



NORTHFIELD RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – THE DISCOVERY ZONE

PARK and RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING . . . July 21st 2025

ORTHFIELD'S CANNON RIVER REGIONAL PARK EXPERIENCE



ESTABLISH

ELIJAH NORTHFIELD'S CANNON RIVER
NATIONAL PARK

It is on the road of creating a sustainable neighborhood. As a result, the neighborhood is a member of the National Network of Regional Park Model Neighborhoods, and will receive funding and technical assistance to continue to plan for a similar and successful outcome. With the help of the neighborhood's local business, and the City of Lakewood, the neighborhood is well-positioned to become a model for future development in a regional park-like environment.

in the update of their processes with the goal of submitting by the 2016, 2022, 2028 deadlines.

ENHANCE-

2 **EMPOWER + ACTIVATE YOUR RIVERFRONT PARKS**
Any of a myriad of applications can be used to enhance and improve parks over the unique needs, histories, and contexts of individual opportunities that create a variety of destinations. The four park models in this article may offer distinct approaches, based on location, context, and expressed park-user needs, but a common focus on the Riverfront Park complements the Riverfront destination and other nearby assets, resources, and uses. The park is the cornerstone of connecting new destinations and strategies, where needed.

- Develops all dimensions of Simon Park as a first priority
- Start giving in the model case including of Simon Park
- Receive induction of roles and objectives from Research Park
- Learning centre under master status

COMPLETE

COMPLETE YOUR LOCAL + REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

All interactions that distract, qualify, or limit the true city-making are the antithesis to the movement toward the larger regional multi-system. It is believed that the systems of cities in the California Valley and beyond can move, via this most beneficial, diverse, and extensive system in the entire state. Moving toward the city's leaders should be completed, *now*. Local governments in surrounding incorporated and the adjacent should be encouraged for their part in this effort.

EXPLORE

EXPLORE AXES MILL DAM RECONSTRUCTION OPTIONS

There is perhaps some concern among the community that the Arctic-Map project might place an undue burden on the Arctic region, particularly on the Inuit and many of the Canadian Slave Dene. This is understandable, as a wide and varied view of the Canadian North is needed that, as described in the addendum, will not be obtained from a commercial perspective and without community consultation. A reconstruction for the coming years has the potential to be both a remarkable venture and significant international attraction.

PROMOTE

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT

► **TOURIST DESTINATION**

Malta is a beautiful and exciting destination, attracting millions of tourists every year. The island has the opportunity to focus on its strengths and make the most of its natural resources for the tourism, leisure and culture. But this effort is only part of the story. In 2000 an integrated development strategy was launched, which aims to develop Malta's tourism and culture in a sustainable way, without neglecting other sectors of the economy. Malta has implemented many projects to promote regional links.

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IT BEGAN WITH THE RIVERFRONT ENHANCEMENT ACTION PLAN

Adopted by Mayor and City Council in November 2020



1. February 27th 2023 Kick-Off Meeting with Northfield Lions Club
2. June 14th 2023 Meeting with Village on the Cannon Residents
3. May 1st 2023 Meeting with DJJD Work Group + Carnival Vendor
4. May 31st 2023 Meeting with Northfield Area Veterans Memorial Reps
5. September 20th 2023 Park Work Group Workshop #1
6. October 11th 2023 Meeting with Northfield Garden Club Reps
7. November 2nd 2023 Park Work Group Workshop #2
8. November 29th 2023 Park Work Group Workshop #3
9. January 17th Park Work Group Workshop #4 – discuss + refine draft Master Plan
10. January 25th Neighborhood Open House – present draft Master Plan
11. February 5th Park and Recreation Advisory Board – review draft Master Plan
12. February 13th Council Work Session – review draft Master Plan
13. February 28th Park Work Group Workshop #5 – agree on final Master Plan
14. March 4th Park and Recreation Advisory Board – approve final Master Plan
15. April 2nd – Council Meeting – approve final Master Plan



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – Long-Range Park Master Plan
approved by Mayor and City Council April 2024



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – Long-Range Park Master Plan
recommended project priority areas



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – Priority Projects
one project . . . two locations

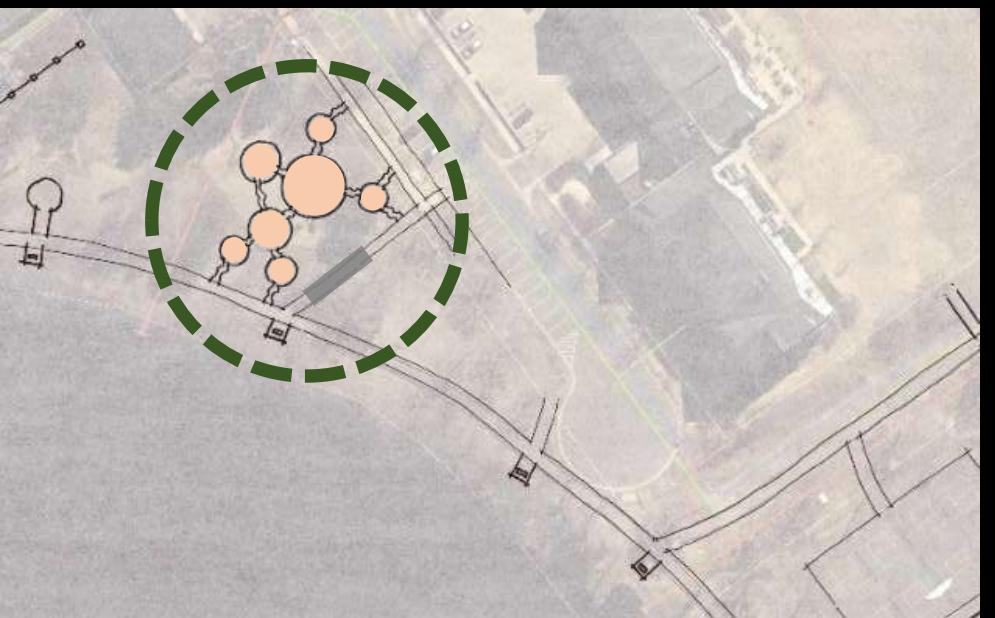


RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – THE DISCOVERY ZONE

review + approval of proposed nature-based play space



existing playground @ 7th Street



Proposed enhancements – focus on nature-based play elements with series of 'Discovery Zone' rooms.



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – nature-based playground @ 7th St.
[concept presented at Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting – March 2024]

refined concept northern play zone



Meandering trail featuring distinct nature play features on the interior



CONCEPT MEETING / 2024



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – nature-based playground @ 7th St.
[concept presented at Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting – August 2024]

CONTAINER DETAILS

TOTAL WOOD FIBER AREA	2454 SF
TOTAL SAND AREA	226 SF
TOTAL ARTIFICIAL TURF AREA	984 SF
EDGING TYPE	CONCRETE CURB, BY OWNER
FINISH GRADE	TOP OF CURB

**SITE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:

- MAXIMUM OF 1% GRADE CHANGE ACROSS CONTAINER
- NO PRE-INSTALLED DRAIN TILE OUTSIDE OF 4 FEET OF PERIMETER
- DRAIN TILE STUB TO BE PROVIDED IF DRAIN TILE IS REQUIRED
- NO DRAINAGE AGGREGATE PRE-INSTALLED
- NO FABRIC PRE-INSTALLED
- MINIMUM CONTAINER SIZE NEEDED DENOTES THE INSIDE OF CURB DIMENSION

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TM8 PLAY AREA & PLAY EQUIPMENT IS
DESIGNED FOR AGE RANGES AS NOTED
ON PLAN

Riverside Lions Park
NORTHFIELD, MN

SALES
REPRESENTATIVE:
Tim Truelson

DESIGNED BY:
JLZT
12/11/24

3/16" = 1'-0"

SHEET
LS101

2-5 AREA

T-T-L BE-TE-1:1 COMPONENTS	3
T-T-L BE-TE-1:1 COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0
T-T-L BE-TE-1:1 COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	0
T-T-L BE-TE-1:1 LEVEL GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS HIGH	12
T-T-L BE-TE-1:1 LEVEL GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS 3	12

5-12 AREA

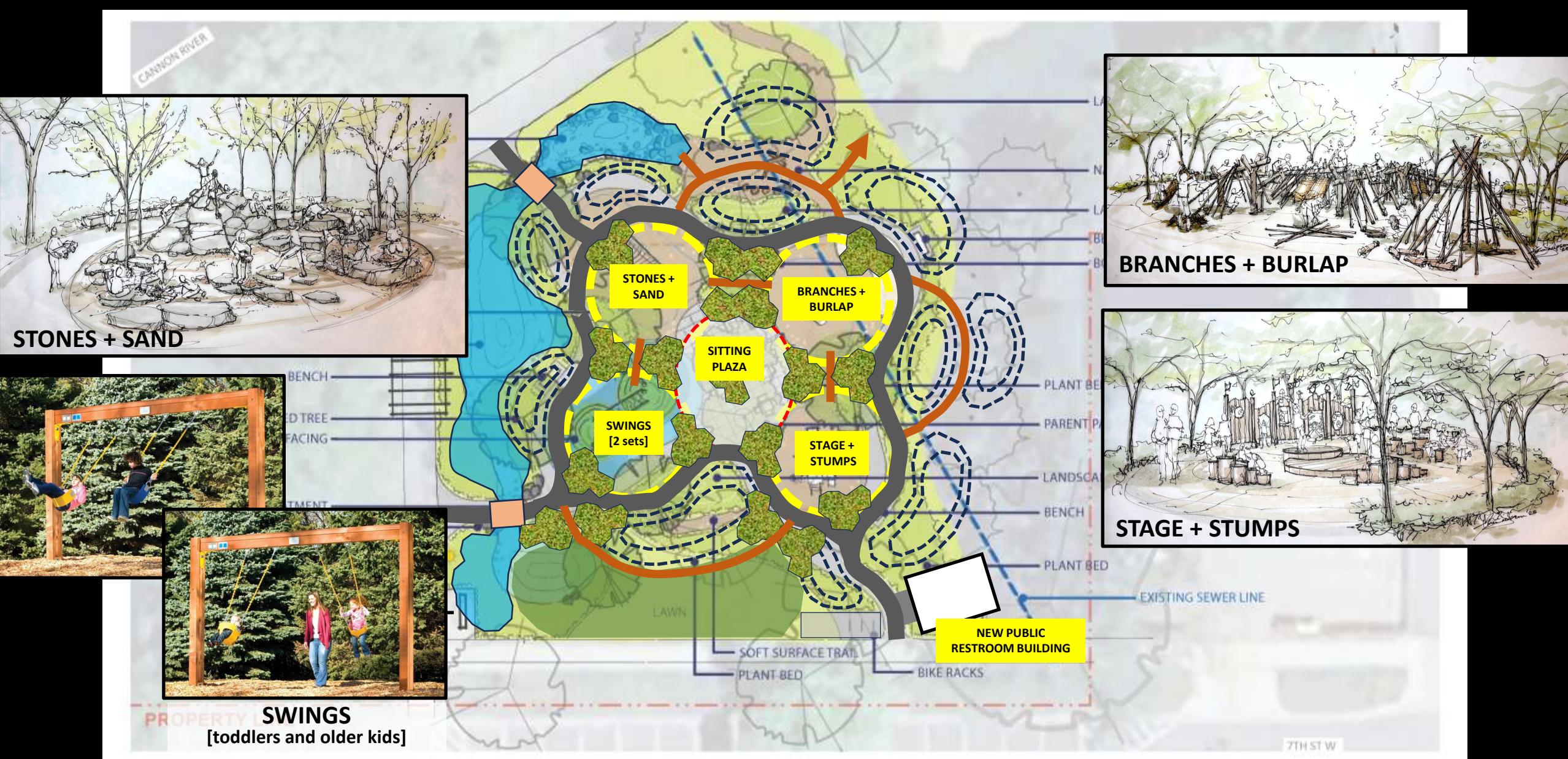
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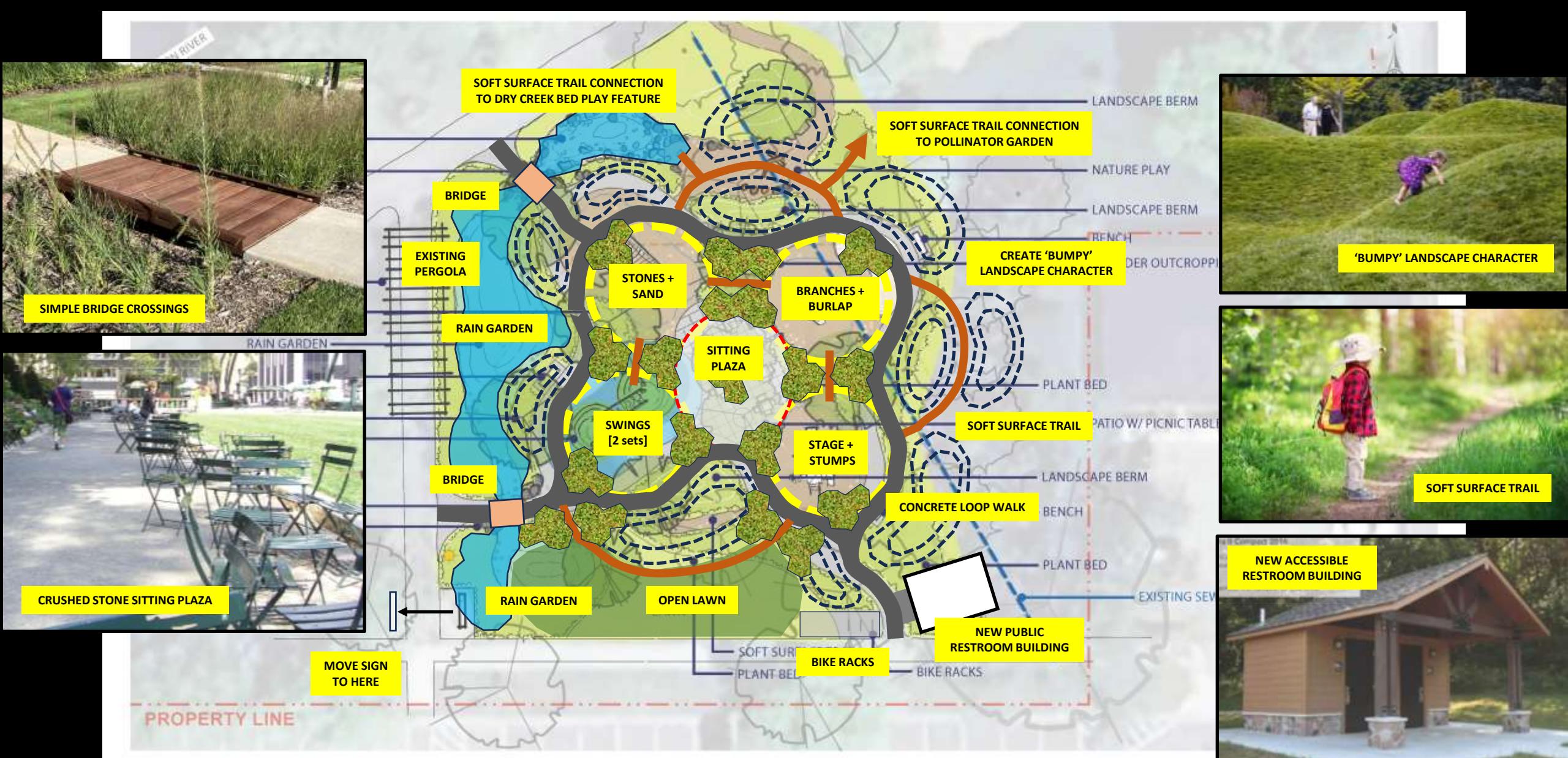
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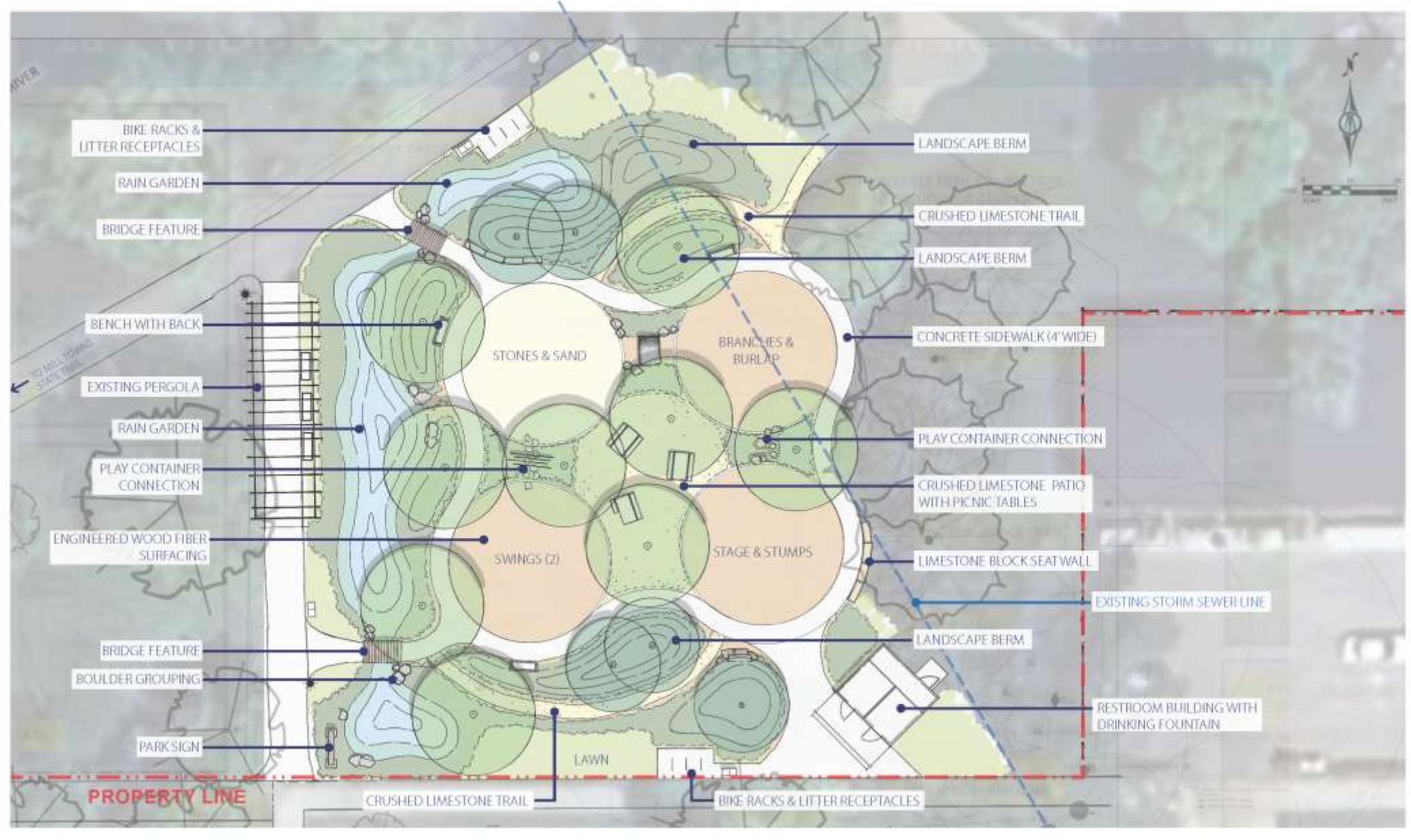
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1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
what we mean by 'nature-based' play



1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
additional site features + amenities



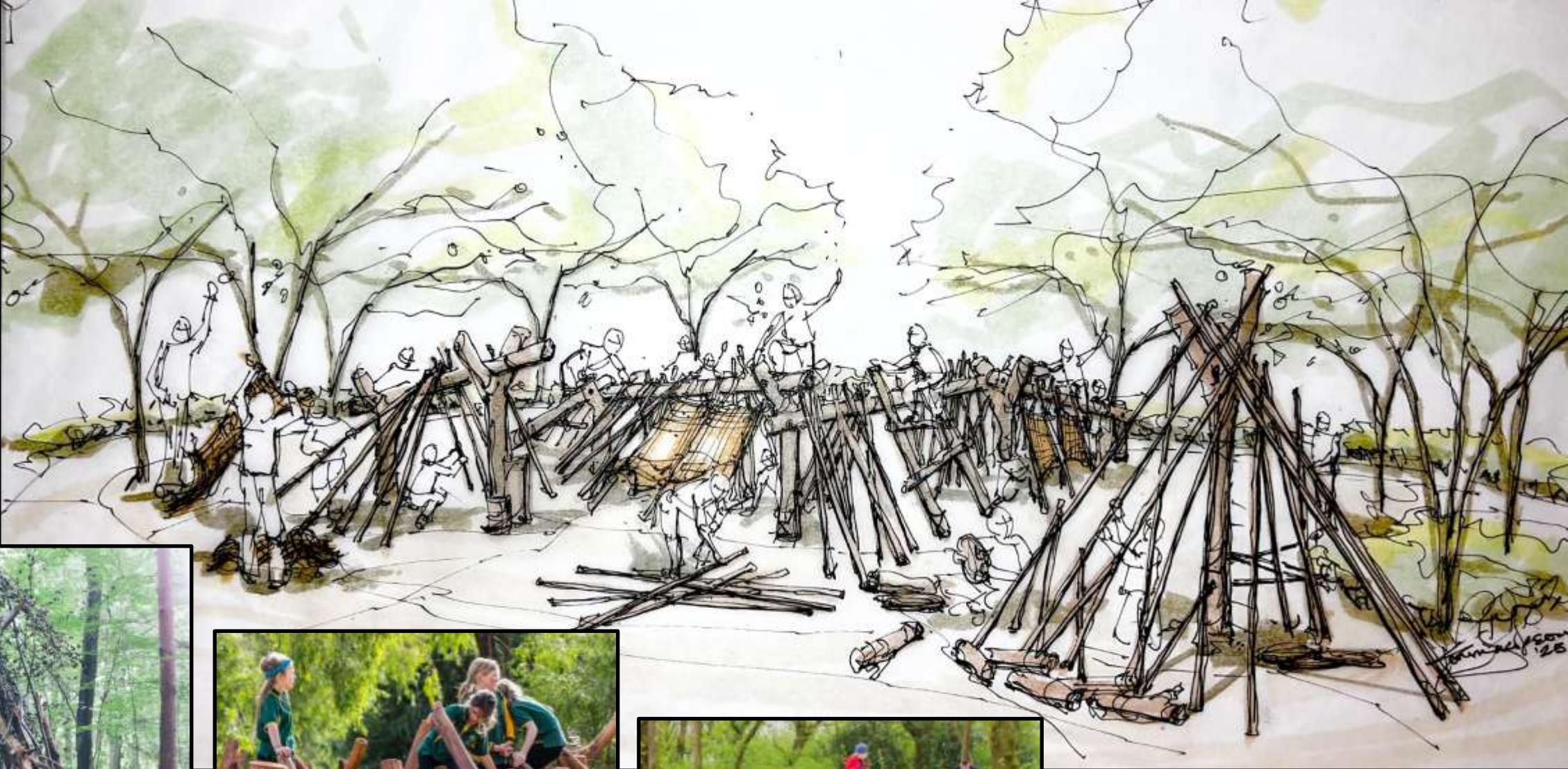
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current refined concept design . . . for review + comment + approval

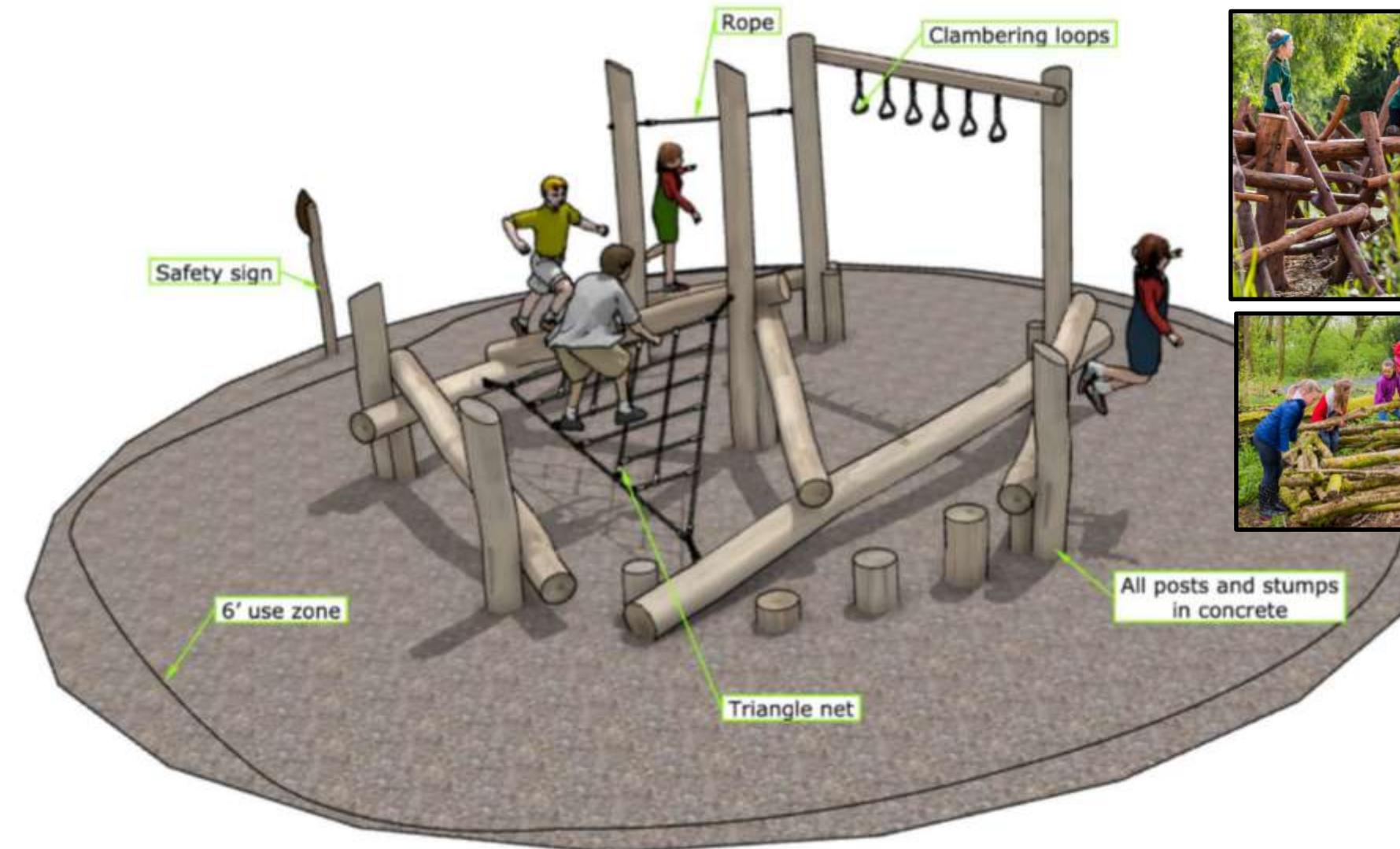


STONES + SAND
climbing and digging





BRANCHES + BURLAP
building and hiding



FINAL LAYOUT + DESIGN WOULD STILL INCLUDE MOVEABLE CREATIVE PLAY ELEMENTS SIMILAR TO THESE EXAMPLES

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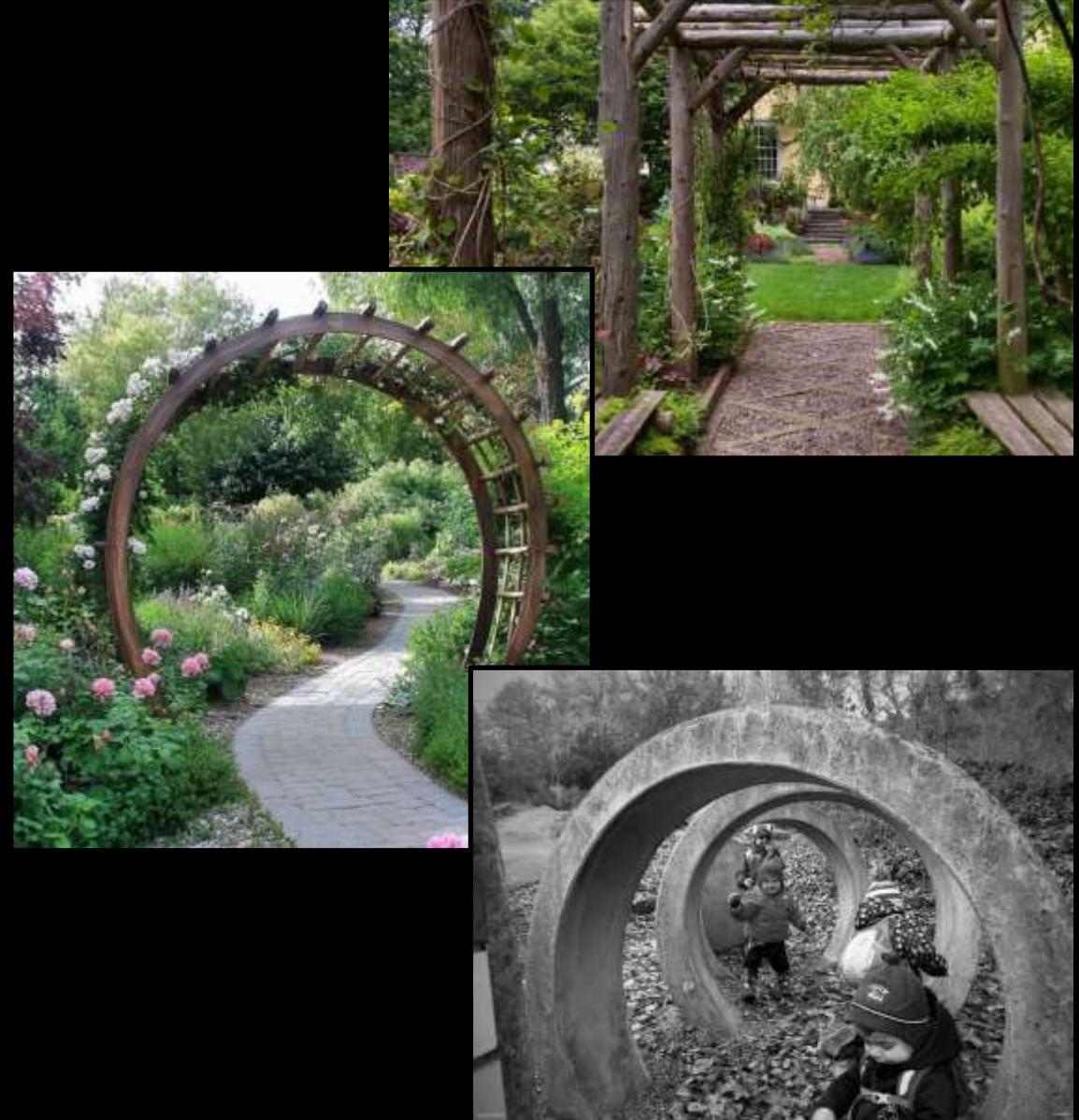
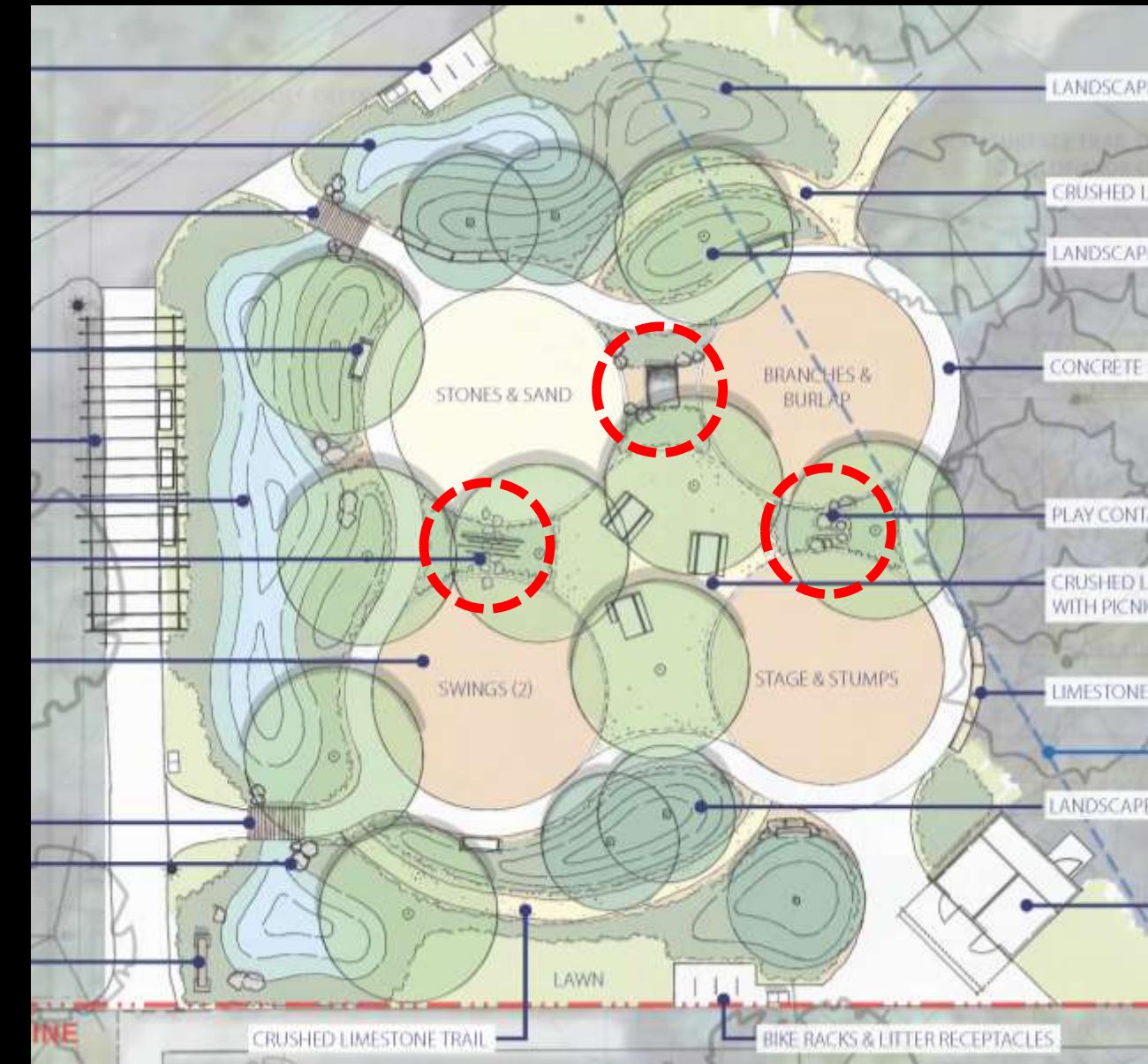
revised concept for the Branches + Burlap play pod

STAGE + STUMPS
performing and pretending





1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
swings for different age groups



1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
connections between play pods

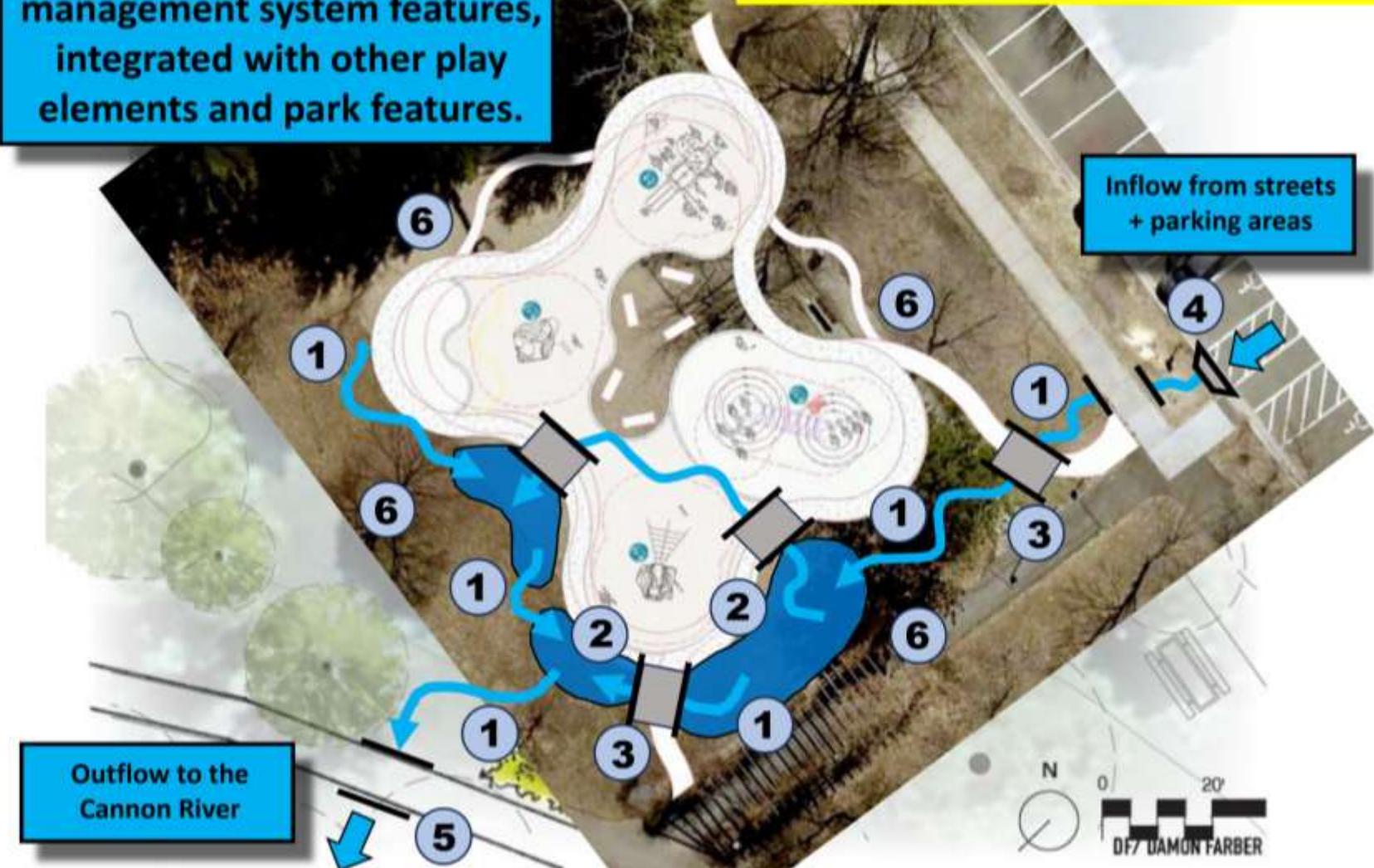


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central sitting area with picnic tables



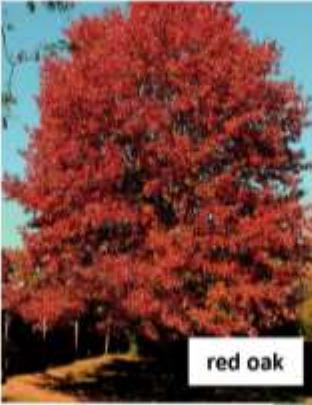
Add surface stormwater management system features, integrated with other play elements and park features.

GRANT APPLICATION FOCUS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE

Climate Action Plan response – natural systems demonstration project



1a – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
Immersion Landscape Concept – native plants + habitat creation

Riverside Lions Park (The Discovery Zone 1a)
budget revised in 2024 to \$450,000

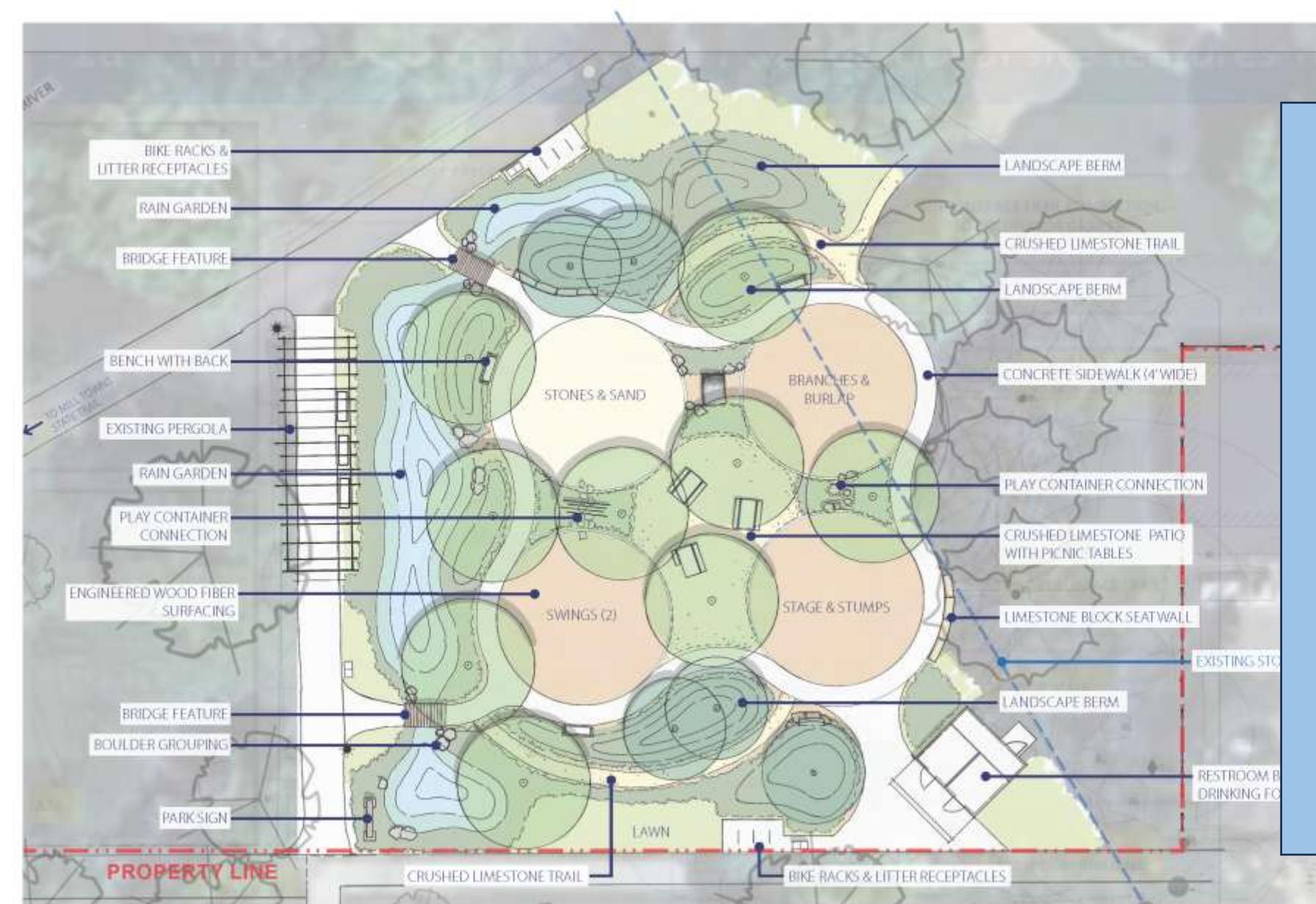


Enhancement	\$ 450,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
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City of Northfield Capital Improvement Plan for Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Facilities											
Location or Area	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	10-yr total
RIVERFRONT PARK MAINTENANCE											
Replacement of dated playground equipment	\$ 450,000										
Riverside Lions (playground 1)	\$ 300,000										
Riverside Lions (playground 2)					\$ 200,000						
Replacement/rehabilitation of dated park structures (gazebos, pavilions or warming houses)											
Sechler (shelter, toilet expans., ADA)					\$ 1,000,000						
Sechler (pavilion replacement)					\$ 120,000						



the PARKS CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN
establishing city-funded portion of park enhancement costs [March 2025]



PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE

SITE WORK	\$ 60,000
HARDSCAPE	\$ 50,000
RAIN GARDENS	\$ 40,000
LANDSCAPING	\$ 40,000
PLAY PODS and PLAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 175,000
SITE AMENITIES	\$ 20,000
SITE UTILITIES	\$ 20,000
TOTAL	\$ 405,000
[plus probable contingencies]	

[Information summarized from
detailed cost spreadsheet prepared by
Project Design Team]

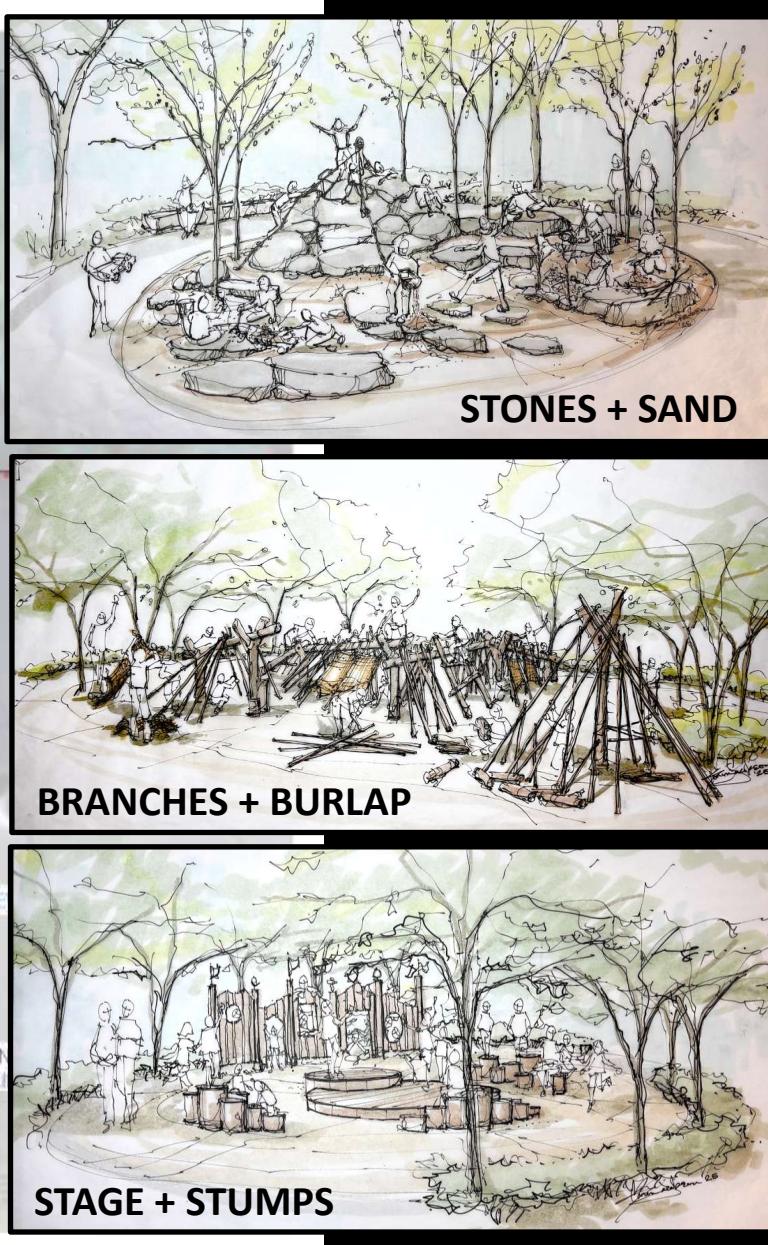
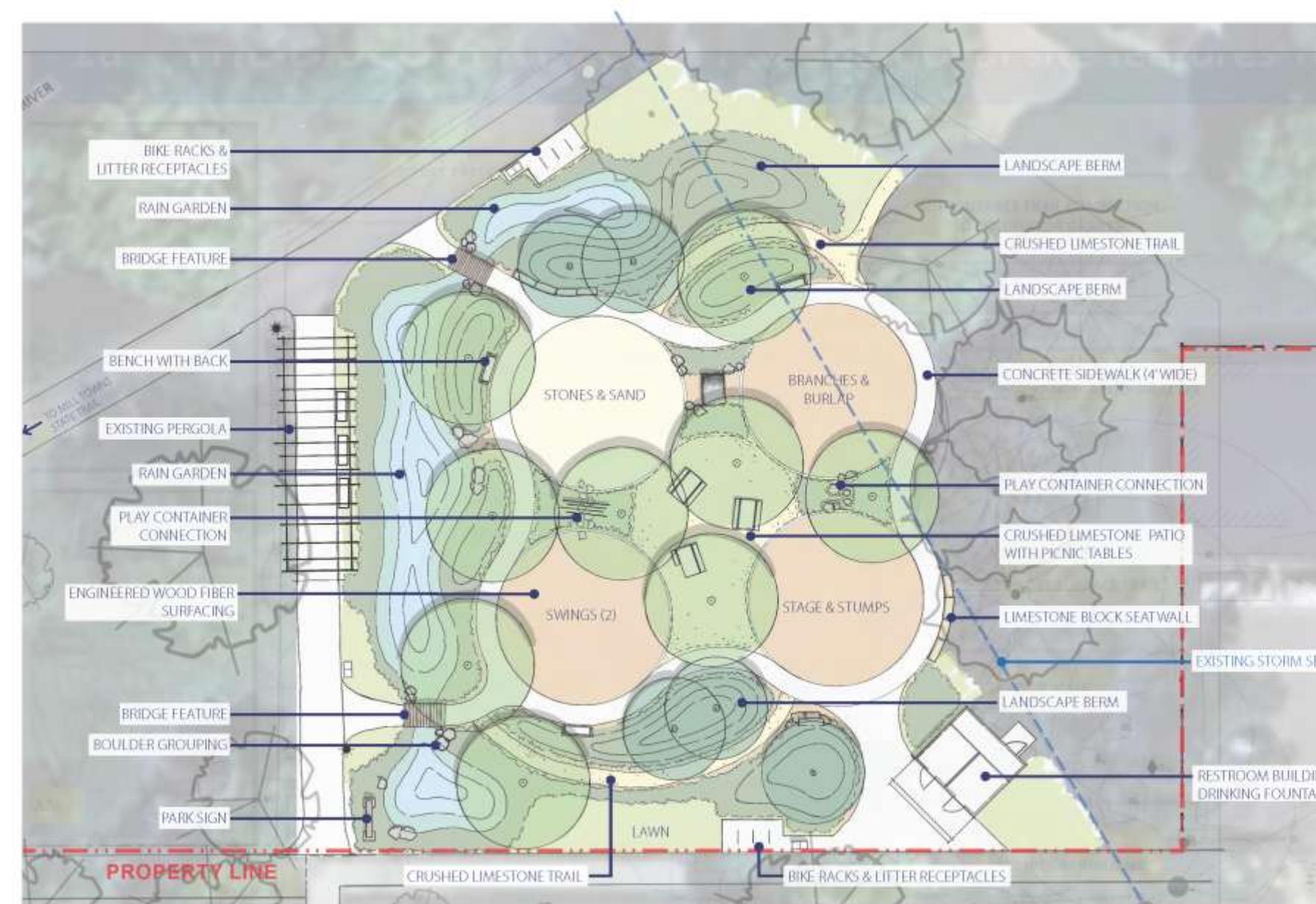
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current refined concept design + preliminary cost estimate

NEXT STEPS TOWARD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



RIVERSIDE LIONS PARK – THE DISCOVERY ZONE
project implementation schedule



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REQUEST APPROVAL OF THIS REFINED CONCEPT DESIGN