

A New Community Park

Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan

THE
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GROUP



Community Meeting #4
July 23, 2009

Presentation

- Background
- Master Plan Process
- Park Development Preferences
 - ❖ Master Plan Alternatives
 - ❖ Park System Needs & Opportunities
 - ❖ Community, Park Board and Council Feedback
- Park Alternatives (3)
- Comment Cards and Questions

Eastgate Area Properties

Purchased Area

- 1983 2.47 ac
 - 2003 14.55 ac
 - 2004 10.53 ac
- Total = 27.55 ac

\$ 6.3 Million



Why purchased?

- Community Park
- Unique Property Opportunities
 - ❖ Last large property capable of supporting a range of park facilities *including Sport fields*
 - ❖ Convenient Access (1-90 / 160th)
 - ❖ Buffer neighborhood
 - ❖ Complementary Land Uses



Why Master Plan?

- Shared Long-Range Vision
- Long-Term Development Plan
- Phased Implementation
- Planning Level Cost Estimates



Master Plan – Moving Forward

After Tonight's Meeting:

- Park Board recommendation (Sept./Oct.)
- City Council review (Nov.)
- Environmental Review
- City Council Adoption (1st qtr. 2010)
- Design/Permit
- Construction (phase 1)



Master Plan Input to date

- 3 Community Workshops (340)
- Workshop Exercises (126)
- Neighborhood Meeting (40)
- Petition (242)
- Emails & Phone (500+)
- 3 Surveys (521)

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Initial Preferences

Through 1st Workshop, on-line survey and emails:

- Walking on Trails
- Athletic Fields / Little League Complex
- Off-Leash Dog Area
- Aquatic Facility
- Playground and Picnicking
- Observe Nature & Wildlife
- Leave it alone / Save the meadow

Design Alternatives (Workshop #2)



Response to Five Alternatives

- Single Purpose Alternatives (C & E)
 - ❖ polarized views (love/hate)
- Multiple Use Options (B & D)
 - ❖ generated fewest objections
- Avoid Active Uses in Natural Areas
- Divergence and Support
 - ❖ Sportfields (LL Complex)
 - ❖ Off-Leash Dog Area
 - ❖ Aquatic / Indoor Recreation Facility
 - ❖ Meadow Preservation

Areas of Community Agreement . . .

- Picnic facilities
- Children's play areas
- Enhance trails & connections
- Limit vehicle access to 160th
- Utilize existing parking if possible
- Maintain residential buffers
- Provide restroom / park furnishings
- Environmentally responsible



A Systems Approach

- Community Park . . . *city wide service area*
- System Needs and Potential Uses
 - ❖ Sportfields
 - ❖ Off-Leash Dog Areas
 - ❖ Indoor Recreation Facility
 - ❖ Meadow Preservation and Environmental Stewardship

Bellevue Sportfields



Citywide Challenges

- Field Shortage (LL & Soccer)
- Traffic, noise, lights
- Site Capacity

Advocates' Issues

- Poor Quality
- Economic Benefit
- No Field Complex
(e.g. Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah)

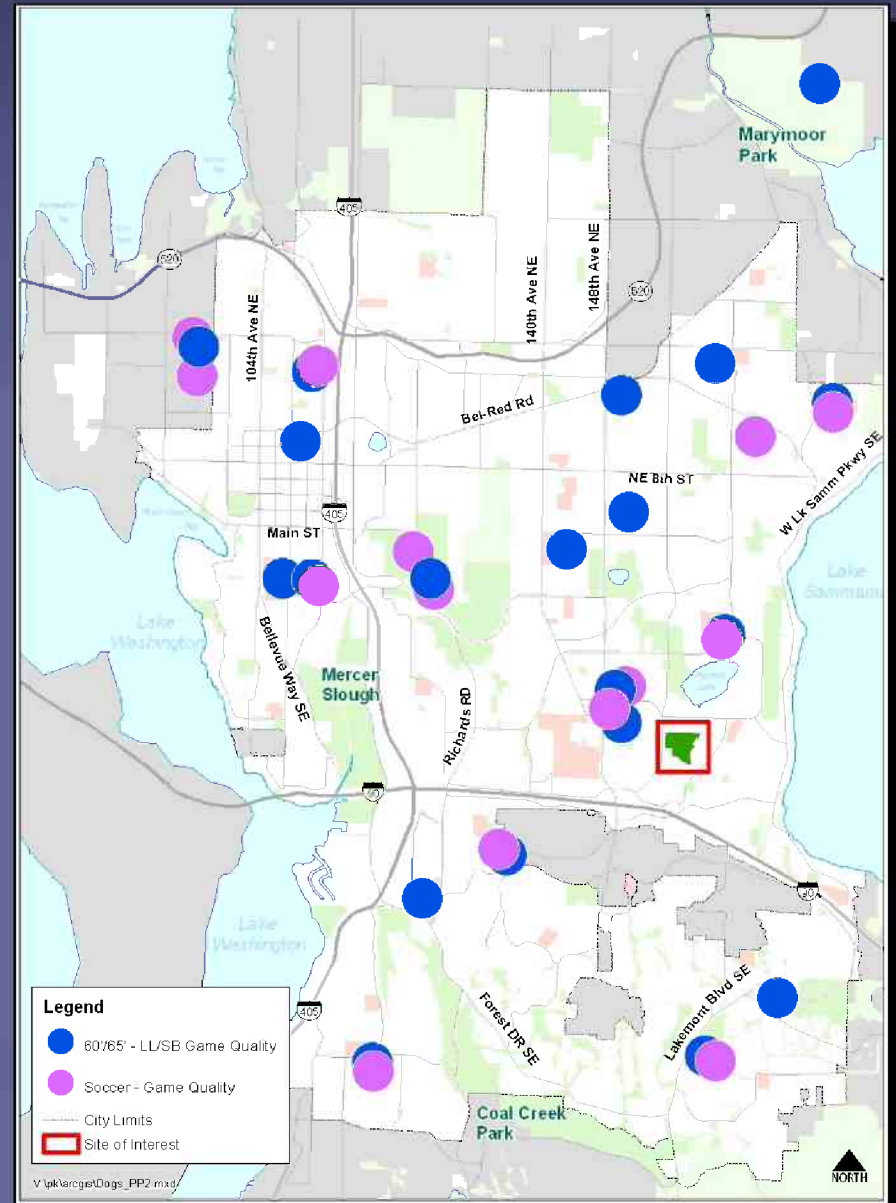


Bellevue Sportfields

Development Practice

- Geographically dispersed
- Maximize resources
 - ❖ School partnership
 - ❖ Multi-use
 - ❖ Synthetic surface
 - ❖ Lights

- Little League
- Soccer



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)



Citywide Challenges

- Dogs welcome on-leash in parks
- Dogs OL #1 violation in parks
- Mature park system limits location
- OLA Study - Ongoing

Advocates' Issues

- Historical neighborhood use
- Dog owners not well served
- Robinswood OLA inadequate



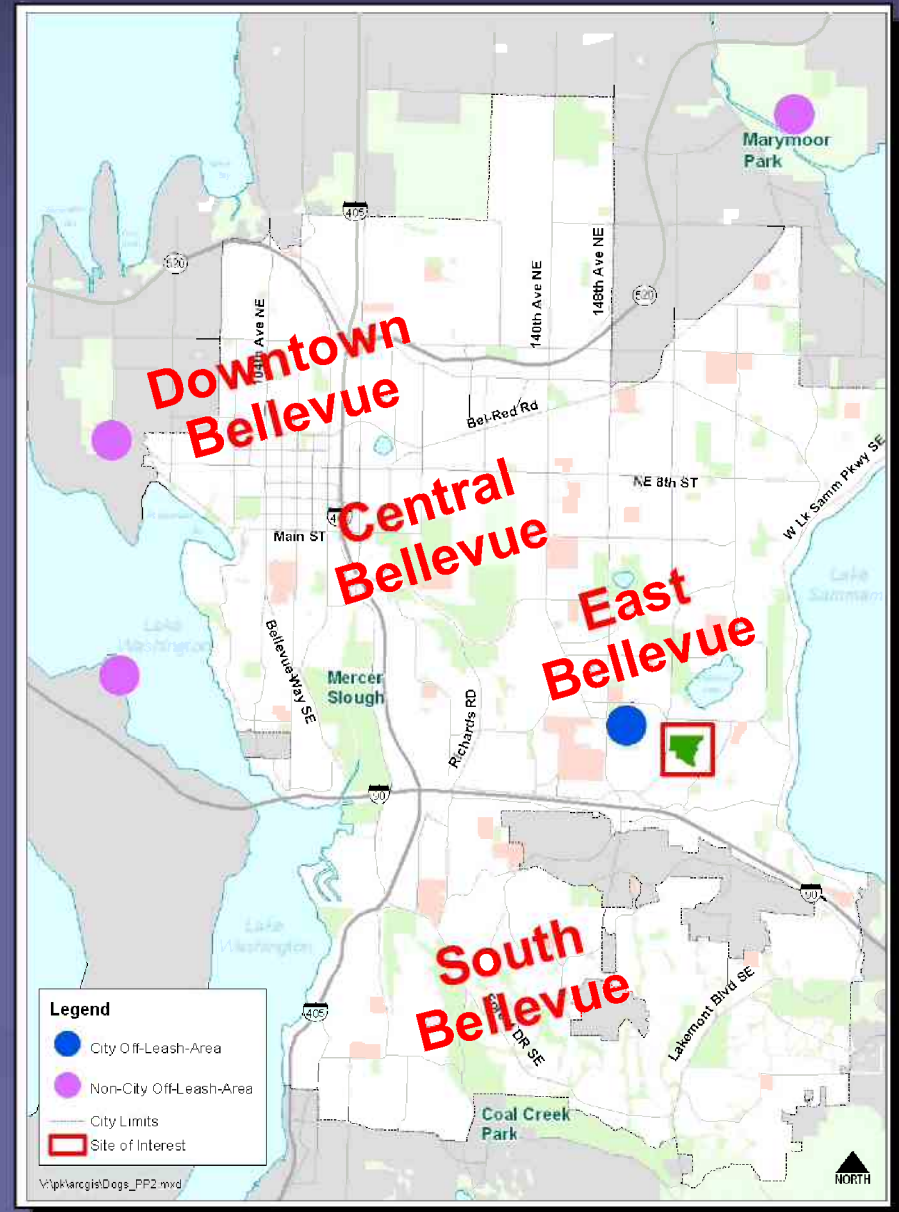
Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

Draft Off-leash Area Study

- Geographically dispersed
- 2-4 Additional OLAs
- Expand and Improve Robinwood
- Site & Design criteria

● Bellevue (Robinwood)

● Nearby



Off-Leash Dog Area (OLA)

**Robinswood Park
(50 Acres)**

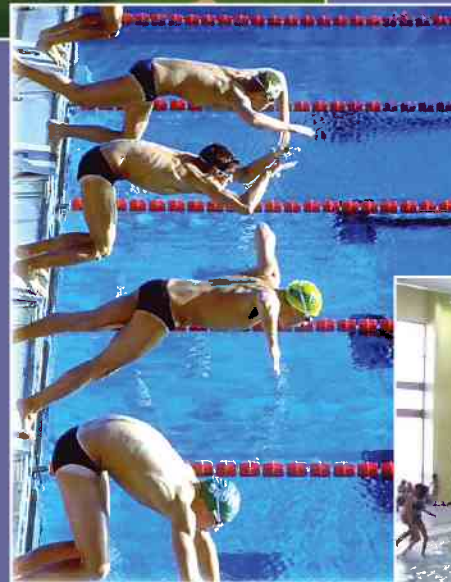
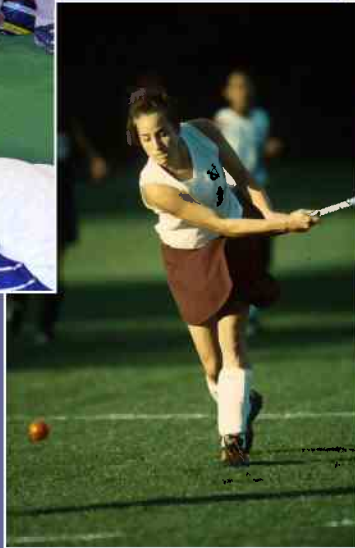
0.5 Acres

1.25 Acres

**Eastgate Area
Properties
(28 acres)**

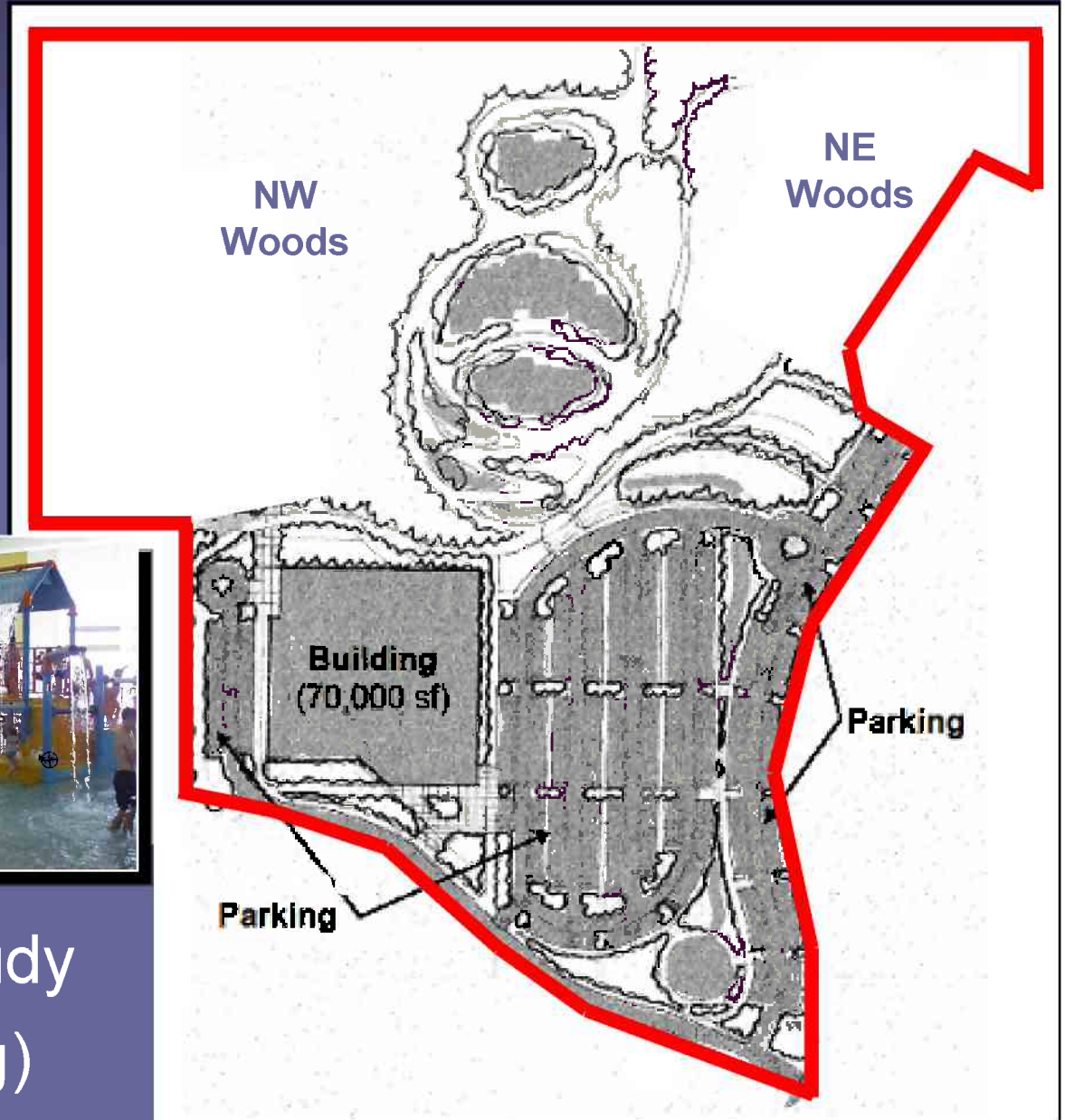
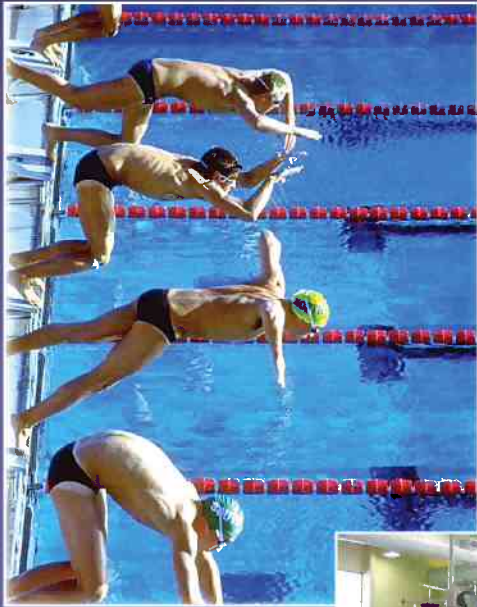


Indoor Recreation Building Opportunities



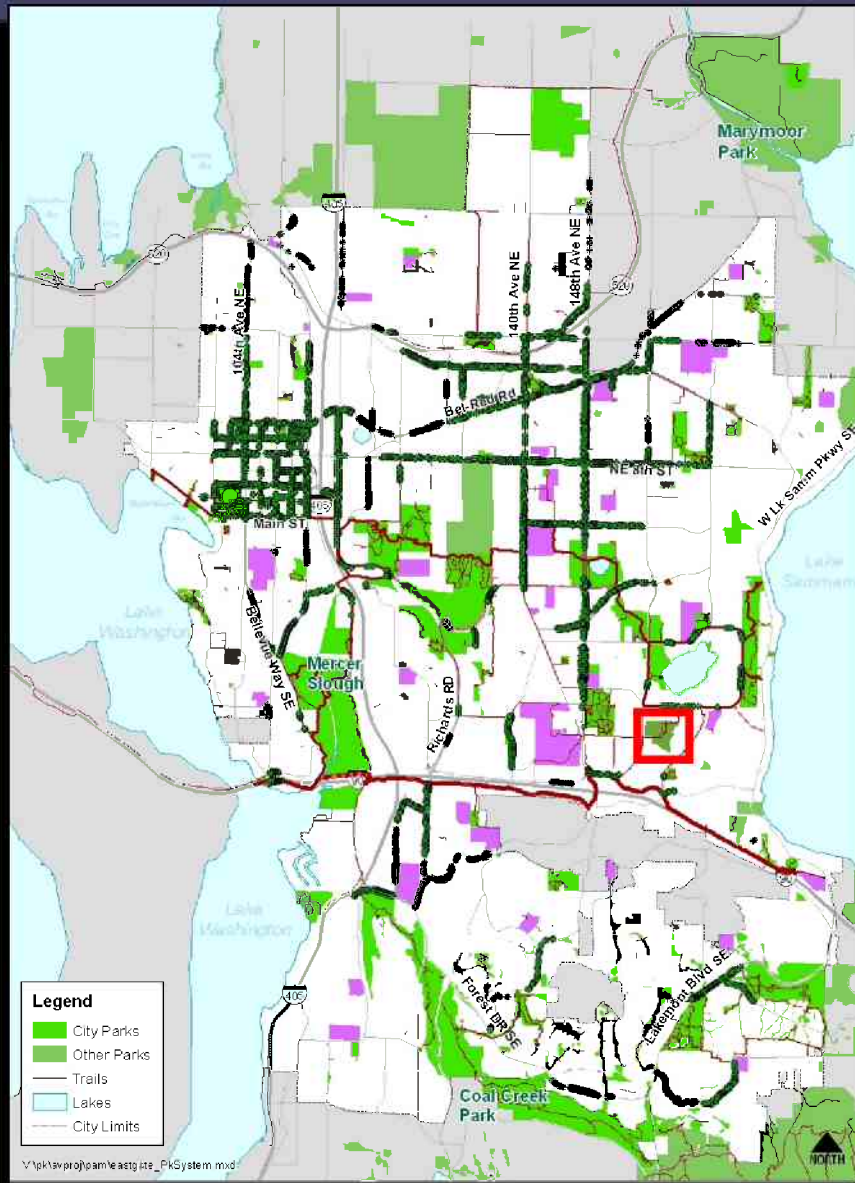
- Aquatic Facility
- Indoor Sports
- Public/Private Partnerships

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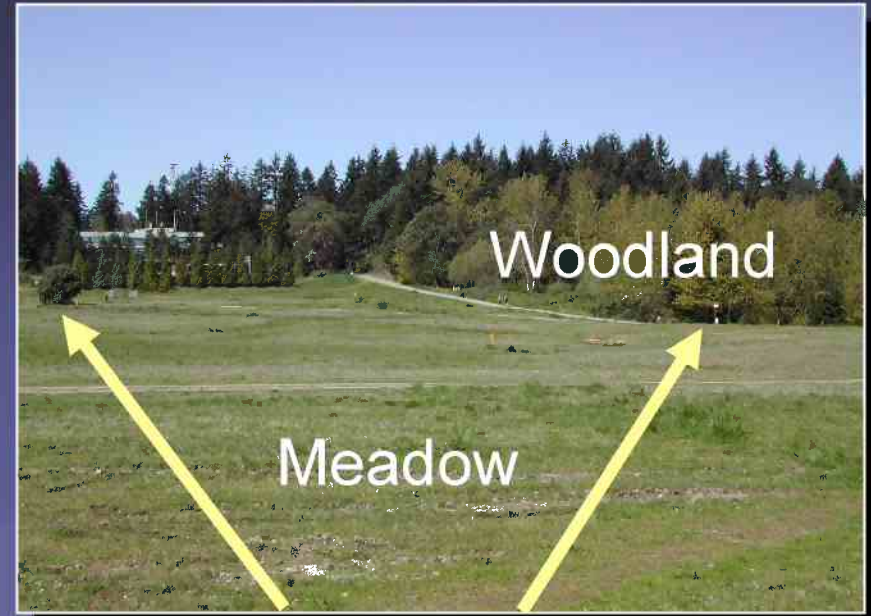
- Aquatic Facility Study (70 sf / 400 parking)

Environmental Stewardship & Preservation



- 37% of Bellevue is under tree canopy (9% lost in last 10 years).
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of Bellevue's tree canopy is in Bellevue's Park & Open Space System.
- 80% (2000/2500 ac) of Bellevue's Park & Open Space is natural.

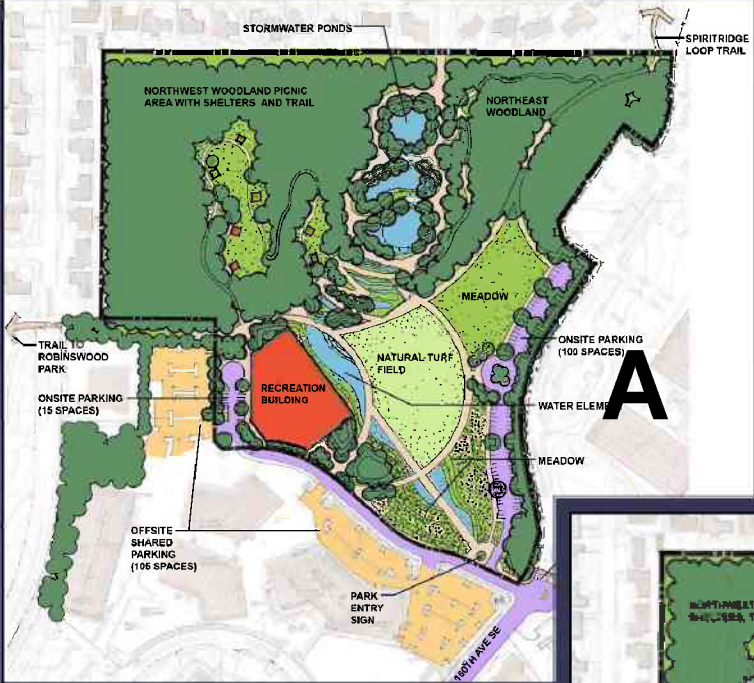
Preservation



Advocates' Issues

- 10 acres minimum as meadow
- 4.5 acres maximum for multi-use recreation
- 13 acres left naturally wooded and preserved specifically for the neighborhood use.

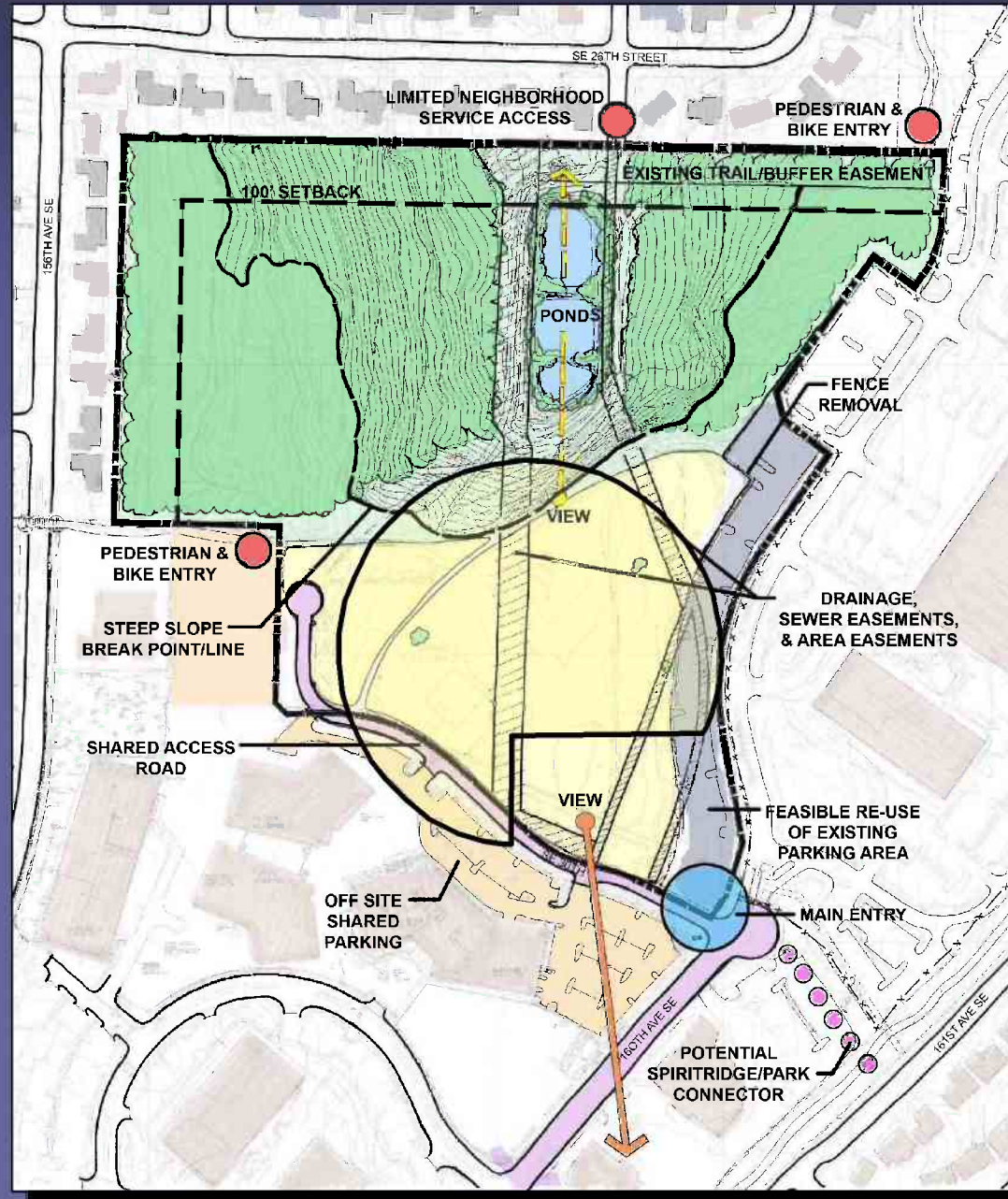
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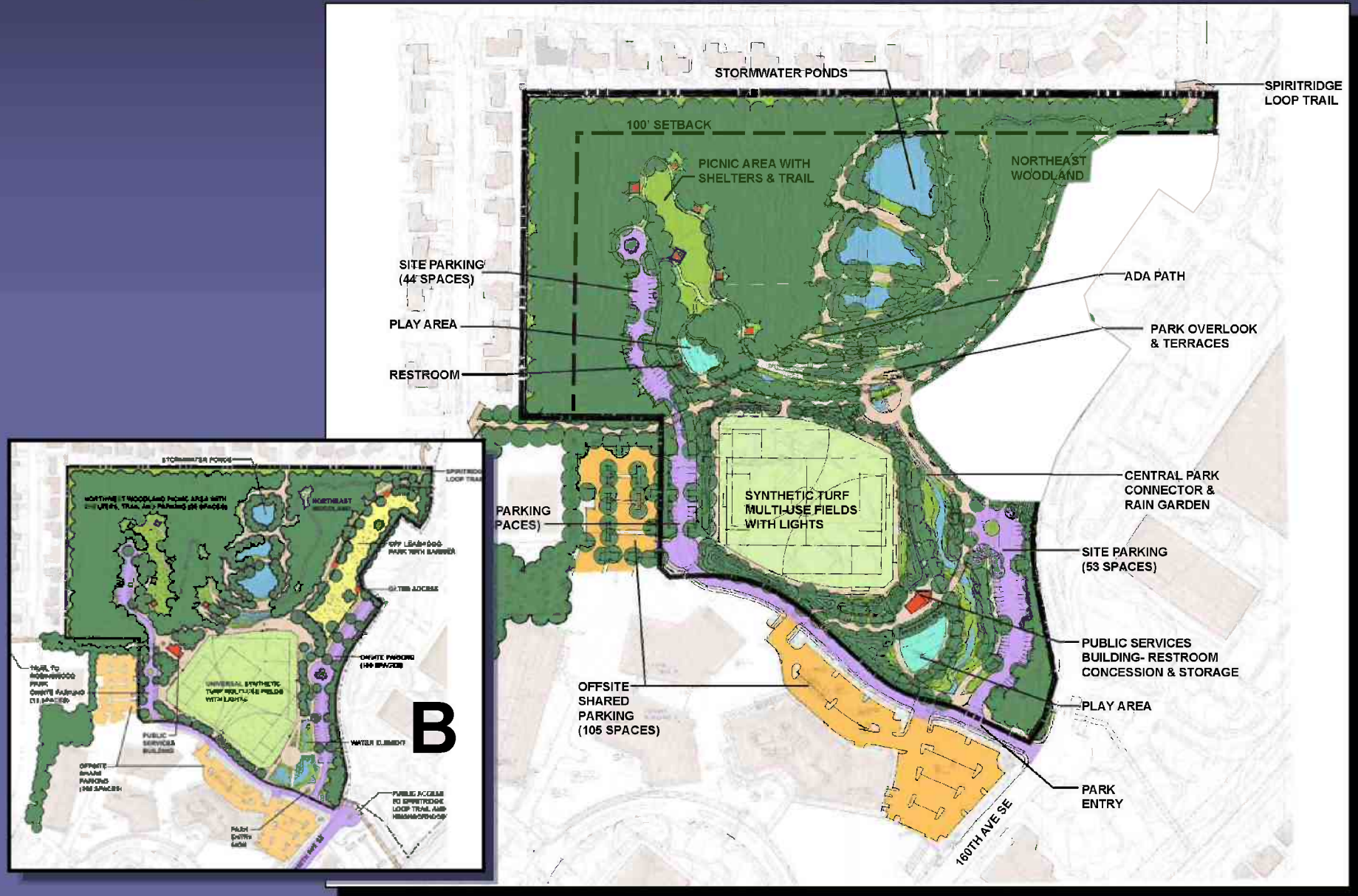
Response to Three Alternatives

- Workshop and Survey
 - ❖ Alternative B most preferred (78%) w/modifications
 - ❖ Alternative A least preferred (76%)
- Park Board
 - ❖ Supported Alternative B with building
 - ❖ No major aquatic facility
 - ❖ Review off-Leash study
- Council
 - ❖ Athletic fields highest priority
 - ❖ Support off-leash, no consensus on location
 - ❖ Review impact of off-leash on Eastgate

Framework Plan

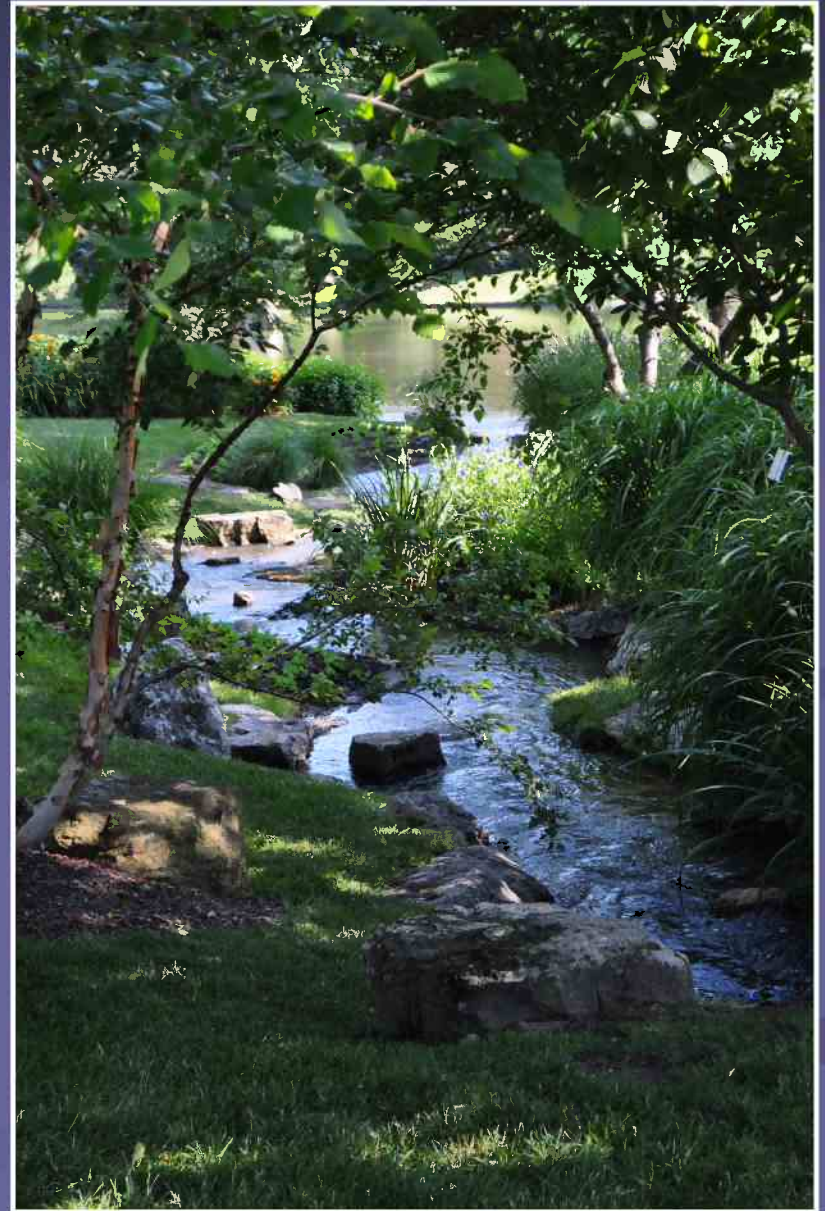


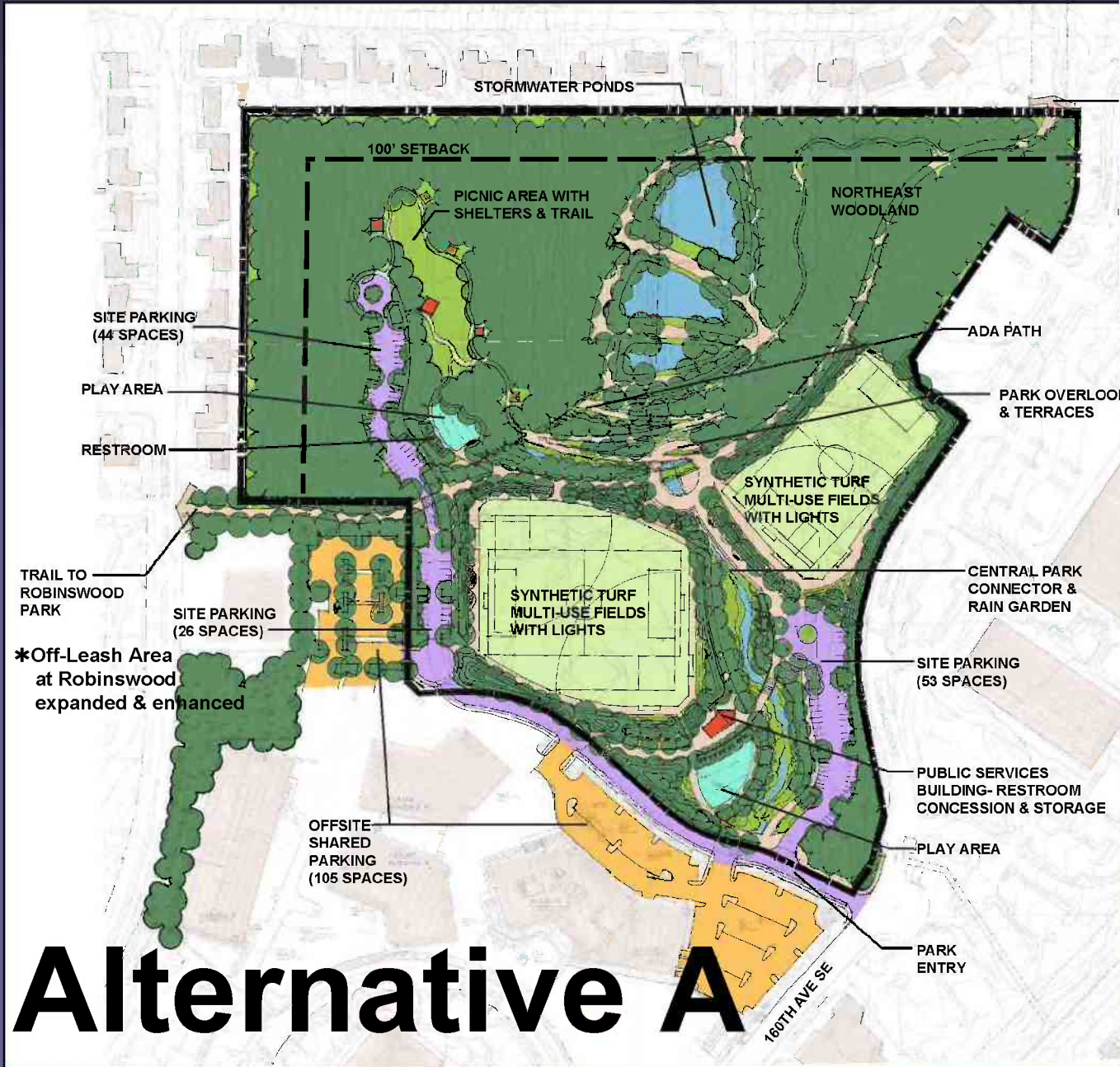
Design Response (Meeting #4)

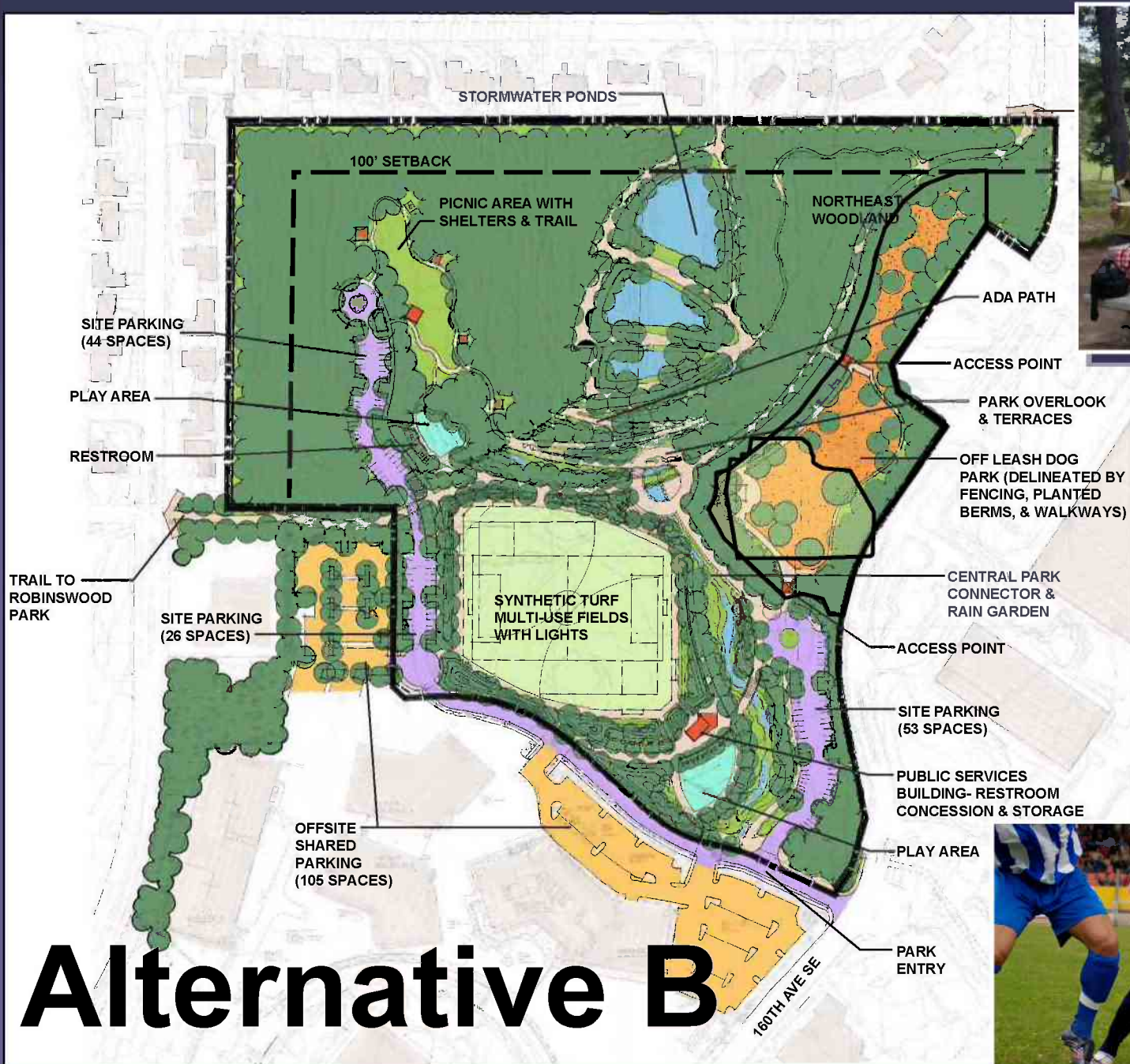












Alternative B



Next Steps

- Community Feedback on (3) Options
 - ❖ Comment Cards
 - ❖ Web Survey
 - ❖ Emails
- Park Board Recommendation (9/8 & 10/13 if necessary)
- Environmental Determination
- City Council Meeting and Master Plan Adoption

