



# Happy Hollow Recreation Center Community Meeting

January 20, 2024

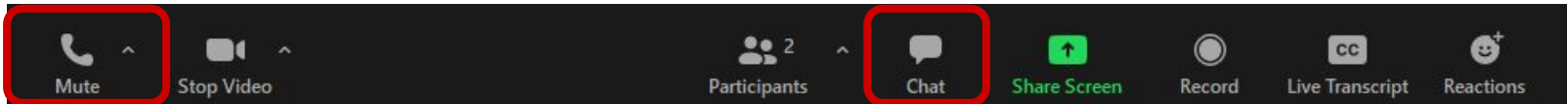


# Meeting Ground Rules

- Please keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking.
- Use the chat to ask questions and share ideas throughout the meeting. We will keep a record of your questions and follow up.
- We will record this meeting for those who can't make it.

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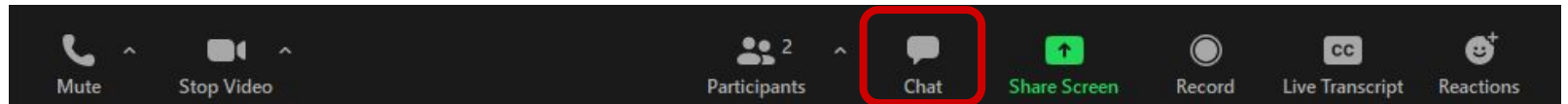


# Please Introduce Yourself

Please introduce yourself in the Chat by sharing your **name** and **your favorite thing about Happy Hollow Recreation Center**.

We will also be conducting some **live polling** which will be indicated by a blue star 

[Click on "chat" to introduce yourself.](#)



## **Sign in Form/ Evaluation Survey**

In order to evaluate and improve the Rebuild Philadelphia program, our team is conducting surveys at our engagement events to hear your thoughts on the meeting today and the program overall.

This survey doubles as our sign in sheet for today.

Please note that we ask for your demographic information to help us ensure we are hearing from the local community and monitor for equitable participation.

# Agenda

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**Introductions and  
What We've Heard**

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**Scope and Timeline  
Overview**

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**Polling Questions and Feedback**



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**Next Steps**

# About Rebuild



Rebuild is an initiative of the City of Philadelphia to improve parks, recreation centers, and libraries in close partnership with Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and other City departments.

- Quality community spaces build strong and resilient communities
- Residents' voices shape the improvements
- Career pathways are created for diverse Philadelphians
- Opportunities are available for diverse businesses

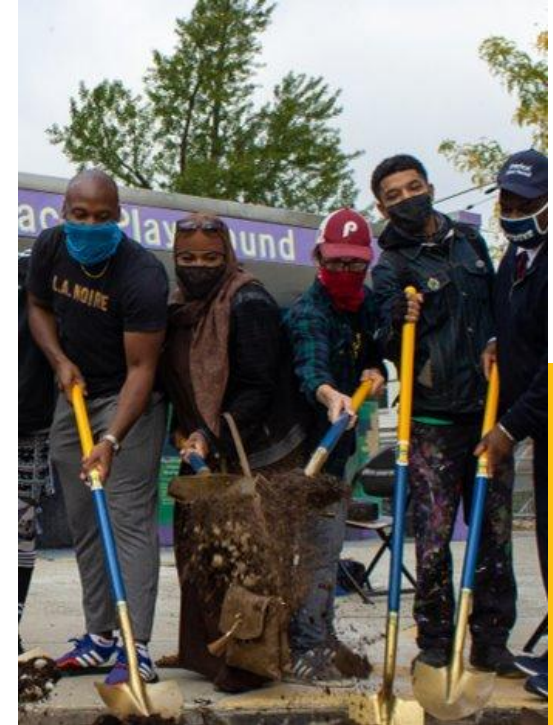
## **Rebuild Staff:**

**Kira Strong, Executive Director**

**Kathy Cueva, Deputy Director, Planning and Engagement**

**Heather McClain, Community Engagement Manager**

**Gilbert Oh, Design and Construction Project Manager**



# Happy Hollow Rec Center

## Project Goal + Team

The Rebuild project at Happy Hollow includes a priority first fix of the playground and pedestrian walkway from Wayne Ave. We are calling this the Playground Scope.

Additional to improvements are planned for the historic 1911 recreation center building, which are noted as Historic Building Scope.

### Project Team

Design Team:

SMPARCHITECTS

Ground Reconsidered

Community Engagement:



# By The Numbers

## Engagement Highlights

**3** Stakeholder  
Level

**1** Public Meeting  
(Winter 2023)

**MEETINGS HELD**

**53**  
**TOTAL REBUILD  
MEETING  
PARTICIPANTS  
(December 2023)**

**30%**  
**OF LOCAL  
RESIDENTS  
UNDER THE AGE  
OF 19**



# Key findings from the Engagement Process so far



## Who Should the Playground Serve?

"Teens 12-14"

"After school kids 5-12"

"All ages/Intergenerational"

"Toddlers - under 5yrs old"



## Types of Play Equipment

"Gross Motor Skills for toddlers"

"Slides" "Swings"

"Exercise equipment for seniors"



## Other Site Amenities

"Outdoor Seating"

"Safety amenities like fences, cameras and lighting"

"Seating for caregivers"

# Scope of Improvements for Happy Hollow Playground



Aerial View of Happy Hollow Playground

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## First Fix Playground Scope

- New Playground
- Pedestrian walkway from Wayne Ave
- Breezeway between 1911 Rec Center and Basketball Gym



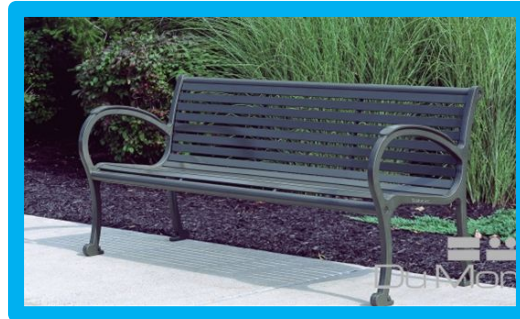
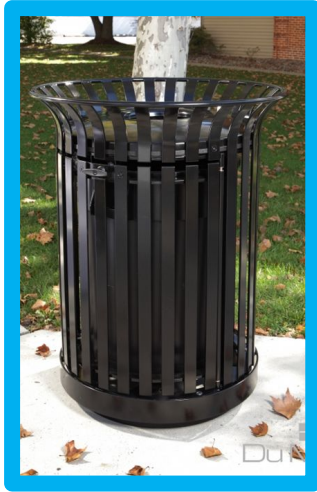
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**New Playground:** Demolish existing playground replace with new inclusive playground equipment, safety surface, cameras and lighting.

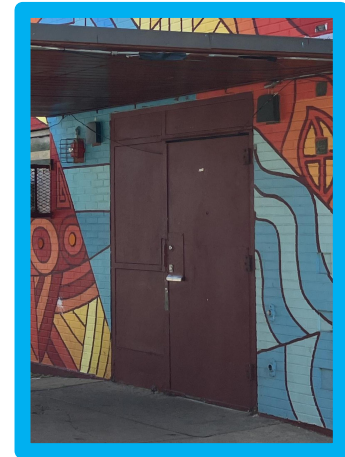
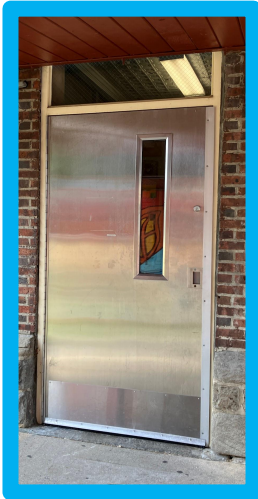
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## PPR Standard Furnishings to be added



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**Accessibility Improvements:** Improve breezeway and associated drainage between 1911 Rec Center and Basketball Gym  
Replace both breezeway doors for accessibility



# Scope of Improvements for Happy Hollow Playground

## Historic 1911 Recreation Center Scope

- Roof & Masonry - throughout building
- Interior Doors & Thresholds
- Bathrooms - Accessibility & Finishes
- HVAC - throughout building
- Electrical - throughout building
- Lighting upgrades
- WiFi Infrastructure Upgrades
- Abatement - throughout building
- Ceilings Repair

## Replace Existing Building Roof and other Exterior Improvements



# Scope of Improvements for Happy Hollow Playground

## Improve Existing ADA Bathroom



## Replace southwest walkway behind 1911 Rec Center building

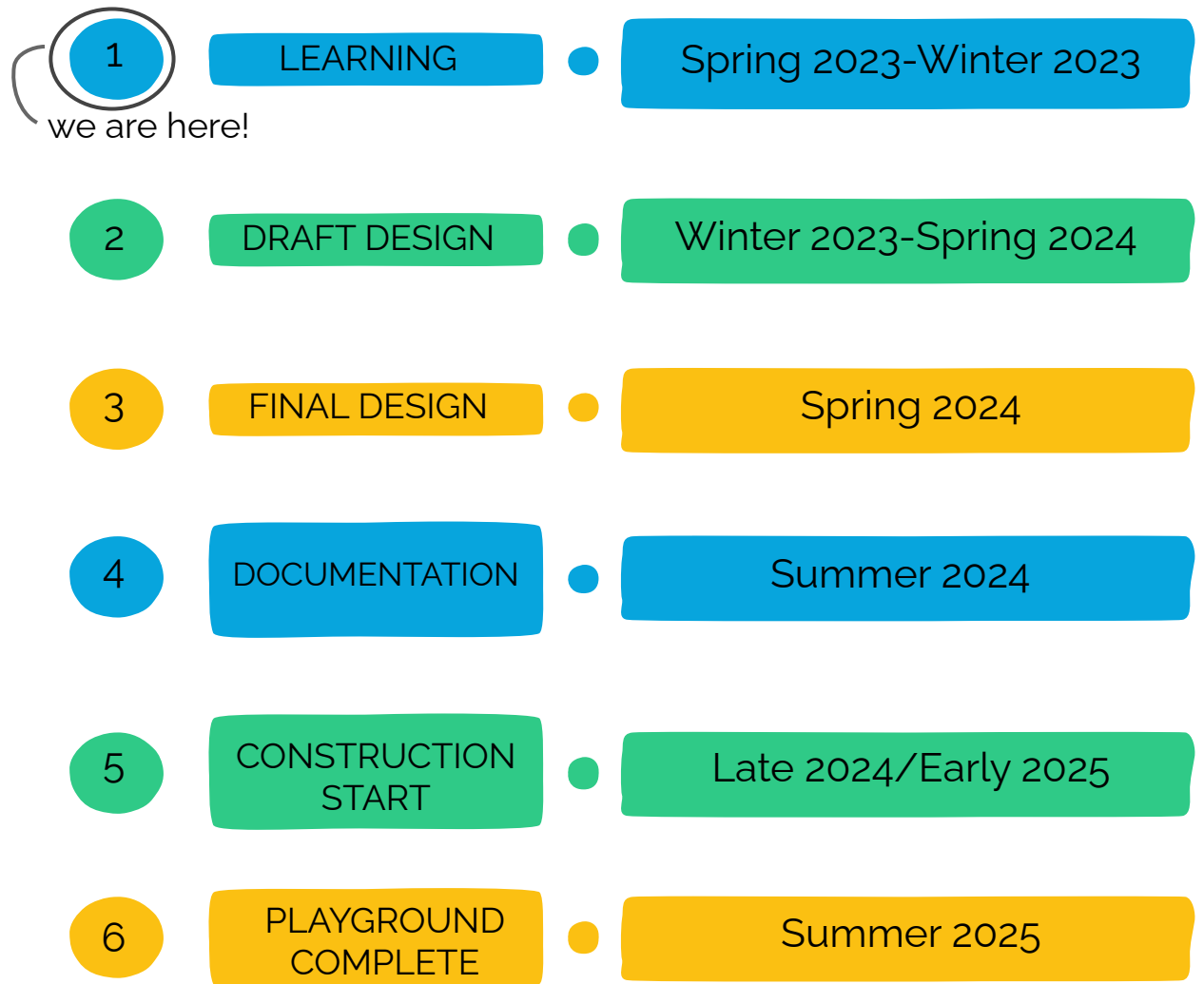




# Happy Hollow "First Fix" Playground Project Timeline

This timeline shows the projected design and community meeting milestones for the Playground Scope.

An overlapping timeline for improvements to the 1911 Historic Building will be shared at future community meetings.



# Playground Equipment Ideas:

## *Ages 5-12 Playground*



Platform Climber



Slides



Rope Climber



Pavement Games

# Playground Equipment and Polling Questions:

## *Ages 5-12 Playground*

Rank by importance the pieces of Ages 5-12 Play Equipment  
You Would Like To See At Happy Hollow



Swings



Spinners



# Playground Equipment Ideas:

*Ages 2-5 Playground*



Platform Climber



Climbing Net

# Playground Polling Questions:

## *Ages 2-5 Playground*

Rank by importance the pieces of Ages 2-5 Play Equipment  
You Would Like To See At Happy Hollow



Swings



Spinning



Slide



Sensory Panels



# Playground Polling Questions:

## *Additional Improvements (Specialty Zones)*

WHAT ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? CHOOSE ONE

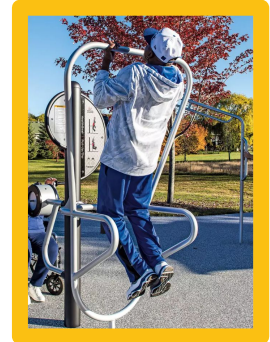
Tot Lot  
(ages 6 months to 2 years old)



Pre-Teen/Teen  
Gathering Space



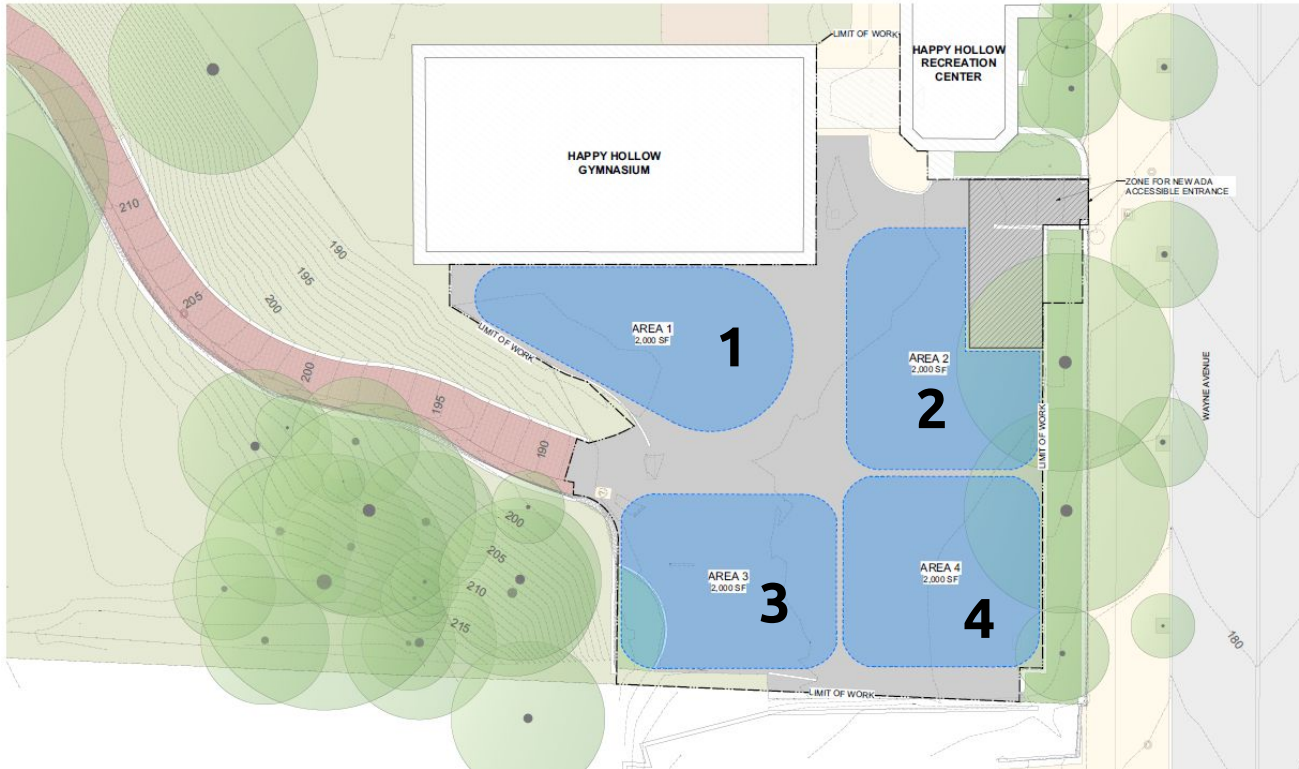
Fitness Equipment



# Aerial Plan of the Playground:

## *Overall areas*

In which two areas would you like to see the playground equipment located?



***Give us your feedback about the  
playground layout!***





## Next Steps

- Youth Focus Group  
In-person workshop with after school program,  
basketball and boxing participants
- Spring 2024  
Develop conceptual design

**Stay tuned for our next public meeting to share a  
draft design!**

## Stay In Touch!

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**Thank you for your time and dedication!**