

# LET'SPLAY SF! ALICE CHALMERS PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

## COMMUNITY MEETING #2



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# **HOUSEKEEPING / GROUND RULES**

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- **Please sign in**
- **Turn off cell phones**
- **Direct comments to the facilitator**
- **Raise your hand to speak**
- **Keep to the agenda**
- **PLEASE HOLD ALL QUESTIONS FOR THE END**

# **COMMUNITY MEETING #2 AGENDA**

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**Welcome, Introductions, and Objectives**

**PART 1: Let'sPlaySF! Playground Transformations (5 min)**

**PART 2: Playground Scope / Project Overview (3-5 min)**

**PART 3: Report Back from Community Meeting #1 (10 min)**

**PART 4: Presentation of Concept Alternatives (15-20 min)  
and Breakout Activities & Feedback (30 min)**

**PART 5: Recap Meeting #2 (25 mins)**

**PART 6: Next Steps & Operations and Maintenance (10 mins)**

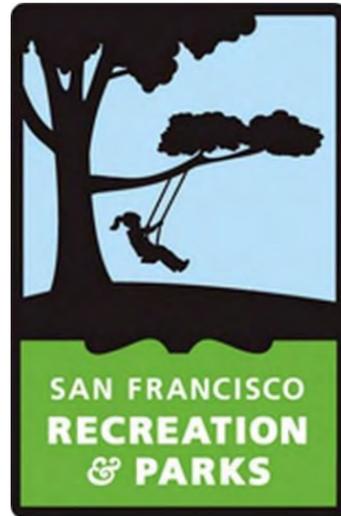
# MEETING OBJECTIVES

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- Provide an opportunity for public input on the future improvements at the playground
- Confirm if we captured your feedback from Community Meeting #1 accurately.
- Identify the project's program preferences for the play area.

# TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

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# PART 1

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## LET'SPLAYSF! INITIATIVE and the POWER OF PLAYGROUND TRANSFORMATIONS

# LET'S PLAY SF INITIATIVE

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- **Let'sPlaySF!** is a partnership between the **San Francisco Recreation and Park Department** and the **San Francisco Parks Alliance** that seeks to inspire **creativity, community, wellness,** and **play** throughout the City through great playgrounds.

# LET'S PLAY SF INITIATIVE

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- A citizen task force met for six months, held six public meetings including a field trip and **prioritized 13 playgrounds** as the most in need of renovation based on three primary criteria:
  - Presence of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) wood
  - Neighborhood Demographics: high youth density
  - Neighborhood Demographics: low median income
- In the coming years, 13 playgrounds serving nearly **20,000 children**, prioritized for improvement by a citizen task force will be re-imagined and redesigned to nurture growing bodies and brains for this and future generations of San Francisco's children.
- \$15.5 million is not enough to fund all the playgrounds, so the Department is partnering with the Parks Alliance to raise at least \$10.75 million in private funding to ensure there are **safe imaginative places** to play across San Francisco.

# Priority Playgrounds per the Failing Playgrounds Task Force

Adopted December 2014



# SITE OPPORTUNITY

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- Opportunity to transform and revitalize an important community asset
- Unique opportunity to inspire creativity, wellness, and play



# POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

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MOUNTAIN LAKE PLAYGROUND



# POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

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# POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

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Cabrillo Playground: BEFORE



Cabrillo Playground: AFTER (completed in 2013)

# **PART 2**

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## **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

# CONTEXT MAP



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS

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## MEETING #1

- Get to know the community
- What kind of park should we design?
- Understand the site
- Imagine



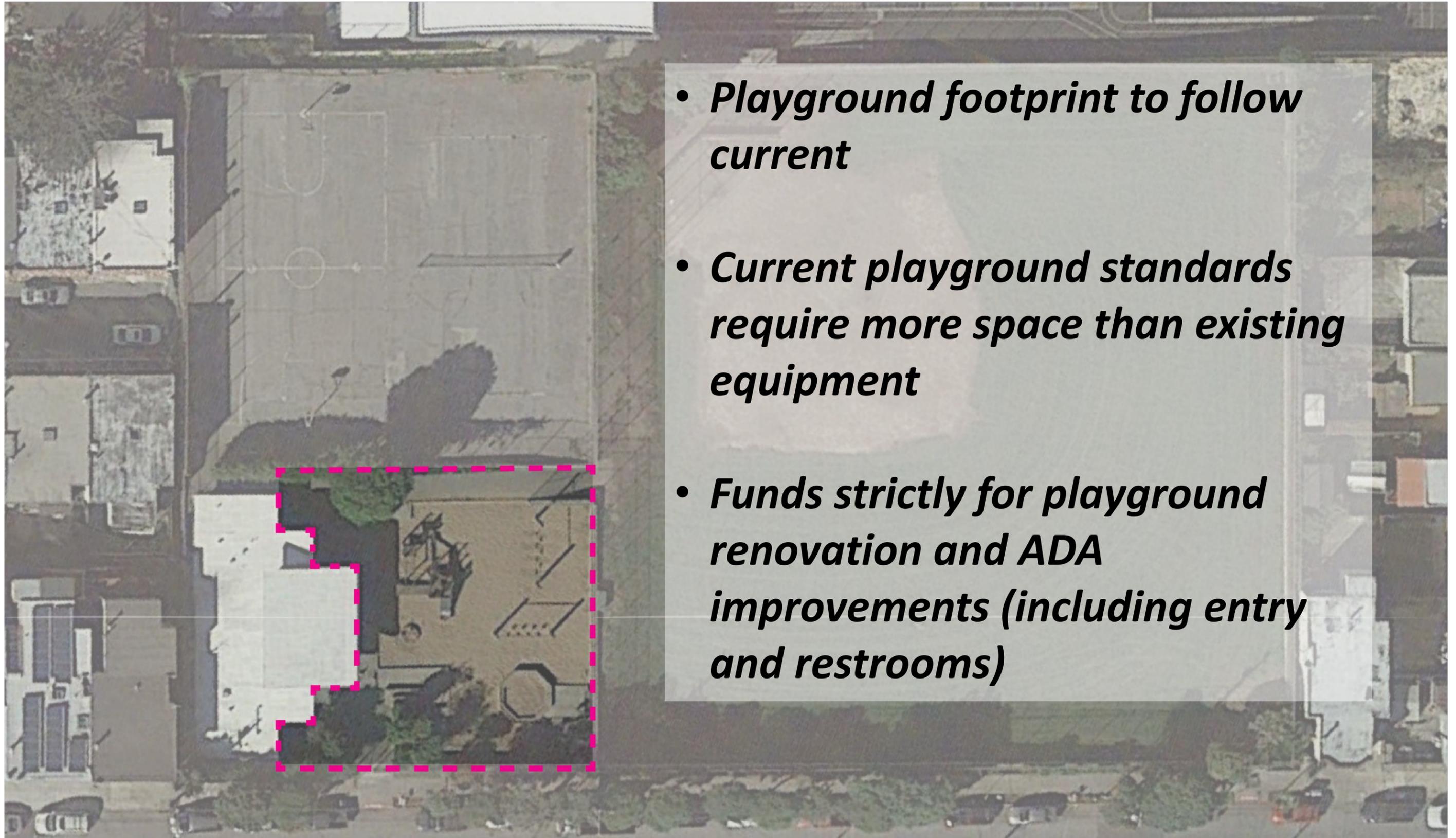
## MEETING #2

- Look at playground options
- Visualize the park
- Test assumptions
- Refine concepts

## MEETING #3

- Make small changes
- Be detail oriented
- Consensus on elements and activities

# PLAYGROUND SCOPE & CONSTRAINTS



- *Playground footprint to follow current*
- *Current playground standards require more space than existing equipment*
- *Funds strictly for playground renovation and ADA improvements (including entry and restrooms)*

# PROJECT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

## BUDGET

Budget Total:  
\$3 Million

Estimated Construction Cost  
\$2.02 Million

Estimated Soft Cost  
\$990K

## SCHEDULE

Community Outreach  
*June – December 2017*

Design  
*January - September 2018*

Bidding & Contracting  
*October – December 2018*

Construction Phase  
*2019*

Opening  
*Late 2019*

# **PART 3**

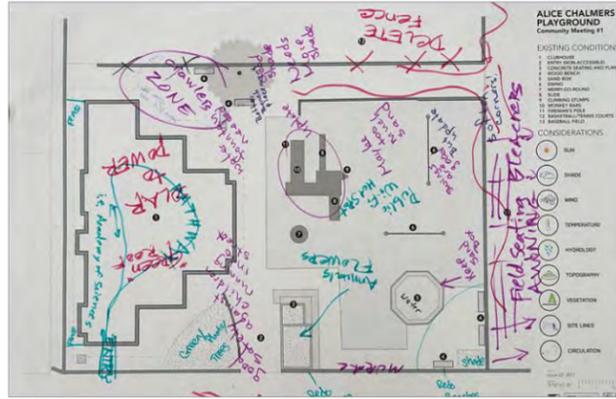
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## **COMMUNITY MEETING #1 FEEDBACK**

# MEETING #1 REVIEW: WHAT WE HEARD

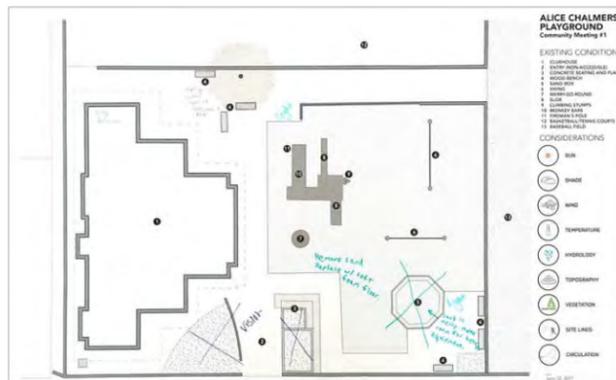


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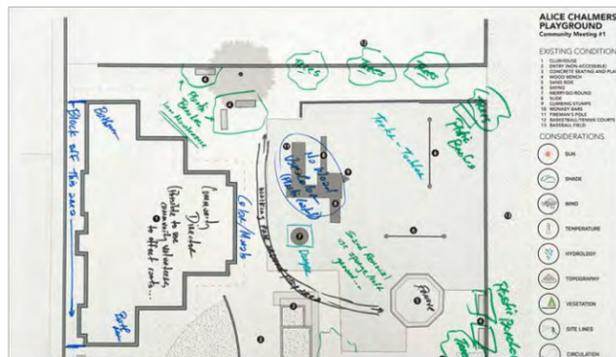
## What is missing in the playground?

- Shade structures
- Trees, greenscape
- Comfortable benches
- Places for adults
- Place for tables
- Restrooms



## What makes this place special?

- Close to home
- Between two schools - kids already here
- Provides green space
- Multi-generational neighborhood and still affordable



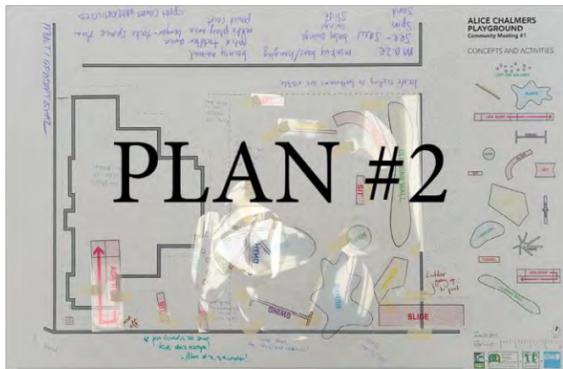
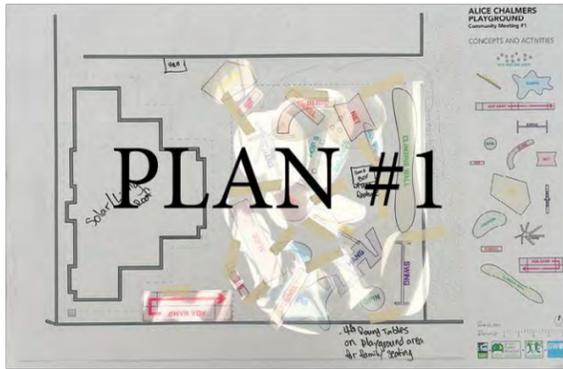
## How can we improve the playground?

- Fun-educational equipment
- Complexity in the play equipment
- Promote team-building and group activities
- Murals and color
- Climbing and ropes
- Weave cultural elements into playground
- Improve sightlines
- Exercise equipment
- Tables for families
- Seating in areas that have visibility of park/playground
- Greenery



# MEETING #1 REVIEW: WHAT WE HEARD

What activities do you want at the new playground?



PLAY ELEMENT	PLAN #1	PLAN #2	PLAN #3	PLAN #4	PLAY ELEMENT	PLAN #1	PLAN #2	PLAN #3	PLAN #4
 HOP & BALANCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	 SEATING	✓	✓	✓	✓
 BALANCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	 SHADE	✓	✓	✓	✓
 BUMPS	✓	✓	✓	✓	 LANDFORM	✗	✗	✗	✗
 ADA RAMP	✓	✓	✓	✗	 TUNNEL	✓	✓	✗	✗
 SWING	✓	✓	✓	✓	 CLIMBING WALL	✓	✓	✓	✗
 SPIN	✓	✓	✓	✗	 HANGING	✓	✓	✓	✓
 SLIDE	✓	✓	✓	✓	 SEE-SAW	✗	✓	✗	✗
 NET	✓	✓	✗	✓					

# **PART 4**

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**PRESENT DESIGN ALTERNATIVES**

**BREAKOUT ACTIVITIES**

# 3 Design Schemes

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ACTIVE, TUMBLING & RUNNING



CLIMBING, JUMPING & SCRAMBLING

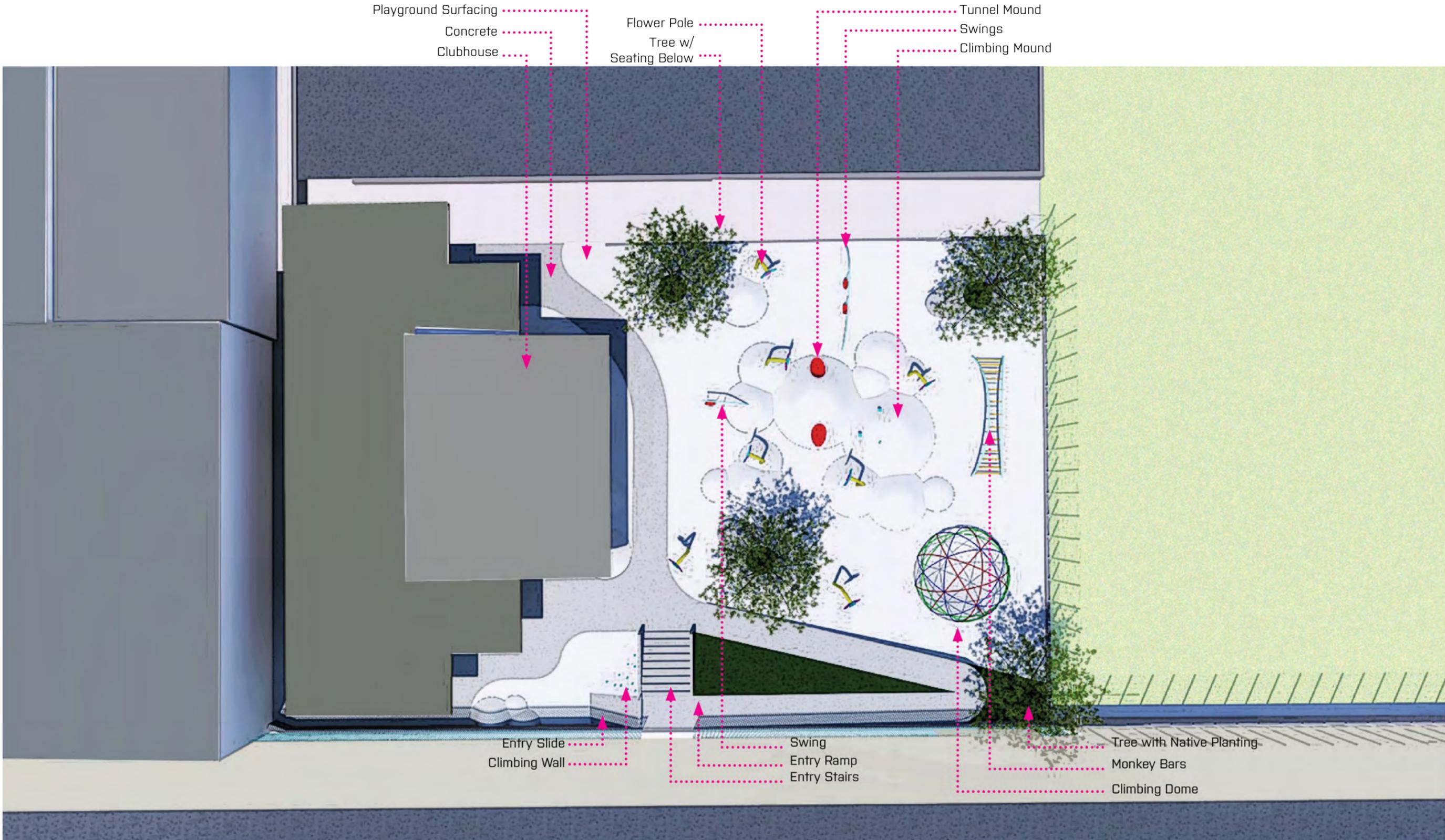


EXPLORE, NATURAL & IMAGINATIVE

# THE HILLS



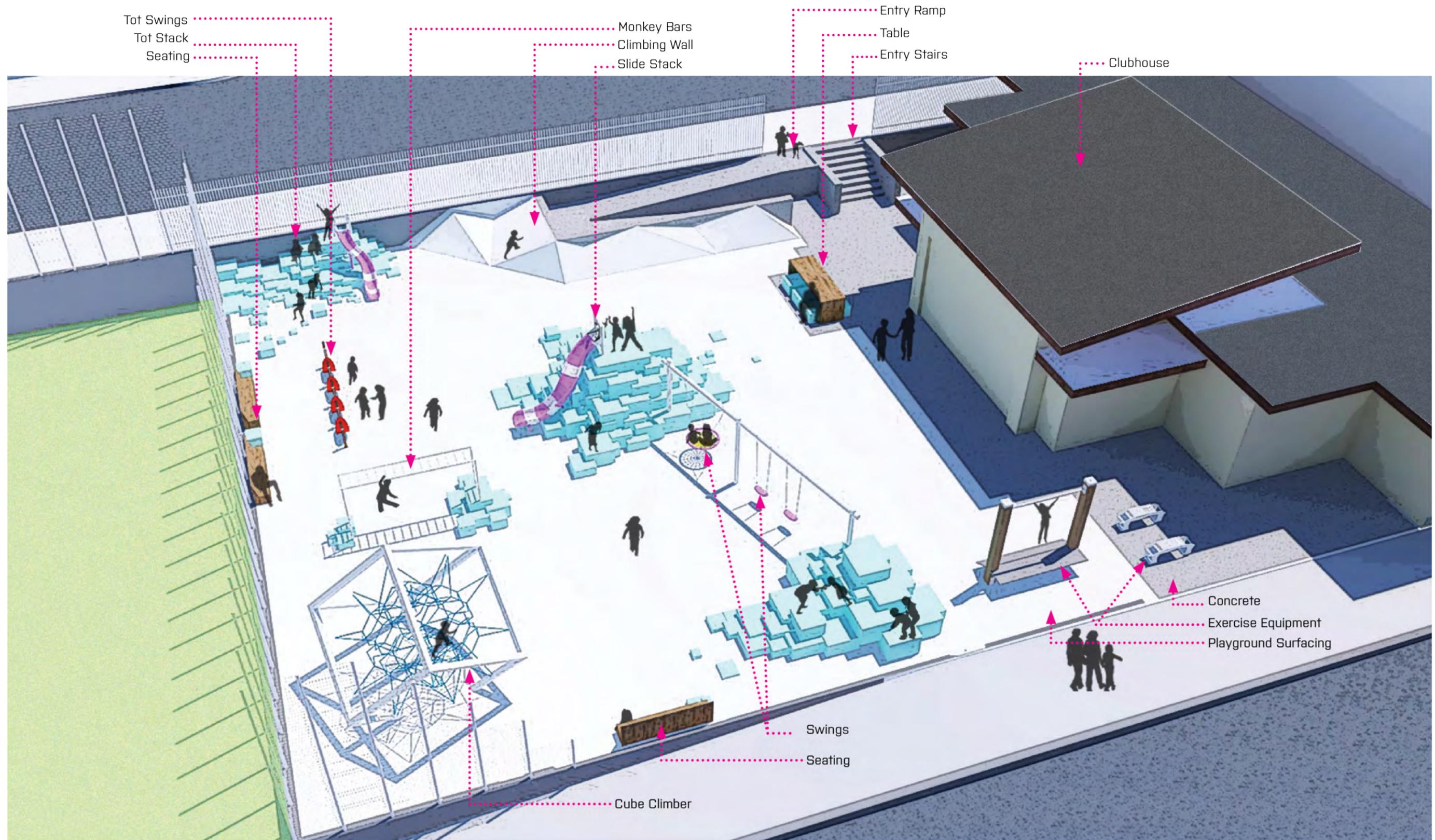
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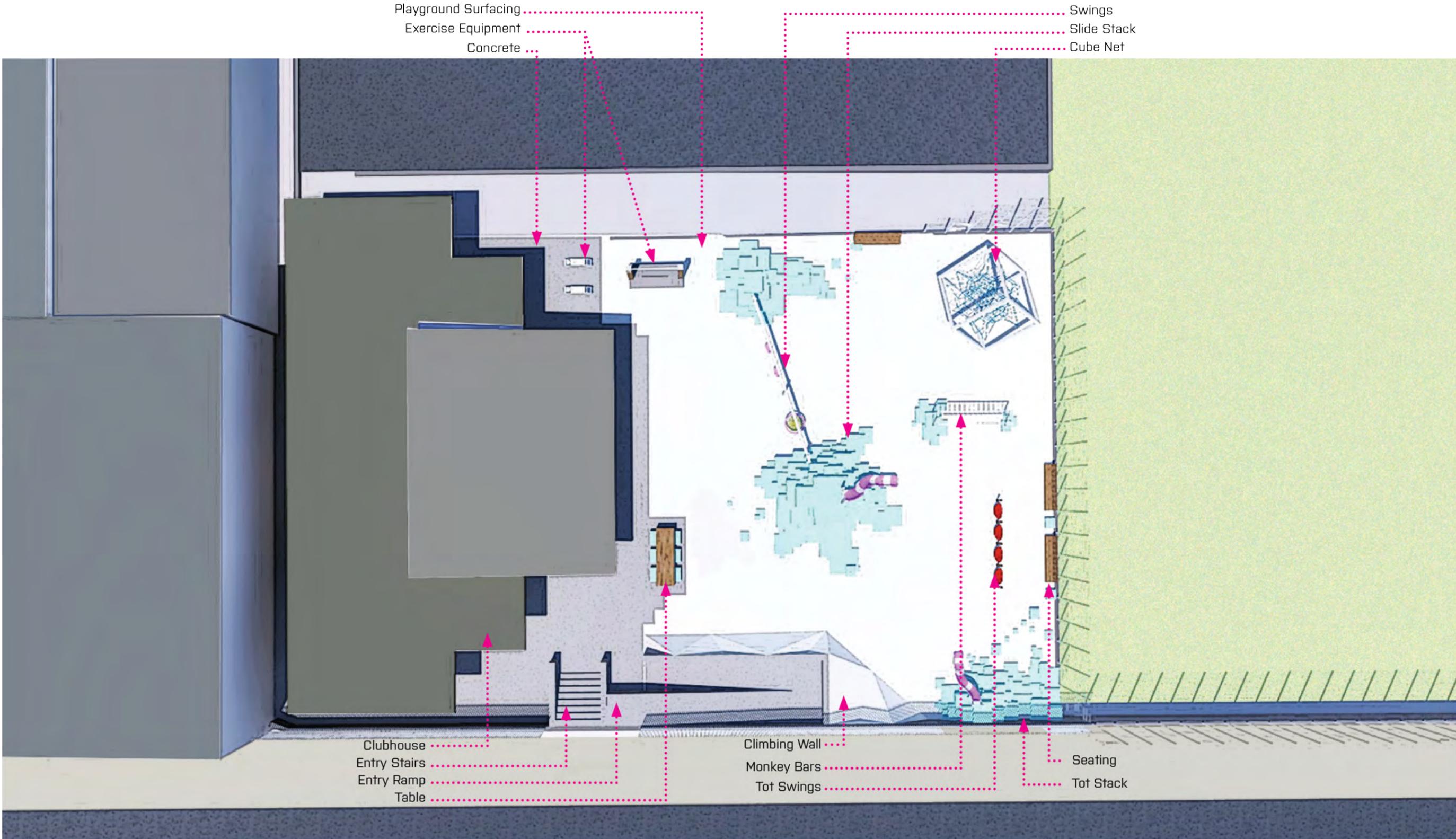
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# THE COAST



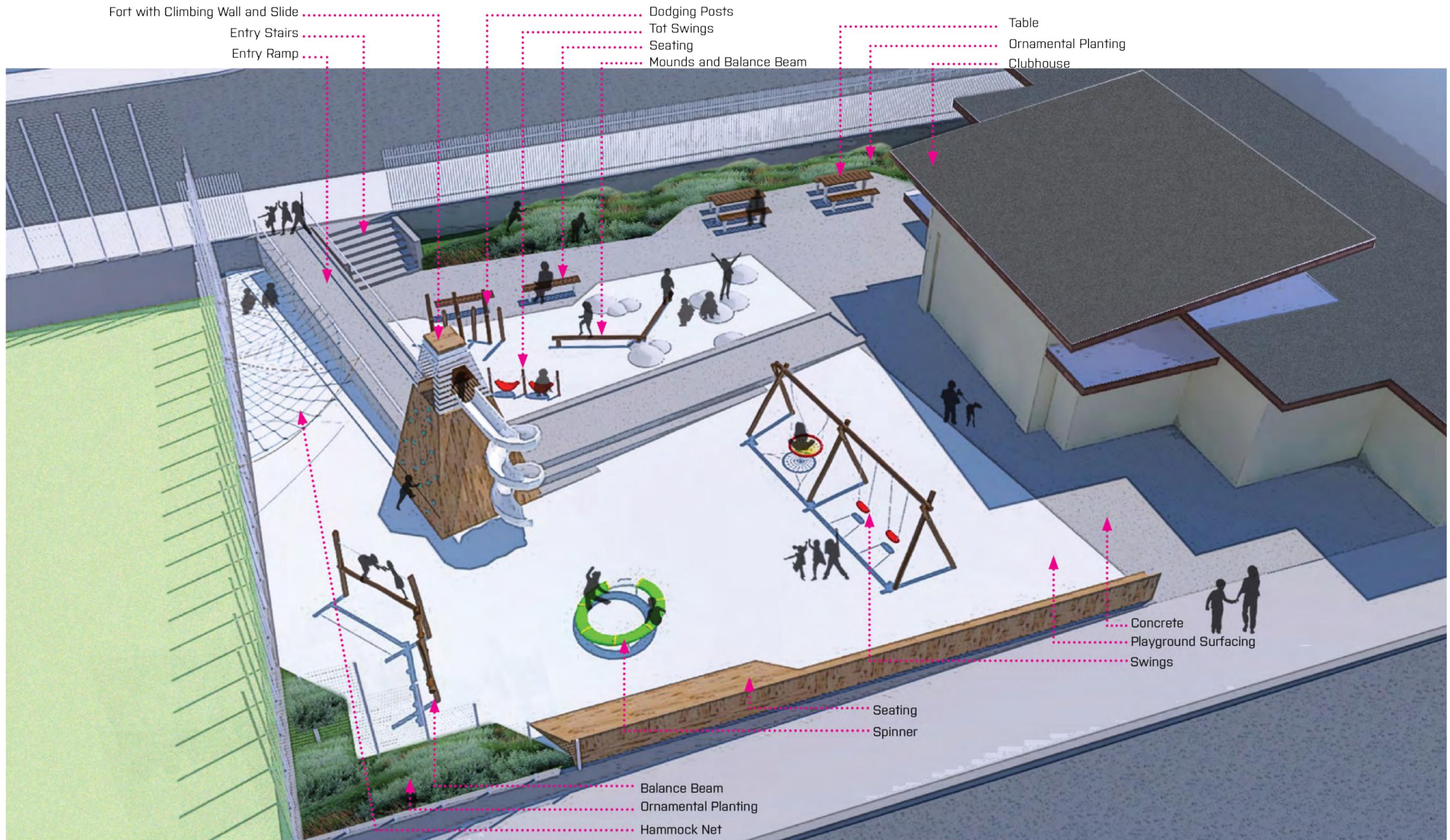
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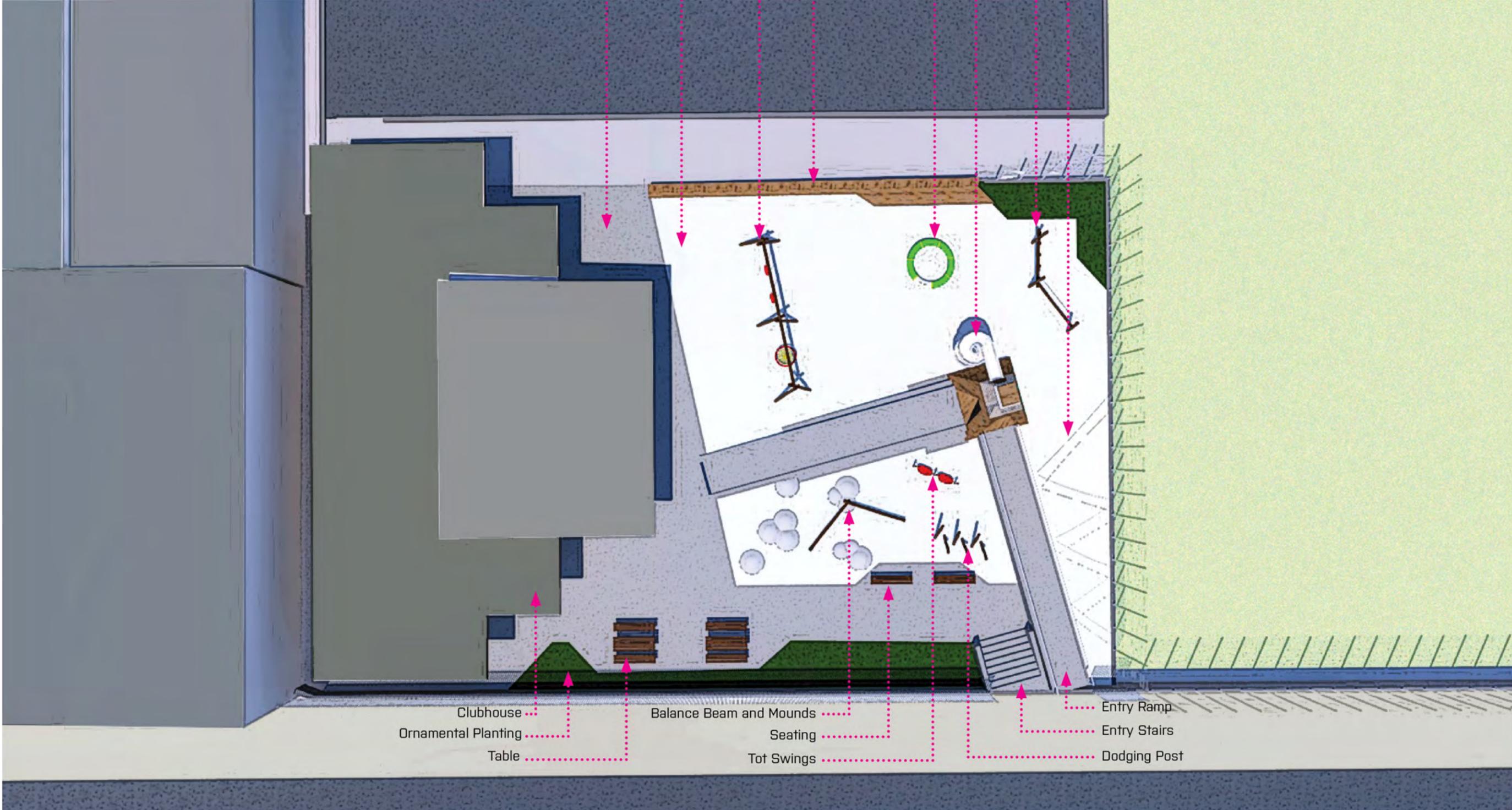


# THE FORT



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- Seating
- Swings
- Playground Surfacing
- Concrete
- Spinner
- Fort with Climbing Wall and Slide
- Balance Beam
- Hammock Net



- Clubhouse
- Ornamental Planting
- Table
- Balance Beam and Mounds
- Seating
- Tot Swings
- Entry Ramp
- Entry Stairs
- Dodging Post

# THE FORT



# **PART 5**

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**PROVIDE YOUR INPUT**

# WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Place a GOLD STAR on your FAVORITE DESIGN and COLORED DOTS on PREFERRED ACTIVITIES.

## 1. The Hills



## 2. The Coast



## 3. The Fort



## PREFERRED ACTIVITIES



MOUNDS NATURAL MATERIALS



SLIDES



CLIMBING WALLS FORTS



SCULPTURE



SWINGS EXERCISE



SPINNERS NETS



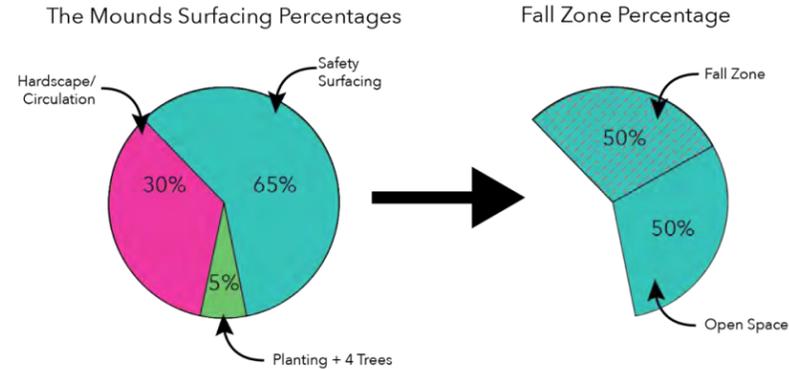
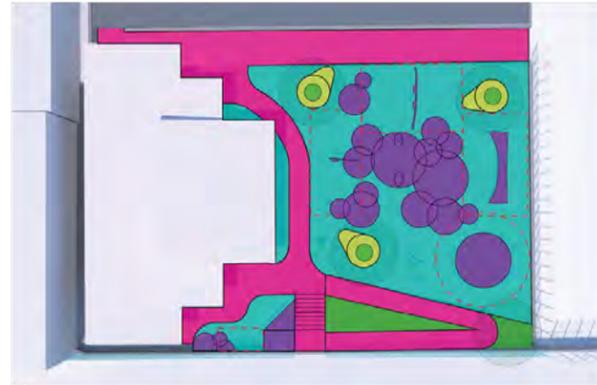
# WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Which LAYOUT (arrangement of physical elements) do you prefer?

## 1. The Hills

### PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

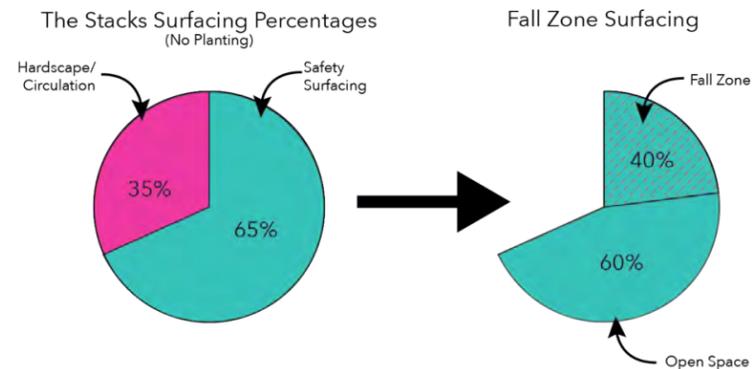
- Climbing
- Swings
- Slide
- Tunnel
- Monkey Bars
- Seating
- Shade
- Planting
- Trees



## 2. The Coast

### PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

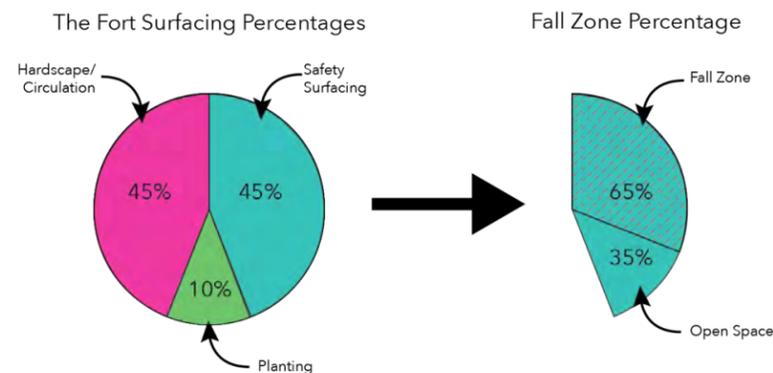
- Climbing
- Slides
- Swings
- Balance
- Seating
- Shade
- Merry Go Round
- Exercise Equipment



## 3. The Fort

### PLAYGROUND ELEMENTS

- Climbing
- Swings
- Slide
- Fort
- Balance
- Nets
- Seating
- Planting



## Legend

- Hardscape/Circulation
- Safety Surfacing
- Playground Elements
- Seating and Tables
- Planting and Trees
- Fall Zones

# WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW

Which CHARACTER(sense of place) do you prefer?

## 1. The Hills



## 2. The Coast



## 3. The Fort



# **PART 6**

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## **NEXT STEPS**

# NEXT STEPS

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- Meeting #3, anticipated in November 2017
- Present Updated Plan of Preferred Option from Meeting #2
- Collect More Community Input
- Seek Approvals
- Discuss O&M with Rec & Park staff

# THANK YOU!

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