

**Consideration of the Preferred Schematic Design  
& Master Plan for the New Public East  
Neighborhood Park to be located at 5155 Stars &  
Stripes Drive (Related Urban)**

**City of Santa Clara  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
November 15, 2022  
#22-1326**



# EAST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Public Neighborhood Parks Proposal

11.15.2022

# Related Santa Clara



## North Neighborhood Park (future extension)

4.27 acres

## Related Santa Clara

The East Neighborhood Park will be conveniently located a short distance north of the Amtrak Great America station which will serve the new community of Related Santa Clara. Convenient access via transit and a regional bike network will draw people from the surrounding neighborhoods.

The East Neighborhood Park and North Neighborhood Park (future extension) will be focused on health and wellness. The East Neighborhood Park will provide ample active recreation opportunities for all ages. A children's playground with separate areas for kids ages 2-5 and 6-12 will be the central element complete with picnic and supervisory accommodations. Sand volleyball courts and an open play field will provide opportunity for both organized and informal physical activity. A dog park divided for small and large breeds and dispersed picnic areas will provide additional leisure activities for park goers.

A regionally adapted plant palette with special consideration to successional plant species will dress the park with a resilient and performative landscape.

## East Neighborhood Park

4.31 acres

## Transit Connection

Great America Pkwy

Lafayette St

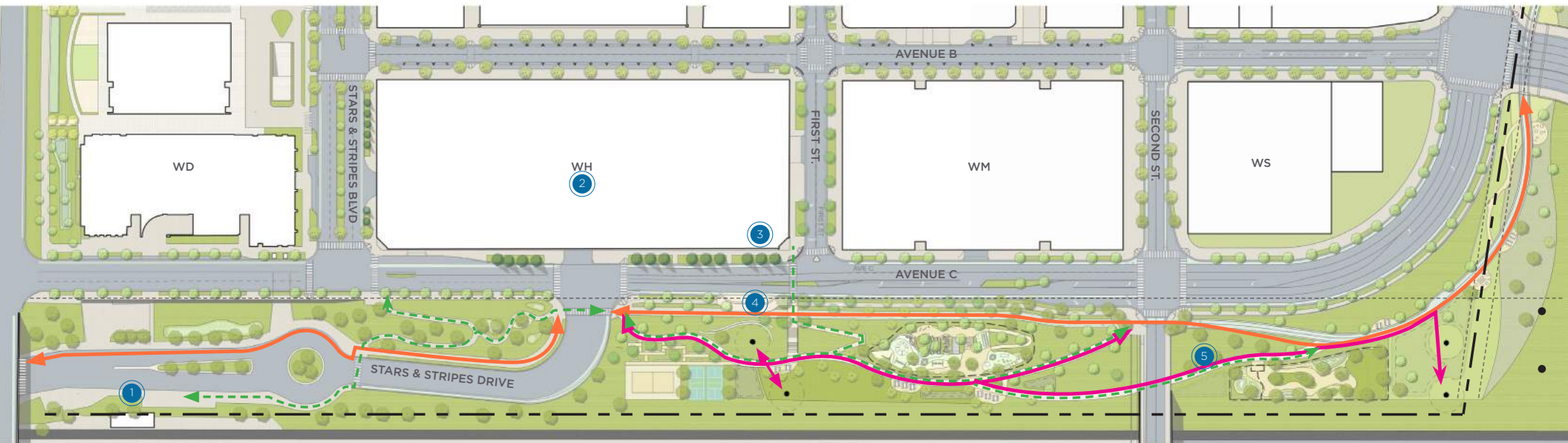
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# Changes Resulting from Community Engagement



- 1 addition of pollinator garden
- 2 replace one sand volleyball court with two pickle ball courts
- 3 additional seating area with shade trees

# East Neighborhood Park | Access



- ① Transit Access
- ② Park Visitor Parking
- ③ Public Restroom
- ④ Passenger Drop-off
- ⑤ Trash Collection

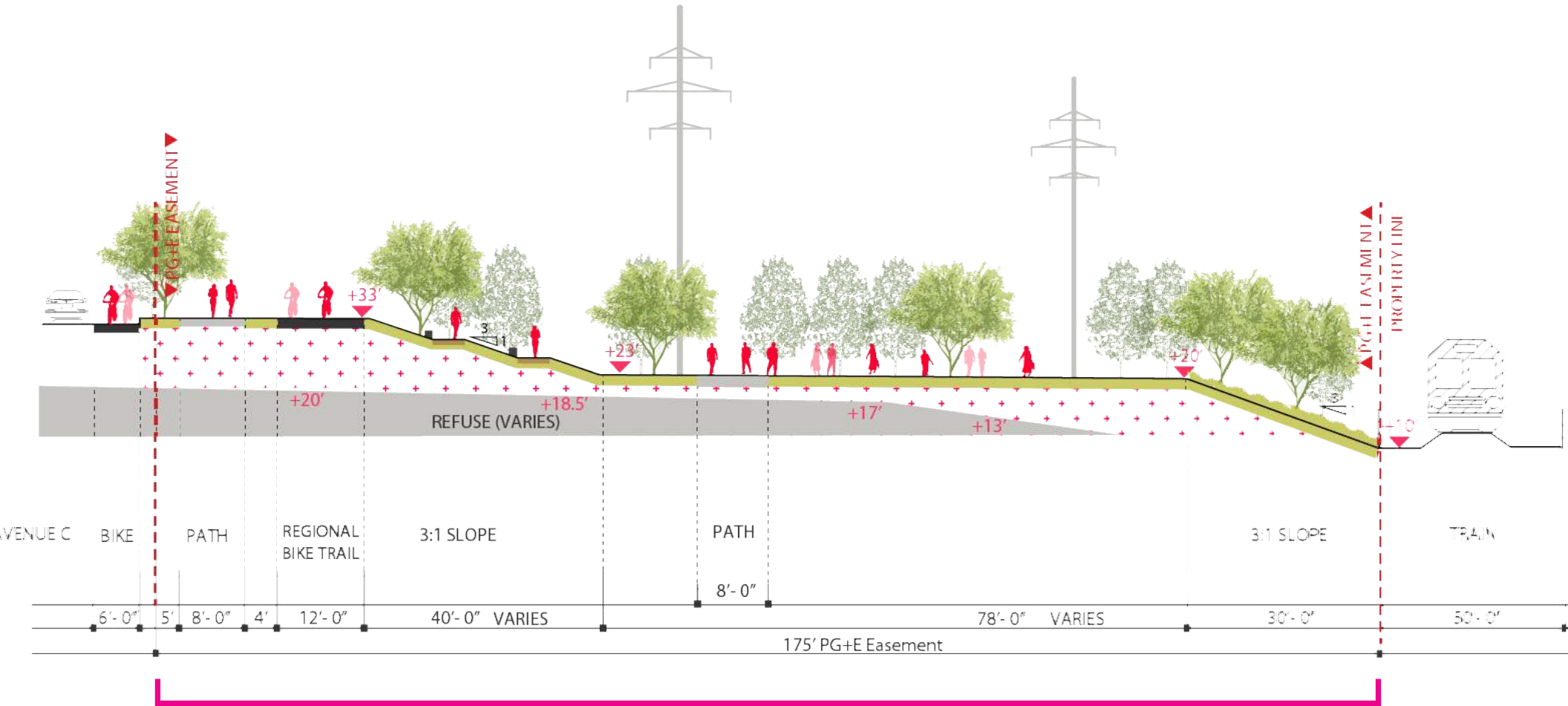
- ↔ Utility and Trash Access
- ↔ Regional Bike Trail
- ↔ ADA Access

- Easements
- Property Line
- Overhead Utility Pole

Key Result from Public Outreach: Concern for public parking access  
 Solution: Label public parking for park visitors

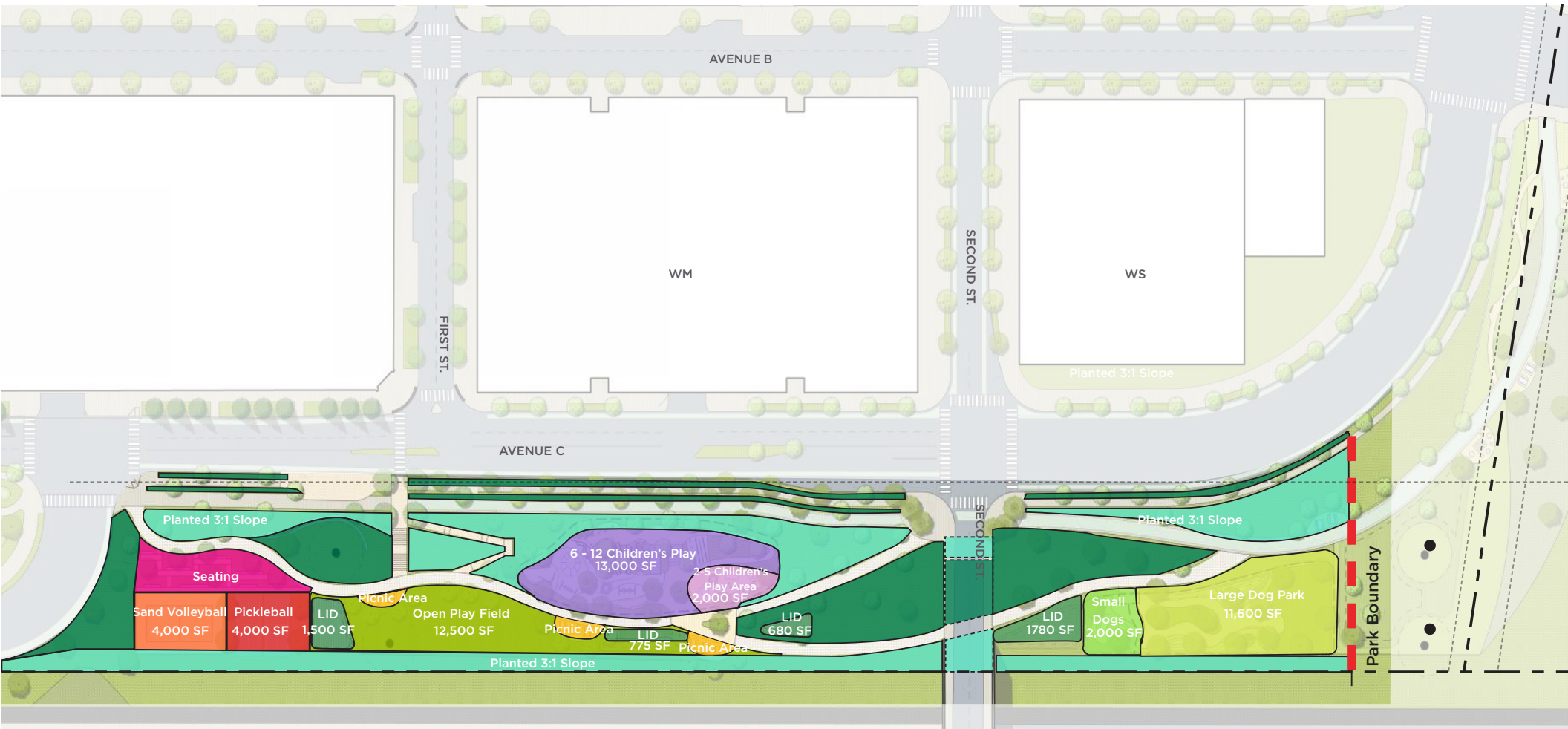


# East Neighborhood Park | Earthen Slope Typical Section



East Neighborhood Park Width 177'

# East Neighborhood Park | Area Takeoffs

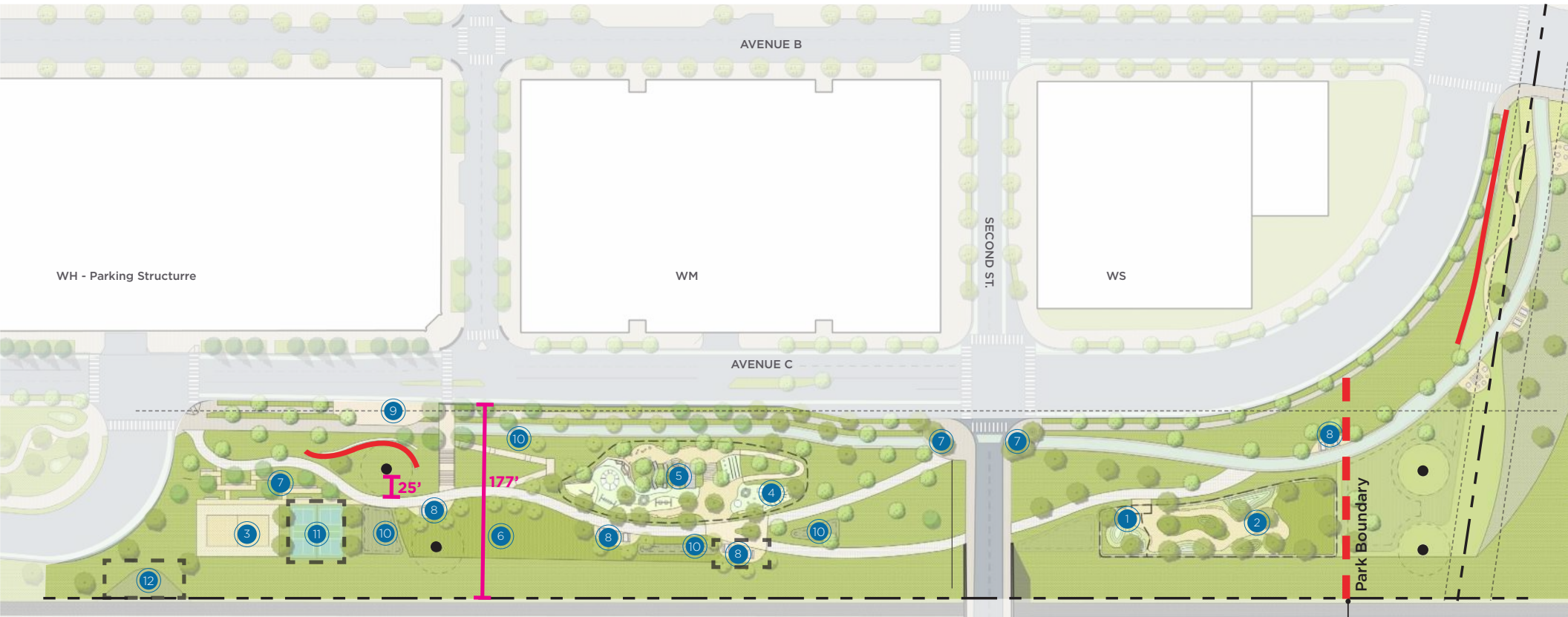


- Easements
- .-.-.- Property Line
- Park Boundary
- LID 0.11 Acres
- Planted 3:1 Slope 1.04 Acres





# East Neighborhood Park | Programming



- 1 Small Dog Park
- 4 Ages 2-5 Play Area
- 7 Sitting Area
- 10 LID 4,735 SF
- 2 Large Dog Park
- 5 Ages 6-12 Play Area
- 8 Picnic Area
- 11 Pickle Ball
- 3 Sand Volleyball
- 6 Open Play Field
- 9 Park Layby
- 12 Pollinator Garden

- Retaining Wall
- - - - - Easements
- Property Line


















**Key Result from Public Outreach:** Sport courts highly requested; Pickle Ball most requested  
**Solution:** One sand volley ball court replaced with two pickle ball courts

**Key Result from Public Outreach:** Ecologically friendly, drought tolerant planting and inclusion of a pollinator garden  
**Solution:** Include a pollinator garden area safely away from high traffic areas

**Key Result from Public Outreach:** Ample seating and shade are a high priority  
**Solution:** Addition of one more seating area and increase number of trees at all seating

# East Neighborhood Park | Playground Enlargement



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|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|  Swinging     |  Spinning  |  1 Rock Climbing Wall |  4 Cocowave Pendulum Swing |  7 Play Berm with Tunnel |  10 Nature Play Climbing |  13 Wheelchair Carousel         |
|  Sliding      |  Climbing  |  2 Galaxy Rigel       |  5 Spica 1                 |  8 Expression Swing      |  11 Wide Hill Slide 1.8  |  14 Small Arc Ladder            |
|  Brachiating  |  Balancing |  3 Super Frisbee      |  6 Spinner Bowl            |  9 Goric Hill Slide      |  12 Play Bubbles         |  15 Hill Climber rope with EPDM |
|  Free Running |   |  |   |  |   |  16 Free Running Space          |



# East Neighborhood Park | Playground Matrix

## Park Playground

Elements of Play	Ages 2-5	Level of Play	* Proposed Capacity	Ages 6-12	Level of Play	* Proposed Capacity	Total Capacity
Balancing	4	B= 1 I= 2 A= 1	10	4	B= 1 I= 2 A= 1	15	25
Sliding	3	B= 1 I= 1 A= 1	7	3	B= 1 I= 1 A= 1	7	14
Brachiating	3	B= 1 I= 1 A= 1	8	3	B= 1 I= 1 A= 1	10	18
Spinning	6	B= 2 I= 2 A= 2	6	5	B= 1 I= 3 A= 1	8	14
Climbing	6	B= 1 I= 3 A= 2	10	5	B= 1 I= 3 A= 1	25	35
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Running/Free Play	3	N/A	15	3	N/A	15	30
<b>Total:</b>	29		64	14		92	<b>156</b>
Inclusive Play Elements	29	B 7 I 11 A 8	10	14	B 6 I 6 A 2	20	30

### Level of Play:

B: Beginner    I: Intermediate    A: Advanced

# East Neighborhood Park | Playground Equipment



## 1 Rock Climbing Wall

For ages 6-12, a rock climbing wall activates climbing, stretching and navigating skills. There are different climbing paths that vary in difficulty which encourage strategical moving and thinking.



## 2 Galaxy Rigel

Spin, climb, meet, and play - the Rigel offers a bit of each. The Musca Spinner generates challenging centrifugal forces as one or more children send it spinning. The Jacob's Ladder, the Climbing Pole with Climbing Steps provides alternative ways to climb up and perch on the open rubber surfacing-coated triangle frame. Down below the Play shell offers a place to sit, lay or climb on, to watch the



## 3 Super Frisbee

Variations in stretching, climbing, and navigating. The varied access points provide opportunities for children to strengthen their muscles through climbing, as they are rewarded by the thrill of navigating the height. There are points of graduated challenge, that inspire children to return to the structure to challenge themselves each time. At ground level, people of all abilities can participate in the fun and the challenge, which supports a positive attitude toward a healthy lifestyle for all.



## 4 Cocowave Pendulum

With its oblong coconut rope, the Cocowave Pendulum Swing allows for swinging from a seated, lying or standing position. The swing is for bigger groups, of different sizes, ages and physical abilities. It takes teamwork to make the swing move, and this stimulates important social-motional skills. It trains muscles and important motor skills, such as balance, coordination and sense of space that train vestibular skills for e.g. navigating traffic safely. The feeling of speed and height stimulates children's self-esteem, risk management and other important social-emotional life skills.



## 5 Spica 1

A lot of experimentation is needed to master the Spica and control its speed. First, a child steps onto the triangular plate and pushes off with their foot. Then they discover that as they use their arms to pull their body toward the support handle, they spin faster! As they move their center of gravity away from the handle, they slow down. The Spica is one of our most popular play events.



## 6 Spinner Bowl

The Spinner Bowl is a load of fun for all ages! Originally designed for the purpose of experimental sand play, children loved to climb inside for a spin of their own. The Spinner Bowl is a thrilling ride that also provides the benefits of physical development through vestibular stimulation and excellent balance training. The Spinner Bowl is a playground favorite that can be



## 7 Play Berm with Tunnel

Encourages climbing not only through the tunnel but on the soft turfed berm. Gaining the courage to go through the tunnel creates a sweet sensation of achievement. It teaches cooperation and turn taking skills that children train when entering.



## 8 Expression Swing

Expression Swing promotes intergenerational play as adults and children swing together. The patented face-to-face design features a bucket seat for children under five and a comfortable adult swing seat that allows a parent and child (or grandparent and grandchild) to interact with each other and experience one another's facial expressions while at play.



## 9 Goric Hill Slide 2.6

Accessible to all ages. The winding curves in the slide take children to the ground at high speed. Encourages interaction with friends when going down the very same hill that they are running or climbing up or down. Apart from being great fun, sliding also trains the child's focal tracking and sense of space.



## 10 Climbing Stairs

A climbing challenge with a naturalistic feel. Climbing the curved slopes supports the development of physical skills such as agility, balance, and coordination while bringing children closer to nature.

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## 11 Wide Hill Slide 1.8

Accessible for all ages and multiple users. Perfect for sliding with the whole family.



## 12 Play Bubbles

Made of a colorful and soft material, Play Bubbles, are the ideal climbing tool for ages 3-5.



## 13 Wheelchair Carousel

Carousel with room for a wheelchair: Play for everyone, no matter their abilities. The huge, truly inclusive, universal design carousel attracts big groups of children and adults for a spin. The ground-level design makes the carousel accessible to everyone. The bench provides a comfortable seated spin. The handholds function from both sides. From the inside they offer good support, while from the outside they can be used to get the carousel moving. Spinning on this carousel trains the vestibular system, sense of balance and spatial awareness. The benefits also include training social skills, such as cooperation and empathy, by assisting friends of all abilities to spin and helping others wanting to join or exit. It is play with a purpose for all.



## 14 Small Arc Ladder

With its graceful arch, the Small Arc Ladder allows children to climb over and under. This rope net structure builds core strength and agility and improves overall upper body strength. The floating pedestals provide rest stops for tired arms, and also give quick access to the top of the arch.



## 15 Hill Climber Rope with

The fun of fundamentals make children play again and again: the Hill Climber invites and supports rappelling up steep hills. The wonderful combination of stemming the feet into the hill, holding tight to the rope and leaning back, walking upwards is a repeatedly thrilling Experience. Apart from being great fun, the combination of movement also provides great gross motor and muscle training. Hands, arms and upper body get trained when gripping the perfectly sized rope, legs get trained walking up and core muscles are put to work when leaning back, tensioning the core. The motor skill training is intense: the spatial awareness, the sense of balance and the coordination come to full use. This stimulates the overall motor confidence of the child and helps train the ability to e.g. judge distances – important in street traffic.

# East Neighborhood Park | Tree Planting Plan



● *Platanus racemosa*  
California Sycamore  
48" box



● *Quercus coccinea*  
Scarlett Red Oak  
48" box



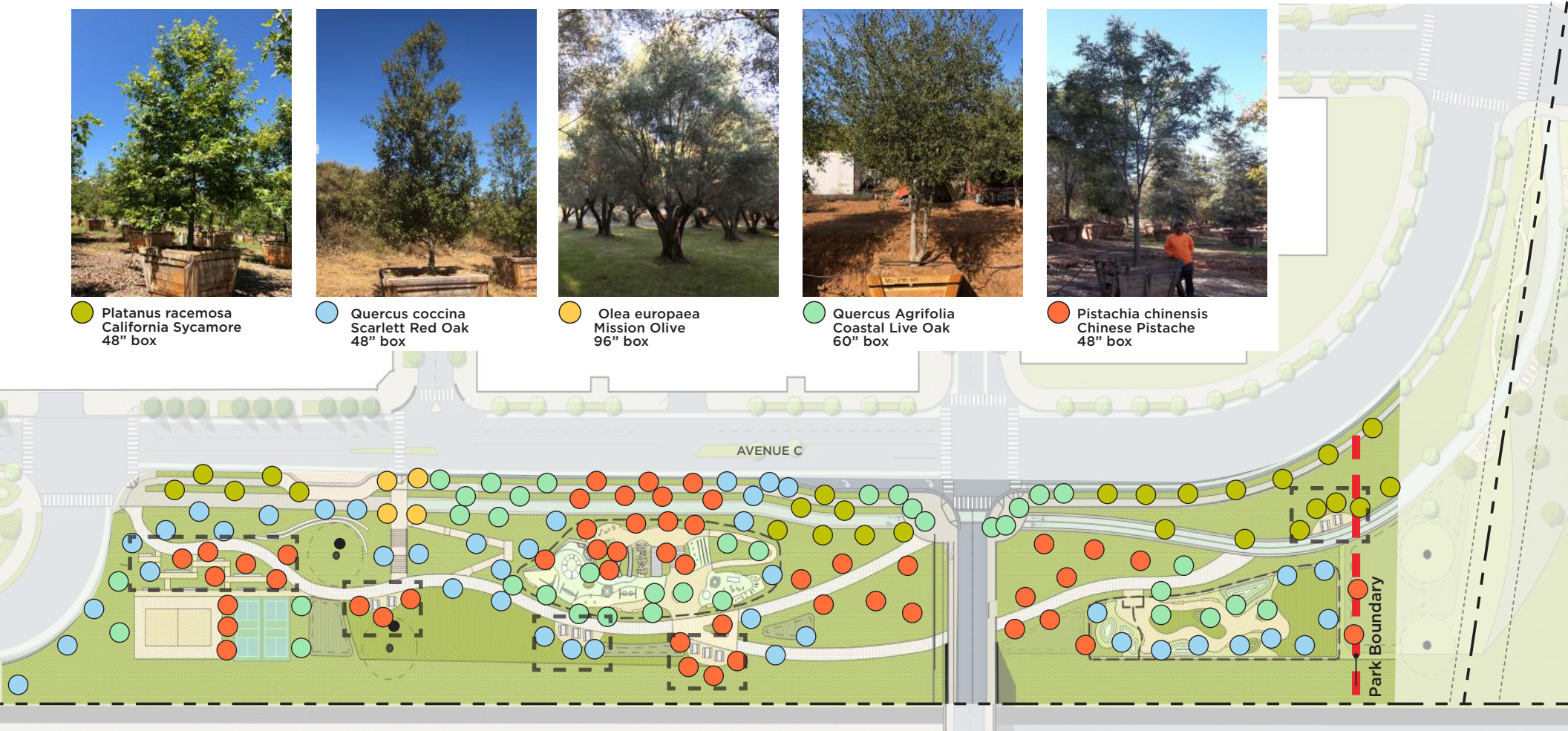
● *Olea europaea*  
Mission Olive  
96" box



● *Quercus Agrifolia*  
Coastal Live Oak  
60" box



● *Pistachia chinensis*  
Chinese Pistache  
48" box



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# East Neighborhood Park | Tree Species



## **Pistacia chinensis**

*Chinese Pistache*

Height: 40' Spread: 40'  
Water: Moderate, Minimal  
Light: Full

A deciduous tree with vibrant and aromatic flowers and brilliant orange fall color. This specimen tree shows brilliantly year round and is a hardy tree that is wind and drought tolerant, and can tolerate part to full sun.



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## **Platanus racemosa**

*California Sycamore*

Height: 40'-60' Spread: 40'-50'  
Water: Minimal  
Light: Full

A picturesque fast growing long lived California native deciduous tree that can grow to as tall as 100 feet but more typically is seen around 40 to 50 feet. The wide-spreading branches are often twisted or leaning with reddish-brown bark peeling off to expose the white wood underneath in a mottled pattern. Before fall the deeply lobed leaves turn brown sometimes staying on the tree until early spring.

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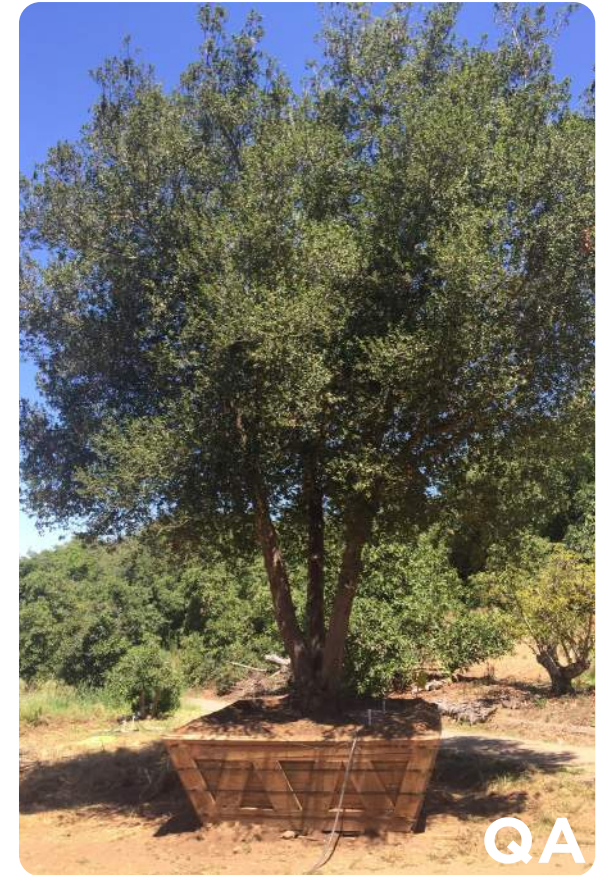
*Coastal Live Oak*

Height: 30'-60' Spread: 40'-70'

Water: Moderate

Light: Full

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## **Quercus coccina**

*Scarlet Oak*

Height: 40'-60' Spread: 30'-40'

Water: Moderate, Minimal

Light: Full

A medium sized, deciduous tree of the red oak group. Pyramidal in youth but spreads to a broad open crown with age. Typically grows at a moderately fast rate to a height of 40-60' (to 100' in the wild). Shiny, dark green leaves (6-8" long) with deep, spiny lobes (usually 7-9 lobes). Fall color appears late, but is often a respectable brownish red.



## **Olea europaea**

*Mission Olive*

Height: 25'-35' Spread: 20'-30"

Water: Moderate, Minimal

Light: Full

A distinctive evergreen tree growing with an upright habit. The olive is one of the most widely recognized trees around the world and is one of the most symbolic and characteristic garden plants in Mediterranean regions around the world. It is tolerant of heat and summer drought and can tolerate heavy pruning.

# East Neighborhood Park | Second Street Gateway Plaza



# East Neighborhood Park | Drop-off Arrival



# East Neighborhood Park | Regional Bike Trail



# East Neighborhood Park | Kids Play



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# East Neighborhood Park | Dog Park



# East Neighborhood Park | Large Dog Park



# East Neighborhood Park | Small Dog Park



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