

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Located in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood, Jonathan Rogers Park is a 1.4-hectare neighbourhood park bounded by Columbia Street, Manitoba Street, W 7th Avenue and W 8th Avenue. The park serves an increasingly dense area with limited green space and requires updates to meet future demand while remaining welcoming and accessible for all.

The park has been identified as a priority for improvements through several city-wide plans and strategies; the planned improvements will take place in the eastern half of the park. The park serves an increasingly dense area with limited green space. It requires updates to meet future demand while remaining welcoming and accessible for all.

Key improvements include:

- A renewed playground designed for children of all ages and abilities
- A fenced dog off-leash area
- Improved site accessibility

The project will keep the community garden and open space including the ball diamond for recreation, socializing, and community events.

The Vancouver Park Board gratefully acknowledges that this project takes place on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



Legend

- Park
- Playground
- Dog off-leash area
- School
- Community garden
- Transit station

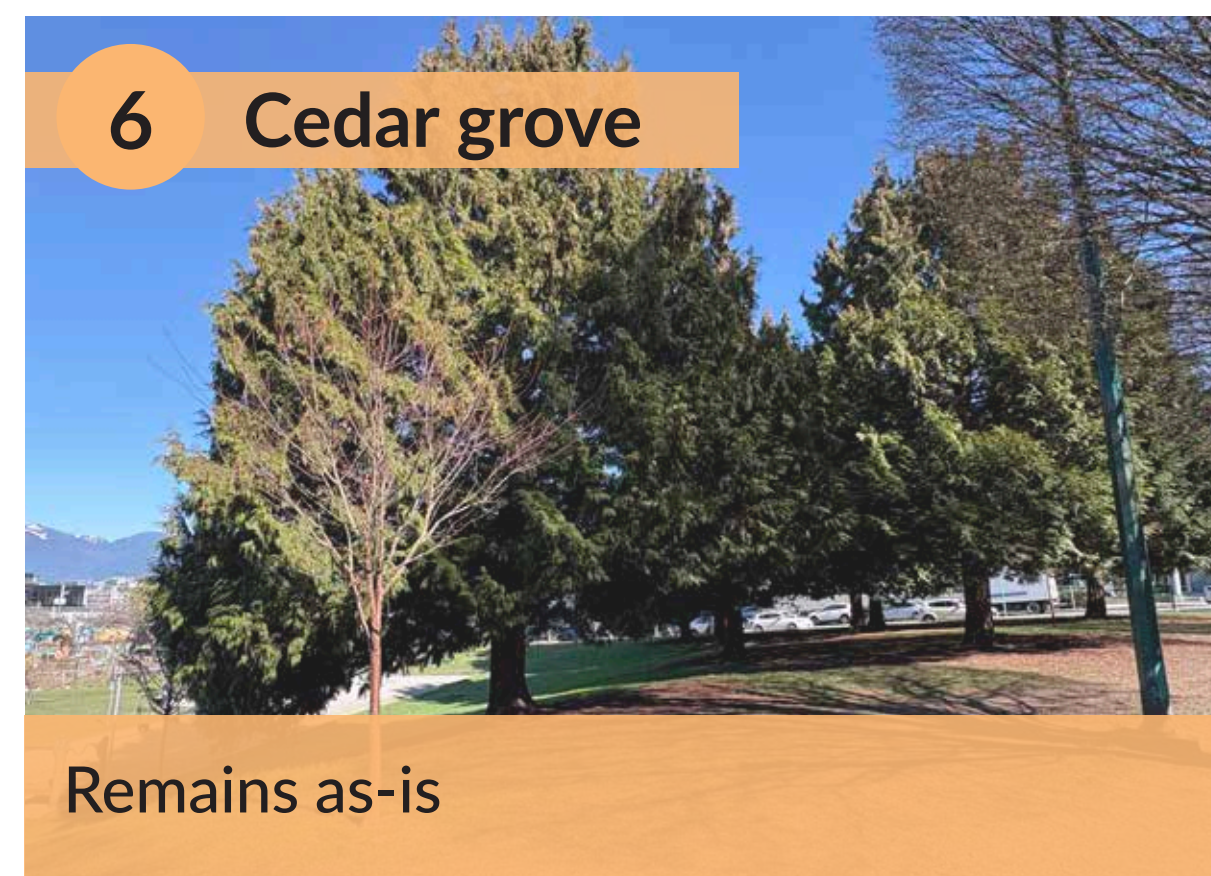


WHAT'S HERE?

The current park features a large grass field, ball diamond, inoperable concrete wading pool, children's play area, fieldhouse with washrooms, a grove of cedars trees and a fenced community garden. There is limited shade in the park and the steep slopes make access difficult.

Based on data from VanPlay, Mount Pleasant has a shortage of park space. According to the Broadway Plan, as the population grows over the next 30 years, the number of households could increase by up to 82% putting increasing pressure on parks like Jonathan Rogers. To help meet the needs of this expanding community, we are investing in improvements to Jonathan Rogers Park so it can better serve residents now and into the future.

The primary challenge for Jonathan Rogers Park is balancing competing priorities to ensure it continues to effectively meet the needs of a densifying neighbourhood.



PRINCIPLE #1

Foster community connections:
Provide spaces that encourage people to participate, interact, and build connections with others, strengthening community relationships.



PRINCIPLE #2

Enhance safety, comfort and accessibility:
Improve the overall safety and comfort of all park users. Ensure safe, barrier-free access to, from, and through the park.



PRINCIPLE #3

Diversify and maximize park services:
Provide a variety of activities for individuals and families of all ages and abilities while preserving sufficient passive open space to support informal sports, games, events and social gatherings.



PRINCIPLE #4

Promote equity and inclusivity:
Prioritize inclusive design so the park can be accessed and enjoyed by a broad range of users, offering diverse experiences and supporting a sense of belonging for all park visitors.



PRINCIPLE #5

Support climate resiliency:
Maximize green space and enhance ecological function by increasing tree canopy and promoting natural rainwater management. Provide additional shaded areas to mitigate urban heat island effects and ensure the park offers relief from rising summer temperatures.



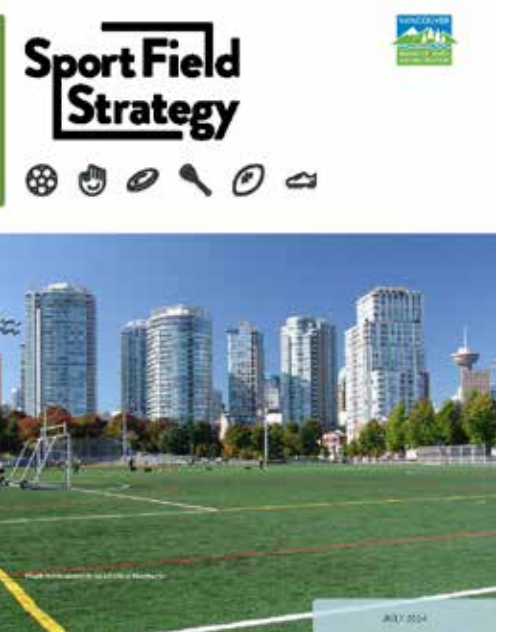
VANPLAY

Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan provides both short- and long-term guidance for the development and management of the city's park system. According to VanPlay, Jonathan Rogers Park is in an area of low park space per capita and high demand for low-barrier recreational opportunities. The strategy emphasizes the need for equitable access to parks and recreational services in underserved neighborhoods.



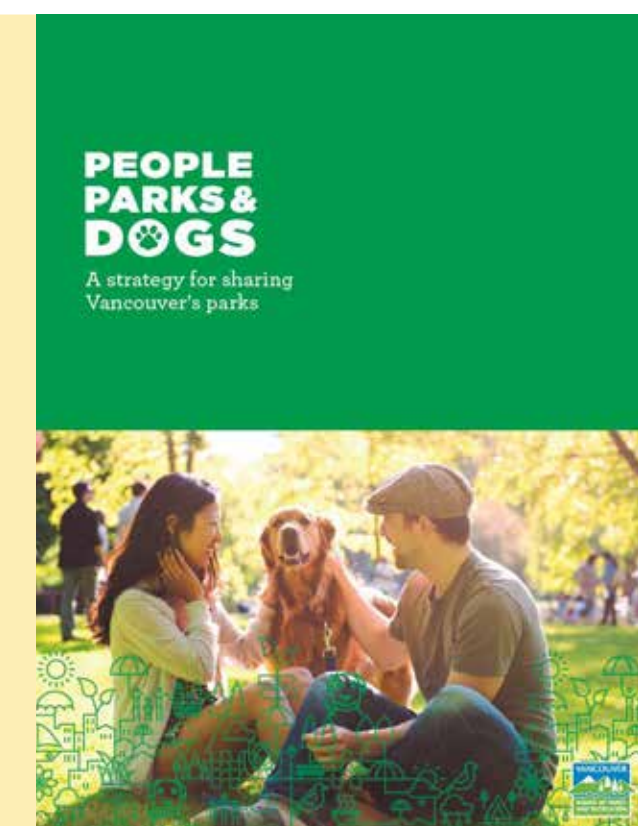
SPORT FIELD STRATEGY

The Sport Field Strategy guides city-wide sport field development, management and maintenance decision-making in Vancouver and provides a basis for ongoing capital and operating plans and budgets. Through the strategy, the sport field and baseball diamond at Jonathan Rogers Park were reclassified to support neighbourhood spontaneous use and will no longer be formally permitted.



PEOPLE, PARKS AND DOGS STRATEGY

The People, Parks and Dogs Strategy provides a framework to deliver well-planned and designed parks that accommodate park users, with and without dogs. Through mapping and analysis, the strategy identified areas of Vancouver that are deficient in off-leash area access as well as six neighbourhoods, including Mount Pleasant, to be prioritized for new and renewed off-leash spaces. Mount Pleasant has the highest density of dogs in relation to off-leash space in the city and with the projected growth that the Broadway Plan could bring, this neighbourhood could see its dog population increase by up to 82% over the next 30 years.

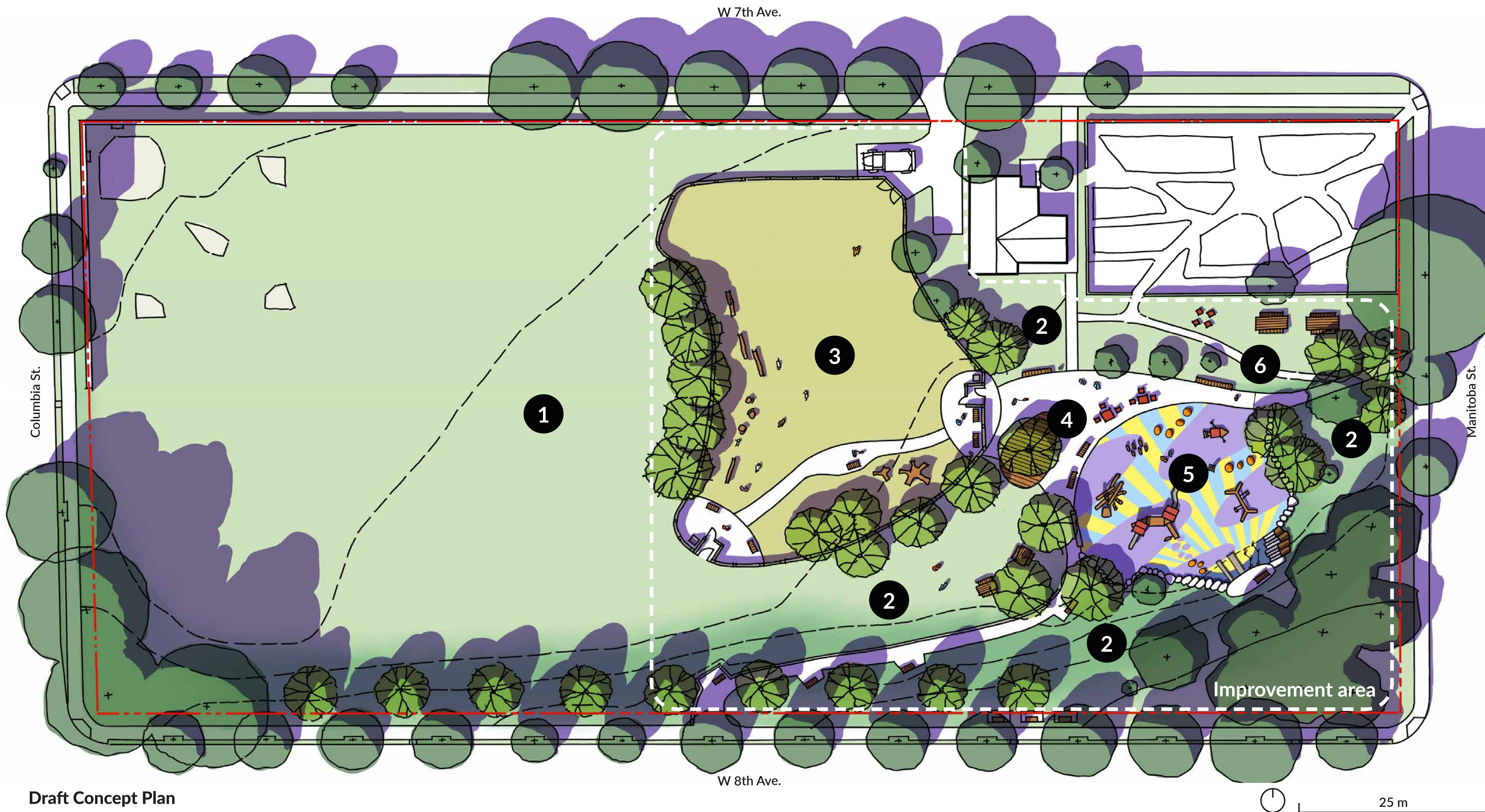


BROADWAY PLAN

The Broadway Plan is a comprehensive plan to guide growth in housing, jobs, shops, services and amenities in the areas around the Broadway Subway. Jonathan Rogers Park is within the Broadway Plan area, and the park improvements will help to support the anticipated growth in this neighbourhood over the next 30 years.



This design will keep what's working well within the park, while adding new features and pathways that will benefit the community. The proposed changes are all located on the east side of the park, leaving lots of space for spontaneous activity or scheduled events to happen on the west side, in the big open lawn area that people love to use for picnic and casual sports. The existing washroom and the community garden will not change.



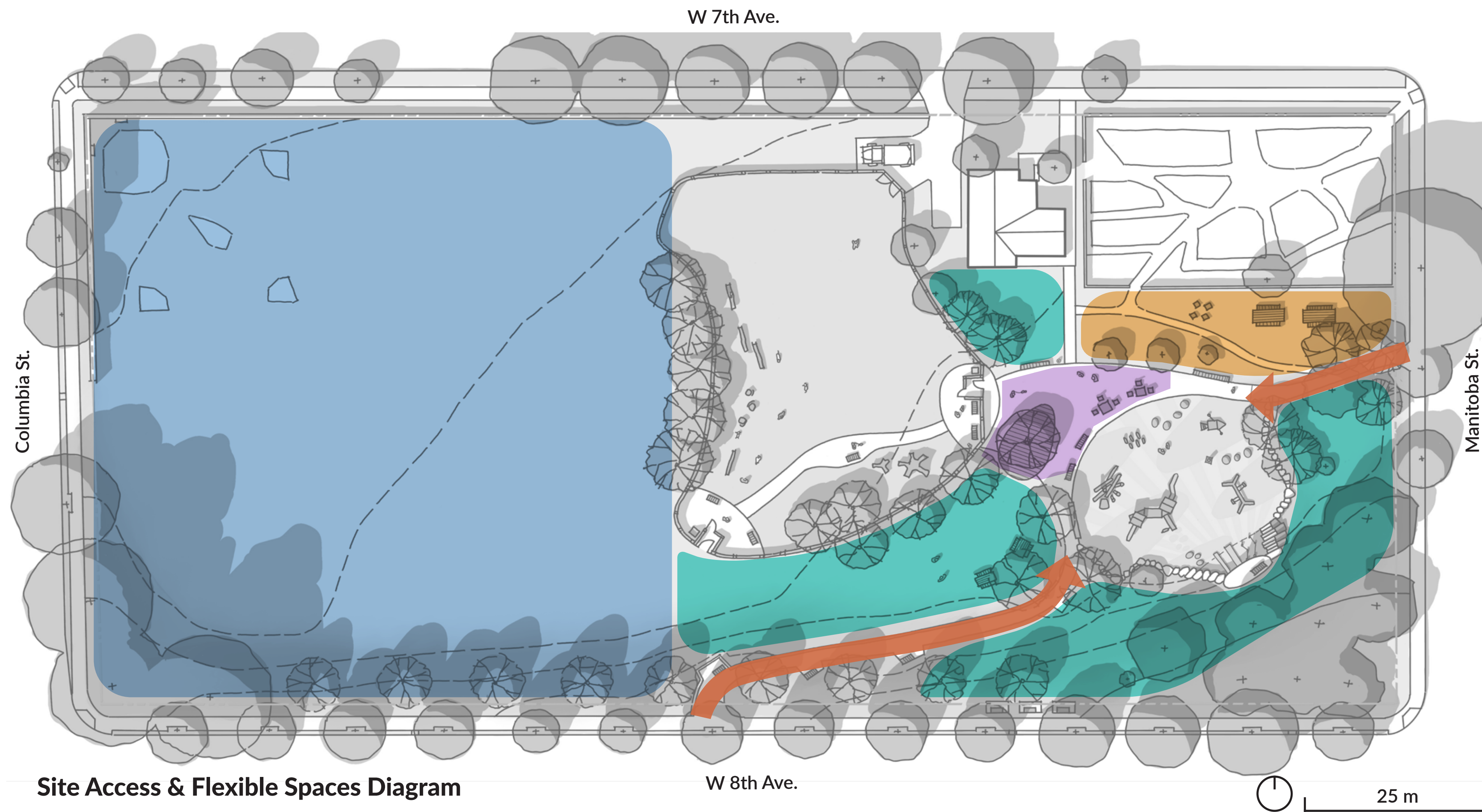
Legend

- 1** Large flexible open space
- 2** Small flexible open space
- 3** Dog off-leash area
 - Open area for dogs to run, play and socialize
 - Agility features
 - Secure fencing
 - Double-gate entries
 - Accessible paved pathway
 - Places to sit
 - Waste receptacles
 - Water access
- 4** Central plaza area
 - Seating platform
 - Benches, tables and chairs
 - Water fountain
 - Accessible connections to playground, washroom, dog off-leash area, Manitoba Street and W 8th Avenue
- 5** Playground
 - Variety of play equipment for all ages, including accessible and sensory elements
 - Rubber surfacing
 - Water mister
 - Shaded areas
 - Seating for caregivers
- 6** Garden picnic area
 - Large picnic tables
 - Small cluster seating
 - Informal path connection to garden gate
-  Proposed tree
-  Existing tree



The south side of the park has a steep slope from W 8th Avenue that makes access into the park difficult. One of the key design strategies to ensure safe, barrier-free access to, from and through the park is the introduction of accessible pathways. The new concept will provide access from W 8th Avenue by adding a paved, gently sloping pathway with reduced steepness into the park. There will also be a gently sloping path from Manitoba Street into the park as well as pathways between the different areas.

The design aims to provide a variety of activities for individuals and families of all ages and abilities while preserving sufficient flexible space to support informal sports, games, events, and social gatherings. Defined by the new amenities, these flexible spaces range in size and character from the large open field to smaller more intimate spaces like the lawn west of the playground or the picnic space south of the community garden. We want to ensure that the spaces provided will still meet your needs and the needs of the community. Let us know what you think in the survey.



Site Access & Flexible Spaces Diagram



View looking west from beside the playground



Large flexible open space



Small flexible open space



Central plaza with seating platform



Garden picnic area



Accessible entry pathway

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND FEATURES

The small, outdated playground will be replaced with a larger, updated playground in the same spot. The slope can be part of the fun, too, by adding a slide, ropes and boulders. Shade from the mature trees, plus mist from a misting pole, will keep things cool.

There will be pathways on the north and west sides, which connect to the washroom, the dog OLA, W 8th Avenue and Manitoba Street. Benches and picnic tables will provide convenient spots to sit and watch the fun.



Playground location



INCLUSIVE PLAY

The renewed playground at Jonathan Rogers Park will be designed to support children of all abilities, ages, and cultural backgrounds. The goal is to move beyond basic accessibility requirements by removing physical and social barriers to play, creating a space where everyone feels welcome, included, and challenged. The design will consider a wide range of elements, including equipment, surfacing, seating, sensory experiences, and supportive amenities. Together, these features will help foster social connection, offer diverse and engaging play opportunities, and reflect the diversity of the surrounding community.



View looking southeast at the playground



Spin



Climb



Retreat



Swing



Misting pole



Slide & climb



Imagine



PROPOSED DOG PARK FEATURES

The dog off-leash area is a fenced-in place for dogs to play and socialize off-leash. It will feature large, open areas to run and fetch, agility elements, and room to socialize for humans and canines alike. Two entry areas will include paving, seating, garbage receptacles, and double gates to prevent breakaways. New trees along the south and west edge will provide shade and a sense of enclosure. Take the survey to let us know what you think.

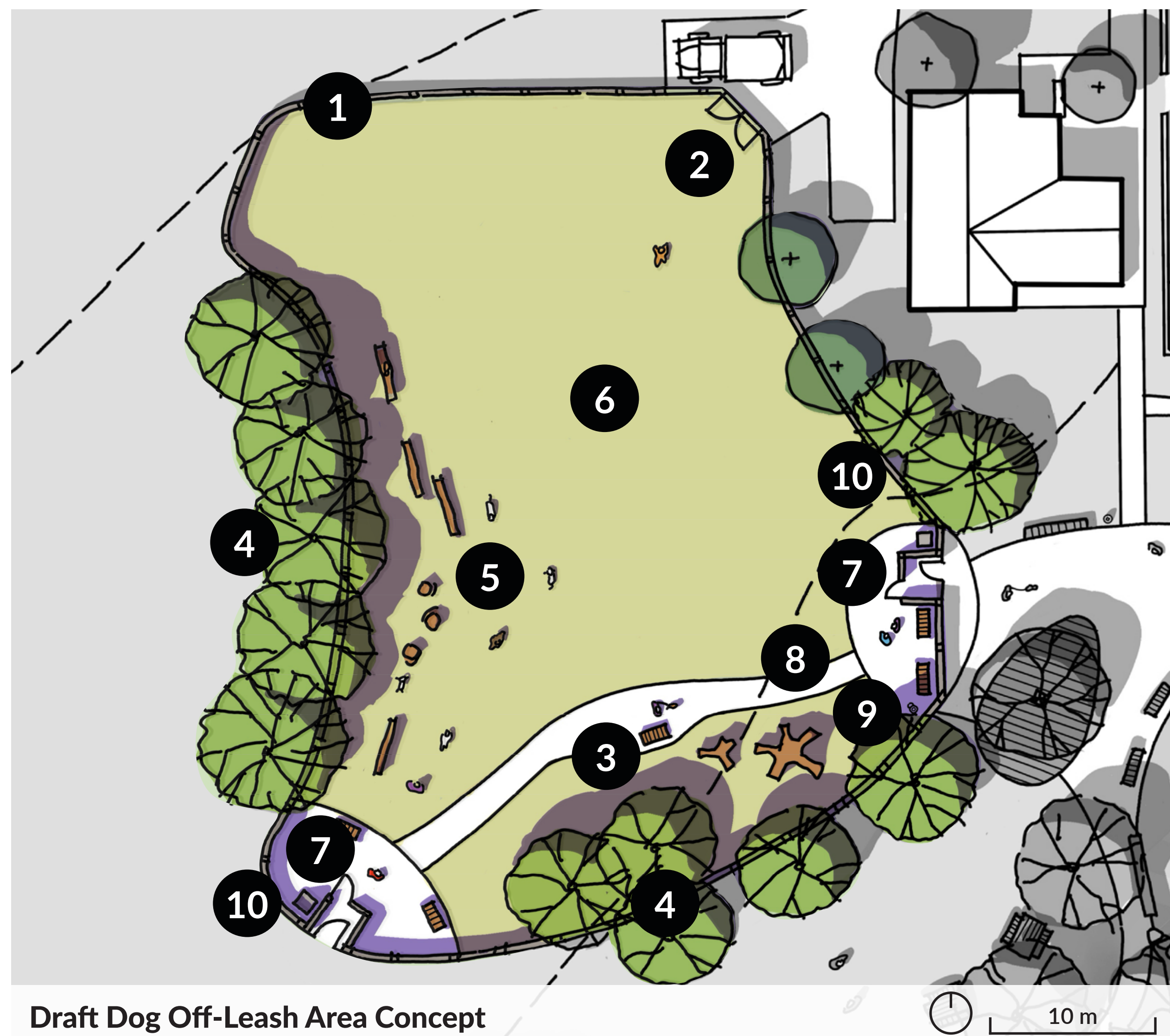
PEOPLE, PARKS AND DOGS STRATEGY

The People, Parks and Dogs Strategy identified the importance of providing off-leash areas (OLAs) within a 15-minute walk for most residents. An OLA at Jonathan Rogers Park will increase access for dog off-leash activity in two priority neighbourhoods that are currently underserved: Mount Pleasant and Fairview. A fenced off-leash space will help make both the OLA and other areas of the park safe and comfortable for all park users and the size will balance demand for off-leash space with other programming needs in the park.

SMALL AND/OR SHY DOGS

Given the importance of small and/or shy dog areas identified in the the People, Parks and Dogs strategy, we are exploring whether the off-leash area should include a separately fenced space for these dogs. If a small/shy dog area* is added, it would be carved out of the proposed space (example shown in orange). This is a preliminary illustration only. If included in the design, the area would be located appropriately, be fenced off from the main off-leash space, and have similar amenities and surfacing.

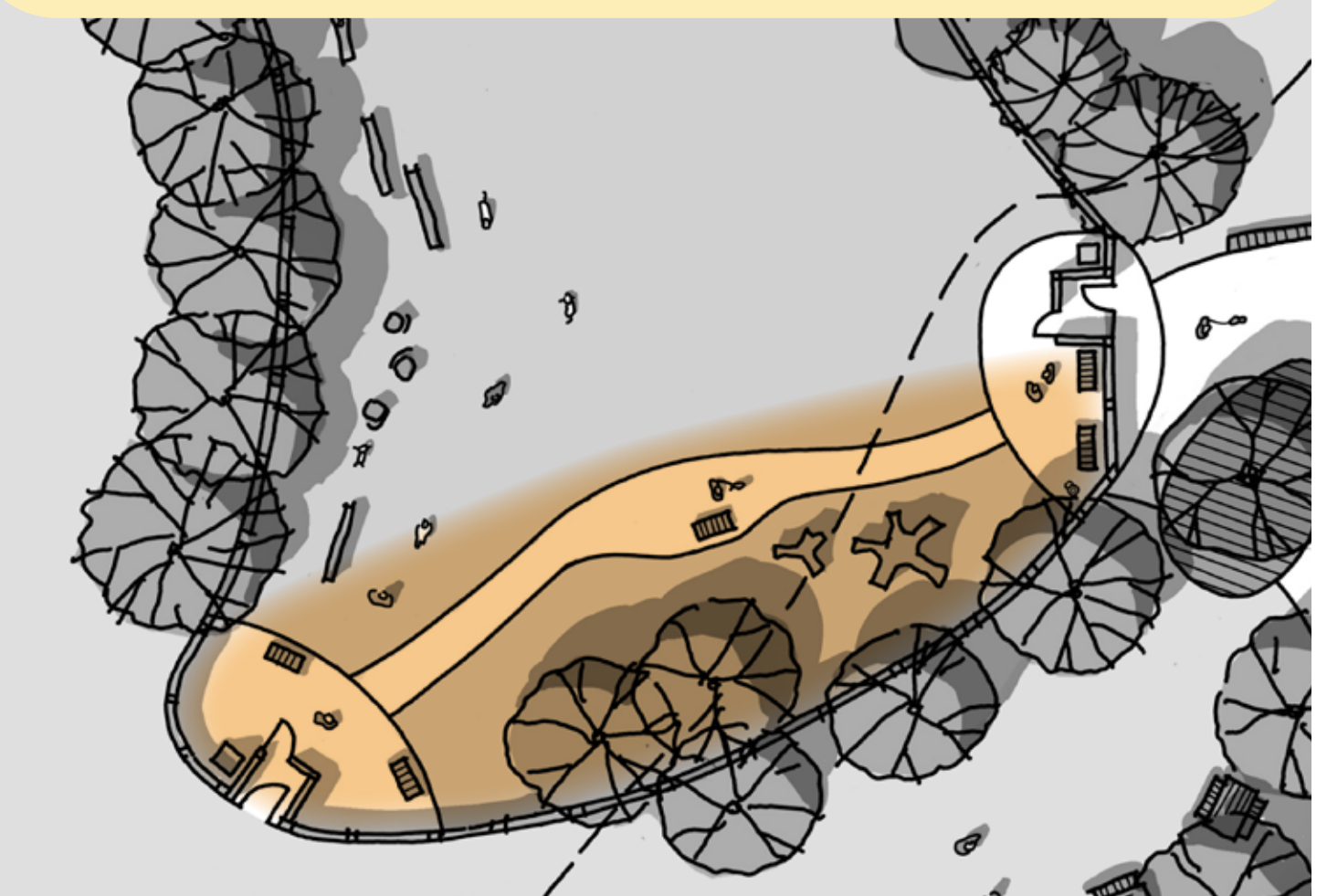
**At a self-managed small/shy OLA, dog owners determine whether their dog is the right size or has the right temperament to use the space.*



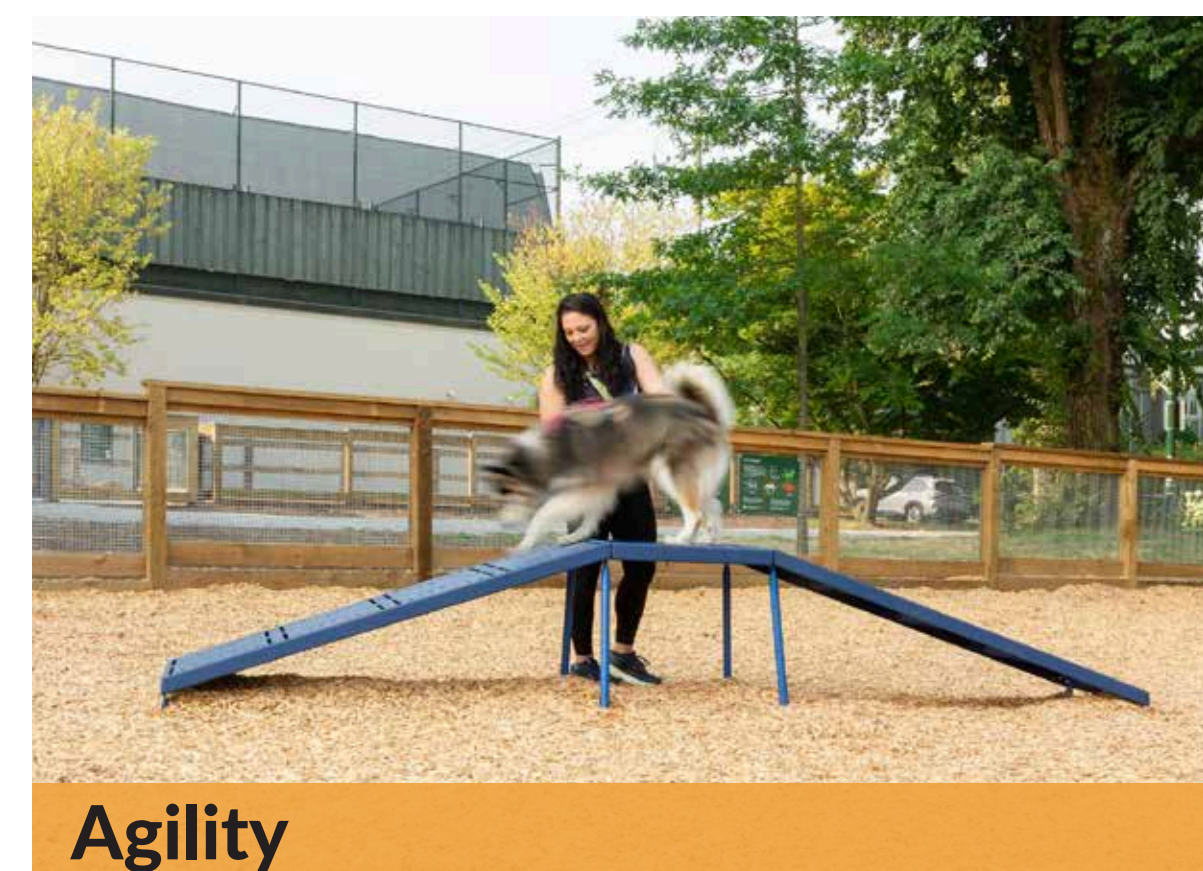
- Legend**
- 1 Fence
 - 2 Maintenance gate
 - 3 Seating
 - 4 Shade trees
 - 5 Agility features
 - 6 Open play space
 - 7 Double-gated entries
 - 8 Accessible path
 - 9 Water access
 - 10 Garbage bins



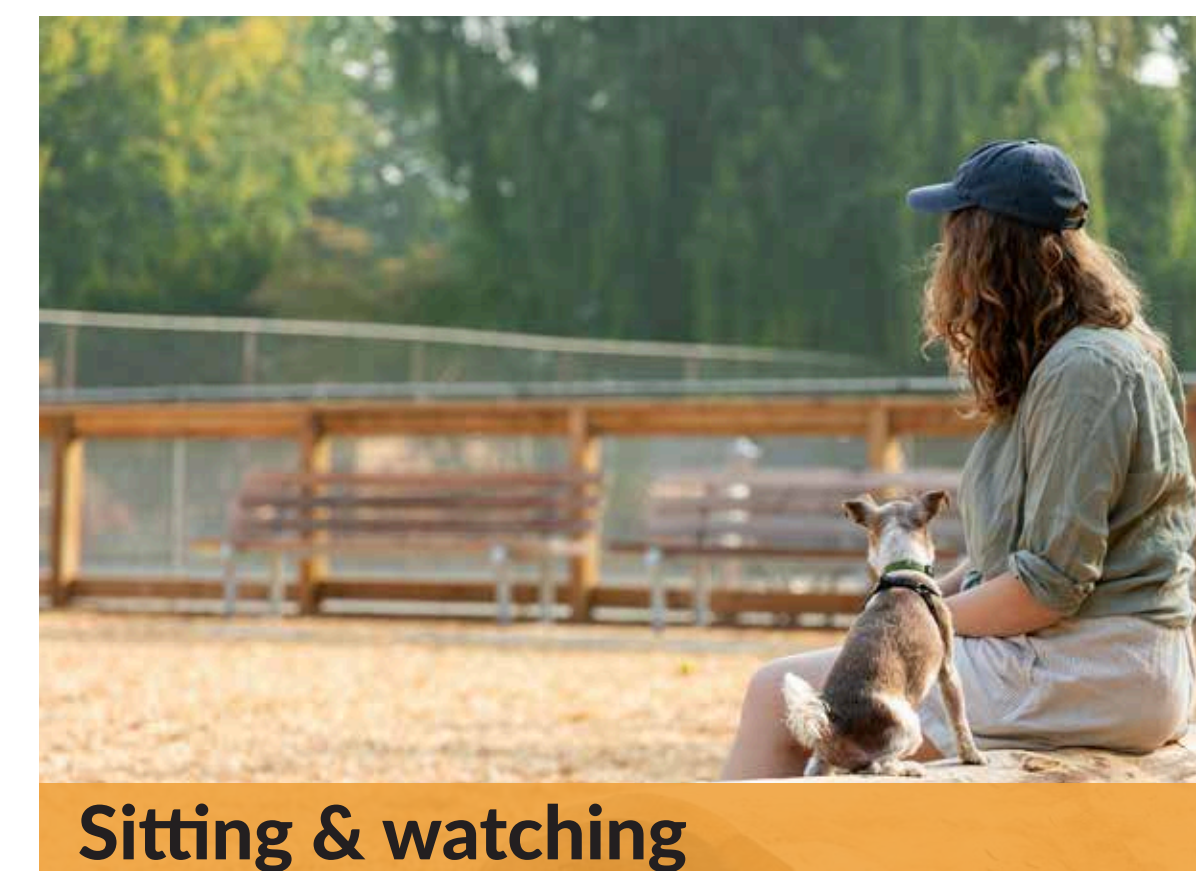
View looking west



Potential area for small/shy dogs 10 m



Agility



Sitting & watching



Socializing



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Thank you for your interest in this project!

We want to hear from you about the draft concept plan. Scan the QR code on this page to take the survey and let us know your thoughts.

Your feedback will be used to refine the concept plan which will be presented to the Park Board in fall/winter 2026.

STAY INFORMED

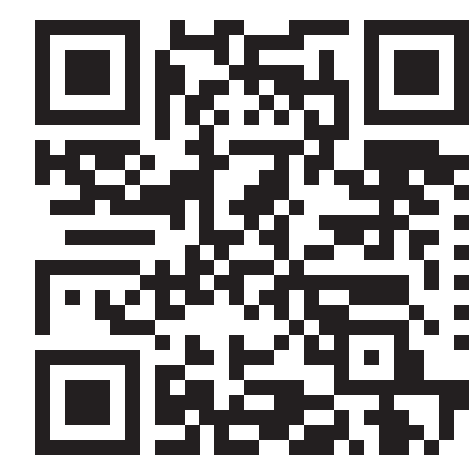
Stay up to date on next steps for Jonathan Rogers Park by signing up for updates or visiting the project webpage at:

shapeyourcity.ca/jonathan-rogers-park

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TAKE THE SURVEY!



JOIN US AT THE PARK!

We invite you to chat with project staff and provide feedback on the proposed concept plan at our pop-up event.

You'll find us in the east side of the park on Saturday, April 18 from 11 am to 2 pm.

PROJECT TIMELINE

