



# LONGFELLOW PARK

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### The Team

Planning Resources Inc. (PRI) is a Chicago metropolitan area Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) specializing in site planning, urban design, landscape architecture, and park and recreation planning. Our team of award-winning landscape architects, designers, and planners is our most important asset. PRI's design professionals are experienced, highly skilled and widely recognized as where we hail from, how we learned our craft, and how we combine our experiences to meet client needs.

### Our Mission

We enrich lives by providing creative and functionally-balanced design solutions. Our designs celebrate creativity and enhance the quality of life for all involved, while demonstrating a thoughtful interconnectedness with the nature. We balance our pursuit of innovation in design with a comprehensive understanding of social and cultural needs.

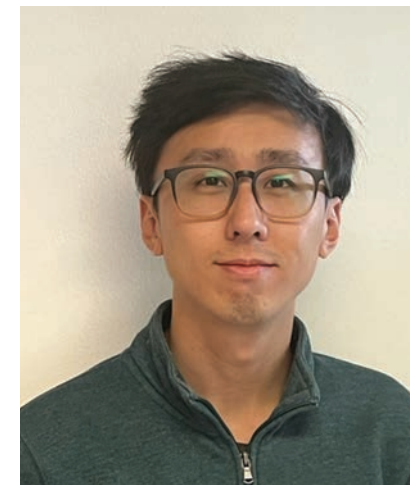
The result is an unforgettable experience of a space that is enriching to the spirit and promotes a healthy lifestyle.



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- The original Mater Plan of Longfellow Park was developed in 2007, Phase 1 of the project was implemented in 2011.





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**PROJECT SITE**

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1 Outdated Playground Surface



2 No Above Ground Splash Pad Features



3 Exposed Ground Surface



4 Uncontained Sand Play Area



5 Courts in Need of Renovation



6 Sand is Caught in Turf

## EXISTING CONDITIONS & SITE OBSERVATION

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### PROPOSED PROGRAM

Modernize the existing playground to provide inclusive and sensory play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities and create a stimulating and sensory-rich environment.

Expand and enhance the existing splash pad with more colorful and above-ground elements to create a more engaging and interactive water play experience for all visitors.

Repurpose the tennis courts to accommodate the sports that are most popular with the community.

### GOALS:

- Provide a creatively themed and inclusive play environment for children of all ages and abilities.
- Create a fun and refreshing water play experience for all visitors.
- Redevelop and revitalize the existing tennis courts to better meet the needs of the community,
- Remove the existing sand play area
- Provide a convenient and accessible public restroom.



## OBJECTIVE & PROGRAMMING

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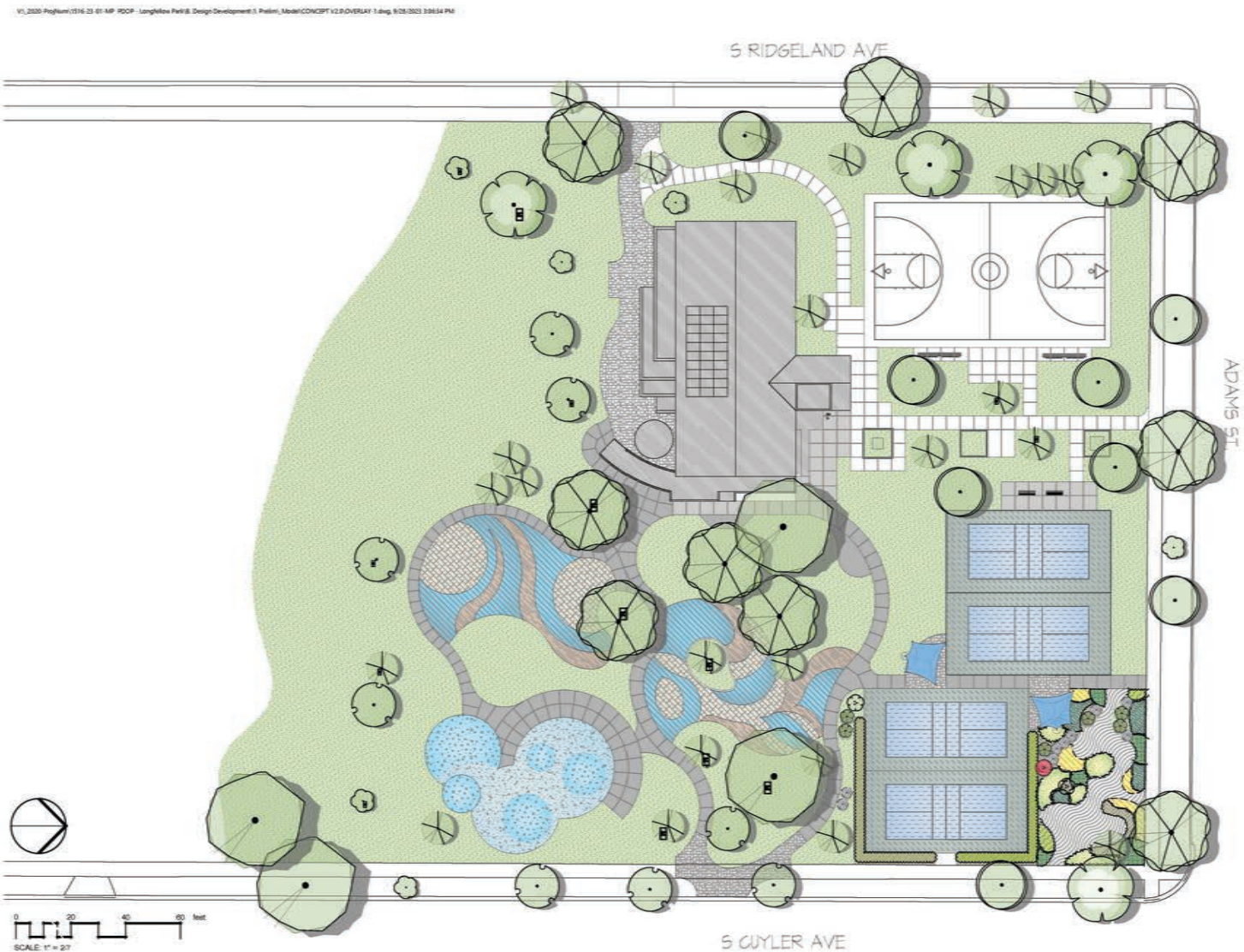
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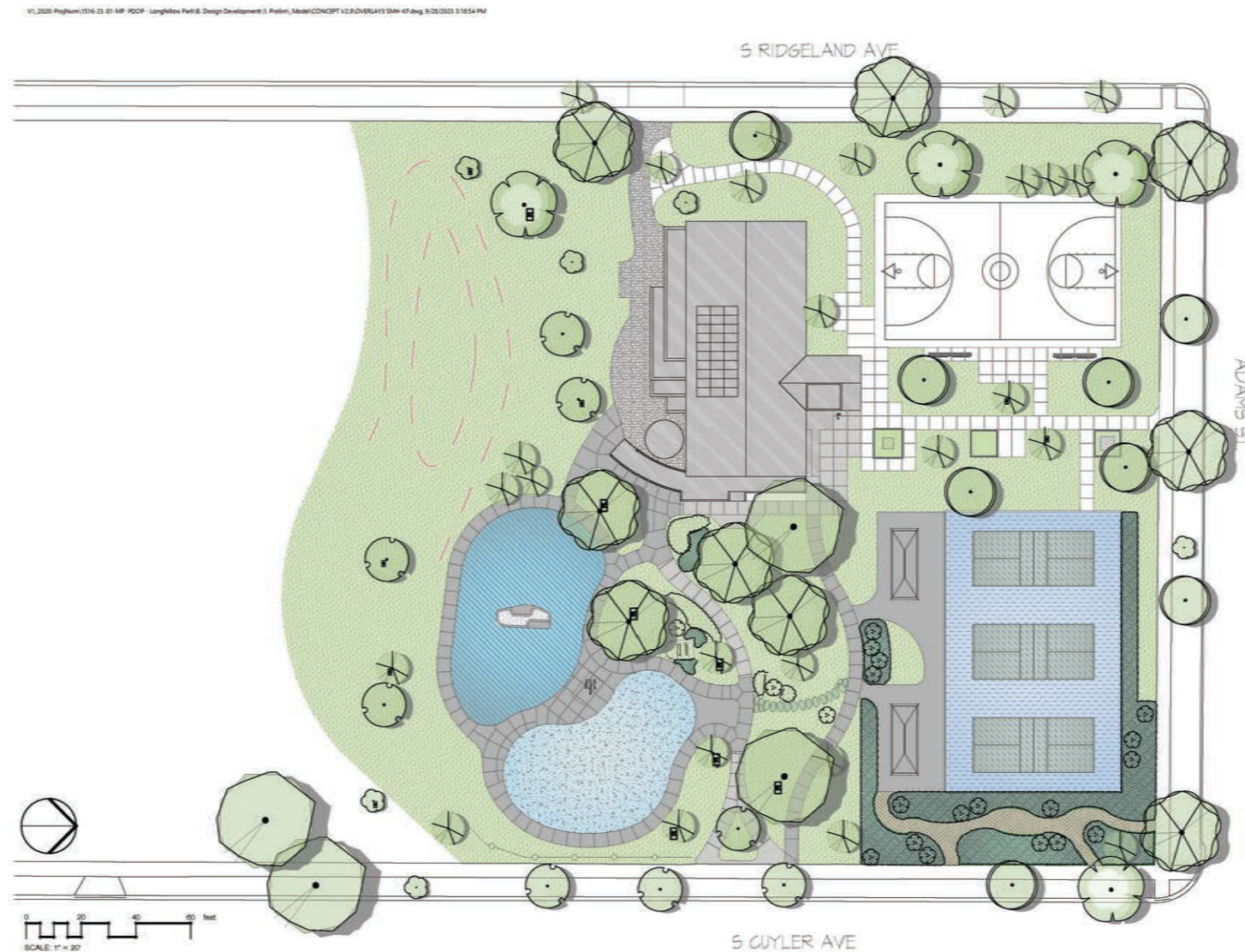
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NOTE

- Preliminary Impervious Surface Study Results for a sixth court development concept:**  
*The park site exceeds 3 acres, and a proposed 6th court improvement concept involves additional development exceeding 0.5 acres. Therefore, based on MWRD regulations, both detention and volume control would be required for a 6th court development project.*



Concept 1



Concept 2

PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS PRESENTED ON 10/04/2023

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*Modern Play Structures*

*Native  
Planting*

*Amenities for  
Teenagers*

*Restroom  
Portland Loo*

*Sunken  
Sensory  
Garden*

*Separate Play Areas  
for Primary-Age (2-5) &  
School-Age (5-12)*

*Lighting for  
the Garden*

*Shaded  
Seating Areas*

*Winter Skating*

*Expanded  
Splash Pad*

*Lighting for the  
Pickleball Courts*



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## MASTER PLAN

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## MASTER PLAN PERSPECTIVE

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## CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVE

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- 4 Pickleball Courts**
- Recreational Size (30x60 Feet Each Court including Set Back)
  - Asphalt Surface
  - Perimeter Fence
  - Sports Lighting



- Winter Ice Skating Rink**
- Two courts (One of the Two Areas) could be used as ice skating rink in Winter.



## PICKLEBALL COURTS

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## Renovated Seating Area

- Access to the courts
- Renovate existing concrete pad to adapt the new pickleball courts layout
- Benches or bleacher seating as spectator seating.



## Shaded Seating Areas

- "Tornado" shade structure by Shade Systems. (Or other similar shading structures)
- Benches/tables placed under the shade structures.



## PICKLEBALL SEATING

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## Alternative Shade Structure Solar Charging Stations





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**Primary Age 2-5  
Playground**

- 2,500 Square Feet
- Synthetic Turf surface
- ADA accessible
- Sensory Play equipment

**School Age 5-12  
Playground**

- 3,700 Square Feet
- Synthetic Turf surface
- ADA accessible
- Sensory Play equipment

## PLAYGROUND AREAS

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Primary Age 2-5 Playground



School Age 5-12 Playground

## PLAYGROUND AREAS PERSPECTIVES

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**Expanded Splash Pad**

- 1,760 Square Feet (800 SF more than the current footprint)
- Colored Concrete Surface
- ADA accessible
- Colorful above ground spray components

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## Ornamental Shade Structure & Seating



## EXPANDED SPLASH PAD PERSPECTIVE

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**Restroom: Portland Loo**  
-Outdoor public restroom  
- Low maintenance solution.

## RESTROOM: PORTLAND LOO

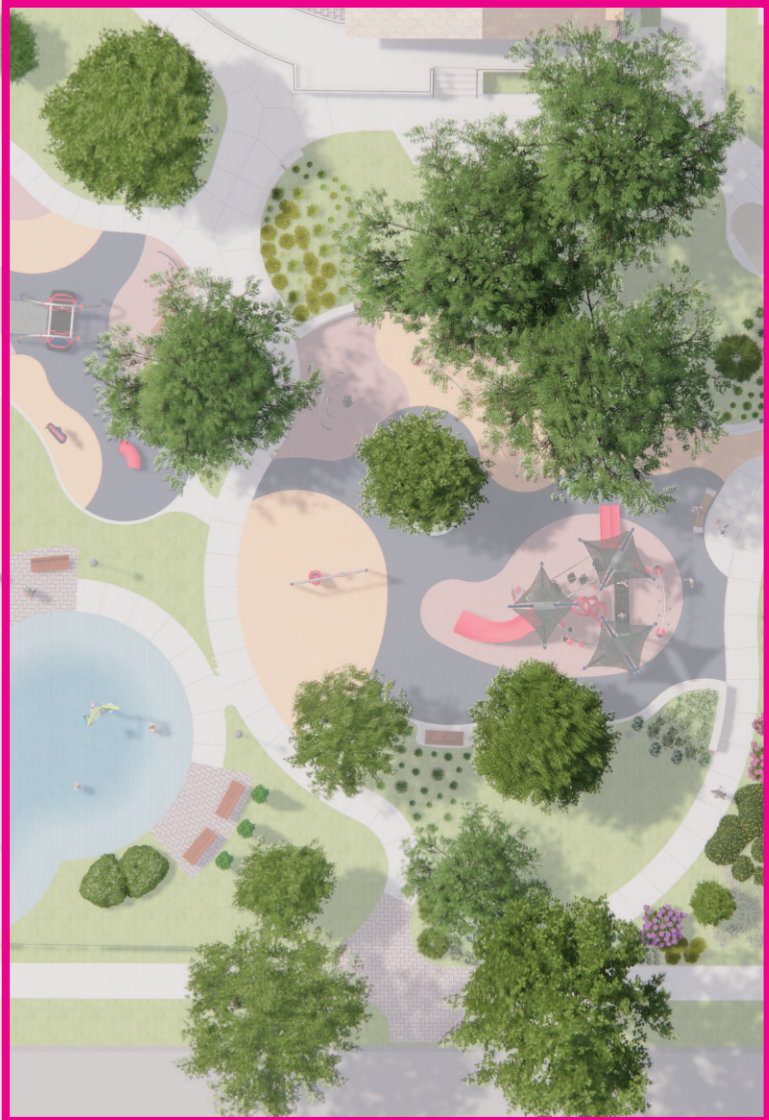
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**Existing Landscaping**

- All installations have been planned to conserve existing mature and memorial trees.



**Native Planting Area**

- Native prairie and pollinator-friendly species



**Sensory Garden**

- Visible from street
- Seat wall and benches
- Decomposed Granite Path surface
- Evergreen shrubs to buffer sound of Pickleball courts, create sense of arrival.

## LANDSCAPING

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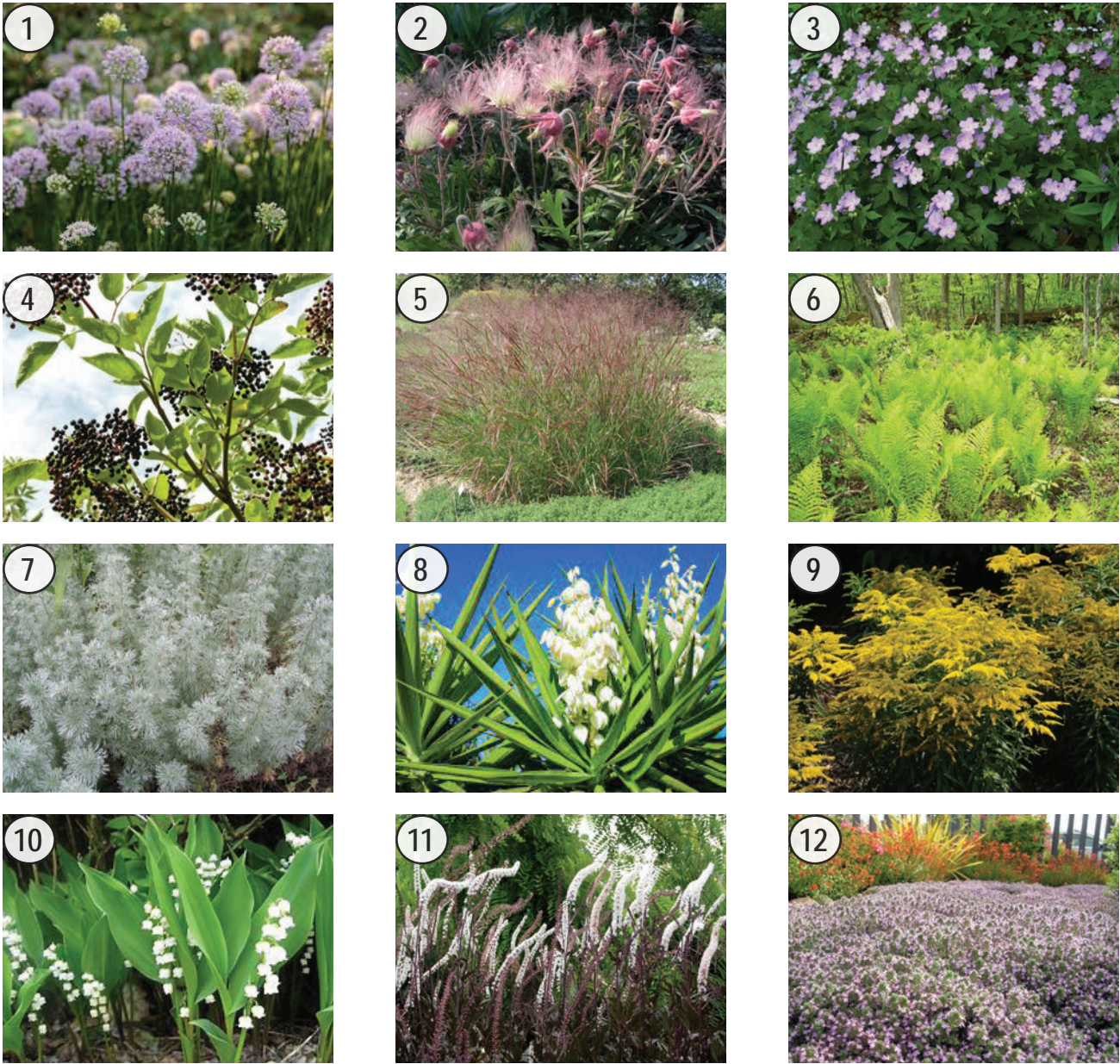
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|--|---|
| 1. Ornamental Onion ( <i>Allium</i> )                    | 7. Silky Wormwood ( <i>Artemisia</i> )                |
| 2. Prairie Smoke ( <i>Geum triflorum</i> )               | 8. Yucca ( <i>Yucca</i> )                             |
| 3. Wild Geranium ( <i>Geranium maculatum</i> )           | 9. Goldenrod ( <i>Solidago</i> )                      |
| 4. Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus</i> )                        | 10. Lily of the Valley ( <i>Convallaria majalis</i> ) |
| 5. Switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )               | 11. Bugbane ( <i>Cimicifugeae</i> )                   |
| 6. Hay-scented Fern ( <i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i> ) | 12. Wooly Thyme ( <i>Thymus serpyllum</i> )           |

### Sensory Garden Plant Palette



Representational

## SENSORY GARDEN

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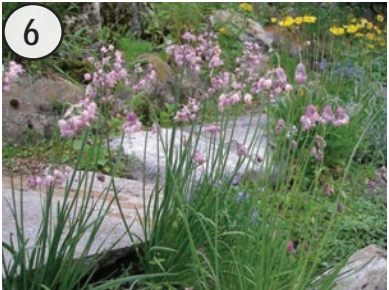


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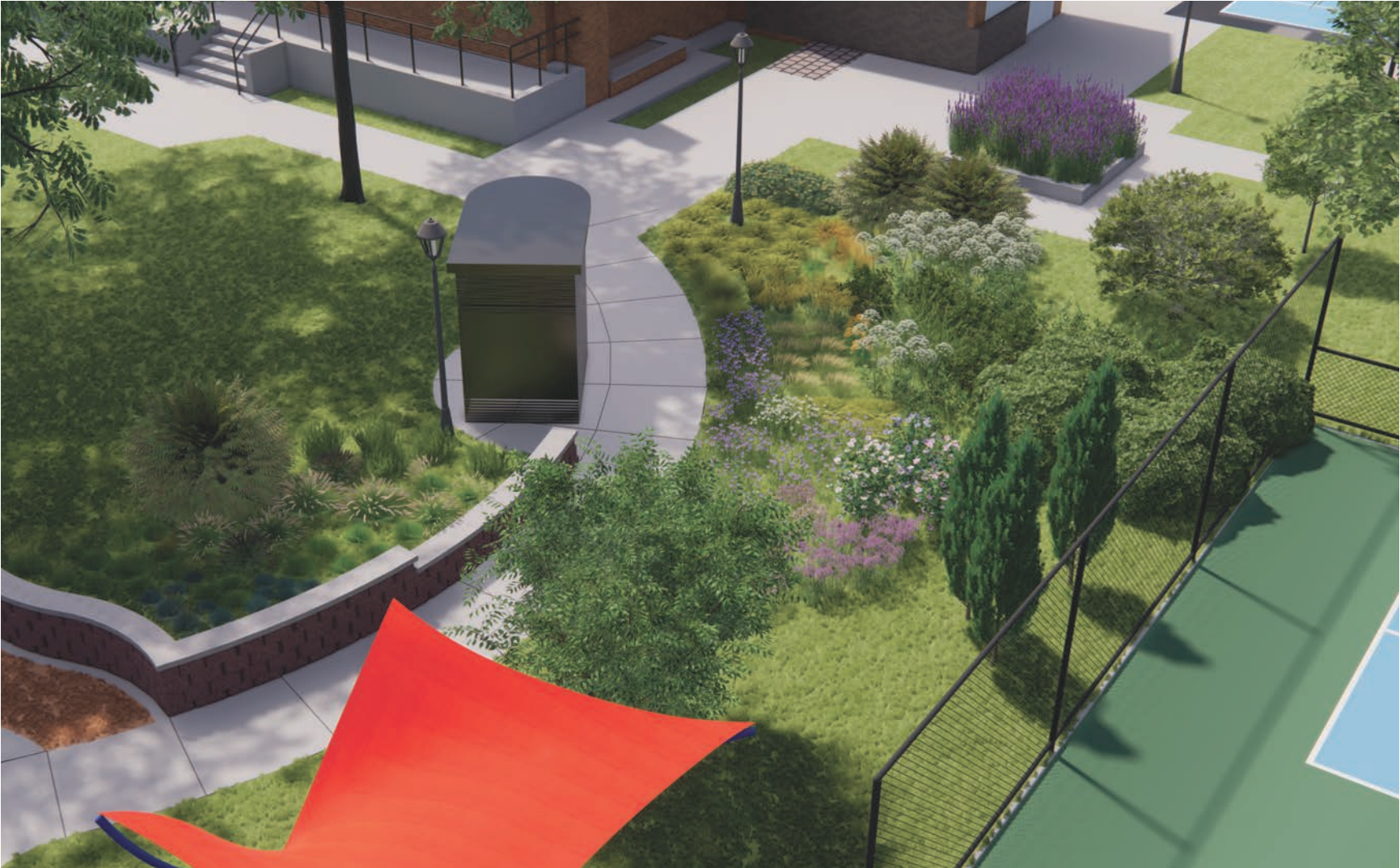
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## Native Plant Palette



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- 1. Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
- 2. Pale Blue Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- 3. Ohio Spiderwort (*Trascentia ohiensis*)
- 4. Tickseed (*Coreopsis palmata*)
- 5. White Heath Aster (*Symphyotrichum ericoides*)
- 6. Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)

- 7. Yellow Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- 8. Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yucciolium*)
- 9. Palm Sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*)
- 10. Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium dubium* 'Little Joe')
- 11. Common Juniper (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- 12. Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

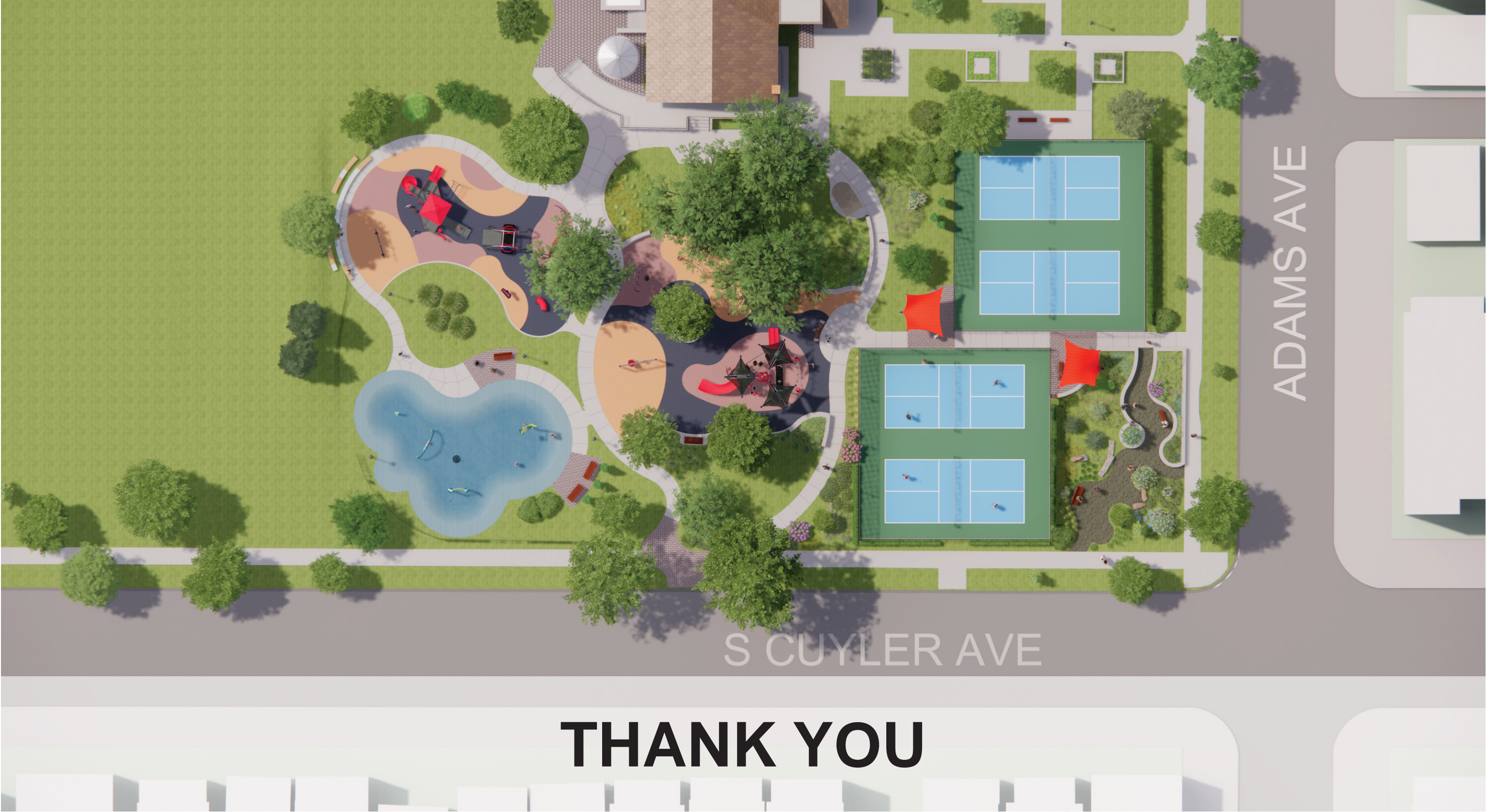
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