

Maple Park , Community Meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013





## The Park District is applying for a grant for Maple Park

• This does not mean a complete reopening of the Master Plan

- The grant application is for funding elements of the Master Plan
  - Including: Completing the paths around the park Upgrading the ball fields Adding play elements between the ball fields Building a Picnic Shelter Relocating and upgrading the playground

## Tonight

- 1. We need to decide on a location for a Picnic Shelter
- 2. Discuss the relocation and upgrade of the Play Ground
- 3. Consider any other suggestions

**But First** 

A reminder of the Master Planning Process in 2007 - 6 years ago

#### The Maple Park Site Master Plan – 4 Community Meetings

<b>Date</b> Wednesday, May 30, 9:00 a.m.	Meeting Initial Meeting
Wednesday, May 30, 10:00 a.m.	On-Site Team Tour
Wednesday, June 13, 1pm, 3pm, 7pm	*Focus Group Meetings at 218 Madison
Monday, June 18, 7:30pm	*Community Mtg #1 to collect input at Carroll Center
Monday, July 16, 7:30pm	*Community Mtg #2 to present 3 concepts
Monday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.	*Community Mtg #3 public voted on final concept
Monday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.	*Community Mtg #3 public voted on final concept
Monday, August 6, 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 27, 7:30pm	*Community Mtg #3 public voted on final concept Altamanu presented informally to Park Board/PDCC













From Community Meeting #3

Composite drawing made at the meeting

• Dog Park

Close vote on the Dog Park 22 in favor of a dog park and 18 against

• Tennis courts

Most participants were in favor of moving the tennis courts and turning the old tennis court site into a meadow

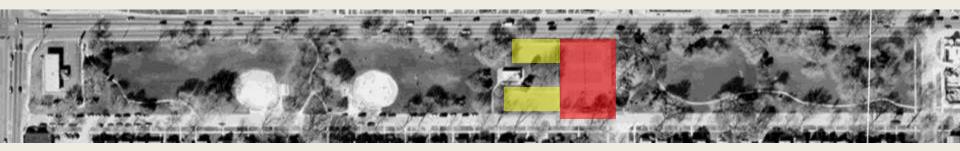
• Play lot

Most participants were in favor of leaving the play lot in its present location until a future date, when it could be replaced by a new playground away from Harlem

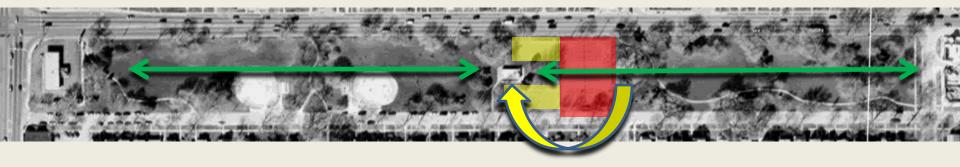
• Participants were in favor of a continuous path around the park.

## The park in 2007 - A series of barriers in the center of the park

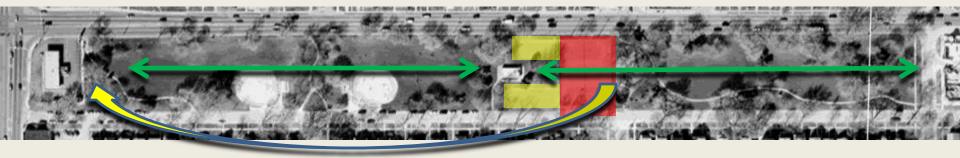




#### We and kids had to leave the park to get to the Comfort Station



## We agreed to move Tennis Courts to the South to act as a barrier to Gas Station



## The Park in 2007



## The Park in 2011



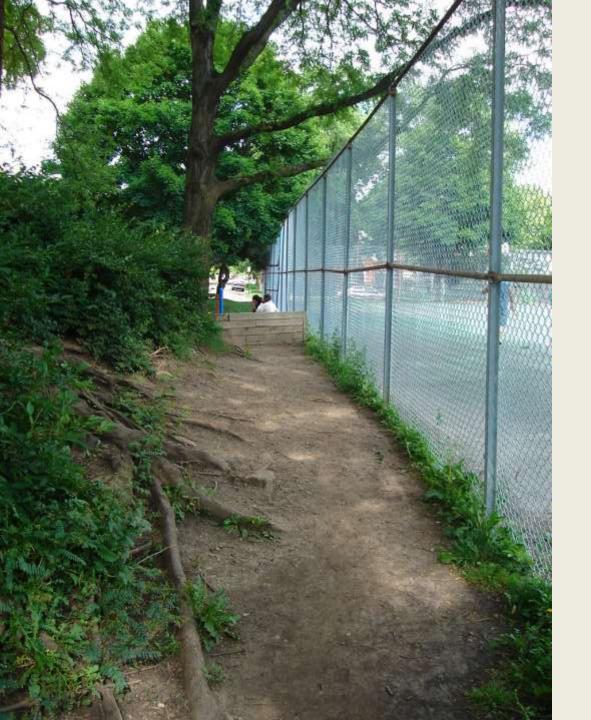


#### Old basketball court and tennis courts between playground and comfort station

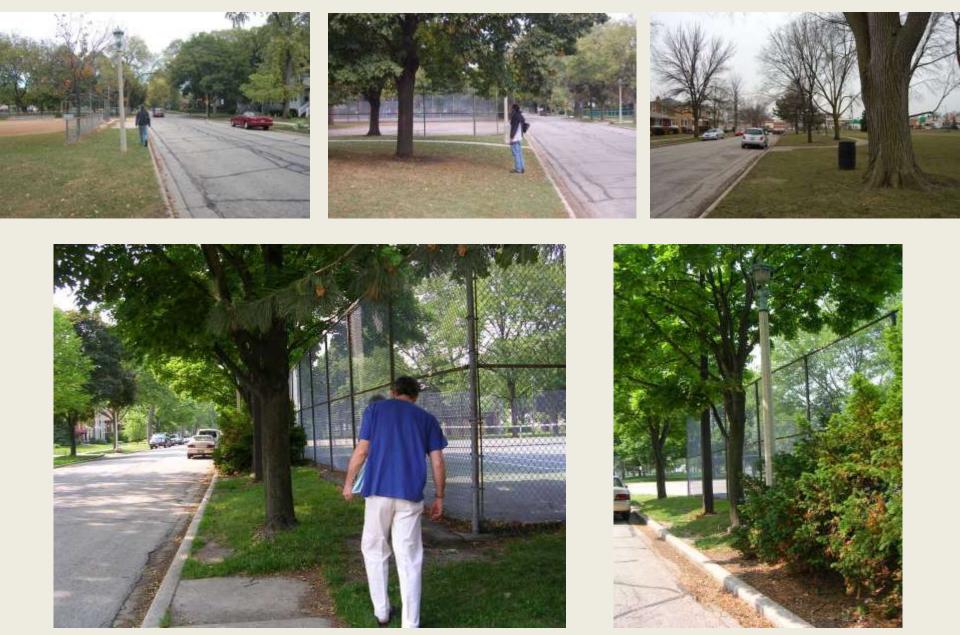








## The Park in 2007 - no pathway along park











#### Worked to Preserve Trees





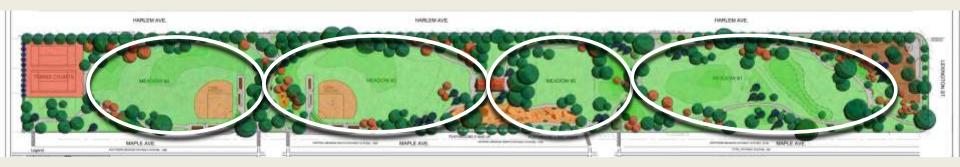




#### The Master Plan



## A series of connected loop paths



#### Rehab the Ball Fields



## Add climbing Boulders in trees between ball fields Successful at Taylor and Beye - but not as tall





## Or just use real boulders



Coonley Stone Circle Relatively Inexpensive



# Constructed boulders are designed for climbing What would you like?





## Site for a shelter and the upgraded playground



#### **Existing Playground Site**



Issues: Playground coming to end of life cycle ADA issues with current layout Close to Harlem - Noise and safety Dark at Night – Security issue Blocks the center of park

#### Proposed Shelter and Playground Site



Away from noise and danger of Harlem

Close to Comfort Station

Still set amidst trees

A low fence will protect kids from any traffic on Maple

Close to Maple and watchful eyes of residents

Visible to Police

Shelter close to playing fields and new playground

Center of Park really opened up

Existing Playground set amidst trees but a barrier in the park and close to Harlem



#### Keep the trees and mounds but open view into next meadow



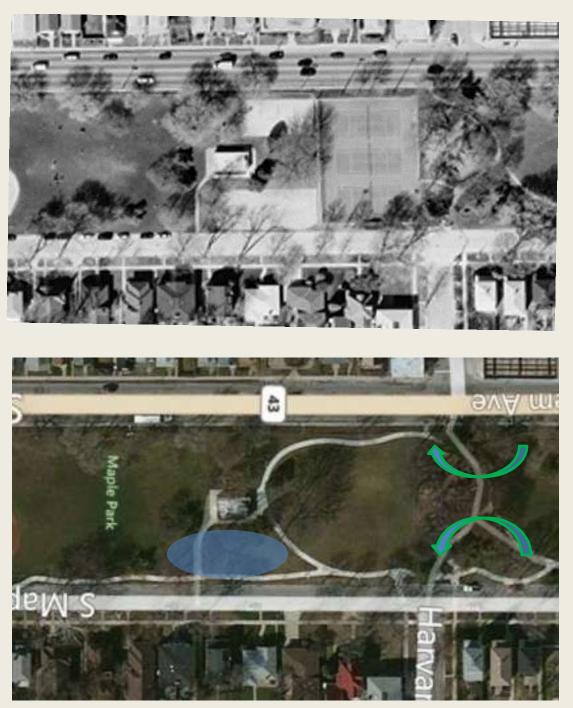


## Park in 2007

#### Phase 1



# Potential Site of Playground



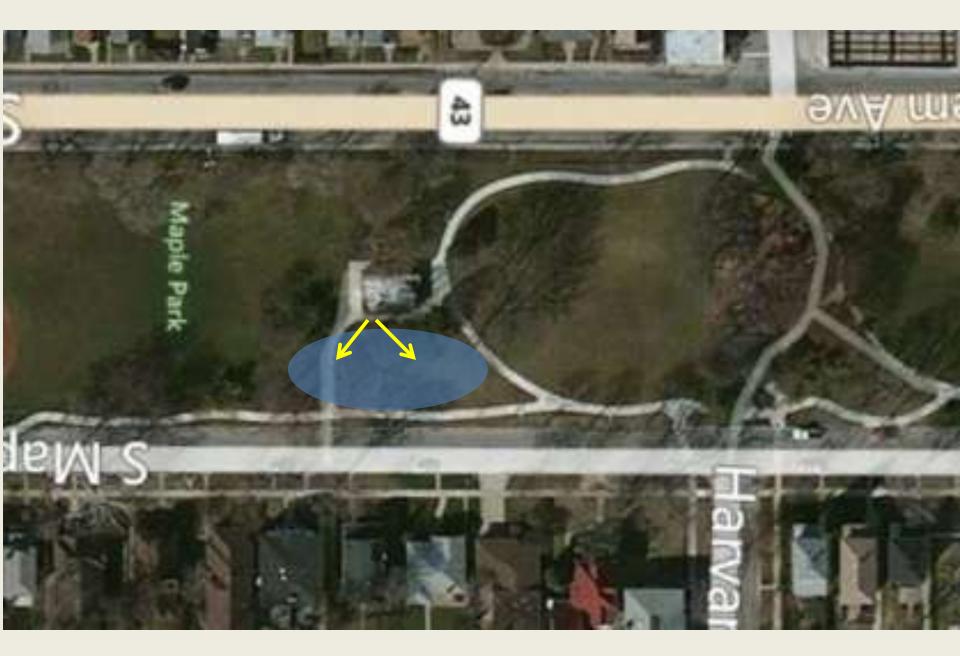
## Open up meadows



#### Shelter can serve Ball field and Play ground



# Let's look at site



## Potential Site from the Master Plan for the Upgraded Playground



Existing view looking east from Comfort Station

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#### Existing view looking west from Comfort Station



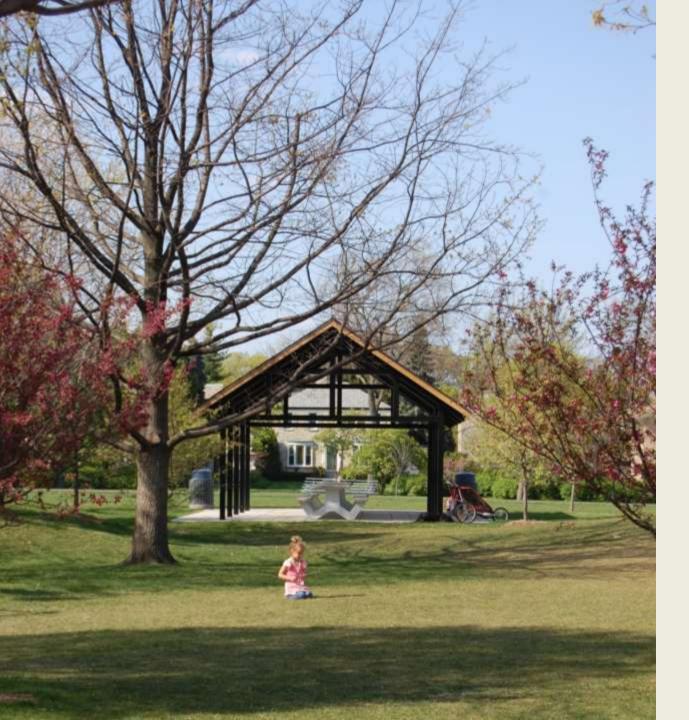
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#### Existing view looking west from Comfort Station



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The Shelter at Taylor 36'x 24' or 864SF (approx.)

We could have something similar but a little smaller

# Another style like the Shelter at Field



# What type of Shelter would you like ?



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## Concept with Octagon still needs design work





## Have to make sure we leave space for paths and connections



## **Rectangular Shelter**







MAPLE AVENUE

Maple Park Exiting Playground 4,800 S. F.

Taylor Park Playground : ± 5,900 S.F.

Field Park Playground: <u>+</u> 6,100 S.F.

Maple Park Proposed Playground: <u>+</u> 6,100 S.F.

What could it look like ?



Taylor Playground has wood chips



We hope to have rubber surfacing like at Field and D97 schools

#### Examples of Playgrounds Field Park



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### Examples of Playgrounds Taylor





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#### Randolph Street Play Lot



Randolph Street Play Lot





# Playground Projects Completed 2012: Longfellow

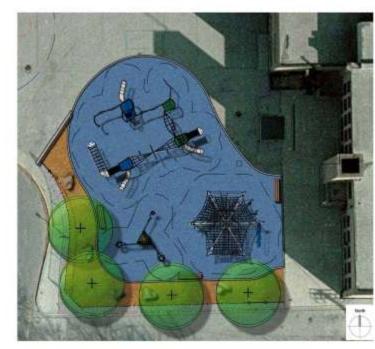




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Canopus GXY925







Cirque ELE500021





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### Beye Elementary School opens new playground

Friday, September 7th, 2012 12:10 PM



# **Playground Projects Completed 2012: BEYE**



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# Playground Projects Completed 2012: Holmes





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# Coming at Mann







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