

For the Municipality of Grey Highlands, Markdale

King Edward Park

Master Plan Charrette

Day 3 • May 15, 2025

GSP group

Agenda

- Introductions
- Defining the Master Plan and Timeline
- Charrette Schedule
- What We've Heard So Far
- Park Layout Concept Development
- Closing Remarks

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Master Plan and Charrette

Development of a Community Lead Set of Guidelines for the Future of King Edward Park

What is the Master Plan?

Three Part Report:

1. Background Data
2. Engagement Summary and Concept Development
3. Costing and Phasing

Master Plan Timeline

Timeline To Date:

1. **March 5:** Project Awarded
2. **April 15:** GSP Site Visit
3. **April-May:** Stakeholder Interviews
4. **May 13-15**: Public Engagement Charrette

Next Steps:

5. **May 20:** Online Feedback Closes
6. **May 27:** Results of Public Engagement and Preferred Concept Posted Online
7. **July:** Final Draft of Master Plan Presented to Municipality
8. **August:** Master Plan Report is Posted Publicly

Charrette

- Our Role
- Community's Role
- Municipality's Role

Charrette Schedule

Day 1: Tuesday, May 13th

- Project Introduction Presentation
- Public Brainstorming Workshop

Day 2: Wednesday, May 14th

- Public Drop-in Concept Design Sessions: **2:00-5:00** pm, **6:00-8:30** pm

Day 3: Thursday, May 15th

- Community Supported Concepts Presentation: **6:00-8:30 pm**



What We've Heard So Far

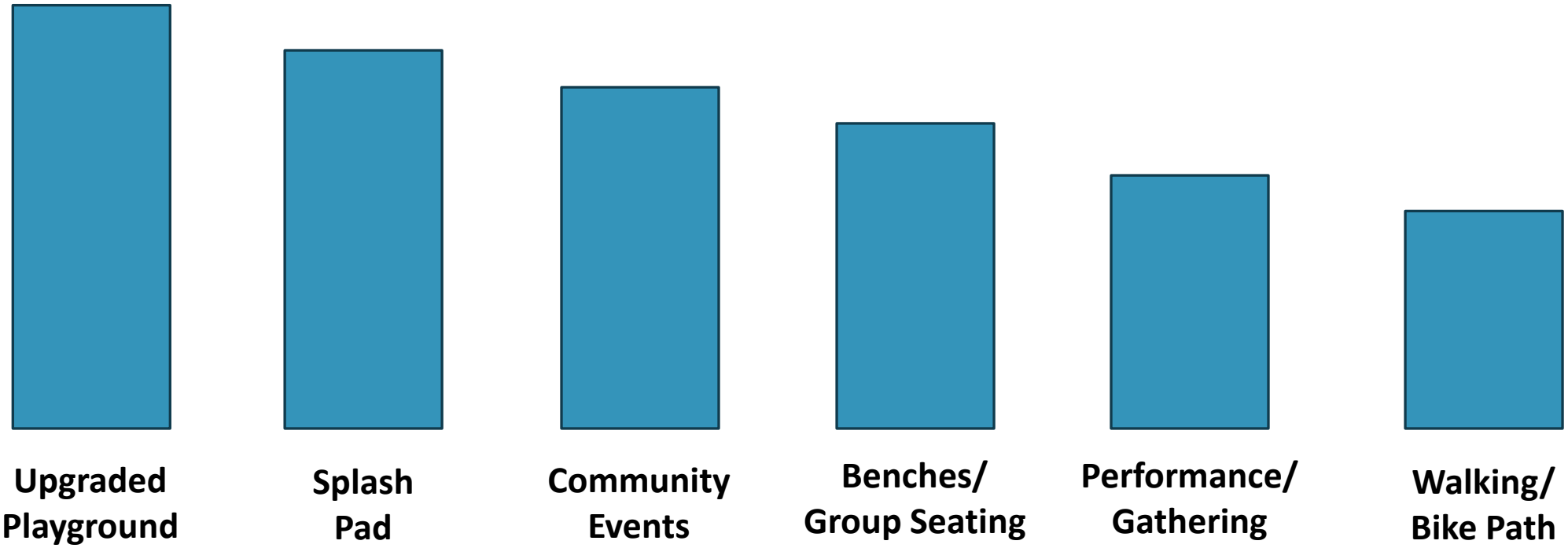
Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder Engagement

- South East Grey Community Health
- Splash Pad Committee
- Agricultural Society
- Grey County Riders
- Markdale Library
- Recreation Committee
- Markdale Minor Softball
- Markdale Shooting Stars

Online Engagement

Park Features Most Talked About



Charrette Engagement

Civic Space

Safety

Seating

Move Ball Diamond

Gardens

Splash Pad

Art or Murals

Organize Parking

Something for All Ages

Tree Planting

Recreation/Community Hub Building

Downtown Park

Accessibility

Play For All









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Splash Pad





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Community Events





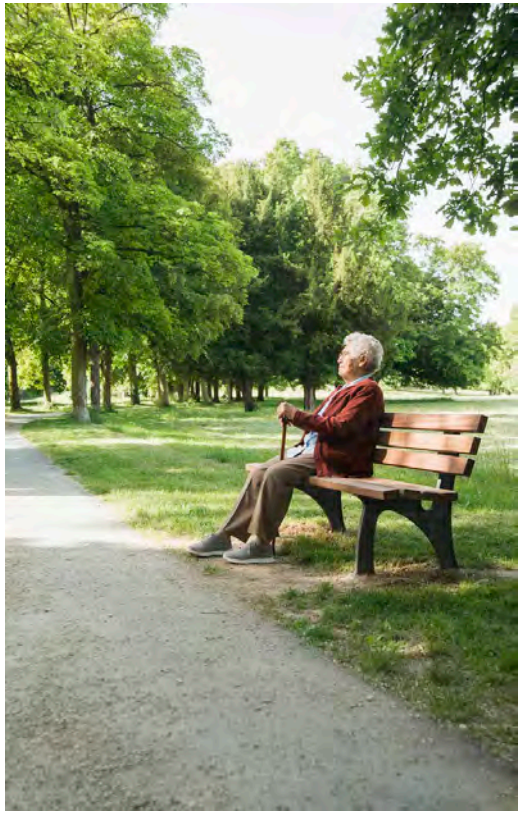
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Benches & Group Seating









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Performance & Gathering

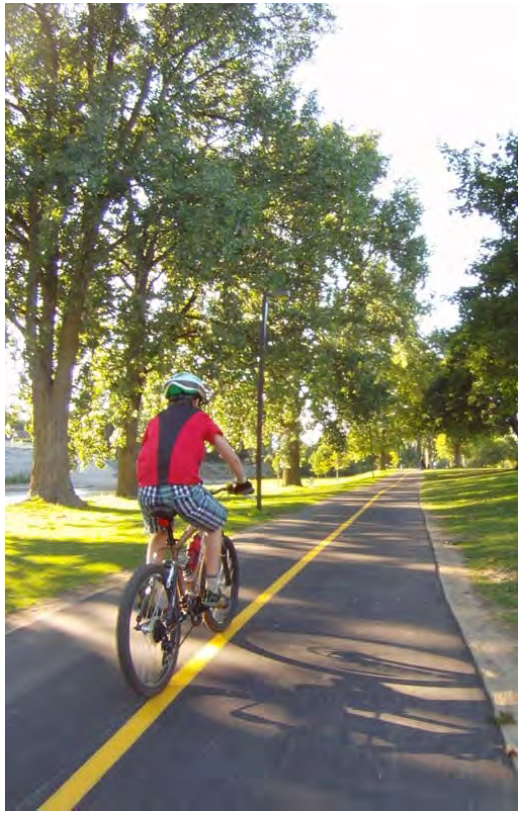




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Walking & Biking Path





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Other Ideas









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Concept Development

Community Supported Concept and How We Got There

Preliminary
Values & Guiding Principles

Prior to Charrette

Community

- Continue using King Edward Park as a place for community events, gathering and involvement

Growth & Accessibility

- Consider users of all ages and needs, enhance or establish amenities for all user groups, protect King Edward Park as a park space

Cultural Heritage & History

- Preserve what King Edward Park currently offers, add more amenities and ensure adequate maintenance for a variety of uses (theming, public art displays, or interactive discovery)

Nature & Environmental Contribution

- Plant more trees and gardens and maintain adequate greenspace (native species, pollinators, low maintenance)

Preliminary
Values & Guiding Principles

Feedback Through the Charrette

Health & Wellness

- Promote a range of recreational and passive programming which contribute to the well-being of park-users.

Connectivity & Comfort

- Provide programming layouts which complements proposed uses, while making each area comfortable to be within. Uses should also connect people of all ages and abilities.

A Downtown Destination

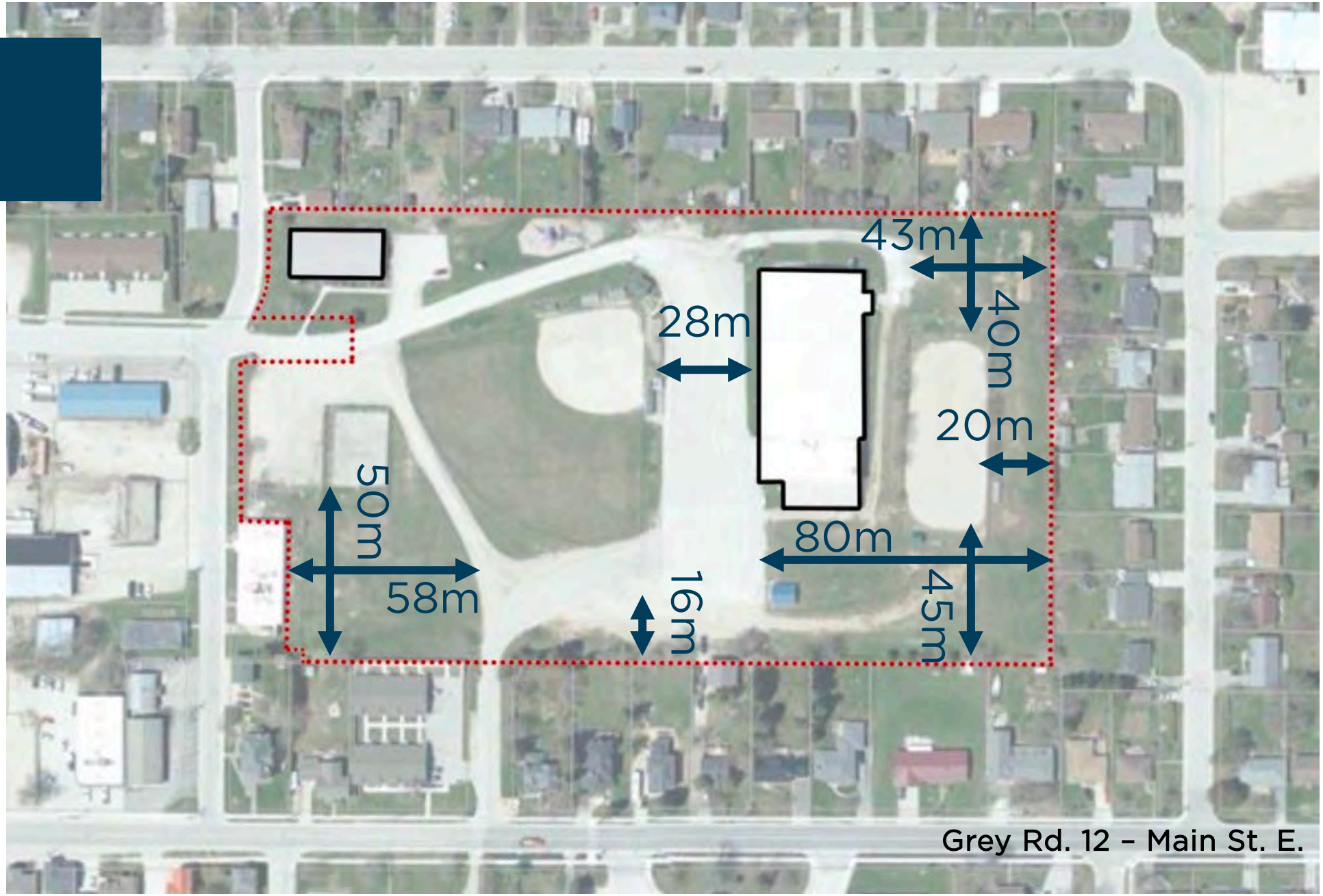
- Explore opportunities to make King Edward Park a destination, with a range of programming including experiences not offered in other nearby community spaces.

Flexibility

- Park enhancements offer flexibility in use or scale, for day-to-day & annual events, or changes in recreational trends.

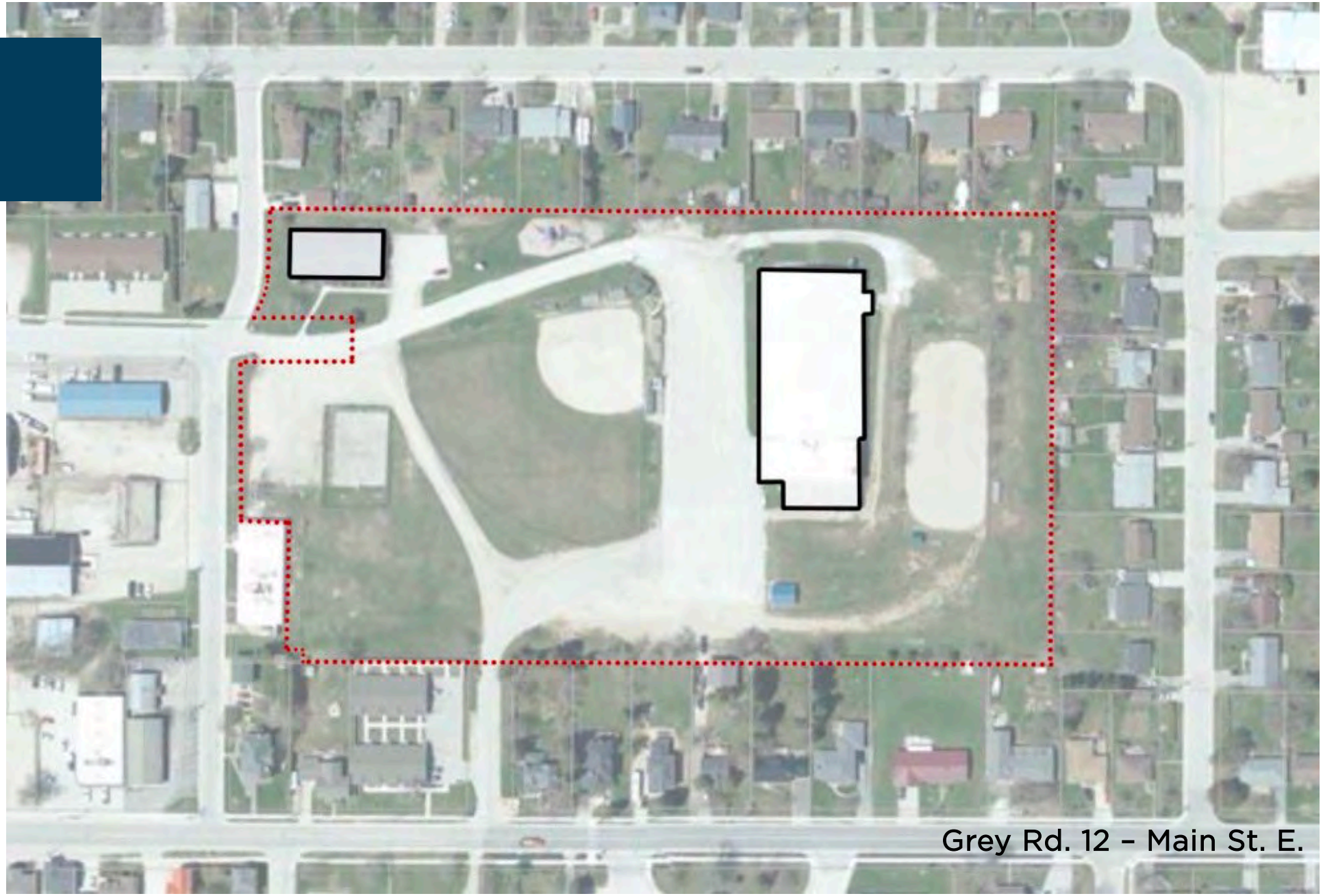
Spatial Context Dimensions

- Understanding Site Dimensions
- Underutilized Areas
- Oversized Features



Spatial Context Pickleball

- How many pickleball courts fit on King Edward Park?



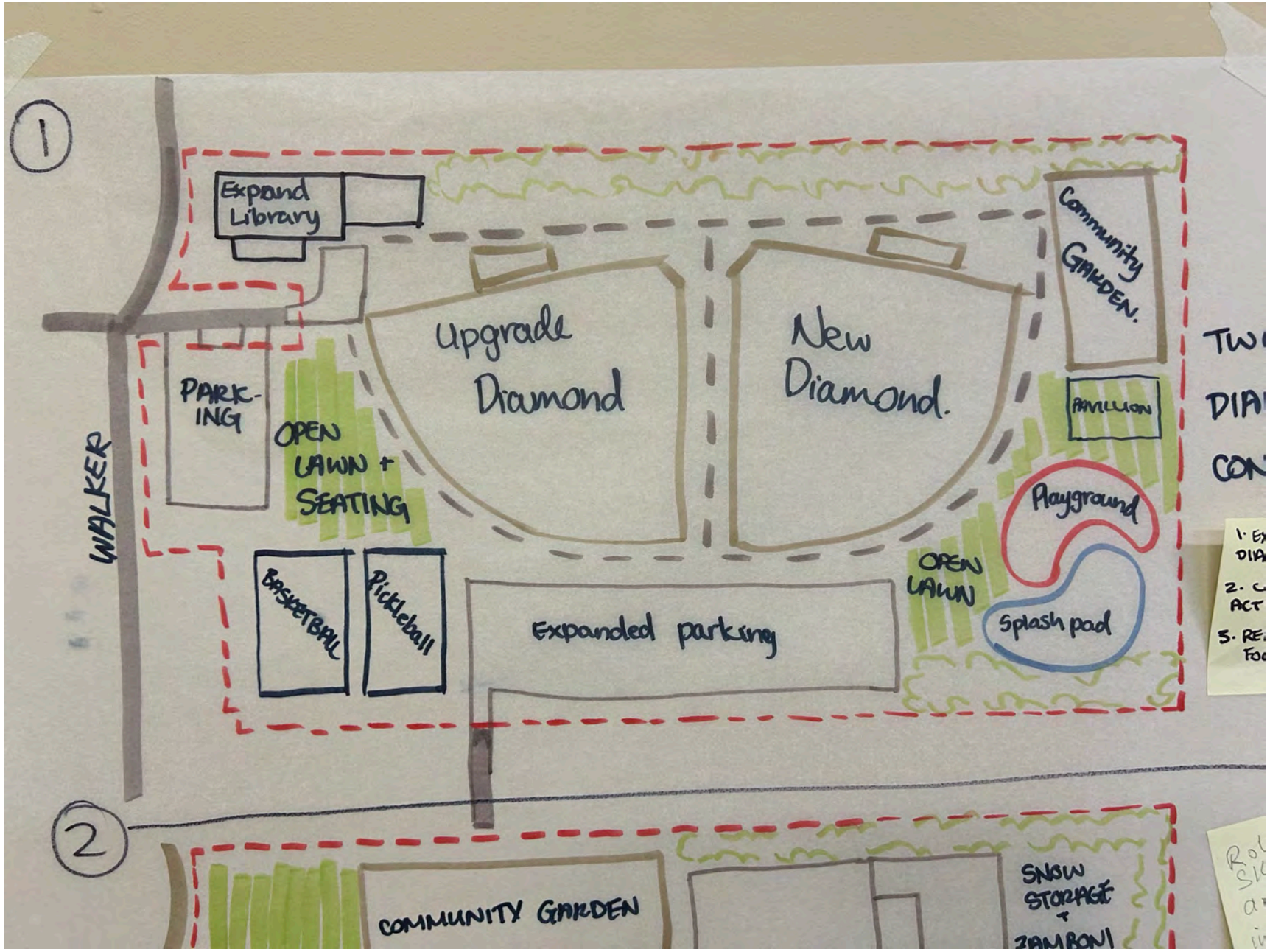
Spatial Context Pickleball

- How many pickleball courts fit on King Edward Park?
- Answer: 216



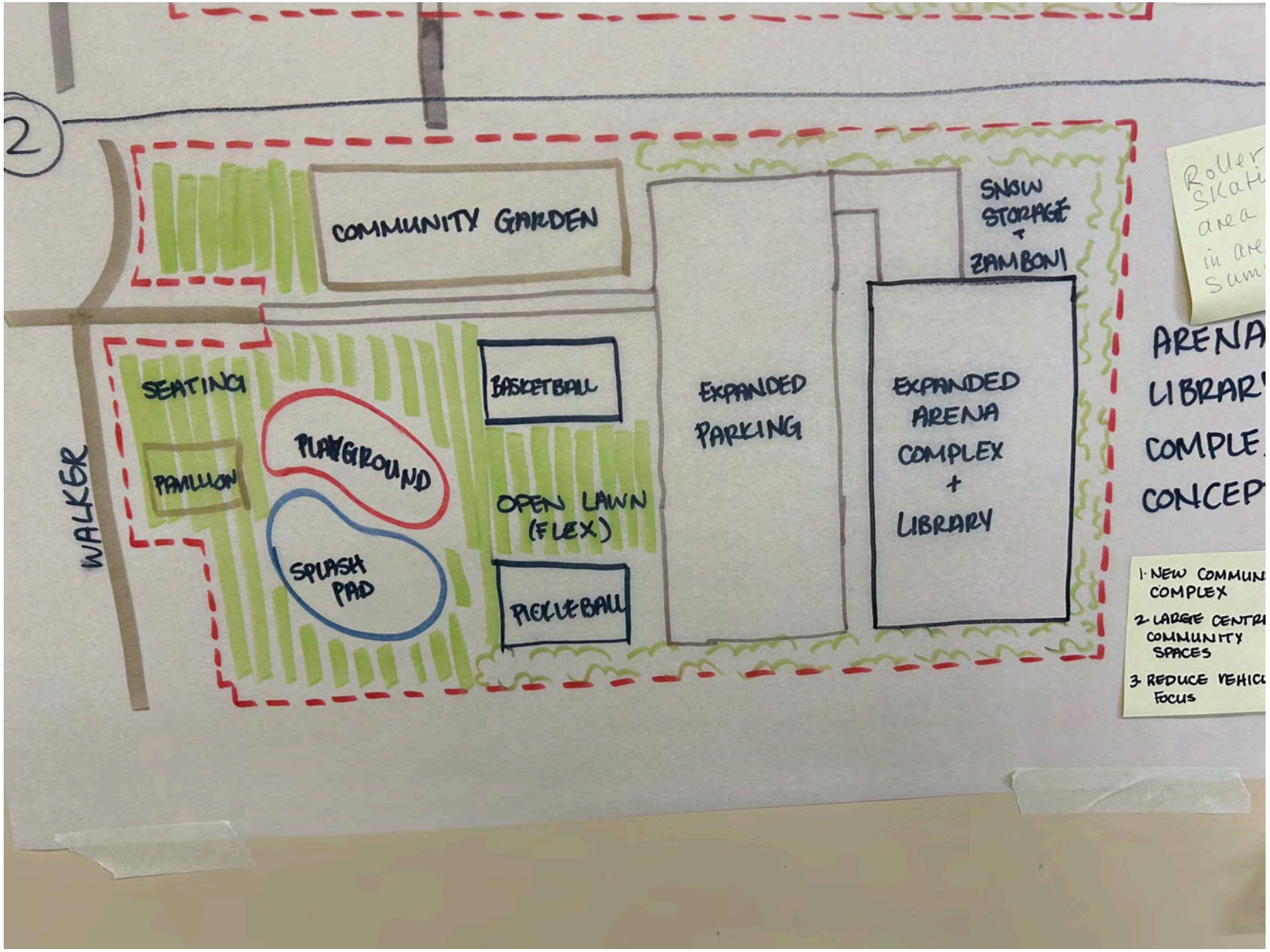
Major Concept Changes

- Two Baseball Diamonds
- No Arena & Hall



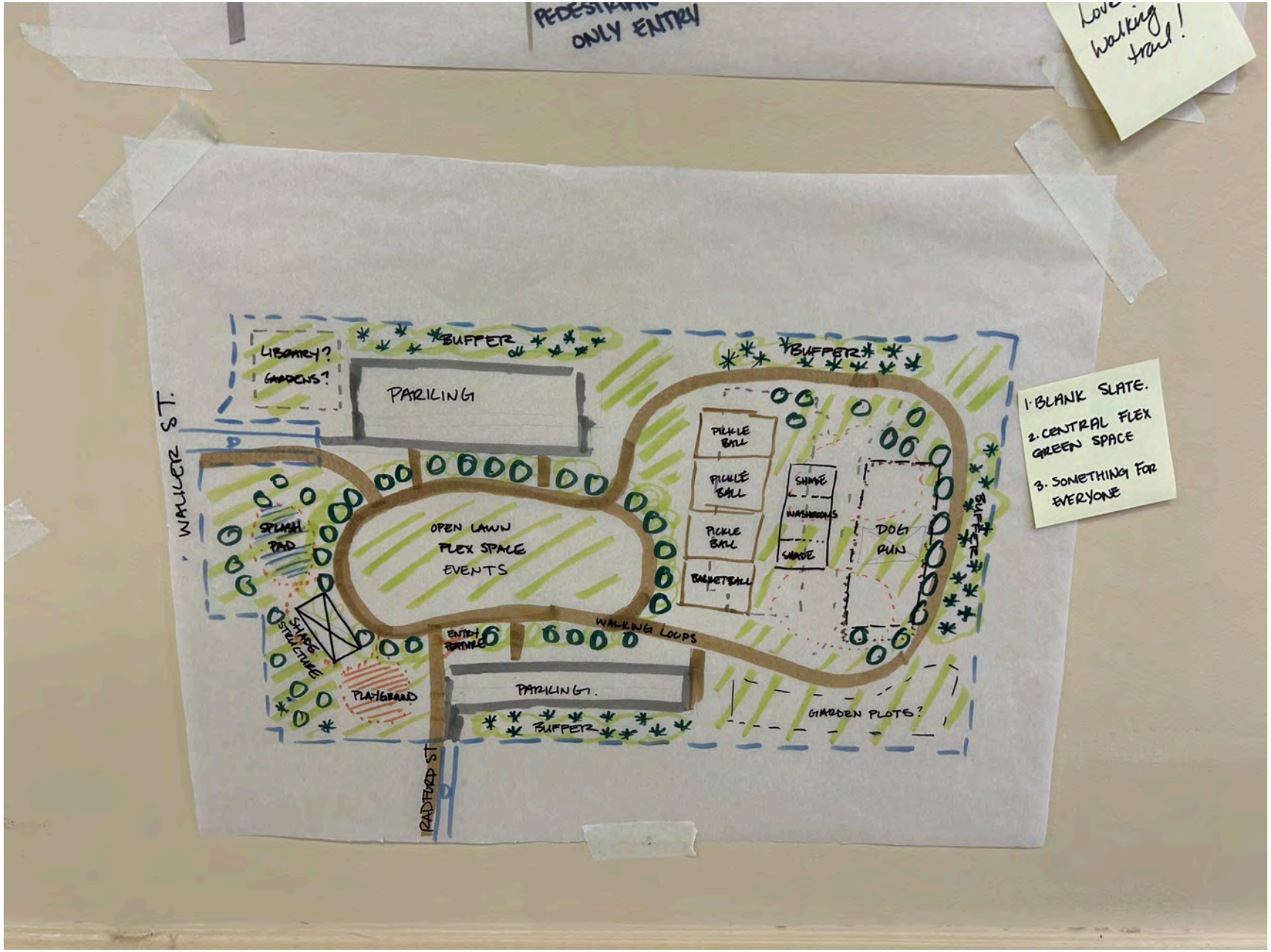
Major Concept Changes

- Expanded Recreation Complex with Library
- No Baseball Diamond



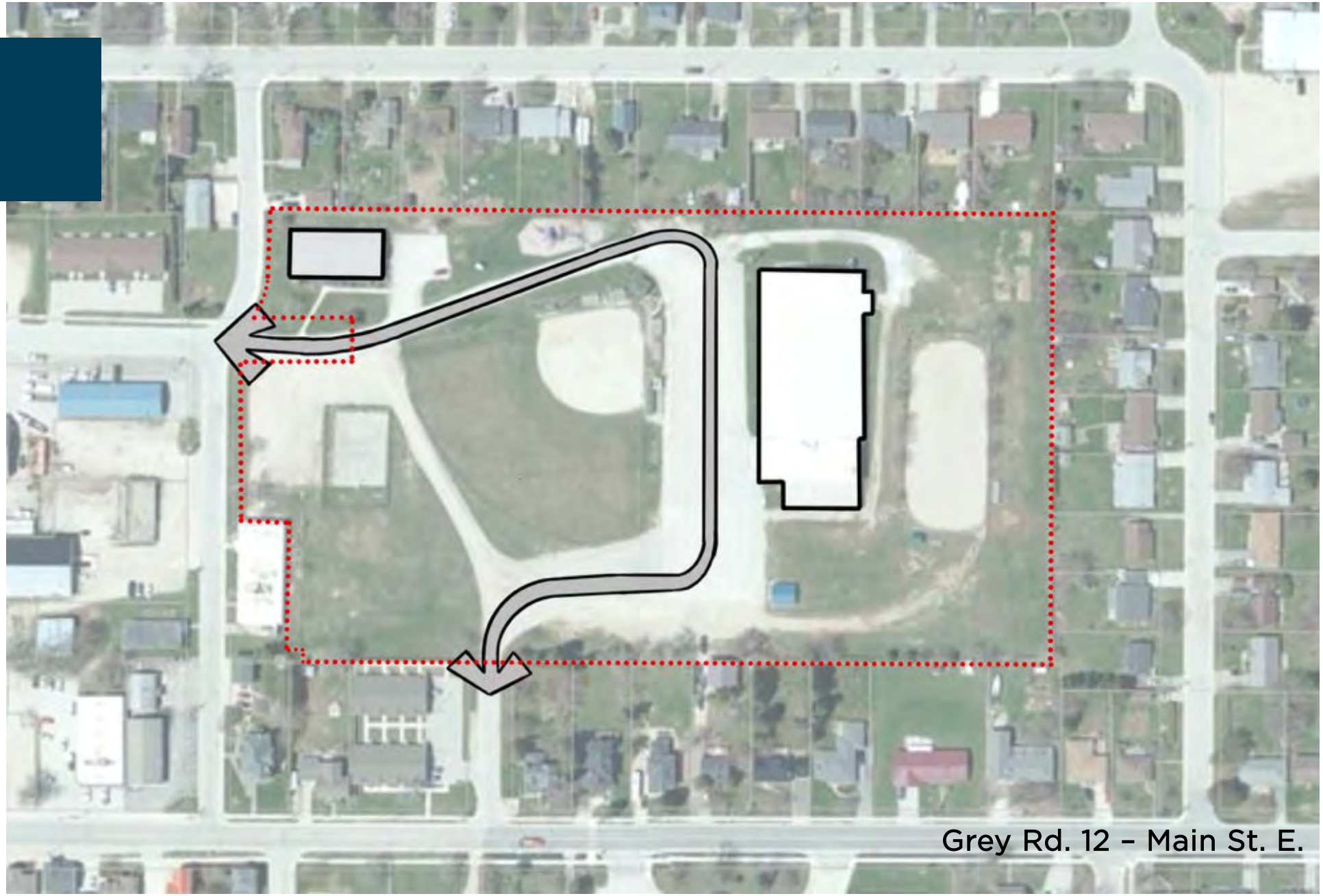
Major Concept Changes

- “Blank Slate”; nothing existing remains in park
- Addition of requested park amenities



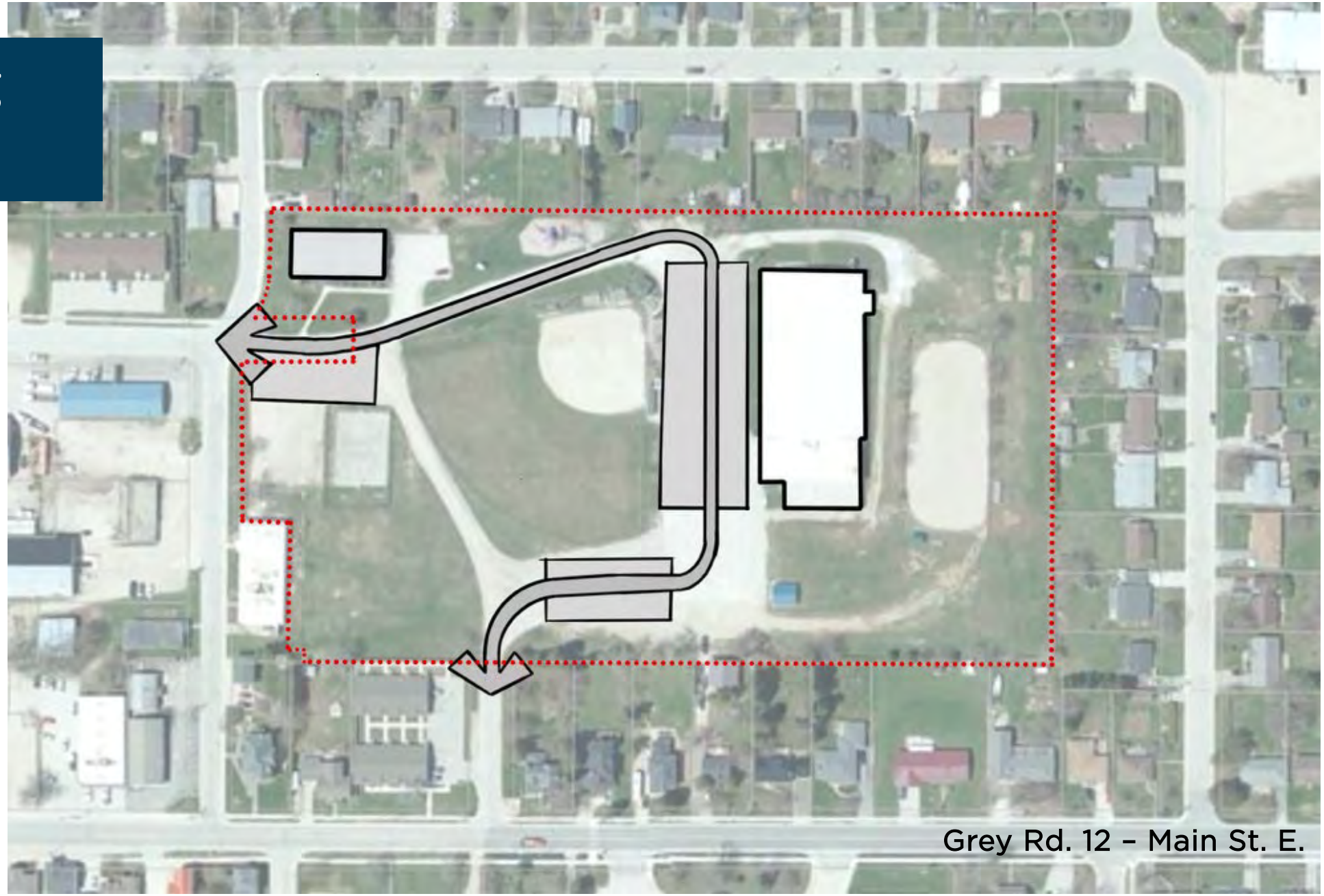
Define Vehicle Routes

- Maintain two entry/exit points
- Condense flow and aisle width



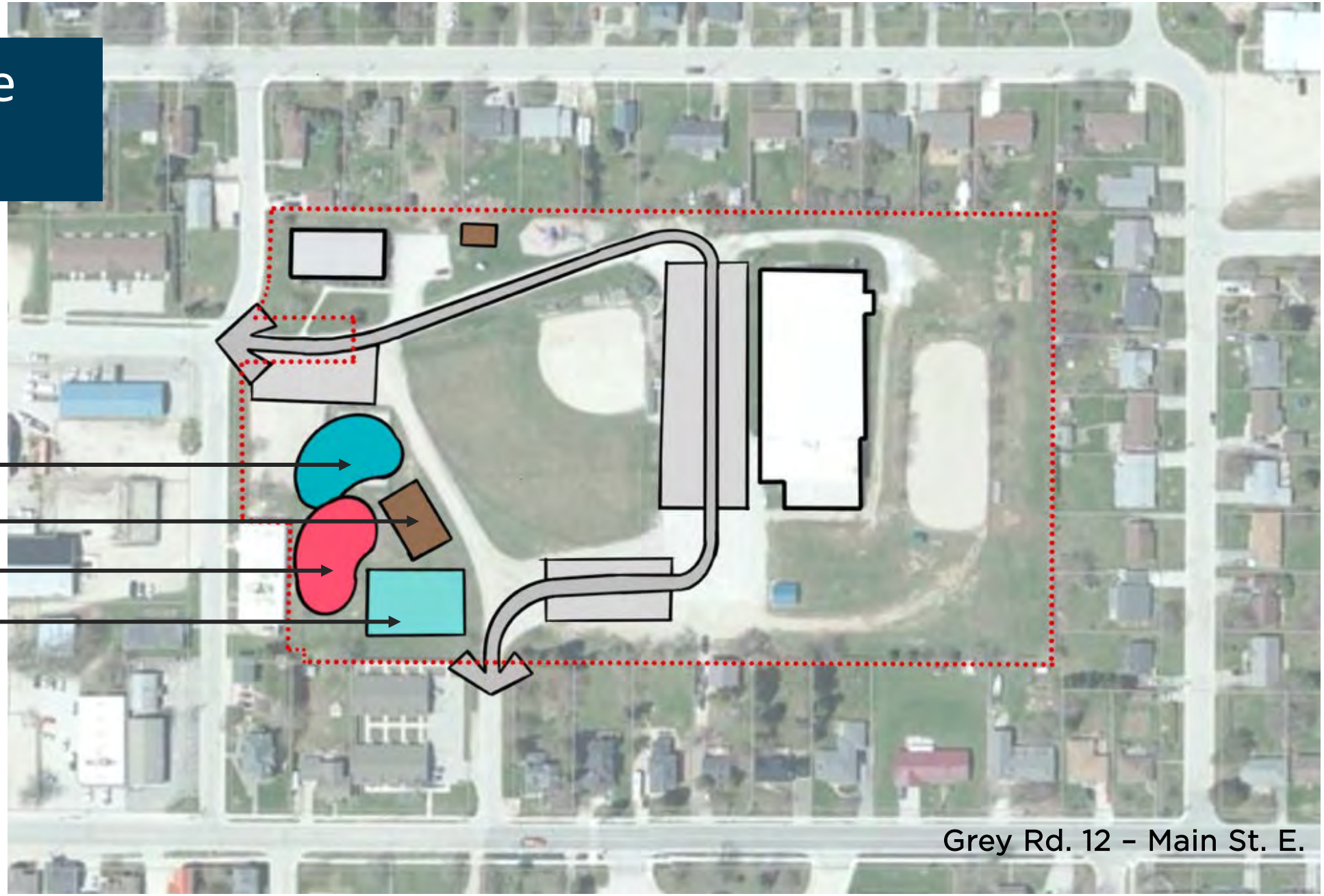
Organize Parking

- Centralize parking around entry/exits and main points of use
- Formalize parking stalls



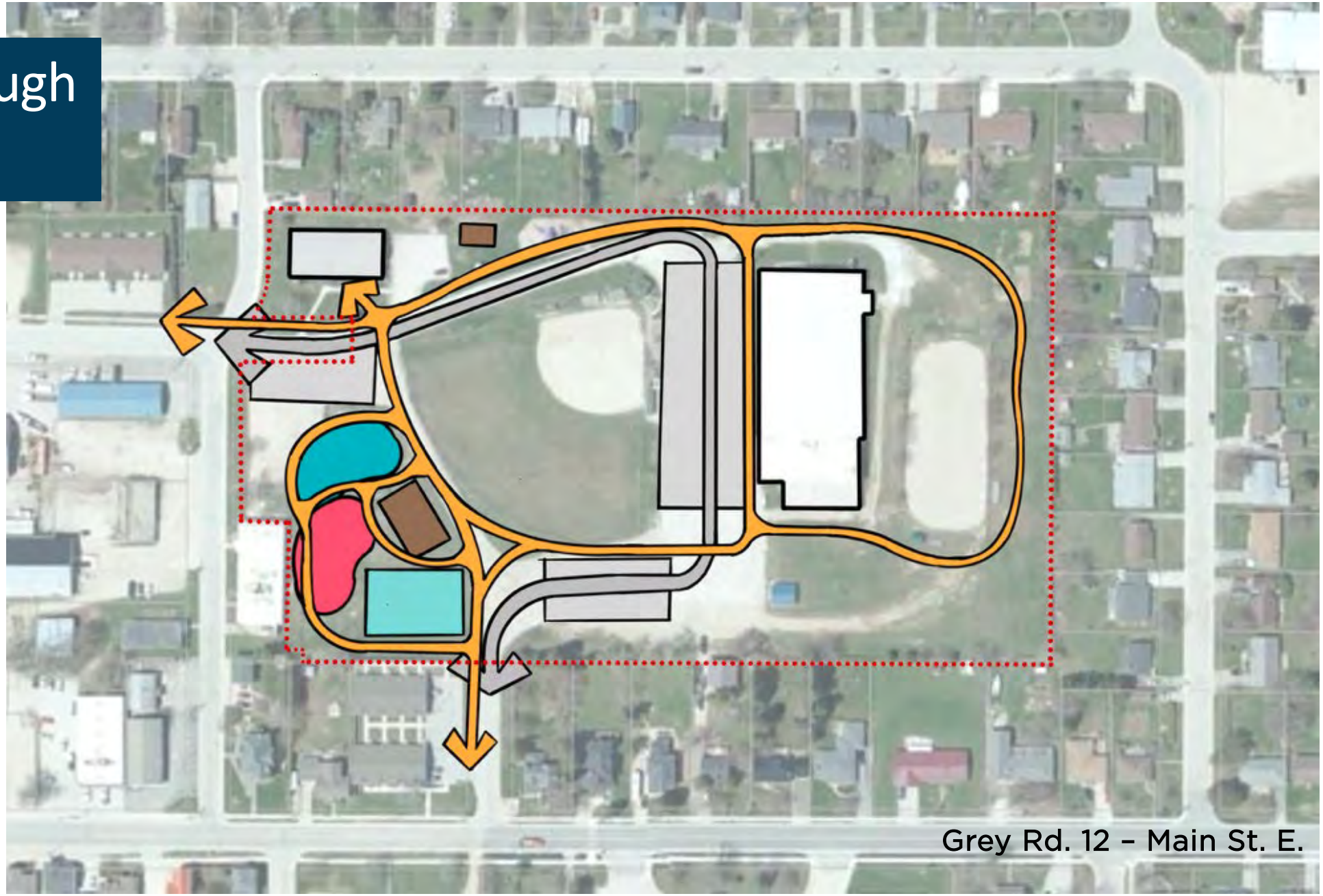
Optimizing Space

- Addition of popular amenity requests

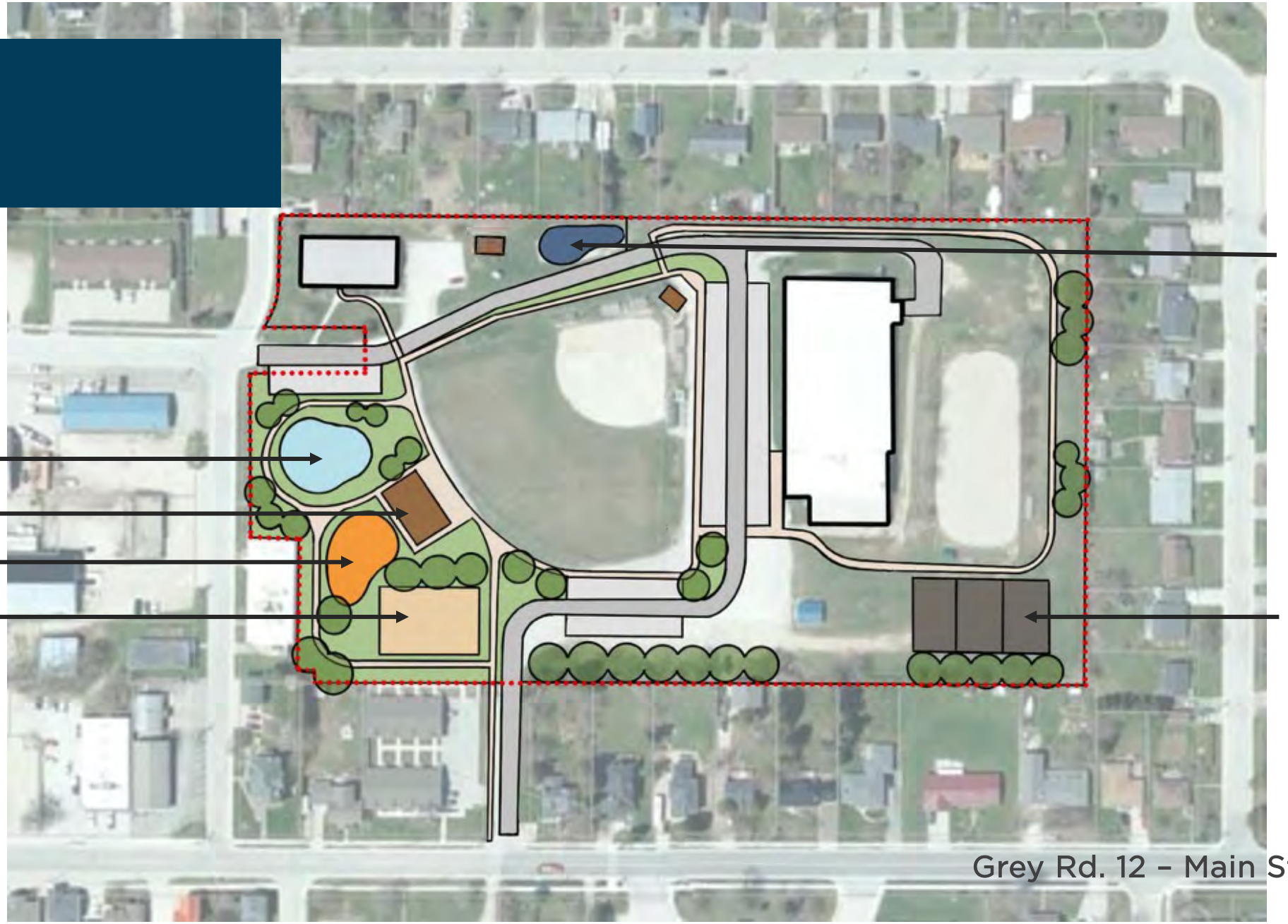


Movement Through Park

- Safe, accessible pedestrian paths
- Utilize whole park



Refining Concept



Refining Concept – 3D



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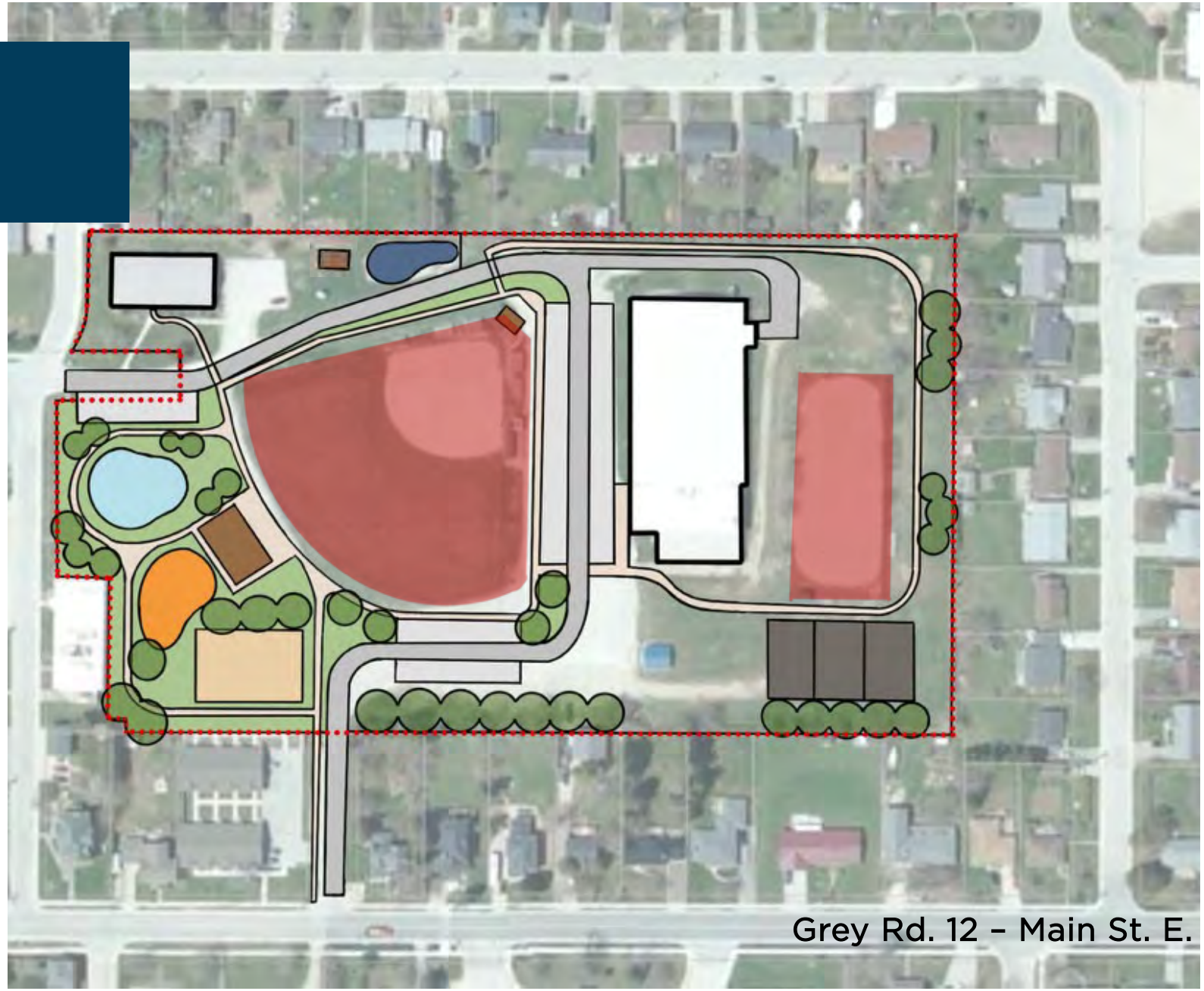


Refining Concept – 3D

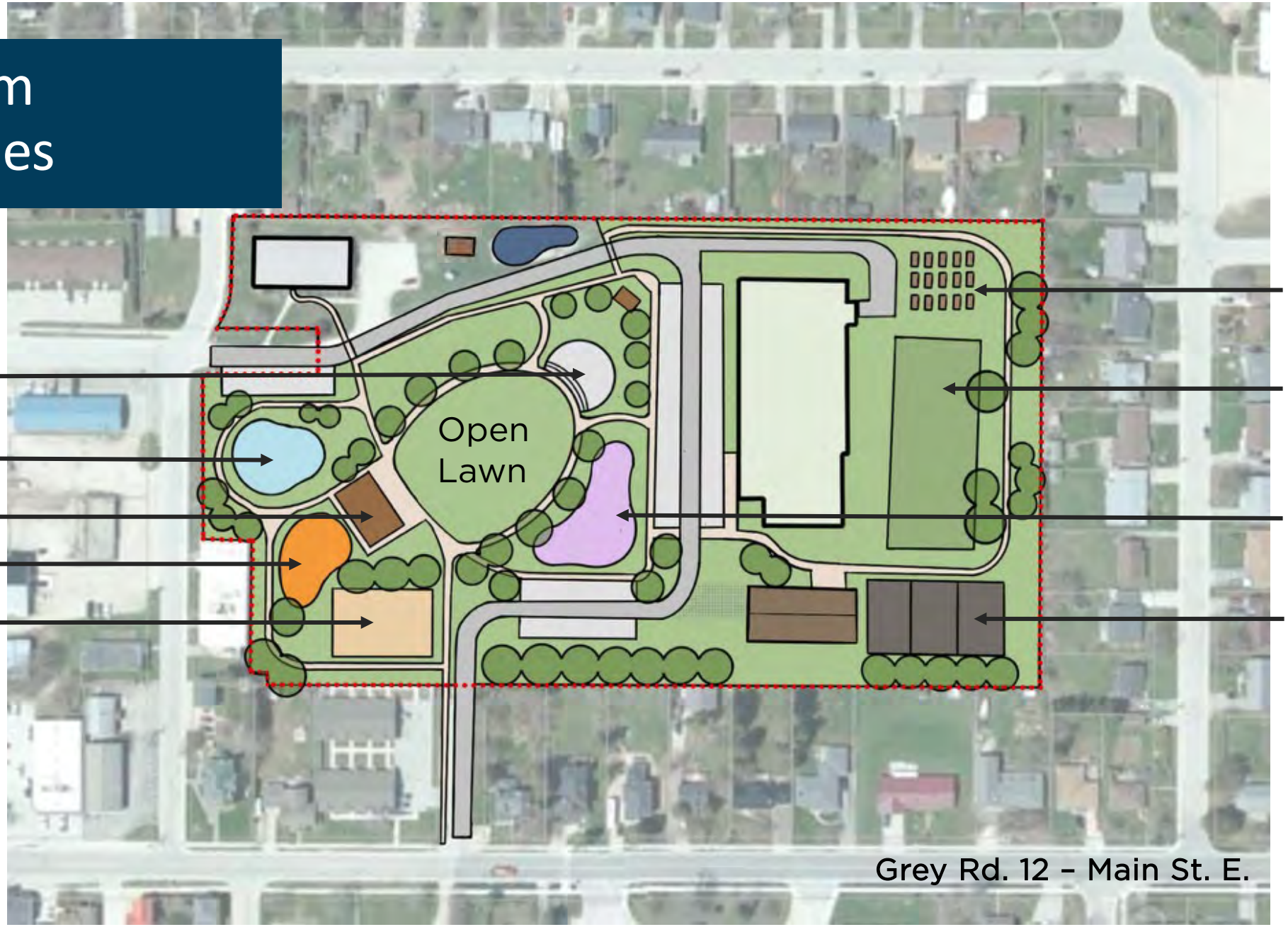


Spatial Context Re-Framed

- Long term phasing potential if major space-occupying features were relocated and established elsewhere in Markdale



Long-Term Possibilities



Thank you

Tuesday, May 20th

- Online Survey Closes

Tuesday, May 27th

- Charrette Summary Posted Online