

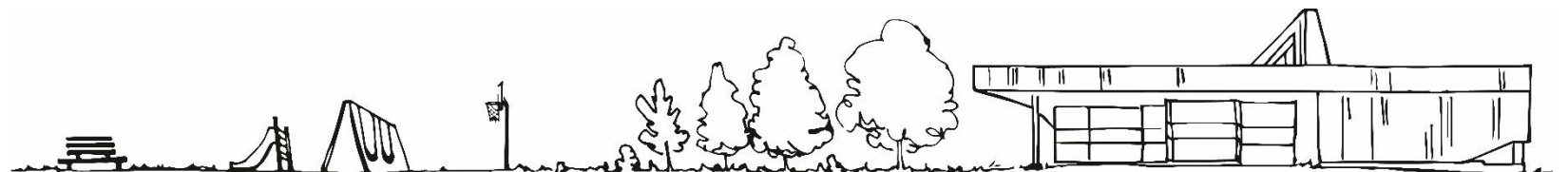
Osler Playground Park Improvements

Virtual Public Meeting
September 13, 2021



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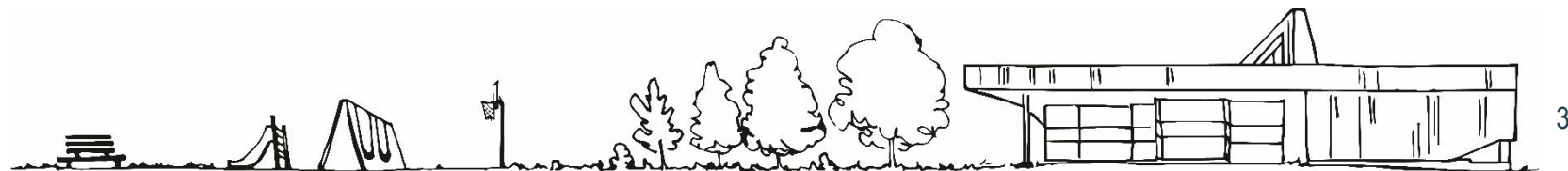
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Opening Remarks

Councillor Joe Cressy

Ward 10 Spadina–Fort York



Agenda



Meeting Goals, Webex Tips, Introductions, Project Timeline



Public Engagement Overview



Background Review and Site Investigations Overview

(Questions of clarification)



Design Considerations and Concept Design Options

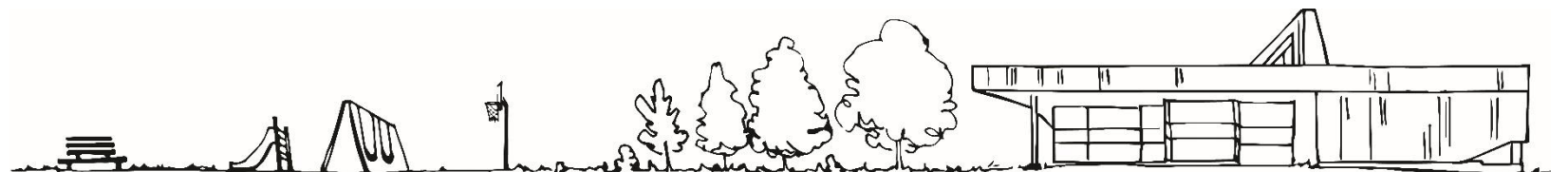
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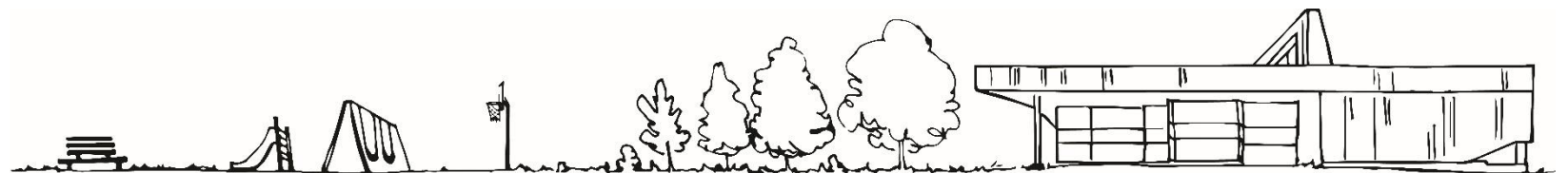
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Next Steps + Adjourn



Meeting Goals

- Provide an overview of engagement and design development to date
- Present and Discuss Concept Design Options
- Gather feedback to inform the development of a preferred concept design



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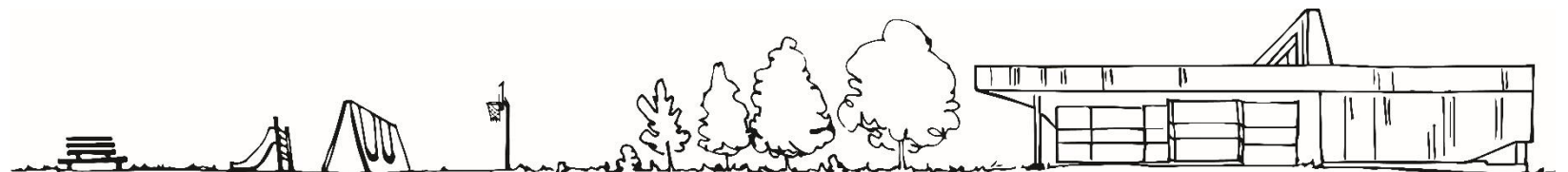
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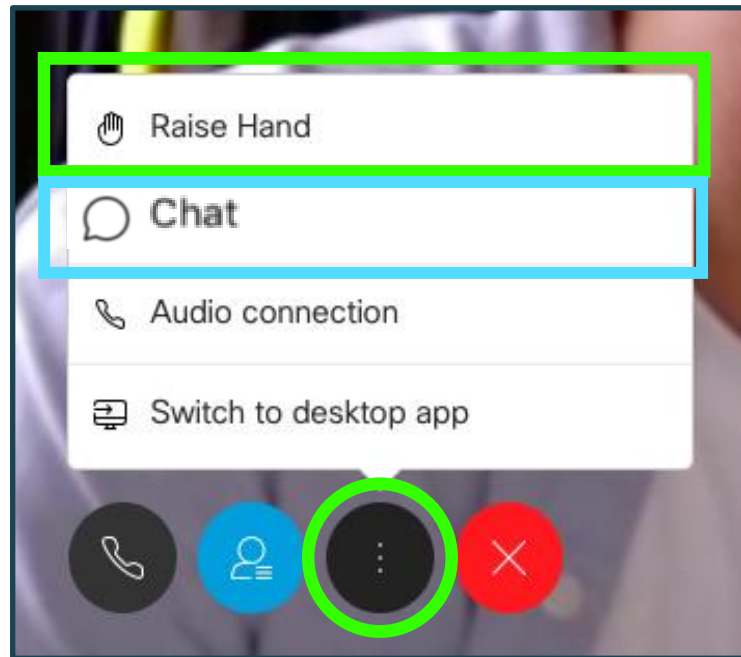
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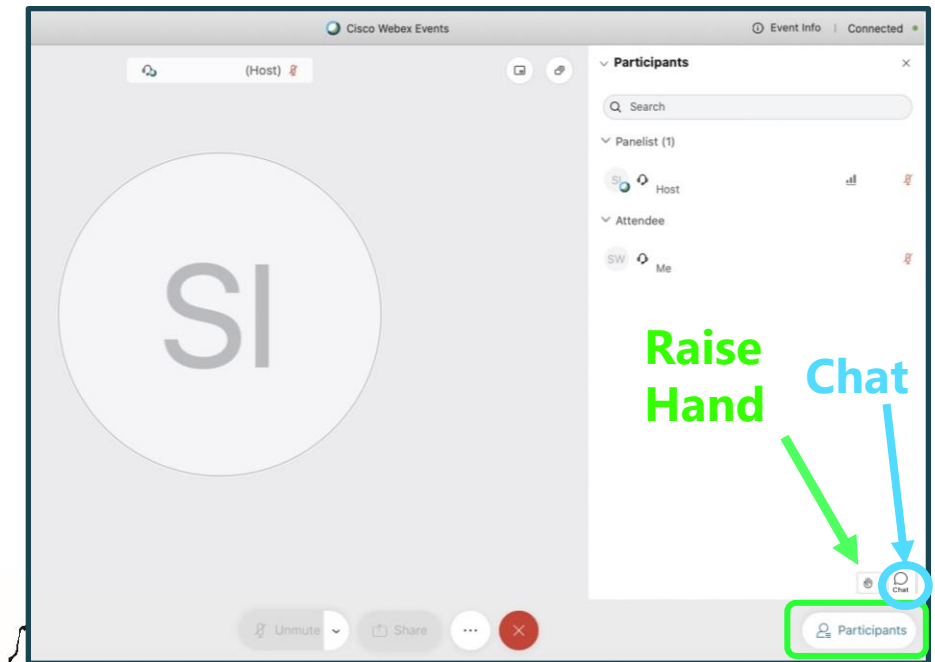
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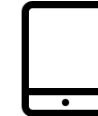
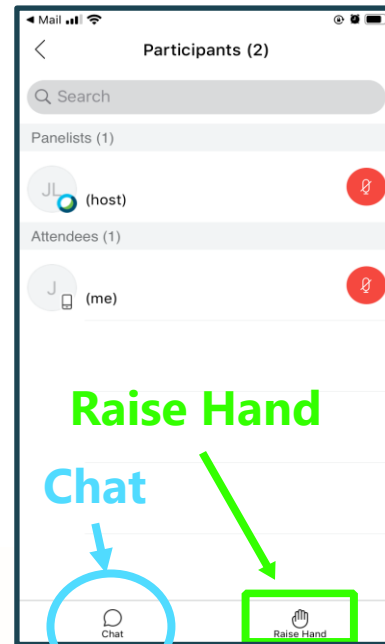
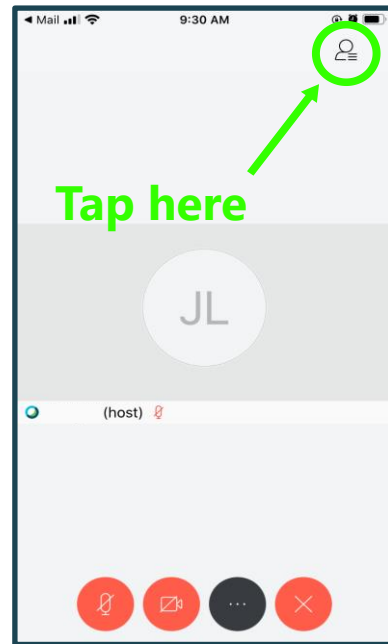
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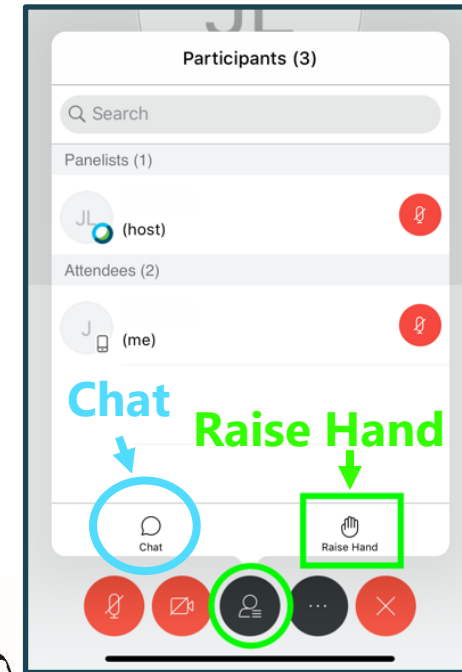
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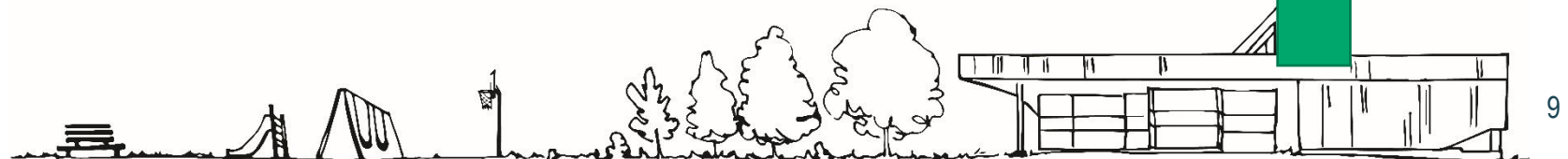
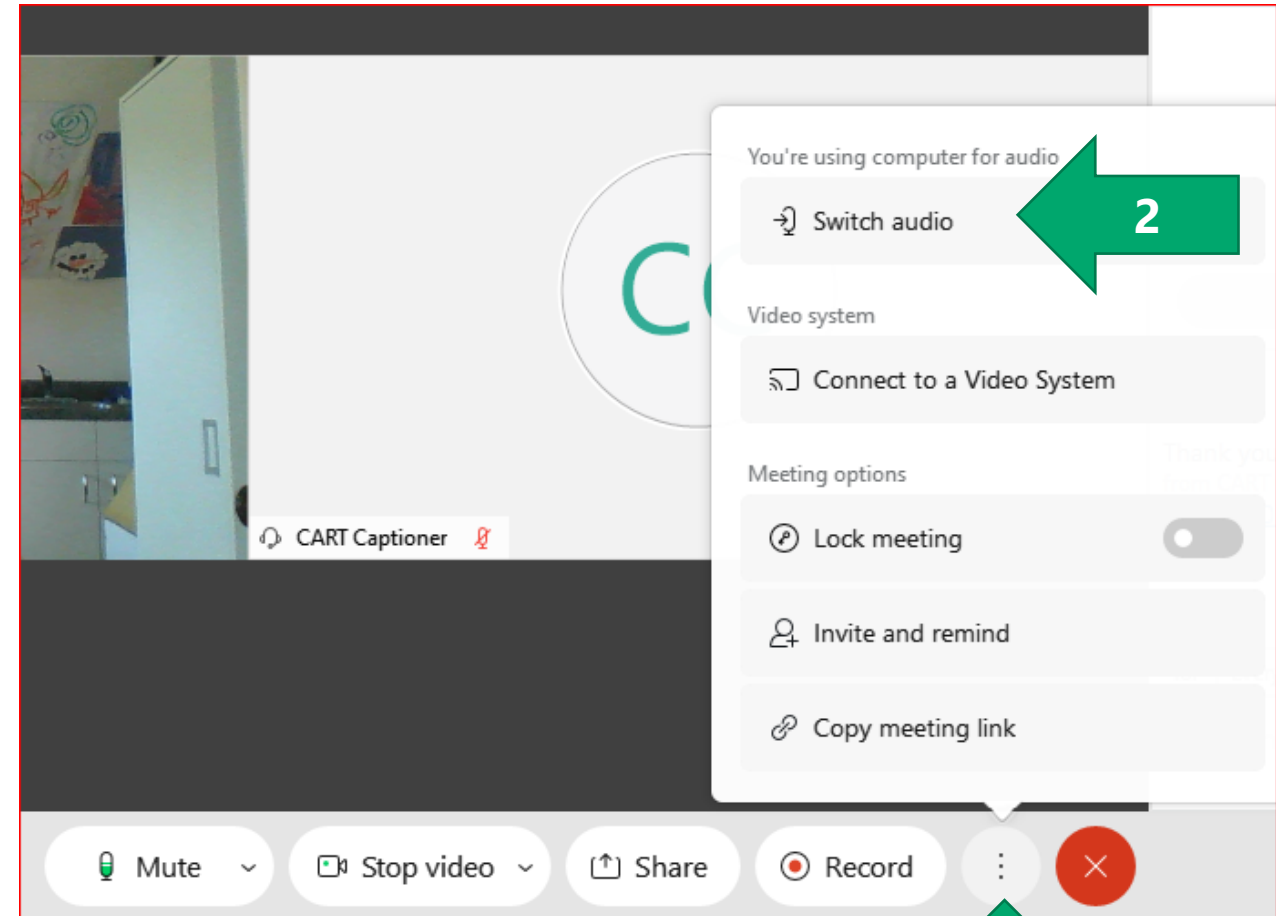
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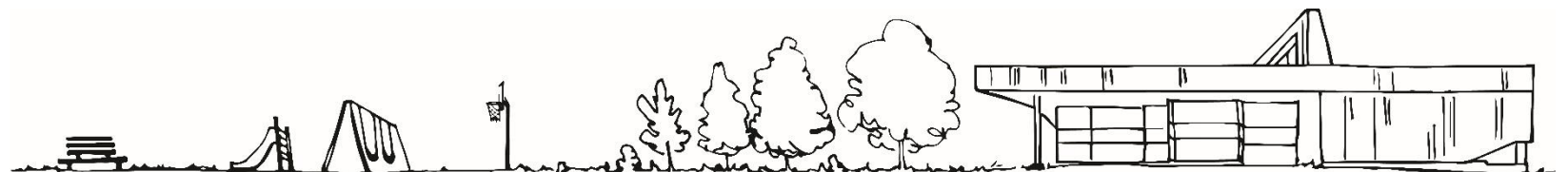
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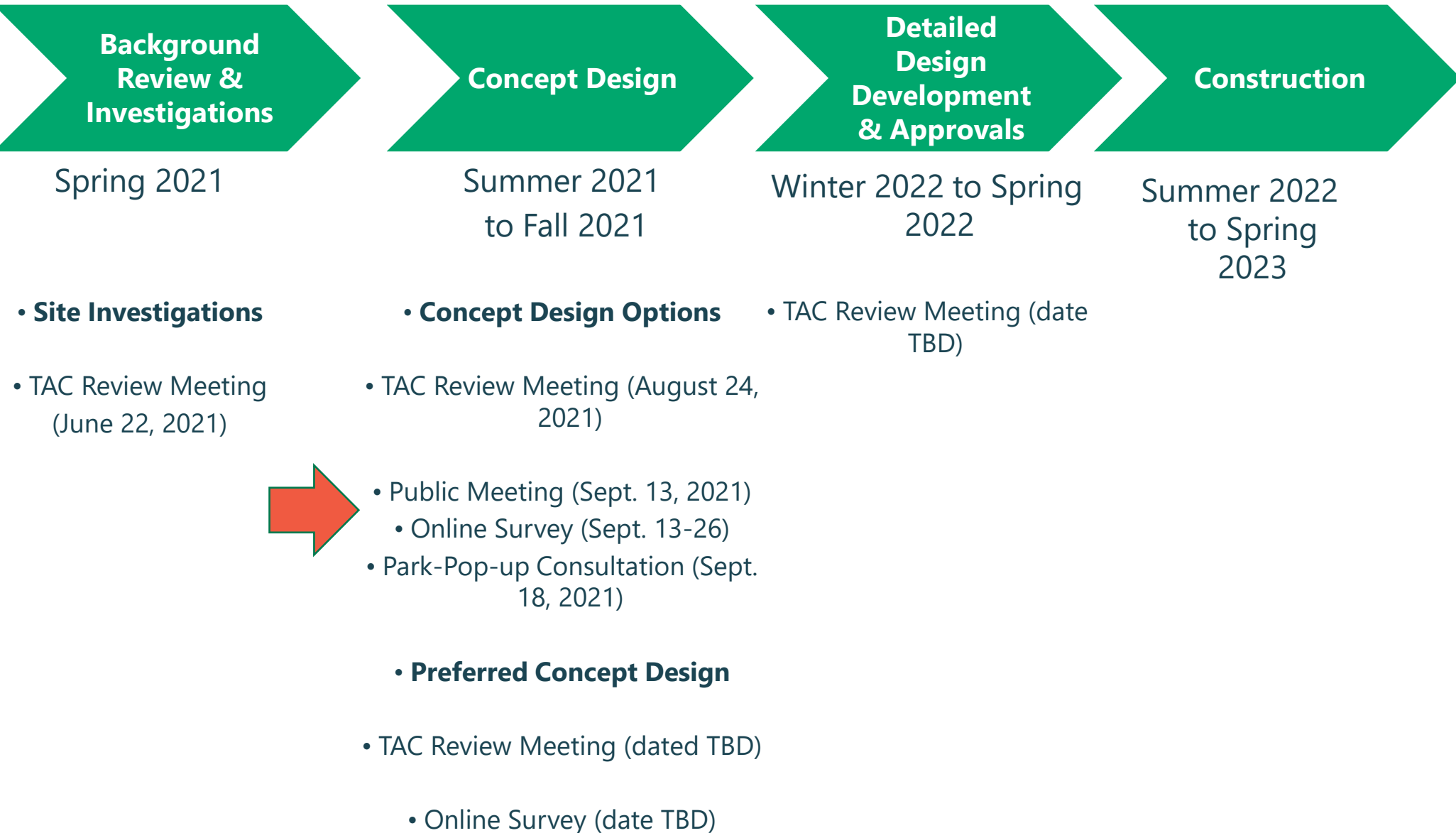


Introductions – Project Team

- Rachel Weston – Senior Project Coordinator (City of Toronto, PF&R)
- Pablo Muñoz - Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (City of Toronto, PF&R)
- Vivian Goulas – Operations Support Officer (City of Toronto, PF&R)
- April Szeto – Principal Landscape Architect (Harrington McAvan LTD)



Project Timeline



Public Engagement Overview

Pablo Muñoz – City of Toronto

Engagement to Date



Open House +
Online Survey
2017



Community Visioning
Workshop
2019



Online Visioning
Survey
2020

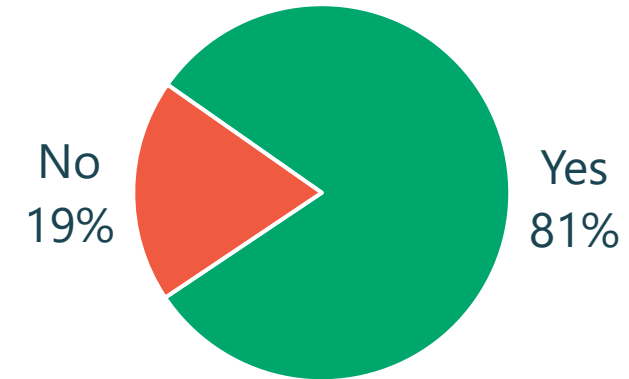


Public Meeting
Today!

Identified Priorities:

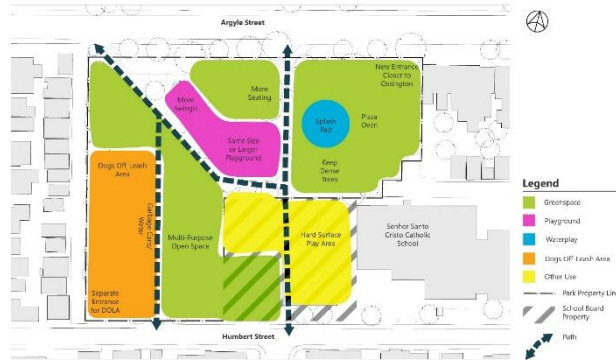
- ① Add a dogs off-leash area
- ② Enhance the playground
- ③ Add benches, seating and picnic tables
- ④ Address drainage issues at the west side of the park
- ⑤ Maintain green space
- ⑥ Add ball sports area

Would you support the installation of a fenced off-leash area?



2019 - Community Visioning Workshop

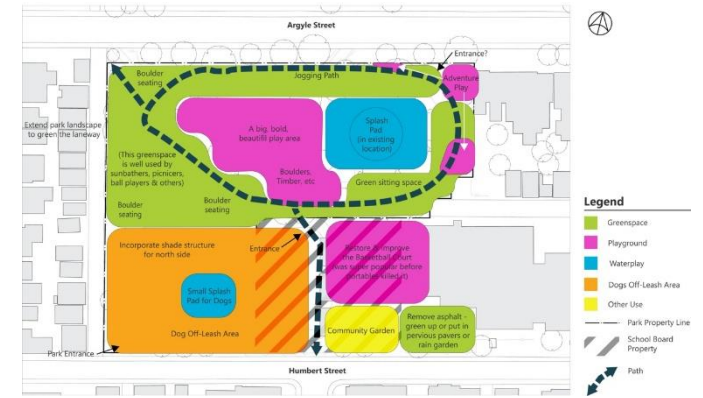
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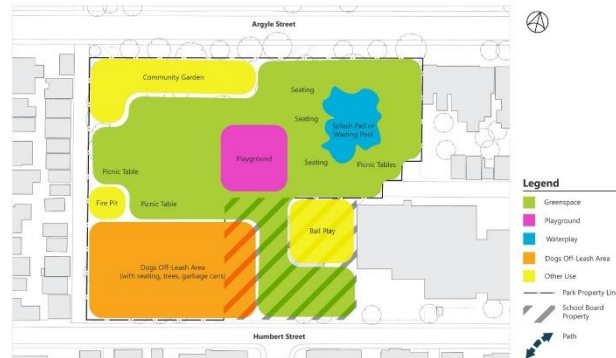
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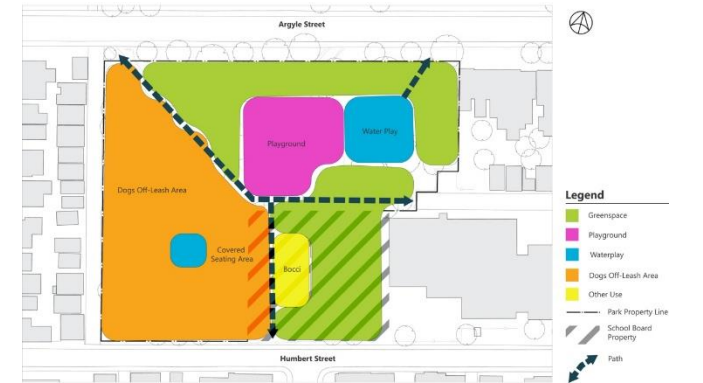
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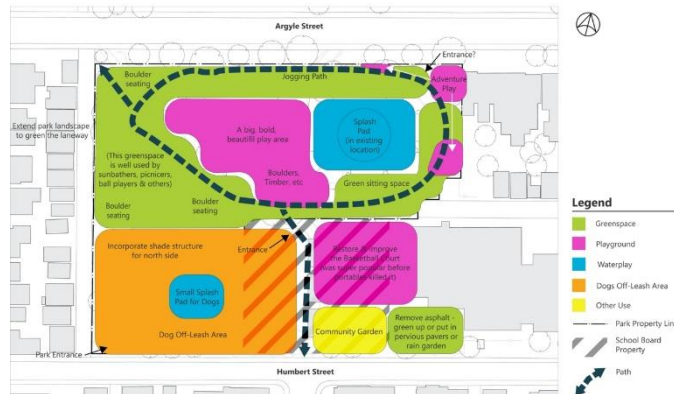


6 Community Visions were developed during the workshop with varying layouts and balances of park uses and activities.

The 6 Community Visions served as the basis for the online visioning survey.

Online Visioning Survey - 2020

FAVOURITE OPTION



- **Option 5**
- Most commonly-cited reasons for supporting this option were the basketball court, the size and location of the off-leash area, and waterplay size and location
 - Most commonly-cited reason for not supporting this option – the off-leash area perceived as being too large

2ND



- **Option 4**
- Most commonly-cited reasons for supporting this option were the playground and waterplay areas (size and location) and the distribution of green space
 - Most commonly-cited reason for not supporting this option – the off-leash area perceived as being too small

LEAST FAVOURITE

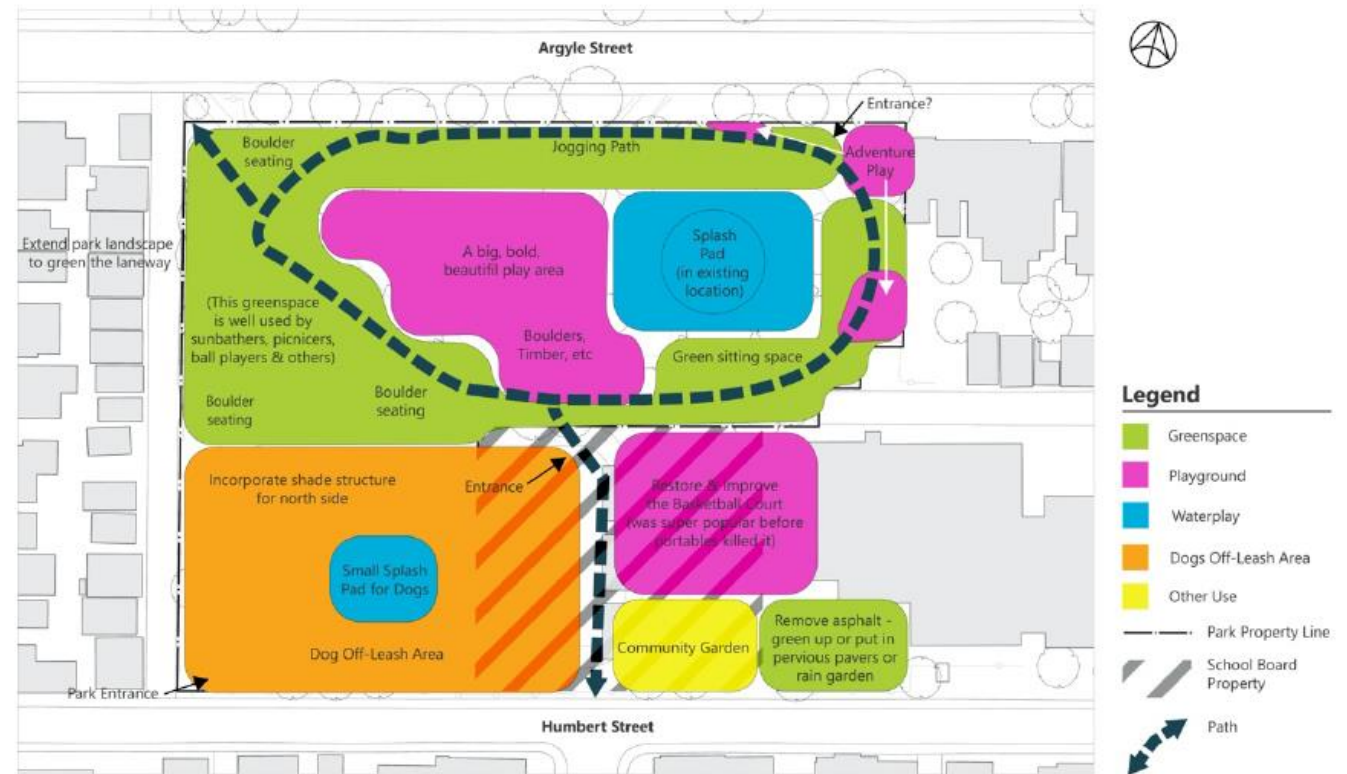


- **Option 6**
- Most commonly-cited reason for not supporting this option – 75% of participants indicated that the off-leash area was too big

Online Visioning Survey – 2020 – Community Vision #5 Highlights

- Similar layout and balance to the existing park with the addition of the following:
 - New splash pad in place of the wading pool and in OLA
 - New Park entry points
 - A pathway loop
 - Natural features incorporated into the playground and park
 - Pathway connection to Humbert Street
 - Basketball courts and community garden on school grounds

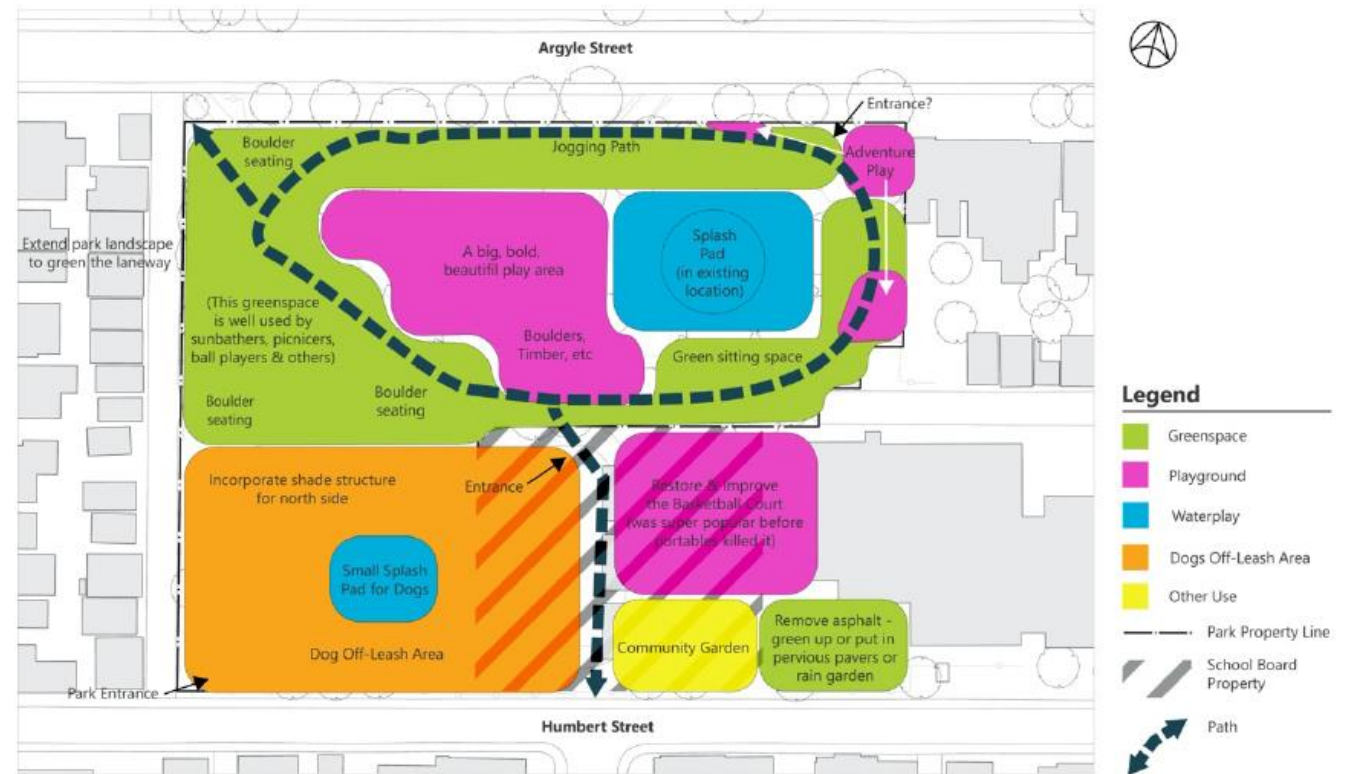
Community Vision 5



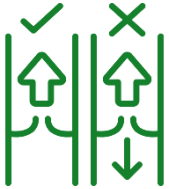
Online Visioning Survey - 2020 – Community Vision #5 Concerns

- Some design issues with this option:
 - Off-Leash Area (OLA) extends into School Grounds
 - Potential maintenance and safety concerns with small splash pad within the OLA
 - Park pathway entrance to Humbert Street crosses through School Grounds

Community Vision 5



Secondary Feedback from Survey



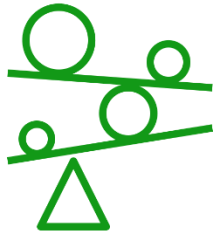
**Better
Pathways and
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**Running Track/
Loop**



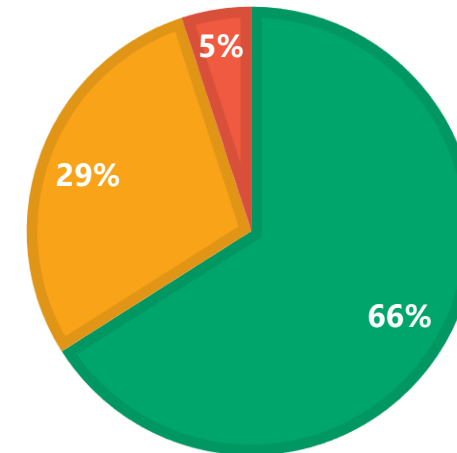
**Keeping It
Shady**



**Balance Park
Uses**

SPLASHPAD VS WADING POOL

- combination splashpad and wading pool
- splashpad only
- wading pool only

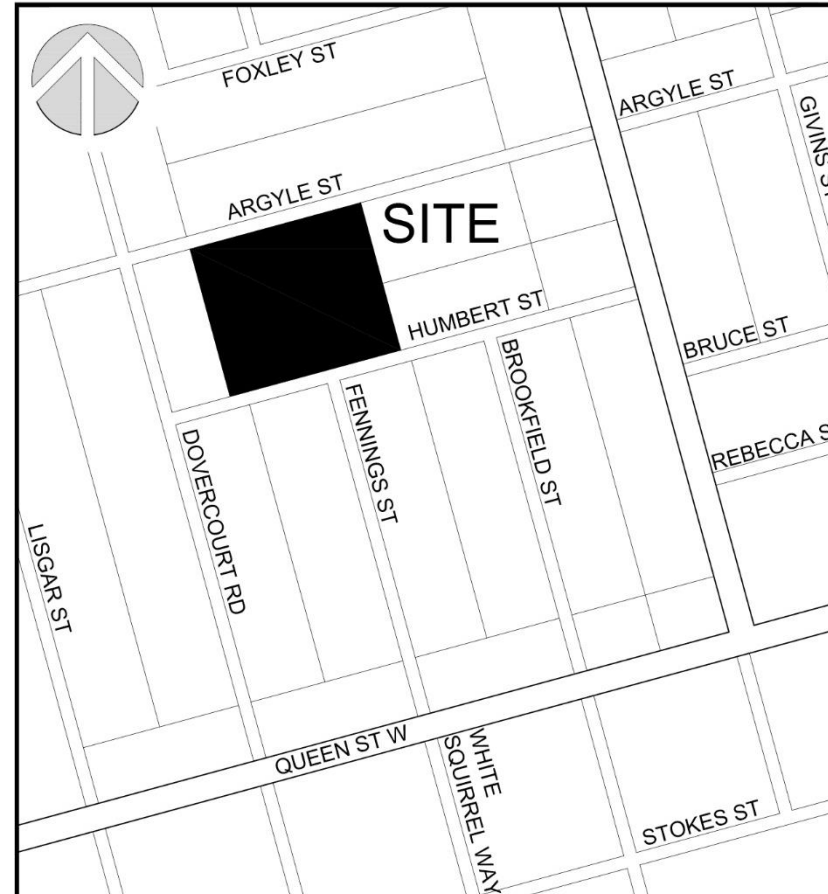


Background Review and Site Investigations Overview

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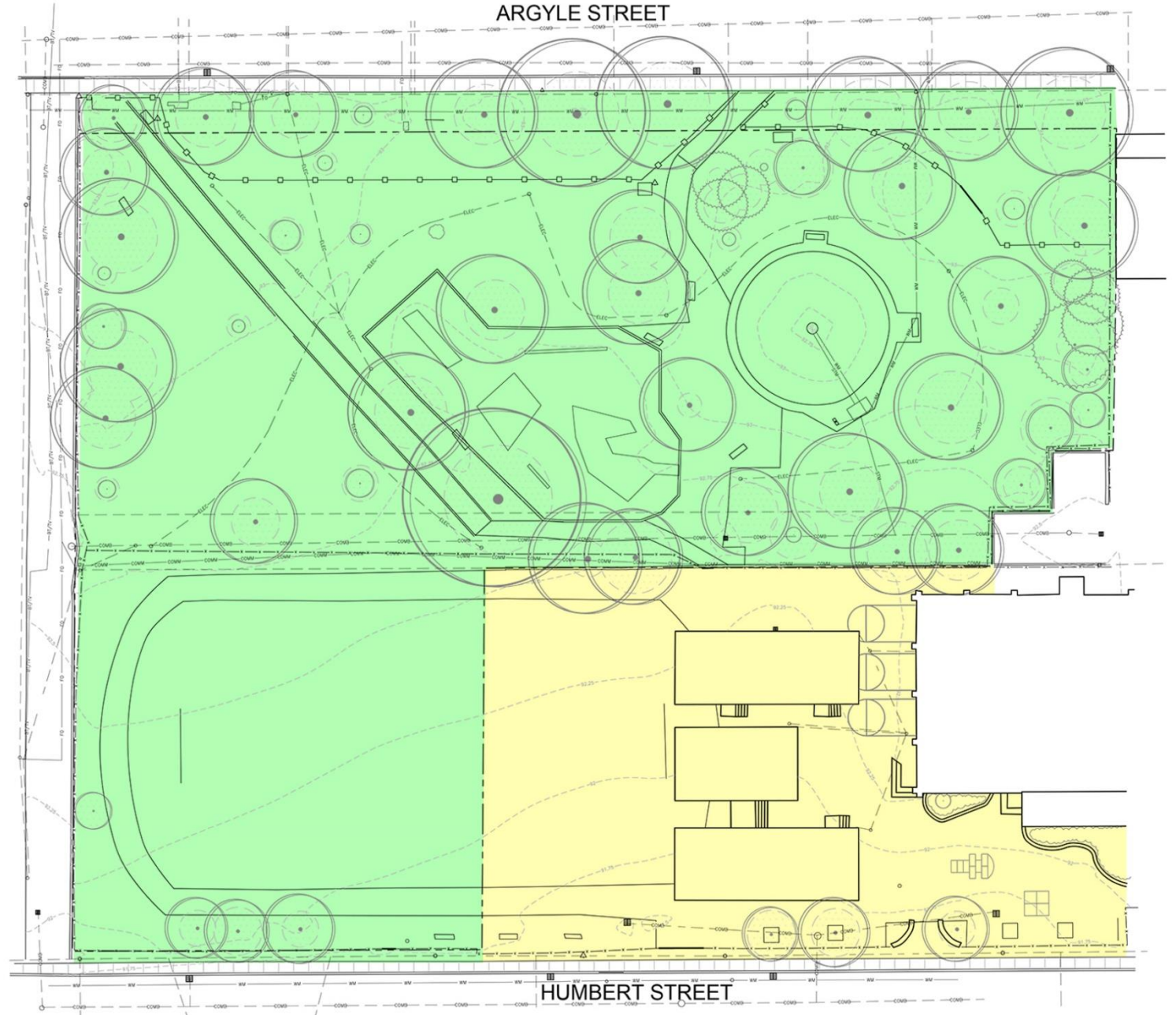
Site Location

The Site is bounded by Argyle Street to the north, Humbert Street to the south, residential properties to the west and northeast, and TCDSB property to the southeast.



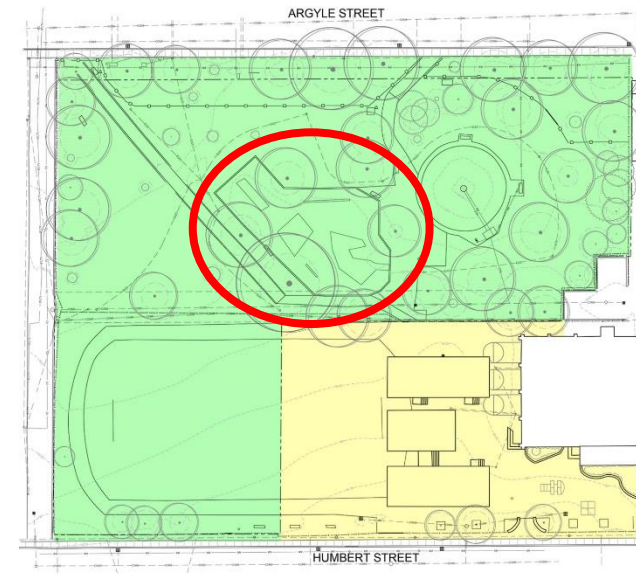
Site

The Site is composed of Osler Playground (Park) located at 123 Argyle Street and a portion of the adjacent lands owned by Toronto Catholic District School Board (School Grounds) at 30 Humbert Street.



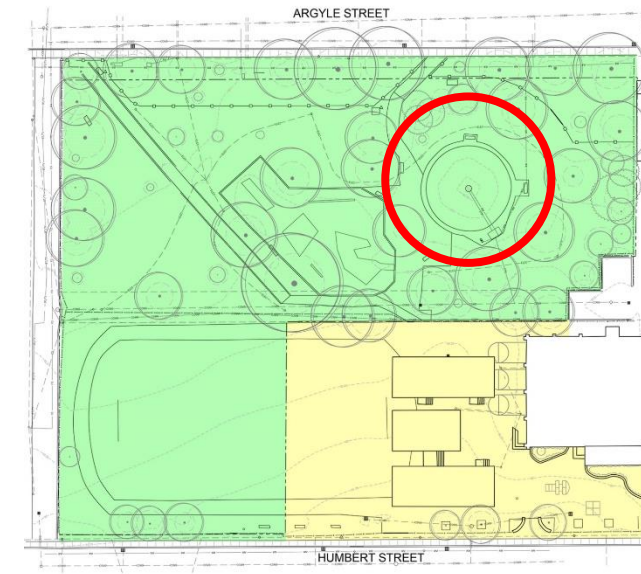
Existing Features – Park - Playground

- Sand safety surfacing
- Play equipment:
 - Swing set with 4 seats
 - Balance beam
 - Spring toy
 - Play structure
 - Large climbing structure



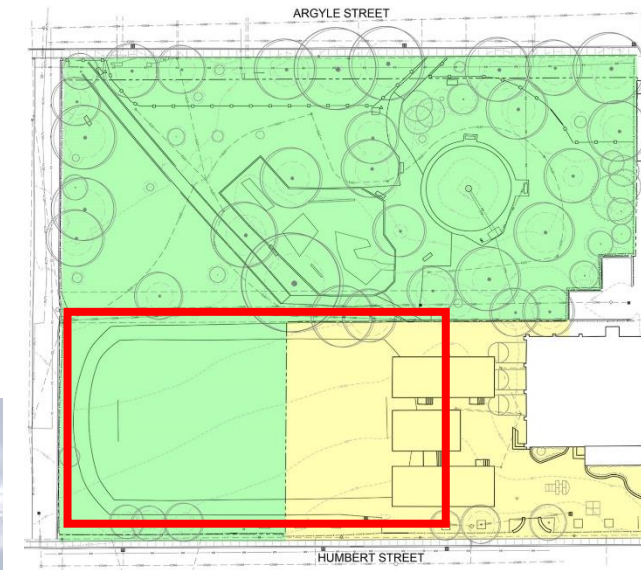
Existing Features - Park - Wading Pool

- Concrete wading pool



Existing Features - Park - Running Track/ Soccer

- Asphalt paved running track and soccer field, currently being used by the Community as an informal Off-Leash-Area (overlapping park and school grounds)



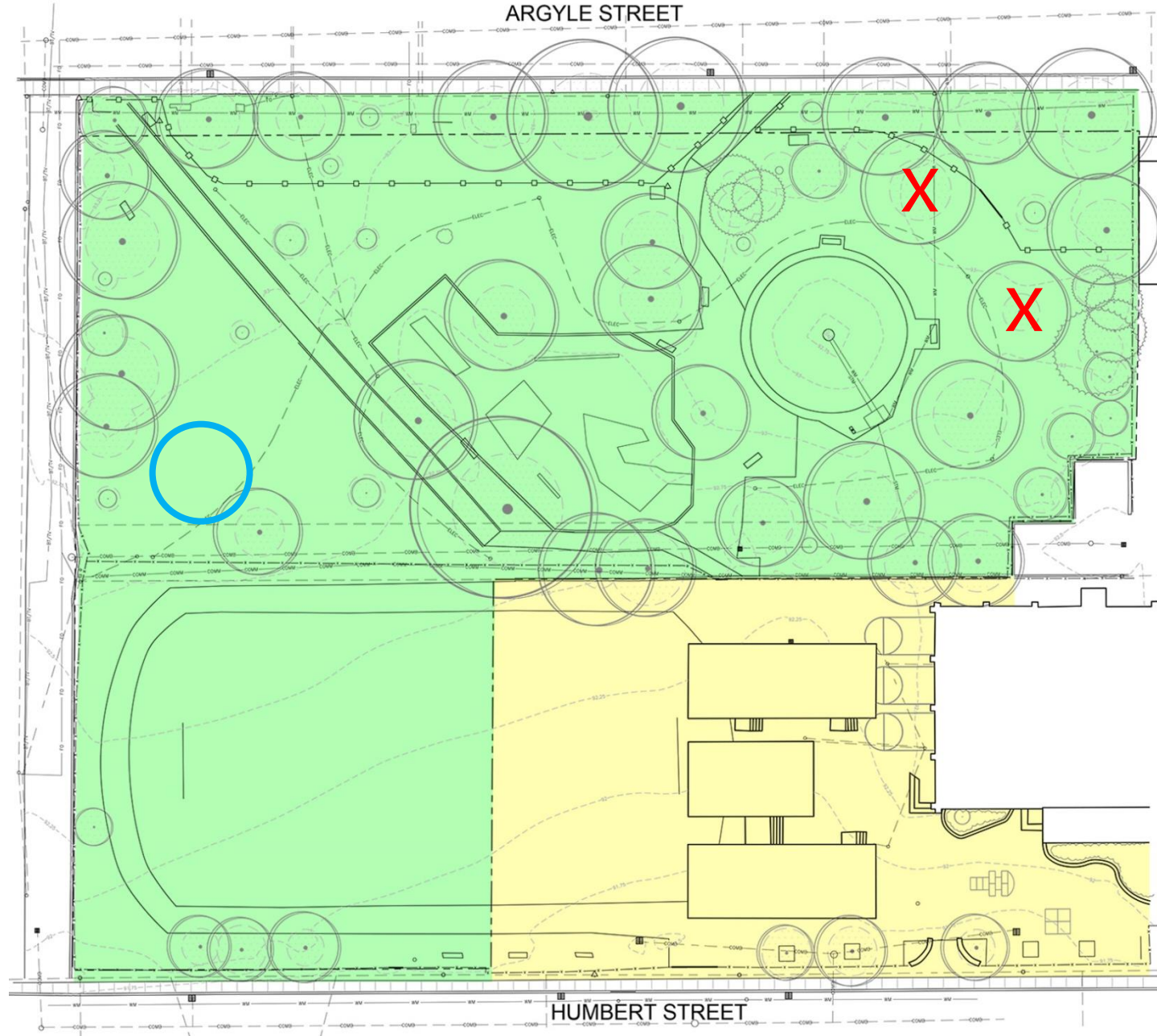
Existing Features - Park

Green Space

- There is an existing drainage concern at the west side of the park to be addressed with the design

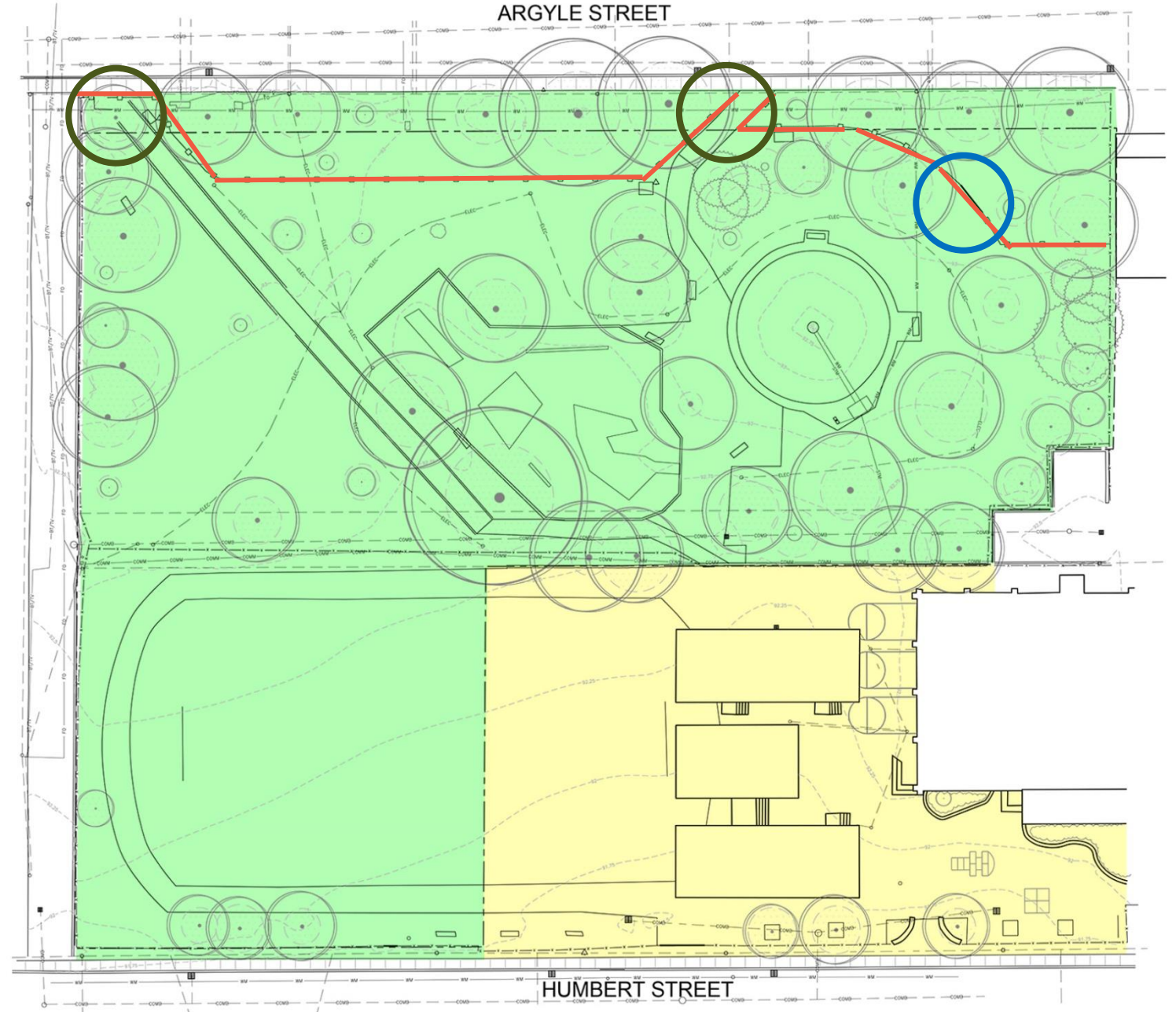
Existing Trees

- Mature and extensive tree canopy in north half of the park
- The existing trees within the Site have been assessed by an I.S.A. Certified Arborist and 2 trees are recommended for removal due to their condition



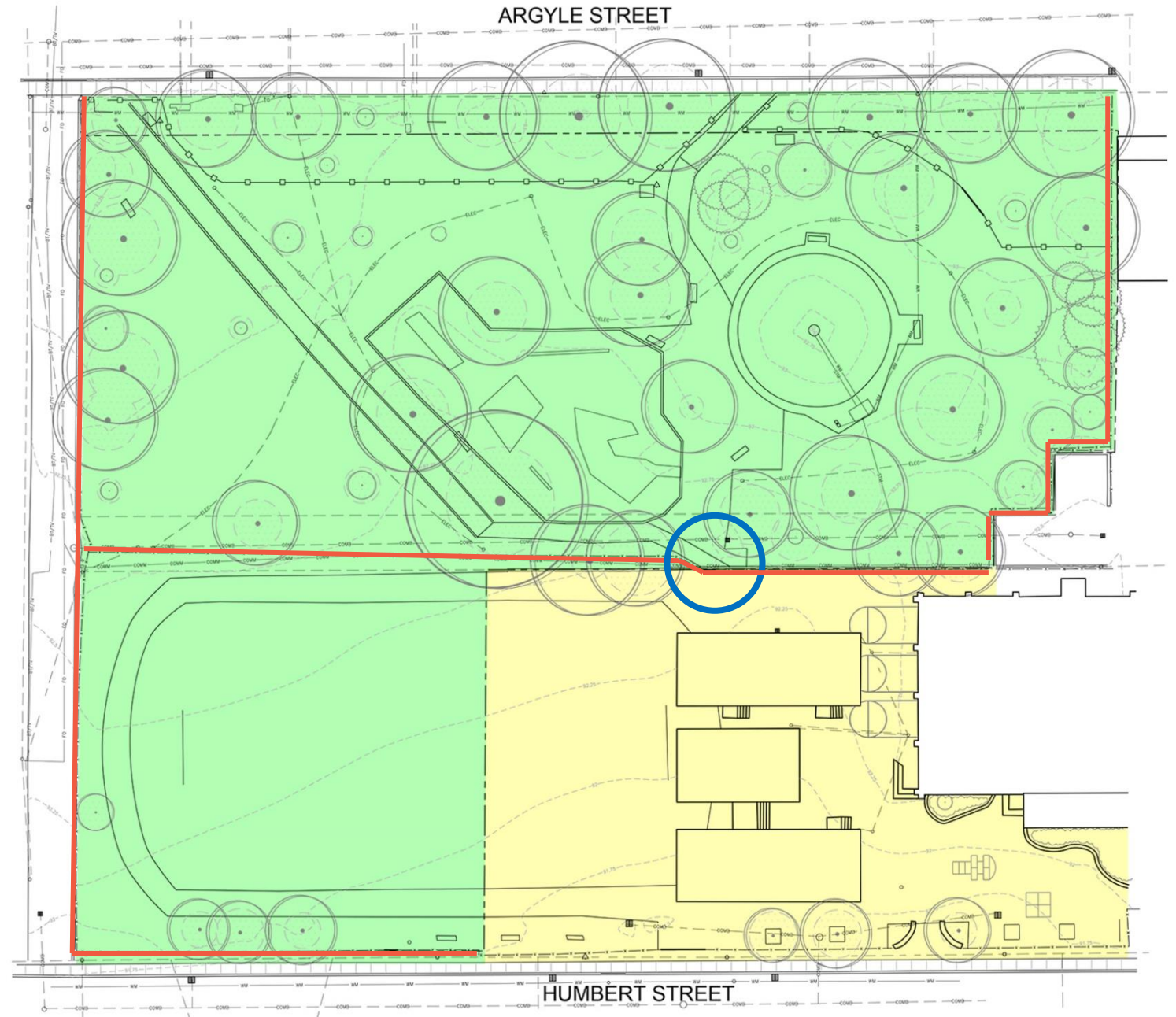
Existing Features - Park - Fencing

- Wrought iron fencing with entry points and a maintenance gate fronting Argyle Street



Existing Features - Park - Fencing and Gate

- Chain link fencing along the west, south and east Park perimeter, and in an east-west direction complete with gate bisecting the Park



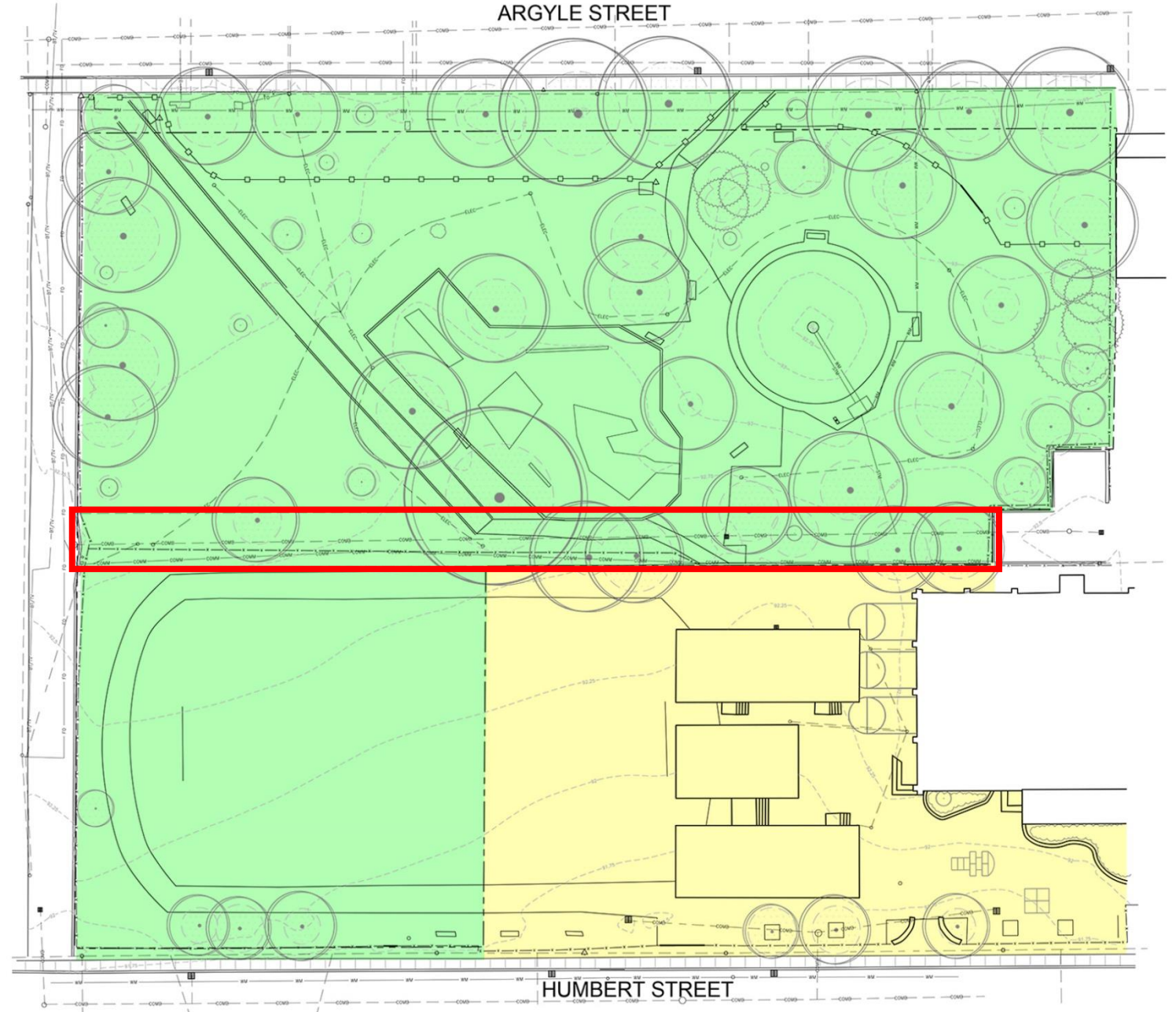
Existing Features - Park - Site Furnishings

- Lamp posts
- 8 existing benches within the Park of mismatched styles
- Existing drinking fountain



Existing Features – Park

Bell Canada Easement



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Design Considerations

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Design Considerations

Design Considerations Based on Background Review and Site Investigations and Consultation:

General:

- Create an inviting, safe and enjoyable space for all members of the community
- Design for accessibility
- Incorporate features of Community Vision #5 and feedback gathered to date, wherever possible
- Provide separation between conflicting park uses and properties
- Preserve existing healthy trees and open green space as much as possible
- Provide shade
- Repair park infrastructure where needed

Pathways and Access:

- Improve pedestrian circulation routes and provide connections from both Argyle Street and Humbert Street
- Consider incorporating a pathway loop
- Maintain access to the existing easement to Bell Canada

Design Considerations

Waterplay Area:

- Consider including a combination of a splash pad and wading pool.
- Replace the drinking fountain with new with a bottle filler

Playground Area:

- Include new play features and equipment for all ages
- Consider including a sandbox

Off-Leash Area (OLA):

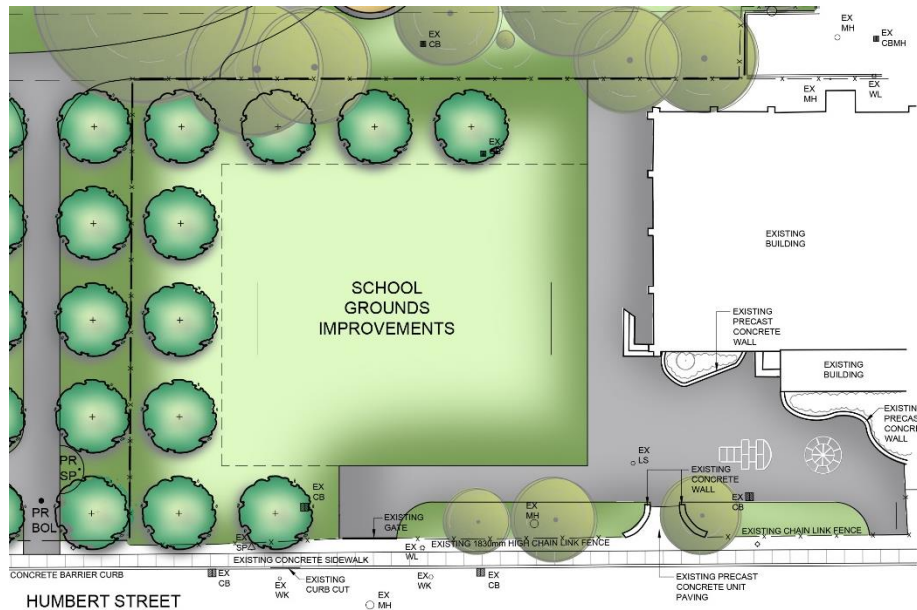
- Provide receptacles for disposal of dog poop
- Incorporate seating, drinking water, lighting, fencing, double gates, multiple entrances and natural elements, if possible

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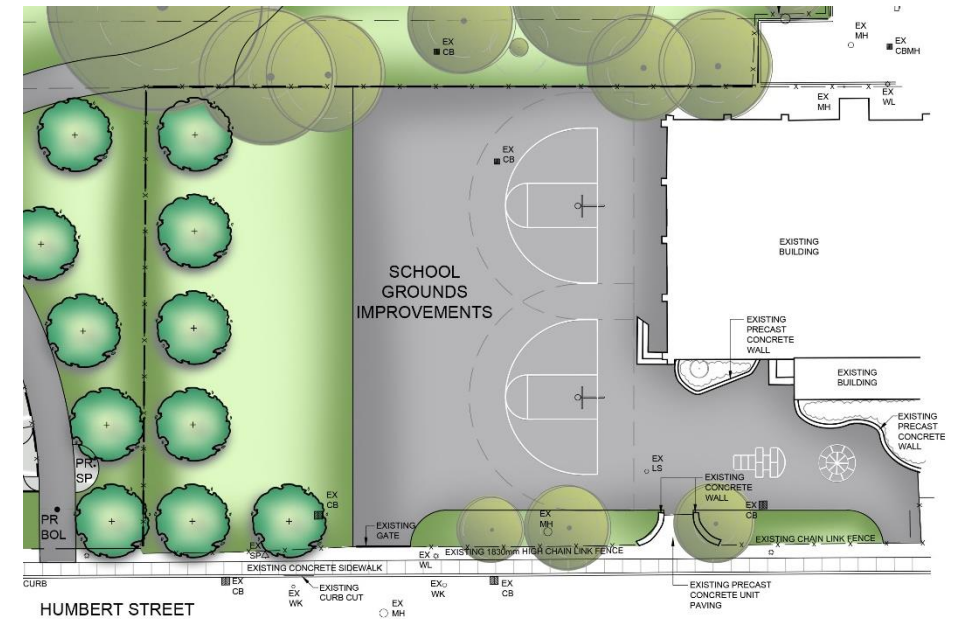
School Grounds Improvements

- Concept design options for school grounds were informed by input from community members and Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) staff.
- The preferred concept design will be determined by the TCDSB based on their functional requirements.

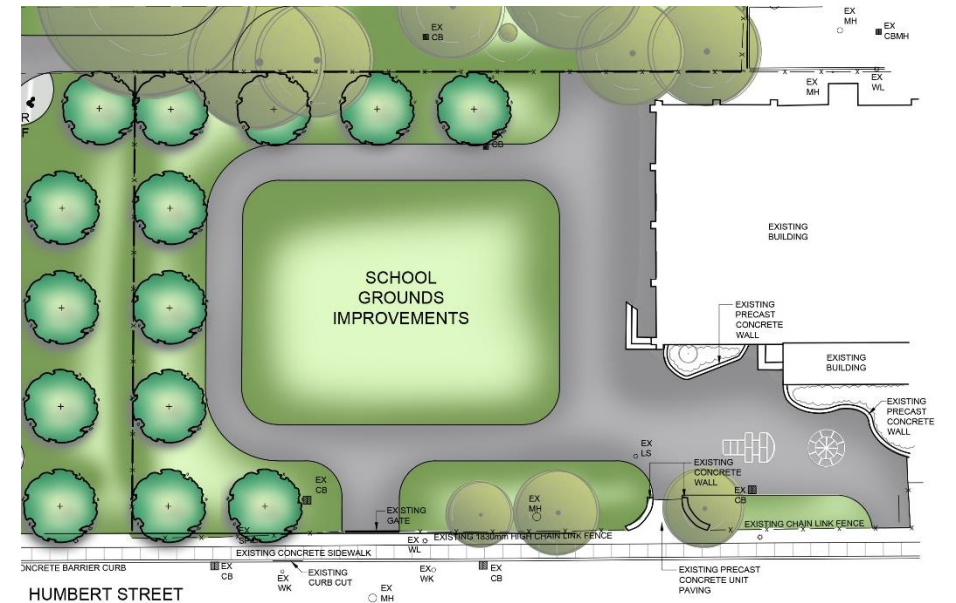
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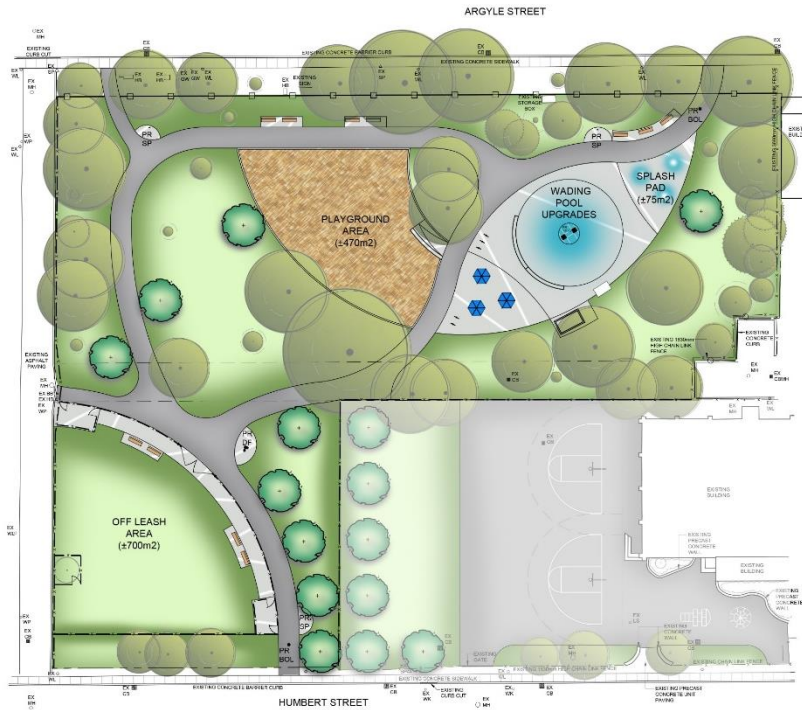


Concept Design Options

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Concept Design Options

Concept One



Concept Two



Concept Three



Concept Design Options – Common Features

- Designed to meet Toronto's Accessibility Design Guidelines
- Main Asphalt Pathway With Removable Bollards Connecting Argyle Street to Humbert Street
- Playground Area With Engineered Cedar Fiber Safety Surfacing, Concrete Ramp and Play Equipment
- Water Play Area
- Off-Leash-Area with Tree Protection, Chain Link Fencing, Double Gate Entrances, Maintenance Gates, Concrete Walkways, and Seating
- Maintaining Open Green Space



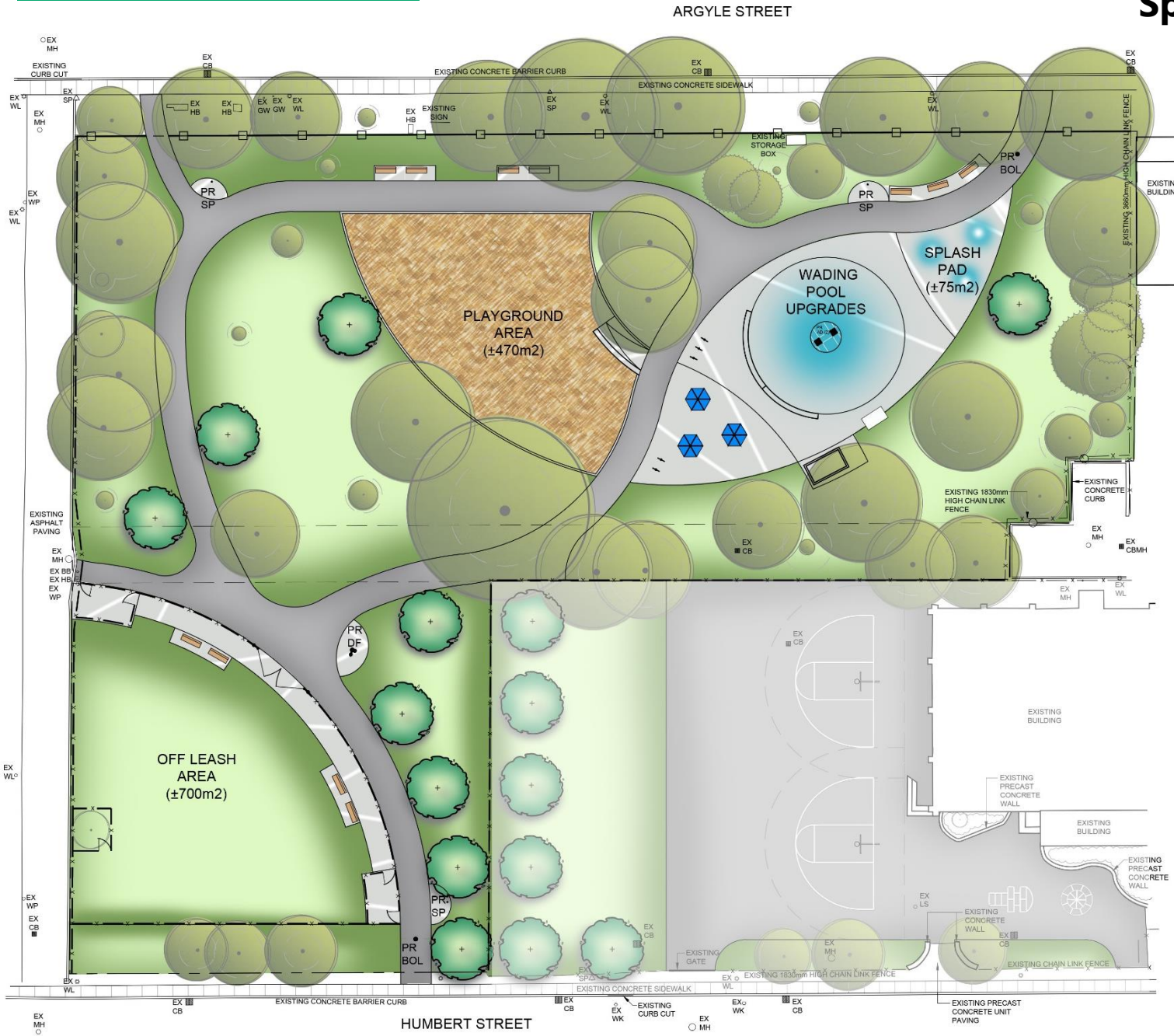
Concept Design Options – Common Features

- Chain Link Fence Separating School Property from Park Property
- Trash and Recycling Receptacles at Park Entrances
- Replacing the Existing Drinking Fountain with a Bottle Filling Station/ Drinking Fountain/ Pet Bowl Combination Located Centrally in the Park
- New Seating with City Standard Benches and Seating Areas
- Bike/ Stroller Parking Area
- Lighting and Electrical:
 - New Park and Pathway LED Lighting
 - Power for Special Events in the Park
- New Tree Planting



Concept One

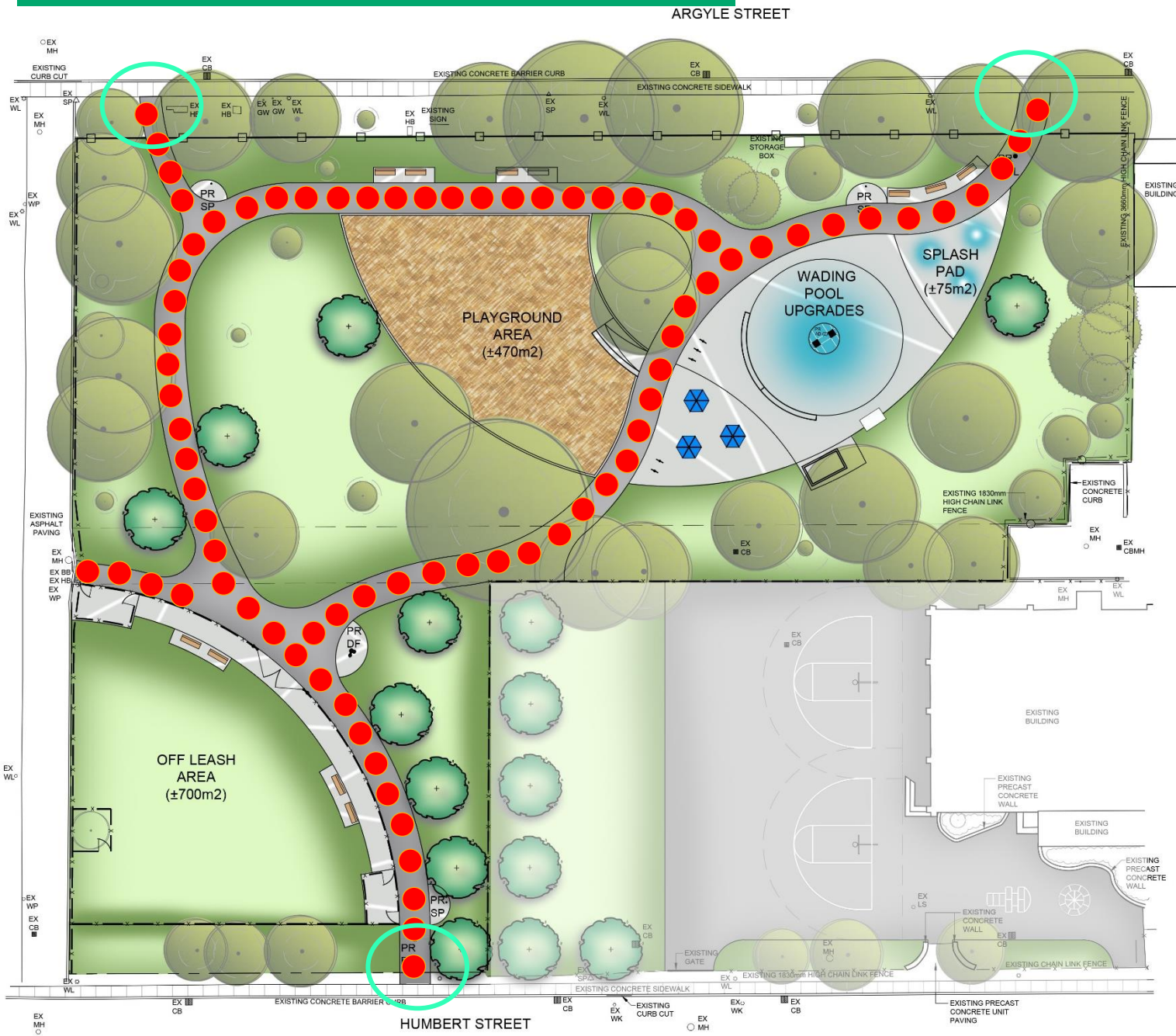
More Curvilinear Form With Wading Pool/ Splash Pad Combination for Water Play Area



Legend

- EXISTING DECIDUOUS TREE
- EXISTING CONIFEROUS TREE
- PROPOSED DECIDUOUS TREE PLANTING
- ASPHALT PATHWAY
- CONCRETE PAVING
- DECORATIVE METAL FENCE
- CHAIN LINK FENCE
- PR BOL REMOVABLE BOLLARD
- PR SP TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES
- PR DF BOTTLE FILLER/ DRINKING FOUNTAIN/ PET BOWL STATION
- WADING POOL STORAGE SHED
- SEATING AREA WITH PATIO STYLE TABLES c/w UMBRELLAS
- BIKE/ STROLLER PARKING AREA
- BENCH ON CONCRETE PAD
- TREE PROTECTION ZONE

Concept One - Pathways



**Asphalt Pathway
With Pathway Loop**

 **Park Entrance**

ARGYLE STREET



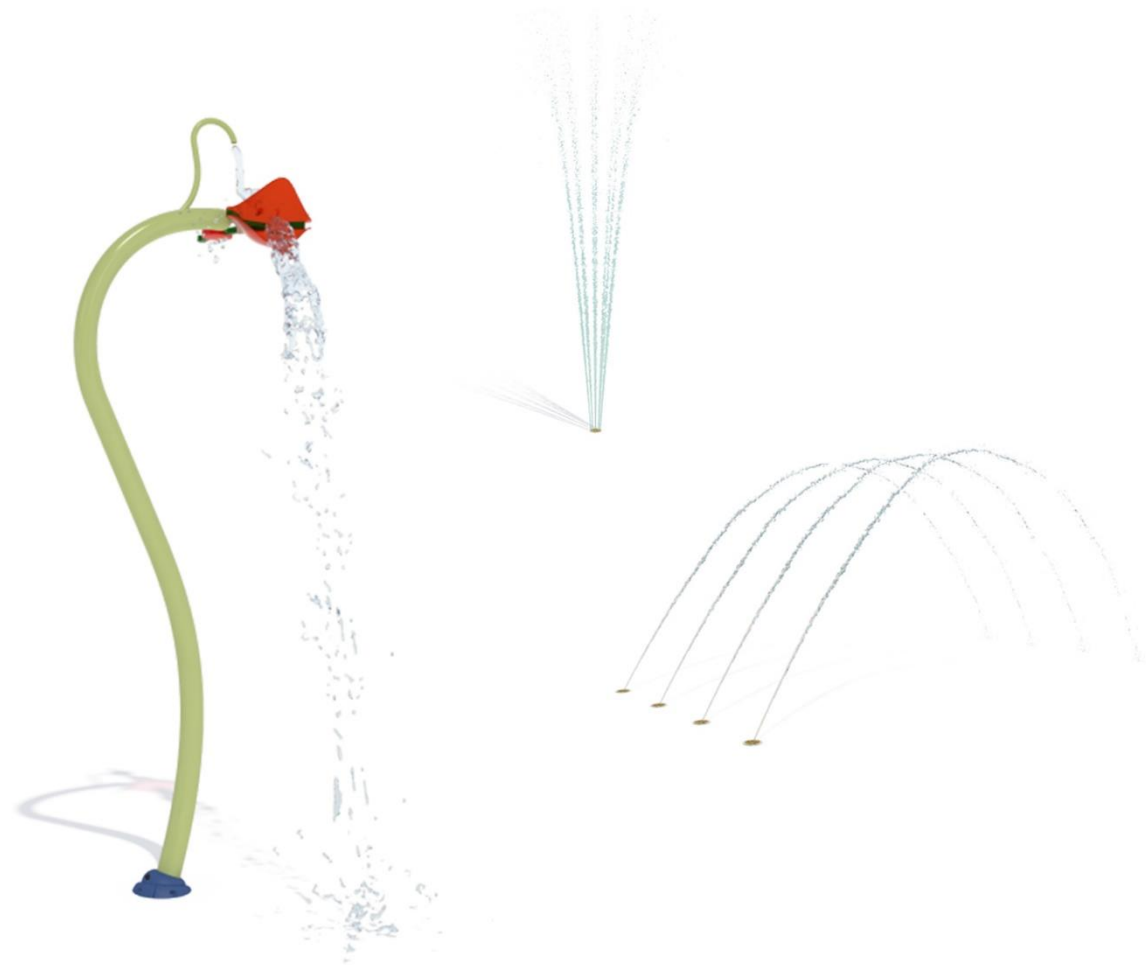
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Concept One – Sample Playground Equipment



SAMPLE PLAY EQUIPMENT (TRADITIONAL STYLE)
Swing Set c/w 6 seats, Junior Play Structure, Senior Play Structure,
Spring Toys, See-saw, Spinners, Play Panels

Concept One – Sample Splash Pad Spray Features



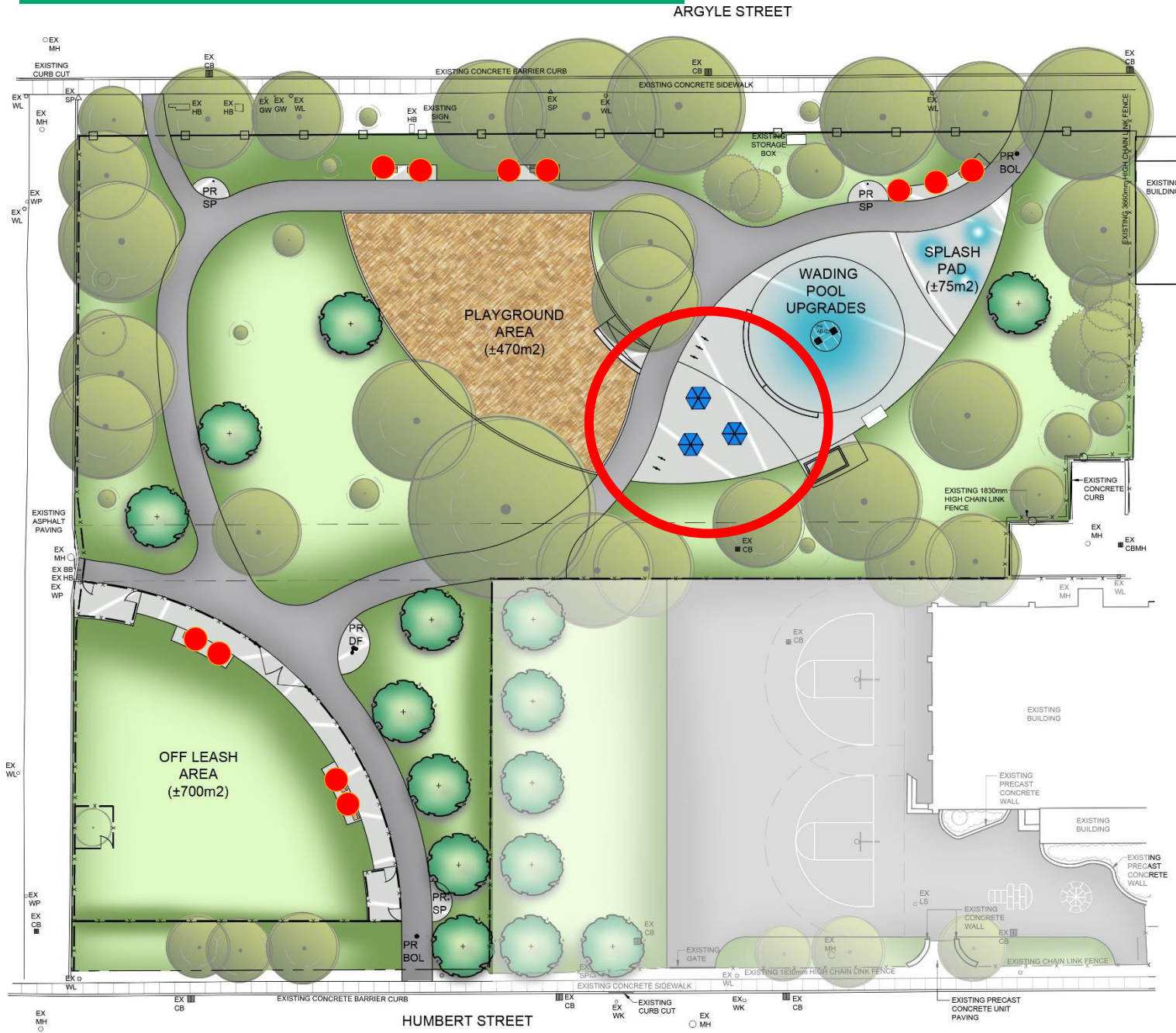
SAMPLE SPLASH PAD EQUIPMENT
Dumping Flower, Water Tunnel,
Ground Geyser

ARGYLE STREET





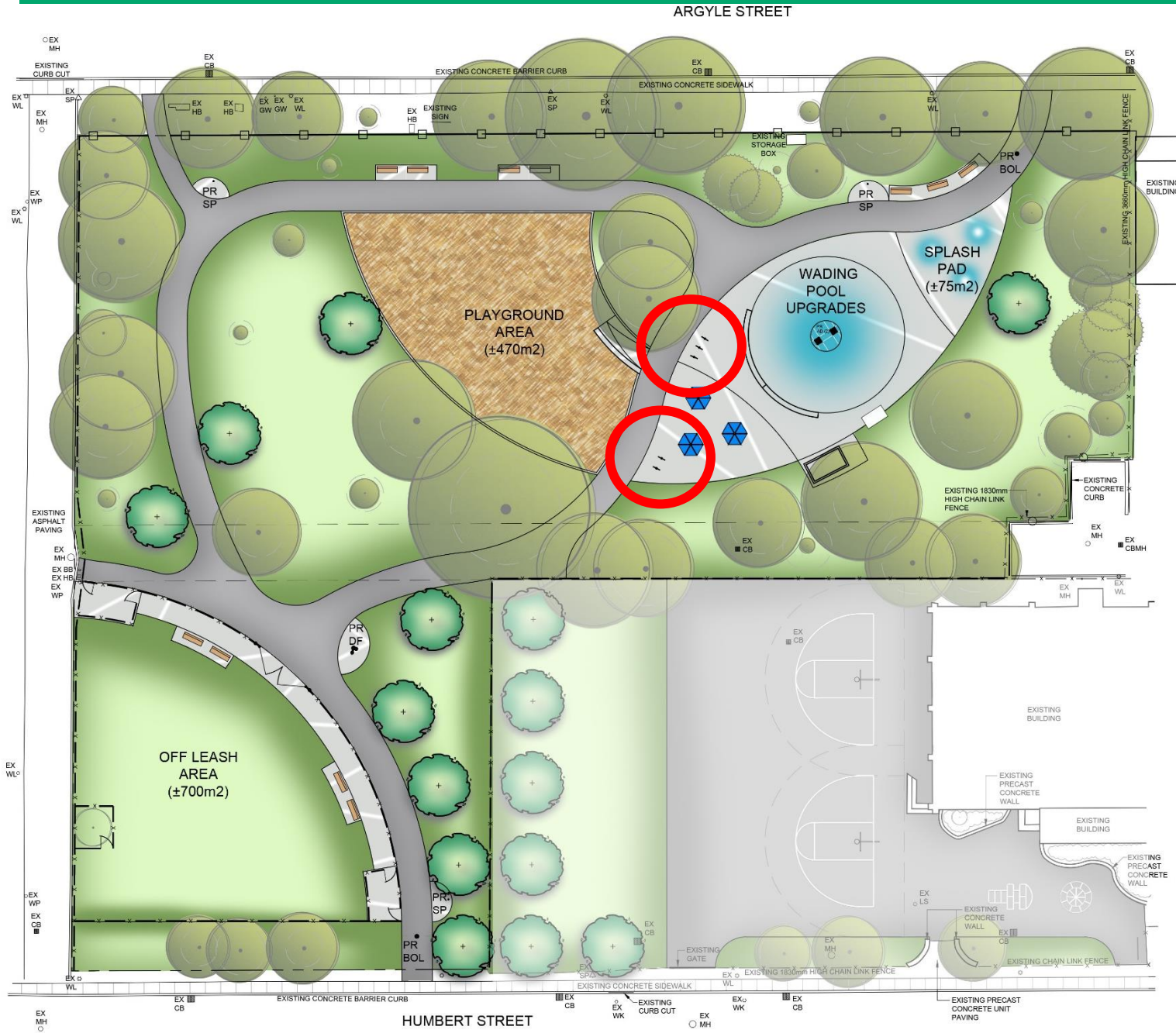
Concept One - Seating



- City Standard Benches
- Concrete Paved Seating Area With Patio-Style Tables With Umbrellas



Concept One – Bike and Stroller Parking Area

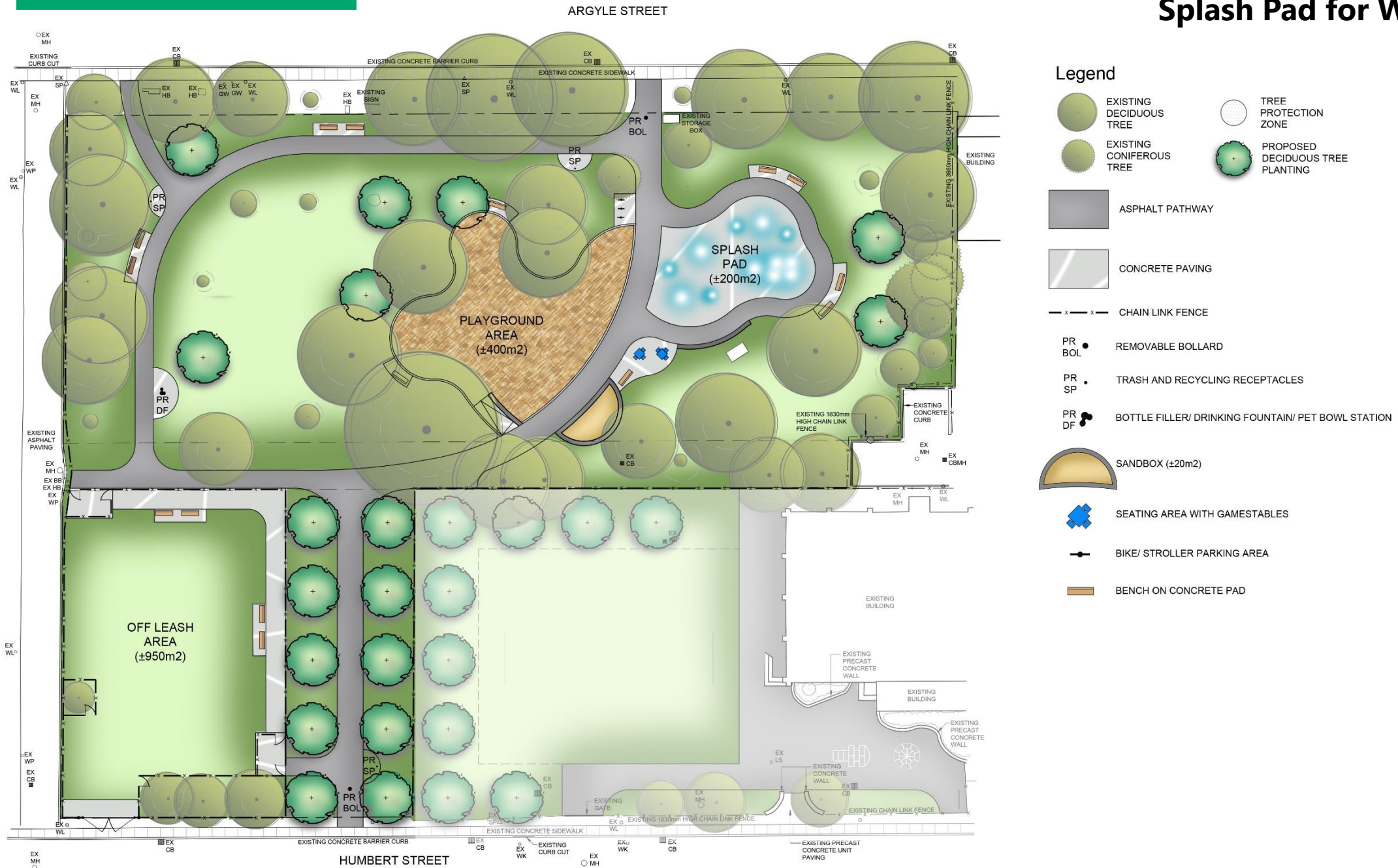


- **Concrete Paved Area with Bike Rings**

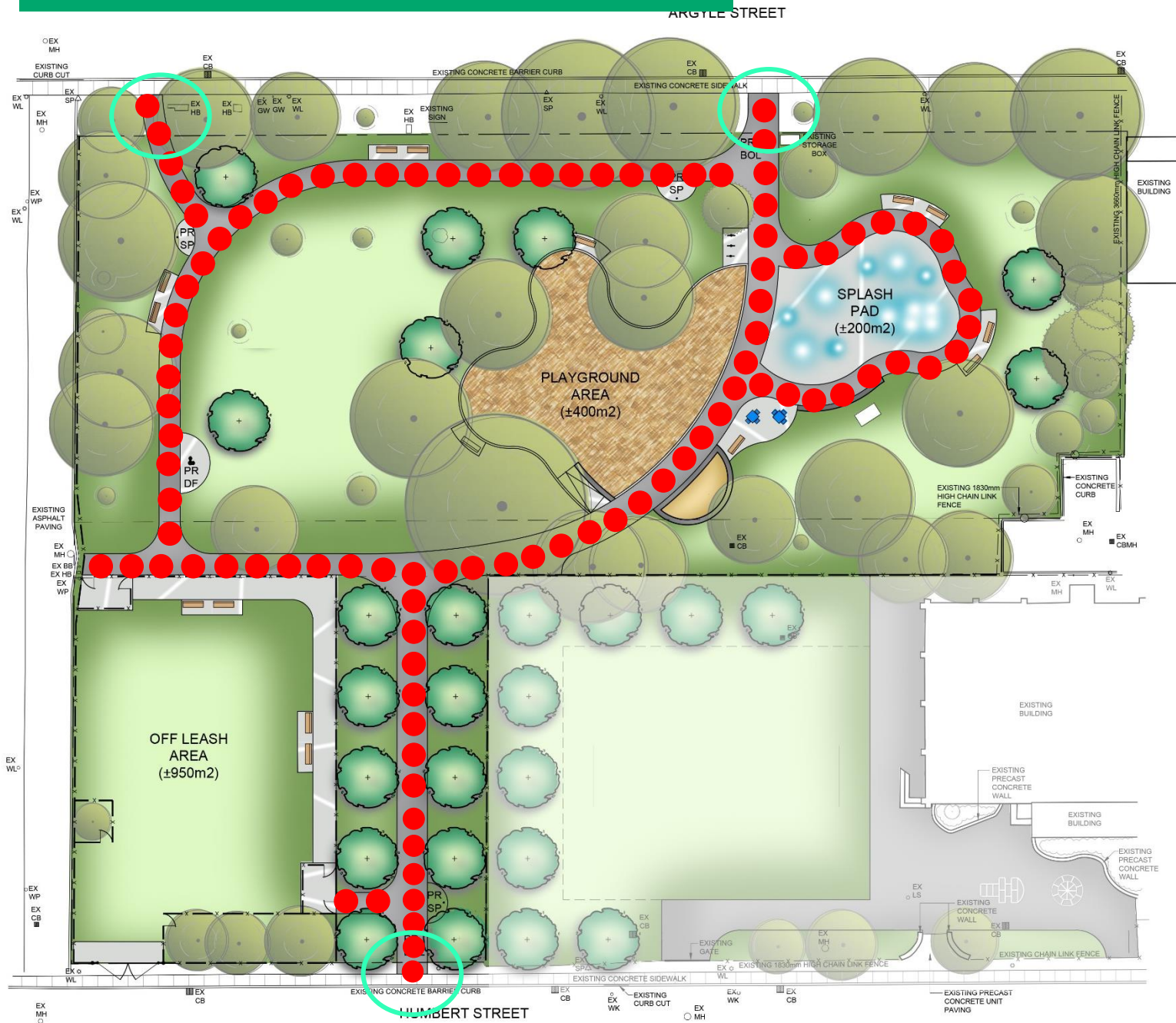


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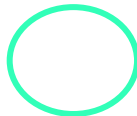
More Amorphic Form With Splash Pad for Water Play Area



Concept Two - Pathways



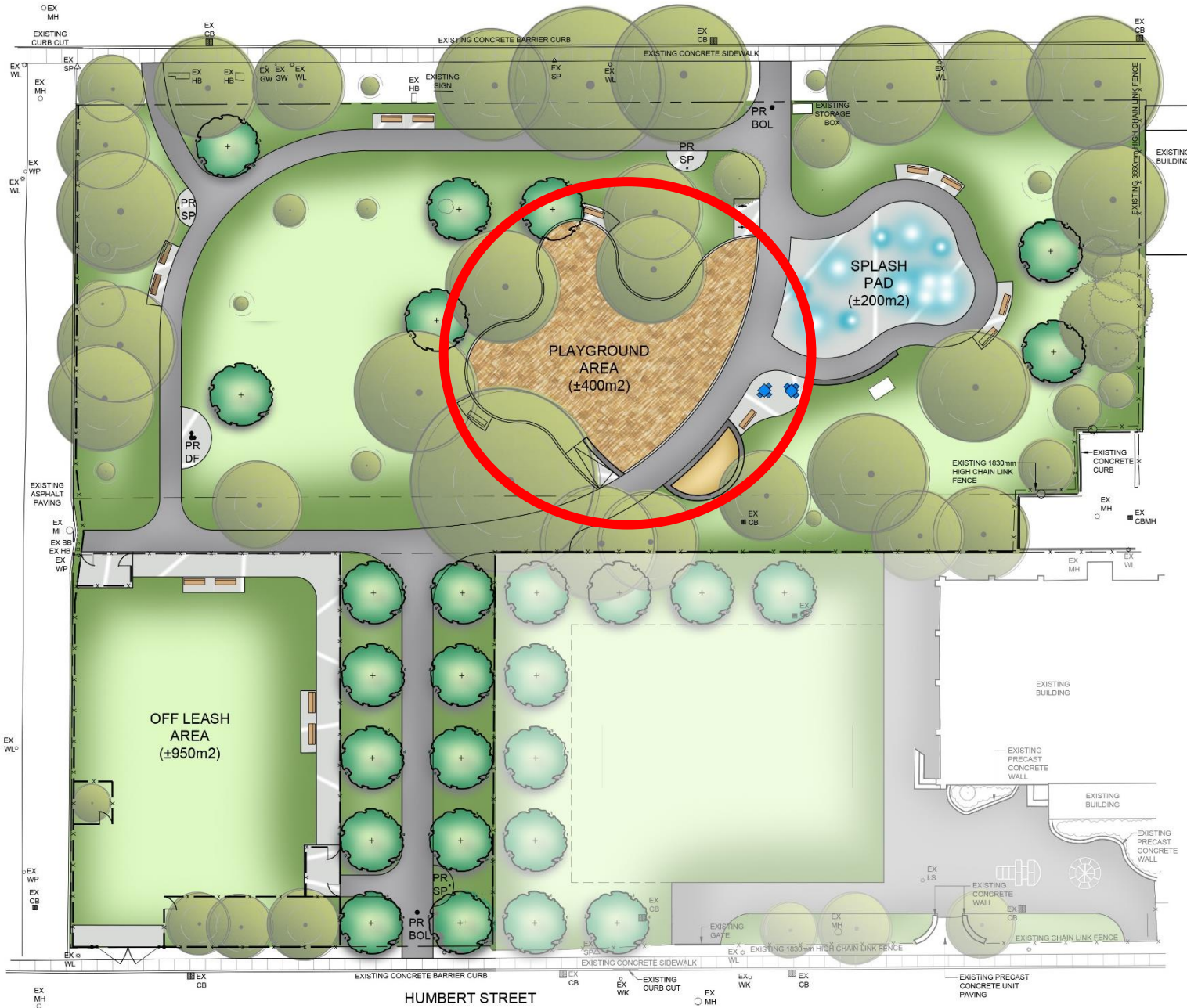
**Asphalt Pathway
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Park Entrance

Concept Two - Playground

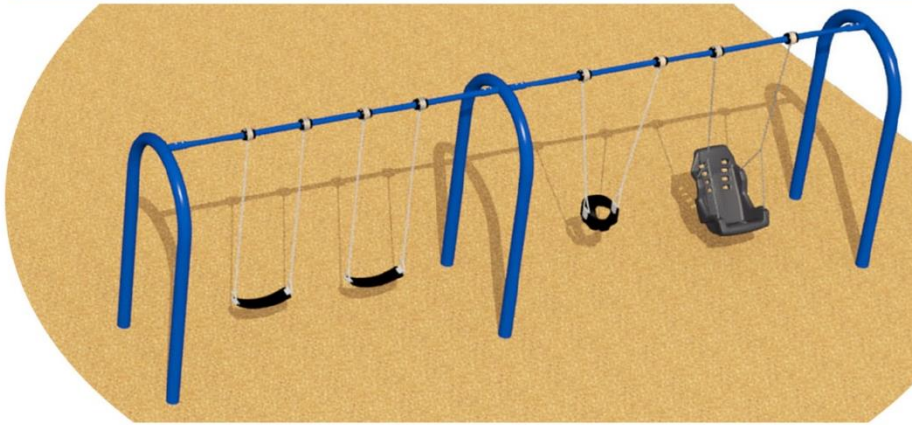
ARGYLE STREET



- **Slightly Smaller in Size than Existing**
- **Armourstone Seatwall Along Concrete Ramp**

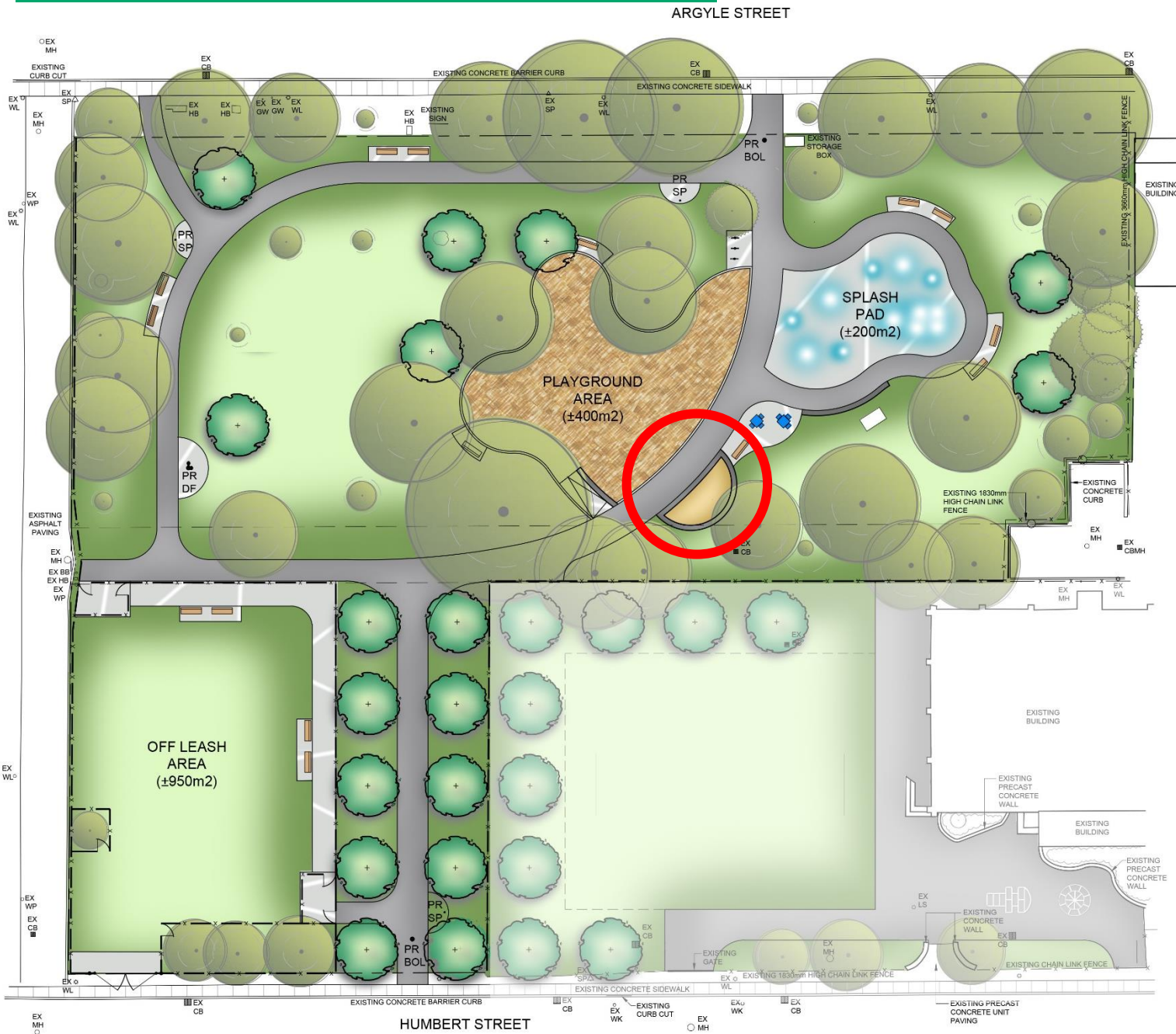


Concept Two – Sample Playground Equipment



SAMPLE PLAY EQUIPMENT (CONTEMPORARY STYLE)
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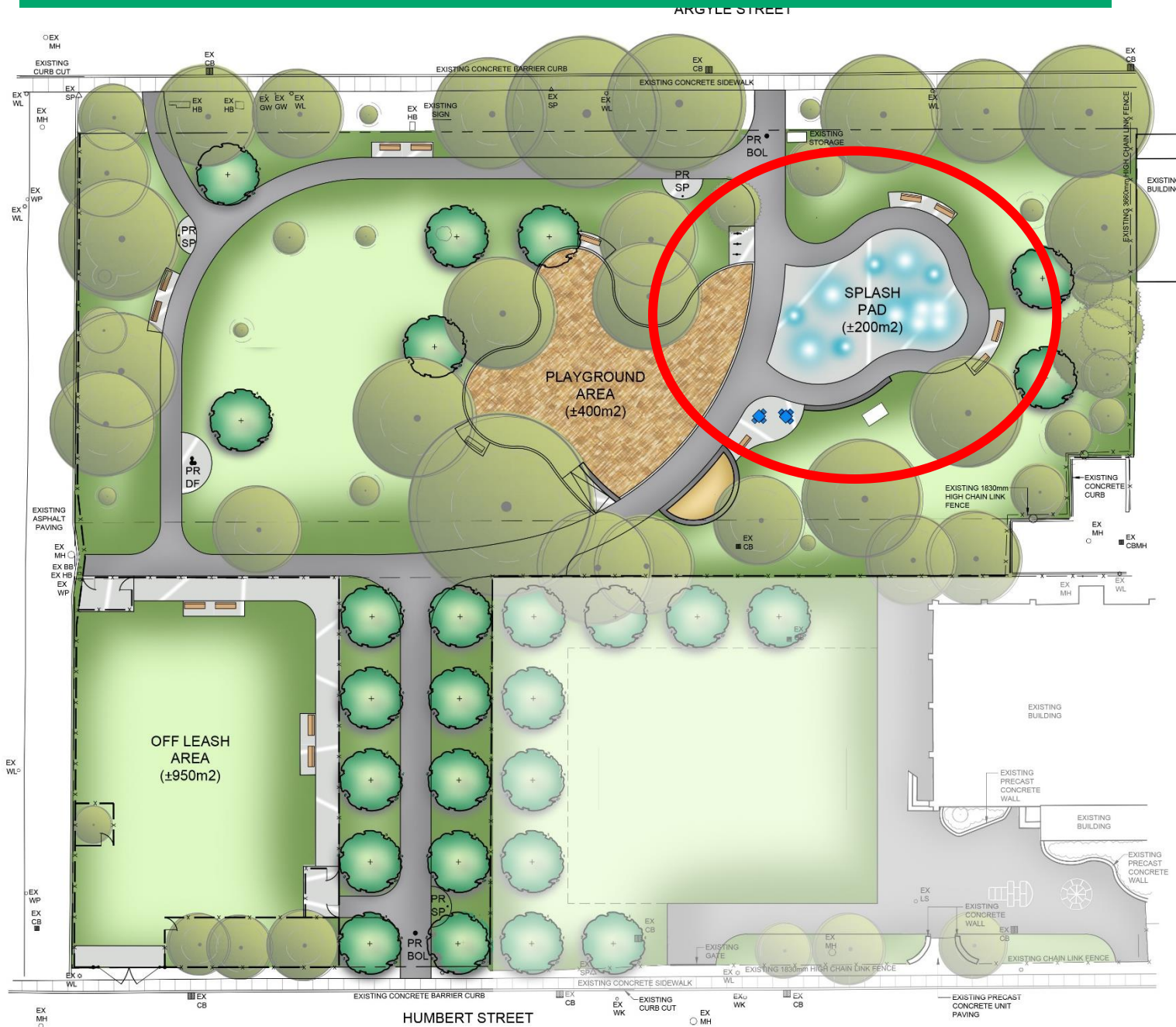
Concept Two - Sandbox



- **+/-20m2**
- **Sand Surfacing**
- **Armourstone Seatwalls**

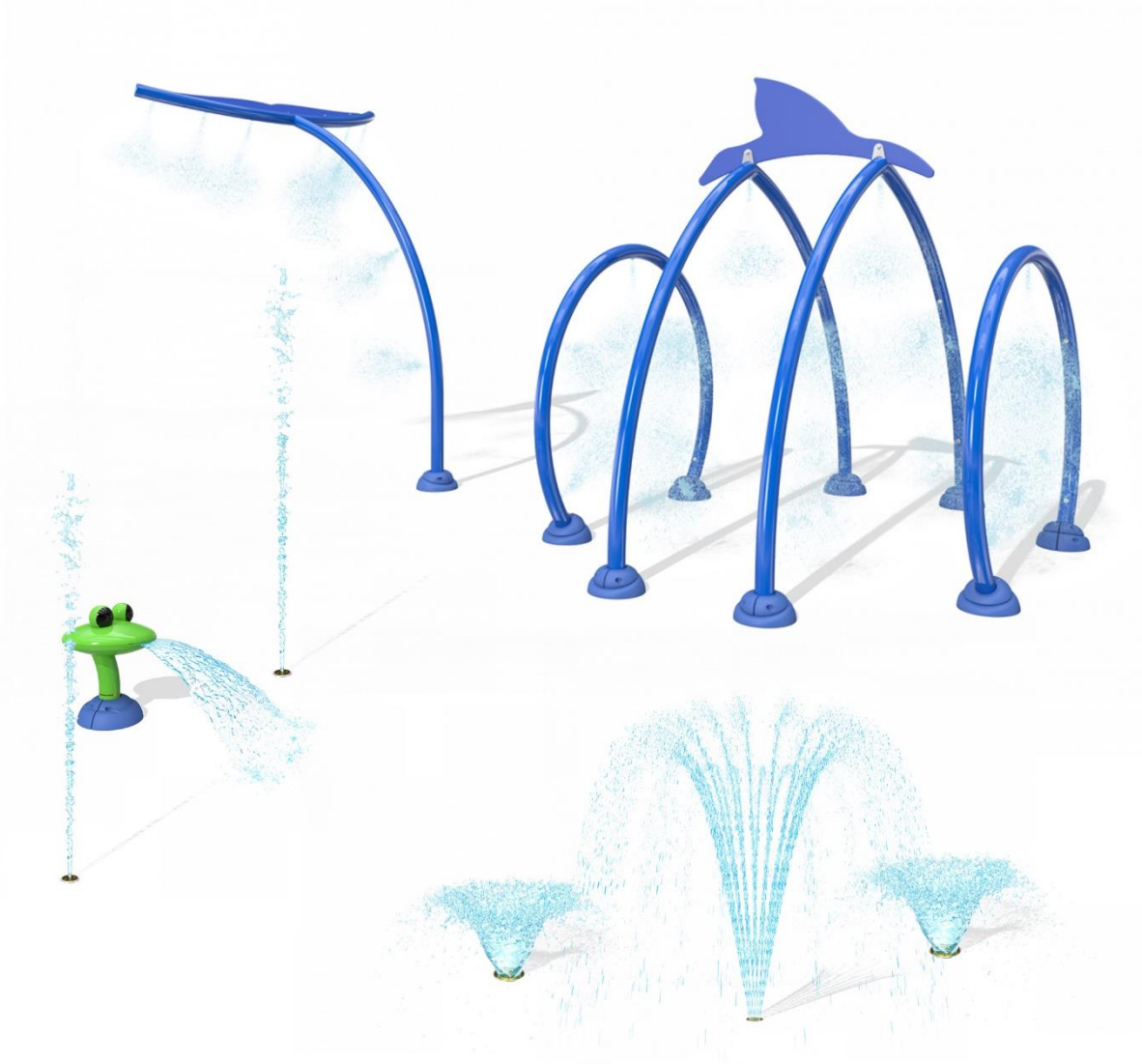


Concept Two – Water Play: Splash Pad



- **Splash Pad Concrete Paving**
- **Splash Pad Drains**
- **Upright and Ground Sprays with an Opportunity for an Interesting Themed Spray Features**

Concept Two – Sample Splash Pad Spray Features

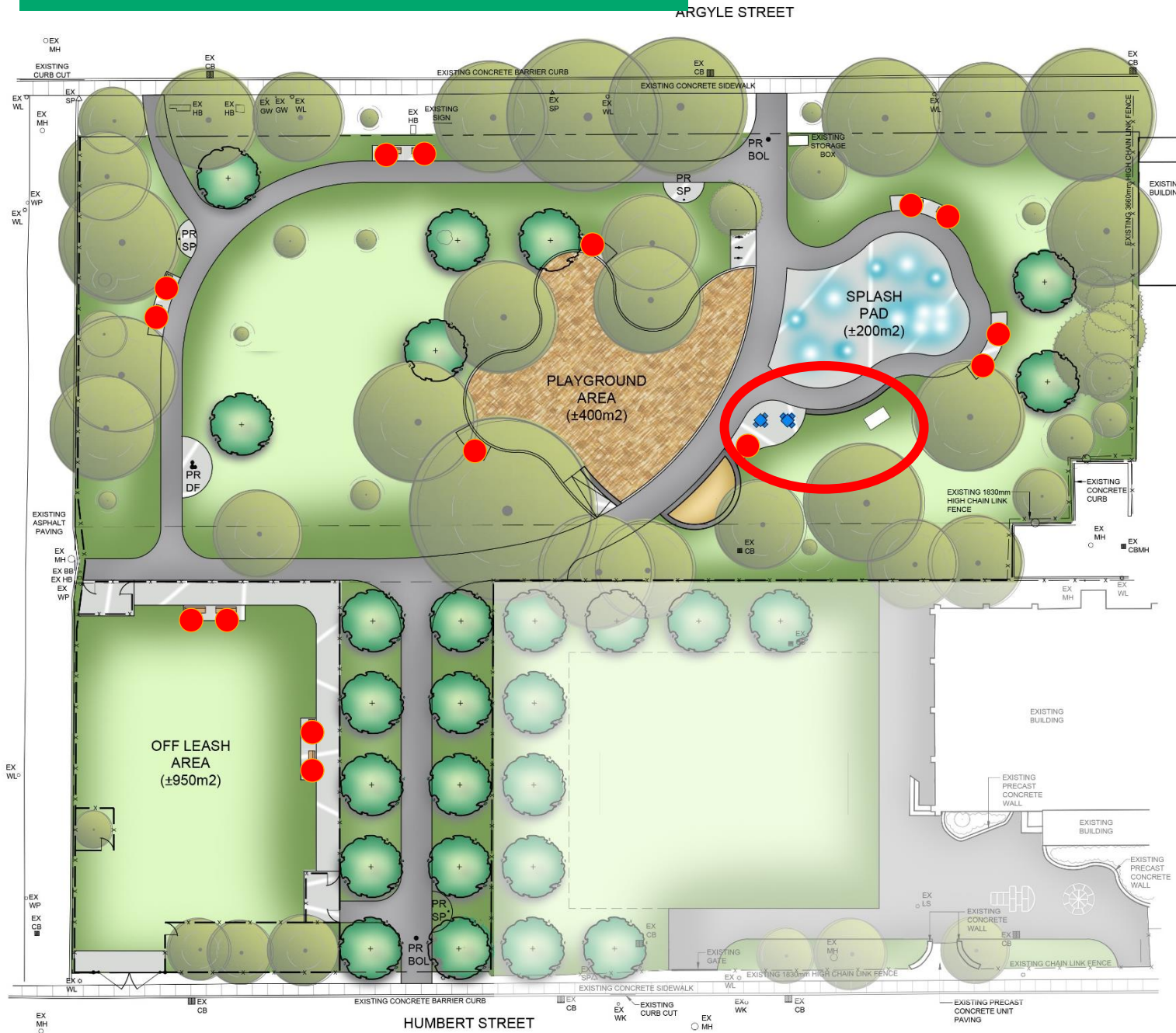


SAMPLE SPLASH PAD EQUIPMENT
Whale, Frog, Jet Streams, Sidewinder, Water Jelly's

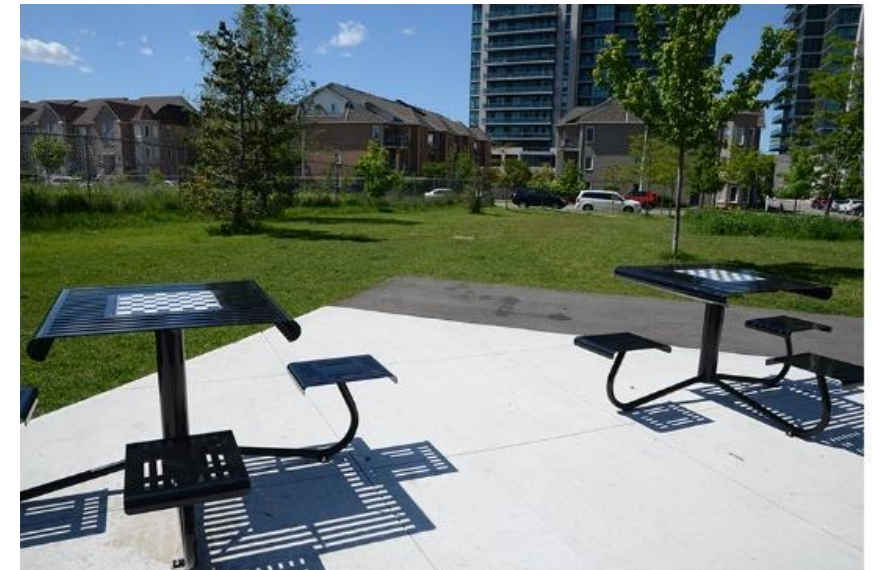
Concept Two - Off Leash Area (OLA)



Concept Two - Seating

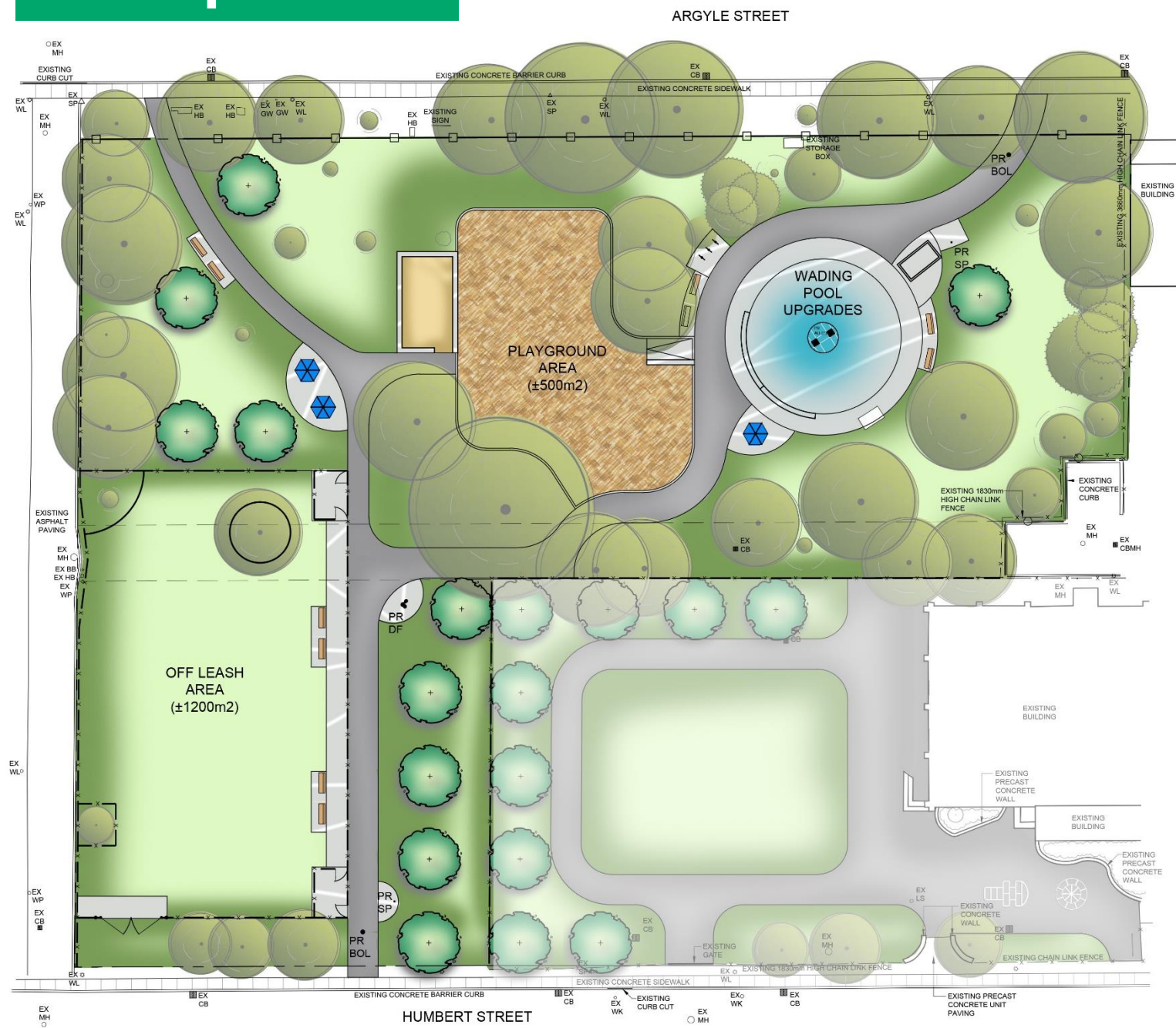


- **City Standard Benches**
- **Armoustone Seatwall**
- **Concrete Paved Seating Area With Gamestables**



Concept Three

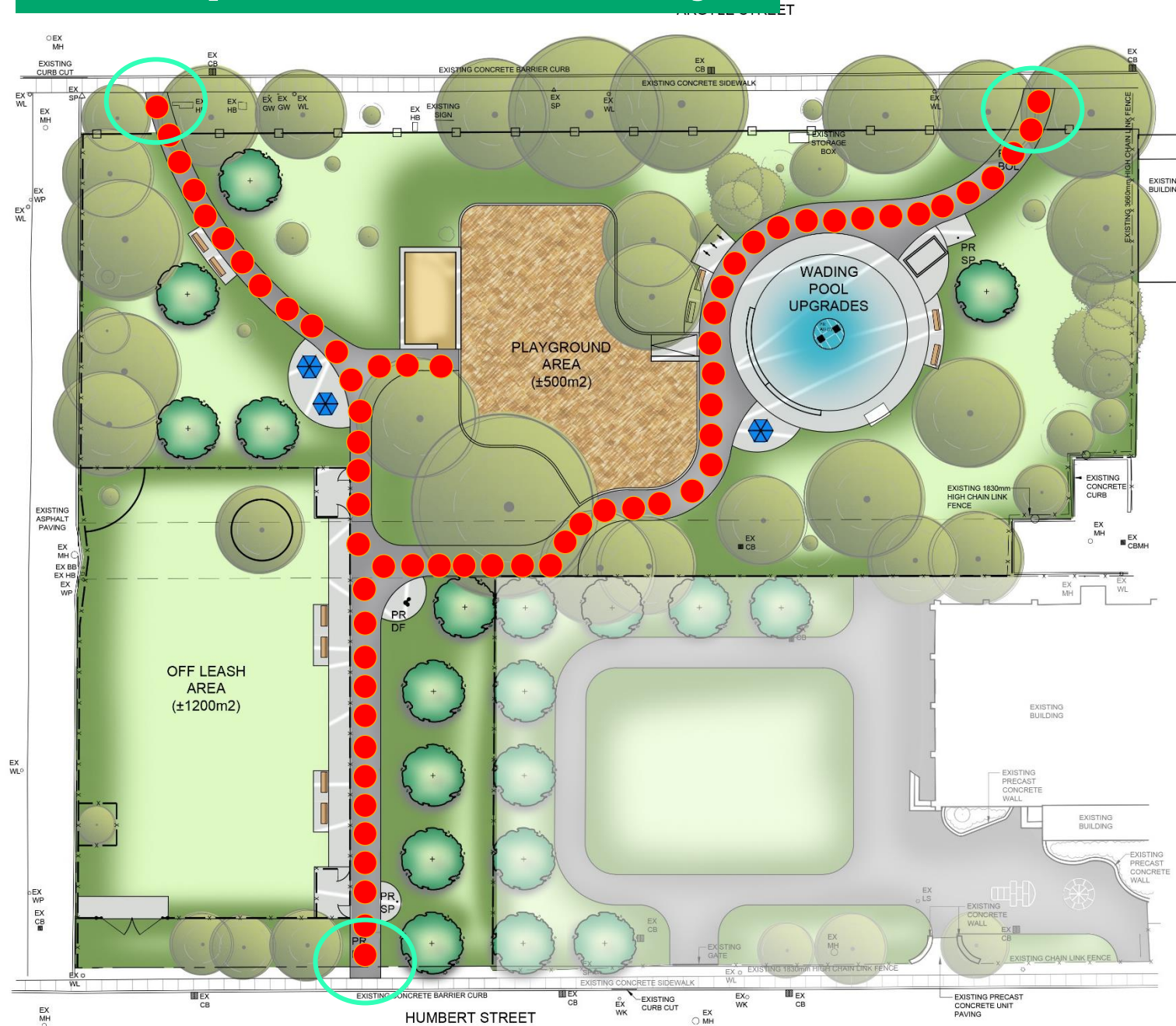
More Linear Form With Wading Pool for Water Play Area



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-  ASPHALT PATHWAY
-  CONCRETE PAVING
-  DECORATIVE METAL FENCE
-  CHAIN LINK FENCE
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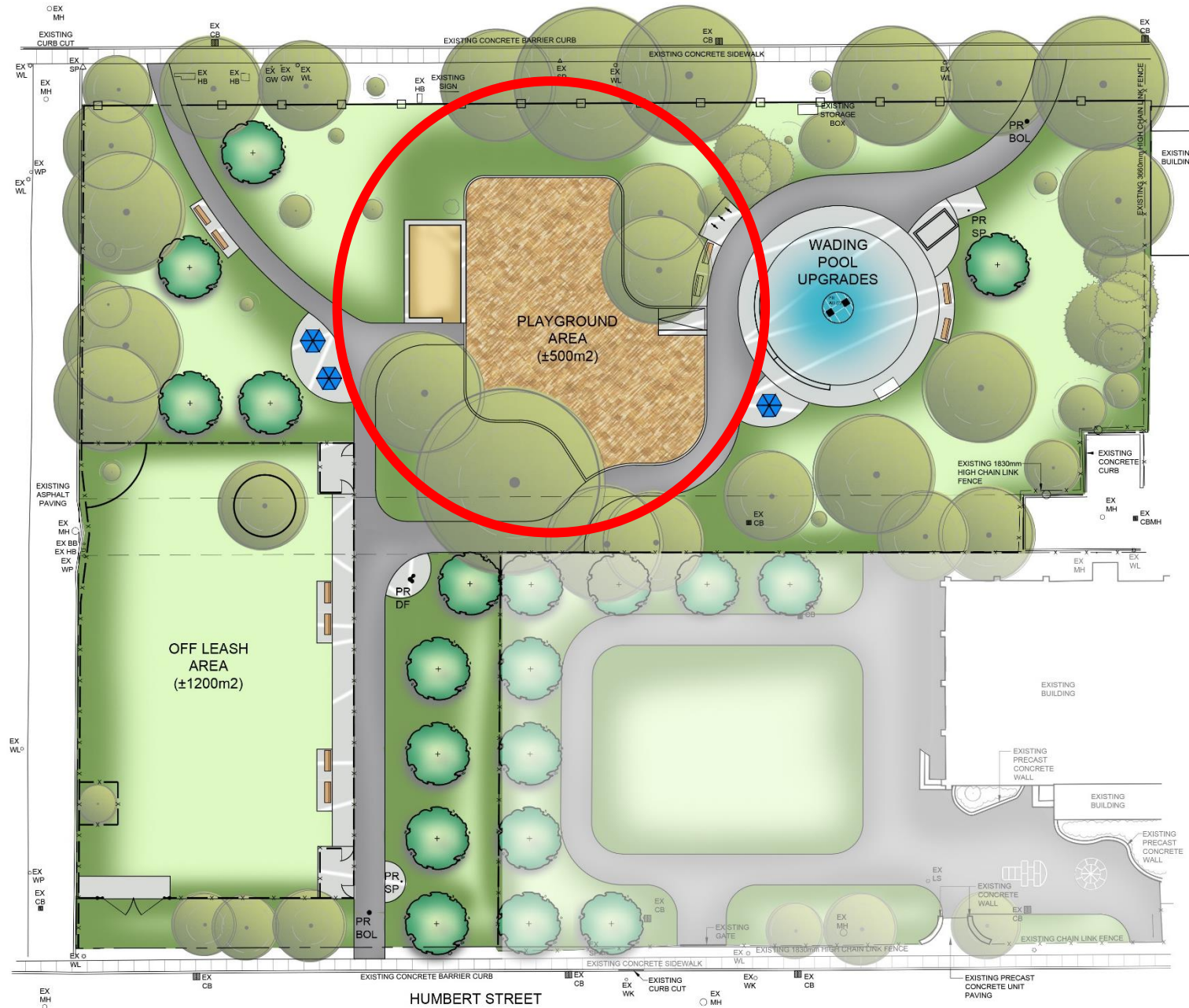
Concept Three - Pathways



 **Asphalt Pathway**

 **Park Entrance**

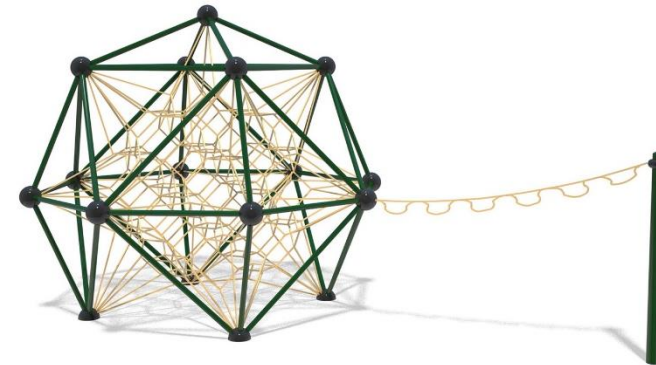
Concept Three - Playground



- Larger in Size than Existing
- Concrete Seatwall Along Concrete Ramp



Concept Three – Sample Playground Equipment



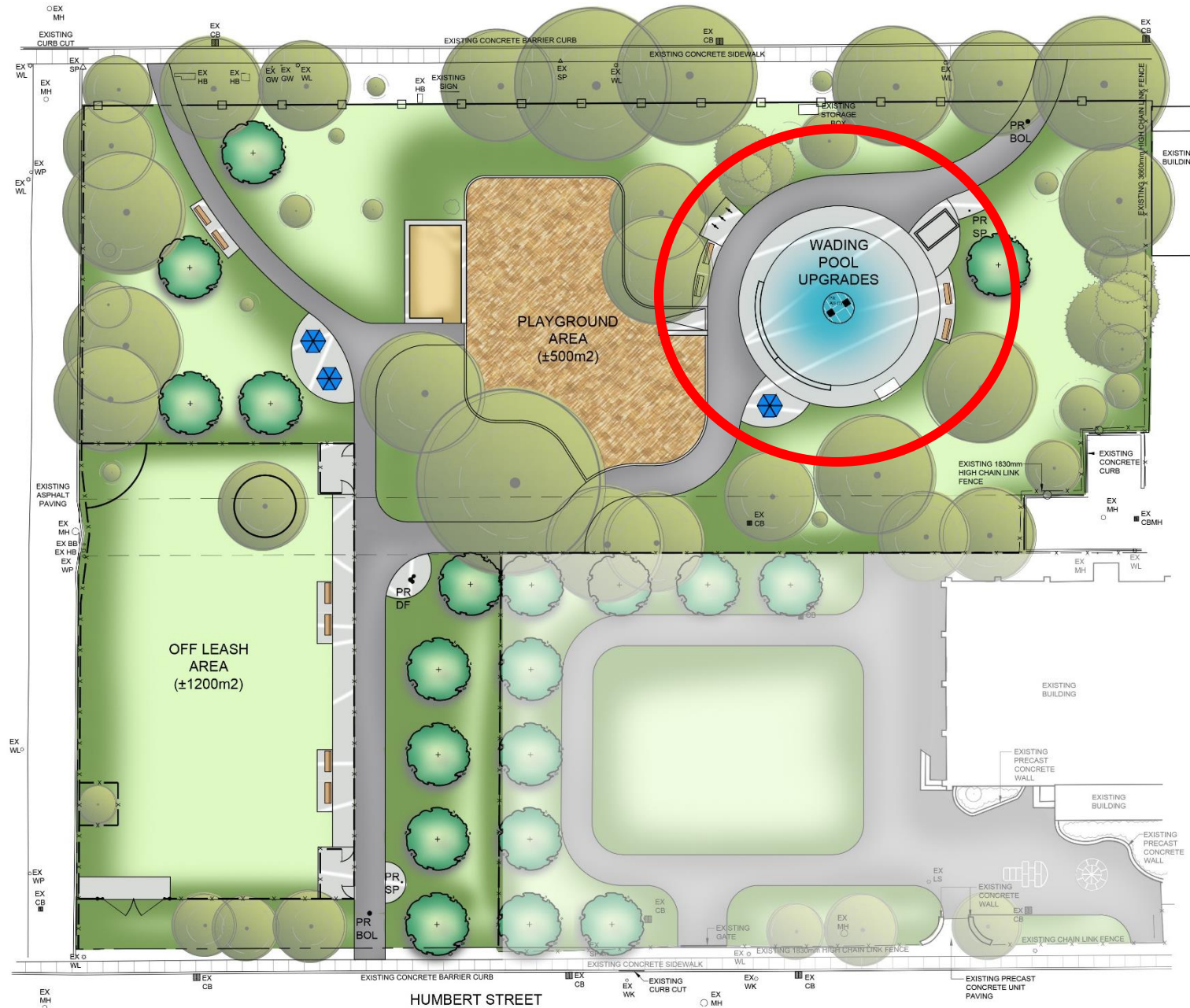
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Concept Three – Water Play: Wading Pool

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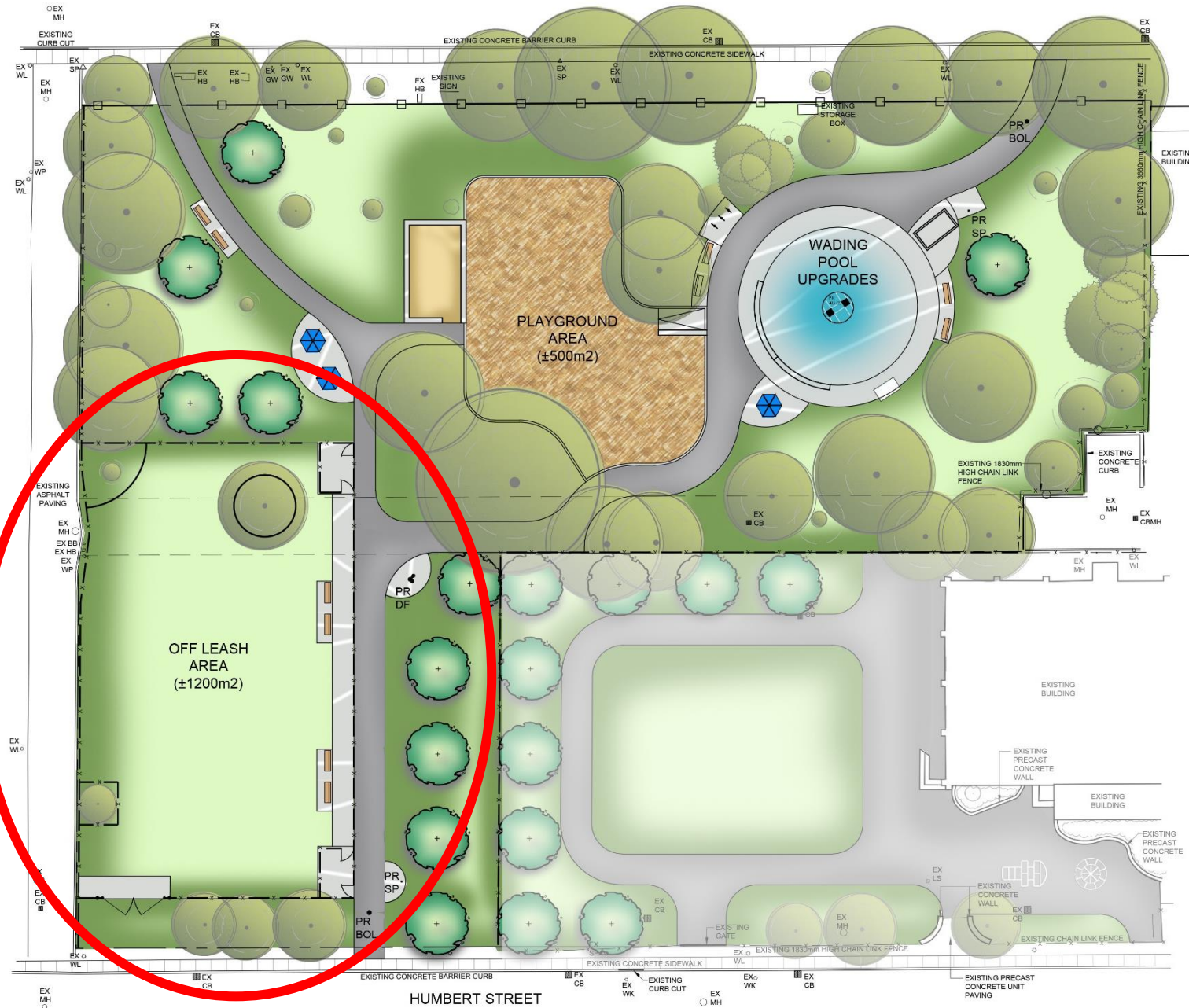


Wading Pool Upgrades including:

- Service Chamber Repairs and New Lids
- New Wading Pool Storage Shed



Concept Three – Off Leash Area (OLA)



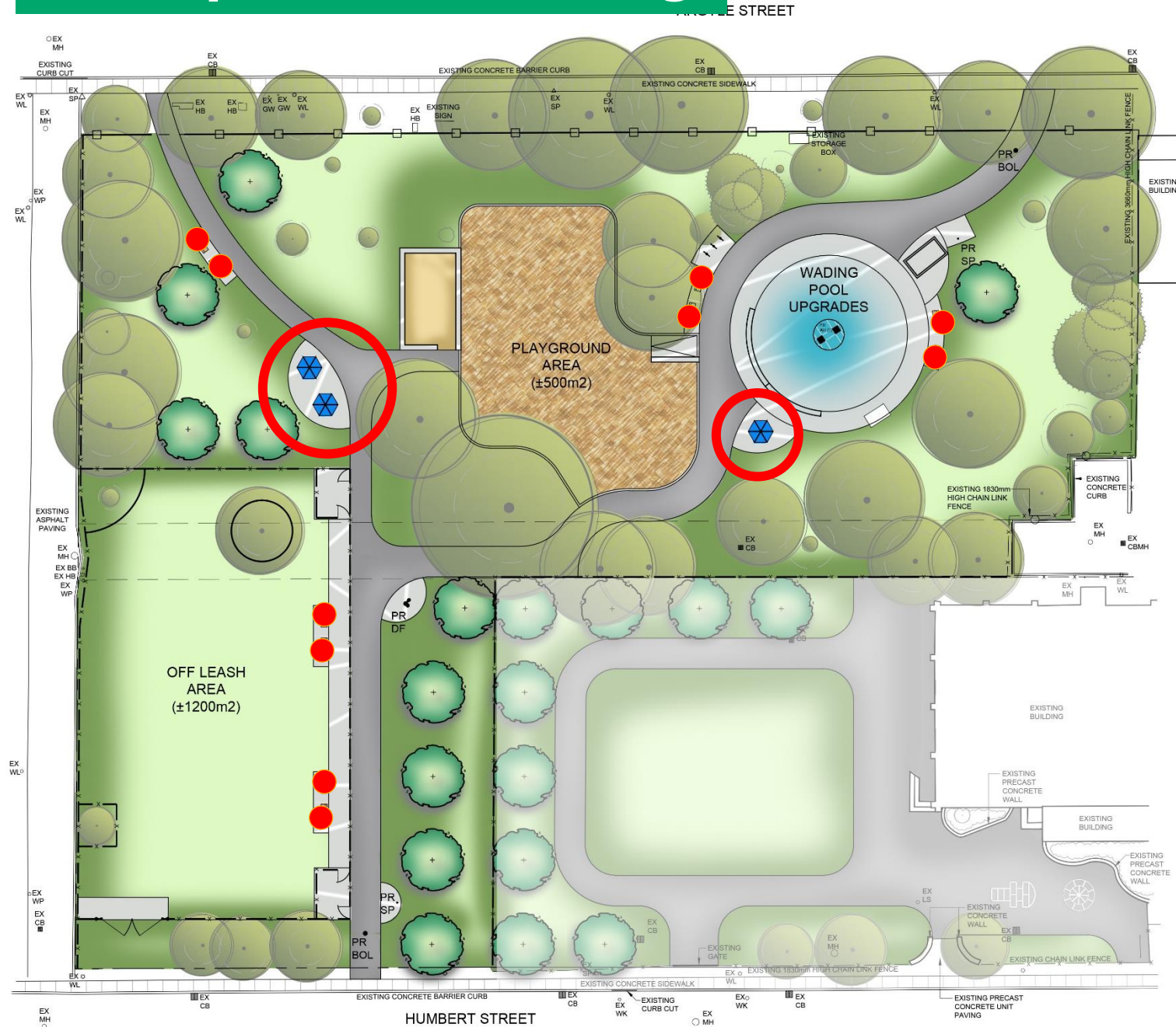
Concept Three - Fencing



Decorative Metal Fence



Concept Three - Seating

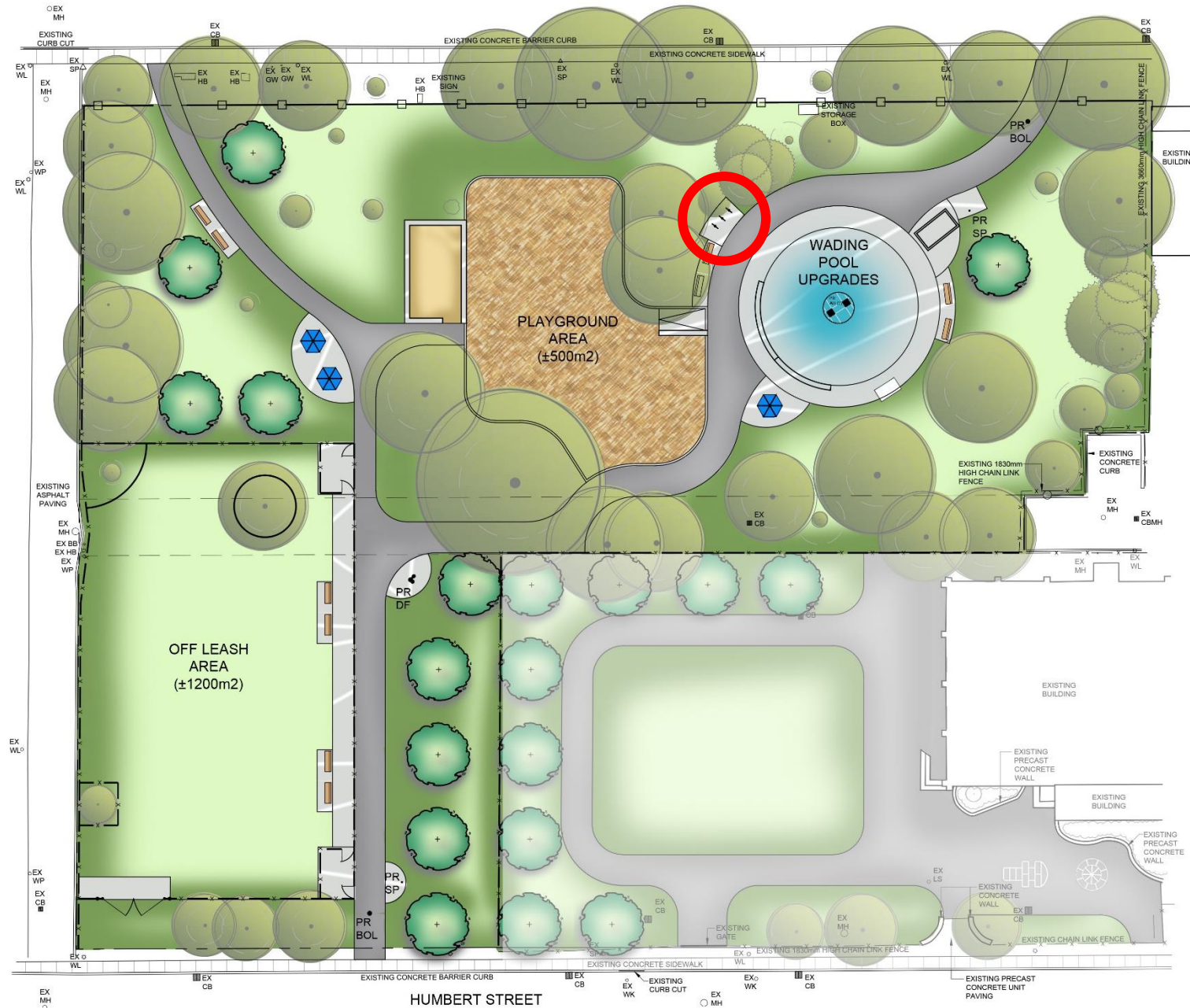


- **City Standard Benches**
- **Concrete Paved Seating Area With Patio-Style Tables With Umbrellas**



Concept Three – Bike and Stroller Parking Area

Bike/ Stroller Parking Area



- Concrete Paved Area with Bike Rings



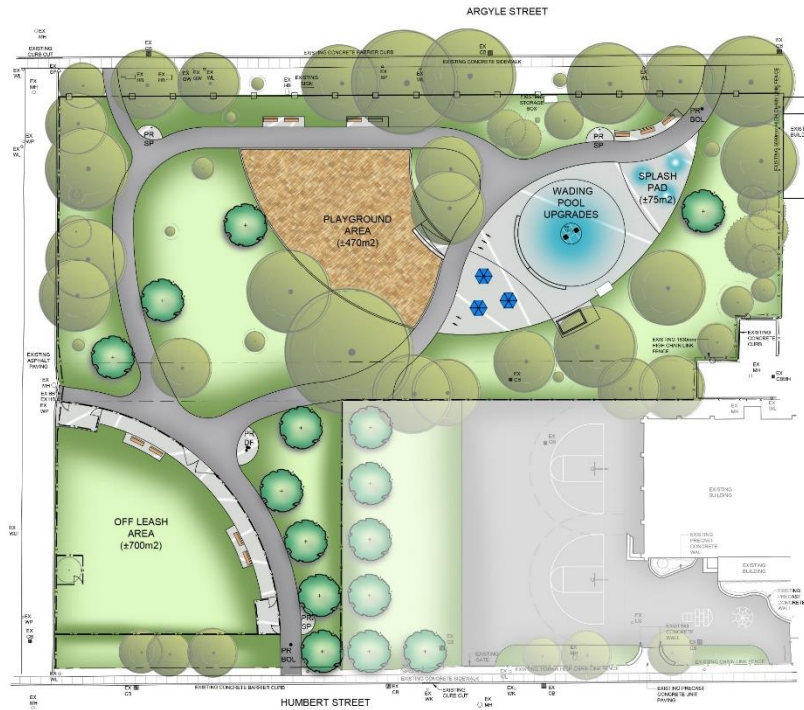
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Discussion

Discussion: Concept Design Options

Concept One



Concept Two

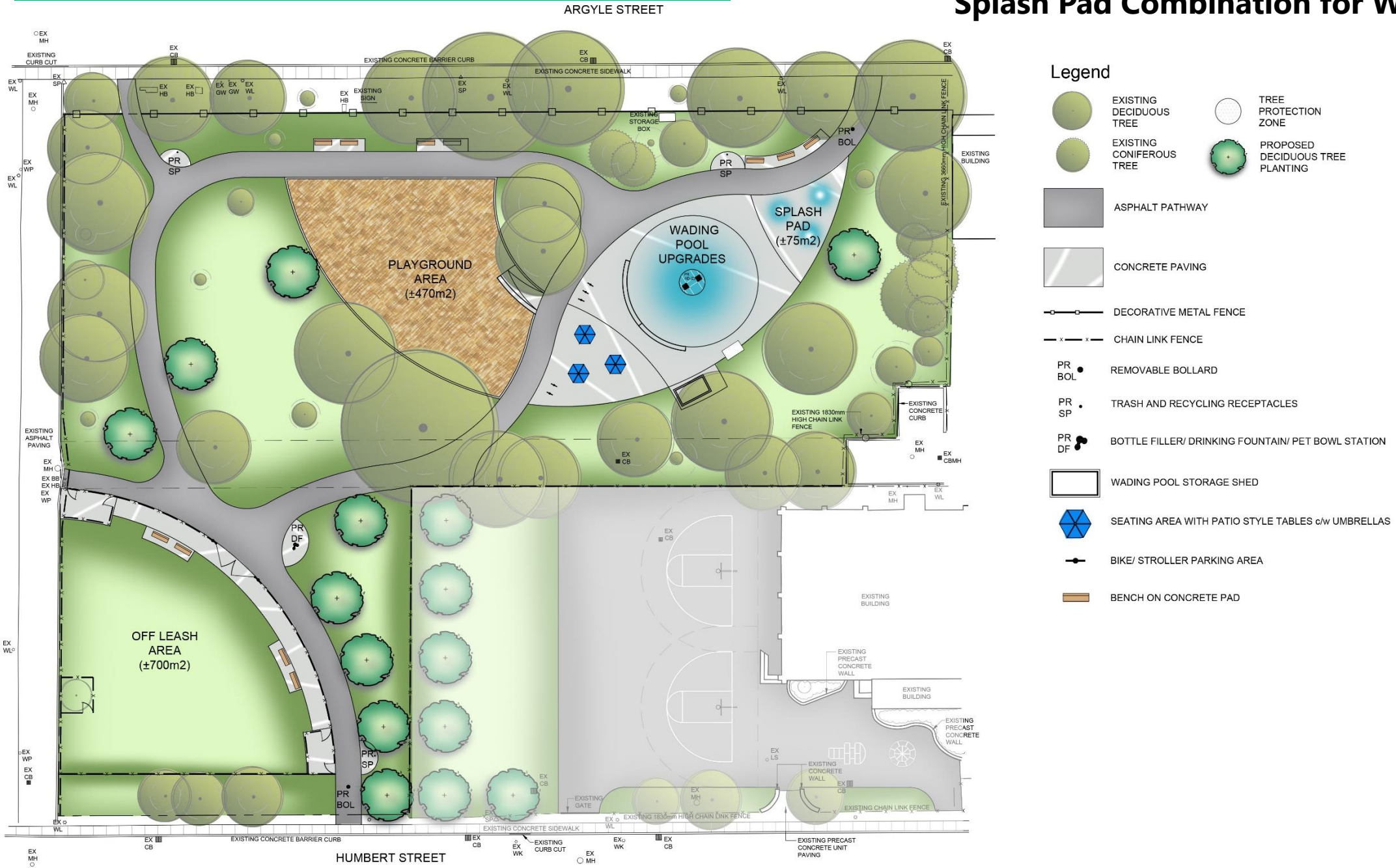


Concept Three



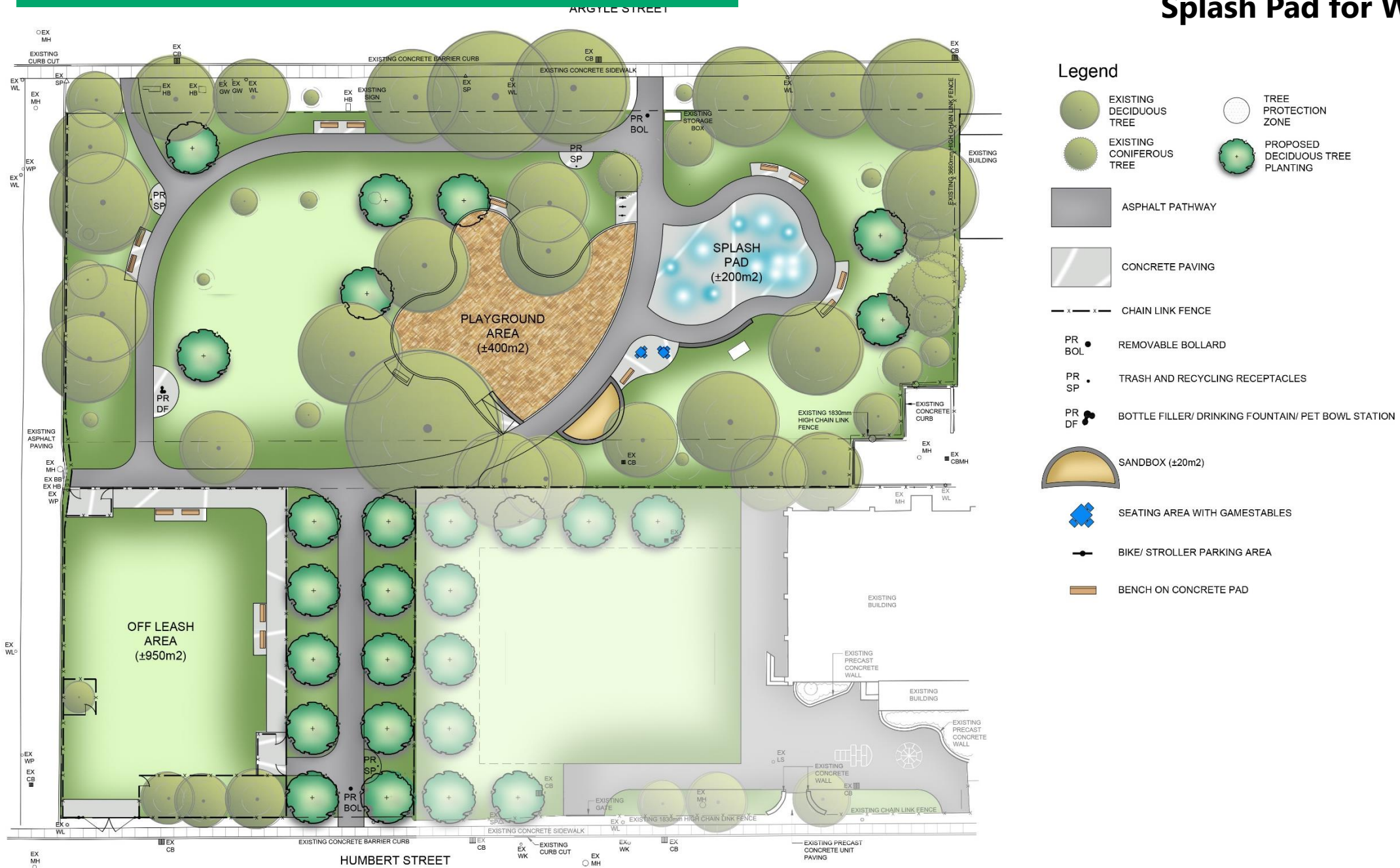
Discussion: Concept One

More Curvilinear Form With Wading Pool/ Splash Pad Combination for Water Play Area



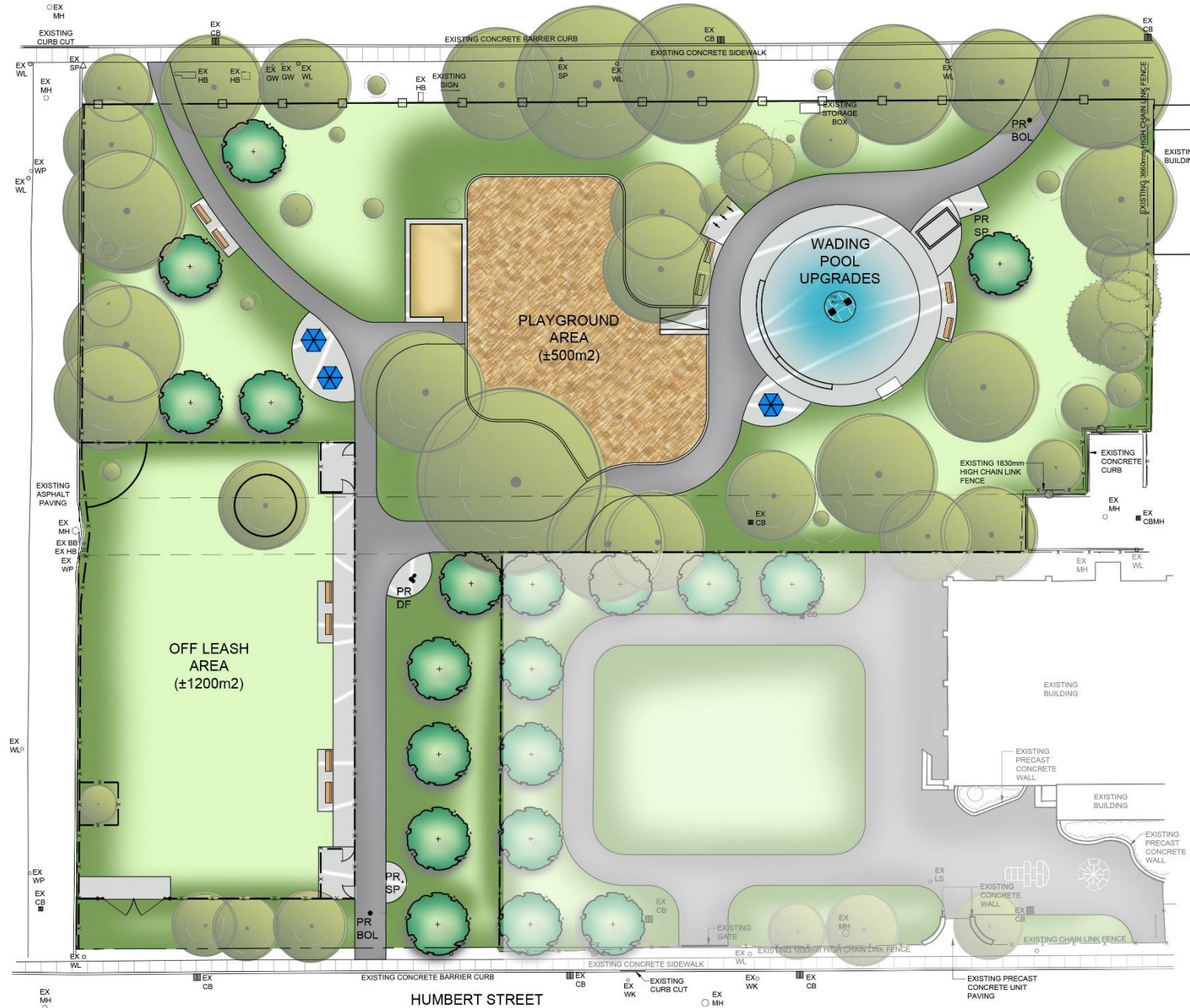
Discussion: Concept Two

More Amorphic Form With Splash Pad for Water Play Area


















Discussion: Concept Three

More Linear Form With Wading Pool for Water Play Area



Legend

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- Launch online survey to gather more input from community on the concept design options
 - Survey opens **September 13th** and runs until **September 26th**, link is on the project webpage: www.toronto.ca/OslerPlayground
- Pop-Up Consultation in the Park on **September 18th, 2021, 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.**
- Consolidate and analyze feedback from community and stakeholders
- Develop preferred concept design that will be presented for further input later this year

THANK YOU!

