

Memorandum



To: Henry Felsman, Director Art Commission
From: Sydney DeRoma, Capital Project Coordinator
Date: March 24th, 2025
Re: Request for Art Commission Review- Concept

We respectfully request administrative approval for playground improvements at Malcolm X Memorial Park located at 5100 Pine St. Philadelphia, Pa 19143.

The following brief describes the extent of work:

Capital improvements are in order for Malcolm X Memorial Park's playground and site amenities. In the same footprint as the existing playground, we plan to install new play equipment and safety surfacing. This design is done in-house, and our goal is to unify the playground layout for increased safety. All existing trees will remain and be protected in place. Additional improvements include new site furnishings.

The Project budget is \$715,000. \$550,000 is funded by Rebuild, \$100,000 is funded by a DCED grant, and \$55,000 is funded by Councilmember Gauthier.

Thank you for your attention. If you grant us an opportunity to review, and the agenda allows, we will submit the presentation materials one week prior to the April 9th meeting.

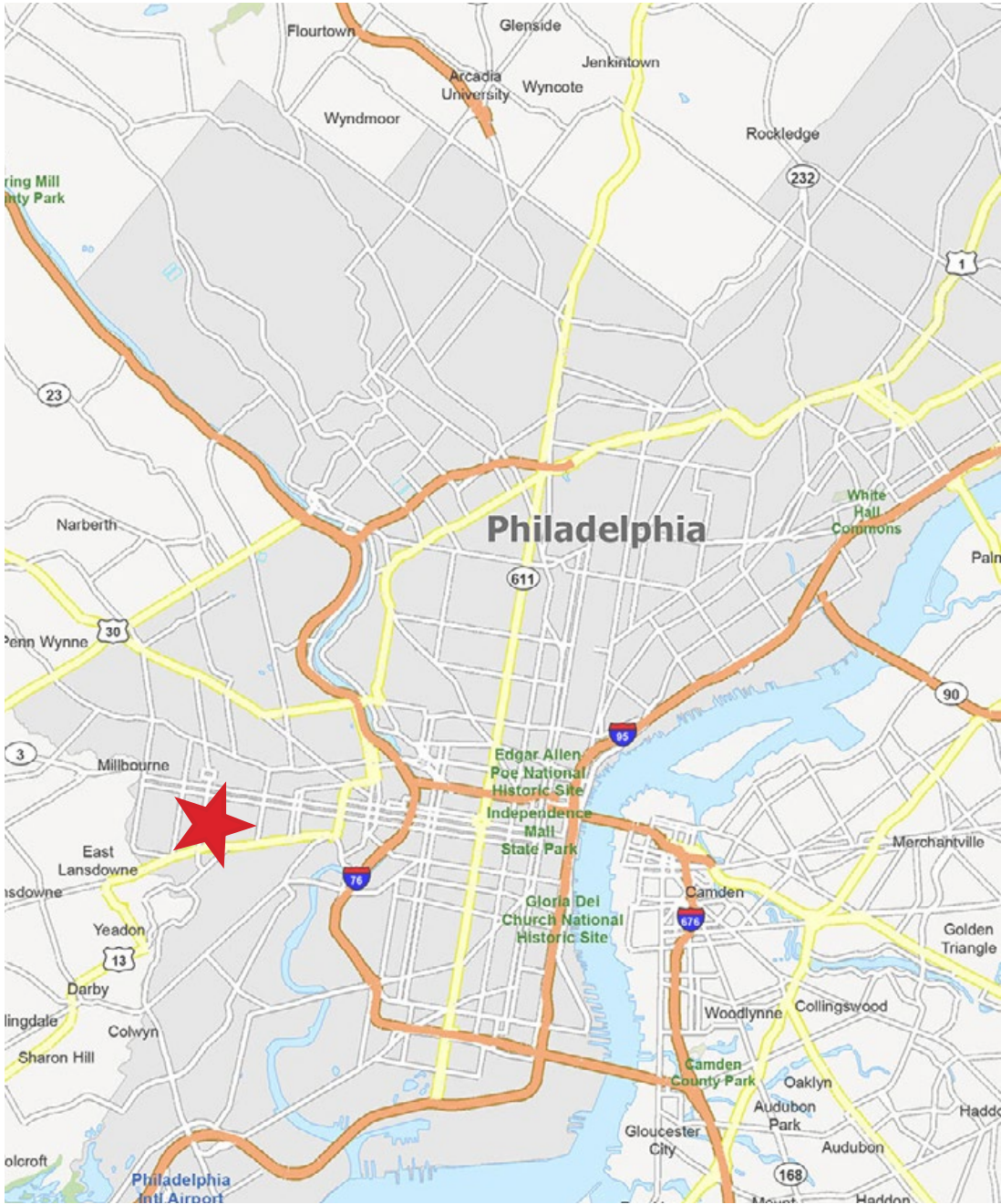
cc: Aparna Palantino, Deputy Commissioner, PP&R
Francesco Cerrai, Project Director
Sydney DeRoma, Project Coordinator
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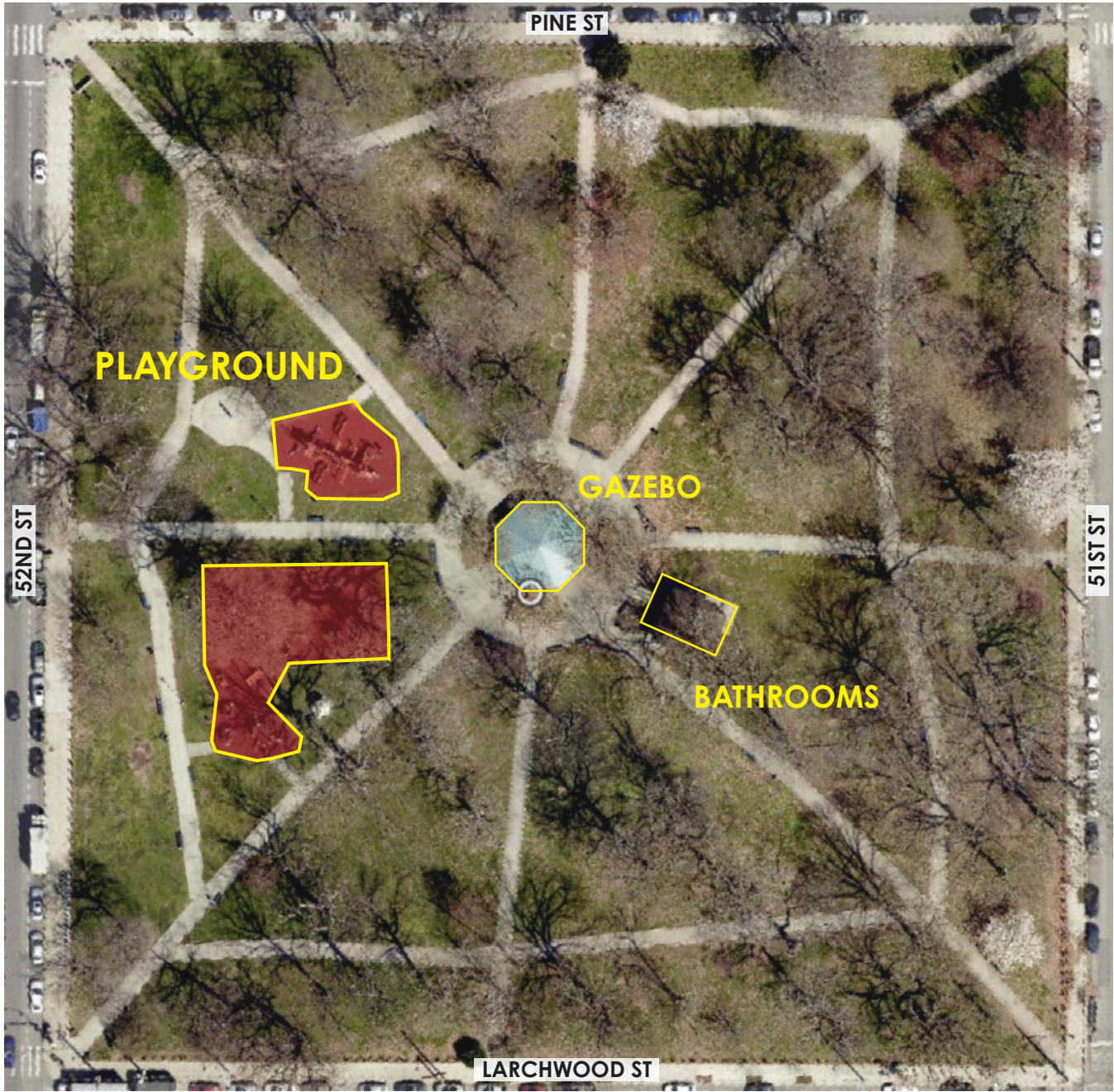
MALCOLM X MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND | 5100 PINE ST

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SITE CONTEXT



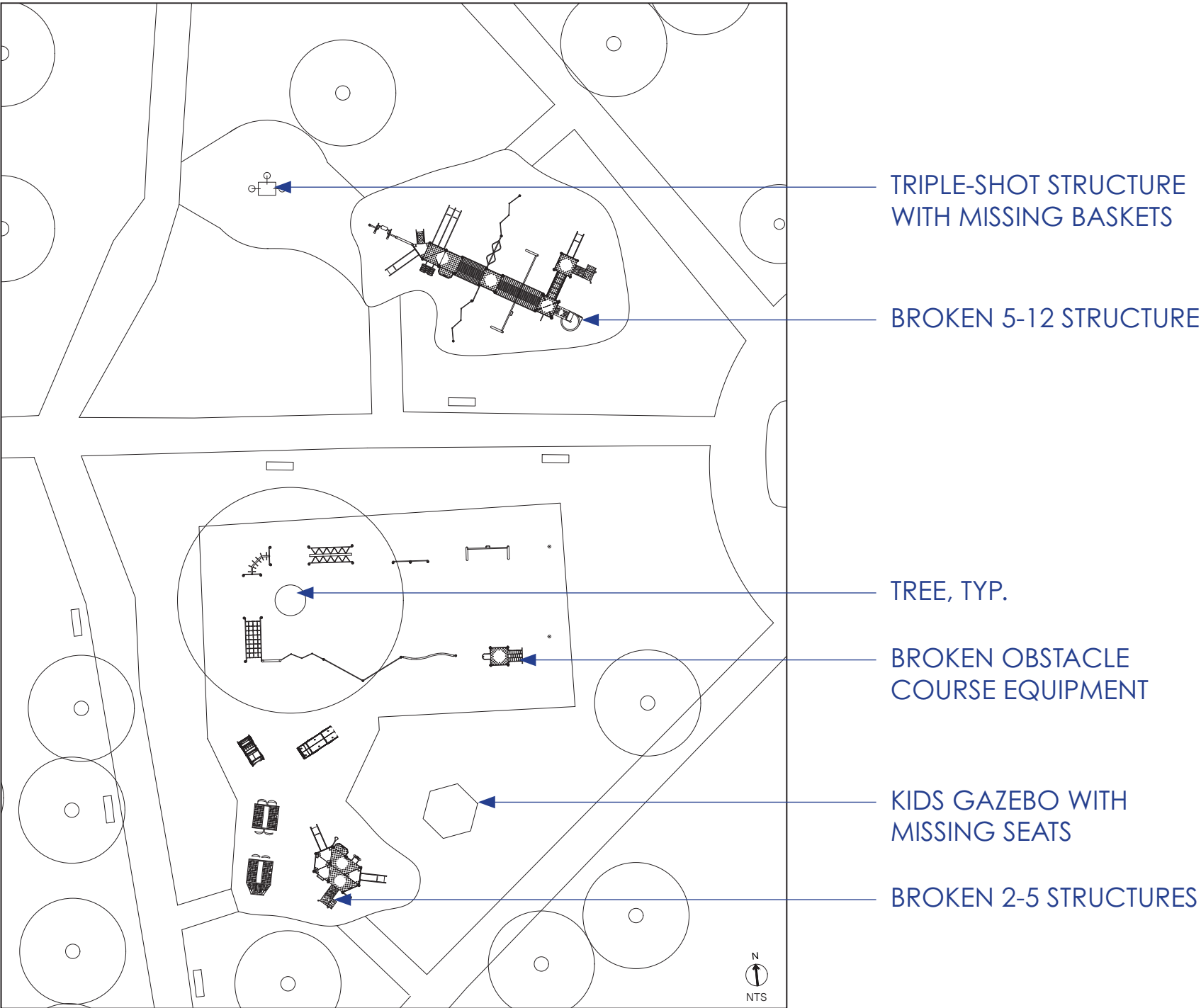
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PLAYGROUND CONTEXT



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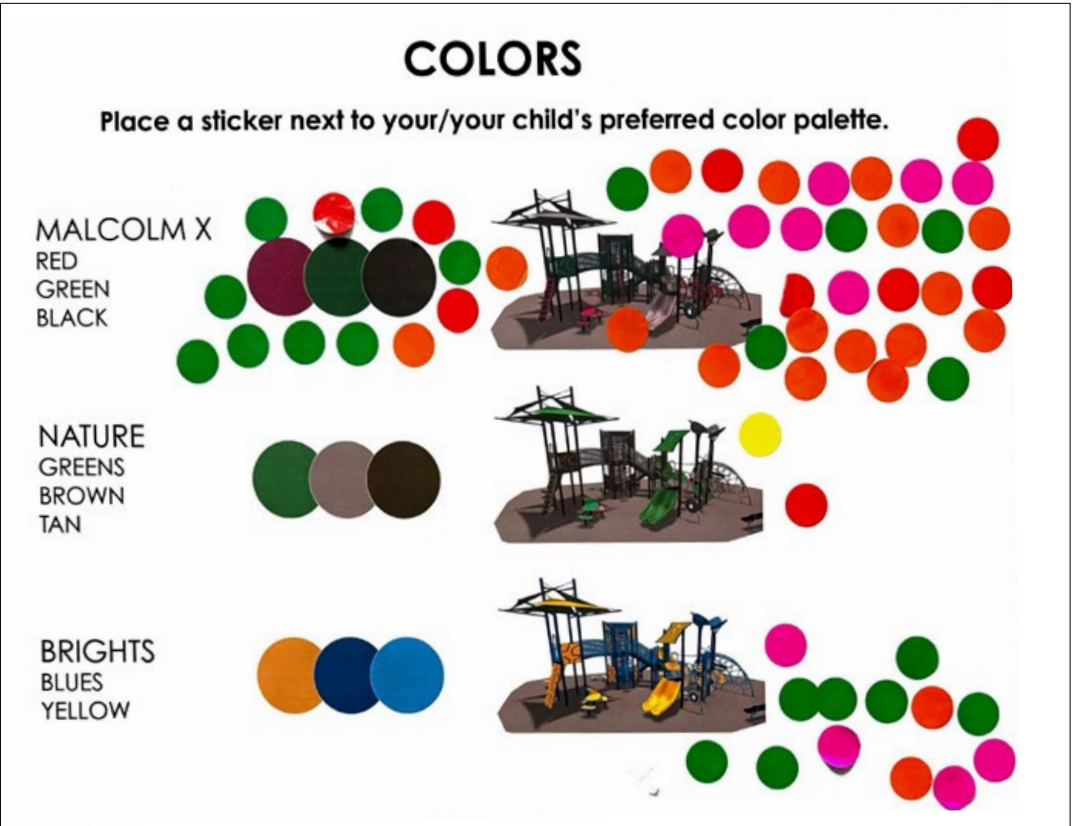
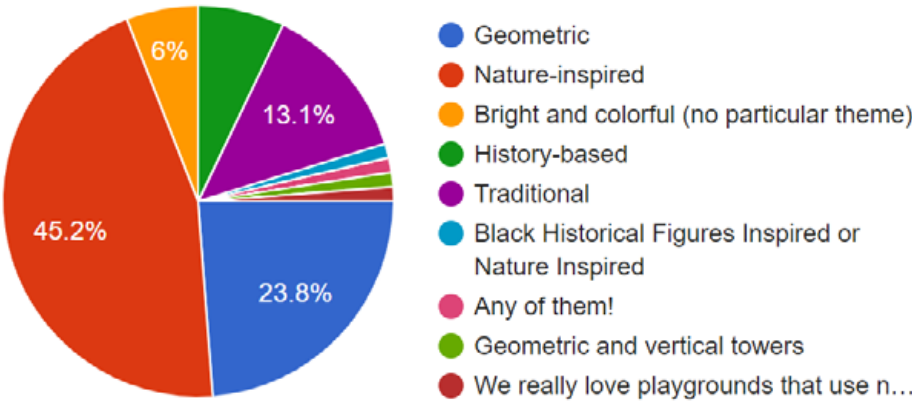
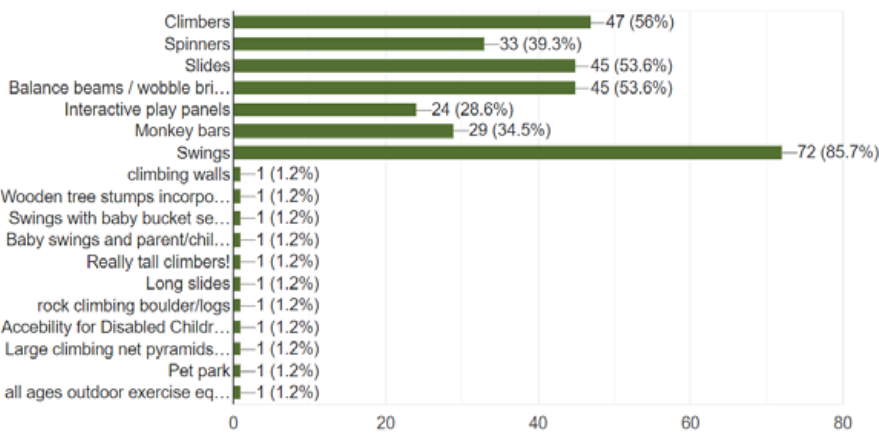


COMMUNITY INPUT

The community used sticker voting and an online survey to provide feedback. The most popular themes were **nature and geometric**, shaping the subsequent design choices.

Three different designs were presented to the community. The top-voted design includes a large geometric climber, a tree climber inspired by driftwood, and six swings.

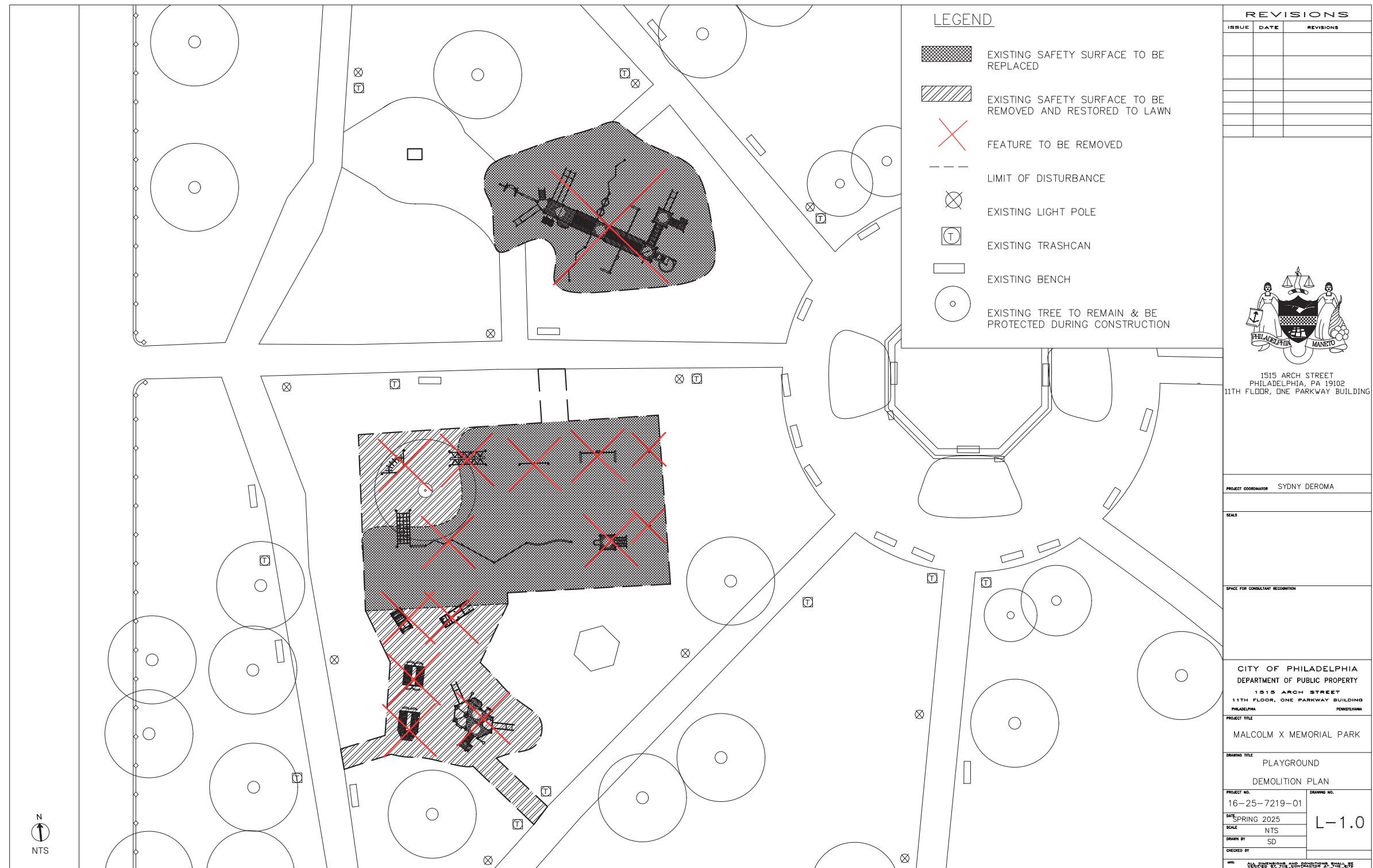
The community also voted on their preferred color palette, with **Malcolm X colors (red, green, and black)** emerging as the top choice. Council also prefers these colors.



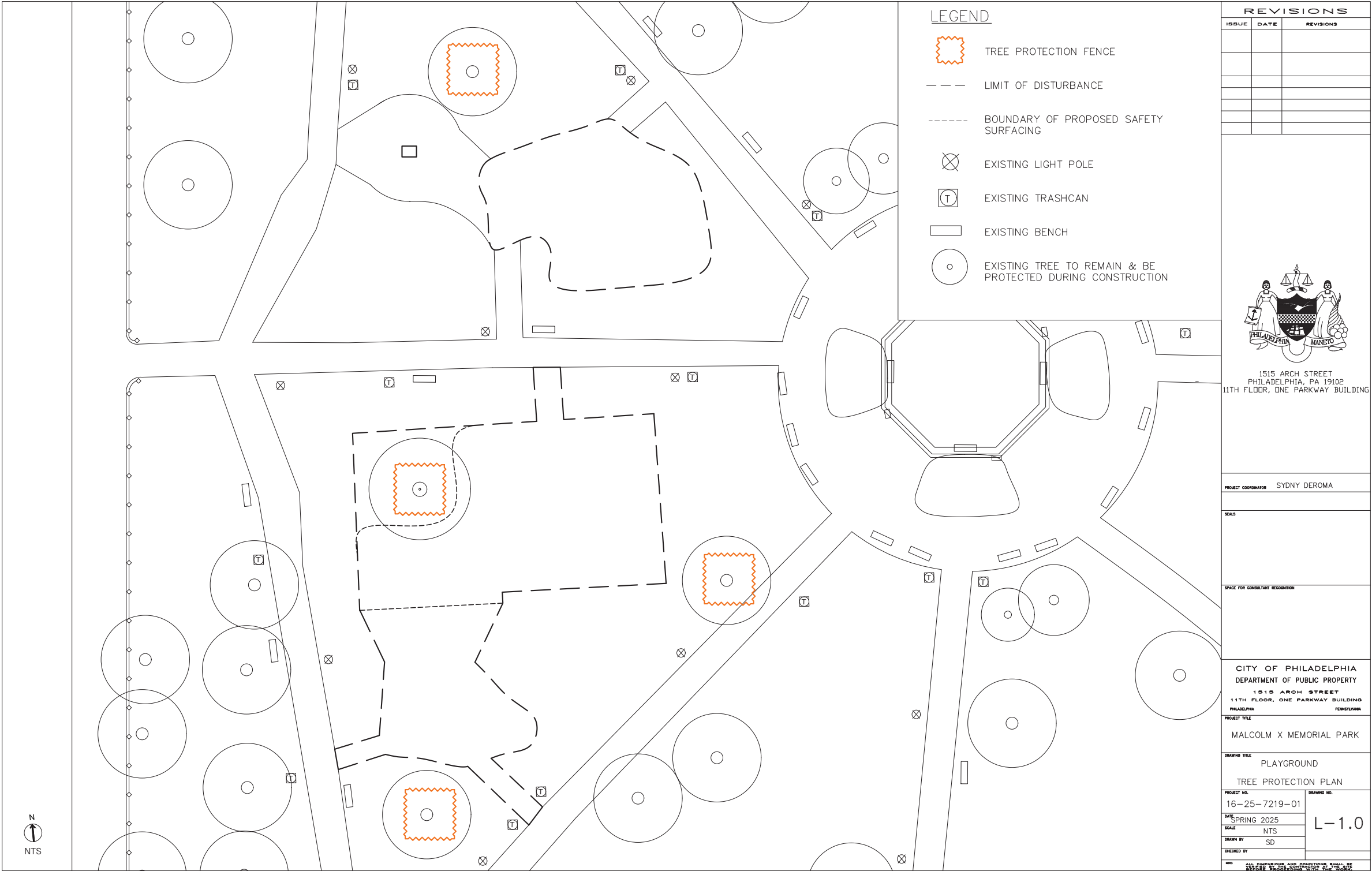
PROPOSED PLAYGROUND



PROPOSED DEMOLITION PLAN



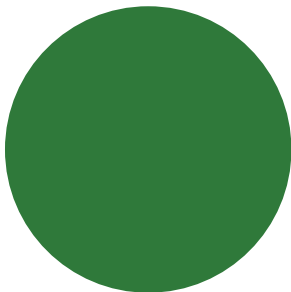
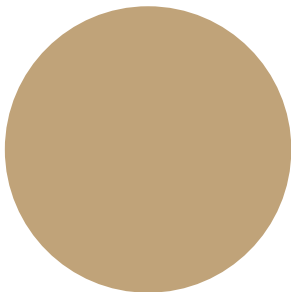
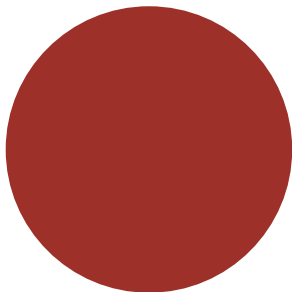
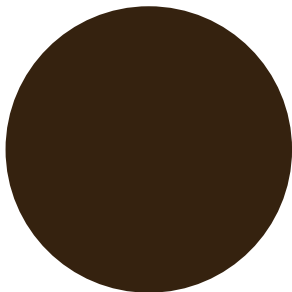
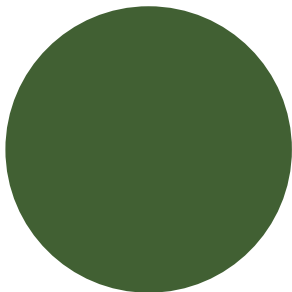
PROPOSED TREE PROTECTION PLAN



PROPOSED PLAY EQUIPMENT



COLOR PALETTE PREFERRED BY
COMMUNITY & COUNCIL:
MALCOLM X COLORS



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