

City of Alexandria, Virginia



Joseph Hensley Park Renovation

**Park and Recreation Commission
December 17, 2020**



Commission Actions



1. Commission to receive the presentation and provide comments on the amendments to the 2014 Joseph Hensley Park Plan.
2. Commission to schedule a Public Hearing on the amended plan for January 21, 2021.
3. Commission to approve final recommendation on January 21, 2021 after Public Hearing.

Presentation Agenda



1. 2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan
2. Need for Plan Amendment - Site Constraints
3. Park Design and Modifications to the 2014 Plan
4. City Staff Remarks
5. Commission Discussion
6. Community Outreach

Existing Conditions



HENSLEY PARK: EXISTING CONDITIONS

	HARD TRAILS		PARK BOUNDS
	STAIRS		ATHLETIC TURF
	HARDSCAPE SLOPE SEATING		

2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan



Site Constraints - 2014 Pan



-300'x165' field does not fit within parcel as show in Parks Improvements Plan
-Field must shift east and/or reduce in size

Site Constraints - 2014 Plan

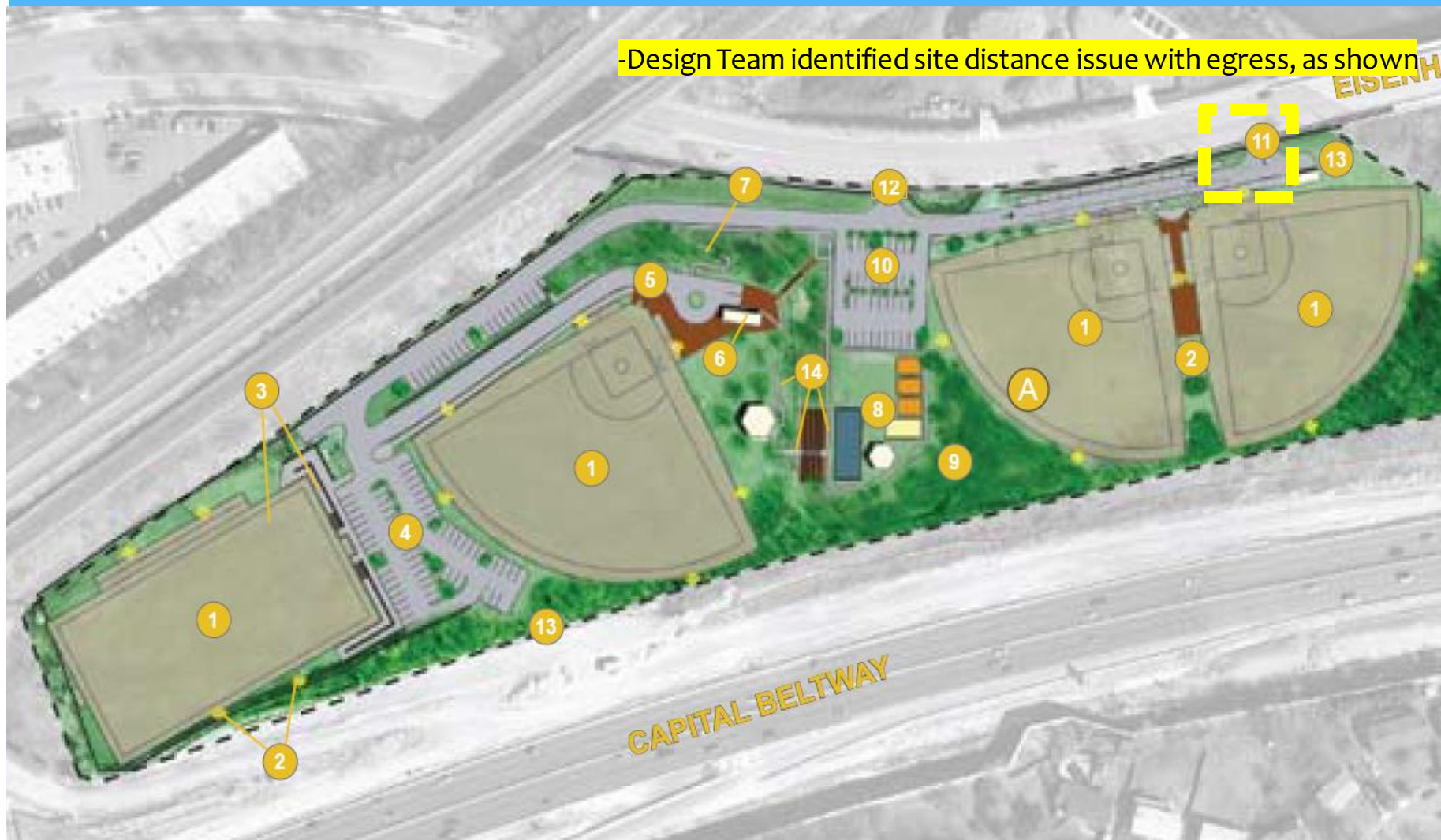


- Plan priority to increase parking and improve ADA access ramps affected
- Limits opportunity to increase field size without diminishing priorities and increases costs

Site Constraints - 2014 Plan



-Design Team identified site distance issue with egress, as shown



Site Constraints - 2014



Site Constraints - 2014 Plan



- Delineation shows wetlands in these areas
- Requires shift in field locations or smaller field dimensions



Recommended Park Plan Amendments



Due to the site constraints, the following Amendments are proposed:

1. Recommendation 1: Replace the two eastern diamond fields with one regulation sized adult softball field and a flexible natural turf playing area.
2. Recommendation 3: Shift the synthetic turf rectangular field north and east on the site to fit within the property boundary and reduce the field dimensions to 300 feet by 150 feet,
3. Recommendation 4: Reduce the number of parking spaces in the upper parking lot and relocate the spaces to other parts of the site.
4. Recommendation 8: Relocate the play space to the top of the hill near the restrooms.
5. Recommendation 10: Expand the proposed parking lot east of the hill to add the additional parking originally anticipated in the upper parking lot.
6. Recommendation 11: Eliminate the second access point to Eisenhower Avenue.
7. Recommendation 13: Move the Equipment Storage and Maintenance Area back to its current location.



Restroom Facility



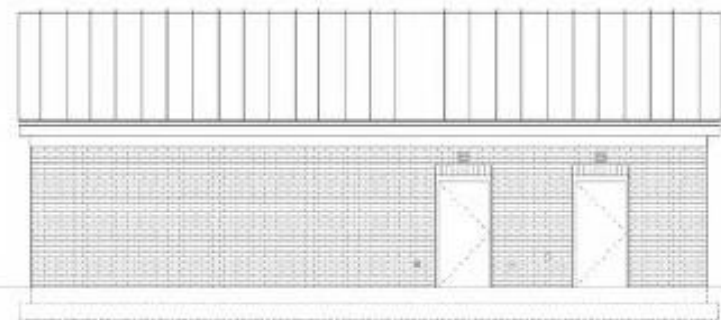
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3/4" = 1'-0"



2 SOUTH ELEVATION
3/4" = 1'-0"

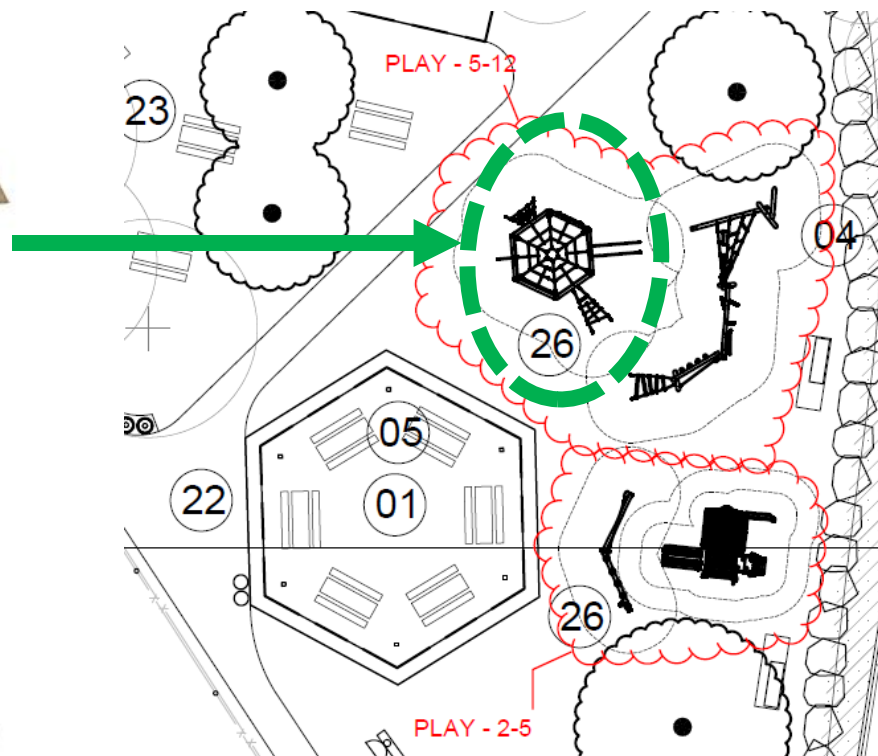


3 EAST ELEVATION
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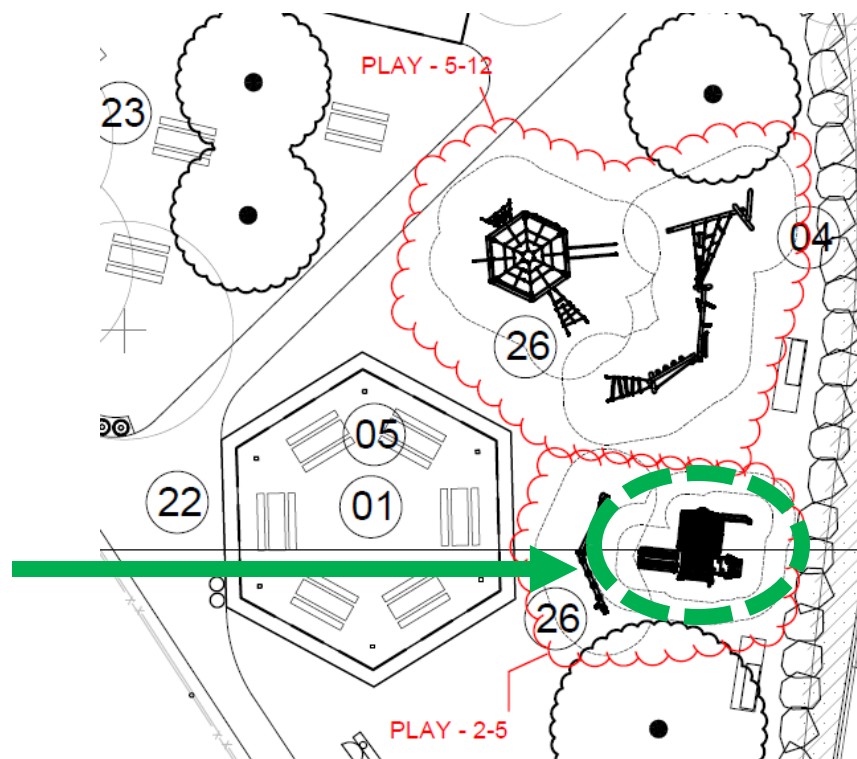


4 NORTH ELEVATION
AS NOTED SCALE

Playspace for ages 5-12



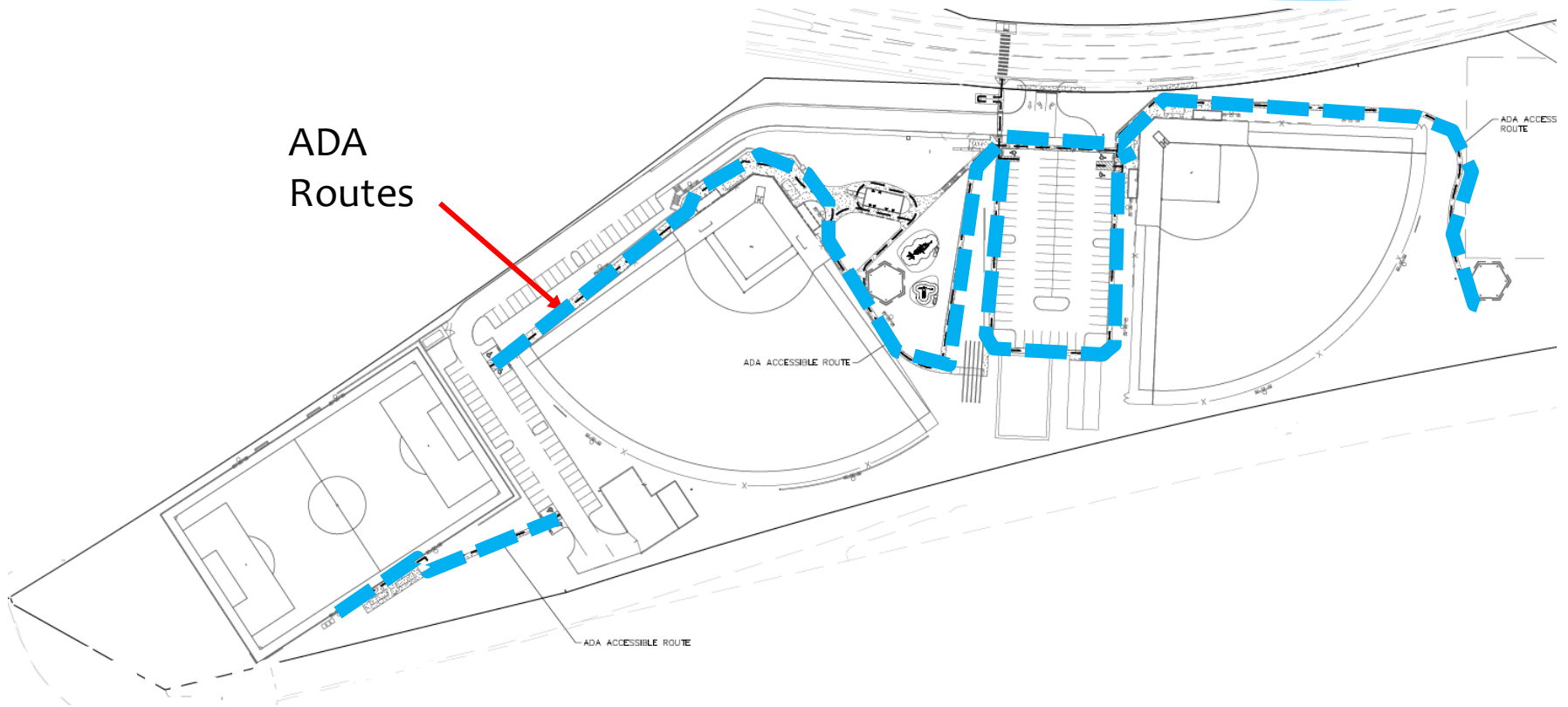
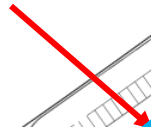
Playspace for ages 2-5



ADA Access Routes



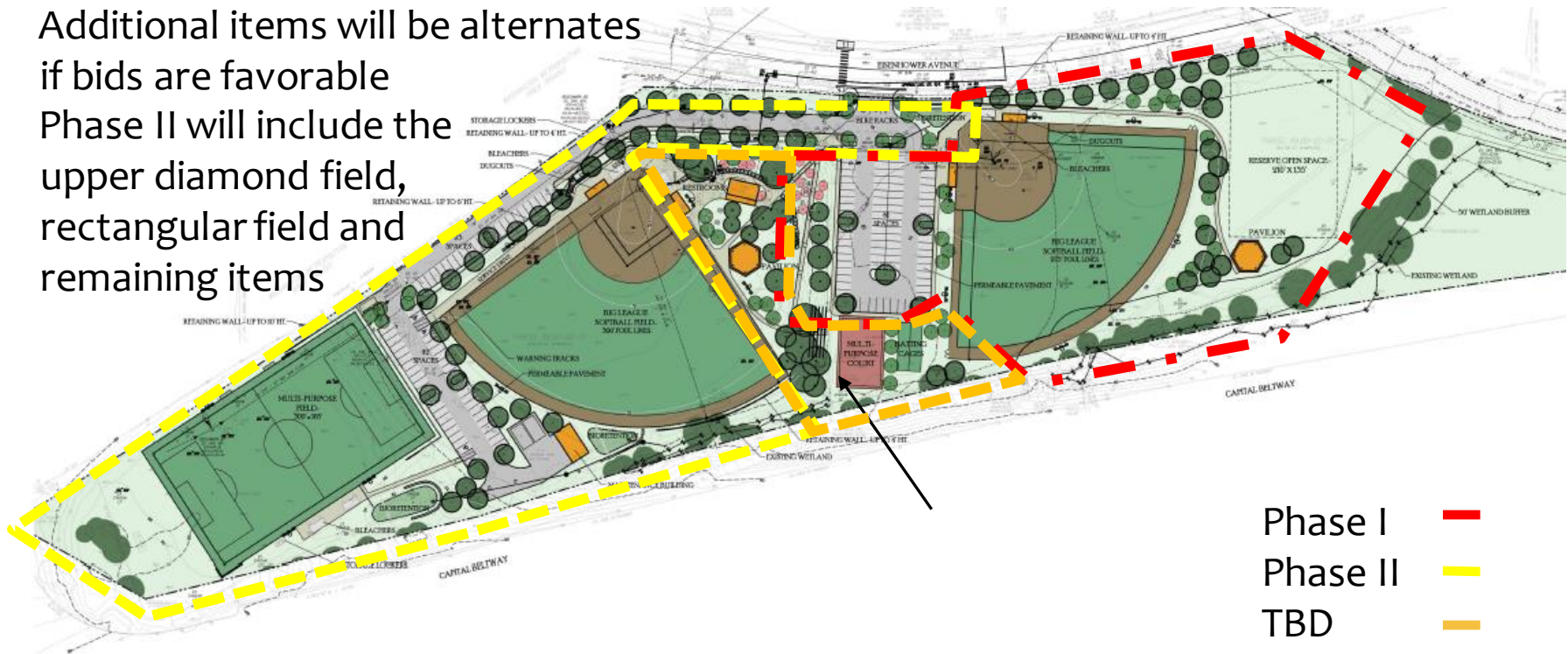
ADA
Routes



Implementation Phasing



- Phase I will include the lower diamond field, the open field area, the new parking lot, the restroom facility, ADA improvements and stormwater
- Additional items will be alternates if bids are favorable
- Phase II will include the upper diamond field, rectangular field and remaining items



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City Staff Remarks

- Staff updated the Youth Sports Advisory Board on Hensley in April 2019 and has invited the Board Members to attend tonight's meeting and participate in the January public comment period and hearing.
- Staff has coordinated with internal stakeholders to ensure that maintenance and facility longevity are integrated into the design.
- Staff included the Department Needs Assessment data, site programming data from the past few years, and site constraints in the proposed design and plan amendments.
- The proposed amendments do not change the intent of the Citywide Parks Plan for Hensley Park, but instead work to address the site constraints within the recommendations.
- Staff continues to identify interim improvements for implementation in advance of Phase II (i.e. repairs to rectangular fields lights).



Commission Discussion



Continued Community Outreach



Community outreach on the design of Joseph Hensley Park will continue with written comments and public hearings.

- Park & Recreation Commission Presentation - December 17, 2020
- RPCA Staff will take written comments by email at ana.vicinanzo@alexandriava.gov until January 20, 2021 for Park & Recreation Commission Public Hearing.
- Park & Recreation Commission Public Hearing – January 21, 2021
- Planning Commission Public Hearing - March 2, 2021

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Additional information:

Joseph Hensley Park webpage

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/119380>

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