

Eglinton Park Community Advisory Group

Master Plan Implementation: Phase 1

Meeting #1
December 6, 2022



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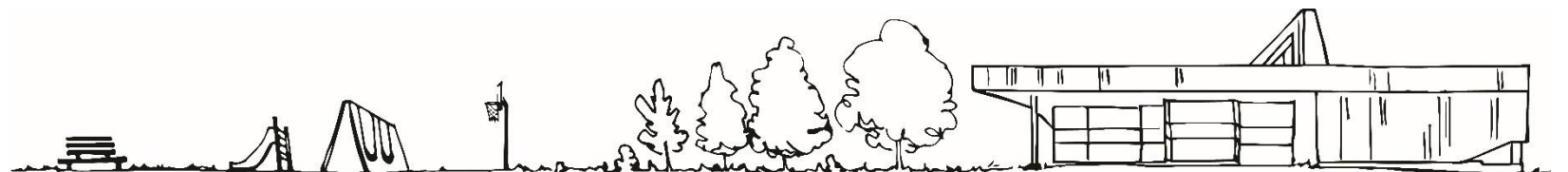


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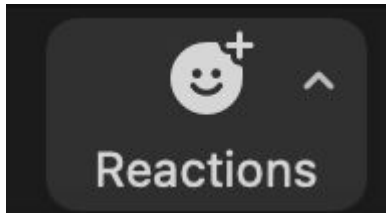
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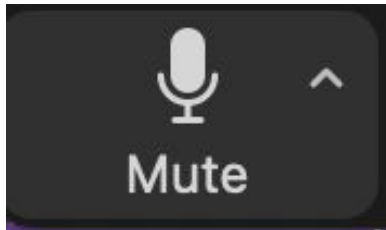
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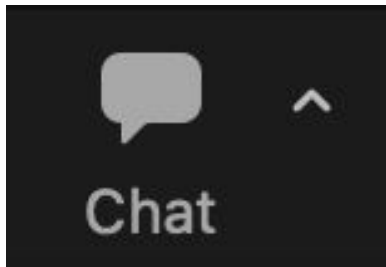
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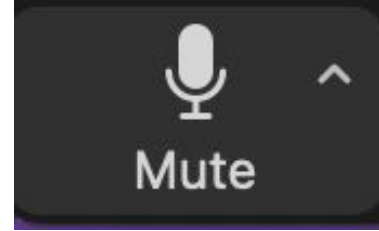
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Thank you for being here!



Meeting Agenda



Welcome and introductions



Project overview



Discussion



Next Steps



Adjourn

Project Team

City of
Toronto

Parks,
Forestry
and
Recreation

Cristian Lukaszuk – Senior Project Manager, Capital Projects

Tonya Crawford – Senior Project Coordinator, Capital Projects

Daniel Fusca – Consultation Manager, Capital Projects

Eli Bawuah – Senior Consultation Coordinator, Capital Projects

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Casey Hinton – Senior Strategist

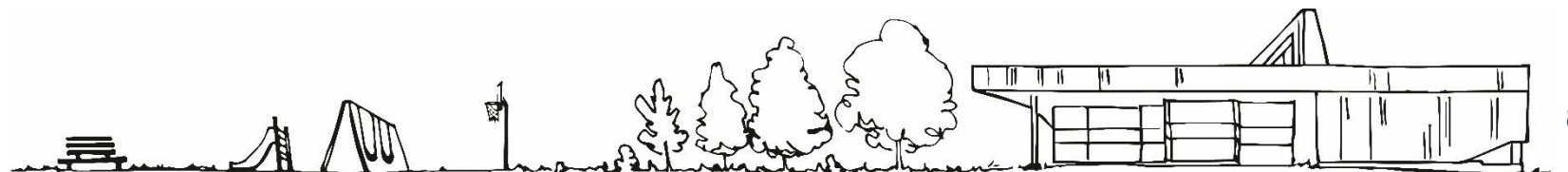
Stephanie Stanov – Strategist

PLANT

Lisa Rapoport – Resource Partner, Architect

Eric Klaber – Managing Partner, Landscape Architect

Margot Shafran – Project Manager, Landscape Architect



Please Share:

- Your name
- The organization you represent

Review: Terms of Reference

Please ask questions, raise concerns, or suggest an edit.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference (**ToR**) outline the roles and responsibilities of the Community Advisory Group (**CAG**) members and staff.

These terms of reference were sent out in advance of the meeting to be confirmed by all CAG members. Any changes to the ToR will be made through consultation with the Project Team and CAG members, and an updated ToR will be circulated for confirmation if needed.

Please ask questions, raise concerns, or suggest an edit.

Terms of Reference

1. Mandate

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) will act as an advisory body at key decision points as the project develops to ensure the perspective and needs of the neighbourhood are reflected in the park design. The CAG will review, deliberate, and discuss key project elements.

2. Membership

The CAG will include members who live and/or, spend free time, and primarily work in the community around Eglinton Park. Effort has been made to select members who represent a range of lived experiences and relevant expertise.

3. Meetings

There will be three, 1-2 hour virtual CAG meetings. Specific dates of future meetings will be confirmed based on the availability of group members. Dates may be subject to change, however advance notice of at least three weeks will be given to call CAG members. The general meeting schedule is:

- December 6, 2022
- February 2023
- Spring 2023

4. Recommendation-Making

The CAG is an advisory group, not a decision-making body. The CAG is not responsible for the decisions made by the Project Team or City Council. As an advisory group, the CAG will operate using a consensus-based approach, where members seek general agreement on guidance and advice to the Project Team. A consensus-based approach assumes that participants can openly discuss ideas, perspectives and viewpoints, and are willing to work together to develop common ground and minimize areas of disagreement to the best of their ability. Differing viewpoints and opinions will be documented in the CAG meeting notes.

5. Reporting

Staff will compile a written summary of each CAG meeting and distribute this to members. CAG members will have one week to provide suggested edits to the draft summary, after which the summary will be finalized and published to the project webpage.

Terms of Reference

6. Roles: CAG

CAG members will:

- Review and agree to these Terms of Reference;
- RSVP in advance of meetings;
- Attend and actively participate in CAG meetings;
- If unable to attend a meeting, members may review the meeting presentation (PDF) and meeting summary and provide feedback through email within a week of receiving the documents.
- Review meeting summaries to confirm accuracy;
- Promote opportunities for wider community engagement within their networks.

7. Roles: Project Team

City staff & Consultant team will:

- Identify what is open for community influence and what is not (and why);
- Strive to provide accurate, easy to understand information to CAG members;
- Listen carefully to the advice and perspectives of CAG members and, where feasible, incorporate advice into the project; and where not feasible, provide a clear explanation of how the feedback was considered and why it is not feasible;
- Follow-up as required to respond to any questions that could not be answered during the meeting. Follow-up responses will be included in meeting summary reports.
- Circulate, revise, and post summary reports of each CAG meeting on the project website.

Terms of Reference

8. Media Contact

CAG members may speak to the media about their **individual** perspectives about this Project. Individual CAG members' opinions are not necessarily representative of the views of the entire CAG. In the event that CAG members receive media inquiries about the Eglinton Park Master Plan Implementation and/or the CAG, **inquiries should be referred to Daniel Fusca, Manager, Public Consultation**, at Daniel.Fusca@toronto.ca, as well as Tonya Crawford, Senior Project Coordinator, Capital Projects at Tonya.Crawford@toronto.ca.

9. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Please note that all information will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all information provided through the CAG process will form part of the public record including only the first names of CAG members (further anonymity can be provided) .

10. Contact

The point of contact for all CAG correspondence is:

- Casey Hinton,
Senior Strategist, PROCESS
Phone: 647-215-9919 | Email: Casey@WeAreProcess.ca
- Elijah (Eli) Bawuah
Sr. Community Consultation Coordinator
Phone: 647-289-6559 | Email: Elijah.Bawuah@toronto.ca

**Are there any questions about
the Terms of Reference?**

Project Context:

Eglinton Park Master Plan

Master Planning Process Overview

Fall 2017

City & Councillor Consultation

- Project Set-up & Review
- Objectives confirmed

Winter 2018

Public Consultation

- Interactive community workshop

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

Preferred Concept & Consultation

- Preferred concept presented to City and stakeholders

Fall 2017

Stakeholder Consultation

- Confirm community goals & objectives

Spring 2018

Concept Options & Consultation

- Three concepts presented to City, stakeholders & public at an open house

Summer 2019

Final Concept & Consultation

- Master Plan presented to the public

The Master Plan

The City completed the Eglinton Park Master Plan in 2019, which sets a long-term vision for the park. The Master Plan will be used as a guide for a phased approach of park improvements subject to stakeholder and public consultation and available funds.

The Master Plan was a participatory effort and resulted in a plan focused on the park landscape and environment (it does not include the playground, buildings, community centre, arena or parking lot).



The Master Plan

The site plan was designed in reference to the creek that used to run through the site, but has since been buried.

The topography is marked by the historic Mud Creek, a tributary of the Don River, which carved the site and created the landforms that exist today. Mud Creek connects with the Don River at this historic Don Valley Brickworks, a prolific factory that manufactured durable high-quality bricks from the claybed of Mud Creek.



The Master Plan

Throughout the Master Planning consultation, priority areas were identified, which included:

- #1 - Central Spine Walkway
- #2 - Eglinton Ave. Park streetscape
- #3 - Roselawn streetscape and playing fields
- #4 - Landscape infrastructure Improvements

Phase 1 of the master plan implementation includes Priority Area #1.



Project Overview:

Eglinton Park Master Plan

Phase 1: Master Plan Implementation

The Master Plan: Phase 1

The City is now implementing the Master Plan, in a phased approach, based on the priorities and available budget.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan implementation is based on Priority Area 1 and available funds. Phase 1 includes the following;

- Improvements to the central spine walkway, east path and west stair
- The addition of a dog off-leash area
- The addition of a skate spot
- Indigenous placekeeping and gardening
- Passive gathering spaces



Phase 1: Inspiration



Phase 1: Project Update

Improvements to existing limestone path at the east side of the park between Roselawn Ave. and the existing concrete east path near the wading pool was completed in the fall of 2022. The path was elevated to improve site drainage and repaved with asphalt.



Phase 1: Project Timeline

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Phase 1 Begins

- Request for landscape architect consultant released
- Consultant hired to assist in the development of the MP

Fall 2022

Informal Public Engagement

- Park pop-ups and online interactive mapping activity

Winter 2023

Concept Options & Consultation

- Advisory group meeting
- Indigenous engagement
- Online public engagement

Fall 2022

East Path Construction

- East path repaved with asphalt

Fall 2022

Advisory Group Consultation

- Re-establish the Community Advisory Group
- Indigenous Outreach & Engagement

Spring 2023

Preferred Option & Consultation

- Advisory group meeting
- Indigenous engagement
- Public engagement via Open House

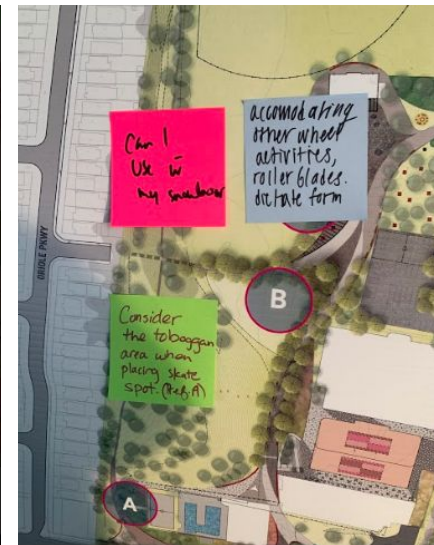
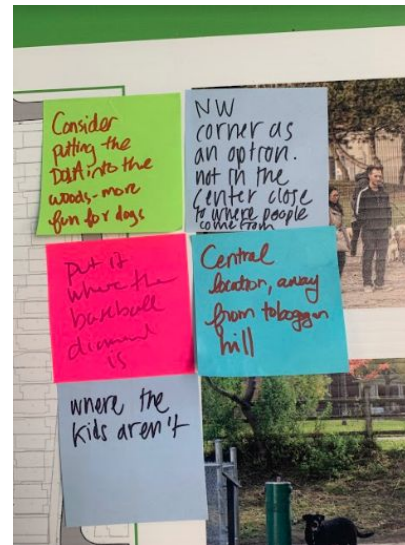
Phase 1: Public Engagement

Park Pop-Up (October 2 & 3)

This informal public engagement served to inform local community members about the Master Plan Implementation and invited feedback for elements included in Phase 1

Participants were asked about the proposed locations of the dog off-leash area (OLA) and proposed locations for the skate spot. Additional comments about park improvements were welcomed.

Over 80 park users shared their thoughts and feedback.

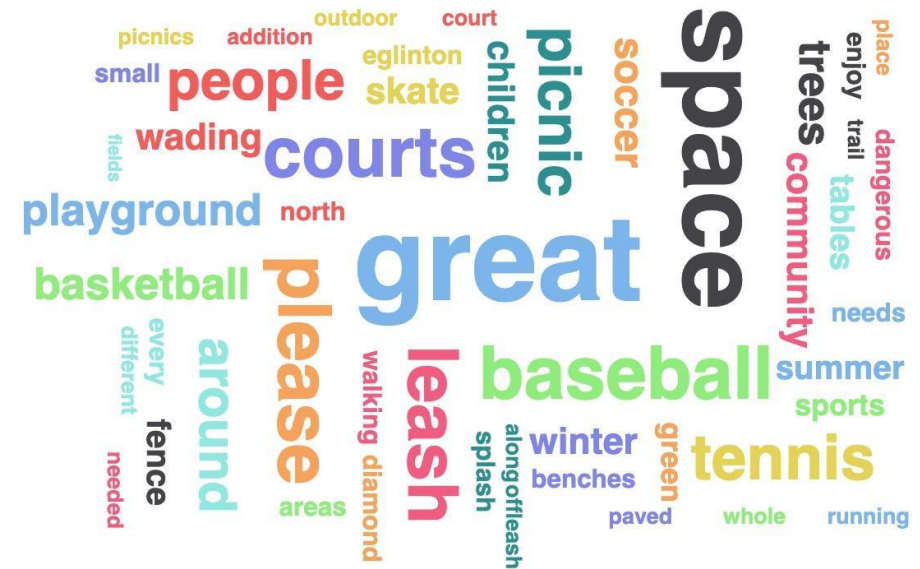
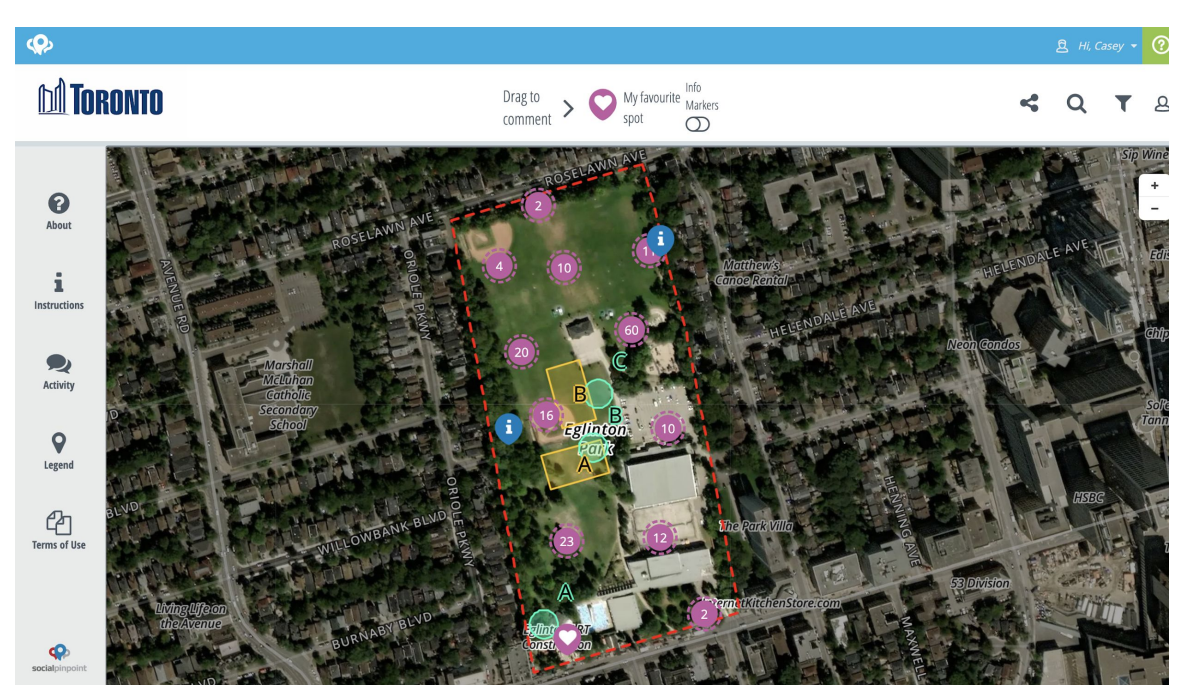


Phase 1: Public Engagement

Interactive Mapping Activity (*Social Pinpoint*)

The online interactive mapping activity invited participants to learn more about the Master Plan implementation and provide an opportunity to rate and rank proposed locations for the OLA and skate spot

1097 survey responses through the Interactive Mapping Activity brought forward a diversity of perspectives.



Phase 1: Dog off-leash area

Phase 1 includes the addition of a dog off-leash area (OLA). There are two options for the Dog Off-Leash Area location, indicated on the map. The proposed size is around 2000m².



What We Heard at the Pop-ups and from Social Mapping

OLAs

Generally participants were in favour of having an OLA and preferred **Location A**.

Participants requested:

- Include seating
- Shade and greenery
- Softscape and planting
- Water fountain
- Fences
- Lighting
- Poop bag and disposal station



Phase 1: Skate Spot

Phase 1 includes the introduction of a skate spot. There are three options for the skate spot location, indicated on the map. The proposed size would be a maximum of 600m².



What We Heard at the Pop-ups and from Social Mapping

Skate Spot

Most community members showed nearly equal interest in all three locations, thought **option C was preferred**.

Participants considerations:

- Drainage
- Central location for supervision
- Lighting
- Accessible from existing paths



What We Heard at the Pop-ups and from Social Mapping

General Comments

Baseball Diamond

Generally residents were not concerned with the removal on one baseball diamond and pleased with improvements for the primary baseball diamond.

Safety

Participants expressed the need to increase park safety, especially at night, and a request for improved park maintenance.

Soccer Fields

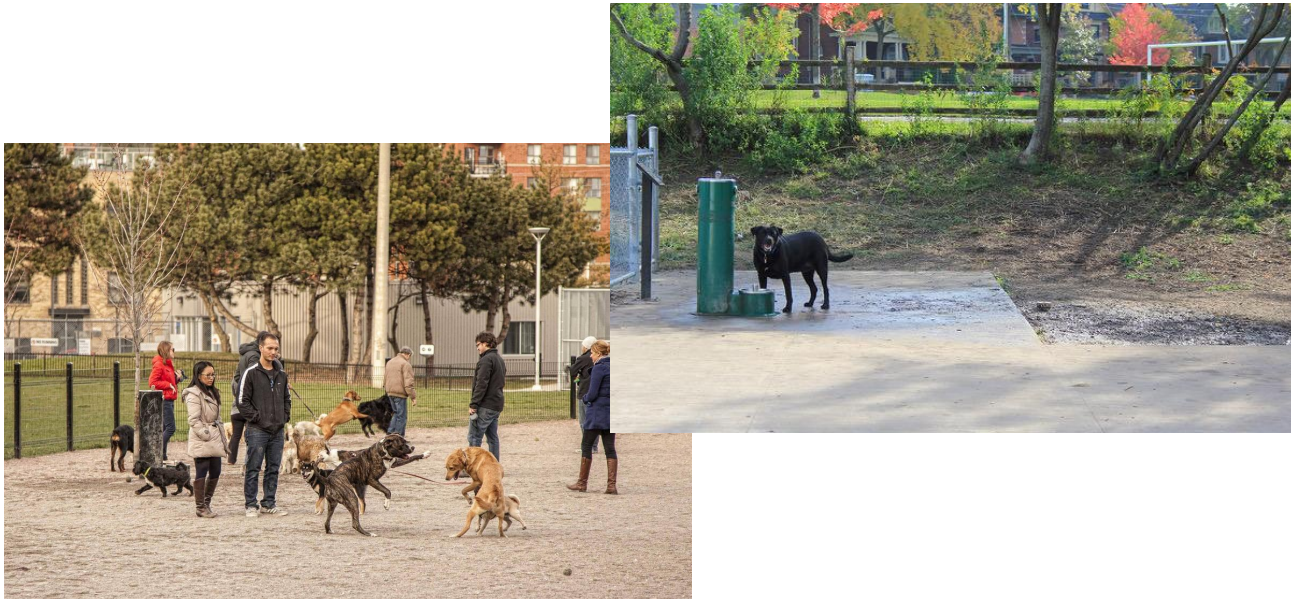
Some participants indicated they would prefer only on designated soccer field area and improved scheduling in order to control overcrowding, park and safety.

Questions & Discussion

Question 1

How will the introduction of a dog off-leash area change the communities experience at the park? Which location works best?

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Question 2

How will the introduction of a skate spot change the communities experience at the park? Which location works best?

Phase 1 includes the introduction of a skate spot. There are three proposed locations for the skate spot, indicated on the map. The proposed size would be a maximum of 600m² and includes 1-3 skate features.

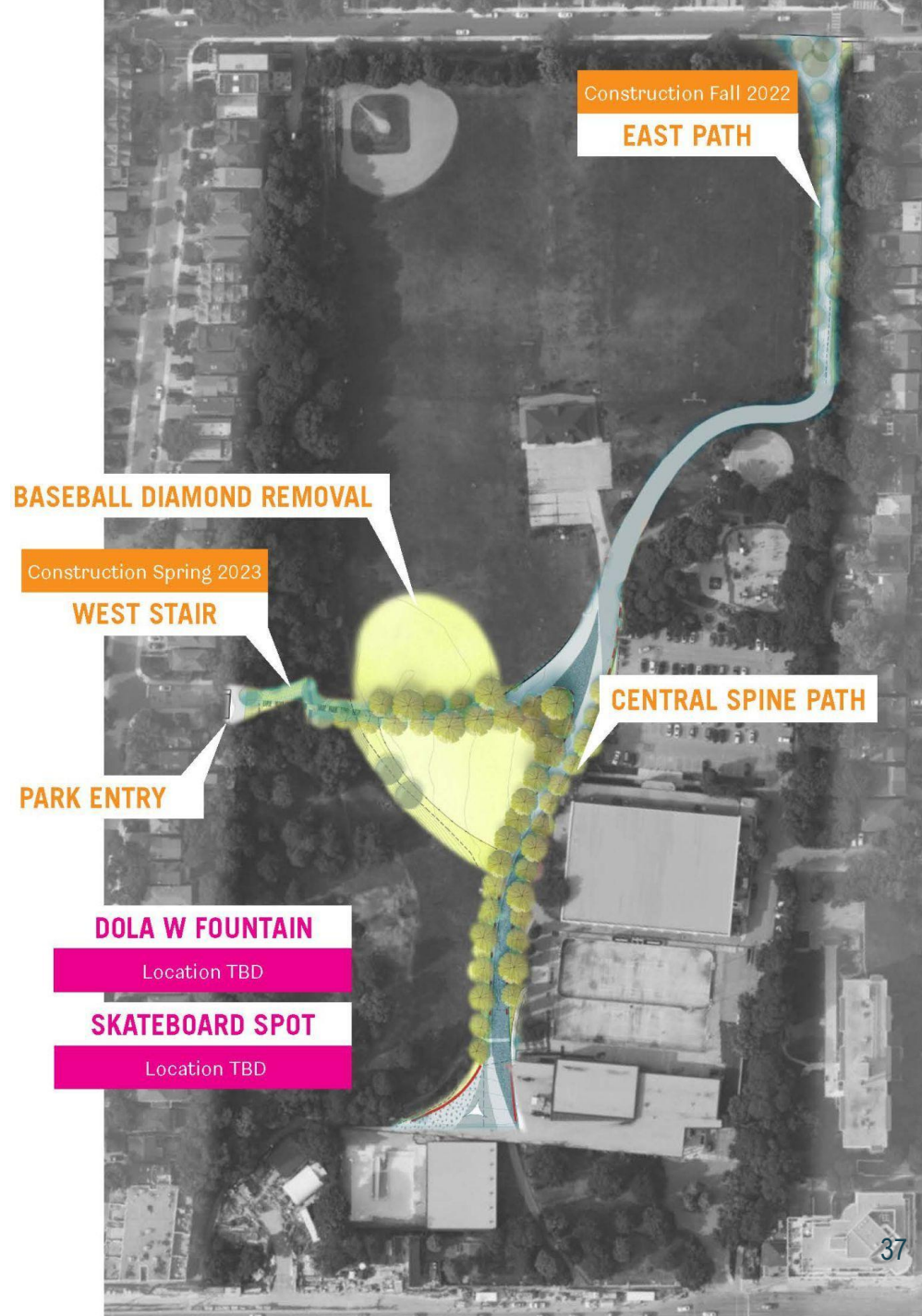


Question 3

What features, amenities or improvements reflected in Phase 1 of the Master Plan Implementation are most important to you, and why?

Phase 1 of the Master Plan implementation will include general park upgrades and improvements only, including:

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- The addition of a dog off-leash area
- The addition of a skate spot
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Next Steps

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- Members can send additional ideas, comments, or suggestions to Elijah.Bawuah@Toronto.ca
- The Project Team will compile a written summary of the meeting and distribute to members for review.
 - Members will have one week to provide suggested edits to the draft summary.
- The second CAG meeting is planned to take place in February of 2023.
 - You will receive an email to confirm a meeting date and time for the second meeting.

Thank you!