



**City of Richmond
Department of Planning
and Development Review**

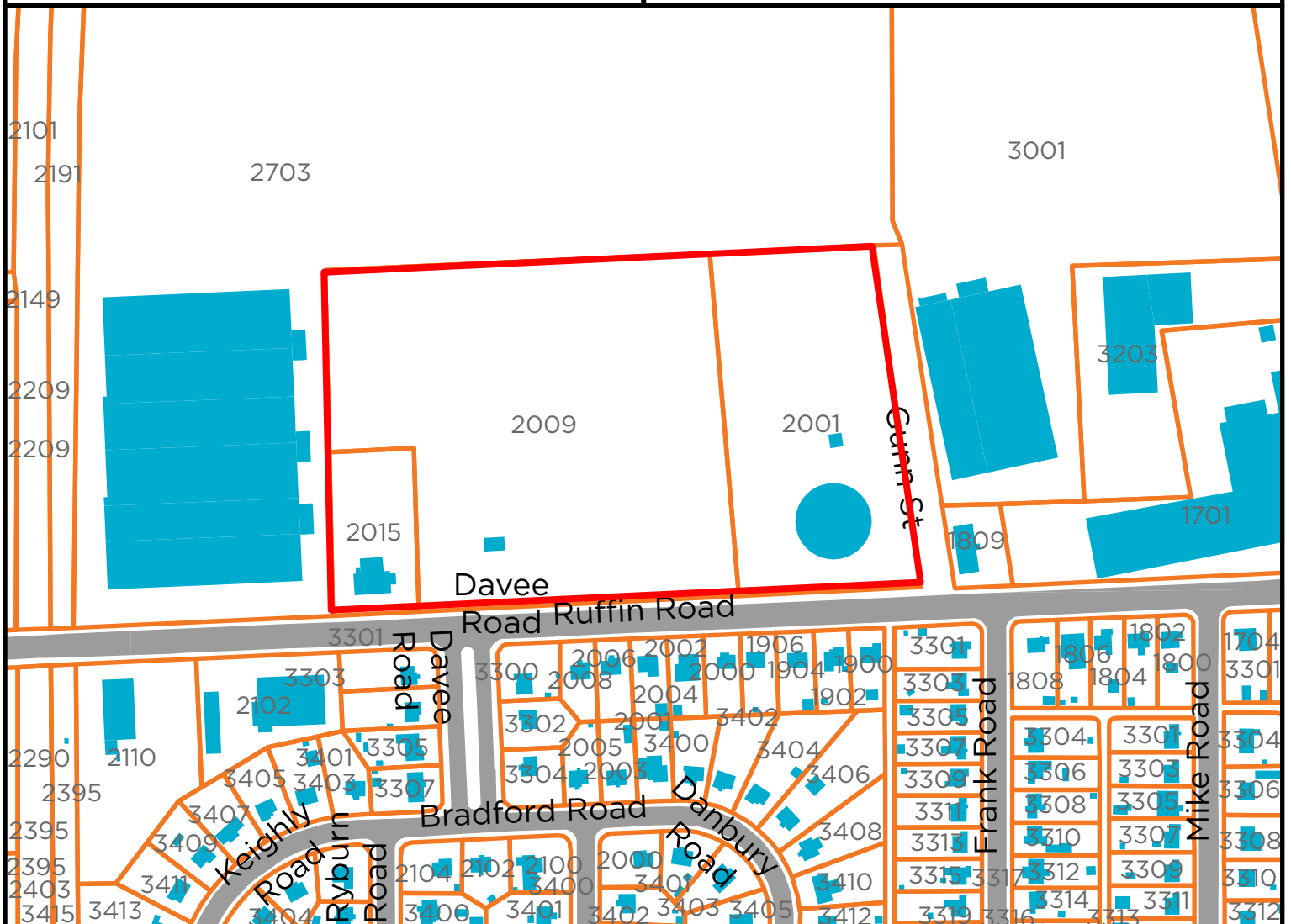
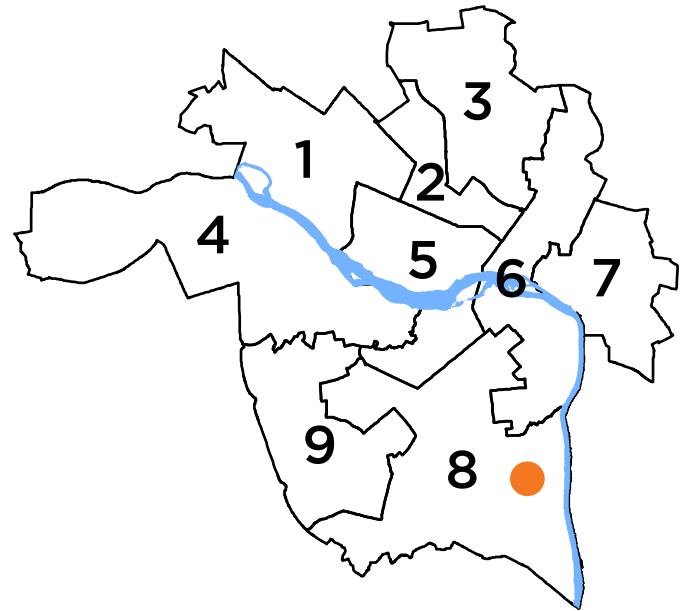
**Urban Design Committee
Location, Character, and Extent**

Address: 2015 Ruffin Road

Council District: 8

Description: Conceptual
location, character, and
extent review of the new TB
Smith Community Center

For questions, please contact Ray Roakes
at (804)-646-5467 or raymond.roakes@rva.gov





Application for Urban Design Committee Review

Department of Planning and Development Review

Planning & Preservation Division

900 E. Broad Street, Room 510

Richmond, Virginia 23219 | (804) 646-6335

<https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/urban-design-committee>



Application Type (select one)

Location, Character, & Extent
Section 17.05
Other:

Encroachment
Design Overlay District

Review Type (select one)

Conceptual
Final

Project Information

Submission Date: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Brief Project Description (this is not a replacement for the required detailed narrative):

Applicant Information (a City representative must be the applicant, with an exception for encroachments)

Name: _____ Email: _____

City Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Main Contact (if different from Applicant): _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submittal Deadlines

All applications and support materials must be filed no later than 21 days prior to the scheduled meeting of the Urban Design Committee (UDC). Please see the schedule on page 3 as actual deadlines are adjusted due to City holidays. **Late or incomplete submissions will be deferred to the next meeting.**

Filing

Applications can be mailed or delivered to the attention of "Urban Design Committee" at the address listed at the top of this page. **It is important that the applicant discuss the proposal with appropriate City agencies, Zoning Administration staff, and area civic associations and residents prior to filing the application with the UDC.**

Submittal Deadlines

The UDC is an 11 member committee created by City Council in 1968 whose purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the design of projects on City property or right-of-way. The UDC provides advice of an aesthetic nature in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commission under Sections 17.05, 17.06, and 17.07 of the City Charter. The UDC also advises the Department of Public Works in regards to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.



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Submission Requirements

- An electronic copy (PDF preferred) of all application materials, which can be emailed, or delivered by FTP or USB.
- Three (3) copies of the application cover sheet and all support materials (see below).
- Plan sheets should be 11" x 17", folded to 8 1/2" x 11". If it is not possible to scale plans to these dimensions, please provide one set of larger, scaled plans.
- All applications must include the attached cover sheet and the following support materials, as applicable to the project, based on Review Type:

Conceptual Review:

- A detailed project narrative which includes the following: purpose of the project, project background, project budget and funding sources, description of construction program and estimated construction start date (description should also provide information on the surrounding area to provide context).
- A site plan for the project indicating site characteristics which include: building footprints, parking areas, pedestrian routes, recreation areas, open areas, and areas of future expansion.
- A set of floor plans and elevations, as detailed as possible.
- A landscaping plan which shows the general location and character of plant materials and notes any existing tree to be removed.

Final Review:

- A detailed project narrative which includes the following: purpose of the project, project background, project budget and funding sources, description of construction program, and estimated construction start date (description should also provide information on the surrounding area to provide context).
- A site plan for the project indicating site characteristics which include: building footprints, parking areas, pedestrian routes, recreation areas, open areas, and areas of future expansion.
- A set of floor plans and elevations, as detailed as possible.
- A landscaping plan that includes a complete plant schedule, the precise location of all plant materials, and a landscape maintenance analysis. The plant schedule must show number, size and type of each planting proposed. If existing trees are to be removed, their size, type, and location must be noted on the landscape plan.
- The location of all lighting units should be noted on a site plan, including wall-mounted, site, and parking lot lighting. Other site details such as benches, trash containers, and special paving materials should also be located. Include specification sheets for each item.
- Samples of all proposed exterior building materials, including but not limited to brick, mortar, shingles, siding, glass, paint, and stain colors. When an actual sample cannot be provided, a product information sheet that shows the item or a photo of an existing item may be substituted.

Review and Processing

- Once an application is received, it is reviewed by Staff, who compiles a report that is sent to the UDC.
- A copy of the report and the meeting agenda will be sent to the applicant prior to the meeting.
- At the UDC meeting, the applicant or a representative should be present or the application may be deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting. It is also strongly suggested that a representative of the City Agency which will have final responsibility for the item be present at the meeting (if the applicant and the representative are not the same).
- Once the UDC recommends action on the application, it is automatically placed on the agenda for the next City Planning Commission (CPC) meeting. Exceptions to this are encroachment applications, recommendations for which are forwarded to the Department of Public Works.
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Regular meetings are scheduled on the Thursday after the first Monday of each month at **10:00 a.m. in the 5th floor conference room of City Hall, 900 E. Broad Street**. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

Meeting Schedule 2021

UDC Meetings	UDC Submission Deadlines	Anticipated Date of Planning Commission Following the UDC Meeting
December 10, 2020	November 12, 2020	December 21, 2020
January 7, 2021	December 17, 2020	January 19, 2021 ¹
February 4, 2021	January 14, 2021	February 16, 2021 ²
March 4, 2021	February 11, 2021	March 15, 2021
April 8, 2021	March 11, 2021	April 19, 2021
May 6, 2021	April 15, 2021	May 17, 2021
June 10, 2021	May 13, 2021	June 21, 2021
July 8, 2021	June 17, 2021	July 19, 2021
August 5, 2021	July 15, 2021	August 16, 2021 ³
September 9, 2021	August 12, 2021	September 20, 2021
October 7, 2021	September 16, 2021	October 18, 2021
November 4, 2021	October 14, 2021	November 15, 2021
December 9, 2021	November 10, 2021 ⁴	December 20, 2021 ⁵

¹ Monday January 18, 2021 is a City of Richmond Holiday

² Monday February 15, 2021 is a City of Richmond Holiday

³ This meeting is subject to cancellation. If so, Planning Commission hearing would be Tuesday September 7, 2021.

⁴ Thursday November 11, 2021 is a City of Richmond Holiday.

⁵ This meeting of the Planning Commission is subject to cancellation.

The Richmond Urban Design Committee is an 11 member advisory committee created by City Council in 1968. Its purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission on the design of City projects. The Urban Design Committee reviews projects for appropriateness in "location, character, and extent" and for consistency with the City's Master Plan and forwards recommendations to the City Planning Commission. The Urban Design Committee also advises the Department of Public Works in regards to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.

For more information, please contact the Planning and Preservation Division staff at (804) 646-6335 or Alex Dandridge at (804) 646-6569 or at alex.dandridge@richmondgov.com.

T.B. Smith Community Center Narrative

2015 Ruffin Rd, Richmond VA, 23234

July 14, 2022



Project Purpose and Background:

T.B. Smith Community Center is a newly constructed 30,000 sf building off Ruffin Road in Richmond's Southside. The purpose of the project is to engage, educate, and elevate the lives of the southside community residents. The community center is also planned to serve as an emergency response building, providing shelter during times of inclement weather or even a central location to administer vaccines during a pandemic. Through rigorous community engagement processes, by means of surveys, neighborhood meetings and presentations, the community center becomes more than a building; it becomes a collaboration amongst designers, residents and the city for a building that truly enhances the lives of its southside residents.

Project Context:

The neighborhood surrounding T.B. Smith is a mix between residential and industrial, surrounded by single family homes to the south, and industrial warehouses to the north and west. A vacant school facility parcel abuts the east and could be potential future expansion for the park. Community surveys found that approximately 29% of those who visit the park arrive by walking, while others arrive by biking (14%) or driving (57%). The site currently includes a community center facility, baseball field, basketball courts, outdoor shelter, tennis courts, large open space, and a playground.

Architecture:

The community center is engaging. Residents are greeted by a centrally located outdoor basketball court, sports being a major driver for the community center based on feedback from southside residents. A large entry plaza compliments the playful gables creating a front porch for residents to mingle. The community center nestles a large multipurpose sports field, with a series of meandering breezeways connecting the old and the new. Views of the indoor basketball court and indoor pool are offered to pedestrians and drivers through large expanses of glass. The program is educational. Spaces are designed to empower residents; teaching kitchens to learn new recipes and long nature trails give up nooks for outdoor teachable moments. Expansive gardens allow community members to learn about local plants and how to grow vegetables. An indoor swimming pool is a place for residents to cool off all year long or take swimming lessons. A multimedia library allows residents a place to go during the day or to catch up on studying. The building elevates the community, with a focus centered on sports and health. Additionally, the building will act as an emergency response shelter providing residents with safe spaces to go during inclement weather, or a convenient place to administer and store life-saving vaccines during a pandemic.

Landscape:

Community feedback resoundingly indicated the need for before and after school care, and residents strongly preferred a youth and teen center with a multipurpose gym, indoor and outdoor basketball, community kitchen, playground, and a multipurpose field. This preference became a core design driver. The multipurpose field anchors the west side of the site in

the ideal north/south orientation to allow for optimal space for additional park amenities. The popular basketball courts have been relocated to the front of the site near the Davee Gardens neighborhood entrance, making it a focal point in the programming. The courts will be nestled between the existing and proposed community building, with a covered pedestrian promenade that links the old with the new.

Additional amenities include a playground, splash pad, native grass meadows, and open space with extensive tree planting contributing to the park-like setting. A walking trail meanders along the northern edge of the site, linking the parking lot, sidewalks, and emergency access road in a seamless loop along the perimeter of the site. Fitness stations and berms along the trail provide interest and activity. The industrial park abutting the park is screened with a buffer, and an overlook tower sits atop a small hill with an opportunity to engage with the city skyline and sunsets to the west. Together, these elements provide south Richmond with a vibrant community center, addressing a critical need for quality green space in the neighborhood.

Construction Program:

The building will be 2 stories tall at 40 ft at the tallest peak. The site is large, and after mapping out the focal areas, a multipurpose sports field, and a basketball court, the building responds to the activities with a linear layout. The architecture connects the program areas through covered breezeways and paths. Programmatically, and as requested by area residents, the community center will feature an indoor basketball court and an indoor swimming pool. The first level will also include offices for city administration services, security, a teaching kitchen, locker rooms and bathrooms, and a multimedia library. The second level will house the youth and teen center, and a pair of multipurpose rooms. The site will include numerous upgrades including the renovation of the existing out-building to house active adult services, an upgraded multipurpose field and walking trails that will connect residents with nature and provide an improved backdrop to the community center.

Project Budget and Funding Sources:

The community center is a result of two major components; a transformative investment in Richmond’s neighborhoods through the American Rescue Plan, and civic engagement sessions with the community by means of surveys and in person meetings to get feedback as to what the residents need. After gathering feedback from Richmond residents, the city has allocated \$20M of the original \$155M grant for the construction of a new community center in Southside, T.B. Smith. \$12M will be used for the construction of the building, and \$8M will be used for site upgrades, like a new multipurpose sports field, expansive nature trails, lighting, and pathways, as well as for other soft costs.

Construction Timeline:

Construction is planned to be 16 months, set to begin in September of 2023 with a goal of completion by December 2024. As outlined by the American Rescue Plan, funds need to be encumbered by 2025.

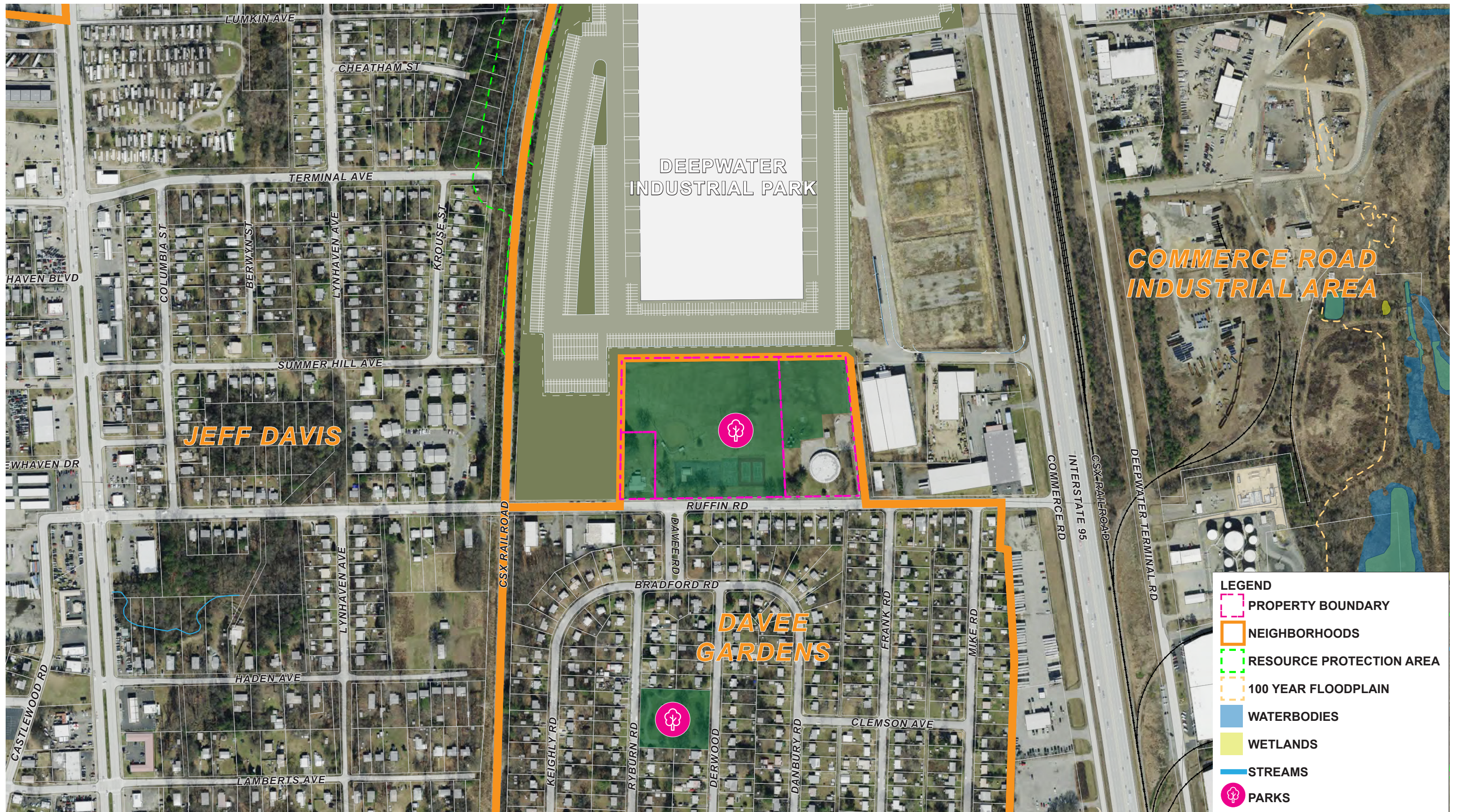


T.B. Smith Community Center

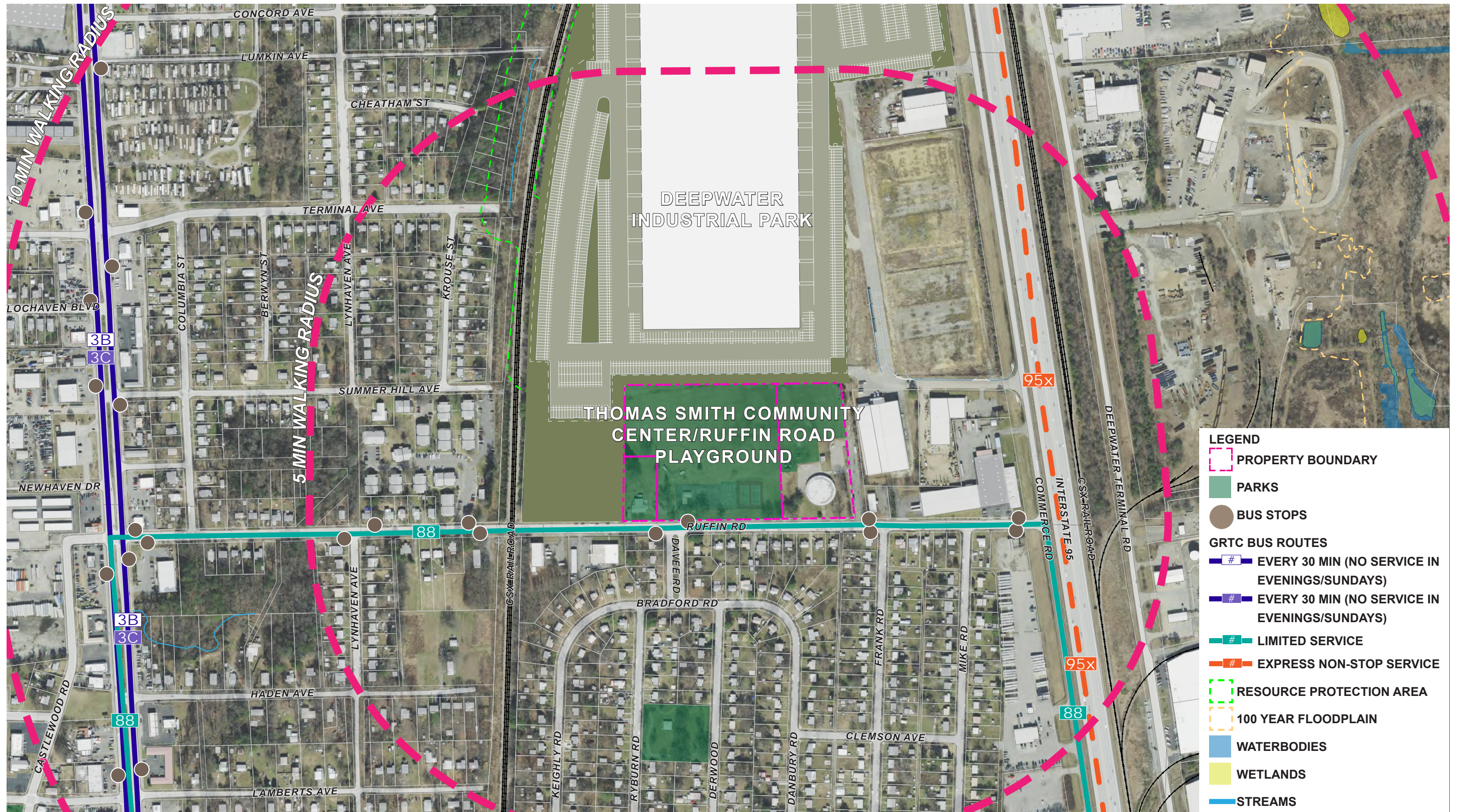
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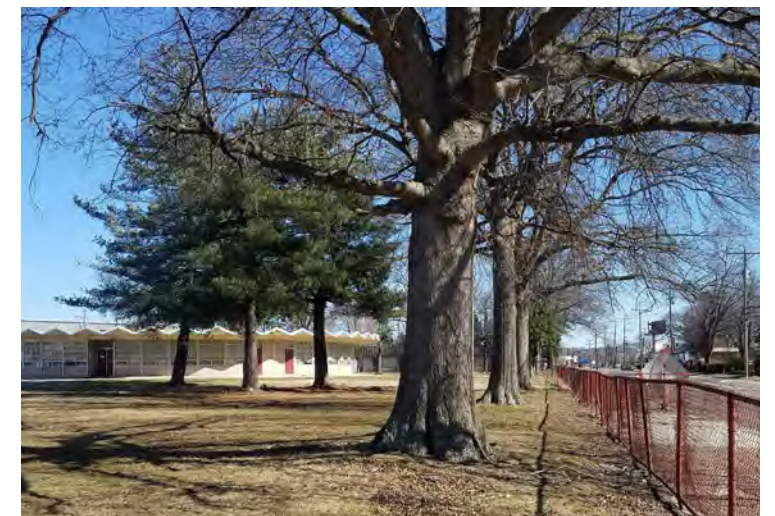
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EXISTING TRANSIT MAP

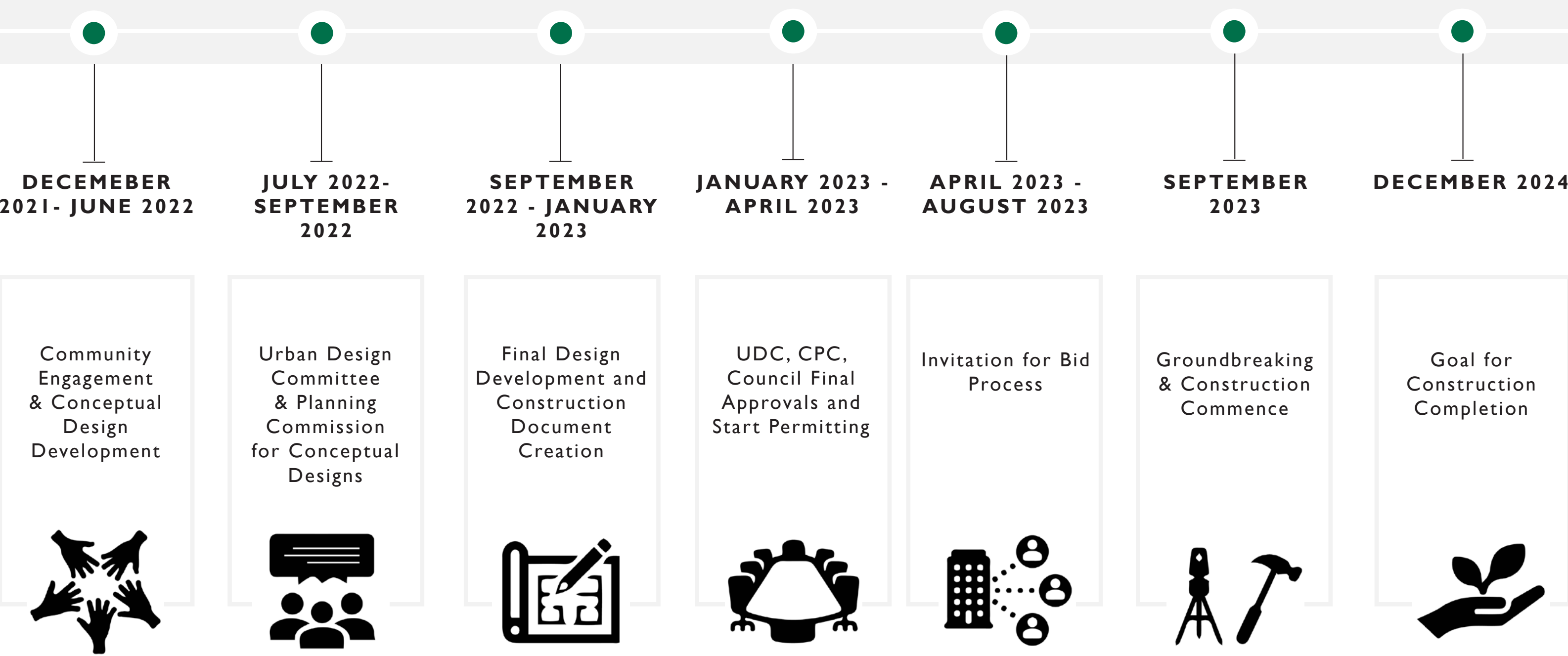


EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP



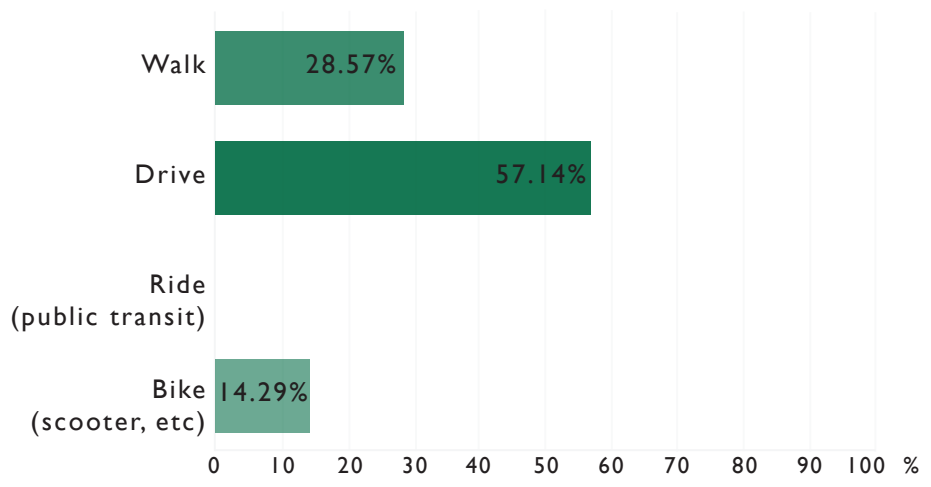
EXISTING SITE PHOTOS

NEW BUILD COMMUNITY CENTERS

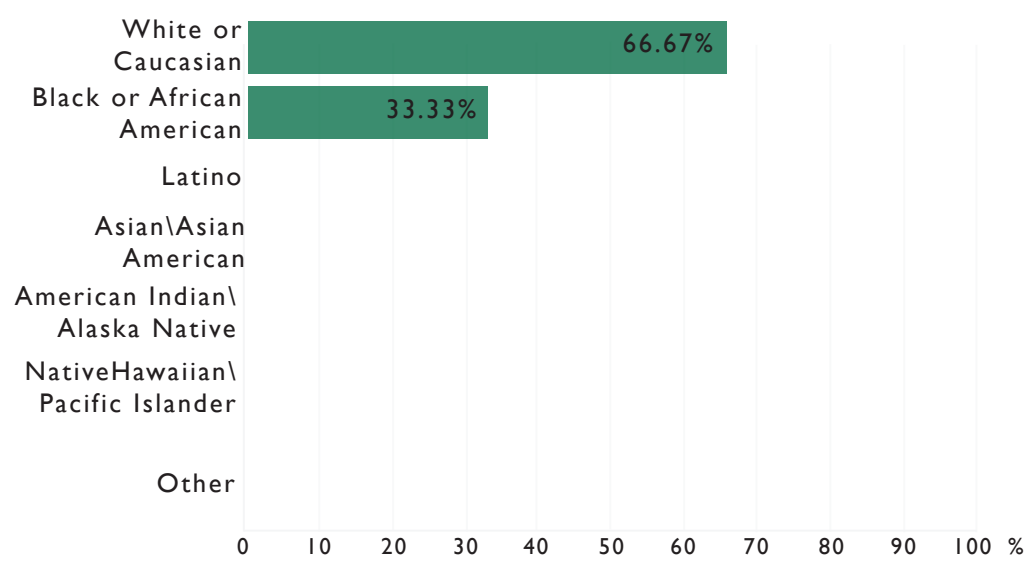


PROJECT TIMELINE

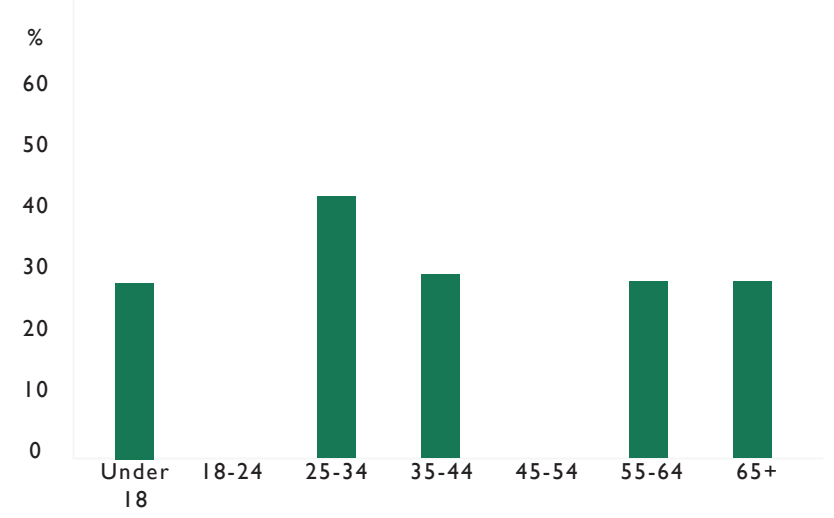
COMMUNITY ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK



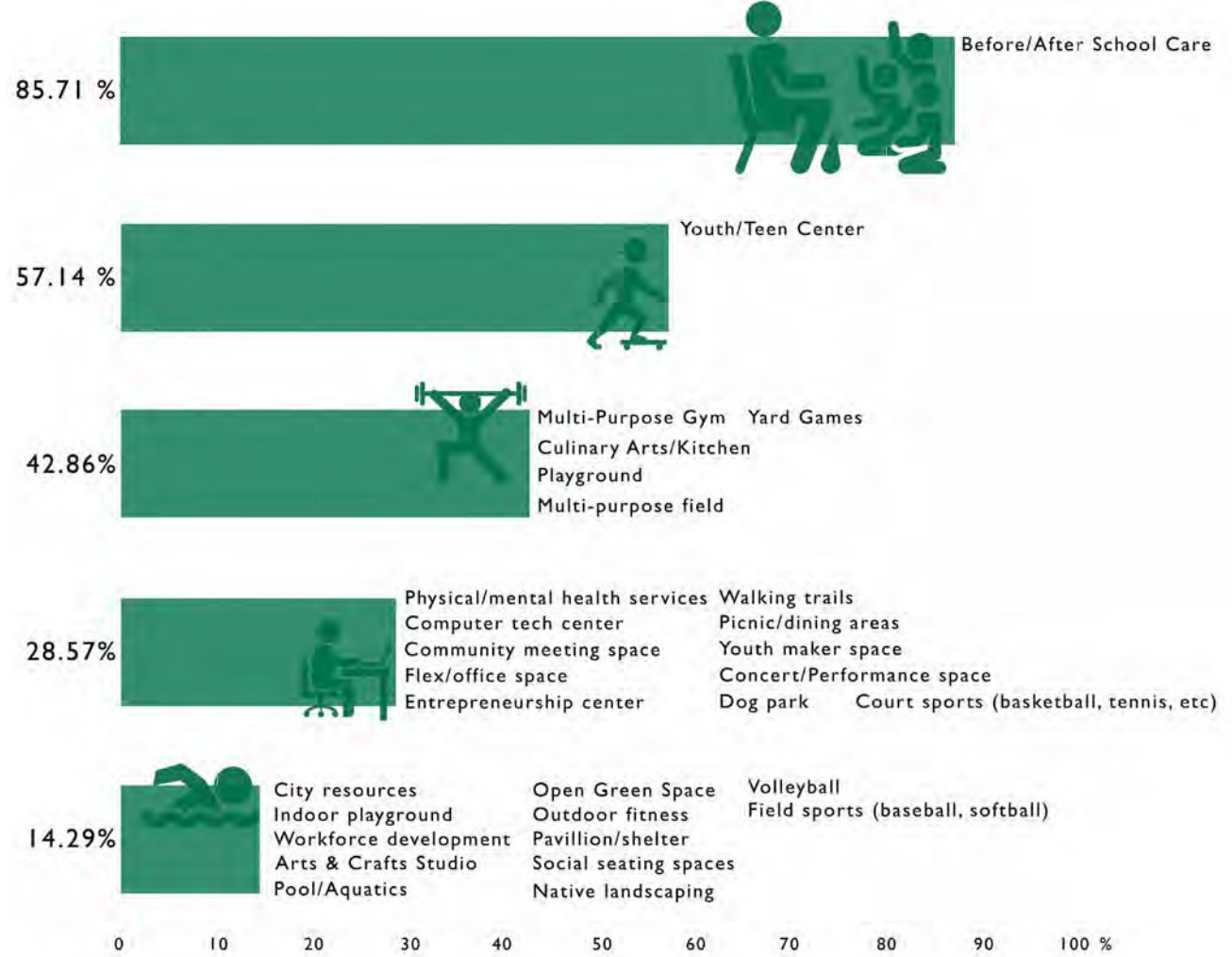
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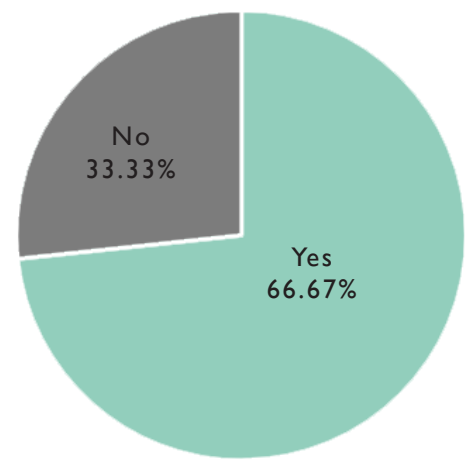
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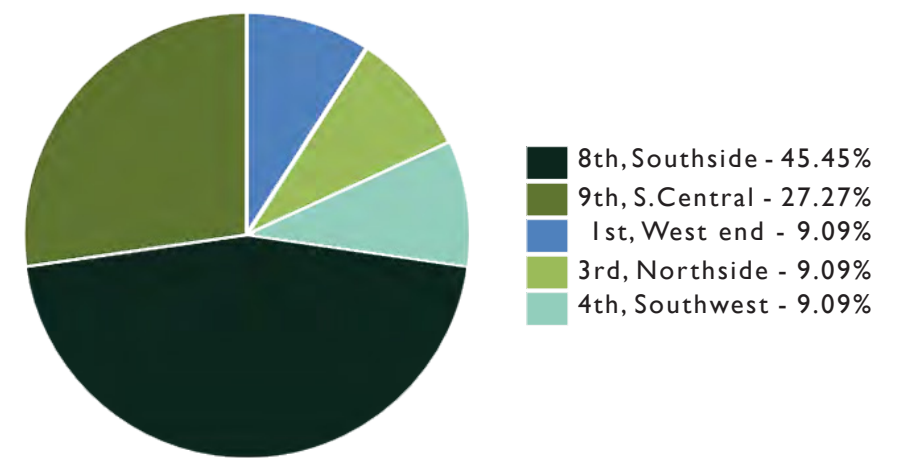
POTENTIAL COMMUNITY DRIVEN RECREATION



CITY OF RICHMOND RESIDENT?

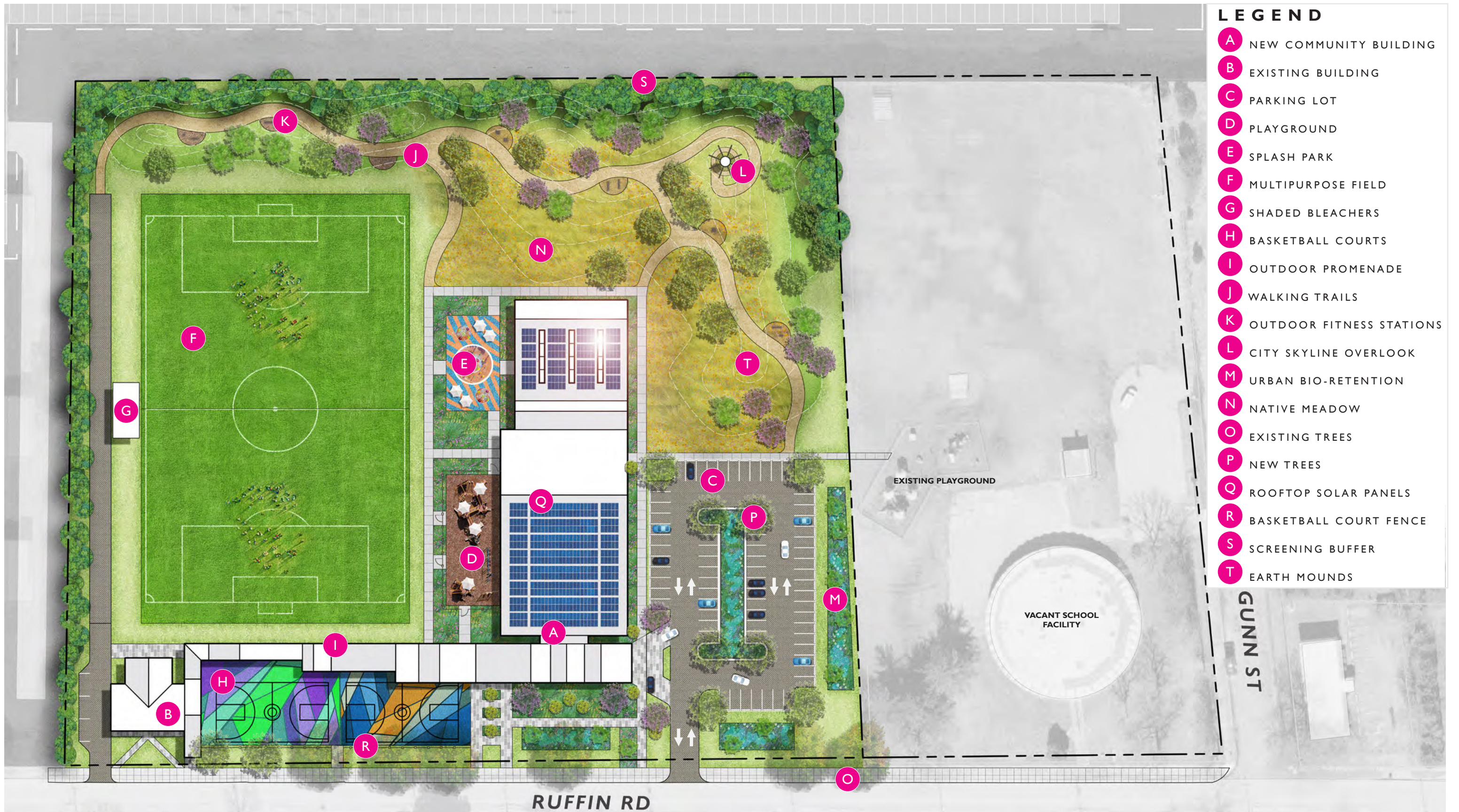


RESIDENT DISTRICT



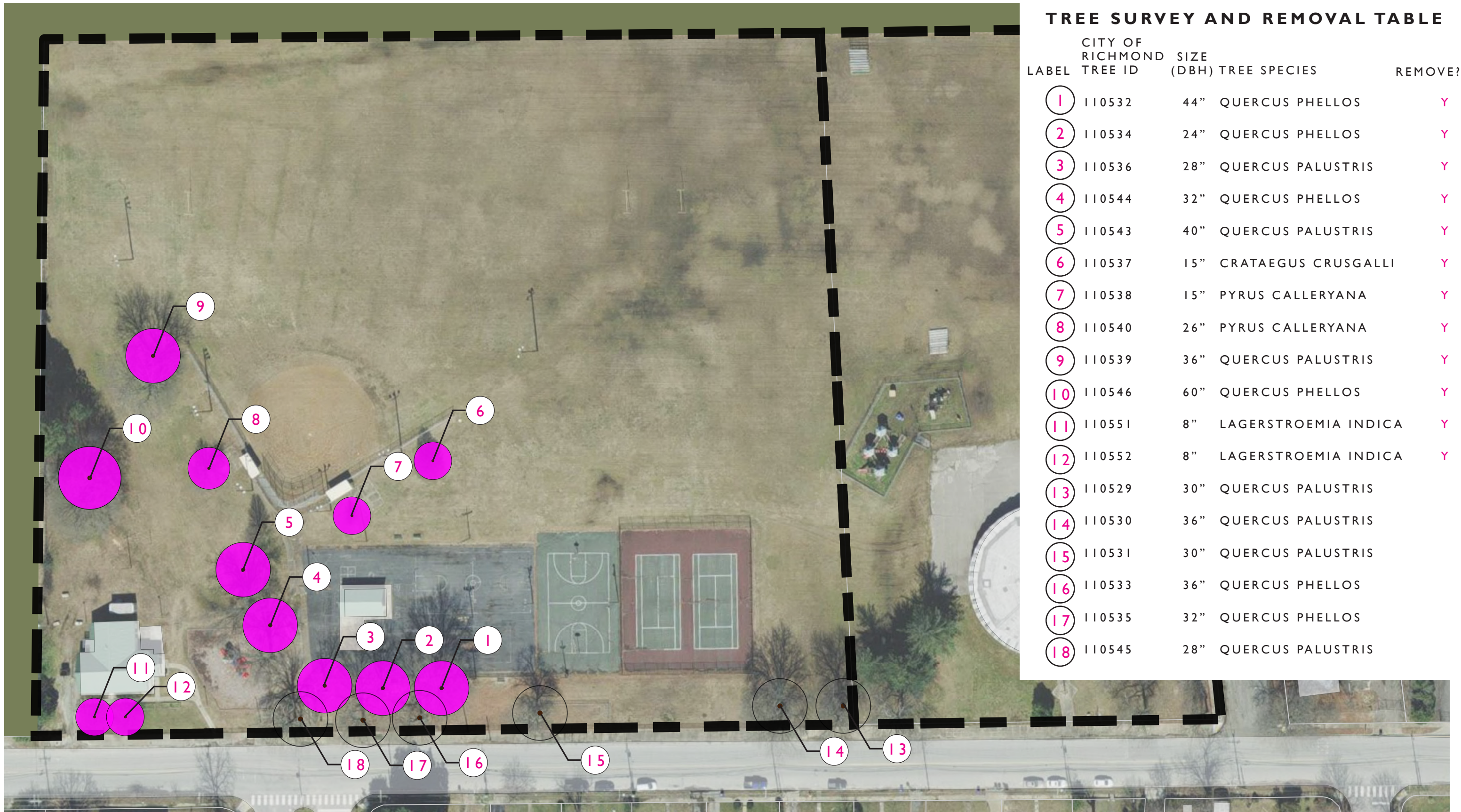
playful modern functional
 culturally relevant joyful
 neighborhood character sustainable

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



- LEGEND**
- A** NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING
 - B** EXISTING BUILDING
 - C** PARKING LOT
 - D** PLAYGROUND
 - E** SPLASH PARK
 - F** MULTIPURPOSE FIELD
 - G** SHADED BLEACHERS
 - H** BASKETBALL COURTS
 - I** OUTDOOR PROMENADE
 - J** WALKING TRAILS
 - K** OUTDOOR FITNESS STATIONS
 - L** CITY SKYLINE OVERLOOK
 - M** URBAN BIO-RETENTION
 - N** NATIVE MEADOW
 - O** EXISTING TREES
 - P** NEW TREES
 - Q** ROOFTOP SOLAR PANELS
 - R** BASKETBALL COURT FENCE
 - S** SCREENING BUFFER
 - T** EARTH MOUNDS

CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN



FIELD SURVEY & TREE REMOVAL



WILLOW OAK (75'H/50'W)



RED MAPLE (70'H/50'W)



GINGKO TREE (40'H/30'W)



BLACKGUM (50'H/25'W)

DECIDUOUS TREES



EASTERN RED CEDAR (40'H/20'W)



LITTLE GEM MAGNOLIA (20'H/10'W)



LOBLOLLY PINE (70'H/30'W)



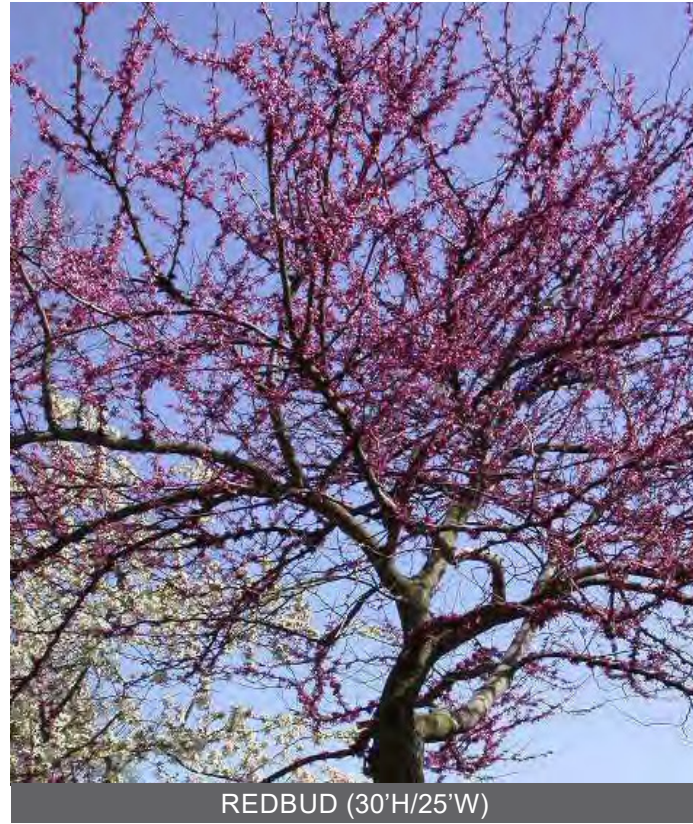
HOLLY (70'H/30'W)

EVERGREEN SCREENING / 15'-20' O.C.

PLANTING MATERIALS



AUTUMN SERVICEBERRY (20'H/15'W)



REDBUD (30'H/25'W)



FLOWERING DOGWOOD (25'H/25'W)



FRINGETREE (20'H/15'W)

FLOWERING TREES / 15'-20' O.C.



RED CHOKEBERRY



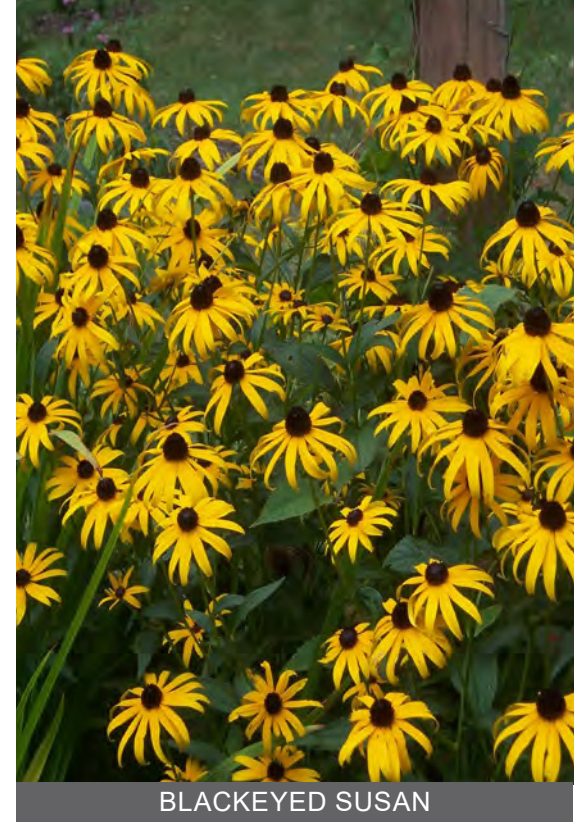
SPICEBUSH



LITTLE BLUESTEM



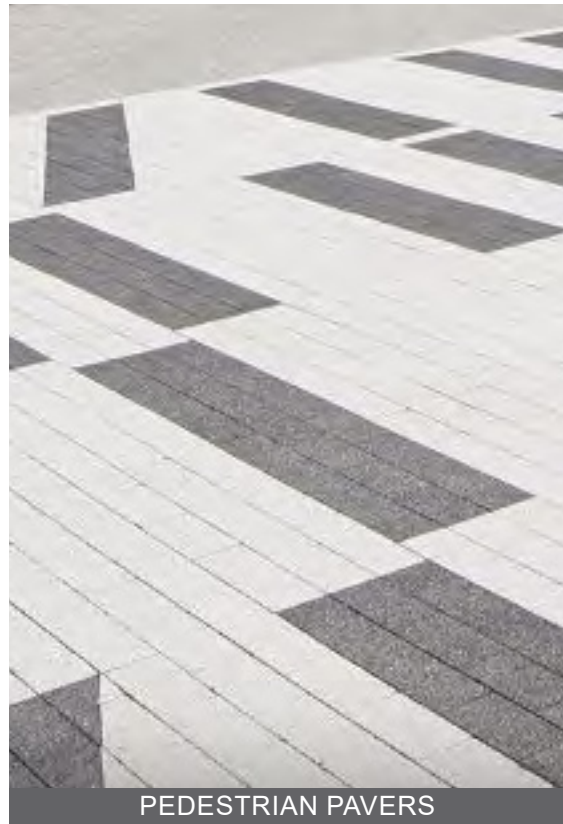
BUTTERFLY WEED



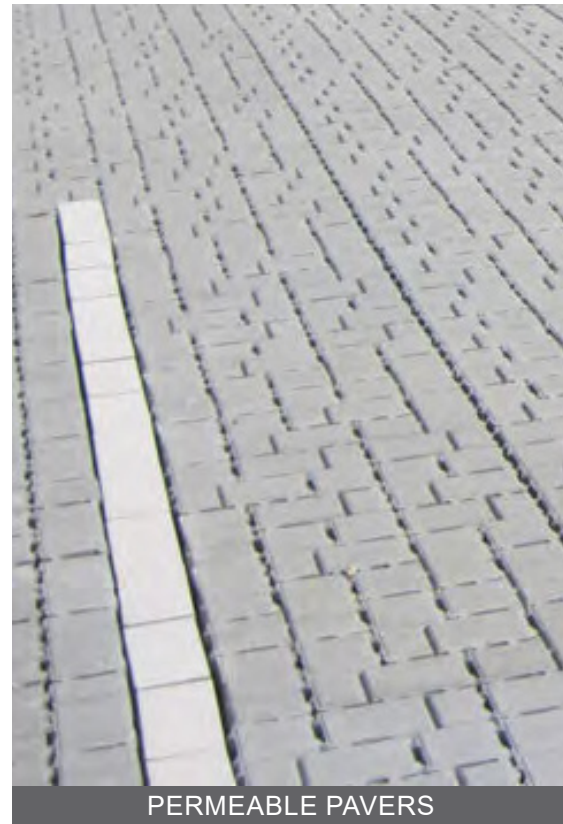
BLACKEYED SUSAN

SHRUBS AND GROUNDCOVERS

PLANTING MATERIALS



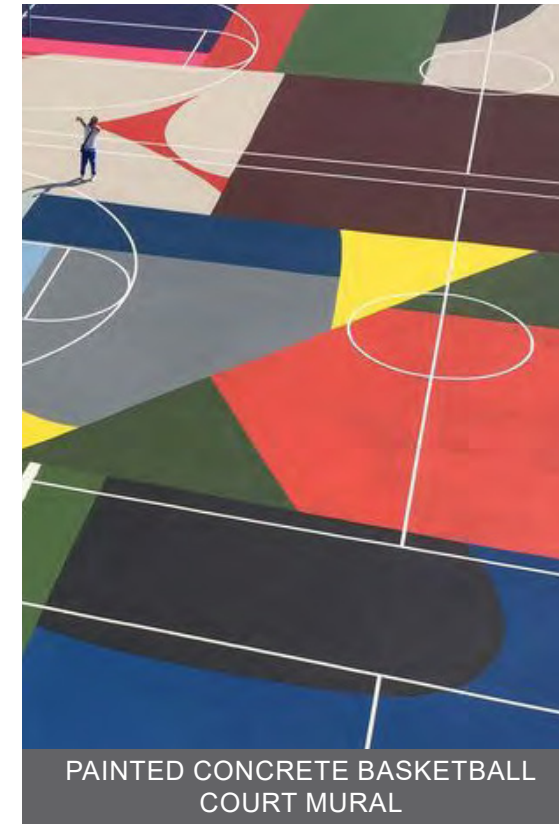
PEDESTRIAN PAVERS



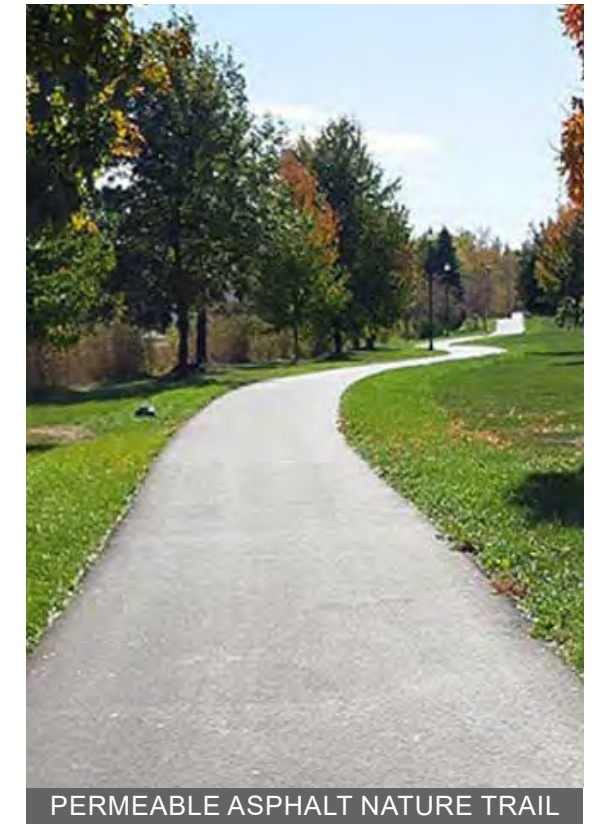
PERMEABLE PAVERS



POURED IN PLACE RUBBER PLAY SURFACE



PAINTED CONCRETE BASKETBALL COURT MURAL



PERMEABLE ASPHALT NATURE TRAIL

PAVING MATERIALS



FITNESS STATIONS



PLAY STRUCTURES



SIGNATURE SEATING



SPLASH PARK



OVERLOOK TOWER

AMENITIES

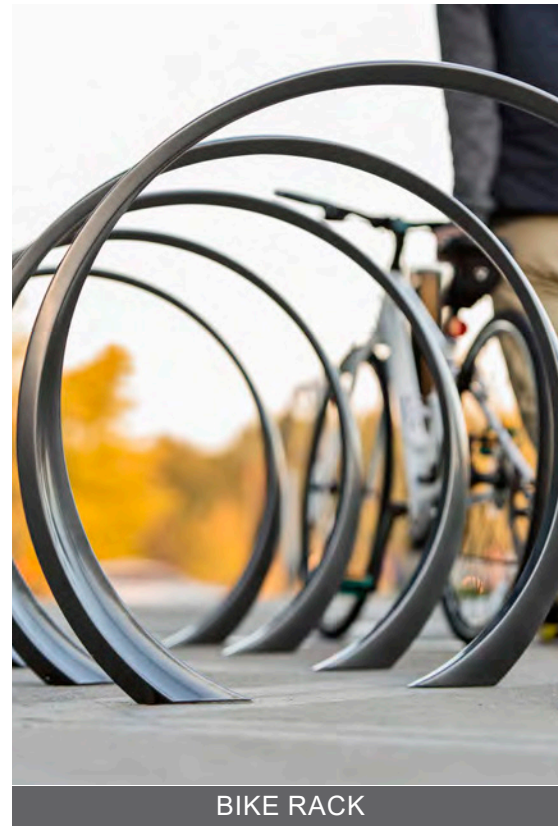
SITE & PARK MATERIALS



BENCH



TRASH/RECYCLING



BIKE RACK



SEAT WALL

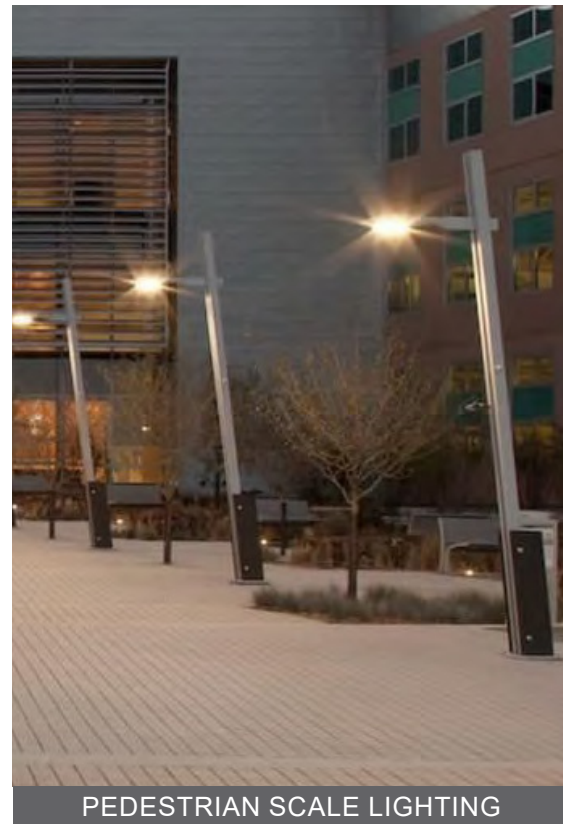


SAFETY BOLLARD

SITE FURNISHINGS



PARKING LOT LIGHTING



PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING



LANDSCAPE LIGHTING



SPORT LIGHTING



LIT BOLLARDS

LIGHTING

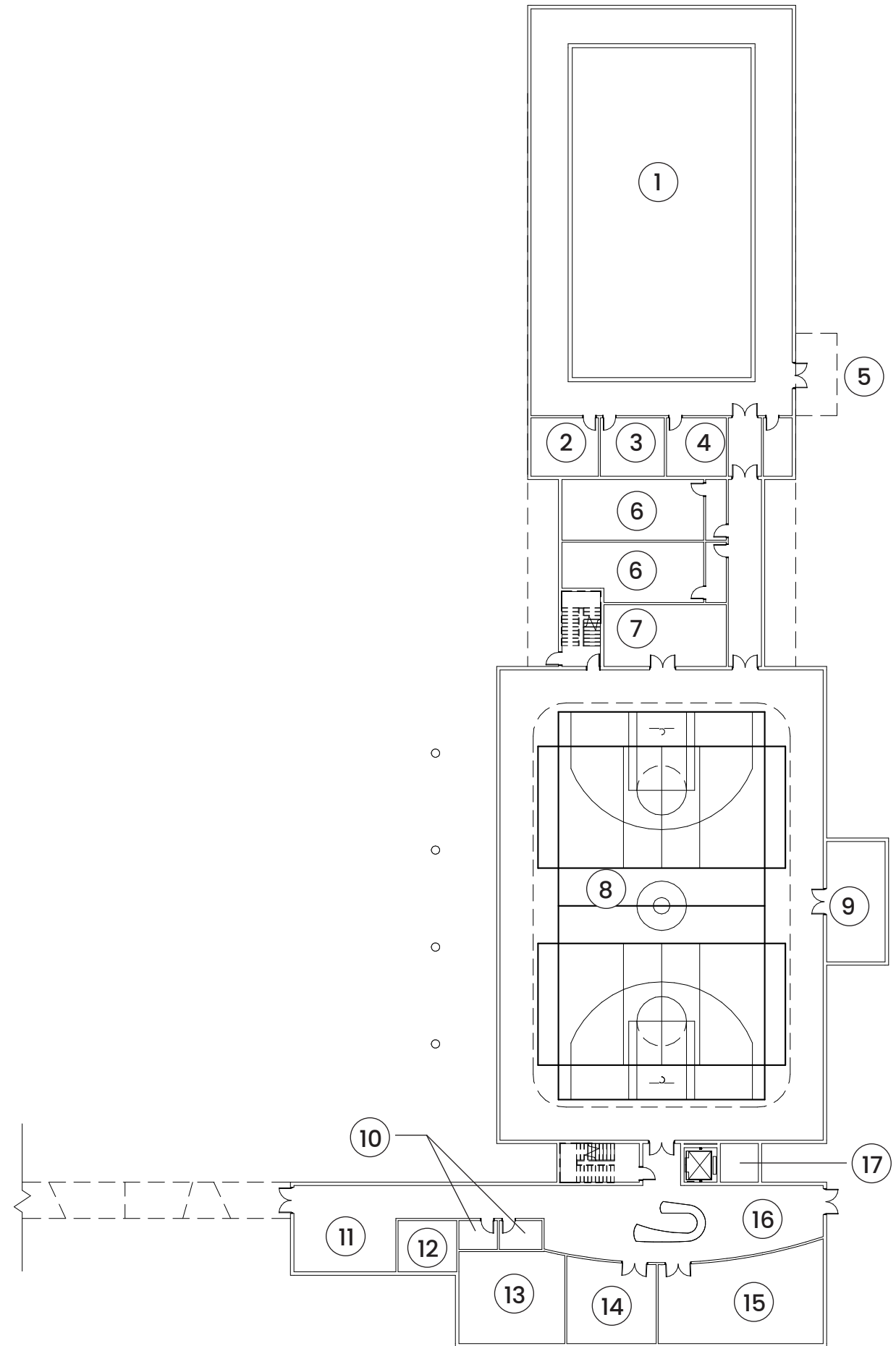
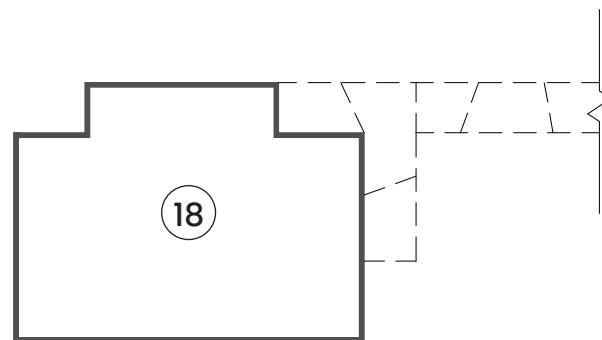
SITE & PARK MATERIALS

ROOM LAYOUT

- ① POOL 6249 SF
- ② POOL STORAGE 231 SF
- ③ POOL OFFICE 220 SF
- ④ SAUNA 205 SF
- ⑤ PUMP ROOM 99 SF
- ⑥ LOCKER ROOMS 468-504 SF
- ⑦ STORAGE 445 SF
- ⑧ MULTIPURPOSE GYM 8930 SF
- ⑨ MULTI-USE STORAGE 413 SF
- ⑩ RESTROOMS 65-72 SF
- ⑪ ENTRANCE 636 SF
- ⑫ SECURITY / IT OFFICE 177 SF
- ⑬ OFFICE / ADMIN 571 SF
- ⑭ KITCHEN 431 SF
- ⑮ LIBRARY / TECH LAB 847 SF
- ⑯ RECEPTION CORRIDOR 1415 SF
- ⑰ MECHANICAL ROOM 86 SF
- ⑱ EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTER (FUTURE ADULT CENTER)

FLOOR PLANS LEVEL 1

1/16" = 1'-0"

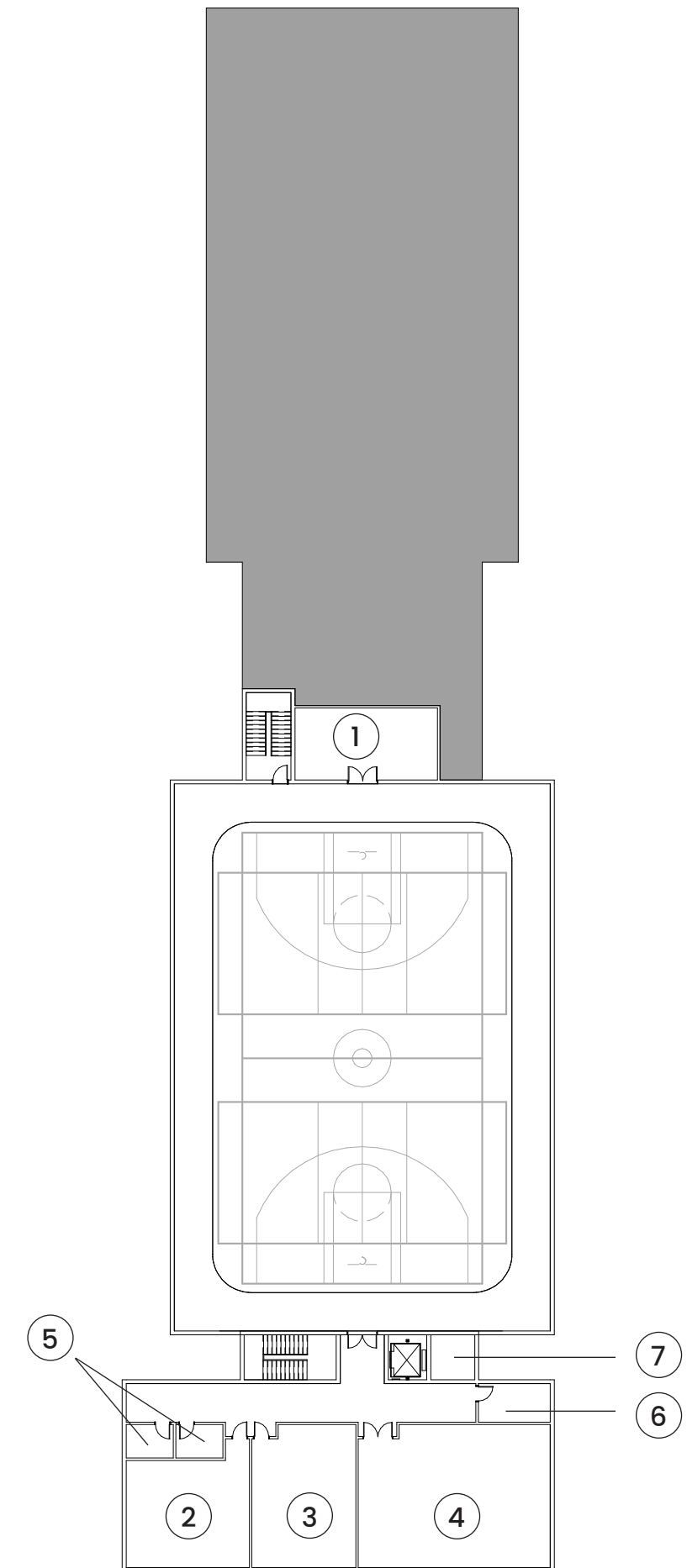


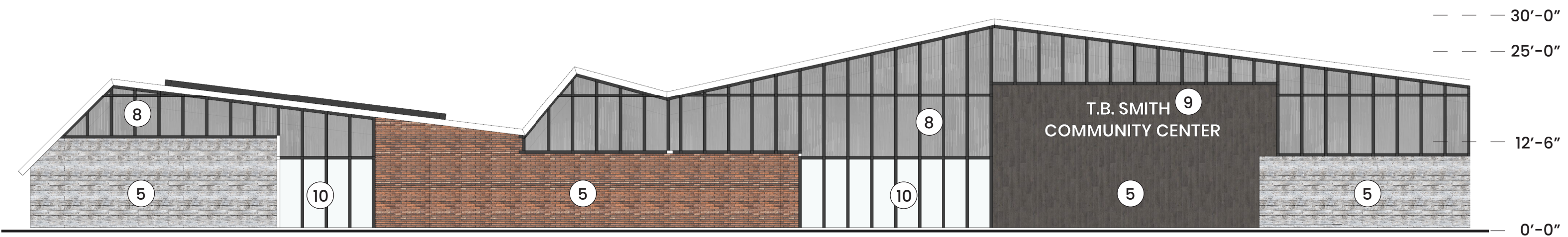
ROOM LAYOUT

- ① STRETCH / STORAGE
- ② FLEX LARGE 596 SF
- ③ MIXED MEDIA CENTER 630 SF
- ④ YOUTH / TEEN CENTER 1168 SF
- ⑤ RESTROOMS 69 SF
- ⑥ STORAGE 120 SF
- ⑦ MECHANICAL ROOM 86 SF

FLOOR PLANS LEVEL 2

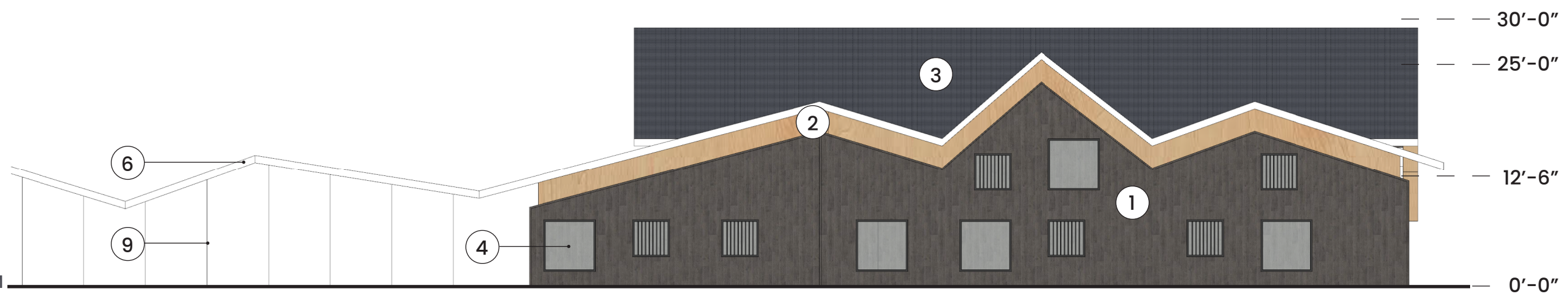
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EXTERIOR MATERIALS

- ① WOOD SIDING
- ② WOOD SIDING REVEAL
- ③ ASPHALT SHINGLES
- ④ FIBERGLASS WINDOW
- ⑤ MASONRY UNITS
- ⑥ METAL CANOPY
- ⑦ SIGNAGE OR MURAL TBD
- ⑧ ALUMINUM STOREFRONT
- ⑨ PAINTED STEEL STRUCTURE
- ⑩ KALWALL TRANSLUCENT SYSTEM



ELEVATIONS

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CONCEPTUAL
VIEWS



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VIEWS