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**March 26, 2025**

**Re: Art Commission Plan Review  
James Logan Elementary Schoolyard Improvements  
1700 Lindley Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141**

Dear Philadelphia Art Commission Representative:

On behalf of the Trust for Public Land, AKRF is requesting conceptual approval of schoolyard and stormwater improvements for James Logan Elementary School, located at 1700 Lindley Avenue. We respectfully request this review be placed on the Art Commission meeting agenda for April 9, 2025.

The property encompasses an entire block bound by Lindley Ave to the north, Ogontz Ave to the west, North 17th St to the east, and West Ruscomb St to the south. The existing school building is located in the northern half of the property and surrounded by lawn on its north, west, and east sides. The southern half of the site consists of a paved play yard with basketball courts and the remnants of a fence from a previously removed play structure. The yard is enclosed by existing fence on all sides. No improvements are proposed to the building or the existing lawn areas. The southern half of the site is the subject of the proposed project.

The project proposes school yard improvements to revitalize and improve climate resiliency in a community space. Improvements include play equipment with safety surfacing and seating in the northeastern corner, two basketball courts and one (1) additional paved multi-use sport court in the center, a flexible lawn area in the southeast corner, a quiet seating area in the north, and walking paths throughout the yard. The project also includes green stormwater infrastructure with a rain garden sited along the western perimeter of the yard, a planted swale along the south, and a subsurface stone and pipe system below grade at the basketball courts. Depaving is proposed around the rain garden and swale, and trees are proposed throughout the site. No improvements are anticipated in the easternmost portion of the yard. A fence is proposed running north-south to separate the improvement from the unimproved space.

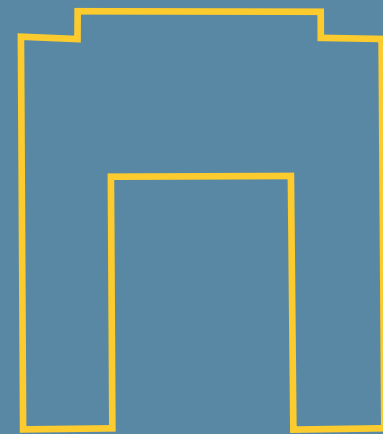
We will follow up with photographs, renderings, and supporting documents by Wednesday April 2, 2025. Should you need any additional information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [econfair@akrf.com](mailto:econfair@akrf.com).

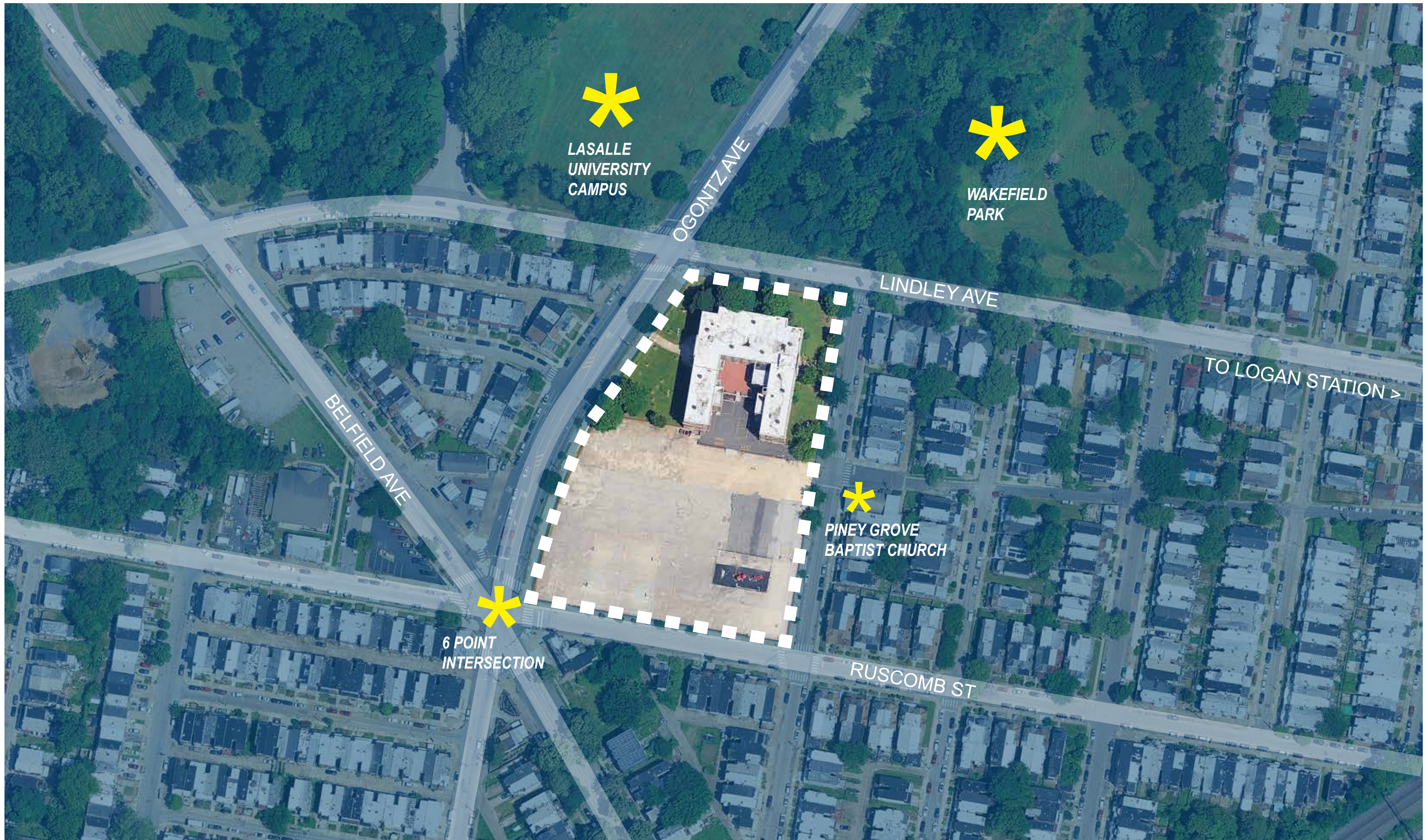
Sincerely,

Edward Confair, PE, PLA  
Vice President, Landscape & Resiliency

# LOGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD IMPROVEMENT

ART COMMISSION CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW





neighborhood context



James Logan School



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**existing conditions**

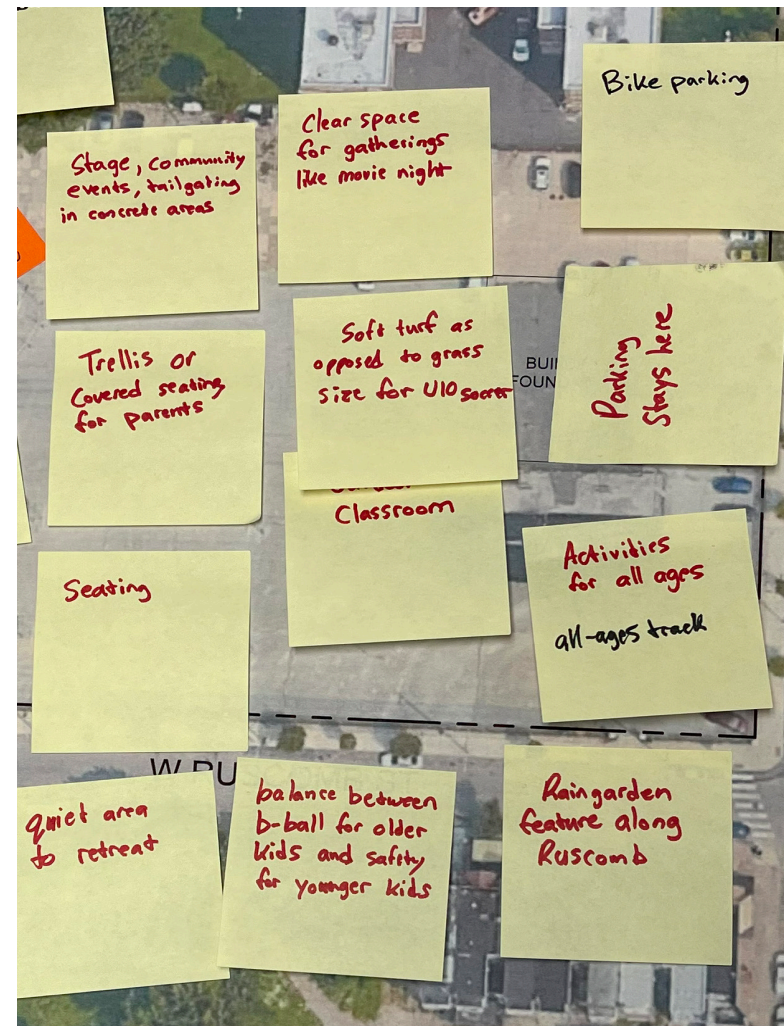


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community engagement



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**student participatory design**

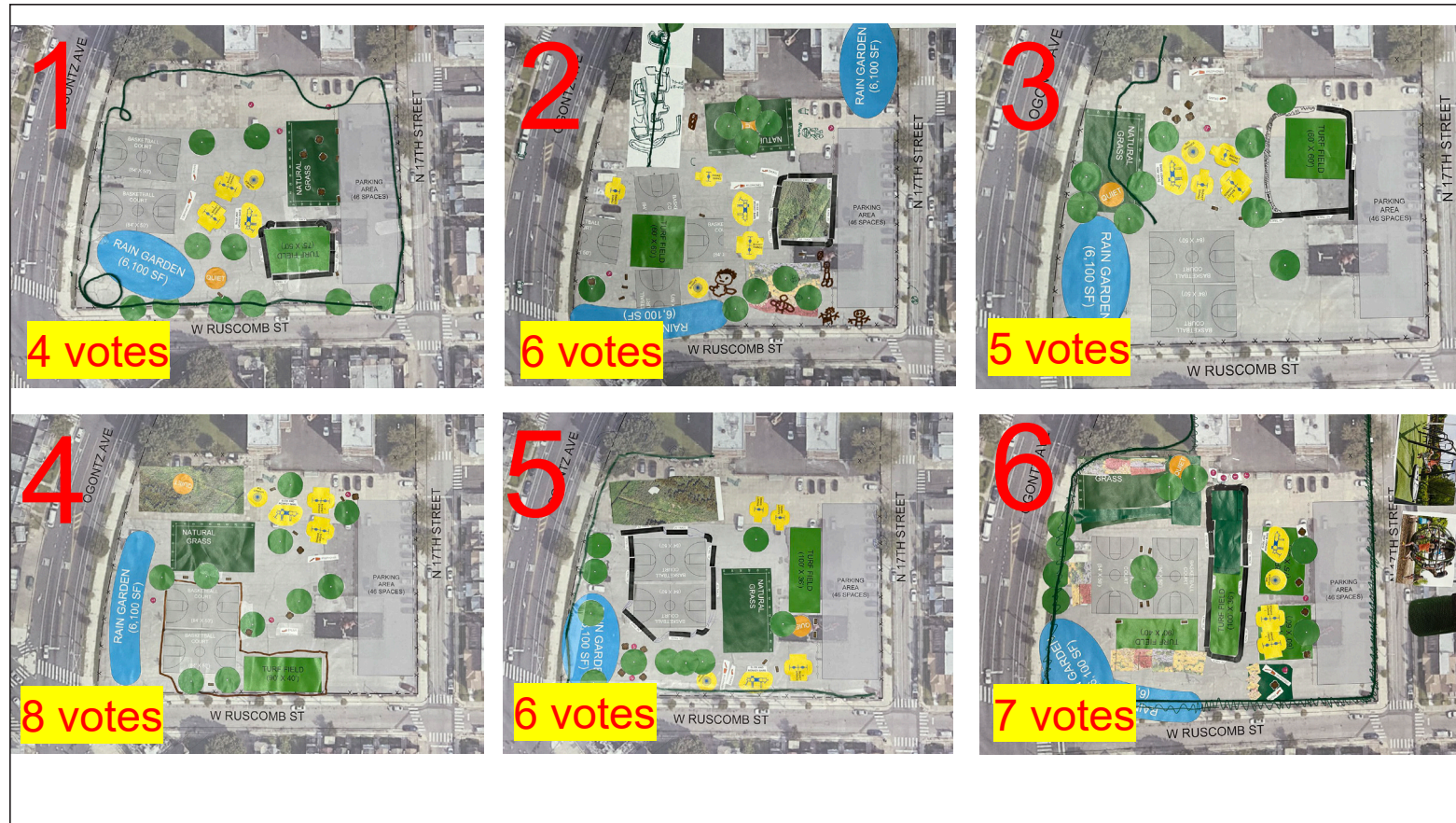


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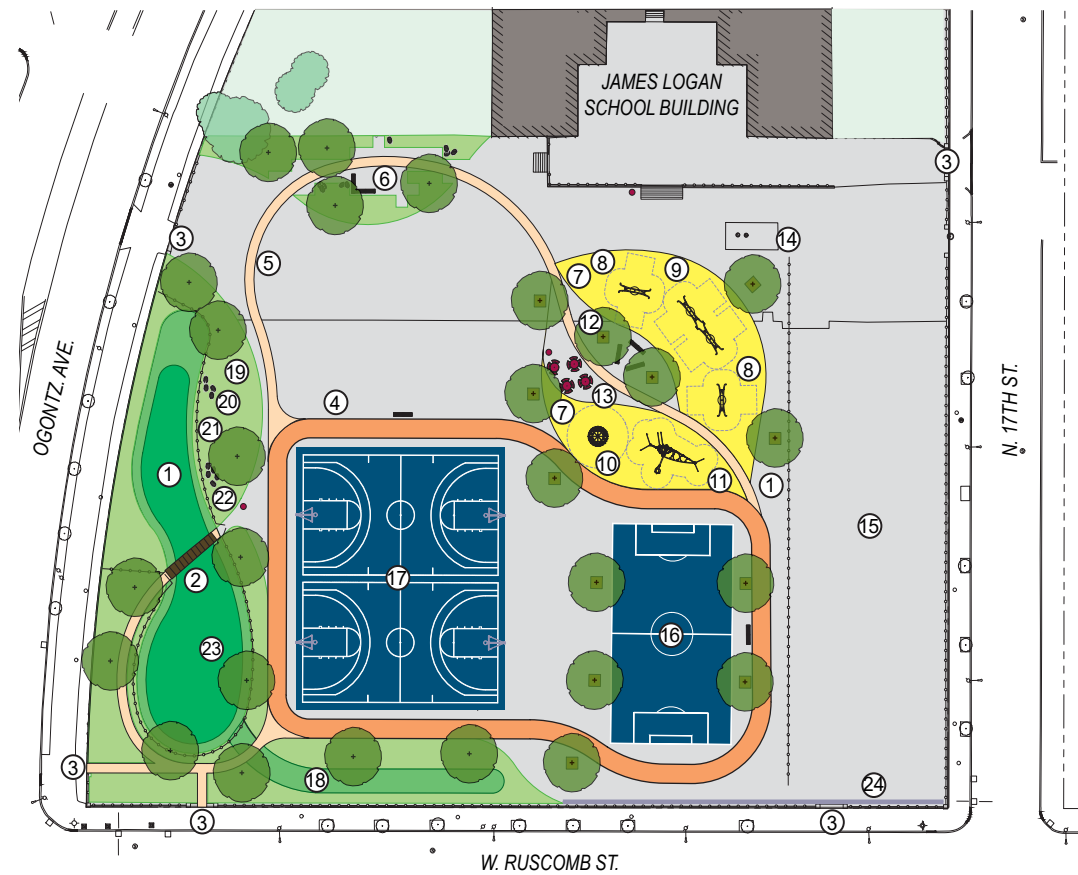
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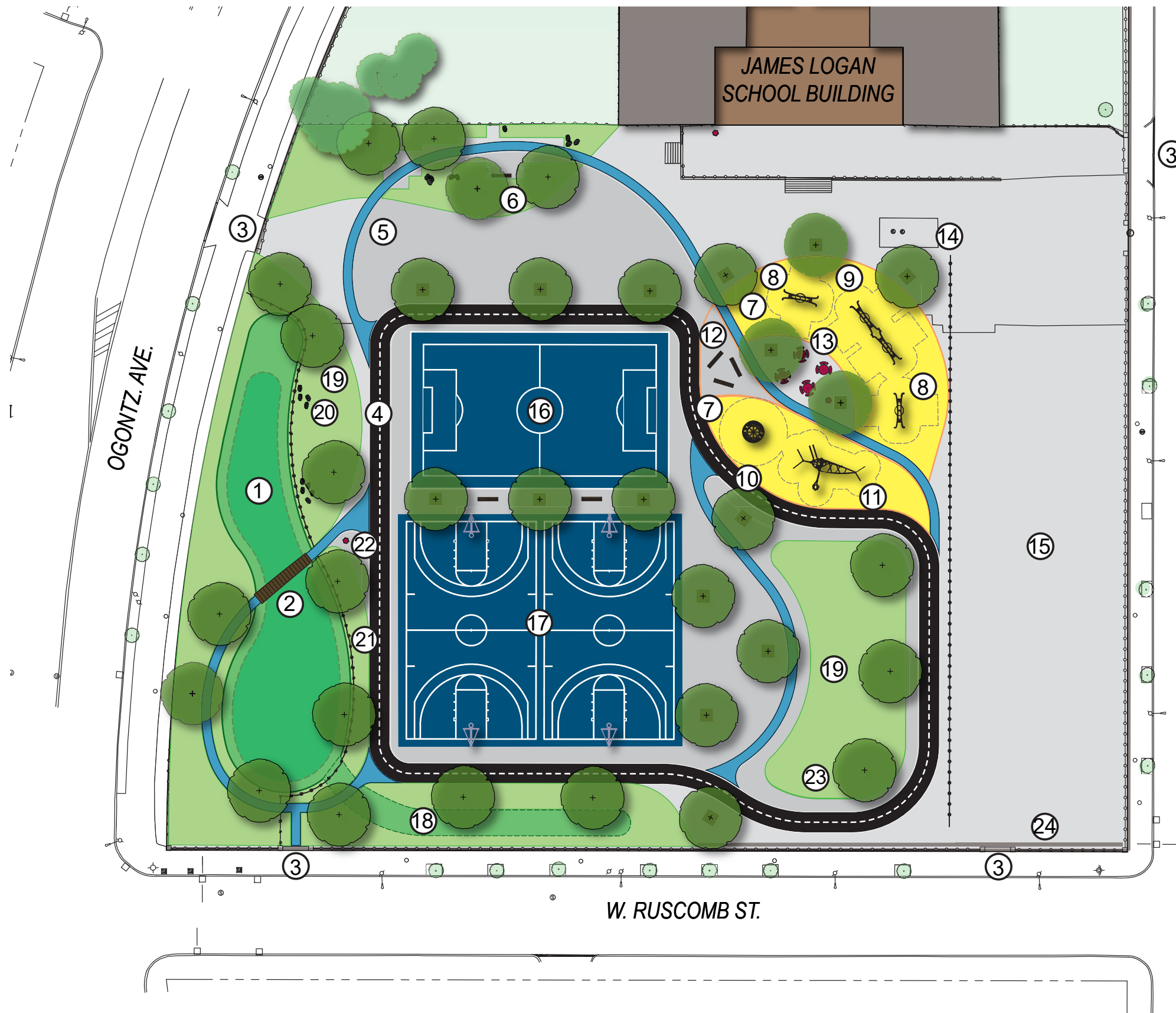
- Prefer this play equipment arrangement but needs more space away from building

- Want a nature trail – they like the concepts from teams 2 and 3 as well as this one
- Appreciate all the nature/green
- Prefer this basketball placement (though Mr. Eli thinks closer to the edge is better for community access)



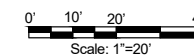
design process





**LEGEND**

- ① Rain Garden
- ② 4' Wide Pedestrian Footbridge
- ③ Site Access
- ④ 8' Wide Painted Athletic Track
- ⑤ 4' Wide Painted Nature Trail
- ⑥ Quiet Area with Seating
- ⑦ Safety Surface
- ⑧ Single Basket Swing
- ⑨ Double Basket Swing
- ⑩ Spinner
- ⑪ Climber
- ⑫ Seating Area
- ⑬ Picnic Area
- ⑭ 4' High Fence
- ⑮ Flexible Space for School Use
- ⑯ Multi-game Court
- ⑰ Basketball Courts
- ⑱ Bio-swale
- ⑲ Lawn
- ⑳ Landscape Boulders (typ.)
- ㉑ Low Rain Garden Fence
- ㉒ Trash Receptacle (typ.)
- ㉓ Shade Tree (typ.)
- ㉔ Asphalt Curb/Berm

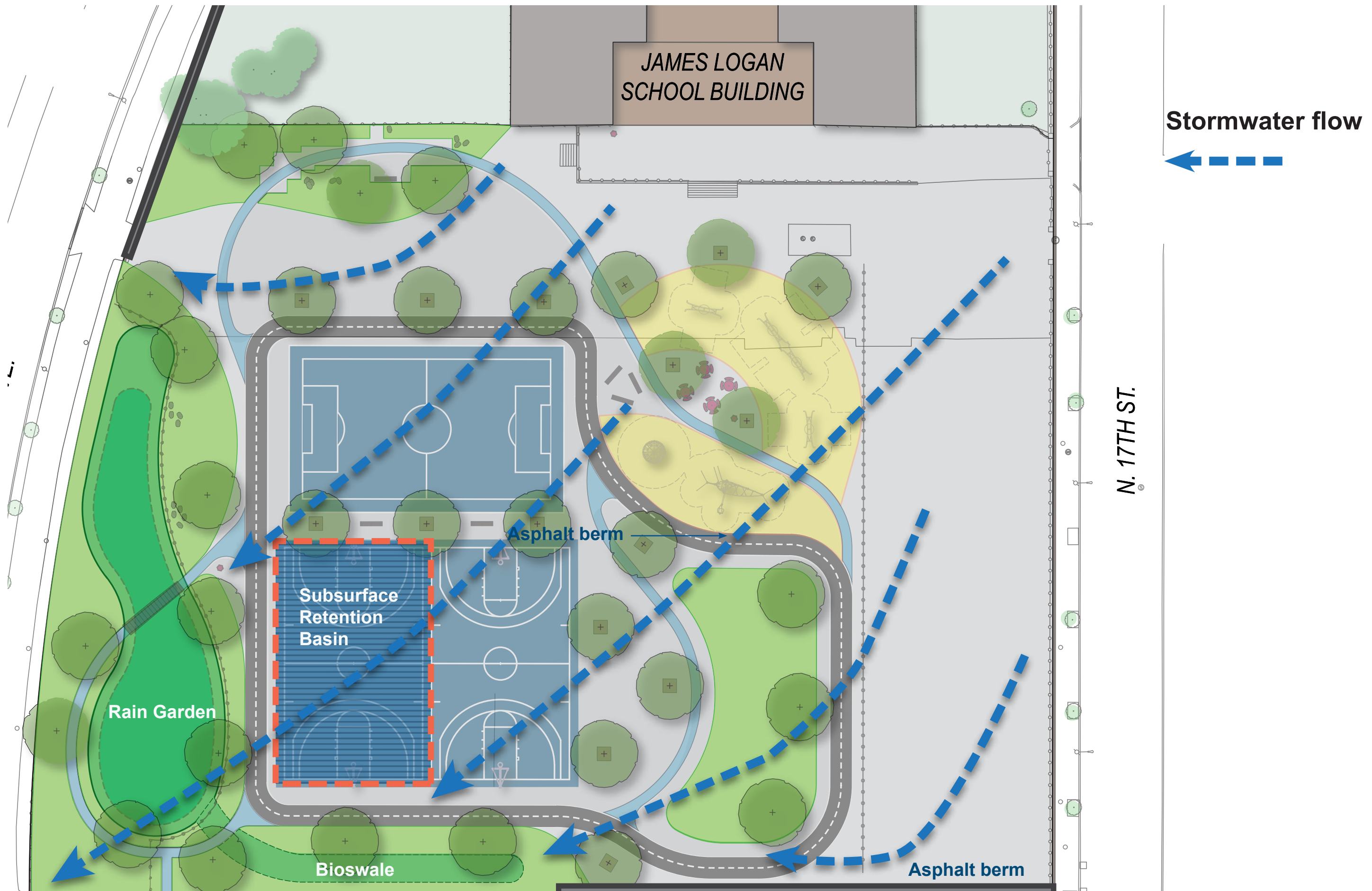






**Active use**

**Passive use**



**stormwater management**





*Betula nigra*  
River Birch



*Quercus bicolor*  
Swamp Oak



*Quercus bicolor*  
Swamp Oak



*Amelanchier arborea*  
Shadblow



*Cladrastris kentukea*  
Yellowwood



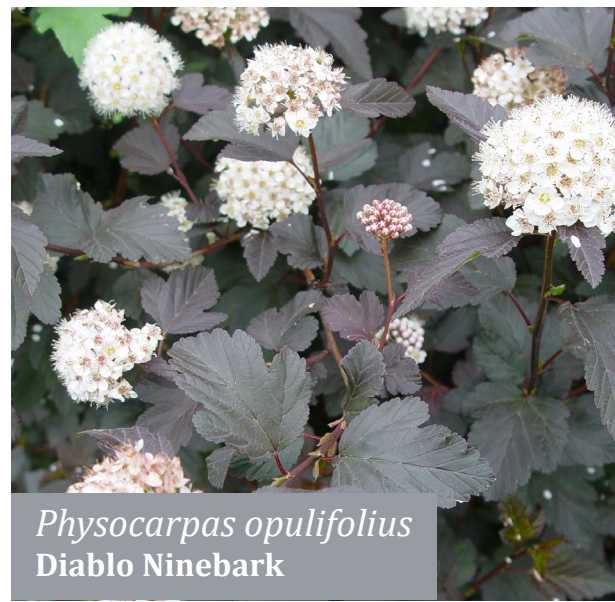
*Juniperus virginiana* 'Gray Owl'  
Gray Owl Juniper



*Aronia melancarpa*  
Black Chokeberry



*Viburnum dentatum*  
Arrowwood Viburnum



*Physocarpus opulifolius*  
Diablo Ninebark



*Cornus sericea*  
Redosier Dogwood



*Amsonia hubrectii*  
Arkansas Bluestar



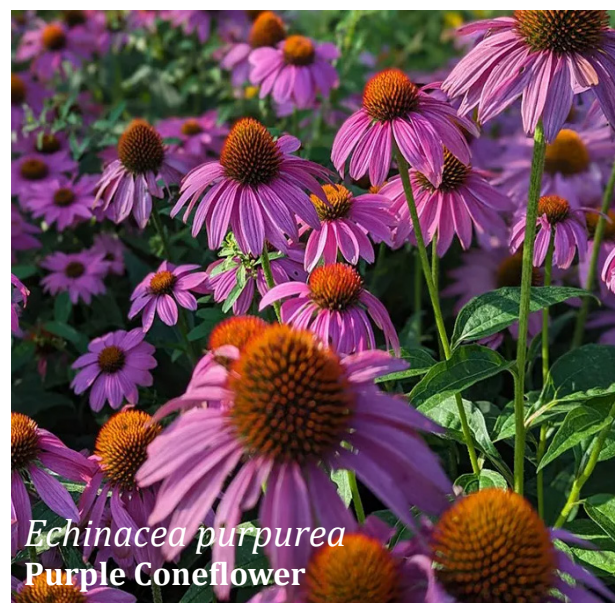
*Chelone glabra*  
Turtle Head



*Packera obovata*  
Round-leaved Ragwort



*Hibiscus moscheuto* 'Luna Red'  
Luna Red Hibiscus



*Echinacea purpurea*  
Purple Coneflower



**birds eye view**



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**existing perspective view**



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**proposed perspective view**



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questions?



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## James Logan Schoolyard Improvement Construction Budget (Concept)

1700 Lindley Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19141

Date: March 26,2024

Source	Amount
Trust for Public Land	\$369,400.00
Philadelphia School District	\$250,000.00
Philadelphia Water Department Stormwater Incentives Grant	\$1,259,707.00
Estimated Total Construction Cost	\$1,879,107.00