



PARK PLANNING FOR SIX PARKS IN
Shawnee, Oklahoma



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Executive Summary

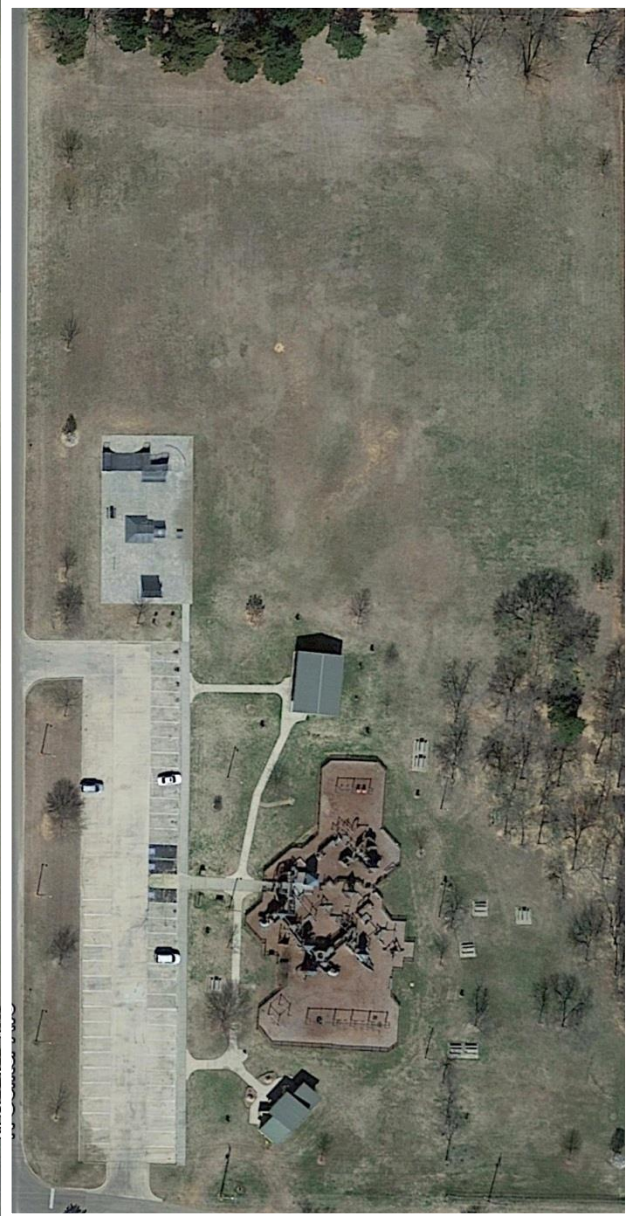
The City of Shawnee envisioned the need for an effective Master Planning effort to guide future development and implementation of park improvements. To assist with the goal, the City selected CLS & Associates to prepare plans that provide recommendations for these four parks. These plans resulted from meetings with Park and City staff, with site reconnaissance and with the review of the 2015 Park System Inventory & Assessment, which was completed by Dick Horton, Consulting.

Following this work, preliminary plans were prepared and presented to the Citizens of Shawnee in public meetings on May 18, 2017 and November 2, 2017. As a result of these public meetings, changes were made and a more holistic Master Plan was created.

This document presents the final adjusted plans for the six parks: Kid's Space Park, Briscoe Boy Scout/Rotary Park, Celebration of Life Park, Woodland Park, Optimist Park, and Dean Weigant Park. The development of these parks will greatly improve the parks system, by providing new and improved features to increase safety and offer increased recreational opportunities to the citizens of Shawnee.

1. KID'S SPACE PARK

3.5 ACRES



PROS:

- Very popular park
- Good public street frontage
- Paved parking
- Open grass field (pickup games of football, soccer, kites)
- Pavilion with electricity
- Large playground

CONS:

- Wood playground equipment is failing.
- Graffiti and vandalism

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Movie in the park
- Food trucks
- New large playgroup
- Additional pavilion
- Sitting areas near playground
- Trails with exercise equipment
- Large open space

1. KID'S SPACE PARK



NARRATIVE

This is a very popular park with lots of activity. However, the playground, which was built years ago using community volunteers, is past its usefulness and should be replaced.

New playground equipment will transform this park into a much more lively, safe and accessible place. The playground will have three sections within a large border. The area for smaller kids (2-5 year-olds) will be at the north end near the existing small swing set. An area for older children (5-12 year-olds) will be at the south end, near the existing larger swing set. This playground has been designated as a universal playground. Universal playgrounds allow children of all abilities and ages to be included within the community playground. The playground will be designed to be socially and physically inclusive and provide everyone the opportunity to participate more independently and equally. All safety surfacing will be solid, to allow citizens of all abilities to have full access.

A new entrance plaza will provide shaded areas for parents and others who want to watch the children play.

The new perimeter trail, including exercise stations will provide recreation for citizens of all ages and promote good health to the citizens of Shawnee.

Other new features include a new large shelter, a smaller shelter at the skate park, a new basketball court and development of a multi-purpose sports field, which can double as a location for outdoor movie nights and other entertainment.

1. KID'S SPACE PARK



MOVIE IN THE PARK



MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELD



SHADED SEATING AREA



1. KID'S SPACE PARK



BASKETBALL COURT



8' WIDE WALKING TRAIL



NEW SMALL SHELTER



NEW LARGE SHELTER



EXERCISE STATIONS ALONG TRAIL



1. KID'S SPACE PARK



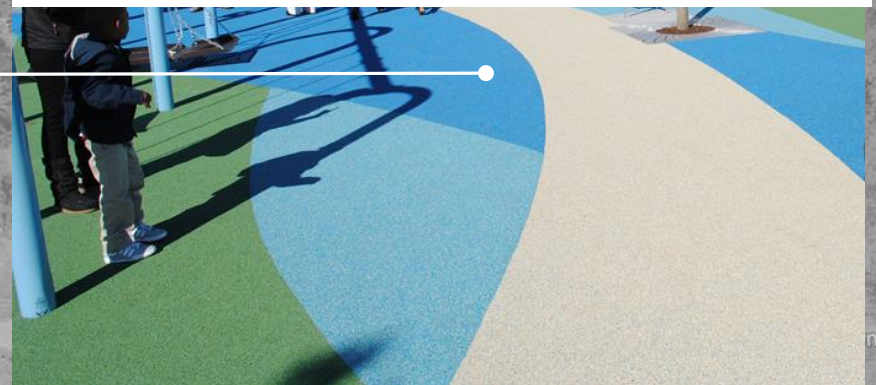
SPACE PLAYGROUND THEME



UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND AREA



SOLID SURFACING EXAMPLE



2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK

9.12 ACRES



PROS:

- Beautiful park with mature trees
- Tennis and basketball courts
- New sprayground
- Walking trail (4/10 of a mile)
- Paved parking
- Pavilion with electric service
- Open grass field

CONS:

- Playground equipment is dated
- Storm shelter is unsightly/unsafe?
- Sidewalks are disorganized

OPPORTUNITIES:

- More parking
- Improve appearance of courts
- New large playgroup
- Sitting areas near play areas
- Exercise equipment along trail

2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK



NARRATIVE

The Briscoe Boy Scout/Rotary Park is a beautiful park with many large existing trees that provide shade over a majority of the park.

The existing features, including basketball courts, tennis courts, shelter, comfort station and especially the new spray park are very popular and well used.

Proposed features include:

- A new entrance plaza, to act as a meeting and gathering place.
- New shelter on the eastern side of the park
- A small gazebo/bandstand at the north end which will act as a focal point, a place to hang out and as a small entertainment venue.
- A new playground is proposed on the southern part of the site, with a nature theme to coincide with the 'Boy Scout' name and large existing trees. To take advantage of the hill in the park, a slide is proposed to be built into the hill as a focal point and a fun and unusual feature for a playground.
- A few new walks for accessibility
- New exercise equipment is proposed along the existing walking trail.

New parking is planned on the property to the east of the park, which the City hopes to acquire in the future.

2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK

FUTURE PARK EXPANSION TO ADD PARKING

STANDARDIZE SITE FURNISHINGS



2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK



GAZEBO/BANDSTAND/FOCAL POINT



ENTRANCE PLAZA WITH PERGOLA



ENTRANCE PLAZA



2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK



EXERCISE STATIONS ALONG TRAIL



NEW WALKS AND PATHS

NEW AND RELOCATED SHELTERS



2. BRISCOE BOY SCOUT / ROTARY PARK



NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND WITH SLIDES ON SLOPE

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PROPOSAL: 36-100707-1

BOY SCOUT - SHAWNEE PARKS

Child's Play, Inc.

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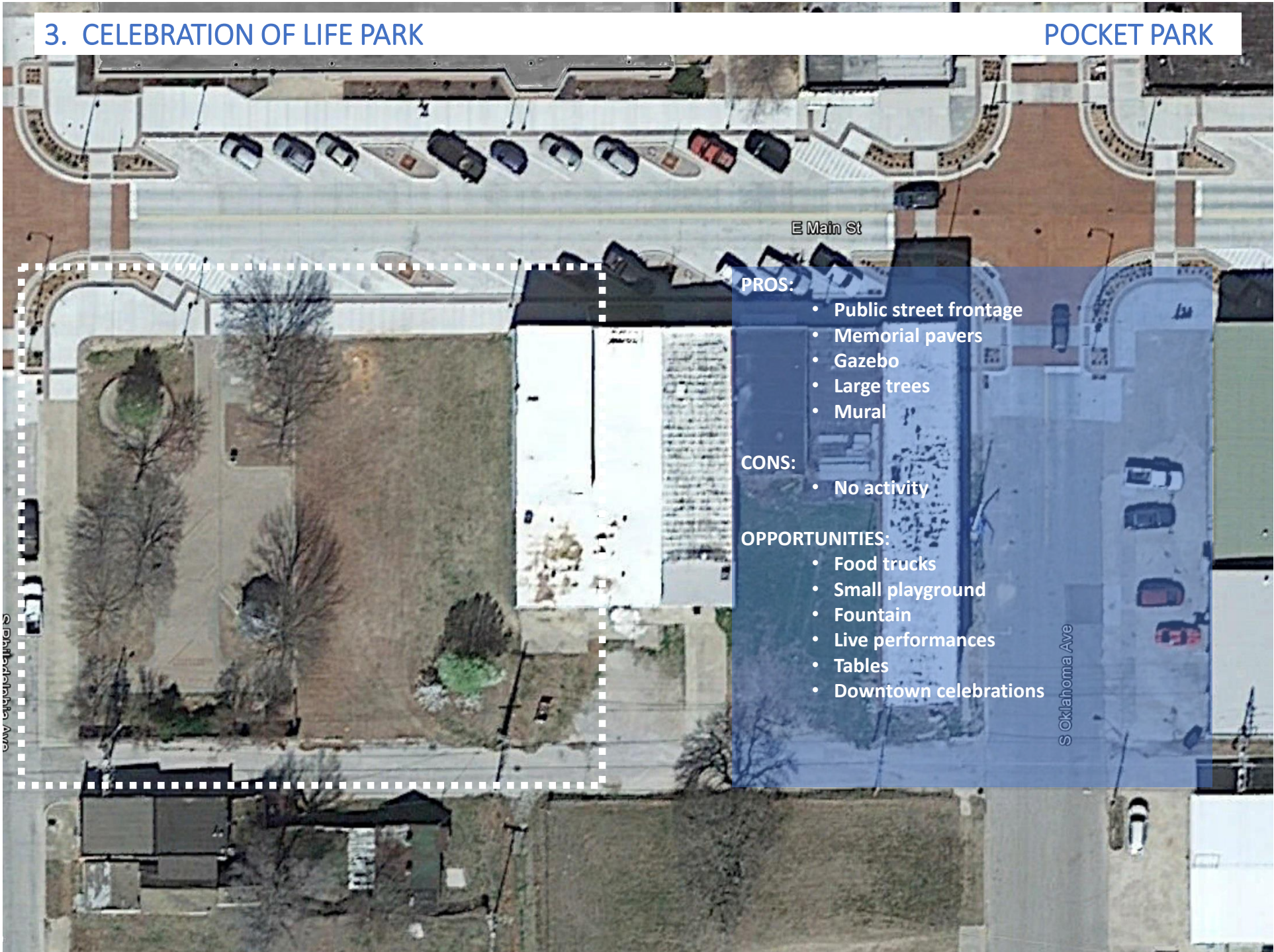


SLIDES ON SLOPE



3. CELEBRATION OF LIFE PARK

POCKET PARK



E Main St

PROS:

- Public street frontage
- Memorial pavers
- Gazebo
- Large trees
- Mural

CONS:

- No activity

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Food trucks
- Small playground
- Fountain
- Live performances
- Tables
- Downtown celebrations

S Oklahoma Ave

S Philadelphia Ave

3. CELEBRATION OF LIFE PARK



NARRATIVE

This is a small pocket park in downtown Shawnee. The vacant lot to the east will be used to expand this park and offer new opportunities for activity and entertainment.

Existing features of the park largely remain, although an old fountain along the south wall will be removed.

New features include a new fountain and a small playground with solid surfacing. New site furnishings, along with landscaping is also proposed.

An expanded plaza will connect to a new stage, which would be designed to honor the historic Criterion Theatre, built in 1927, that previously occupied the site. The stage backdrop will mirror the façade of the Criterion and marquee elements will be incorporated into the covered stage structure. A prominent plaque will recognize Jake Jones Sr., the Jones Family Patriarch who built the Criterion. The Jones Family generously donated the land to facilitate expansion of the Park.

Historic bricks that have been salvaged from the downtown streetscape will be used for paving.



3. CELEBRATION OF LIFE PARK

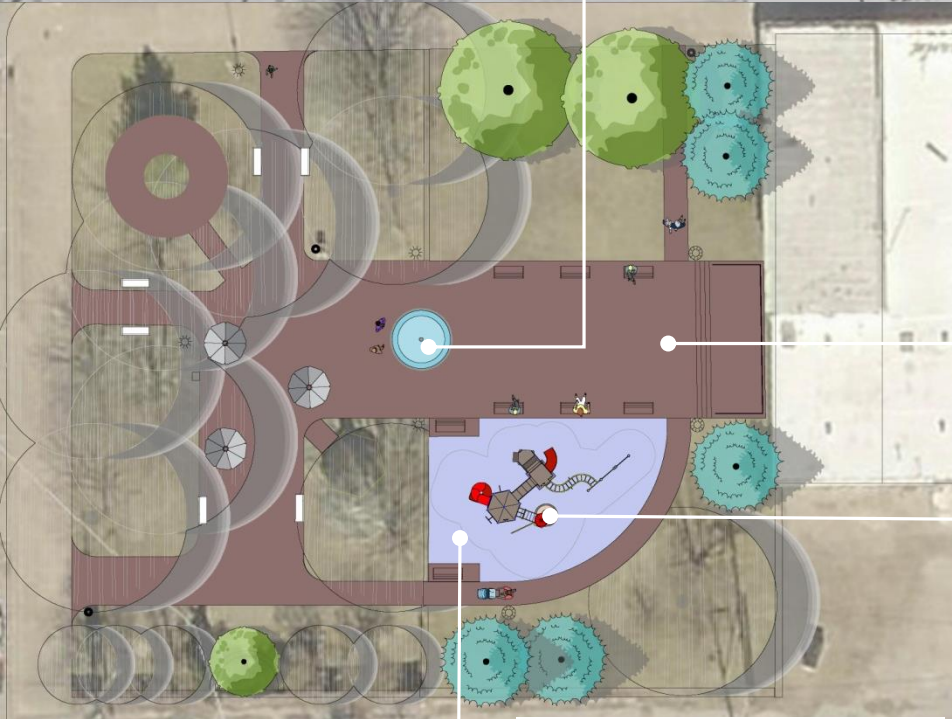
NEW FOUNTAIN



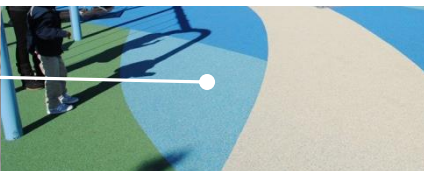
EXPAND BRICK PAVERS TO LARGER PLAZA WITH SEATING AND STAGE



SMALL PLAYGROUND



SOLID SURFACING



4. WOODLAND PARK



Park expansion—The creation of a large central park will increase park features and help to revitalize the downtown area.

4A. EXISTING WOODLAND PARK

6.87 ACRE PARK

PROS:

- Pool and splash pad
- Tennis courts
- Veterans memorial
- Shade trees
- Variety of activities

CONS:

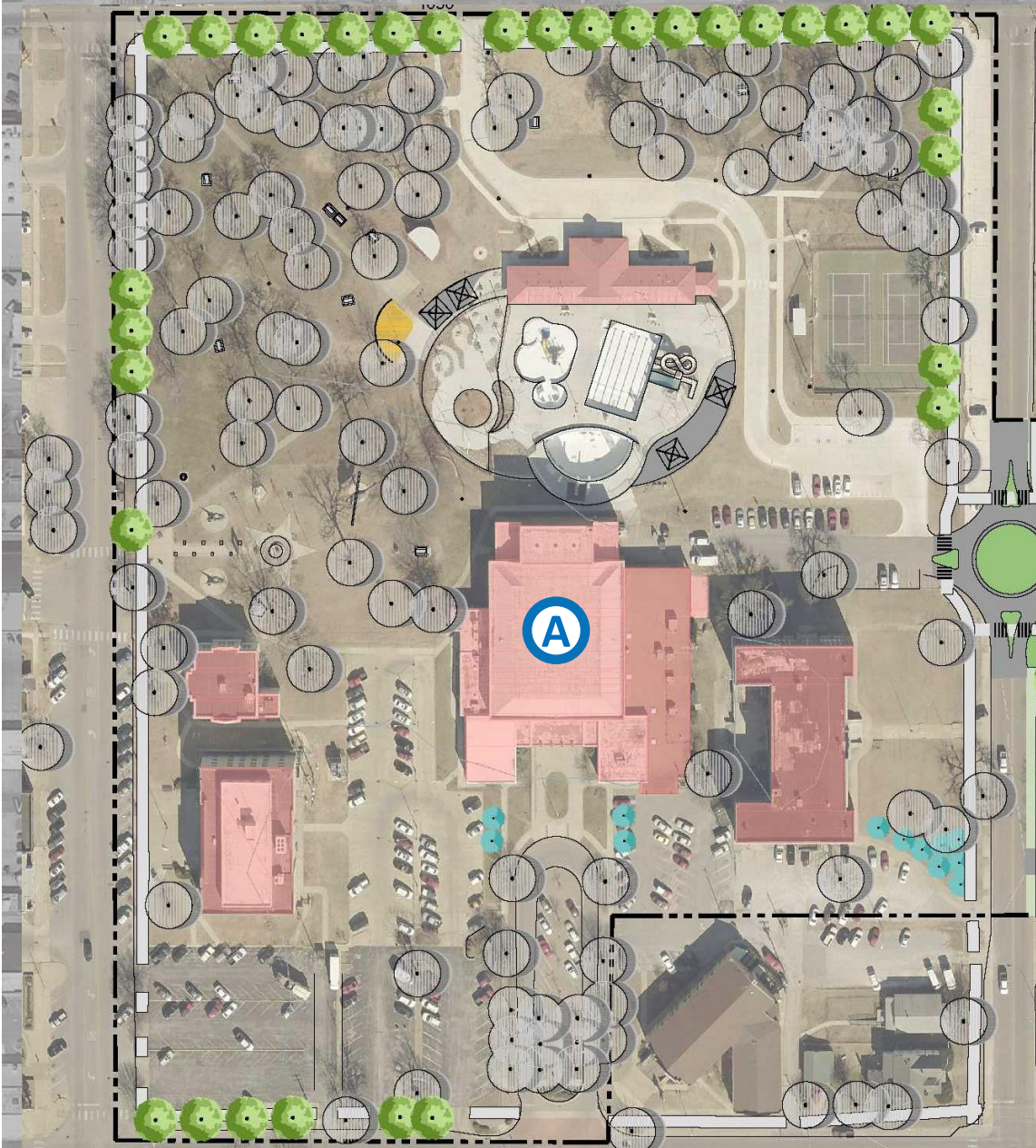
- Playground equipment is dated
- No design theme is carried through
- Congested and unorganized
- Surrounded by parking

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Expand park to become a central park
- Locate like activities together
- Create an attractive entrance to park and civic buildings



4A. EXISTING WOODLAND PARK



NARRATIVE

This is currently the central park for Shawnee, an urban park with recreation opportunities for people of all ages.

It includes civic buildings and the Veterans memorial. It appears to be an old park, with many mature trees and encompassing historical civic buildings.

By far, the most popular feature of the park is the new pool and splashpad. Also, tennis courts and ample opportunities for picnicking make this a focal point for the downtown area.

Recommended new features include perimeter sidewalks and landscaping, a new playground and additional shade structures near the pool.

Philadelphia Ave

E 10th St

N Oklahoma Ave

N Minnesota Ave

E 9th St

4A. EXISTING WOODLAND PARK



NEW PERIMETER SIDEWALKS WITH TREES AND LANDSCAPING



NEW MULTI-GENERATION PLAYGROUND NEAR POOL

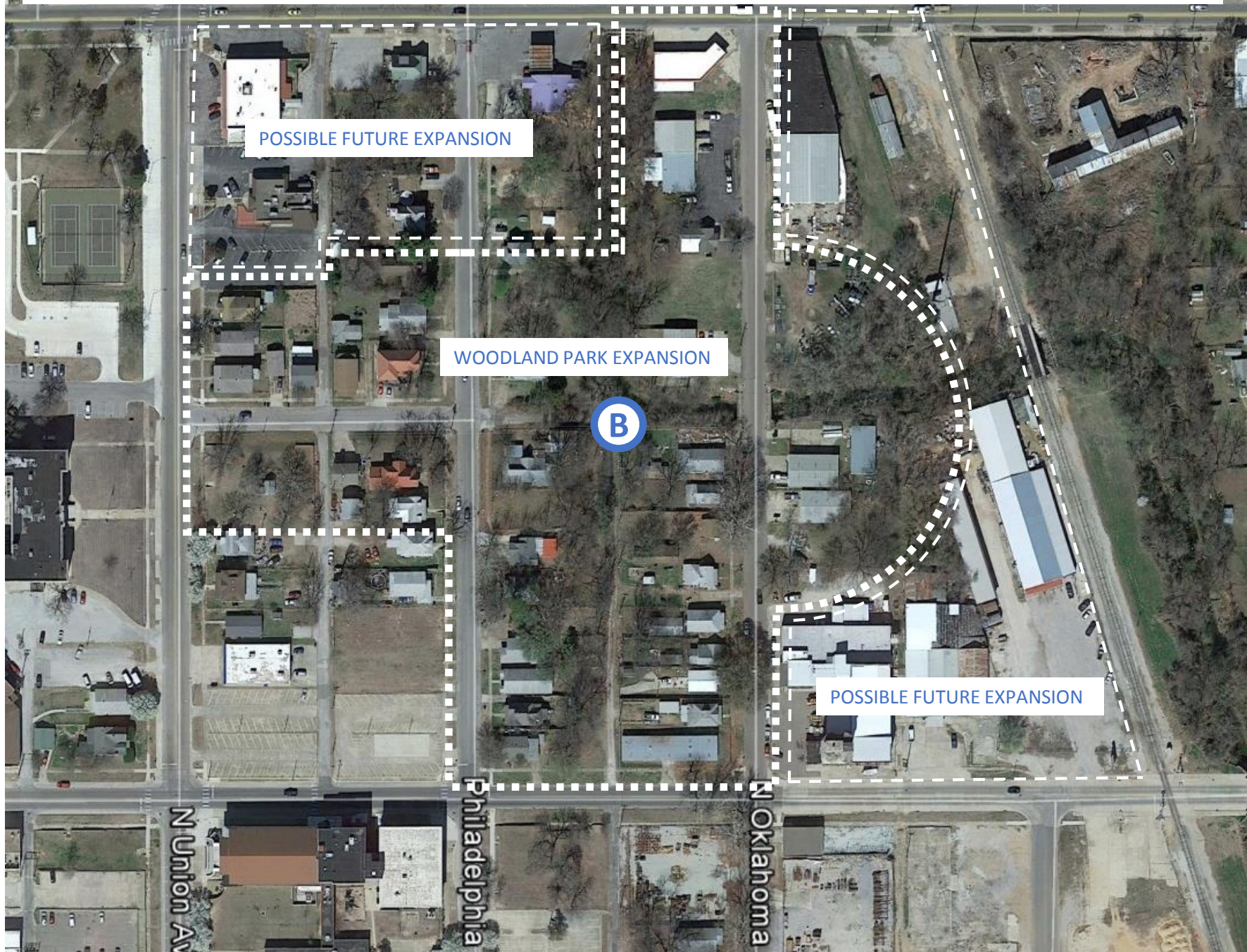


STANDARDIZE SITE FURNISHINGS



4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION

13.2 ACRE



4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION

NARRATIVE

The expansion of Woodland Park will turn this area into a real 'Central Park' for Shawnee and will help to revitalize the downtown area.

This enlarged space would include a small pond with fountains, an amphitheater, playgrounds, trails, and shelters. The wide roads within the park will allow for festivals and food trucks. Additional parking will support the park, neighboring museums and civic buildings.

In addition, this park has the opportunity to act as a nucleus to the growing city-wide trail system.

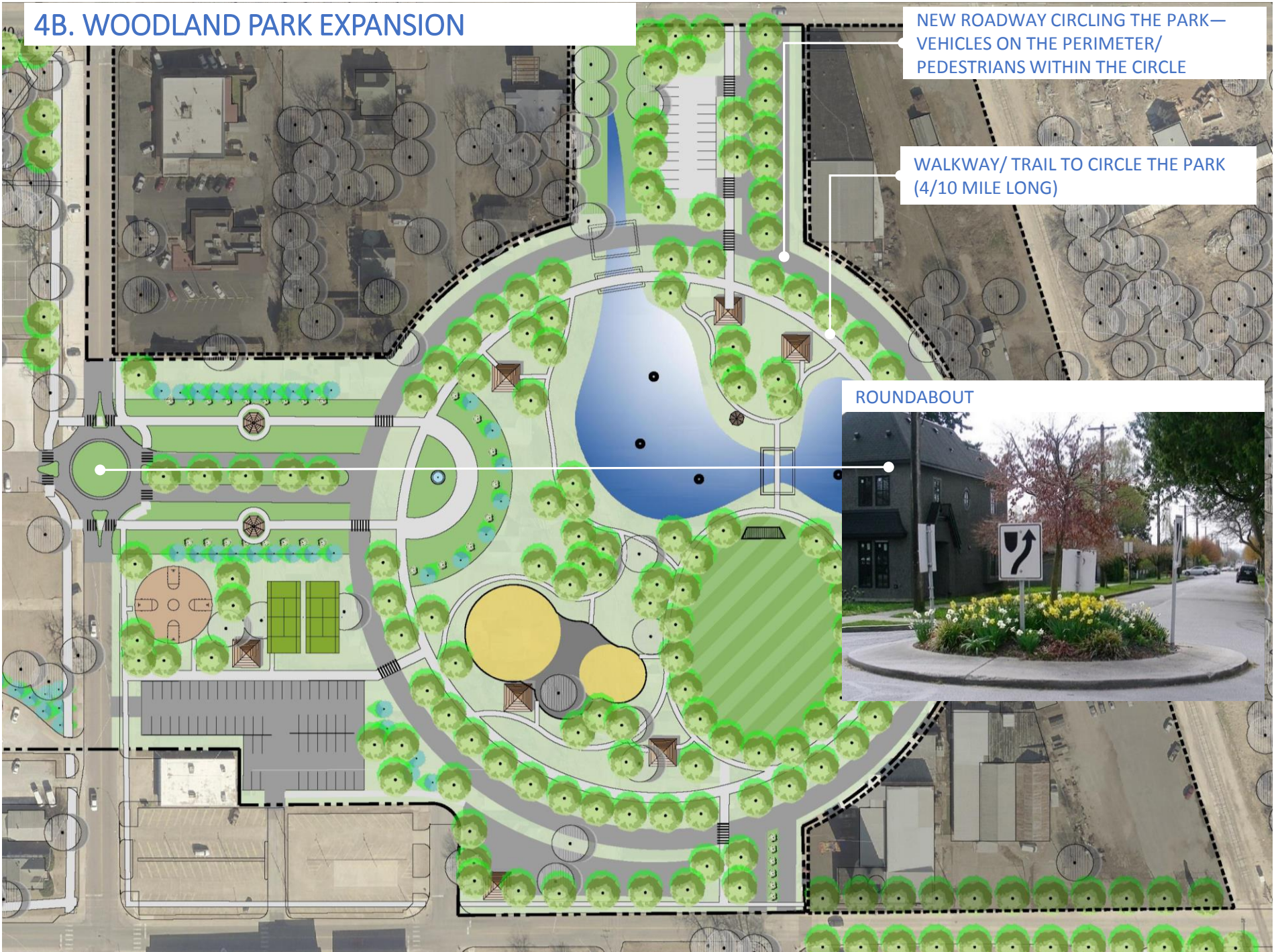


4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION

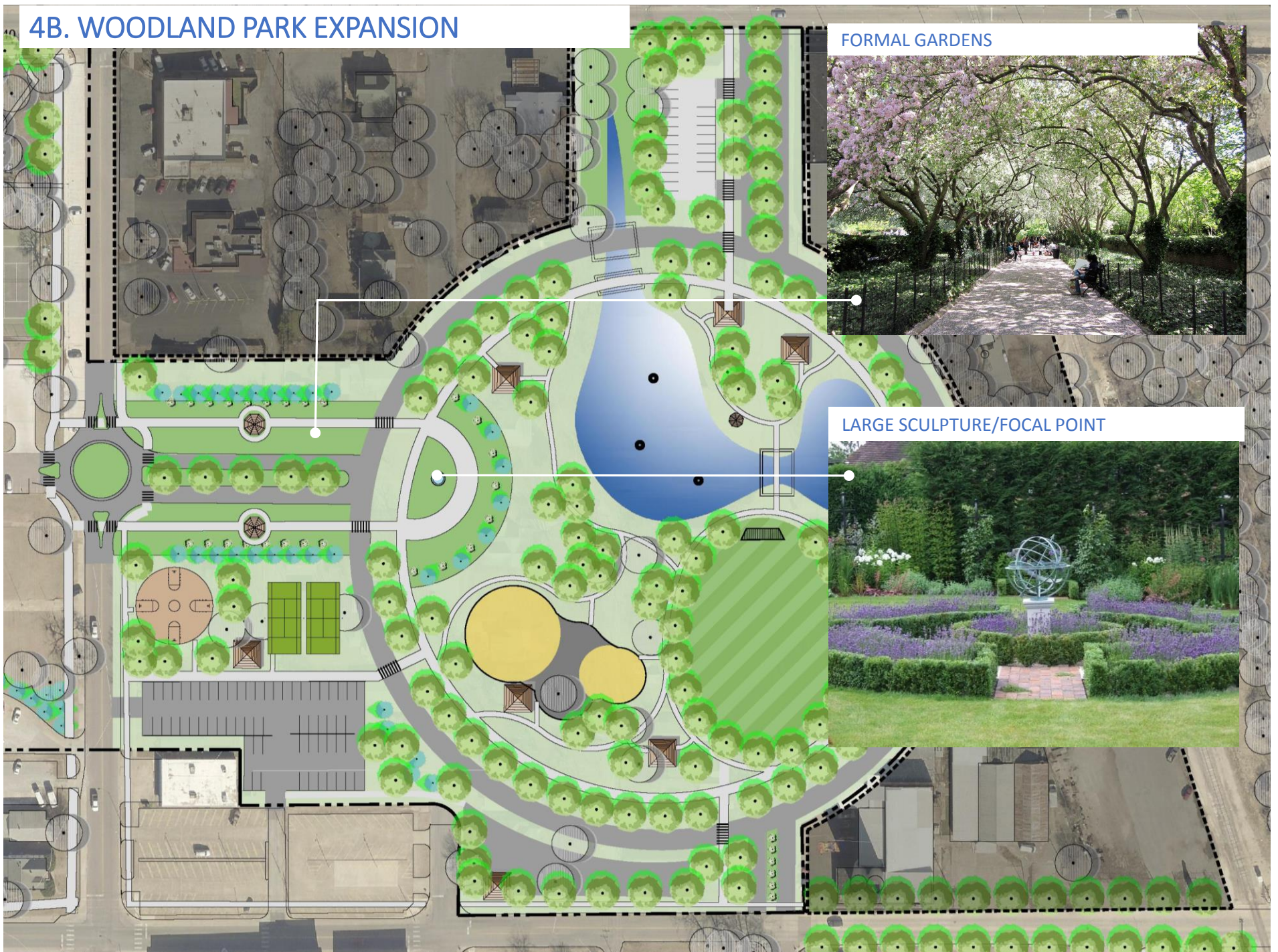
NEW ROADWAY CIRCLING THE PARK—
VEHICLES ON THE PERIMETER/
PEDESTRIANS WITHIN THE CIRCLE

WALKWAY/ TRAIL TO CIRCLE THE PARK
(4/10 MILE LONG)

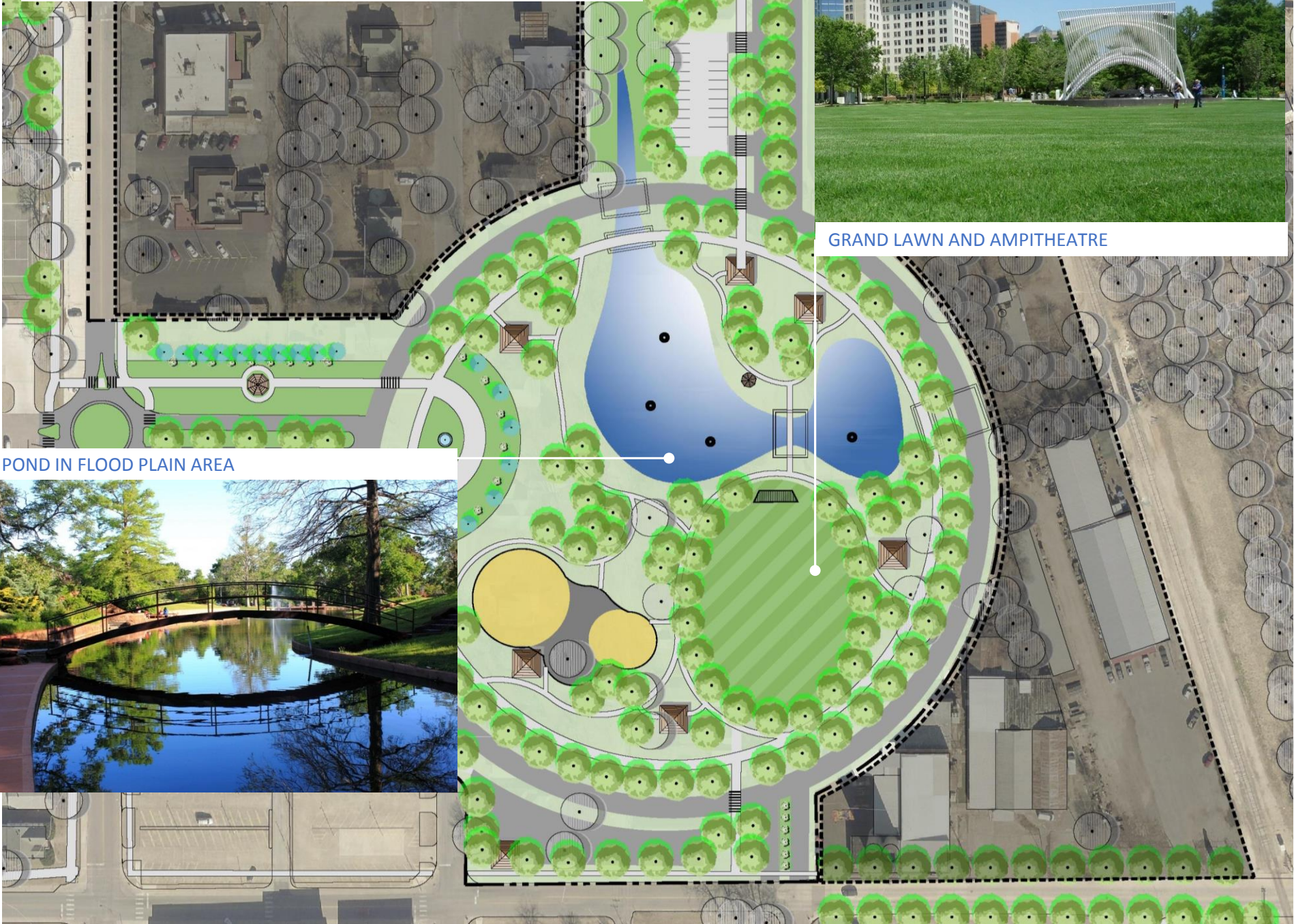
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4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION



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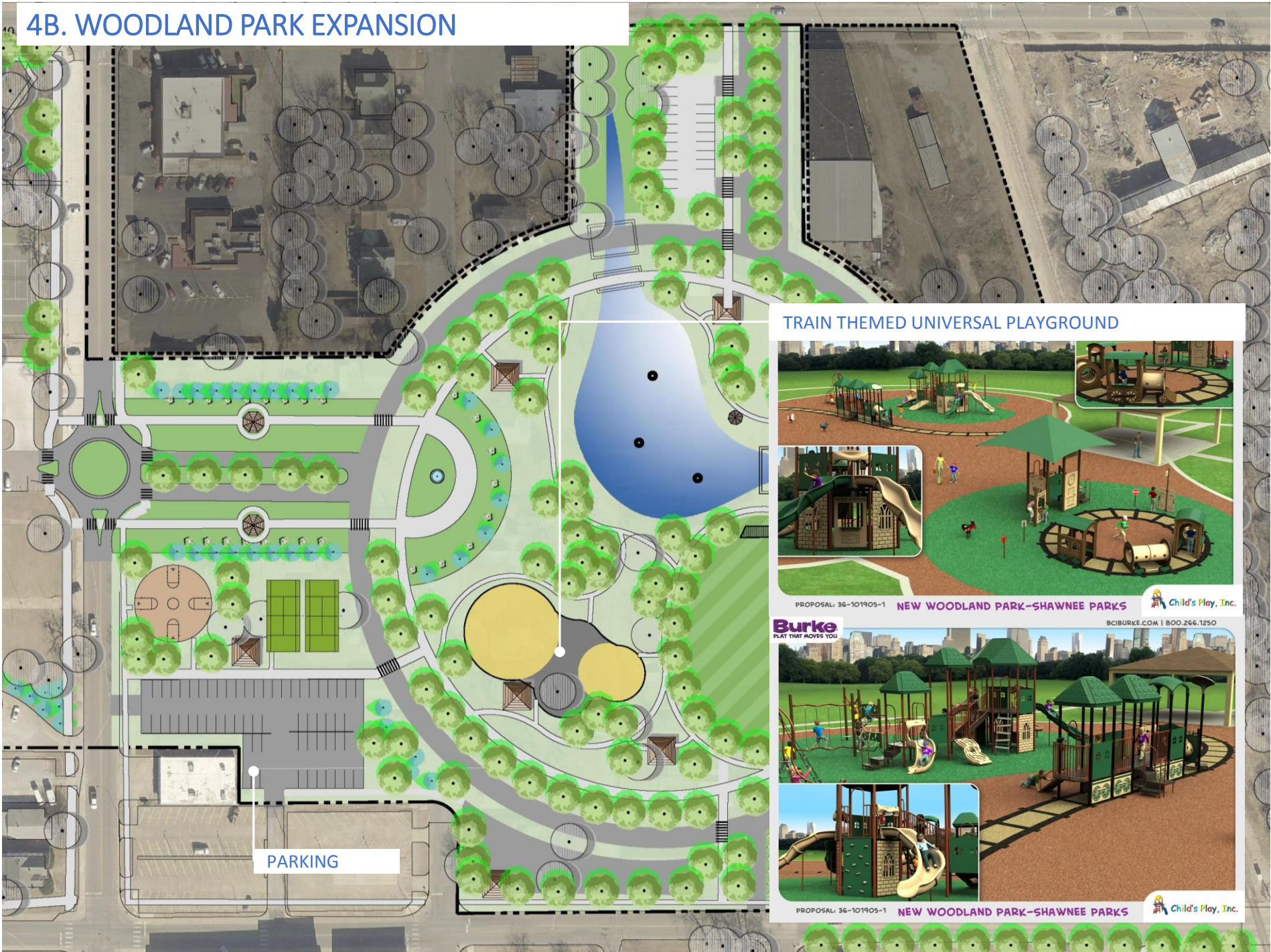


GRAND LAWN AND AMPITHEATRE

POND IN FLOOD PLAIN AREA



4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION



TRAIN THEMED UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND



PROPOSAL: 36-101905-1 NEW WOODLAND PARK-SHAWNEE PARKS



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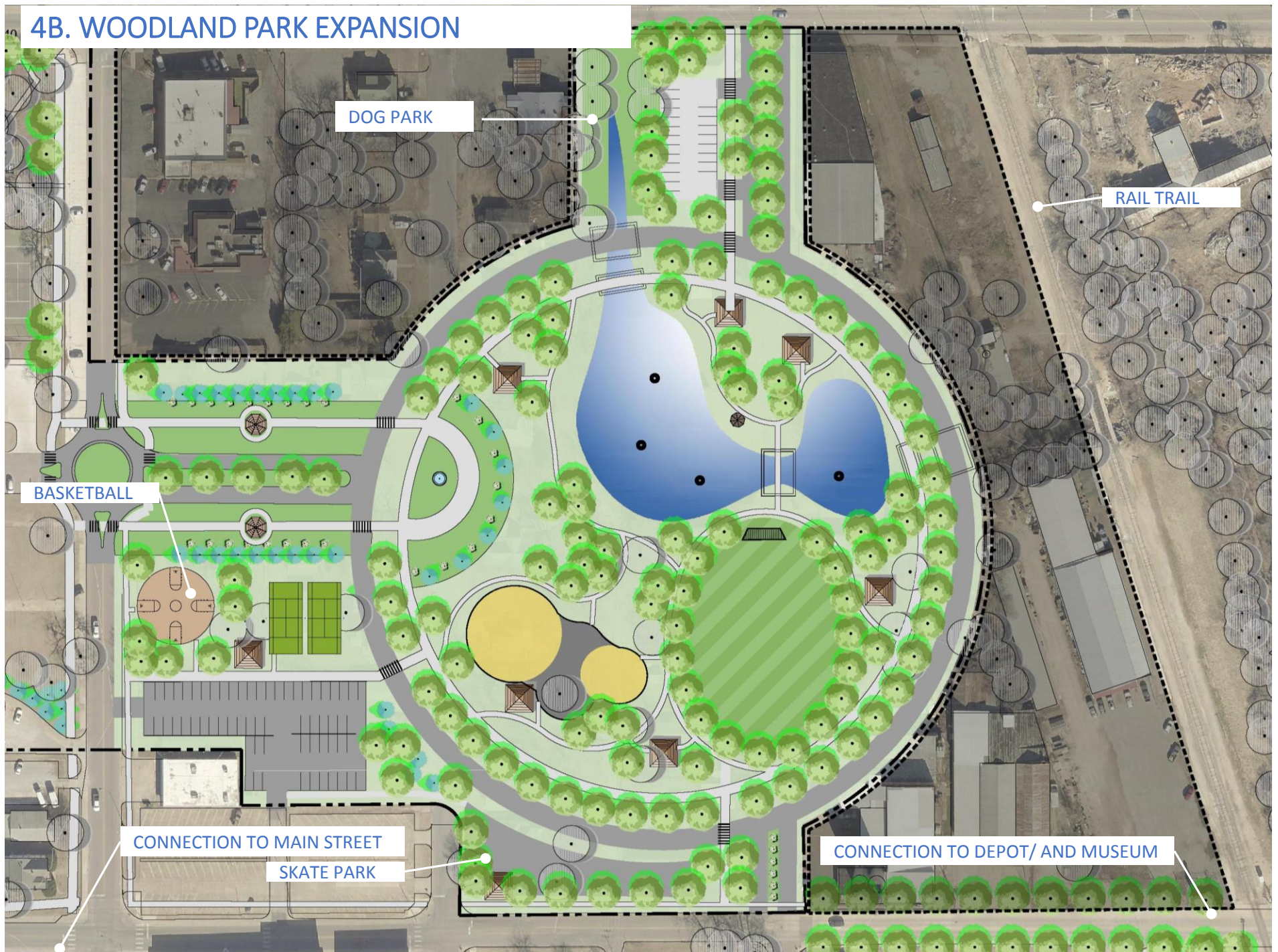
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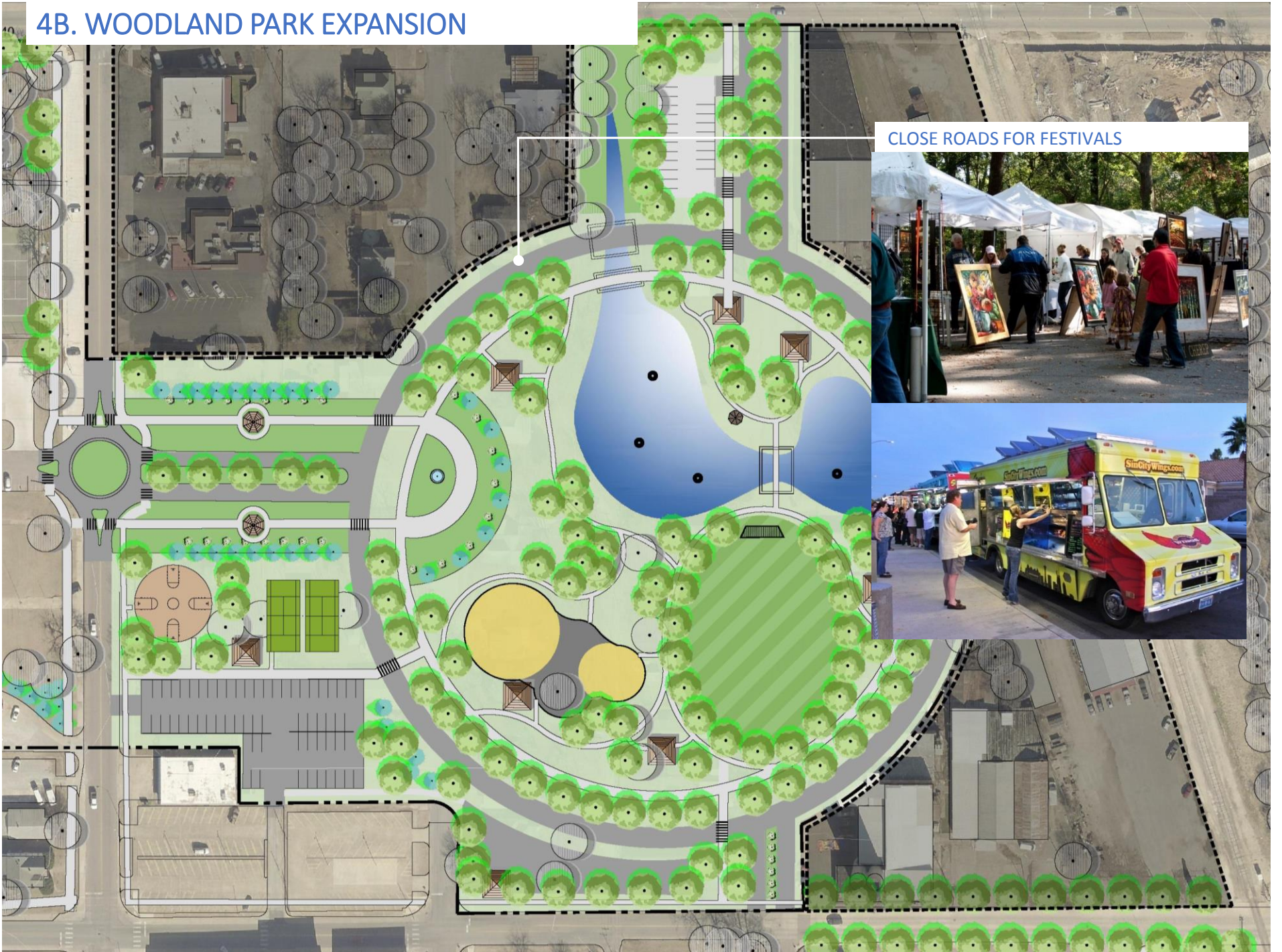
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4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION



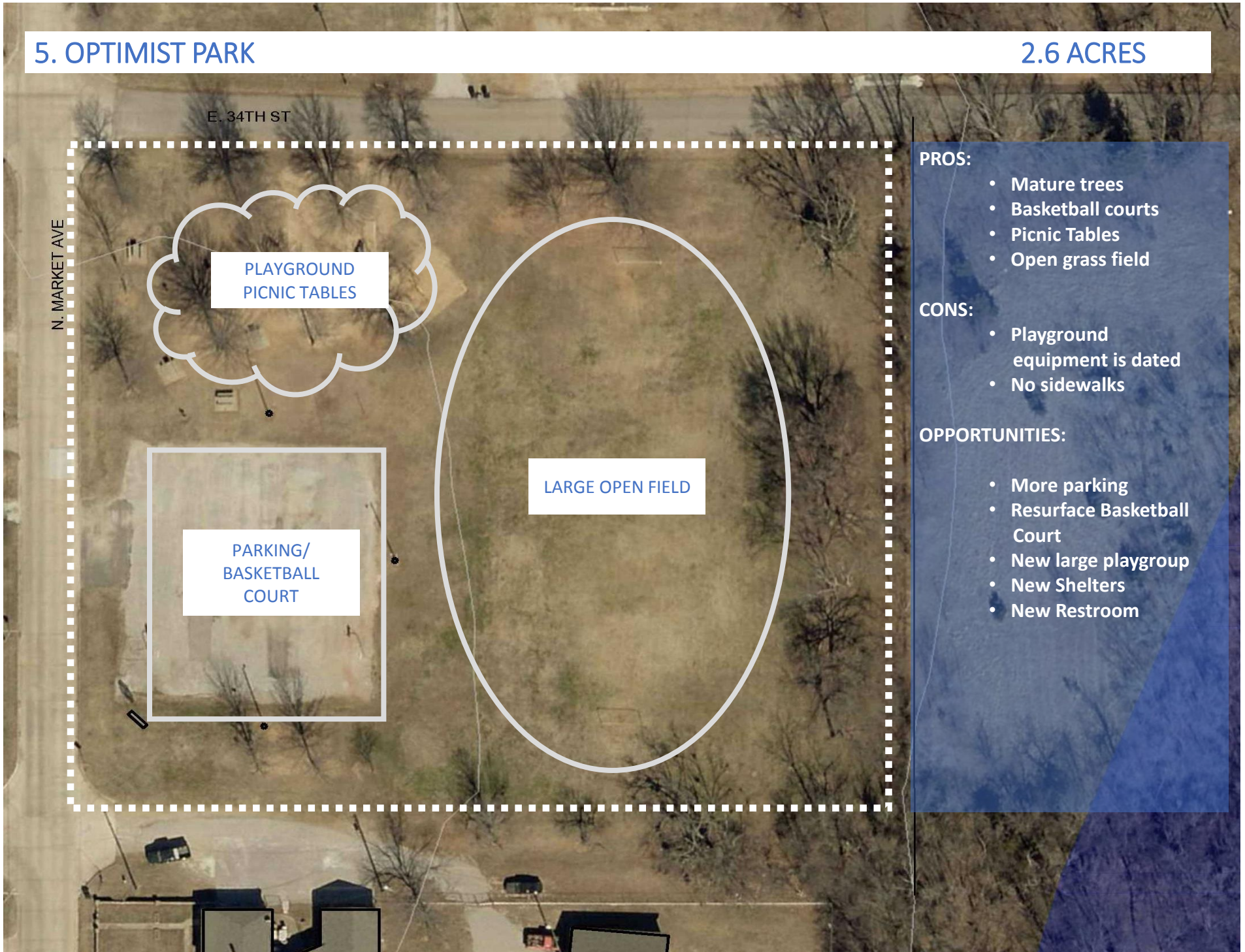
4B. WOODLAND PARK EXPANSION



CLOSE ROADS FOR FESTIVALS

5. OPTIMIST PARK

2.6 ACRES



5. OPTIMIST PARK



NARRATIVE

This is a largely under utilized park with few amenities, but many opportunities. An entrance plaza would be located at the terminus of the new parking lot and would include a new restroom. This would create a sense of arrival to the park.

A new playground and splash pad would be added along with shelters to provide shade.

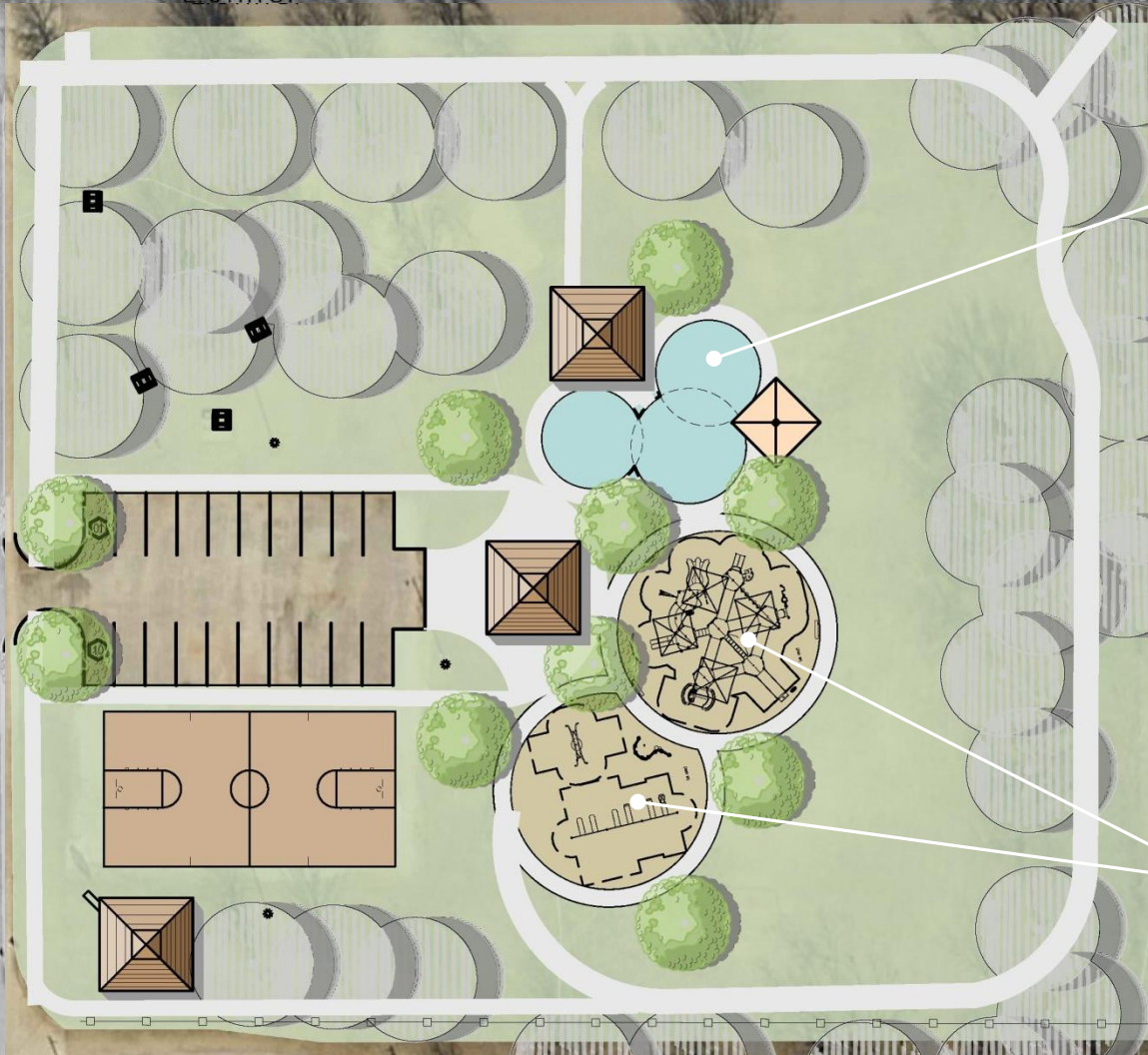
A new walking trail would meander through the existing trees and connect to proposed facilities and the surrounding neighborhood.

This park presents the opportunity to upgrade the existing crumbled asphalt into a new parking lot and basketball court.

5. OPTIMIST PARK

N. MARKET AVE

E. 34TH ST



NEW SPLASH PAD



NEW LARGE PLAYGROUND



ST

5. OPTIMIST PARK



NEW LARGE SHELTER



NEW SMALL SHELTER



RESURFACE BASKETBALL COURT



5. DEAN WEIGANT PARK

3.6 ACRES

PROS:

- Mature trees
- Restroom
- Large Playground
- Adjacent to fairgrounds
- Connects to trail system

CONS:

- Playground equipment is dated
- No sidewalks
- Stream divides park

OPPORTUNITIES:

- More parking
- Splashpad
- New large and small shelters
- Add surfacing to existing playgroup
- Add bus parking

PLAYGROUND
PICNIC TABLES

PARKING

PLAYGROUND

RESTROOM

SHELTER

SCALE 1" = 50'-0"

0' 25' 50'

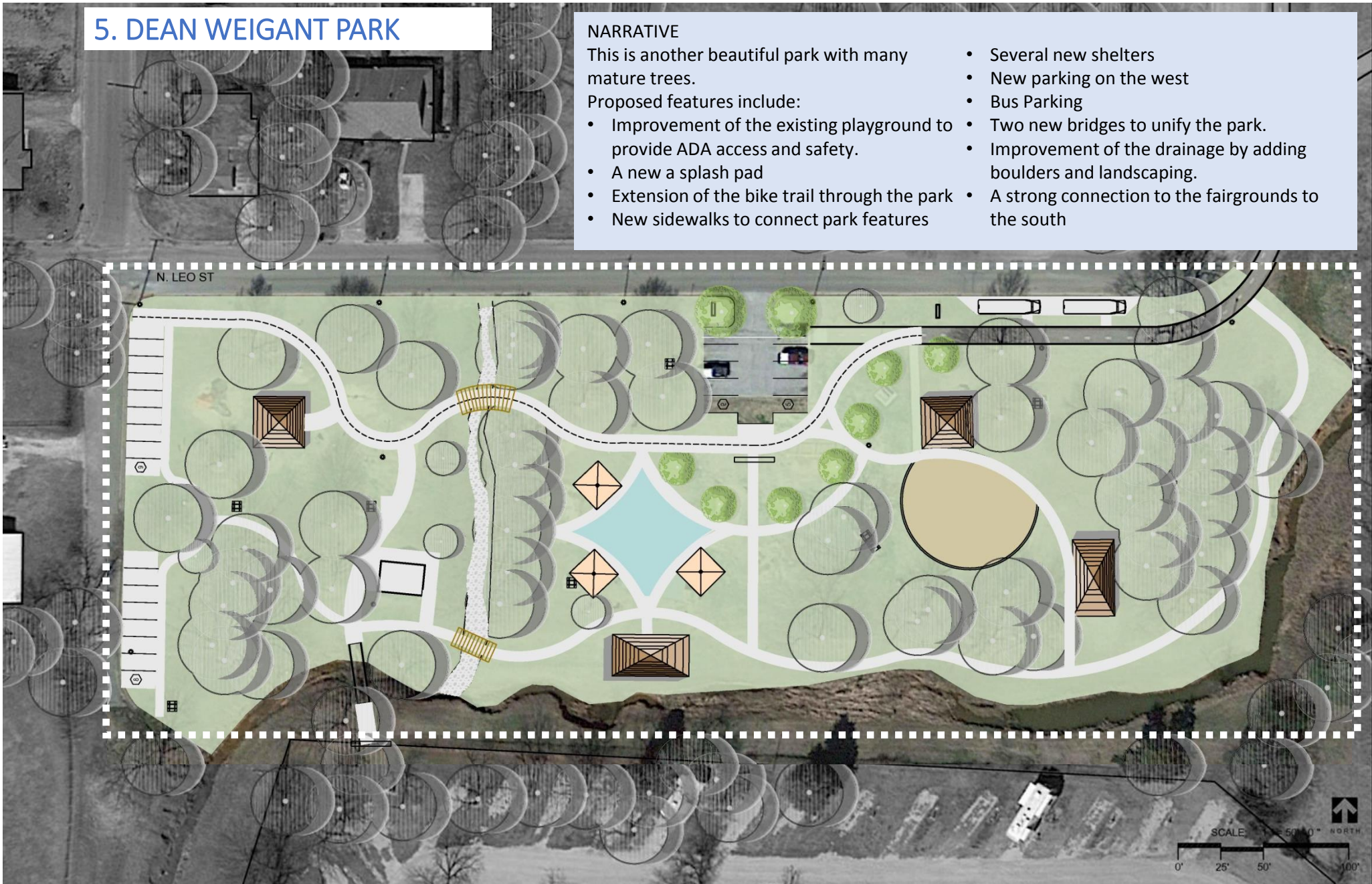
5. DEAN WEIGANT PARK

NARRATIVE

This is another beautiful park with many mature trees.

Proposed features include:

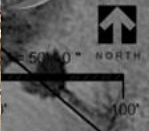
- Improvement of the existing playground to provide ADA access and safety.
- A new splash pad
- Extension of the bike trail through the park
- New sidewalks to connect park features
- Several new shelters
- New parking on the west
- Bus Parking
- Two new bridges to unify the park.
- Improvement of the drainage by adding boulders and landscaping.
- A strong connection to the fairgrounds to the south



5. DEAN WEIGANT PARK



ENTRANCE PLAZAS WITH PERGOLA



5. DEAN WEIGANT PARK

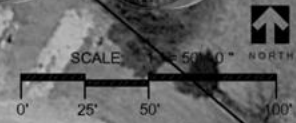
NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES



NEW SMALL SHELTERS



NEW LARGE SHELTERS



5. DEAN WEIGANT PARK

17 NEW PARKING SPACES

RESURFACE PARKING

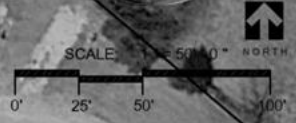
EXTEND BIKE TRAIL THROUGH THE PARK

BUS PARKING

N. LEE ST

CONNECT TO FAIRGROUNDS

ADD EDGING AND SURFACING TO EXISTING PLAYGROUND



CONCLUSION

This planning document sets a course for developing excellence in parks facilities in the City of Shawnee. The community desires high quality parks and facilities, as identified in this document. The City of Shawnee can succeed at providing the best parks and recreation system in the region.

The Shawnee Parks and Recreation Department has strong leadership and is organizationally ready to implement recommendations from this document.

Recommended first steps include securing funding. The plans included within this document are not generally sufficient to bid or construct projects, but they are extremely valuable in securing funding for improvements.



FUNDING SOURCES

City funding for park improvements can be better used when used as a match for federal/state programs that will increase the city

A couple of State funded programs include the following:

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an excellent way to get assistance in the funding of trails and trail amenities. It is a state-administered, federal aid program managed through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department (OTRD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program is a reimbursable grant, meaning the project sponsor must pay all project costs as they are incurred. Sponsors then may request reimbursement for 80% of eligible expenses up to the amount approved for the project. For 2018, the maximum grant amount is \$240,000 (with at least a \$60,000 match) for a total project cost of \$300,000. Applications are due in January, 2018

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a federal assistance program administered by the National Park Service (NPS) at the federal level. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a reimbursable grant, meaning the project sponsor must pay all project costs as they are incurred. Sponsors then may request reimbursement for 50% of eligible expenses up to the amount approved for the project. Projects that include acquisition and development of outdoor public recreation qualify for the program. All costs must be incurred and paid by the project sponsor during the project period as identified in the approved Sponsor Agreement. Technically, there is not a funding cap, but in general, projects from \$250,000 to \$600,000 are likely to be considered. Applications are due in July, 2018

- Other private foundations will provide funding and can assist in providing matching grants for other funding sources.



PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

SHAWNEE PARK MASTER PLAN COST ESTIMATE									
ITEM	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST *	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST
			BOY SCOUT	KIDSPACE	CELEBRATION	EX.	EXPANDED	OPTIMIST	DEAN WEIGANT
CLEARING AND DEMOLITION:			\$ 53,580.00	\$ 22,760.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 31,718.00	\$ 291,080.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,826.00
SITE GRADING, EROSION CONTROL, SOD			\$ 27,300.00	\$ 25,450.00	\$ 7,180.00	\$ 16,990.00	\$ 265,200.00	\$ 18,150.00	\$ 54,738.50
POND EXCAVATION & FOUNTAINS			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
PARKING			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198,850.00	\$ 49,230.00	\$ 83,020.00
LIGHTING & UTILITIES			\$ 129,500.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 509,600.00	\$ -	\$ 45,900.00
WALKS, PAVING, BRIDGES AND ROADS:			\$ 76,350.00	\$ 243,936.00	\$ 83,880.00	\$ 216,960.00	\$ 2,408,476.00	\$ 98,982.00	\$ 171,170.00
STRUCTURES: SHELTERS, RESTROOMS, BUILDINGS, PER			\$ 275,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 198,600.00	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 1,906,000.00	\$ 185,500.00	\$ 328,000.00
PLAYGROUPS, SPORTS COURTS,			\$ 226,050.00	\$ 777,448.00	\$ 108,540.00	\$ 43,040.00	\$ 583,961.00	\$ 581,835.00	\$ 462,560.00
SITE FURNISHINGS, FLAGPOLES,			\$ 63,847.00	\$ 64,529.00	\$ 40,611.00	\$ 113,568.00	\$ 188,437.00	\$ 51,247.00	\$ 58,900.00
TREES, GARDENS AND LANDSCAPING:			\$ 23,900.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 27,400.00	\$ 322,550.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 5,850.00
TOTAL COST			\$ 875,527.00	\$1,347,223.00	\$ 480,561.00	\$ 623,676.00	\$ 7,023,554.00	\$ 997,094.00	\$ 1,231,964.50
TOTAL WITH 10% CONTRACTOR O&P			\$ 963,079.70	\$1,481,945.30	\$ 528,617.10	\$ 686,043.60	\$ 7,725,909.40	\$ 1,096,803.40	\$ 1,355,160.95
TOTAL W/ 10% CONTINGENCY			\$ 1,059,387.67	\$1,630,139.83	\$ 581,478.81	\$ 754,647.96	\$ 8,498,500.34	\$ 1,206,483.74	\$ 1,490,677.05
DESIGN FEE @ 7%			\$ 74,157.14	\$ 114,109.79	\$ 40,703.52	\$ 52,825.36	\$ 594,895.02	\$ 84,453.86	\$ 104,347.39
TOTAL PROJECT			\$ 1,133,544.81	\$1,744,249.62	\$ 622,182.33	\$ 807,473.32	\$ 9,093,395.36	\$ 1,290,937.60	\$ 1,595,024.44
			BOY SCOUT	KIDSPACE	CELEBRATION	WOODLAND	EXP. WOODLAND*	OPTIMIST	WEIGANT
* EXPANDED WOODLAND ESTIMATE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURCHASE OR DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES									

PLAYGROUND SURFACING COST ANALYSIS									
ITEM	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST
			BOY SCOUT	KIDSPACE	CELEBRATION	WOODLAND	WOODLAND	OPTIMIST	DEAN WEIGANT
SURFACING--ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER	SF	\$ 2.50	\$ 16,250.00	\$ 35,232.50	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 42,667.50	\$ 16,175.00	\$ 10,000.00
POURED IN PLACE SURFACING, INCLUDING CONCRETE BASE	SF	\$ 22.00	\$ 143,000.00	\$ 310,046.00	\$ 31,460.00	\$ 49,280.00	\$ 375,474.00	\$ 142,340.00	\$ 88,000.00

NOTE: ESTIMATE DOES NOT INCLUDE PROPERTY ACQUISITION OR CLEARING/DEMOLITION

