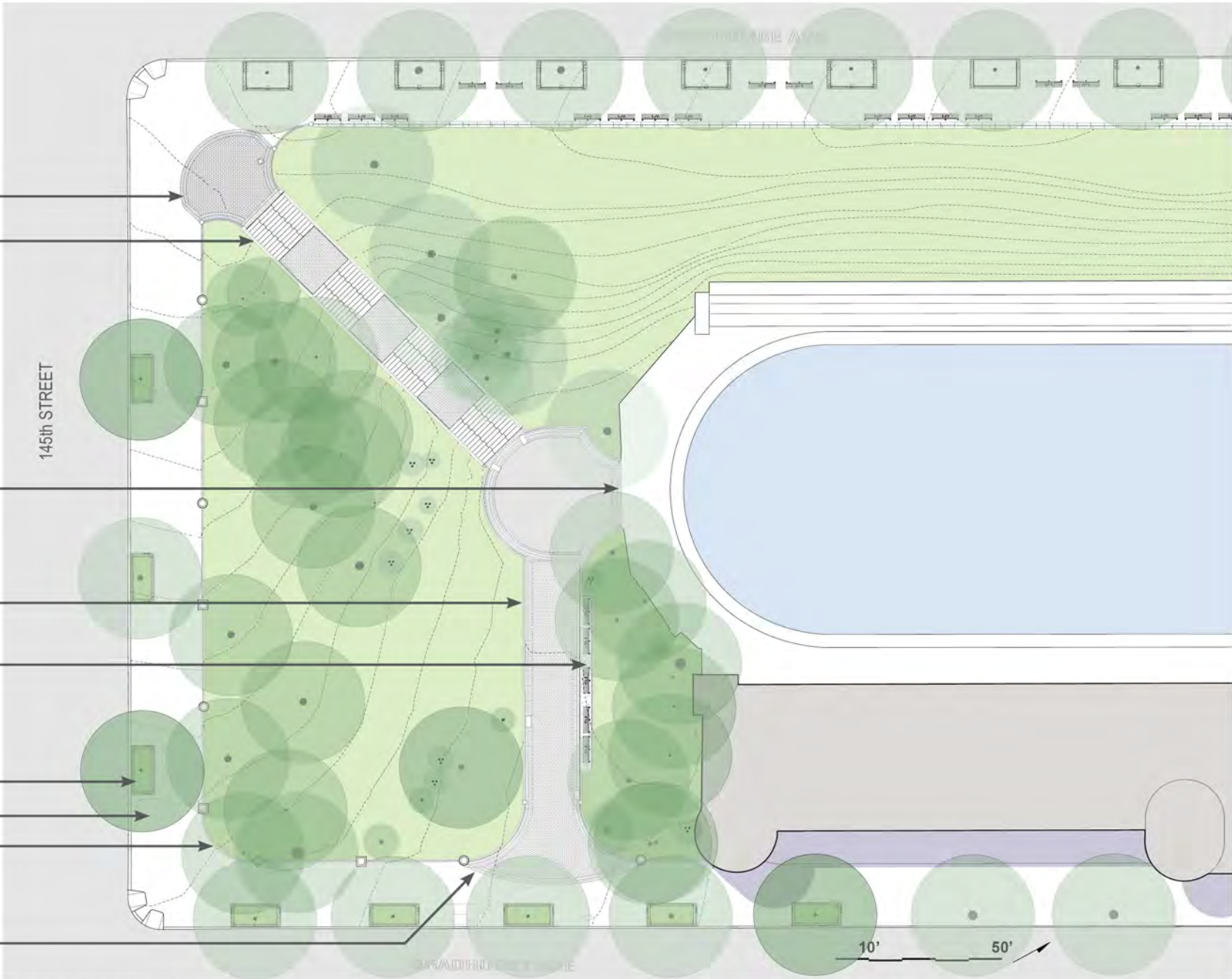
ADD ALTERNATE:

EXPAND AND PROTECT STREET TREE BEDS

REPAVE SIDEWALKS

IMPROVE PARK EDGE

CREATE WELCOMING ENTRANCE



PROPOSED PLAN



STAIRWAY TO 145TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVENUE



- Reconstruct stairway and railings
- Remove chain link and temporary range fencing



EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXAMPLE: GRANITE STEPS AT BANDSHELL JACKIE ROBINSON PARK



PROPOSED MATERIALS: GRANITE TO MATCH NEARBY STEPS



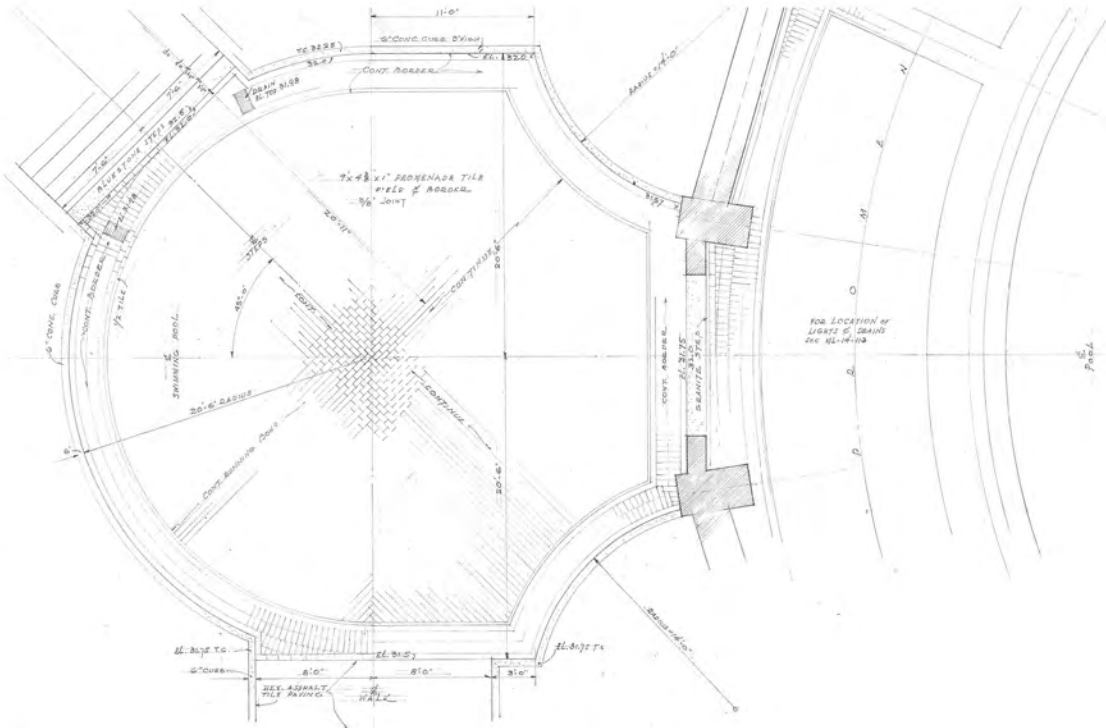
CONNECTING PATH FROM BRADHURST AVENUE NEAR 146TH STREET



- Repave path, improving ADA access to pool and rec center
- Remove / replace fencing
- Add seating



EXISTING CONDITIONS



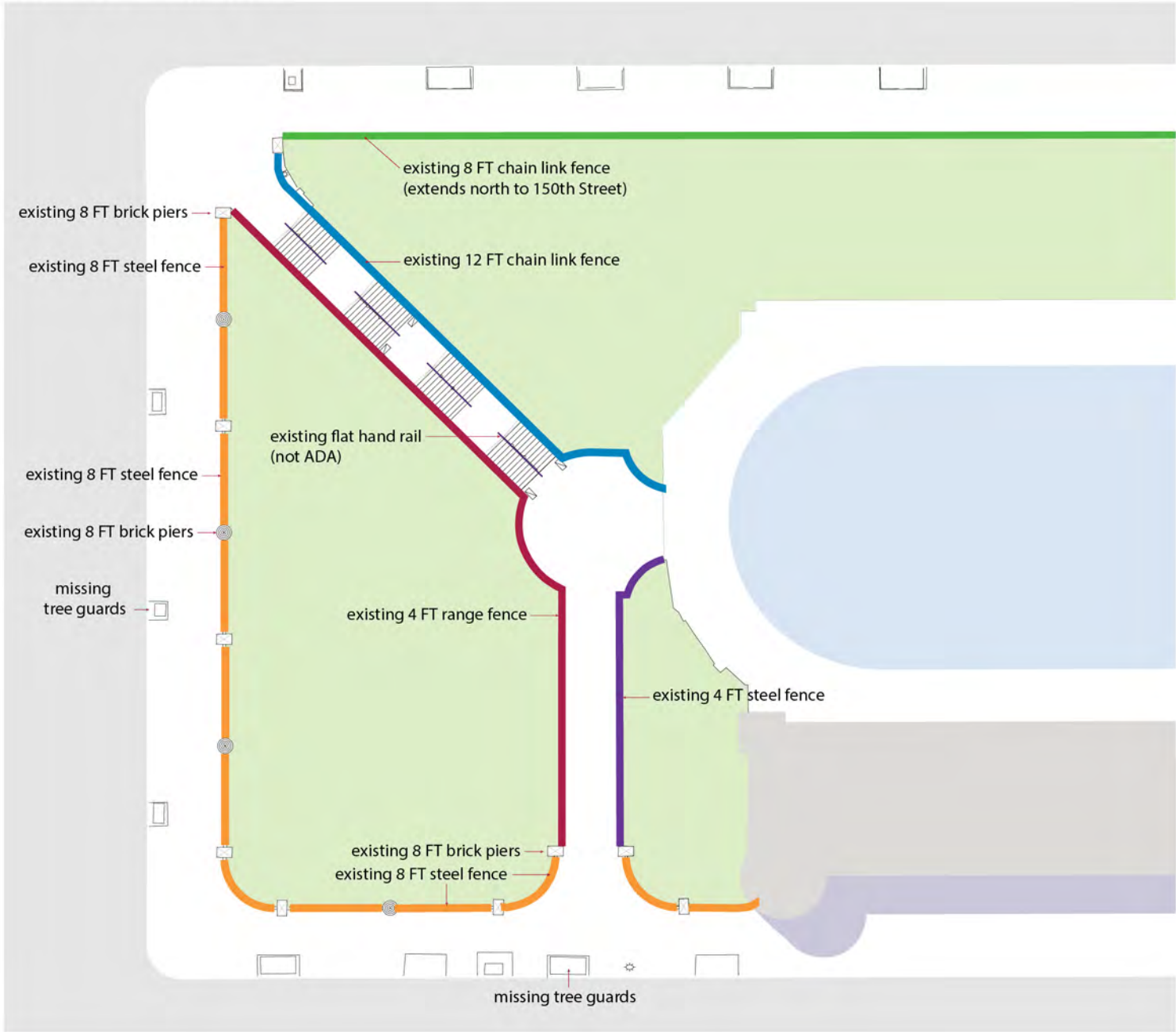
PROPOSED PAVING PATTERN TO MATCH ORIGINAL DESIGN



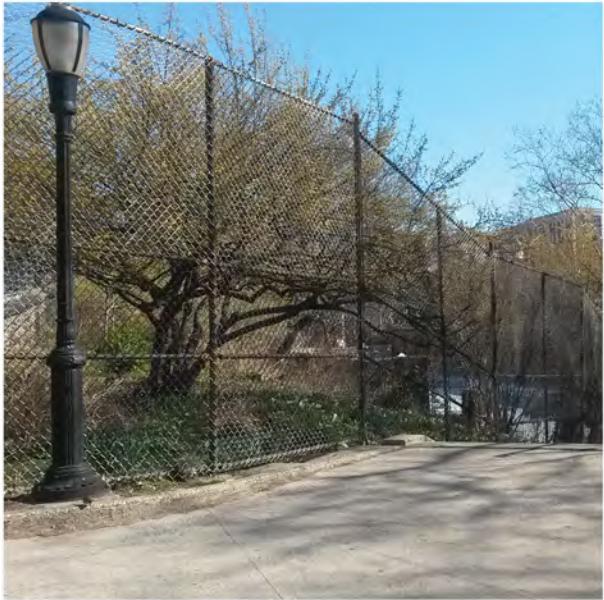
MATERIALS: ADA GRANITE BLOCK WITH HEX PAVERS



EXISTING FENCING



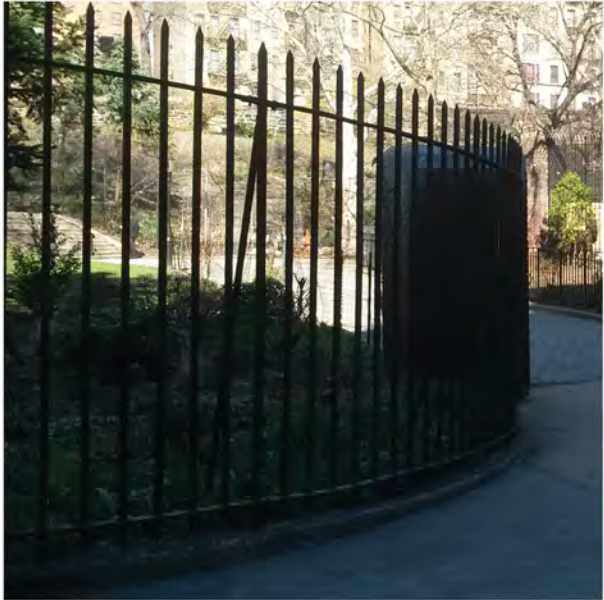
4 FT TEMPORARY RANGE FENCE



12 FT CHAIN LINK FENCE



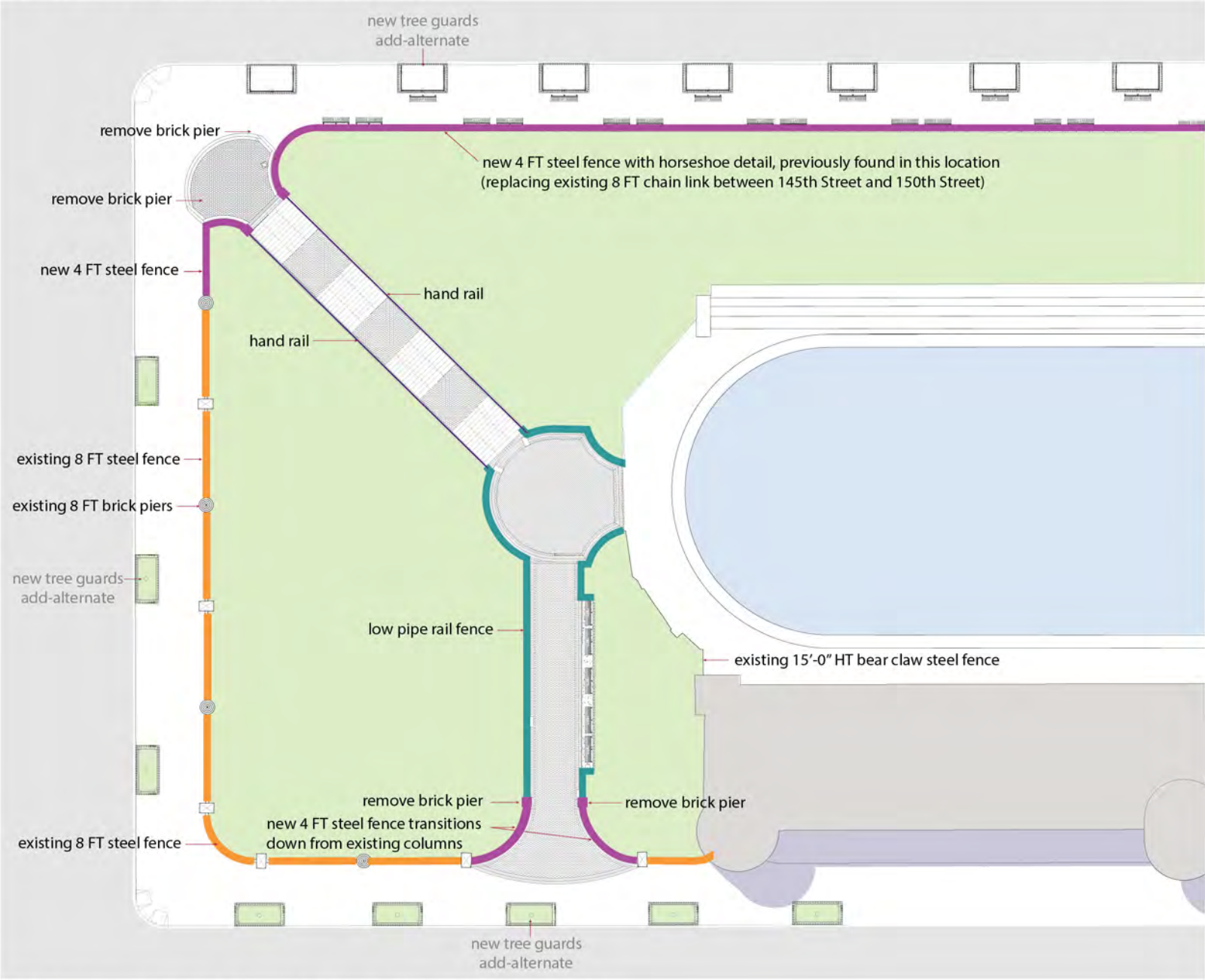
4 FT STEEL FENCE



8 FT STEEL SPIKE FENCE



PROPOSED FENCING - OPTION 1



OPTION 1: IMPROVE ENTRANCES AND INTERNAL FENCING



2-RAIL PIPE RAIL FENCE



STAIRWAY HANDRAIL (ADA)



4 FT DECORATIVE STEEL FENCE



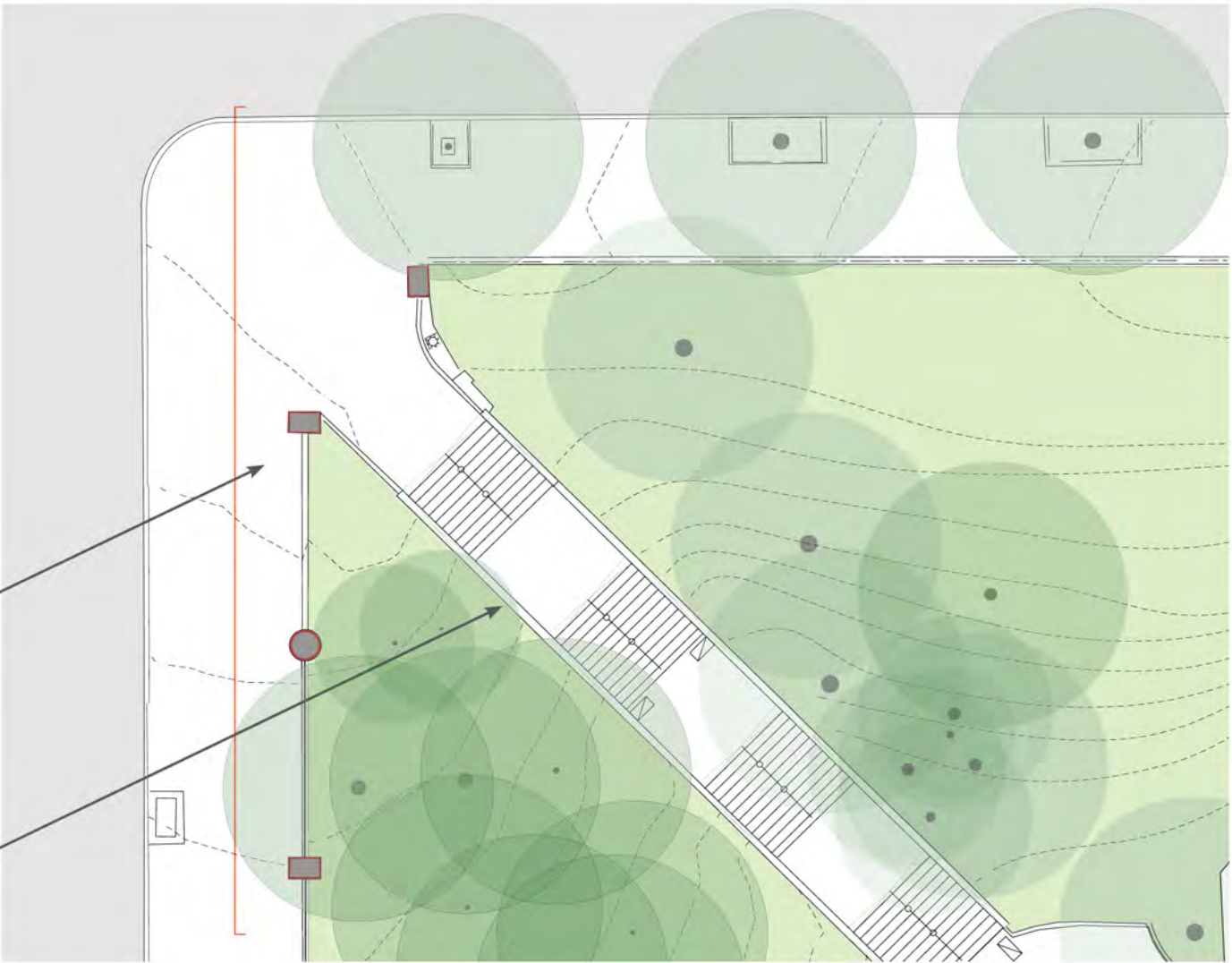
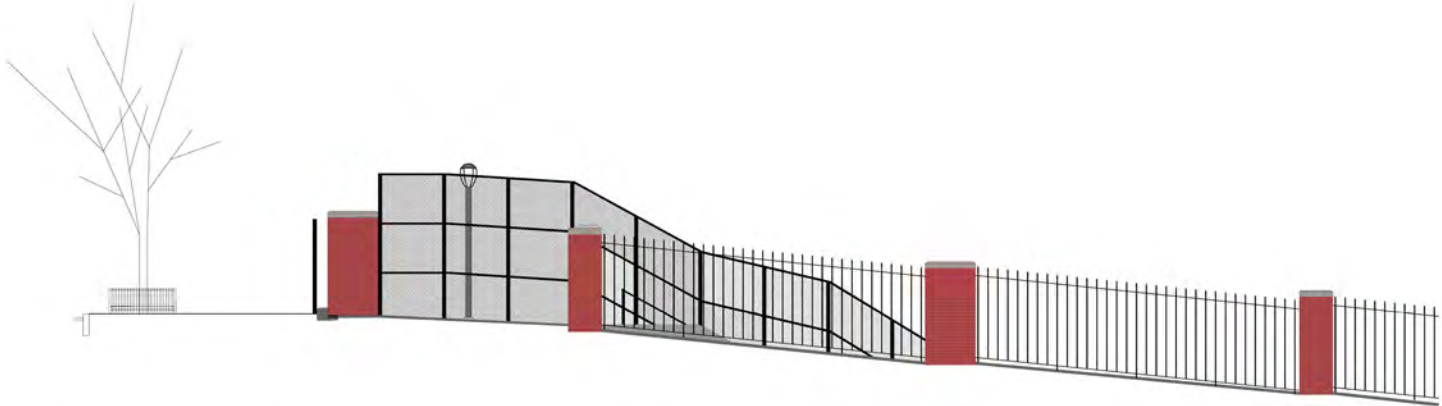
**SOUTH-WEST ENTRANCE 145TH STREET AND EDGEcombe AVE
EXISTING CONDITIONS**



EXISTING ENTRANCE

- SOUTH-WEST ENTRANCE**
- LARGE BRICK PIERS BLOCK VIEWS INTO PARK
 - HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCE UNSIGHTLY
 - HIGH SPIKED FENCE UNWELCOMING
 - ENTRANCE IS NARROW AND AWKWARDLY SHAPED

STAIRWAY IN DISREPAIR



**SOUTH-WEST ENTRANCE 145TH STREET AND EDGECOMBE AVE
PROPOSED DESIGN**

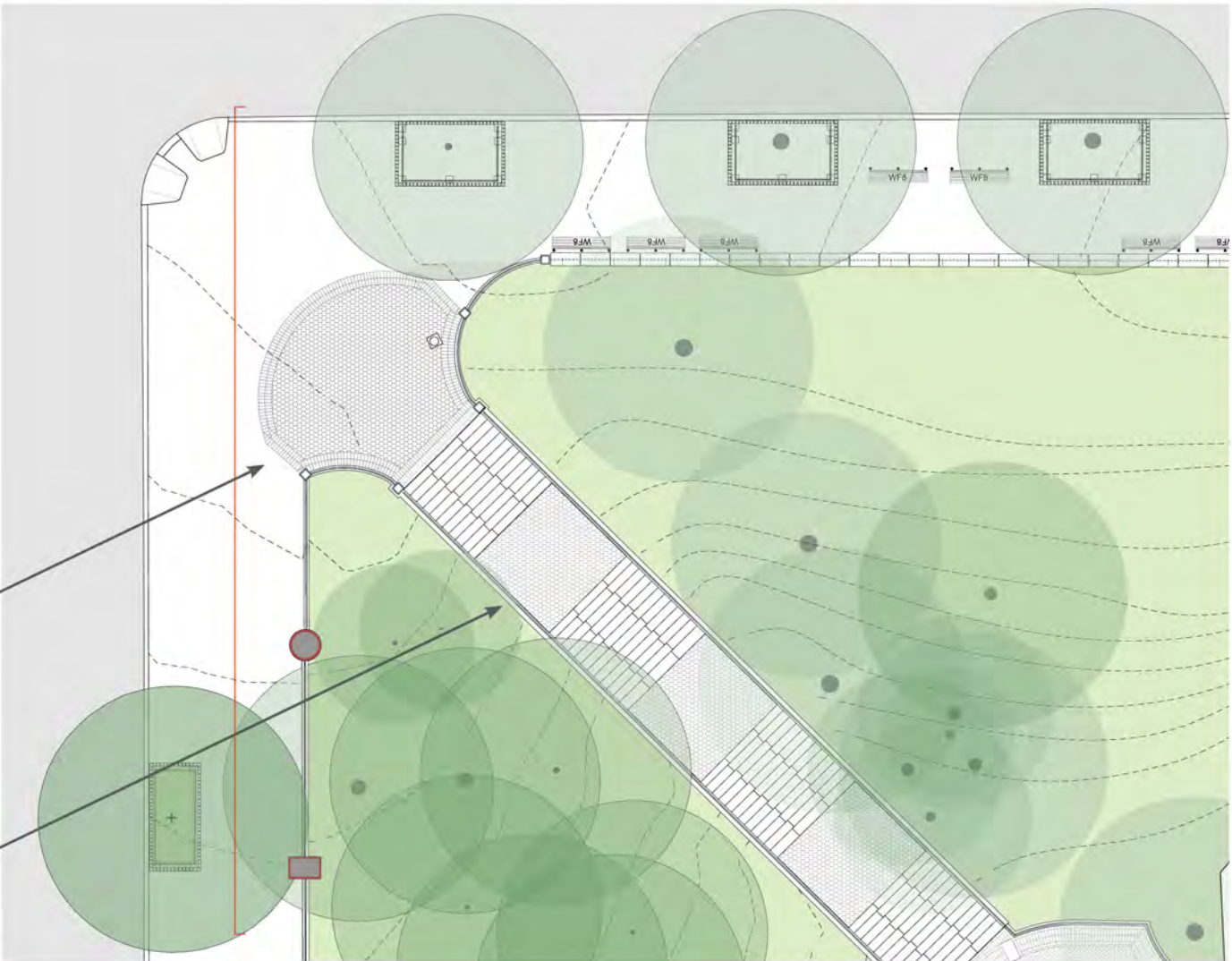
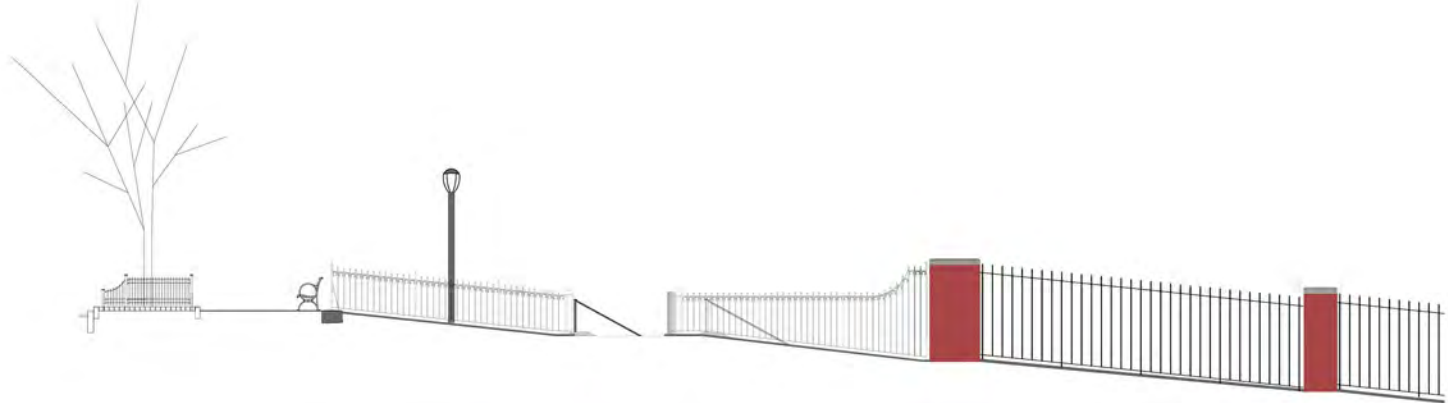


PROPOSED ENTRANCE

CREATE WELCOMING ENTRANCE

- REMOVE TWO LARGE BRICK PIERS
- REMOVE CHAIN LINK FENCING, LOWER SPIKED FENCING
- SOFTEN CORNERS AND CREATE SYMMETRY
- ADD PAVING PATTERN TO ECHO LOWER LANDING

RECONSTRUCT STAIRWAY

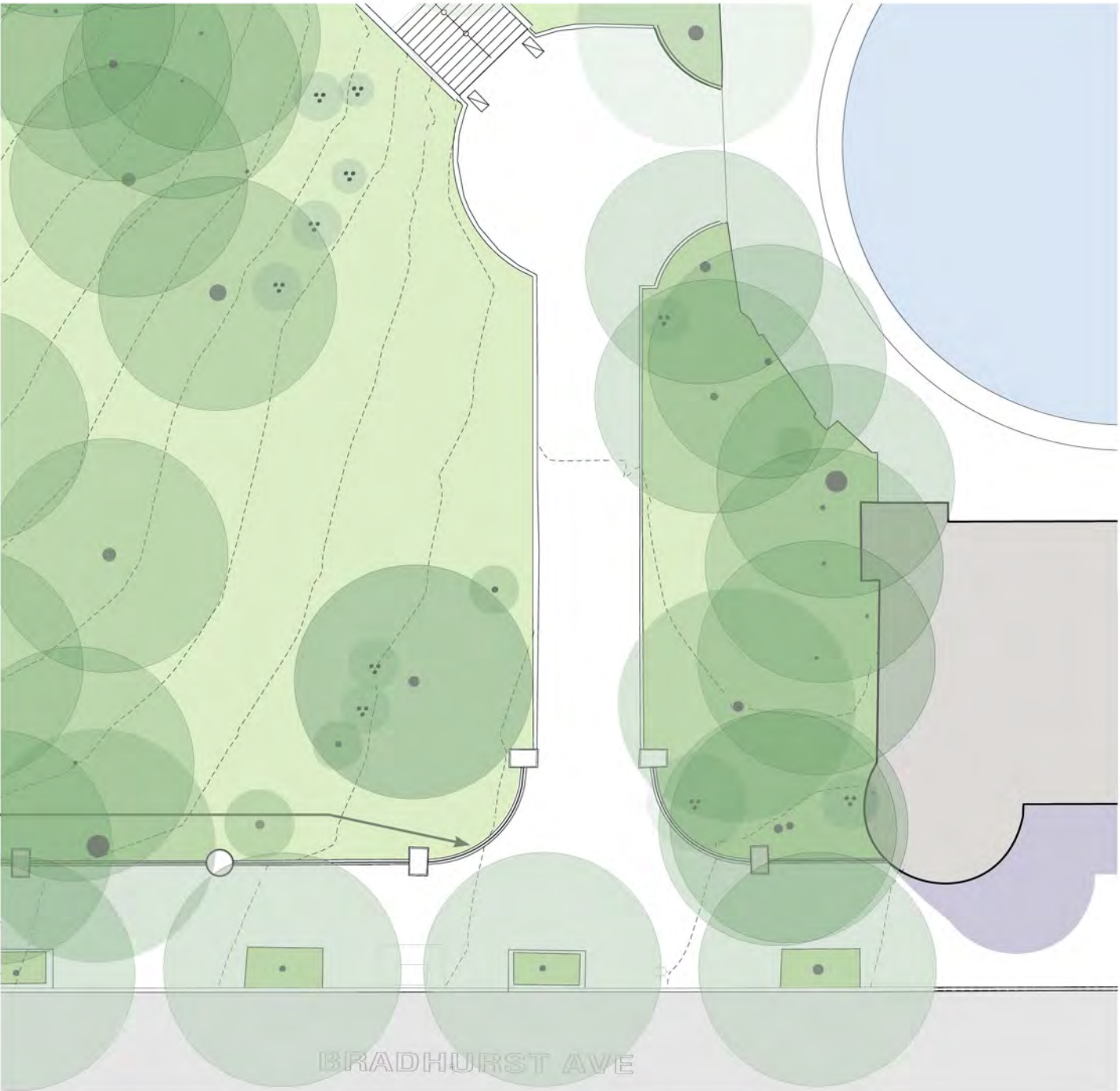


SOUTH-EAST ENTRANCE BRADHURST AVENUE NEAR 146TH STREET
EXISTING CONDITIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

- SOUTH-EAST ENTRANCE
 - LARGE BRICK PIERS BLOCK VIEW
 - HIGH SPIKED FENCE UNWELCOMING
 - UNEVEN PAVEMENT
- SIDEWALK IN DISREPAIR
- UNPROTECTED TREE BEDS



SOUTH-EAST ENTRANCE BRADHURST AVENUE NEAR 146TH STREET
PROPOSED DESIGN



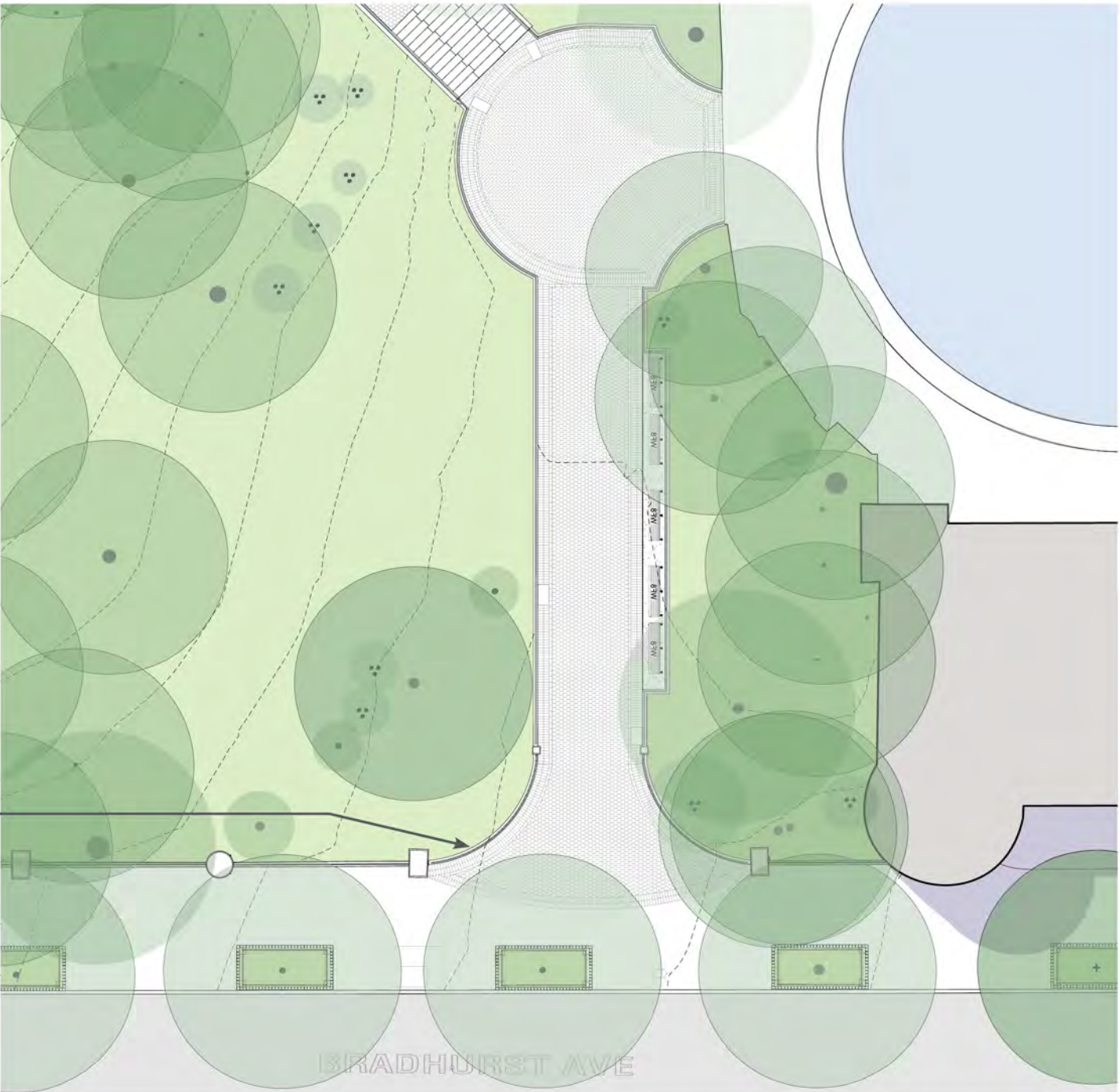
PROPOSED ENTRANCE

CREATE WELCOMING ENTRANCE

- REMOVE INNER TWO LARGE BRICK PIERS
- EXTEND PAVING PATTERN INTO SIDEWALK
- LOWER FENCING AT ENTRANCE

REPAVE SIDEWALK

PROTECT TREE BEDS



SOUTHERN BORDER 145TH STREET AND BRADHURST AVENUE BELOW 146TH STREET

ONLY INCLUDED IF FUNDING ALLOWS



- Replace 8ft steel spikes with low decorative fence
- Remove existing brick piers
- Repave sidewalk, plant street trees, protect tree beds



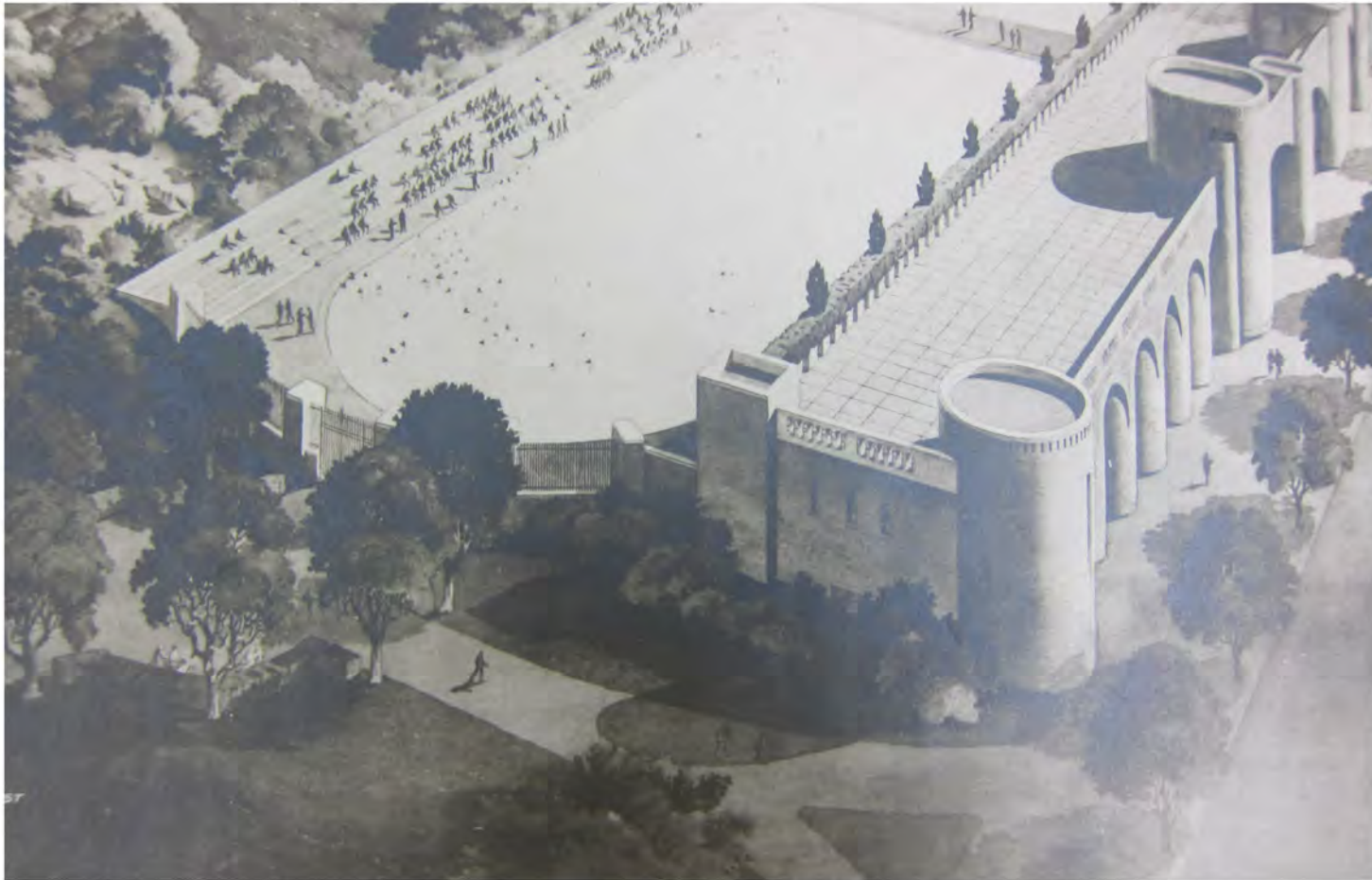
EXISTING CONDITIONS - 145TH STREET BORDER



EXISTING CONDITIONS - BRADHURST AVENUE BORDER BELOW 146TH STREET

EXISTING CONDITIONS - BRICK PIERS, STEEL FENCE AND TREE PIT



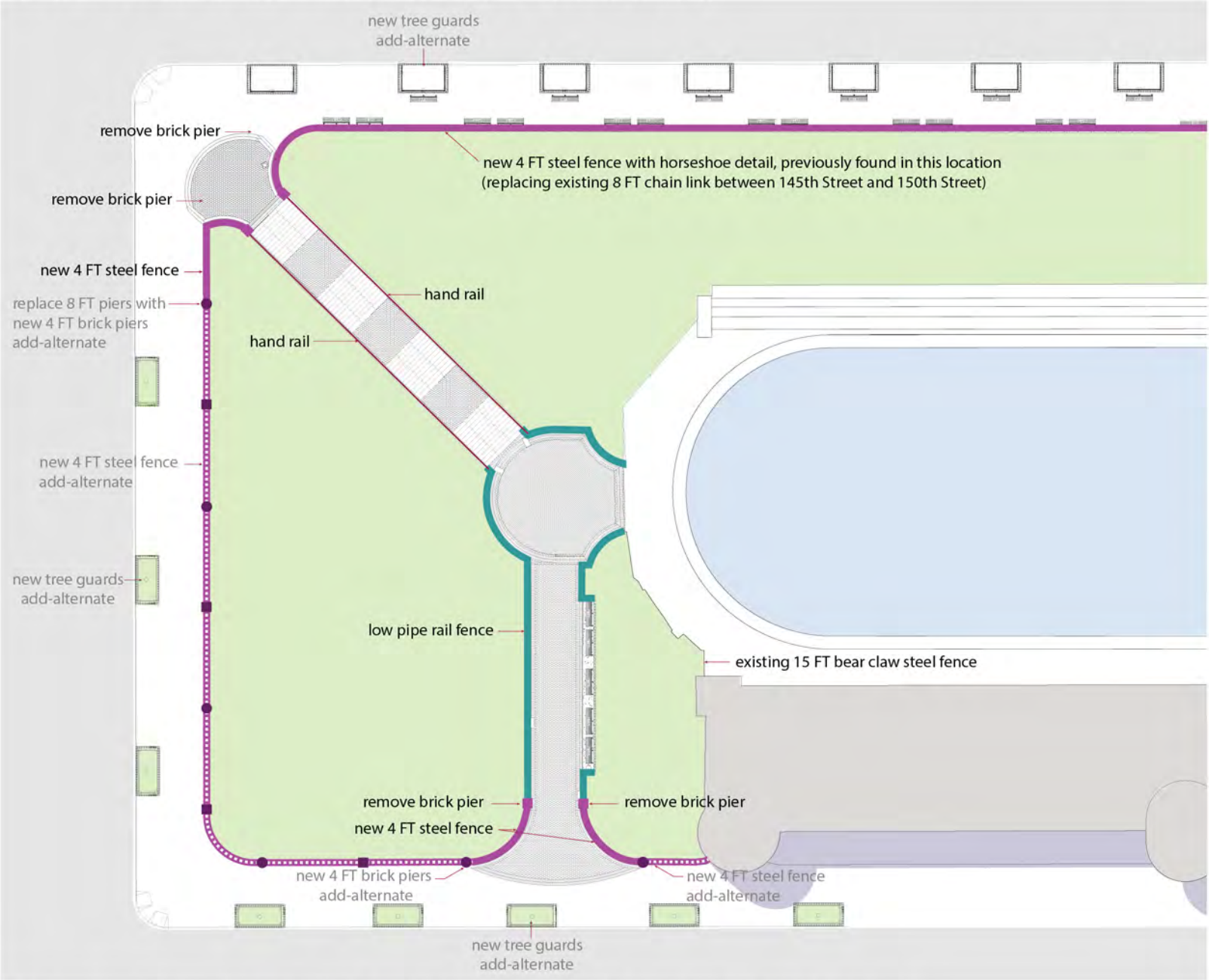


Rec Center and Entrance to Colonial Park at 146th Street and Bradhurst, rendering
Public Design Commission archives



South east corner of Colonial Park at 145th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, c. 1935
NYPL digital collections

PROPOSED FENCING - OPTION 2 (ADD-ALTERNATE)



OPTION 2 (ADD ALTERNATE) : IMPROVE BORDER, ENTRANCES AND INTERNAL FENCING



BRICKWORK AT NEARBY BANDSHELL PLAZA



4 FT DECORATIVE STEEL FENCE



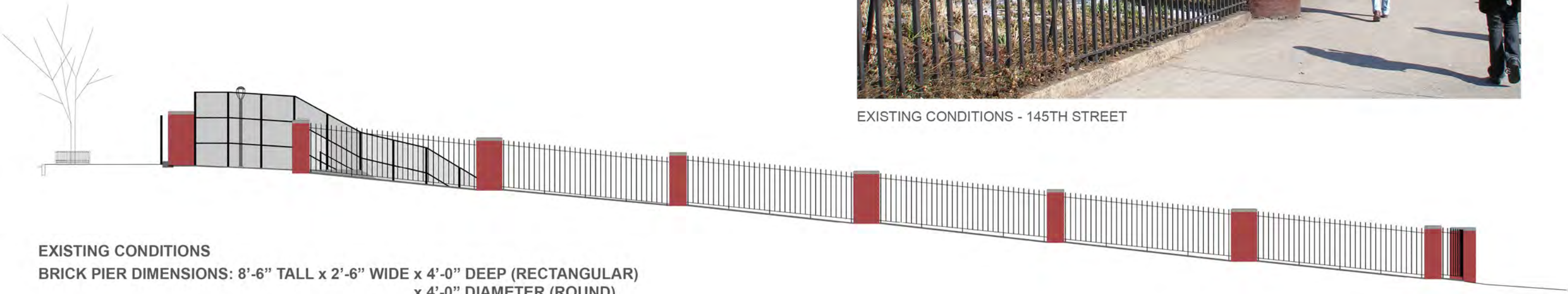
SOUTHERN BORDER 145TH STREET
ONLY INCLUDED IF FUNDING ALLOWS



- Improve park relationship to major neighborhood corridor
- Replace 8ft steel spikes with low decorative fence
- Remove existing brick piers and replace with new, smaller piers in scale with lower fence
- Repave sidewalk and create protected tree beds



EXISTING CONDITIONS - 145TH STREET



EXISTING CONDITIONS
BRICK PIER DIMENSIONS: 8'-6" TALL x 2'-6" WIDE x 4'-0" DEEP (RECTANGULAR)
x 4'-0" DIAMETER (ROUND)



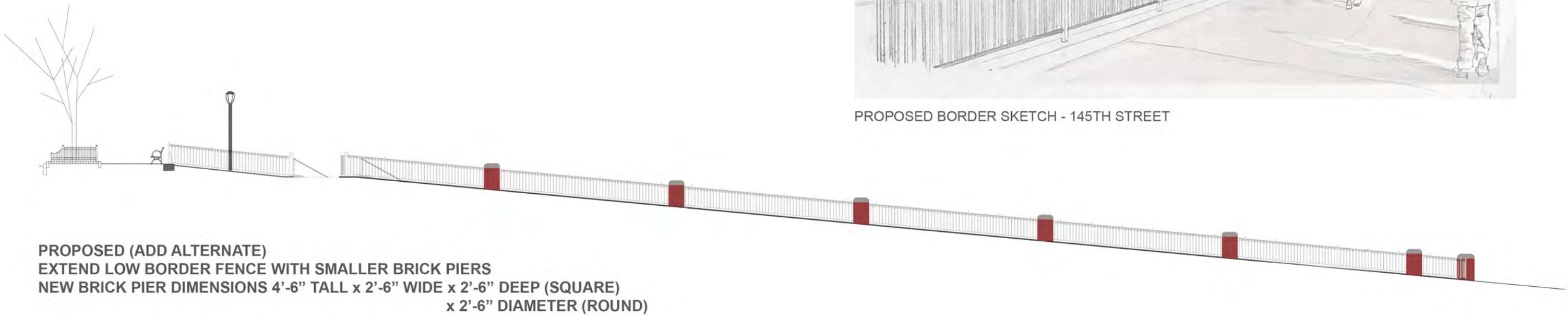
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PROPOSED BORDER SKETCH - 145TH STREET





EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED (ADD ALTERNATE)
EXTEND LOW BORDER FENCE WITH SMALLER BRICK PIERS



South east corner of Colonial Park at 145th Street and Bradhurst Avenue, c. 1935

NYPL digital collections

