



# Barrie Park Site Master Plan

## Community Meeting Number 1

### February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015





# Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Process

Monday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Tuesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Park District Site Walkthrough

Focus Group Meetings, Conservatory

## Wednesday, Feb 18th, 7pm

## Community Meeting #1, Barrie Center

Posted Thursday, Feb 19th

Closes Friday, Feb 29th

1<sup>st</sup> Questionnaire posted to collect additional input

## Wednesday, March 11th, at 7pm

## Community Mtg #2 - draft concepts, Barrie Center

- Posted Thursday March 12th

Closes Friday March 20th

2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire posted (with site concepts)

Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>

Altamanu to present concepts to P. D. Citizen Committee

Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>

Altamanu to present concepts to Park Board

## Wednesday April 22nd, at 7pm

## Community Mtg #3 Draft recommendation, Barrie Center

## Date TBD

## Community Mtg #4, if necessary, to present revisions

Thursday June 4th

Altamanu to present recommendation and cost estimate to Board at Committee Meeting at the Conservatory

Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Park Board to consider accepting final plan at regular Park Board meeting, 218 Madison Street.

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# Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Agenda

- Tonight begin “Creating a Blue Print for the Future”

Who is on the Design Team?

Take a look at the Park and Center

The suggestions from the Focus Groups

Your thought and ideas



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Ideas may strike you later you can email Diane at  
[Diane.Stanke@pdop.org](mailto:Diane.Stanke@pdop.org)

There will be a survey on Park District Website  
<http://www.pdop.org>

and go to  
<http://www.pdop.org/about/park-planning-projects>  
for this presentation





# Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Design Team

- Altamanu and Terra been working with our Park District since 2005
- Josephine, John, Josh, Mark, James and Sean from Altamanu and Jamil from Terra are all Oak Parkers (7 team members)
- Projects in Oak Park make us more part of the community
- Some great successes and we have learned from each project



# Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Experience



- 11 Master Plans and many built projects for the PDOP, the Village and D97

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# Barrie Park Site Master Plan: The Ike



Working with the Village including making crossing the Ike safer,  
the reconstruction of the Ike is the most important project for Oak Park in our lifetime

# Barrie Park Site Master Plan



- We believe in the public process and that it is critical to the success of the project



# Project started with Site Walk Through Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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# Then Focus Groups Feb 3rd, 2015

Gives the design team background

Meetings were with:


Park District Staff

Land, Safety, Security and Access  
Police, Village Staff, Township

Creative Play and Passive Space

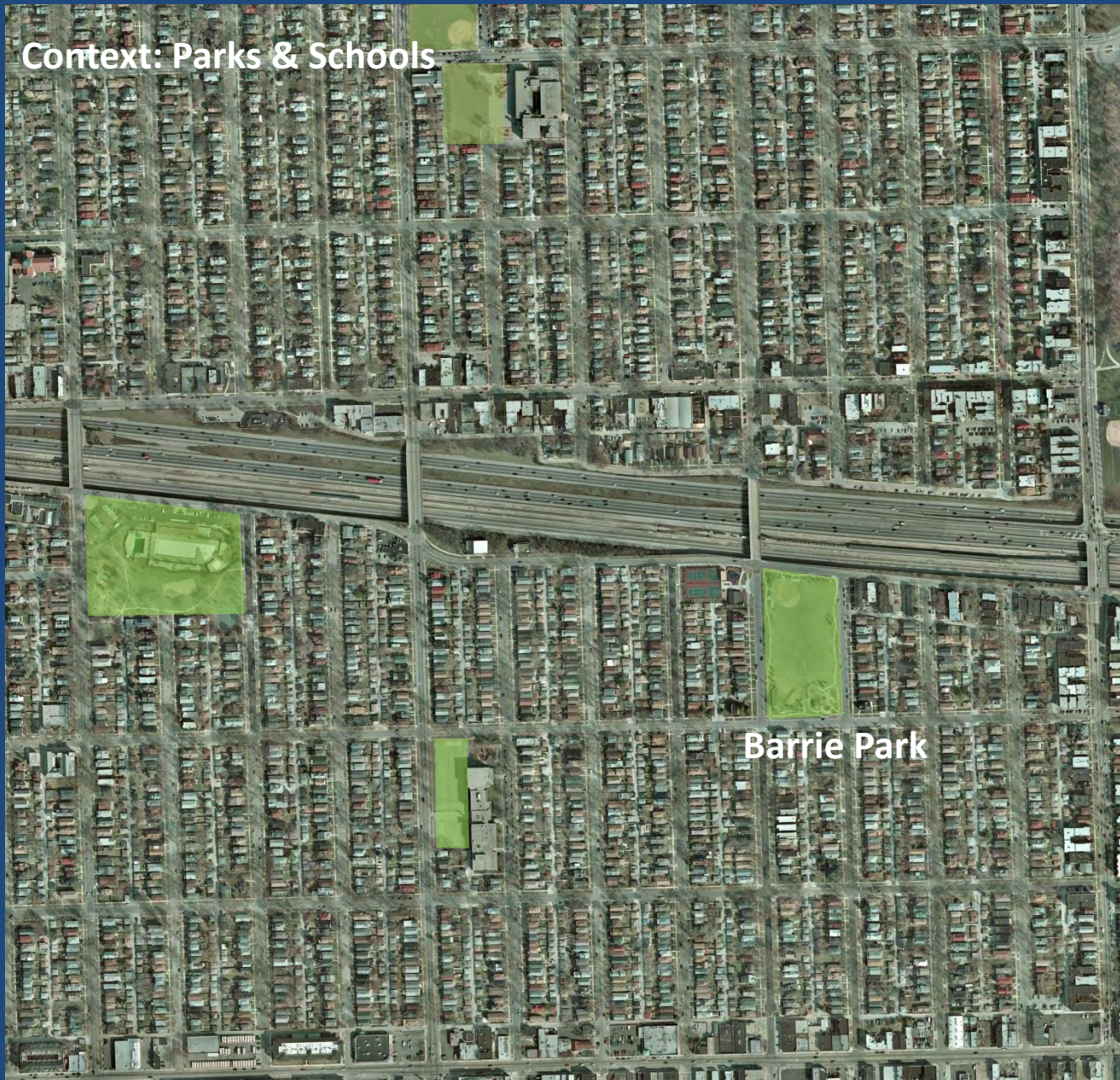
Local Parents and Representatives of SEOPCO attended

Sports

 <b>Site Master Plan for Barrie Park</b> <b>Focus Group Participants</b> <b>Tuesday, February 3, 2015</b> Oak Park Conservatory, Oak Park, IL	
<b>Park District of Oak Park Staff</b> ✓ <b>Patti Staley</b> , Oak Park Conservatory YES ✓ <b>Mike Grandy</b> , Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds YES ✓ <b>Chris Lindgren</b> , Asst. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds YES ✓ <b>Amanda Heiman</b> , Program Manager YES X <b>Laura Sowers</b> , Program Supervisor YES X ✓ <b>Chad Drufke</b> , Program Manager YES ✓ <b>Paul Goedjen</b> , Facility Scheduling & Park Ambassador YES ✓ <b>Maureen MacCarthy</b> , Supt. Of Recreation YES ✓ <b>Gabe Romanucci</b> , Safety Coordinator YES ✓ <b>Travis Stephen</b> , Sports Field Manager YES	<b>1-2:30pm</b> patti.staley@pdop.org Mike.grandy@pdop.org Chris.lindgren@pdop.org Amanda.Heiman@pdop.org Laura.Sowers@pdop.org Chad.Drufke@pdop.org Paul.Goodjen@pdop.org Maureen.MacCarthy@pdop.org Gabrielle.Romanucci@pdop.org Travis.Stephen@pdop.org
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<b>Creative Play &amp; Passive Space</b> Ellen Kuner, FOPCON YES ✓ <b>Nancy Holmes</b> , Memorial Trust Committee YES ✓ <b>Laura Thompson</b> , Parks Foundation President YES CAP ✓ <b>Marianne Birko</b> , West Suburban Special Rec. Assoc. NO ✓ <b>Bob Foster</b> , WSSRA YES ✓ <b>Jim Kelly</b> , SEOPCO ✓ <b>Lauren Vander Berg</b> , PS Parent/PDCC Representative	<b>6-7:15pm</b> ekuner@comcast.net naholmes59@att.net lthompson@pleasanthome.org wsramb@aol.com bobf@wssra.net jokelly@comcast.net lvanderberg@gmail.com
✓ <b>Brian Kinyon</b> , Barrie PS Parent YES ✓ <b>Paul Aschelman</b> , SEOPCO ✓ <b>Bob Kane</b> , SEOPCO ✓ <b>Grant R. Jamison</b> , SEOPCO	<b>7:30-8:45p</b> bk@briankinyon.com
<b>Sports Areas</b> ✓ <b>Tom Kindler</b> , American Youth Soccer Organization YES Tom Wegener, AYSO Peter Traczyk, Chicago Edge ✓ <b>Colette Heaphy</b> , Chicago Edge Travel Soccer Clubs. Oscar Blanco, Pony Baseball John Metzger, Windmills Dan Reinhardt, OPRFYF John Callahan, Soccer Club ✓ <b>Regina Ripley</b> , OPRFYF Alliance YES ✓ <b>Chris Smith</b> ✓ <b>Tim Ferraro</b> , OPYBSA NO ✓ <b>Greg Price</b> , OPYBSA YES ✓ <b>Lauren Vander Berg</b> ✓ <b>Paul Aschelman</b>	<b>7:30-8:45p</b> kindler@ymail Thomas.Wegener@sboglobal.net traczykfamily@comcast.net office@oppristrikers.com Oscar.blanco@crowncap.com windmills@musicbox-online.com dan.reinhardt@op.com jcallahan@comestonmb.com rplyregina@gmail.com vikingtim@hotmail.com President@opybs.org



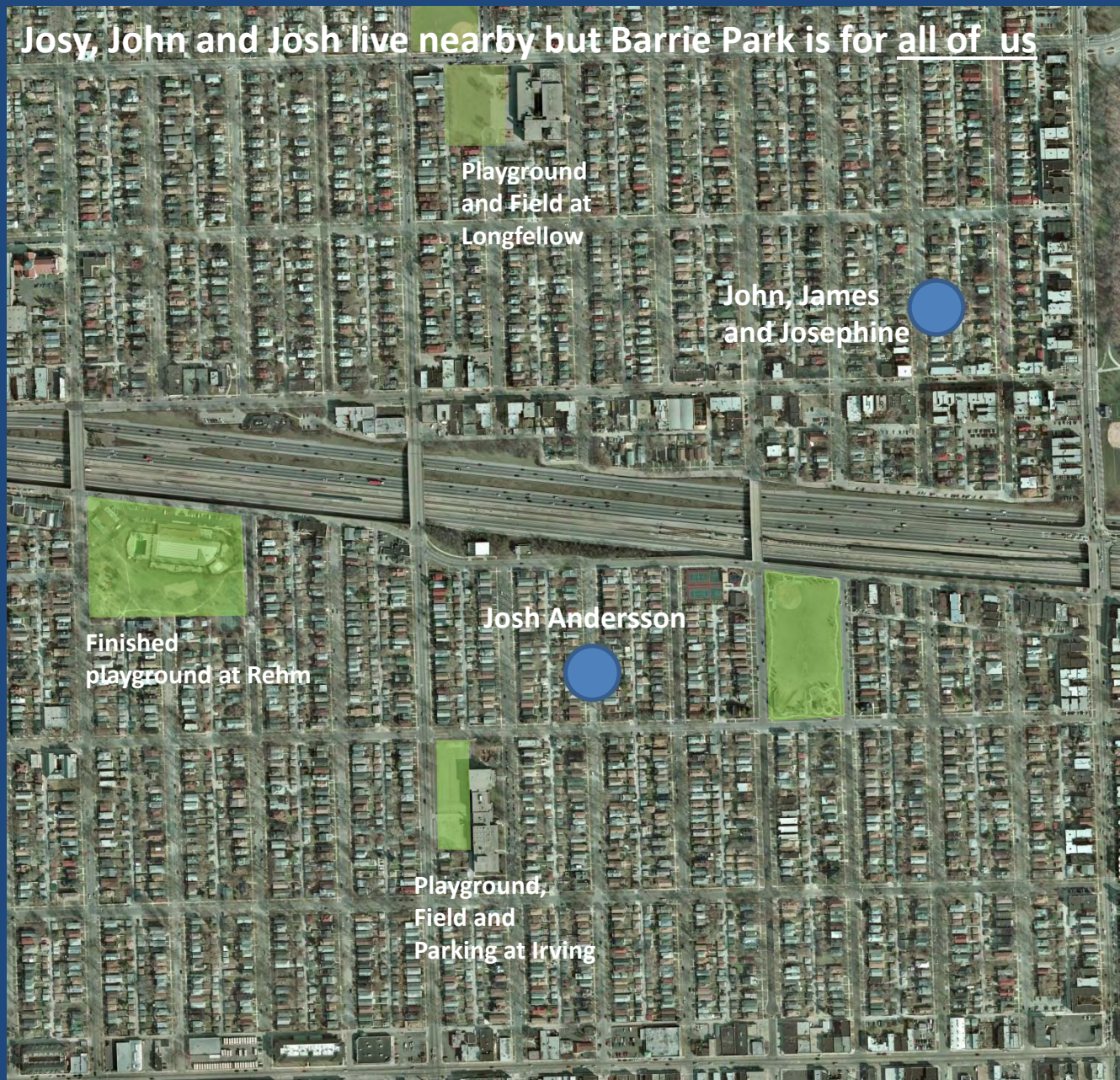
## Context: Parks & Schools



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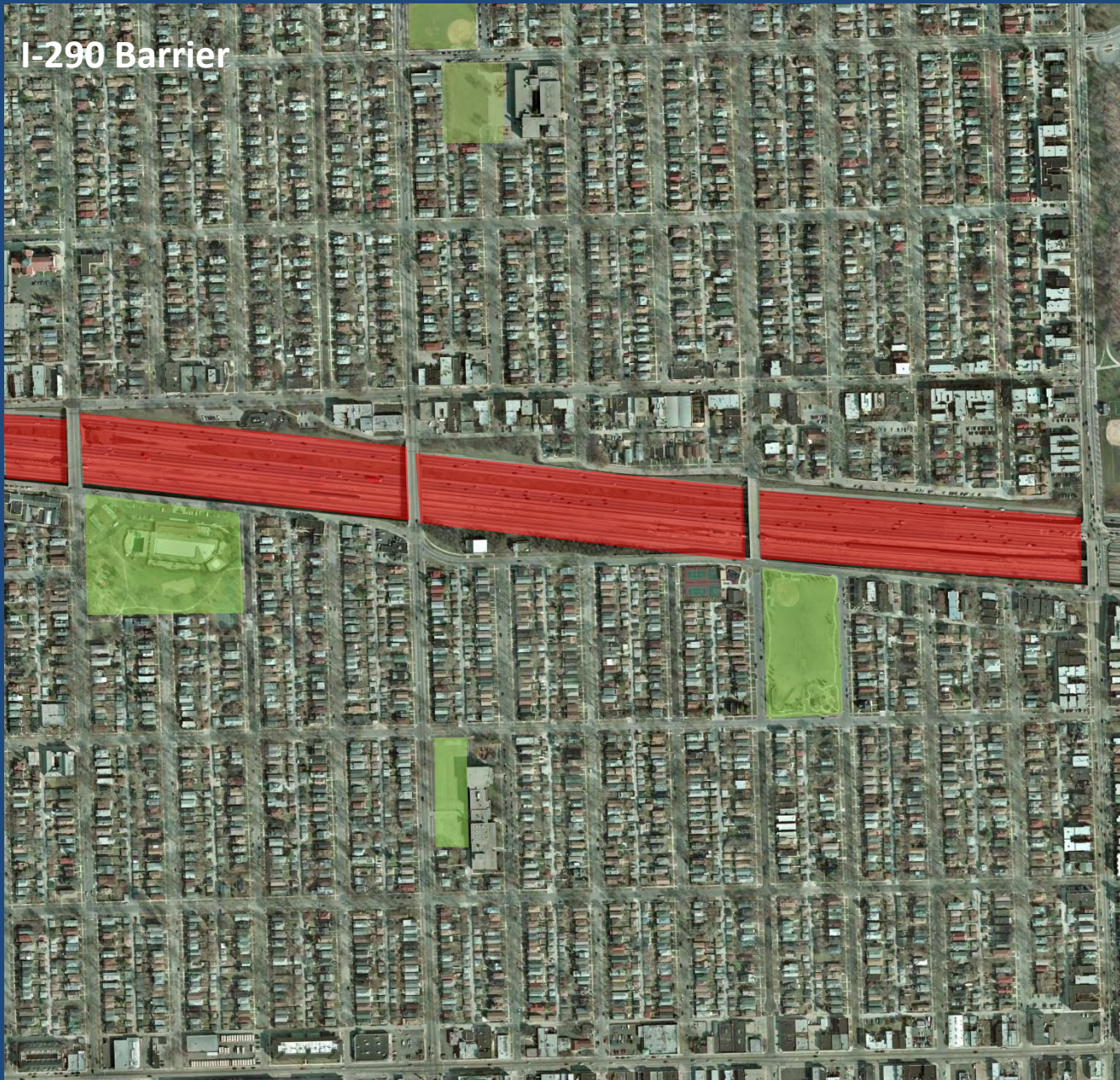
Josy, John and Josh live nearby but Barrie Park is for all of us



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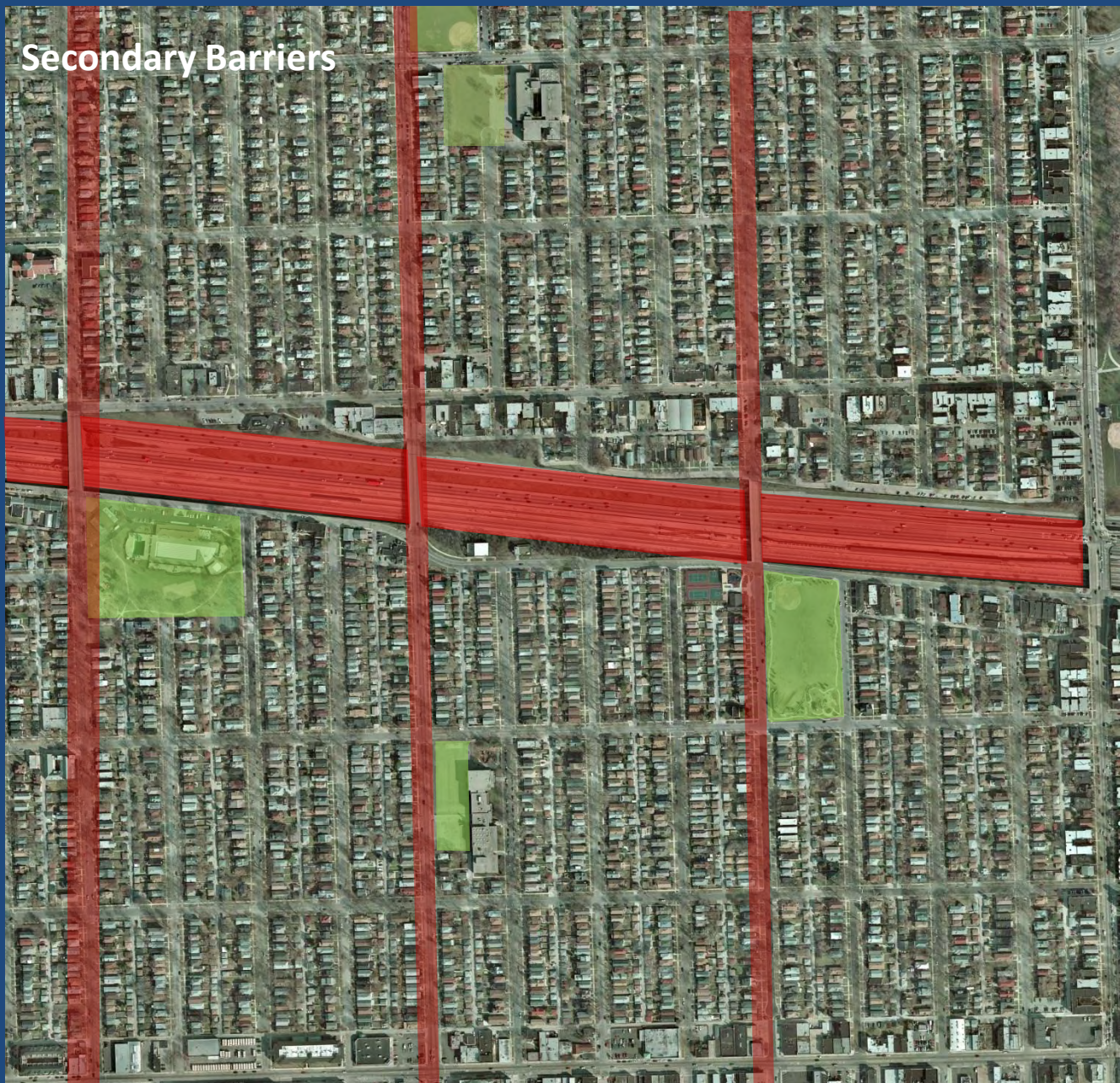
## I-290 Barrier



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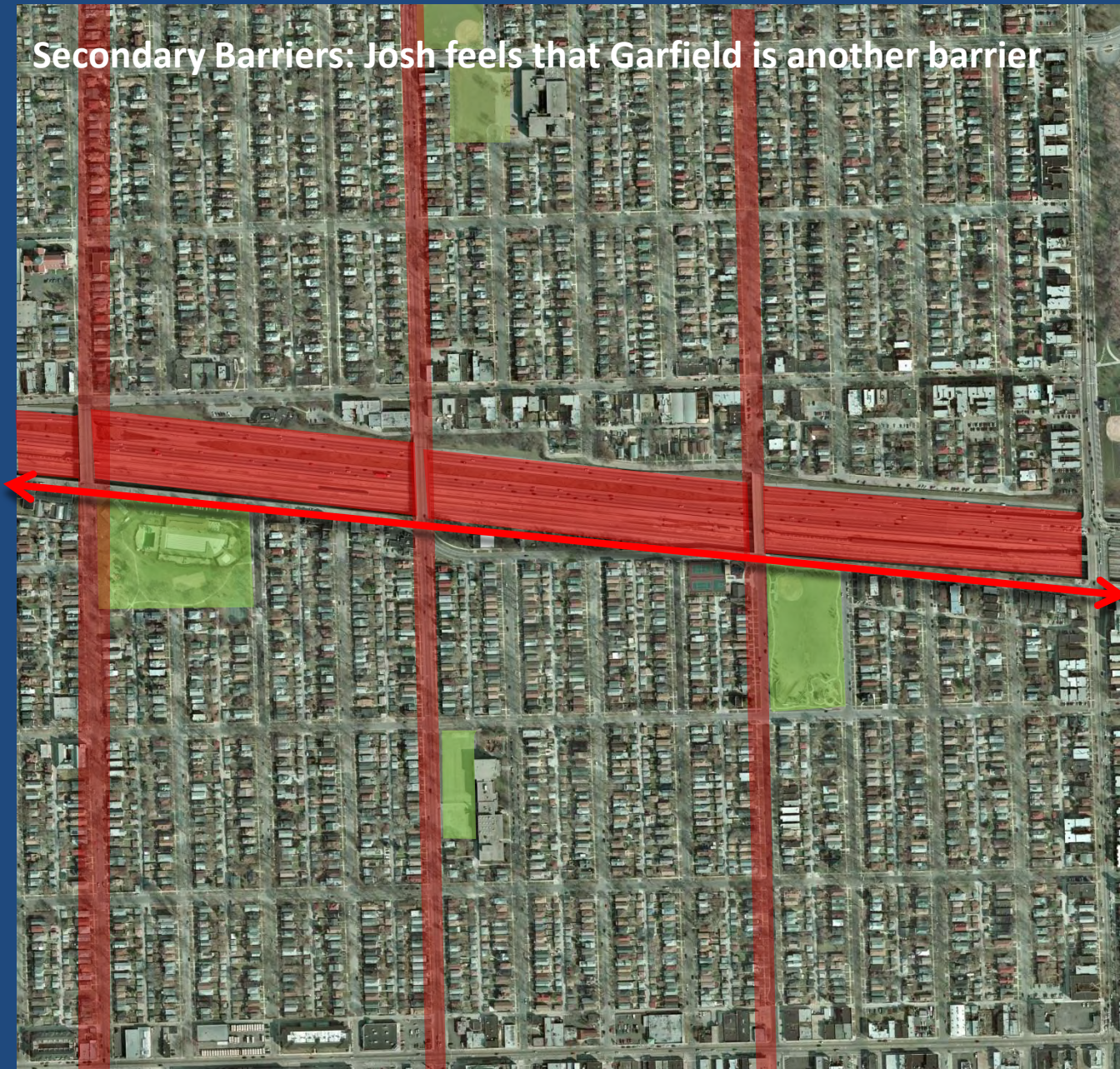
## Secondary Barriers



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Secondary Barriers: Josh feels that Garfield is another barrier



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Site History: : A gas plant operated on site from 1893-1931



1938

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1972

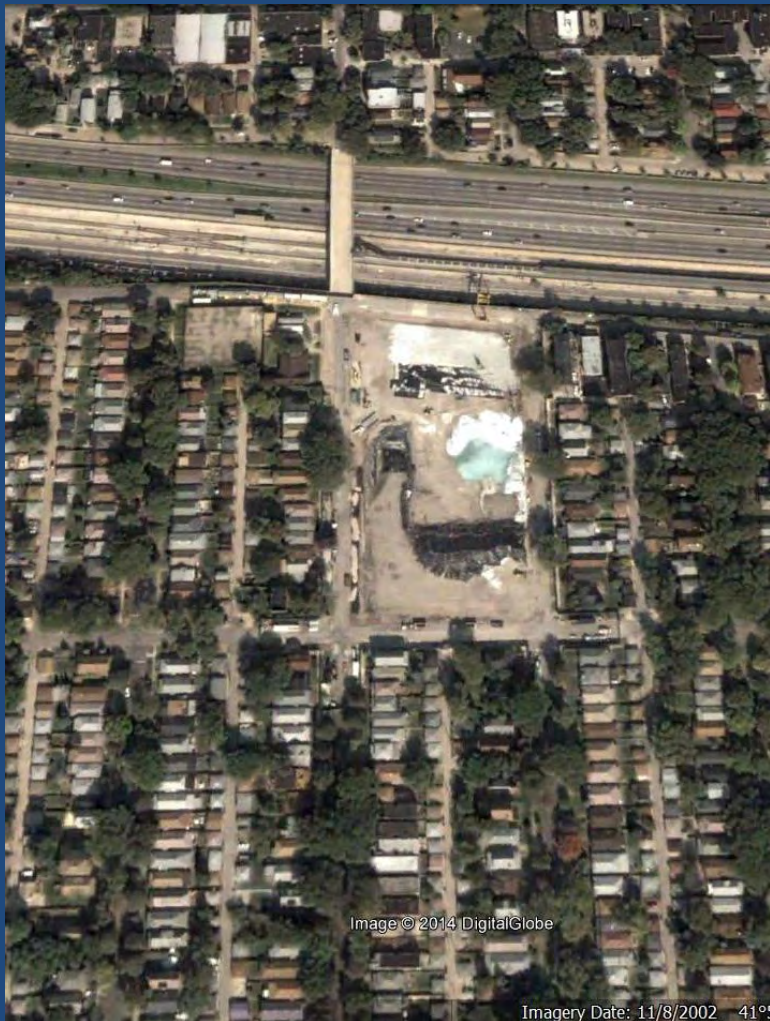




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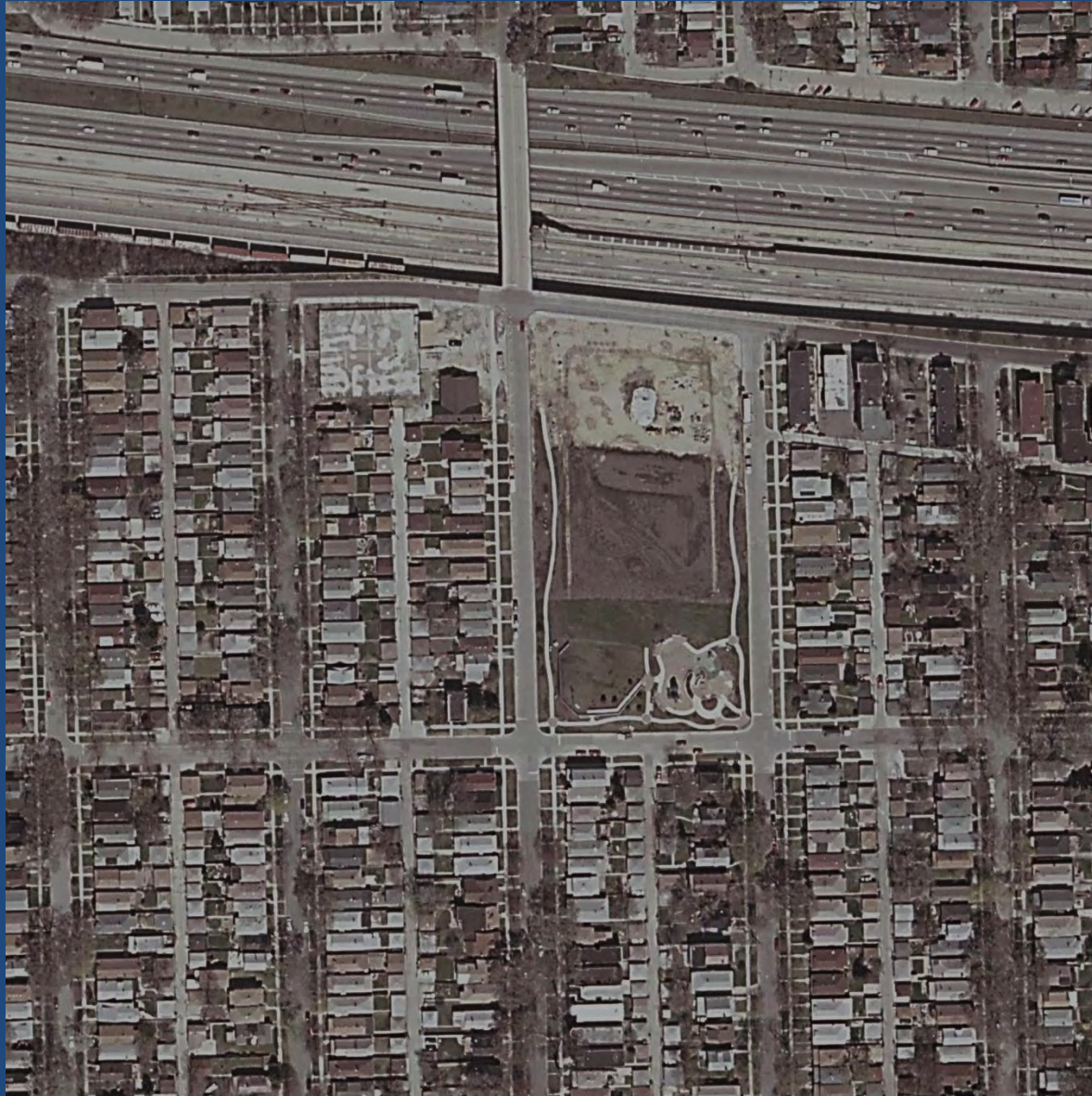
Site History: Contamination discovered in 1999 led to coordinated efforts between the PDOP, the Village, ComEd and NiCor, cleanup began August 2001 and completed in December 2003.



2002



Site History: Site filled with gravel and compacted clay then top soil



2005

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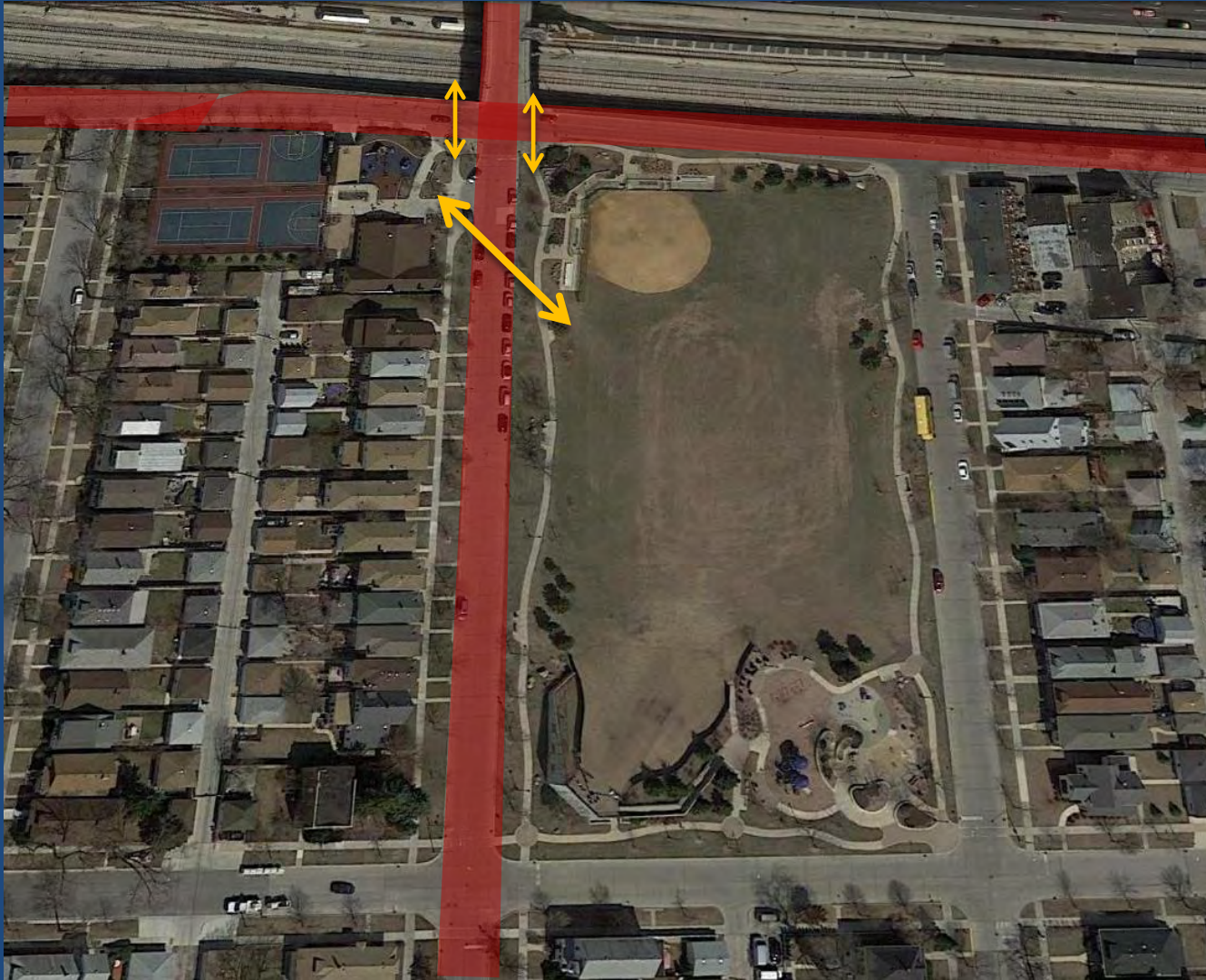




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2014

# Narrow Sidewalks and Ramps





# “Unwelcoming entry to Park. Views to Center blocked”



# Suggestions for Lombard by Focus Groups

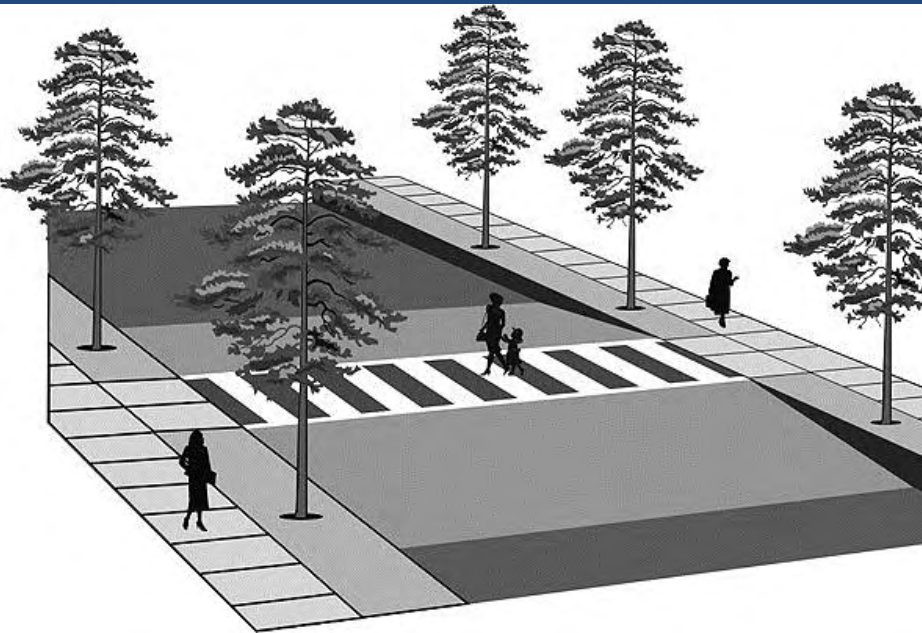


1. Add a speed table (like on Marion Street) to slow traffic at the Center on Lombard and connect Center to the park.
2. Improve sight lines from Center.
3. Make drop-off longer, need space for West Suburban Recreation buses and parents' cars.
4. Make the Park Entry more Welcoming





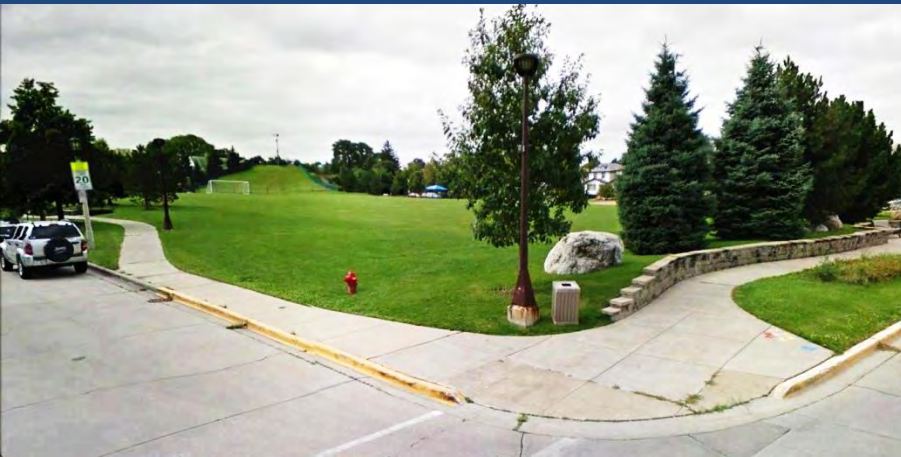
# Suggestions for Lombard: Speed Table



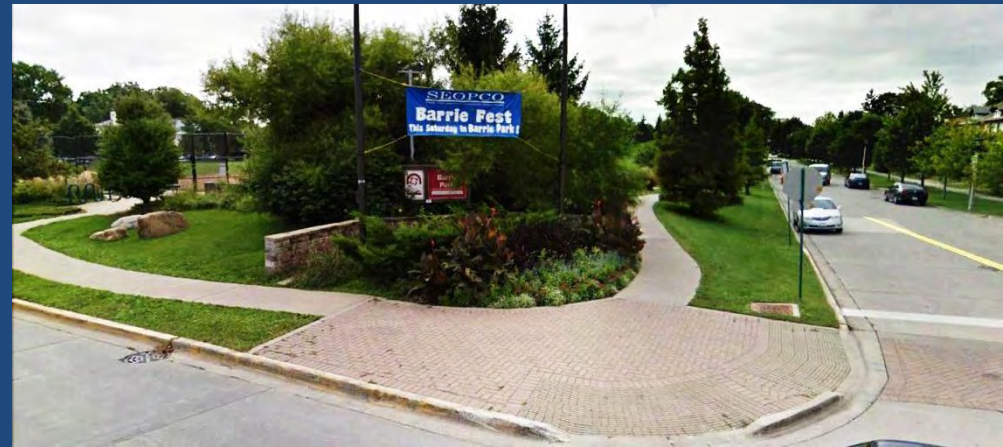
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# Entries: Could we make Entrances more Welcoming?

Suggestions include removing walls, limbing up or removing vegetation



NE Corner



NW Corner

6. Entryways to the park are not welcoming.
7. Retaining walls are a maintenance headache.
8. Remove the walls and open up views into the park.



# View of large Entry Plaza at Barrie Center



# View of tot lot and entry plaza





# View of tot lot



# Entry to sports area on top of Reservoir



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# Suggestions for Outdoor Spaces and Tot Lot at Barrie Center

1. Redesign and make areas of concrete and stairs friendlier. Current planting gets “fried” as surrounded by concrete.
2. Replace soil; add irrigation and more durable plantings and trees.
3. Use rain barrels to catch rain water and use drip irrigation.
4. Add Peter Pan mural to pumping station wall to reflect “magic of James Barrie.”
5. Install batting cages.





# Suggestions for Outdoor Spaces and Tot Lot at Barrie

6. Replace/Update play equipment.
7. Add water feature. Maybe splash pad?
8. Possible outdoor classroom space.
9. Make a courtyard to protect the kids & can be locked at night . (put a wall along north and east side)
10. Install skate deterrents on current features.
11. Safety issues at corner playground, busy intersection, could we move the small Tot Lot across street or to top of Reservoir?

# The Top of Reservoir: multi-use space

Volley ball, 2 Half Courts, 2 Tennis Courts



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# Sports Area on Top of Reservoir



View looking NW to pumping station



View to SW

# Surface of Reservoir

Plastic tiles that people say are slippery and “like cheese graters” on a concrete screed that has broken over the years.







# North Side

View of entry to pumping station



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# Trees along Garfield



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# West Side Overflow and Stairs



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# Suggestion for Top of Reservoir



1. Remove plastic surface.
2. Full under 18 court and half courts. Only under supervision and rims would be removed at night.
3. A playground for older children with chess tables, picnic tables, etc.
4. Install batting cages. (visibility of cages was brought up if installed)
5. A water feature used here would be ideal and attract more use.
6. Possible pavilion for public/rental space: parties, films, grills, splash pad, sand volleyball.
7. Outdoor Gym (Airnasium gym without walls and only roof was suggested).



# Suggestion for Top of Reservoir: Airnasium



# Suggestion for Top of Reservoir



8. Create more access west side of reservoir.
9. Possible Tot Lot relocation
10. Install mini skate park.
11. Install mini driving range/ mini golf/golf clinic.
12. Bowling lanes.
13. Horse Shoes or some sort of game toss.
14. Add plantings and/or noise screen to south side of space.
15. Replace Ash trees along Garfield.





# The Center:

Renovated, popular and well used, pre/after school, indoor play, meetings



# The Center:



Structure is brick facing over wood. Structural Crack not moving



# West Side of Center

Underused space



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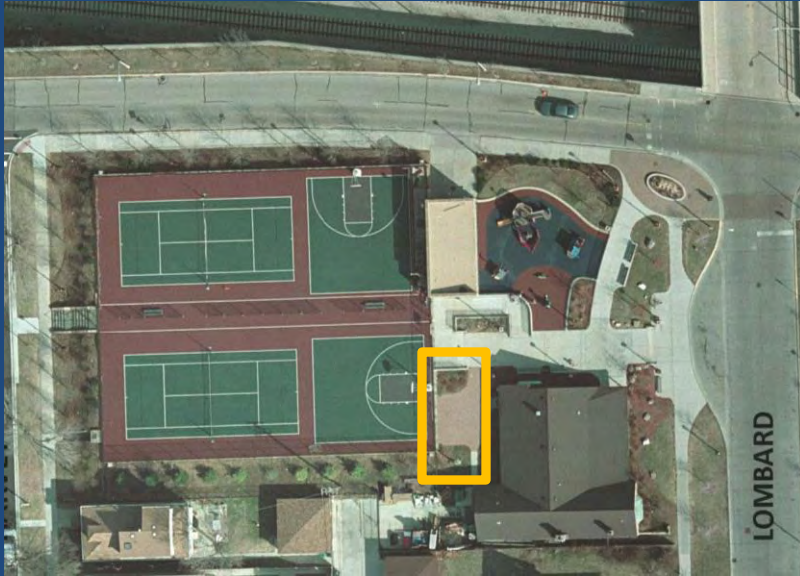
# West Side of Center



Drainage and damp issues



# Suggestion for Barrie Center



1. Expand the Center to the west into underused space.
2. Create larger multi-use space within Barrie Center for larger events.
3. Retrofit work station into kitchen.
4. Create better or expand bathroom space/ access (family bathroom).
5. Add a climbing wall on the west side
6. Move the building to SE side of the park.

# Suggestion for Barrie Center



6. Install a garage in the back of Barrie in alignment with the rest of the garages on the block and use for storage/parking.

7. Provide Parking for Staff





# North Side of Park:

Expand Bike Parking often used by commuters using train



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# West Side of Park

Boulders very popular, issues with erosion, paths too narrow, not enough electrical power for Barrie Fest



1. Expand the paths
2. Add more trees and planting
3. Add no-mow long grass areas
4. Add bigger service and power outlets (SEOPCO)





# Sled Hill :

Issues include erosion of Hill and Field, overuse and training of this popular feature





# Sled Hill Issues:

## Unused Space along Sled Hill





# Sled Hill Issues:

Erosion on Enhanced Aerials 2010 and 2013



2010



2013

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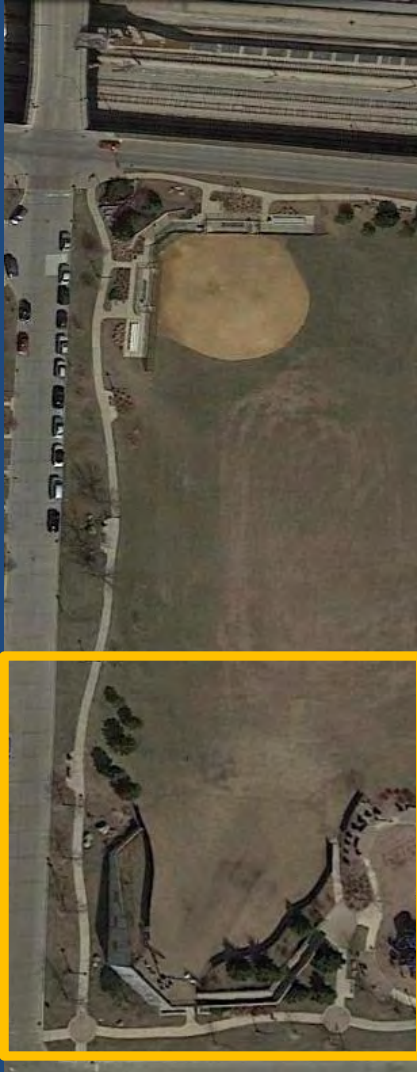
# Sled Hill Issues:

Cracks in Concrete, Mounding too high, needs improved Planting, Spalling concrete at base of Railings





# Sled Hill Suggestions:



1. “Runners kill the turf in the summer. They get mad if they are stopped. Unused section of hill could be used as an exercise stair and exercise course instead.”
2. Create fitness stations near hill for people who train on it.
3. Keep fencing at bottom of hill during warm months to prevent wear and tear.
4. Create a smaller sled hill for smaller children.
5. Potential use of artificial ski surface on the hill.



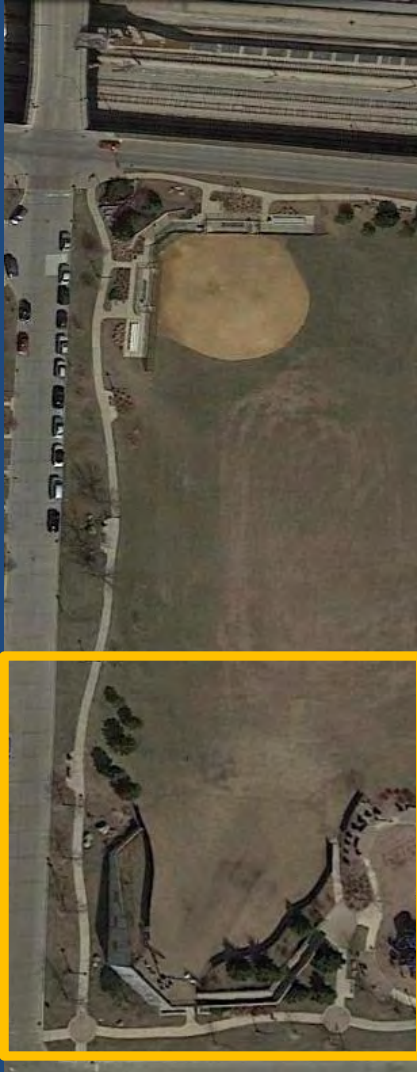
# Sled Hill

## Artificial Ski Slope





# Sled Hill Suggestions:

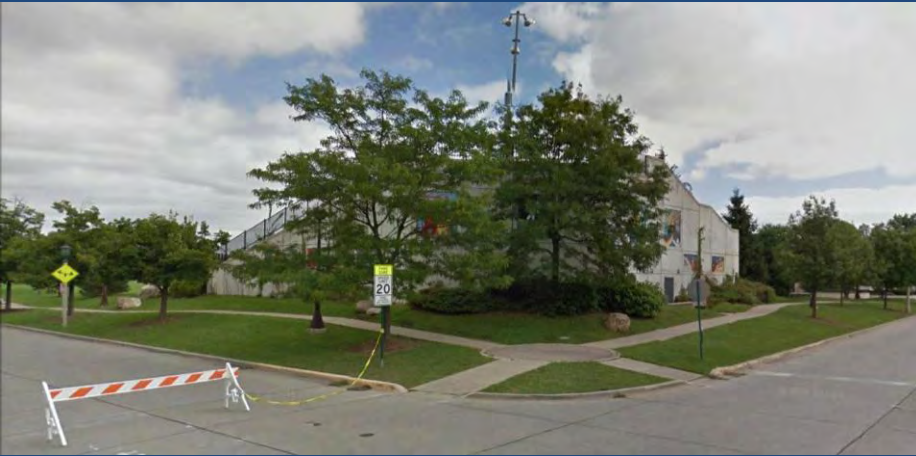


6. Remove existing vines or select more suitable vines.
7. Add more suitable plantings to southern bermed area.
8. Replace the metal rail posts imbedded in concrete.
9. Seal all cracks in the concrete.

# Southern Entries:

Could we make Entrances more Welcoming?

Long term prepare for the replacement of the play center?



SW Corner



SE Corner



# Views of playground:

Like Plantings but Sight Lines and Views Blocked, “Can’t watch kids”





# View of playground:

“Planters block views and use up space”





# Views of playground





# View of playground from the East





# Desire Lines around playground

The way people actually use the space not how it was designed



# Play Ground Suggestions:



1. Redesign the playground.
2. Add a Picnic Pavilion, huge success at Field and Taylor.
3. Install water features. Issue with kids clogging fountain with sand, maintenance headache for PDOP
4. Improve lines of sight to and from the playground.
5. Create fitness areas for parents.
6. Add more boulders. Like at Carroll.
7. Bring playground and ball field (back stop) closer together so parents can see children at both. In an ideal world big playground would be next to small playground





# Field Issues:

Wind swept, Surface doesn't drain well, Cant be used after rain



1. Patchwork of sodding, tough to manage because of clay base, very compacted.
2. Doesn't drain. It takes a long time to establish grass.
3. There is irrigation on the field--as well as at playground. Kids like to play with irrigation heads, not all at baseball field working.
4. There is a security issue, the middle of the park gets dark; lights would help immensely
5. "We lose a lot of money because we guarantee play and if field is unplayable we still need to pay umpires." AYSO.

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# Field Issues:

Wind swept, Surface doesn't drain well



7. Stored goals are currently stored in the middle of the field locked together – we need a place to store them.

8. We need a place to play U11 and U12 – high demand in South Oak Park.

9. SEOPCO states “Sometimes our events are rained out; the site has terrible drainage Cannot pound stakes into the ground due to the irrigation system.”

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# Field Suggestions:



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1. “Most of the issues could be solved by installing a year-round artificial turf field. This could be the premier facility for this part of town.”
2. Consider having multiple sets of lines for a multi-use space, soccer 50 x 100 yards, lacrosse 60 x 110 yards and U12s 80 x 55 , real need on the south side of Oak Park
3. Unorganized sports are also great; at Ridgeland - Frisbee, pick up games etc.
4. Ridgeland – whatever day or weather, there are kids playing soccer. To have another all-weather field of that size would alleviate a lot of fields.

# Field Suggestions:



5. Add batting cages to north side of field. Batting cages at Ridgeland. Would like to see batting cages on the South side of Oak Park.
6. There is no area to warm-up pitchers. We could use the batting cages at the same time as the games. Two batting cages would work
8. Goals could be stored there.
9. Would love to see another base ball field  
- T Ball on the South side
10. Add distance markers and exercise stations along the path



# Field Suggestions:

11. Flip the ball field, add speed table to calm traffic and join park and center together, and create a new welcoming entry.





# SEOPCO



Barrie Fest held annually

The back-to-school party held on the first Friday night after school starts.

The PTO sets-up a movie screen in front of the hill working around soccer practice, etc.

Lombard is then closed off for these events.

**Sometimes events are rained out; the site has terrible drainage**

**Cannot pound stakes into the ground due to the irrigation**

Need better electrical power

What about a stage platform?— use the hill as an amphitheater







# General



More Trees

No-Mow Grasses

More Boulders

Frisbee Golf along edges

Discovery Area for Kids (like one in Mills Park)

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THANK YOU  
NOW YOUR COMMENTS

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