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# **Jackson Park Plan for Interpretation - Introduction**

**Midway Plaisance  
East End Improvements**

# Jackson Park: Plan for Interpretation

Focused on interpretive materials to be located in Jackson Park

Celebrating the rich history and cultures connected with the park and neighborhoods it serves

Histories from the pre-settlement era through to the present day

Anticipating how to incorporate future narratives.



# What is a Plan for Interpretation?

Outlines key themes to be documented

- Historic events
- Ecological stories
- People and communities
- Activities

Explores potential physical locations for interpretive materials

Outlines possible methods for interpretation:

- Signage
- Outdoor exhibits
- Artwork
- Lighting
- Digital mediums
- Projection
- Others



# What is a Plan for Interpretation?

Examples of interpretive materials



# Plan for Interpretation Outcomes

Guidance on how to recognize and celebrate the diverse and rich history of our communities and residents

Identify key natural and cultural narratives

Explore primary locations where interpretive materials may be provided

Highlight the most relevant narratives to be incorporated at each location within Jackson Park

## Process





# MIDWAY PLAISANCE EAST END IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY MEETING 2 | 5.3.22

# Agenda and Purpose

1. Project Background + Community Feedback
2. Historically Significant Elements
3. Site Program
4. Preliminary Design
5. Questions and Answer
6. Next Steps

# Project Team

- **Site Design Group** team selected as project designer
- Selected through a public **Target Market RFP Process**
- Project team includes **100% MBE / WBE certified**

site

## PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



**Firm:** *site*

**Role:** Subconsultant

**Services:** Landscape Architecture and Planning, Visiting and Concept through Construction Administration

**Duration:** 2015 - Present

**Construction Cost:** \$5,800,000 (Visitor Center)

**Professional Fee:** \$207,680 (Visitor Center)

site

## MARY BARTELME PARK CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



**Firm:** *site*

**Role:** Prime

**Services:** Landscape Architecture, Concept through Construction Administration

**Duration:** 2006 - 2011

**Construction Cost:** \$3,500,000

**Professional Fee:** \$226,241.00



### TERRA Engineering, Ltd.

**Role:** Civil Engineering/Survey  
Office: Chicago, IL  
Web: [terraengineering.com](http://terraengineering.com)  
Certification: WBE



### Heritage Architecture Studio

**Role:** Historical Consultant  
Office: La Grange, IL  
Web: [heritage-archplan.com](http://heritage-archplan.com)  
Certification: WBE



### Advance Consulting Group

**Role:** Electrical Engineering  
Office: Chicago, IL  
Certification: MBE



### GSG Consultants, Inc.

**Role:** Geotechnical Services  
Office: Chicago, IL  
Web: [gsg-consultants.com](http://gsg-consultants.com)  
Certification: MBE



### Vistara Construction Services

**Role:** Cost Estimating  
Office: Chicago, IL  
Web: [vistara.com](http://vistara.com)  
Certification: MBE



### MAP Strategies, LLC

**Role:** Permit Expediting  
Office: Chicago, IL  
Web: [map-strategies.com](http://map-strategies.com)  
Certification: WBE



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

# Process Summary - Memorandum of Agreement

1972: Jackson Park and Midway Plaisance added to the National Register of Historic Places

Dec 2017 - **Public Review of Jackson Park Alterations**

Nov 2020: Website: [www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp\\_info/jackson-park-improvements.html](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/jackson-park-improvements.html)

- + 11 meetings over a 4 year period
- + Generated ideas for mitigation measures
- + Circulated a DRAFT Memorandum of Agreement to all Consulting Parties for comment
- + Reconvened to discuss proposed edits
- + Finalized the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) document for Consulting Parties' signature

**Final Memorandum of Agreement**

Dec 2020:

Website:

[https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/supp\\_info/jackson/final\\_moa\\_signed.pdf](https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/supp_info/jackson/final_moa_signed.pdf)

- + Final Document was reviewed and approved by the Federal Government (FHWA, IL SHPO, ACHP)
- + The MOA is a legally binding document

# Consulting Parties = 97

1 Woodlawn  
20th Ward Service Office  
51st Street Business Association  
5th Ward Service Office  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)  
Blacks in Green  
Brown books & Paint Brushes  
Business Leadership Council  
Chicago Department of Transportation  
Chicago Historical Society  
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights  
Chicago Park District  
Chicago Transit Authority  
Chicago Urban League  
City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor  
Coalition for the Obama Presidential Center  
Cultural Landscape Foundation  
Don Nash Park Advisory Council  
DuSable Museum  
Emerald South  
Federal Highway Administration  
Federal Transit Administration  
Friends of the Parks  
Golden Shore  
Hyde Park Academy  
Hyde Park Art Center  
Hyde Park Historical Society  
Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference  
Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land and Water Resources  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Illinois State Archaeological Survey  
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
Jack and Jill Moms Chicago  
Jackson Park Advisory Council  
Jackson Park Golf & Community Leadership Council  
Jackson Park Highlands  
Jackson Park Watch  
Jackson Park Yacht Club  
Kenwood-Oakland Community Association  
KLEO Community Life Center  
La Rabida Hospital  
Landmarks Illinois  
LISC  
Local Chapter of NACWC  
Metra  
Midway Plaisance Advisory Council  
Museum of Science and Industry  
Museum Shores Yacht Club  
Nation of Islam  
National Association for Olmsted Parks  
National Park Service  
National Trust for Historic Preservation - Chicago Office  
The Neighborhood Network Alliance  
Network of Woodlawn  
Nichols Park Advisory Council  
Obama Foundation  
Openlands  
Preservation Chicago  
Promontory Point Conservancy  
Pullman National Monument Preservation Society  
Real Men Charities, Inc., S. Shore Current & West of the Ryan Magazines

Rosalie Villas Homeowners Association  
Save the Midway  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
South Shore Advisory Council, South Shore Cultural Center  
South Shore Chamber  
South Shore Historical Society  
South Shore Works  
South Shore YMCA  
Southern Shores Yacht Club  
Southside Neighbors for Hope (SSN4H)  
Southside Together Organizing for Power  
Tribes - Ho Chunk Nation  
Tribes - Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
Tribes - Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
Tribes - Potawatomi – Forest County  
Tribes - Potawatomi – Prairie Band  
Tribes - Potawatomi-Citizen Nation  
Tribes - Potawatomi-Hannahville Indian Community  
Tribes - Potawatomi-Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
Tribes - Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri  
Tribes - Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma  
Tribes - Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
University of Chicago  
Vista Garage Building Cooperative  
Vista Homes  
Washington Park Advisory Council  
Westside Health Authority  
Woodlawn Community Development Corporation  
Mary Anton - Independent Consulting Party  
Ray Lodato - Independent Consulting Party

# Memorandum of Agreement - Mandatory Mitigation Measures

The memorandum of agreement is the result of four years of thoughtful, comprehensive discussions between project partners and consulting parties at the local, state and national level led by the Federal Highway Administration. Eight (8) Mitigation Measures are outlined in the MOA for completion.

Category	Stipulation		Contributing CP's
Research and Documentation	A	Updated NRHP Documentation	SHPO, Federal Agencies
	B	Field Documentation	
	C	Cultural Landscape Report	
Interpretation	D	Interpretive Materials	Openlands, RVHA, CLF, MPAC, SAIC
Rehabilitation and Restoration	E	Comfort Station	SHPO
	F	Statue of the Republic	
Design Review	G	Design Review of the Recreation Replacement at the East End of the Midway Plaisance	MPAC, SHPO, Landmarks Illinois
Planting Review	H	Review of Planting Plans for Required Tree Replacement	Save the Midway

# Mandatory Mitigation Measures

## Recreation Replacement - East End of the Midway Plaisance

Stipulation G: Design Review



# Project Scope: Community Engagement and Regulatory Reviews

- The first public meeting was held on **March 29, 2022**. Community meetings and other project updates will be provided throughout the design process.
- Once preliminary plans are prepared, incorporating public input, the City and Park District will make draft plans available for a **45-day consulting party review period**. This is a requirement of the MOA.
- The City and Park District will not begin construction on the eastern end of the Midway until IDOT receives **written concurrence from the Illinois SHPO** that the final design is consistent with SOI Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, standards 9 and 10.



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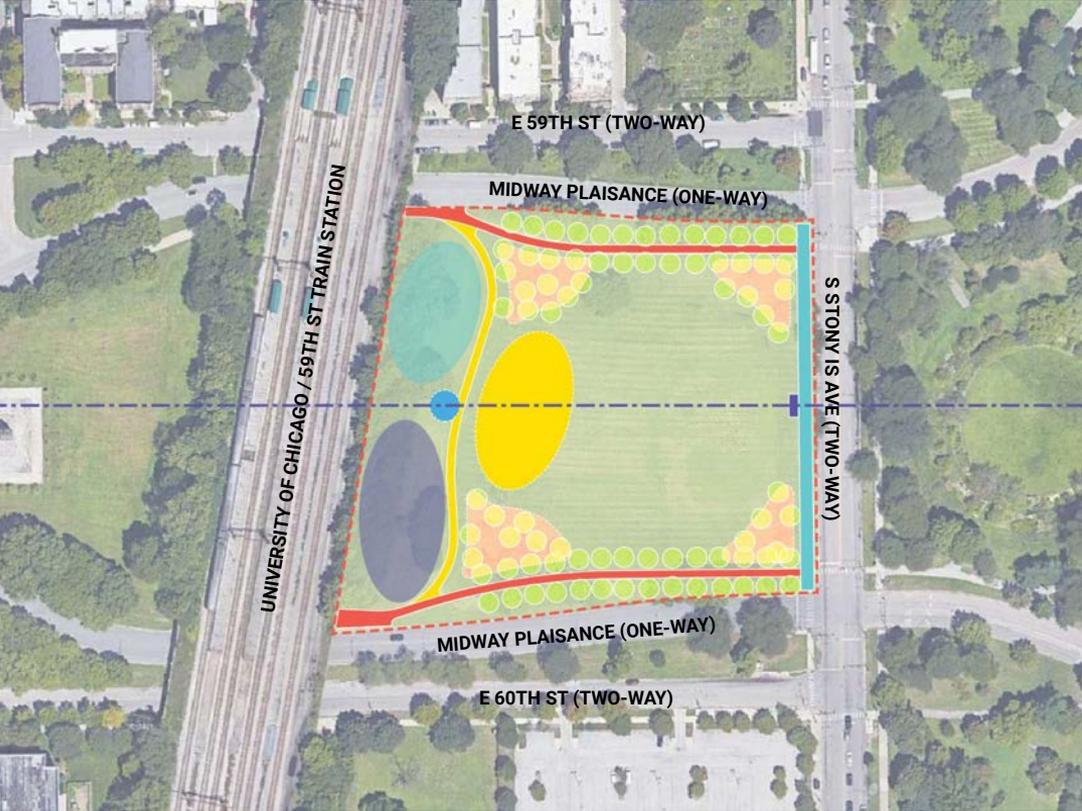
# Historically Significant Elements Overview



## LEGEND

- PROJECT LIMIT LINE
- EAST-WEST AXIS
- |||| HISTORIC LOCATION OF TREE ALLÉE
- |||| HISTORIC LOCATION OF CONNECTOR PATH
- EXISTING CHENEY-GOODE MEMORIAL
- HISTORIC LOCATION OF WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ENTRANCES
- HISTORIC LOCATION OF ORNAMENTAL PLANTING

# Concept Framework Plan Overview

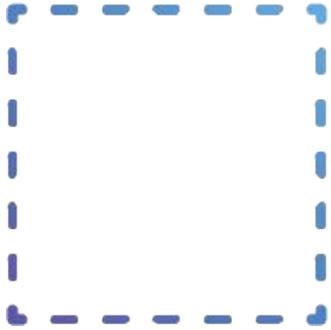


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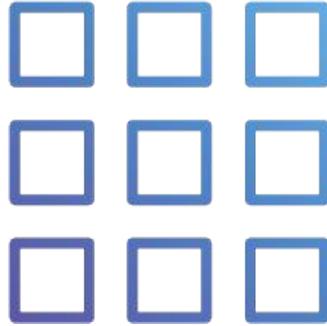
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- RESTORED SIDEWALK
- RESTORED CHENEY-GOODE MEMORIAL
- UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE / NATURE PLAY
- ▲ RESTORED ORNAMENTAL PLANTING
- EXISTING BOULEVARD SIGNAGE
- NORTH HILL
- SOUTH HILL
- OPEN SPACE WITH FLEXIBLE USE

# Universally Inclusive Play Space

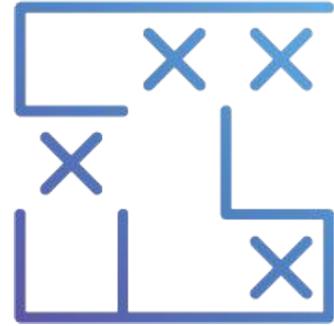
A playscape design that is accessible and truly inclusive for all



Free of any social or environmental barriers for people with and without impairments, allowing for people of all abilities.



Provides opportunities for people of all abilities to play alongside one another.



Provides acceptable risk and graduated challenges to people with and without impairments.

# Universally Inclusive Play Space

A universal playspace is designed for a range in abilities, level of effort, age groups, etc. Geared towards all!

## Mobility / Physical Impairment

Wheelchair / Mobility Device user

Poor stamina

Poor balance

Muscle weakness

Limited use of arms / hands

Limited dexterity

## Sensory Impairment

Blind or visual impairment

Deaf or hearing impairment

## Intellectual Impairment

Learning disability

Cognitive disability

Emotional disturbances

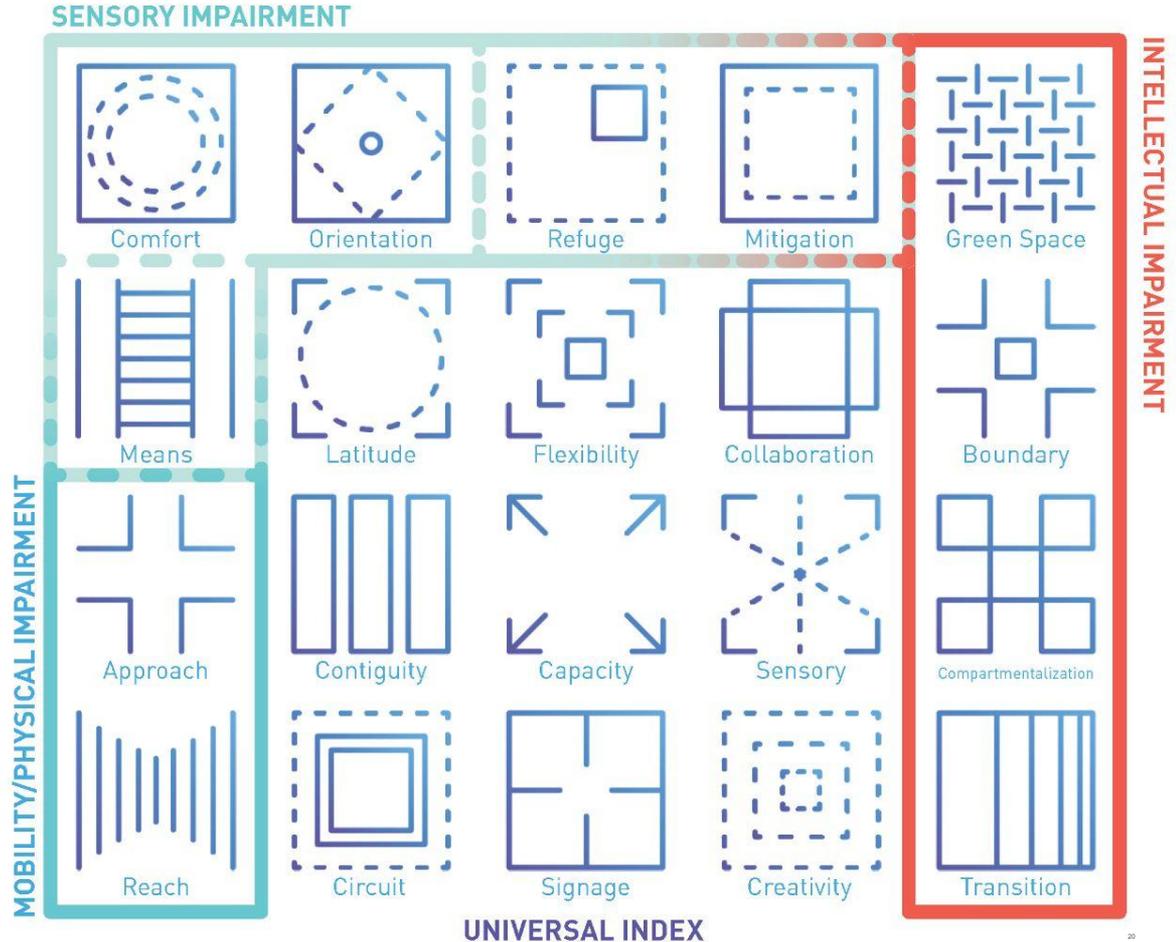
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Challenging behavior

# Universally Inclusive Play Space

Design Index

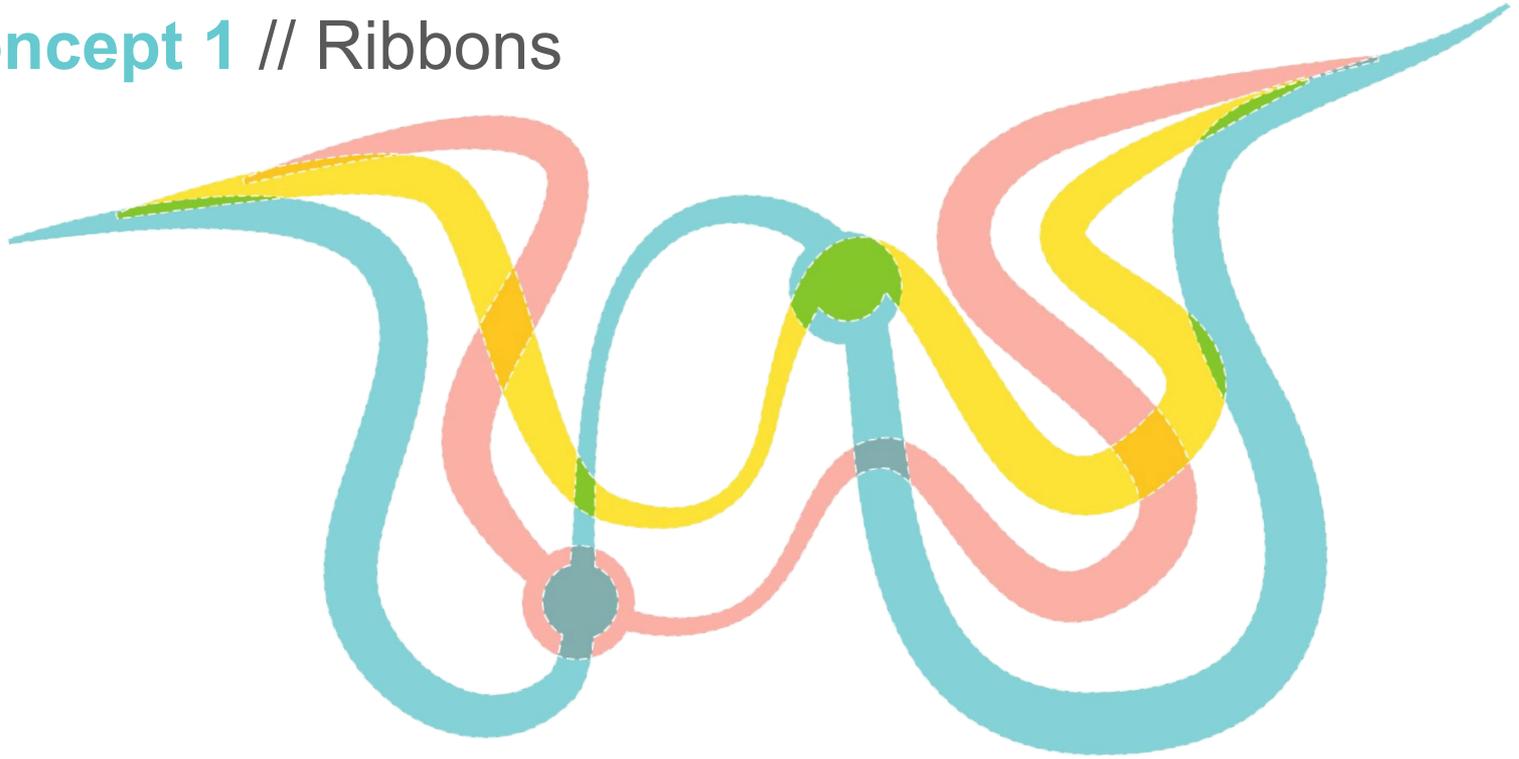
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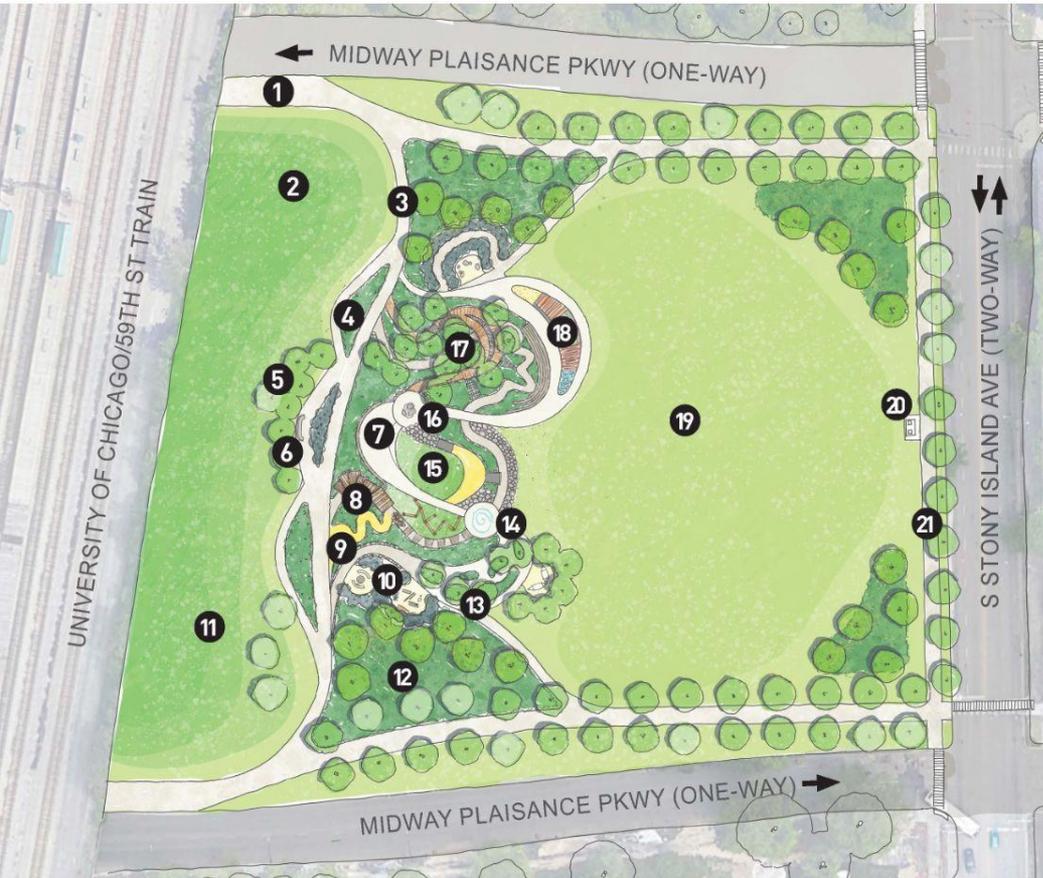
**MIDWAY PLAY!**  
**CONCEPT 1**

## Concept 1 // Ribbons



Three levels of interwoven paths take you through a sequential experience, on adventure paths and play nodes. The levels of the paths range in graduated challenges and stimuli, allowing users to choose their way and have fulfilling play experiences throughout.

# Ribbons // Overall Plan

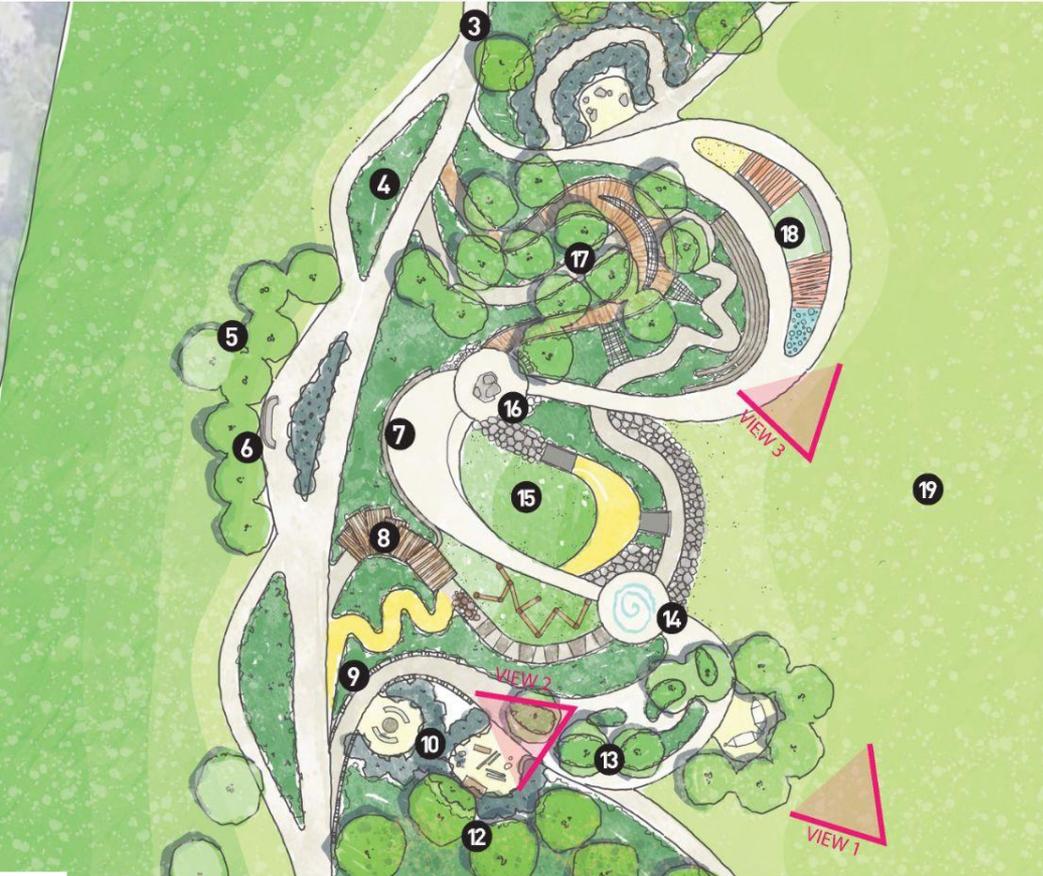


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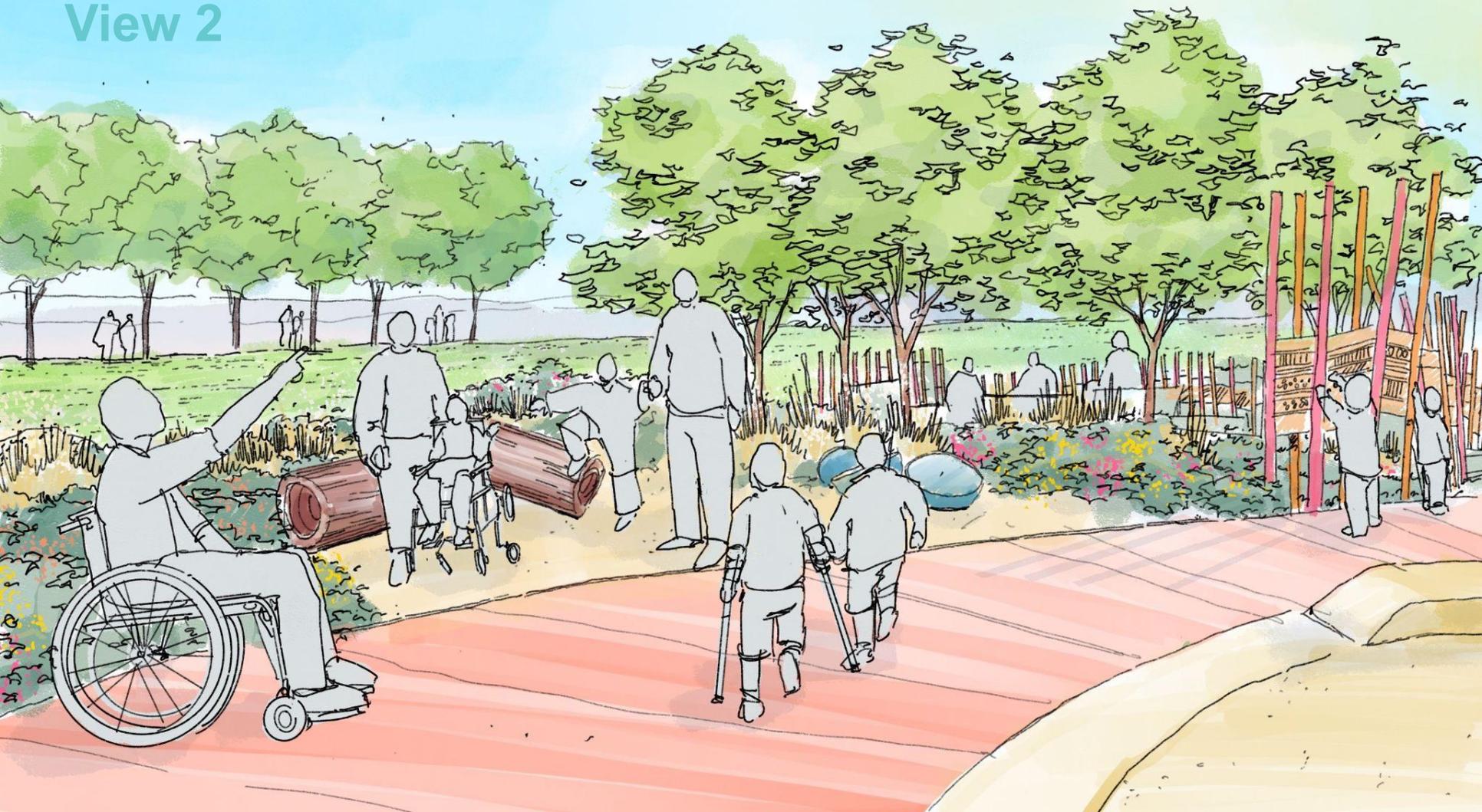


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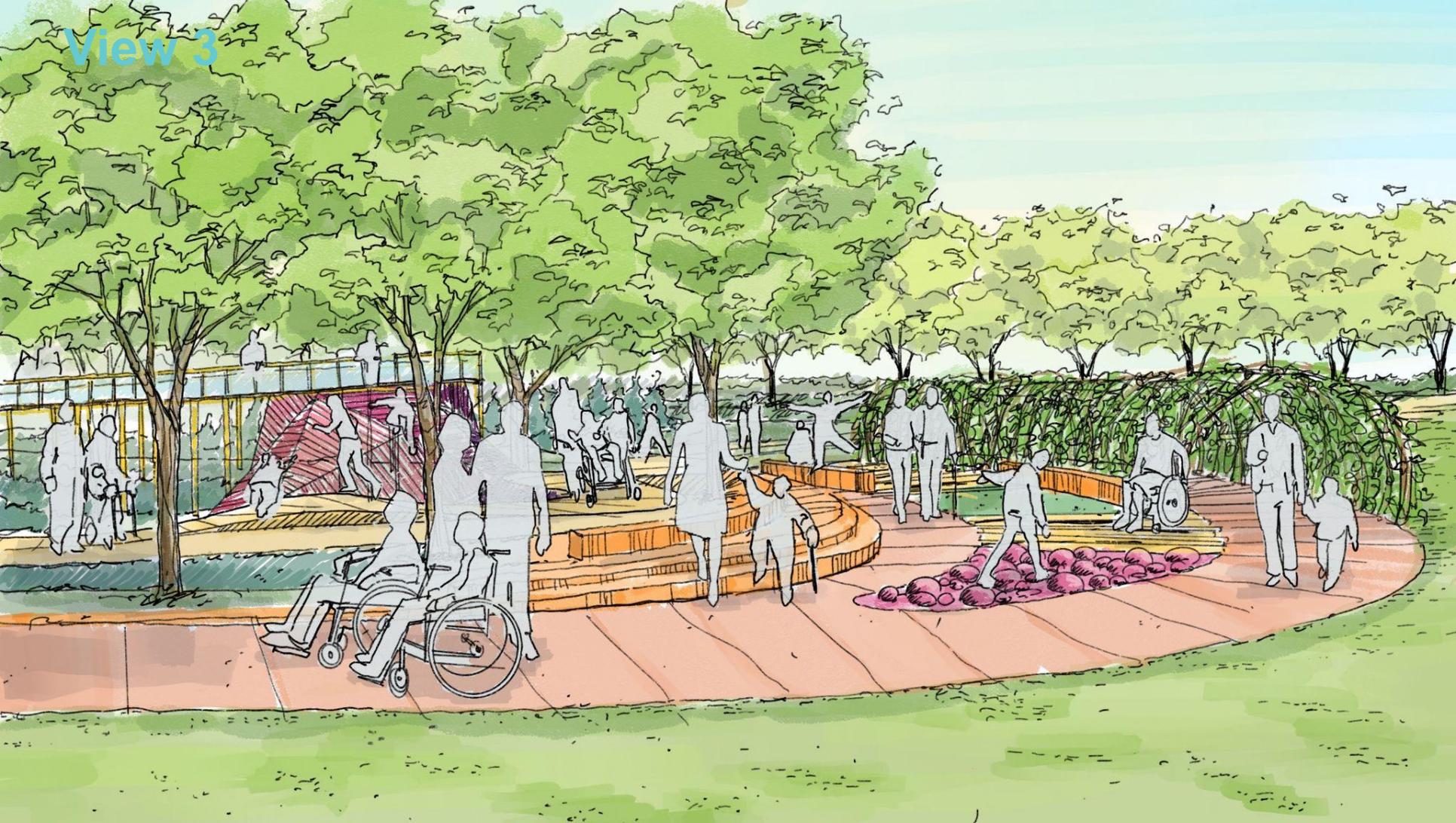
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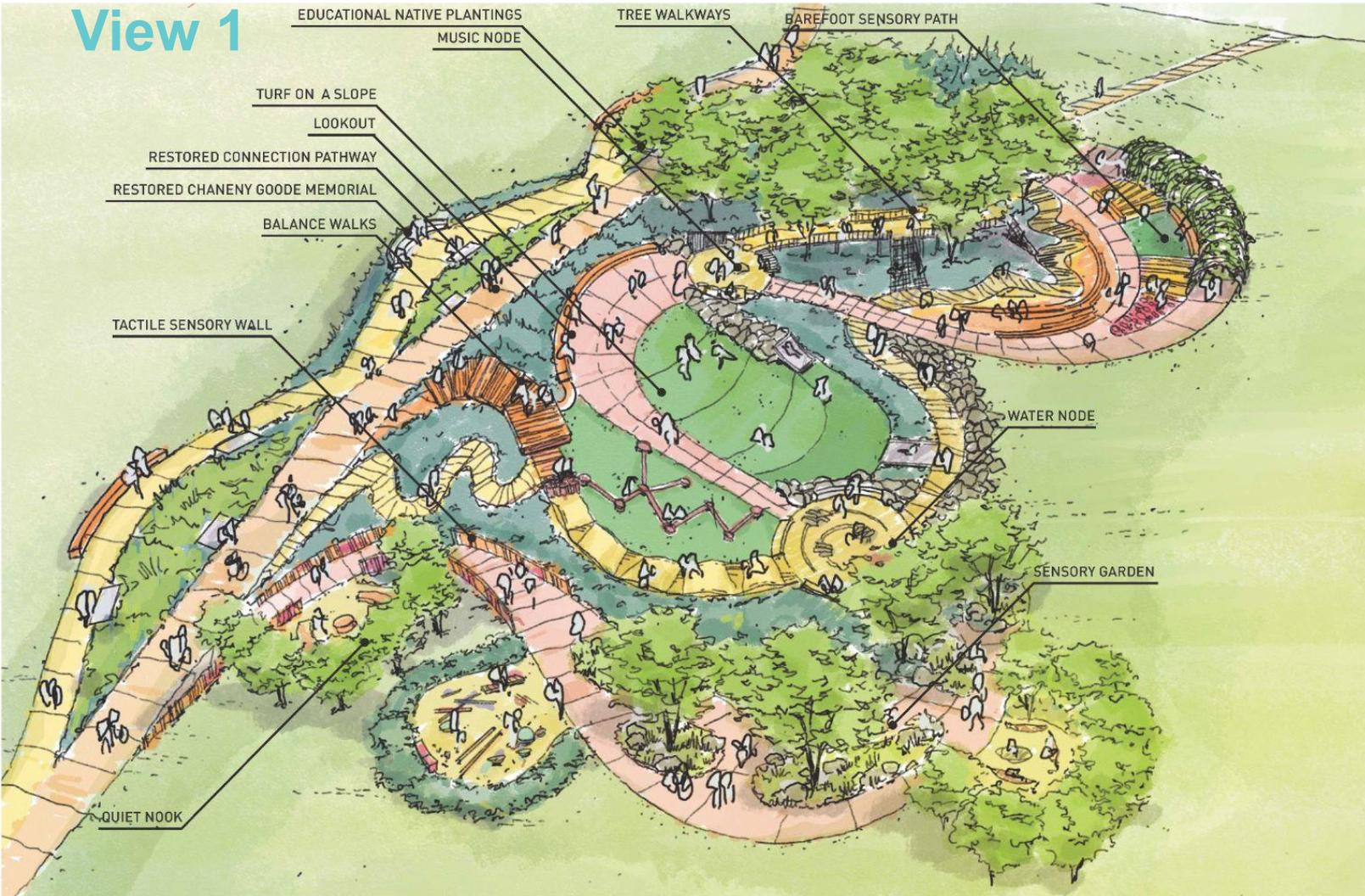
# View 2



View 3



# View 1



## Ribbons // Character Image - Turf Hill



## Ribbons // Character Image - Elevated Paths



## Ribbons // Character Image - Lookout



## Ribbons // Character Image - Water Node



## Ribbons // Character Image - Cozy Tunnel



## Ribbons // Character Image - Barefoot Path



# Ribbons // Character Image - Paths



## Ribbons // Character Image - Slide



# Ribbons // Character Image - Meandering Garden Path



## Ribbons // Character Image - Adventure Path



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**MIDWAY PLAY!**  
**CONCEPT 2**

## Concept 2 // Balance



Inspired by the contrasting and complementing relationship between Flora Cheney and Katherine Goode, two landforms of contrasting energy and activity levels are arranged around a locus of single stimulus spaces for the five senses .

# Balance // Overall Plan



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- 7 SUSPENDED PLAY ELEMENT
- 8 LANDSCAPE BUFFER
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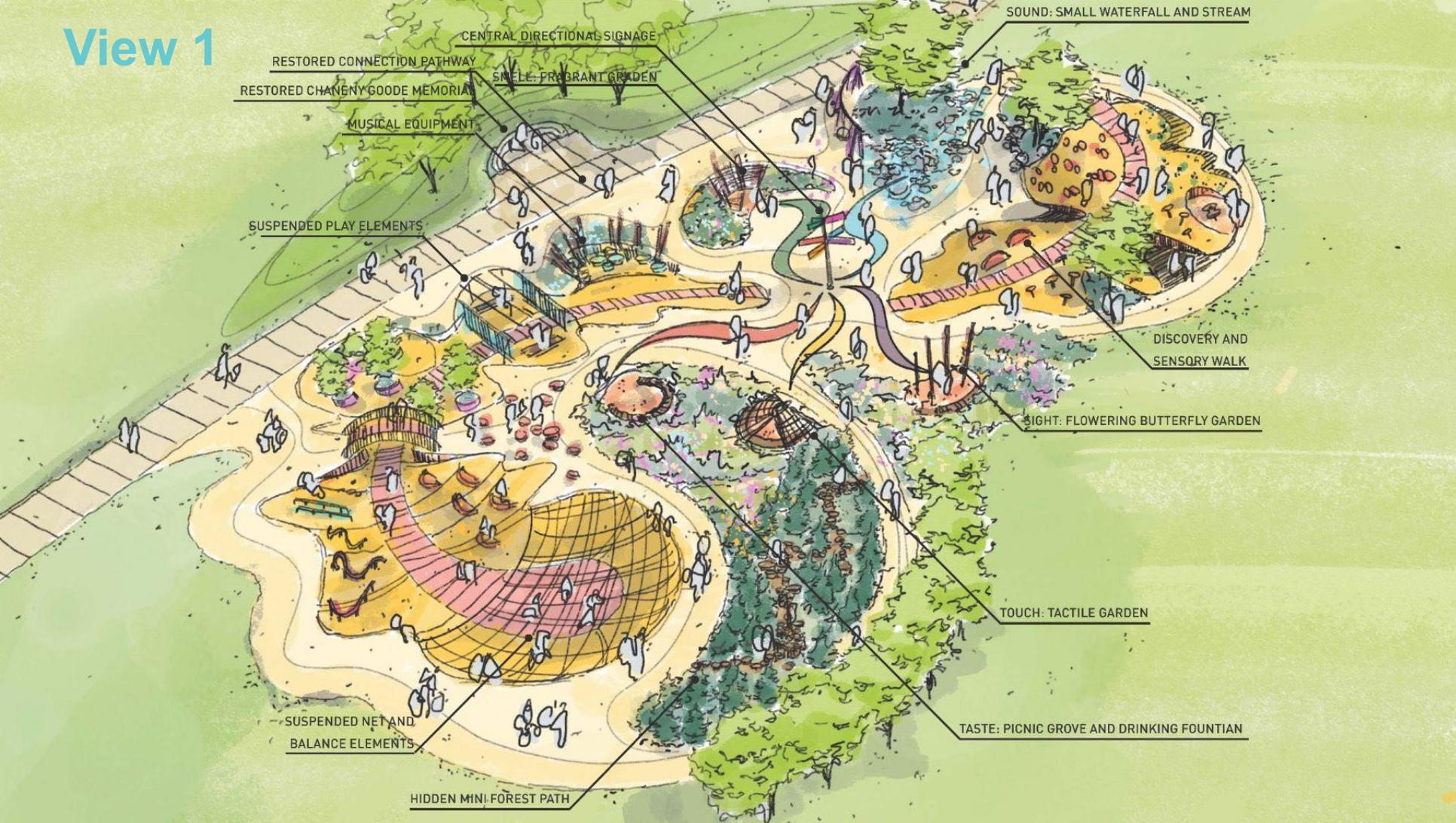
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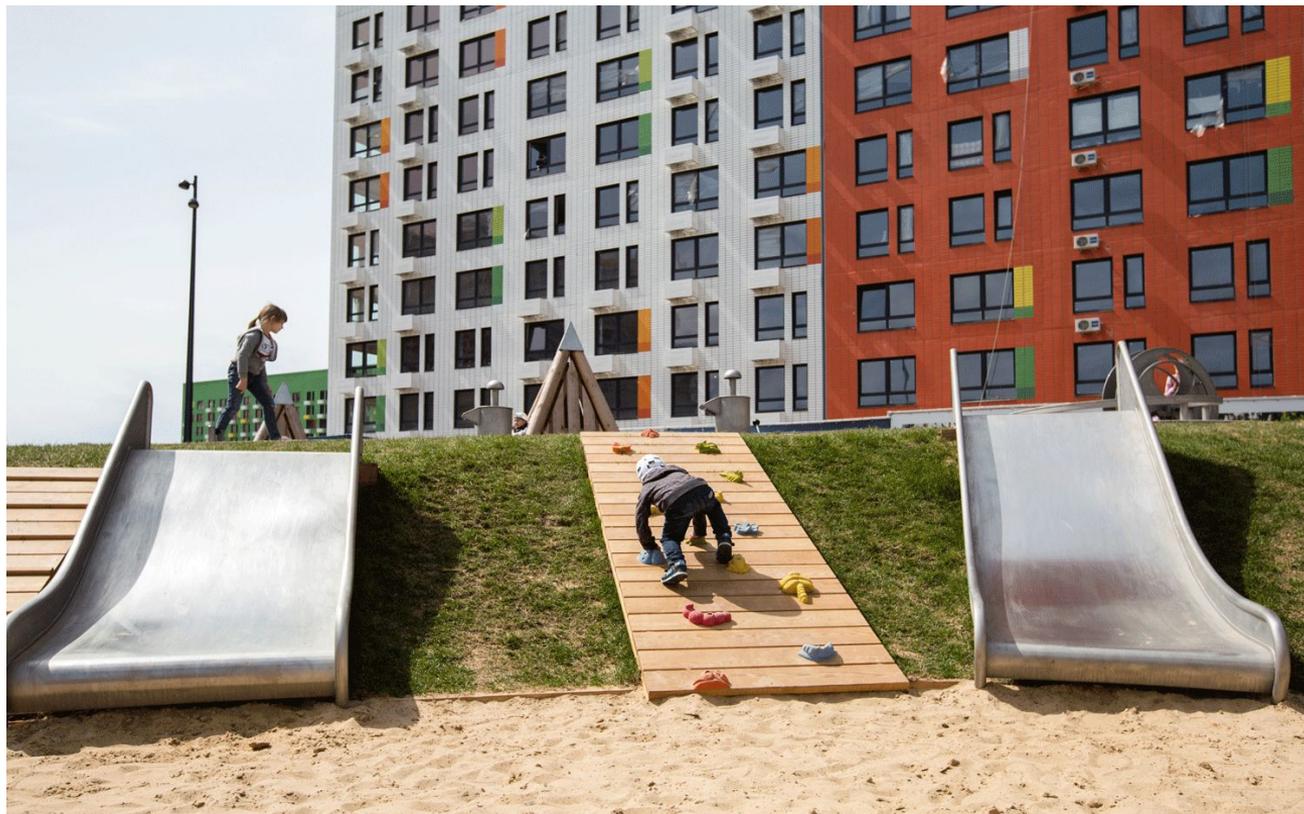


# View 1



- CENTRAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE
- RESTORED CONNECTION PATHWAY
- RESTORED CHANENY GOODE MEMORIAL
- MUSICAL EQUIPMENT
- SUSPENDED PLAY ELEMENTS
- SNIFF-FRAGRANT GARDEN
- SOUND: SMALL WATERFALL AND STREAM
- DISCOVERY AND SENSORY WALK
- SIGHT: FLOWERING BUTTERFLY GARDEN
- TOUCH: TACTILE GARDEN
- TASTE: PICNIC GROVE AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- SUSPENDED NET AND BALANCE ELEMENTS
- HIDDEN MINI-FOREST PATH

## Balance // Character Image - Slide



## Balance // Character Image - Tactile Wall



## Balance // Character Image - Butterfly Garden Nook



## Balance // Character Image - Carved Slide



## Balance // Character Image - Mini Forest Path



## Balance // Character Image - Cozy Canyon



# Balance // Character Image - Intersection Signage



## Balance // Character Image - Sand Pit Nook



# Balance // Character Image - Climbing Hill



# Balance // Character Image - Suspended Nest



## Balance // Character Image - Moon Bridge

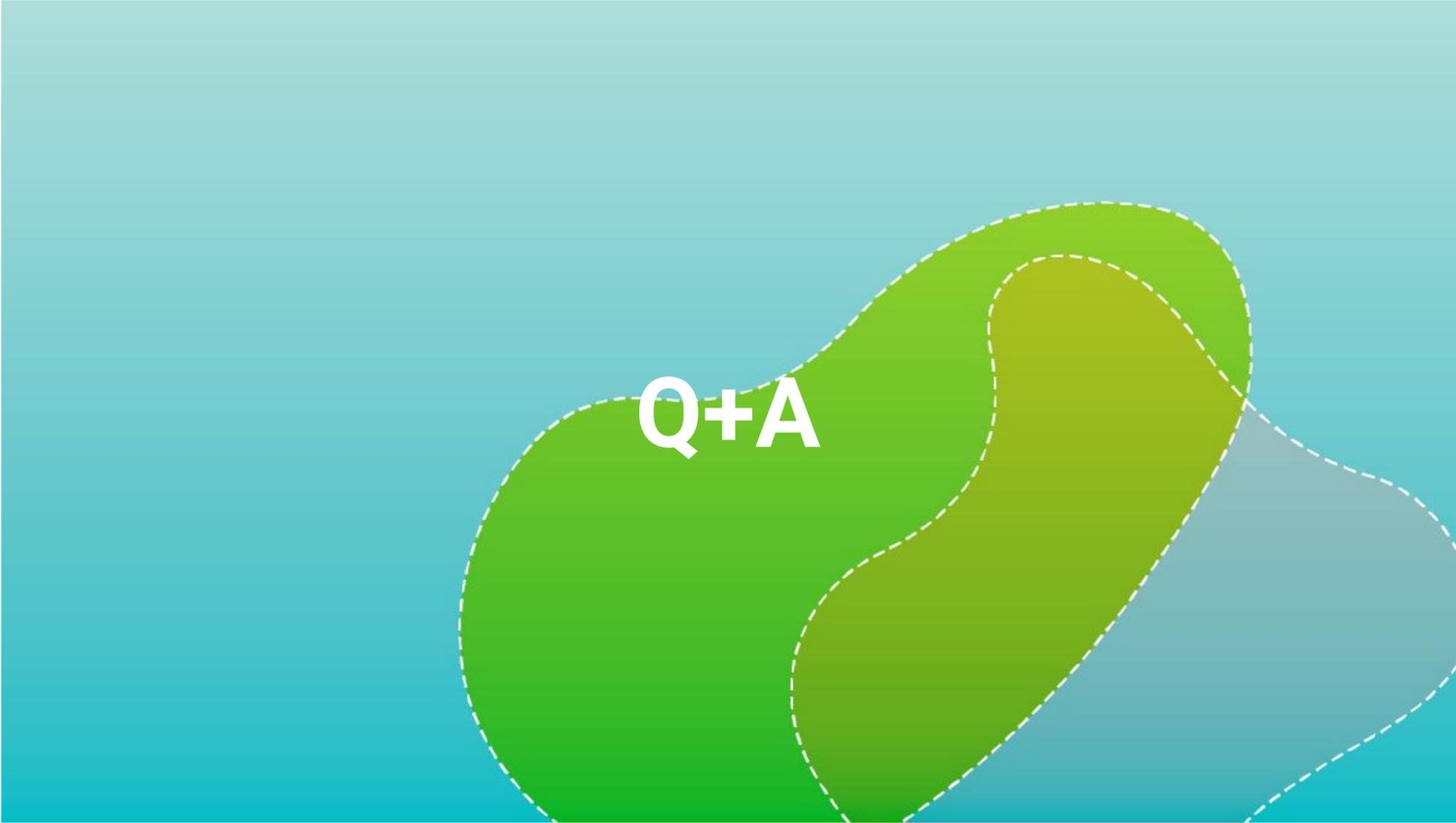


# Ribbons



# Balance

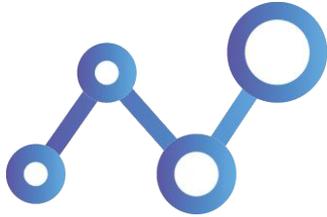


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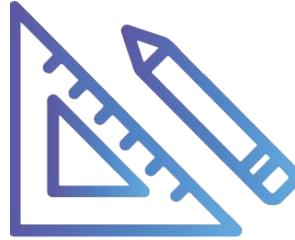
**Q+A**

# Your Feedback

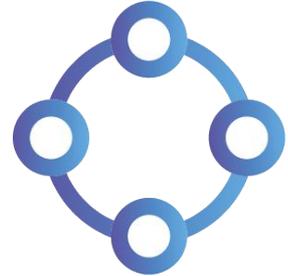
How do we plan to use your feedback from the questions we're asking?



We will incorporate the feedback into the data gathering process.

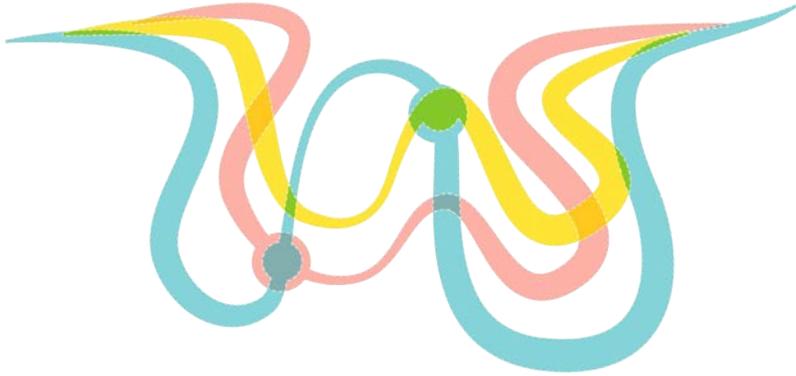


We will incorporate feedback into the concept design process.



We will use the information provided to evaluate our engagement process.

# Ribbons



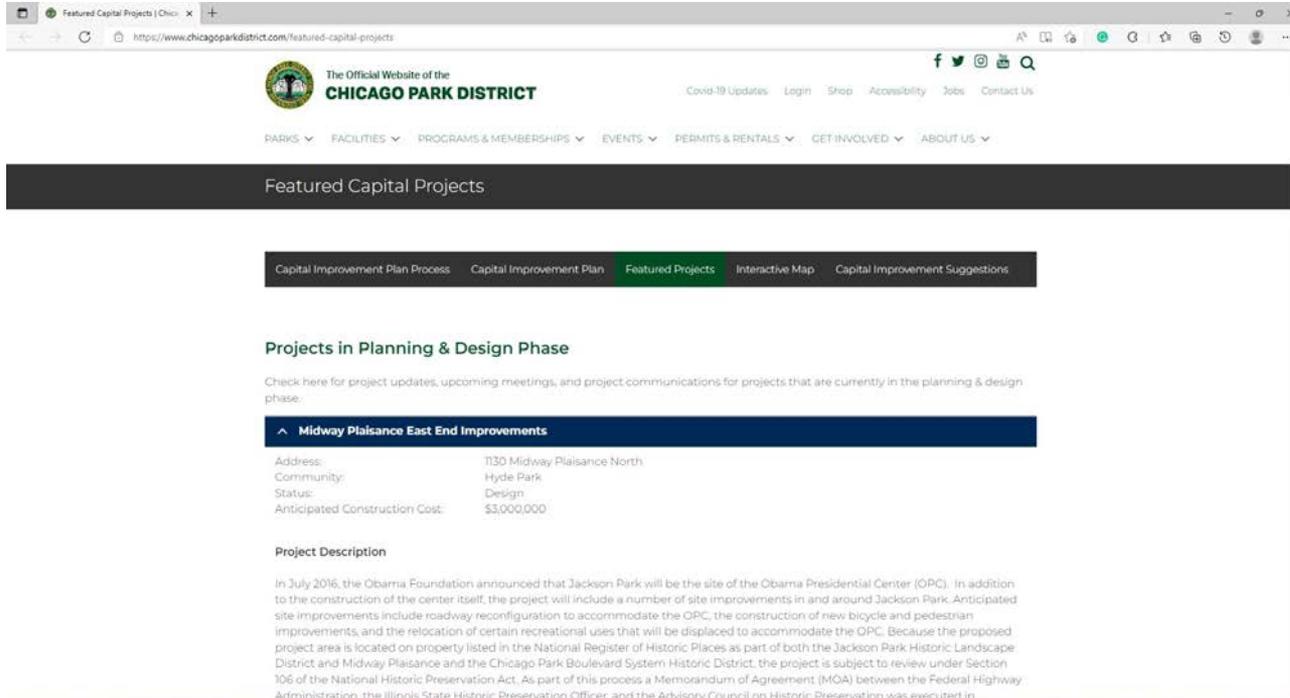
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**NEXT STEPS**

# Featured Capital Projects Website



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/featured-capital-projects>. The page header includes the Chicago Park District logo and navigation links for COVID-19 Updates, Login, Shop, Accessibility, Jobs, and Contact Us. A main navigation bar lists categories like Parks, Facilities, Programs & Memberships, Events, Permits & Rentals, Get Involved, and About Us. The main content area is titled "Featured Capital Projects" and contains a sub-menu with options: Capital Improvement Plan Process, Capital Improvement Plan, **Featured Projects**, Interactive Map, and Capital Improvement Suggestions. Under "Featured Projects", there is a section for "Projects in Planning & Design Phase" with a sub-section for "Midway Plaisance East End Improvements".

**Midway Plaisance East End Improvements**

Address:	1130 Midway Plaisance North
Community:	Hyde Park
Status:	Design
Anticipated Construction Cost:	\$3,000,000

**Project Description**

In July 2016, the Obama Foundation announced that Jackson Park will be the site of the Obama Presidential Center (OPC). In addition to the construction of the center itself, the project will include a number of site improvements in and around Jackson Park. Anticipated site improvements include roadway reconfiguration to accommodate the OPC, the construction of new bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and the relocation of certain recreational uses that will be displaced to accommodate the OPC. Because the proposed project area is located on property listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of both the Jackson Park Historic Landscape District and Midway Plaisance and the Chicago Park Boulevard System Historic District, the project is subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As part of this process a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Federal Highway Administration, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation was executed in



# Capital Project Feedback Online Form

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## Next Steps

January - March  
2022:

- + Design Start: Q1 2022
- + Community Update: Q1 2022\*

April - June  
2022:

- + **Community Meeting 2: May 3, 2022**
- + Community Update: June 2022\*
- + Consulting Party Review: June 2022

July - September  
2022:

- + Construction Documentation: Q3 2022
- + Community Update: Q3 2022\*
- + SHPO Review: Q3 2022\*

October 2022 -  
December 2023:

- + Permitting and Bidding: Q4 2022
- + Construction Start: Q1 2023
- + Construction Complete: Q4 2023

*\*MOA requires input on draft design from the public, signatories, invited signatories and concurring parties, and public input on the play area features to be completed by 2022*



**THANK YOU!**