



Attn: Philadelphia Art Commission  
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1515 Arch St., 13th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

**July 30, 2025**

**Re: Art Commission Plan Review  
Overbrook Elementary Schoolyard Improvements  
6201-6231 Lebanon Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151**

Dear Philadelphia Art Commission Representative:

On behalf of the Trust for Public Land, AKRF is requesting conceptual approval of schoolyard improvements for Overbrook Elementary School, located at 6201-6231 Lebanon Ave. We respectfully request this review be placed on the Art Commission meeting agenda for August 13th, 2025.

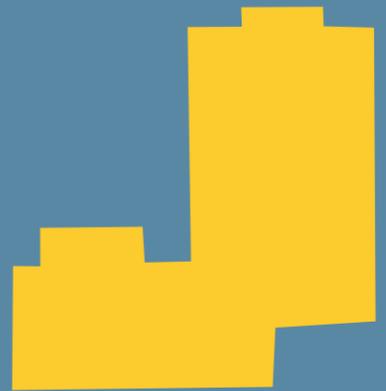
The property is on the northwest corner of Lebanon Ave and North 62nd St. The existing school building is located in the southeast corner of the property and is anchored to the sidewalk on N 62nd St by the building's eastern side. The building's southern side contains gated lawn and access paths while the concrete paved schoolyard spans the western side of the building and contains several small pieces of play equipment and one tree to the south. An annex building, mature shade tree, and paved area used for parking lie to the north of the school building. The entire property is enclosed with picket fence along the right-of-way and chain link fence along the abutting residential and commercial properties. No improvements are proposed to the building or the existing lawn areas. The western half of the site is the subject of the proposed project.

The project proposes school yard improvements to revitalize and improve climate resiliency in a community space. Improvements include play equipment with safety surfacing, a quiet seating area, one (1) basketball half-court, two (2) multi-use artificial lawn areas, and a painted walking path that weaves throughout the yard and amenities. The project also includes greening consisting of a pollinator garden containing perennial plants and two additional trees sited at the southwest most corner of the property.

We will follow up with photographs, renderings, and supporting documents by Wednesday August 6th, 2025. Should you need any additional information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [econfair@akrf.com](mailto:econfair@akrf.com).

Sincerely,

Edward Confair, PE, PLA  
Vice President, Landscape & Resiliency



# OVERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLYARD IMPROVEMENT

ART COMMISSION CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW

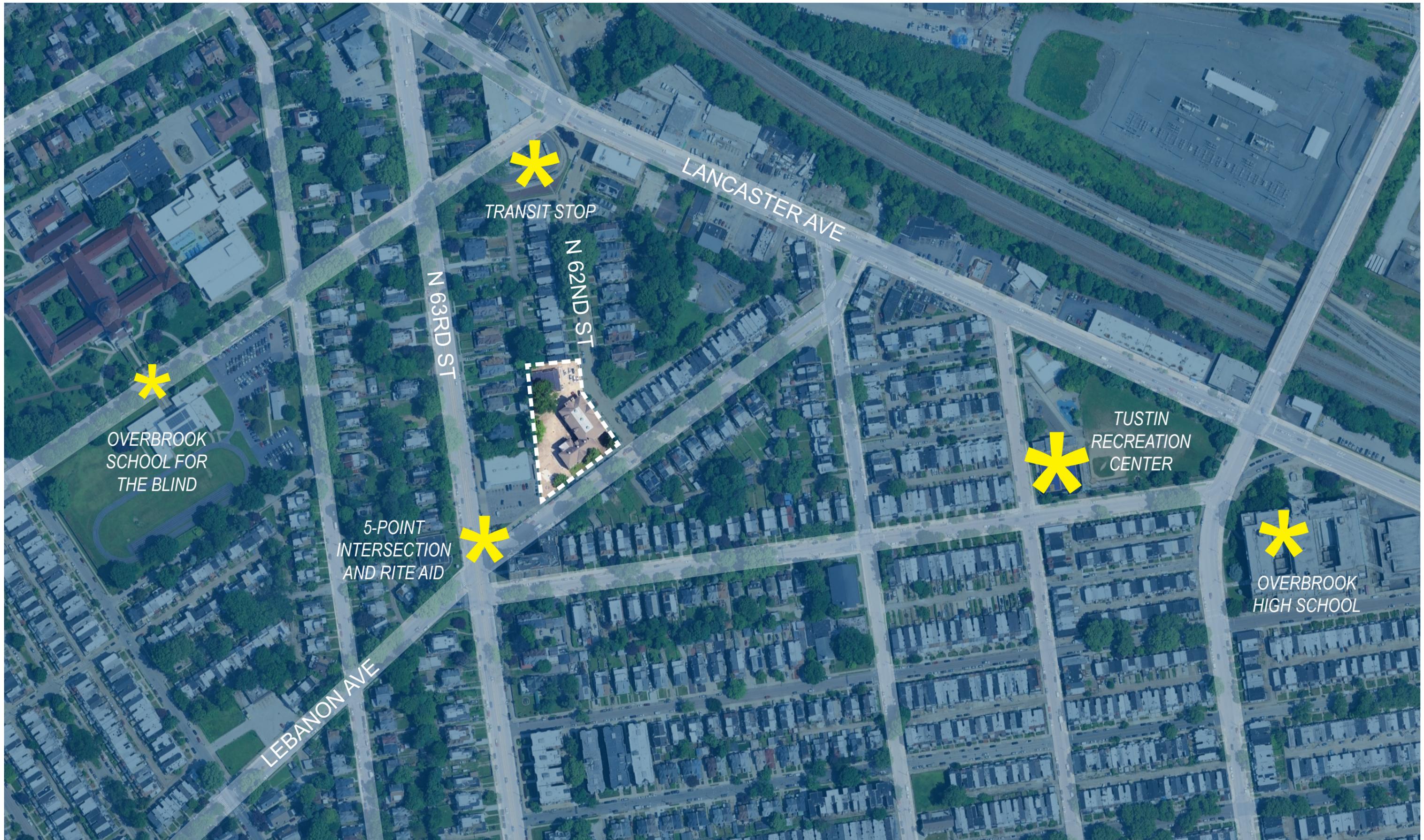


OVERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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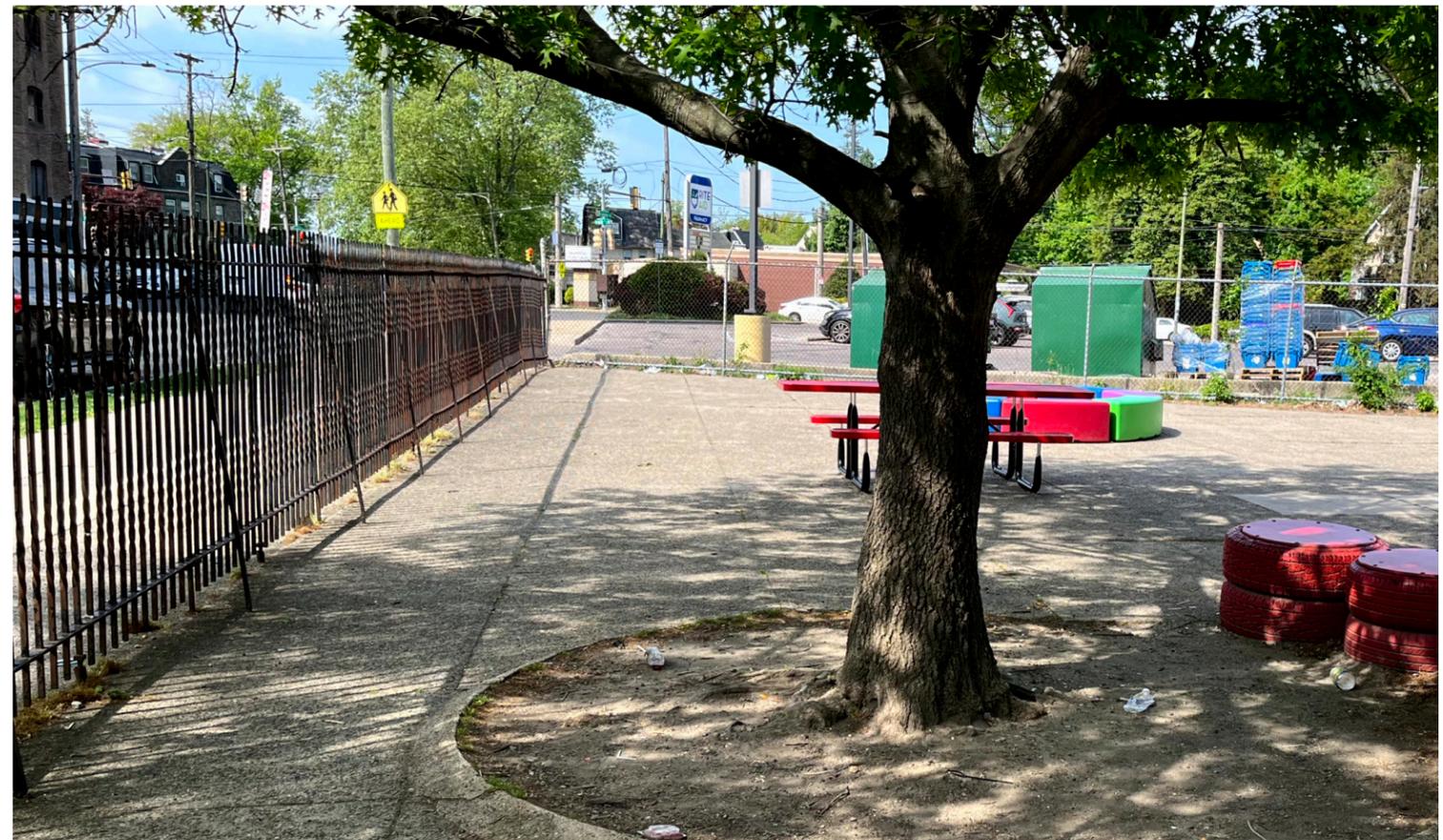
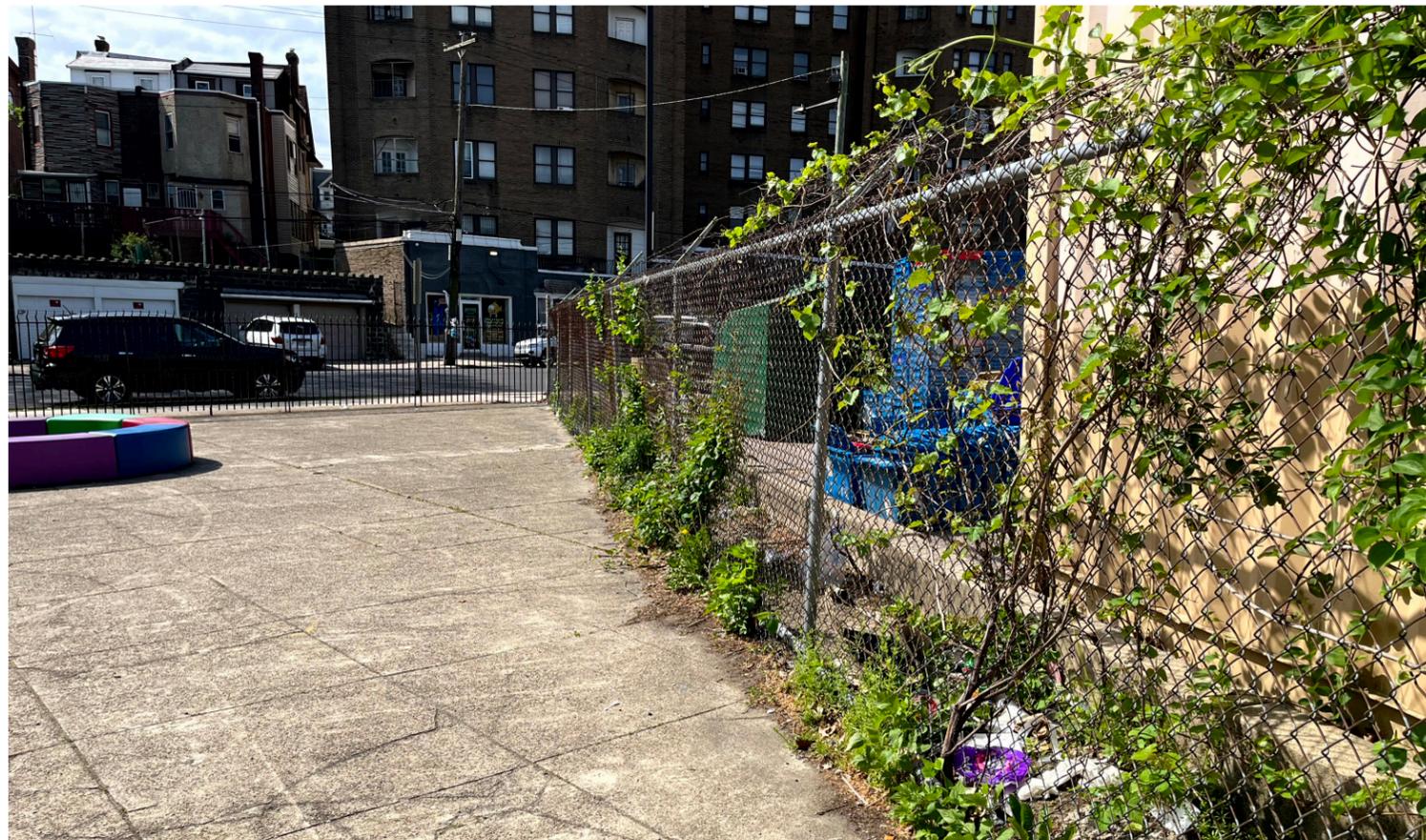
**neighborhood context**





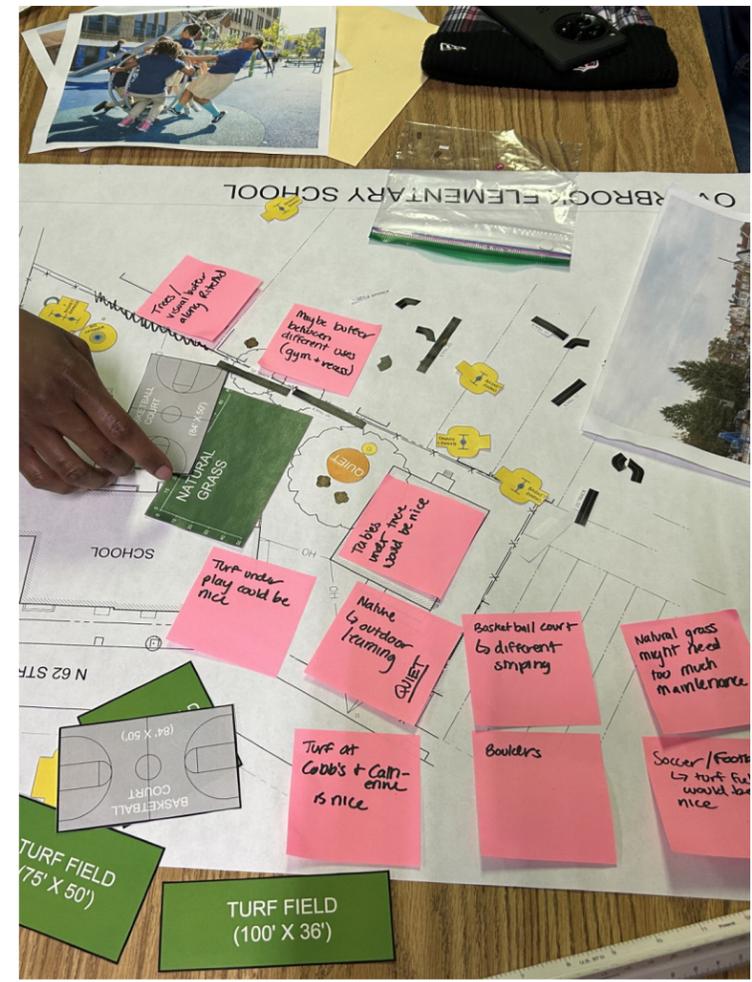
photo locations





**existing conditions**





community engagement





OVERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Layla Khloe King Javier  
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student participatory design





## LEGEND

- ① Pollinator Garden
- ② Existing Site Access
- ③ 5' Wide Painted Athletic Track
- ④ Picnic Seating Area
- ⑤ Safety Surface
- ⑥ Single Basket Swing
- ⑦ Spinner
- ⑧ Climber
- ⑨ Basketball Half Court
- ⑩ Multi-use Artificial Turf
- ⑪ Shade Tree (typ.)
- ⑫ Existing Shade Tree (typ.)

site design



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**Active use**

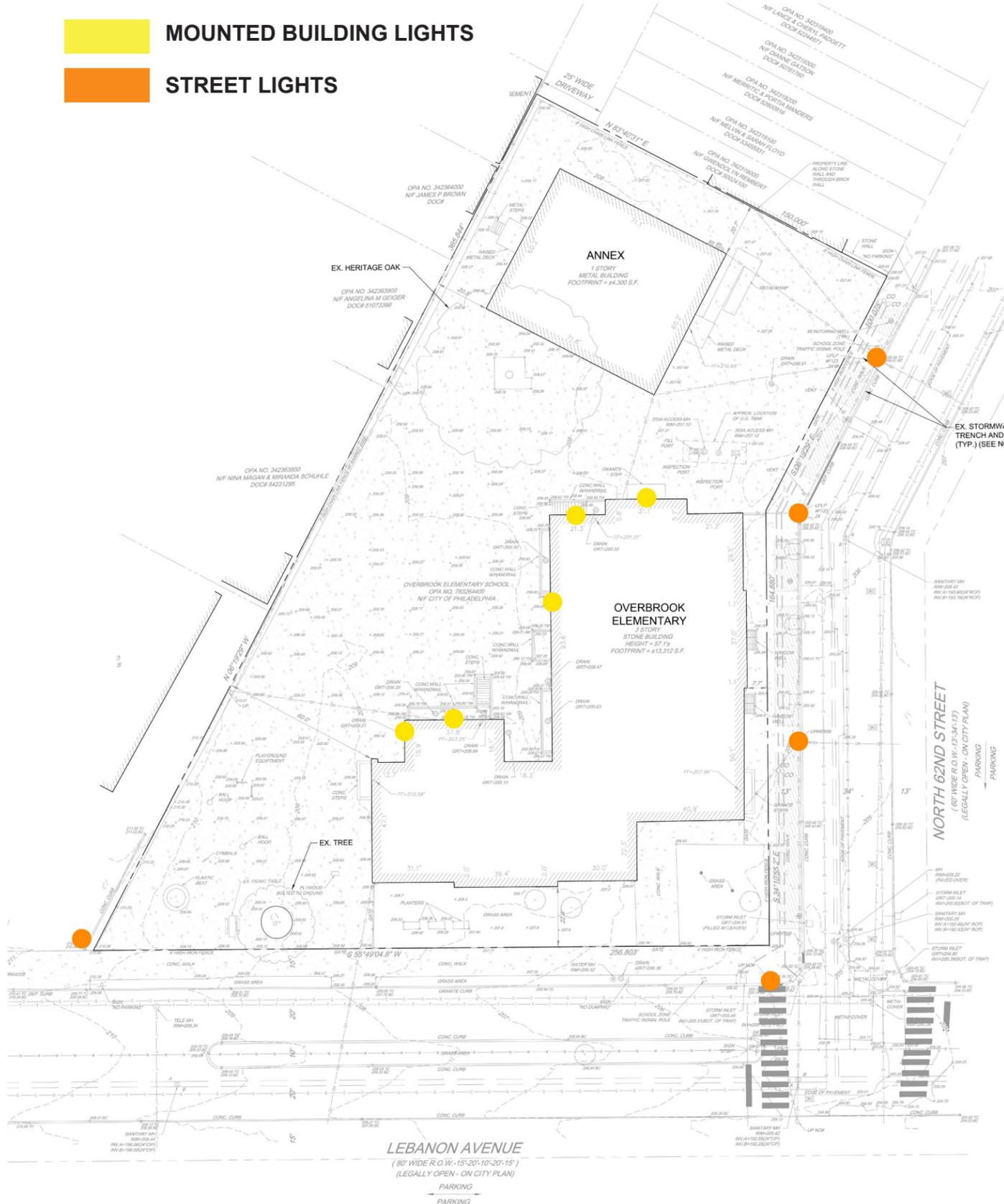


**Passive use**



**MOUNTED BUILDING LIGHTS**

**STREET LIGHTS**



**existing lighting**





*Betula nigra*  
River Birch



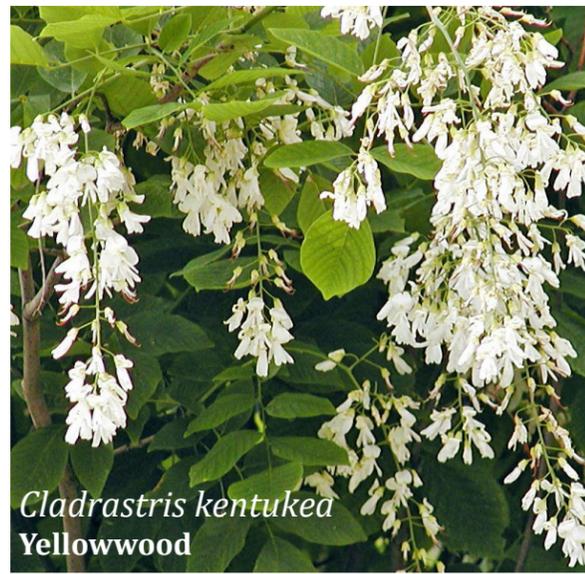
*Quercus bicolor*  
Swamp Oak



*Liquidambar styraciflua*  
Sweet Gum



*Amelanchier arborea*  
Shadblow



*Cladrastris kentukea*  
Yellowwood



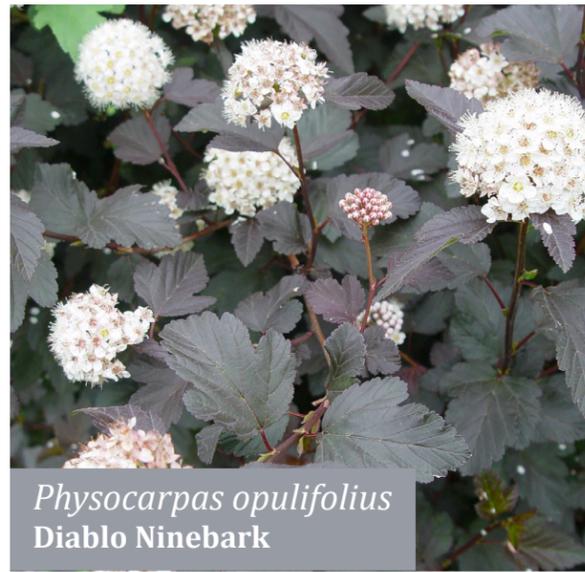
*Juniperus virginiana* 'Gray Owl'  
Gray Owl Juniper



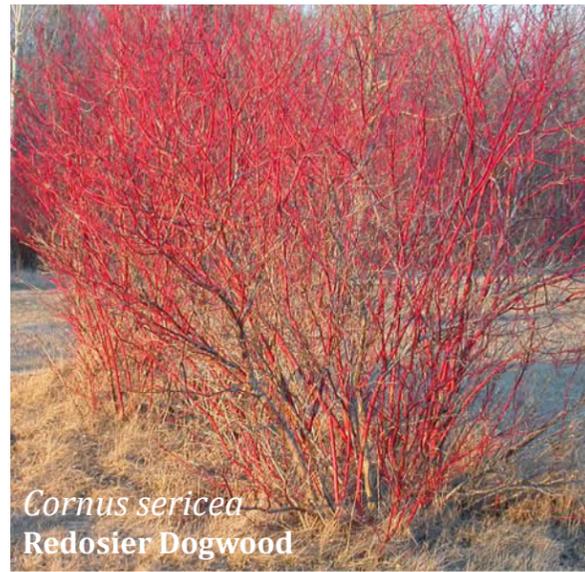
*Aronia melancarpa*  
Black Chokeberry



*Viburnum dentatum*  
Arrowwood Viburnum



*Physocarpus opulifolius*  
Diablo Ninebark



*Cornus sericea*  
Redosier Dogwood



*Amsonia hubrectii*  
Arkansas Bluestar



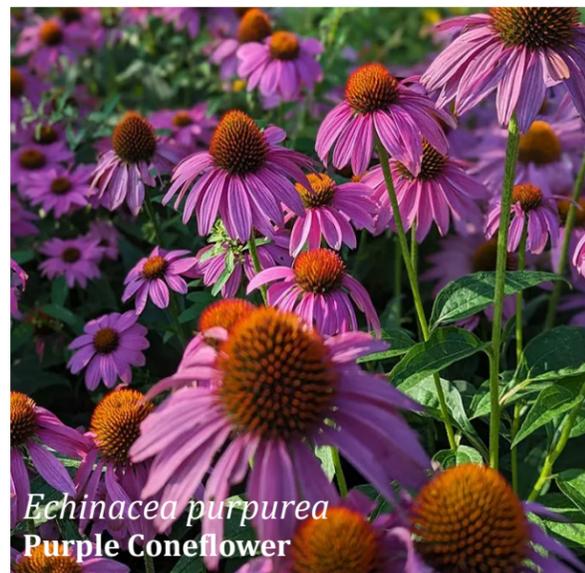
*Chelone glabra*  
Turtle Head



*Packera obovata*  
Round-leaved Ragwort



*Hibiscus moscheuto* 'Luna Red'  
Luna Red Hibiscus



*Echinacea purpurea*  
Purple Coneflower



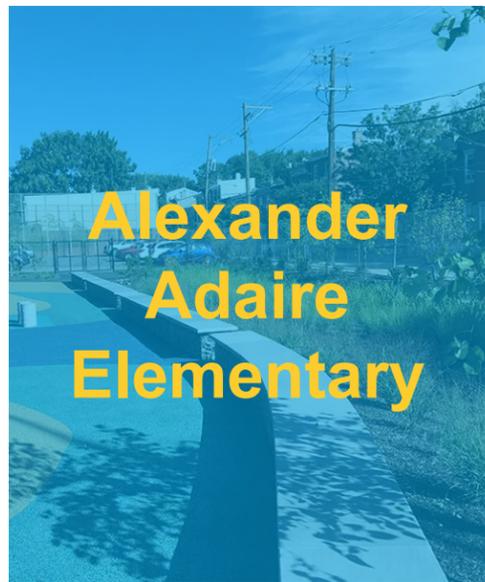
existing perspective view





proposed perspective view





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Elementary**



**Add B.  
Anderson  
School**



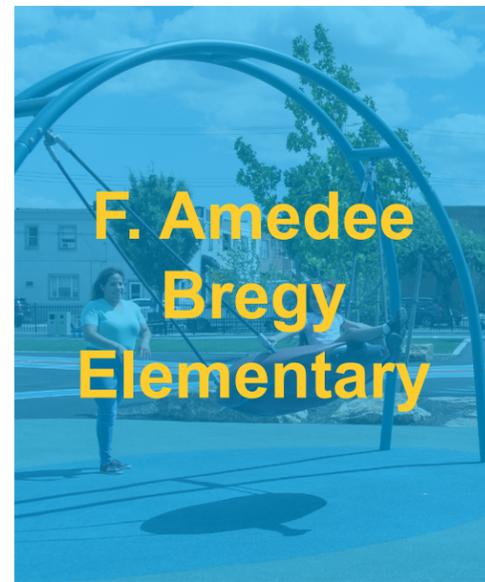
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School**



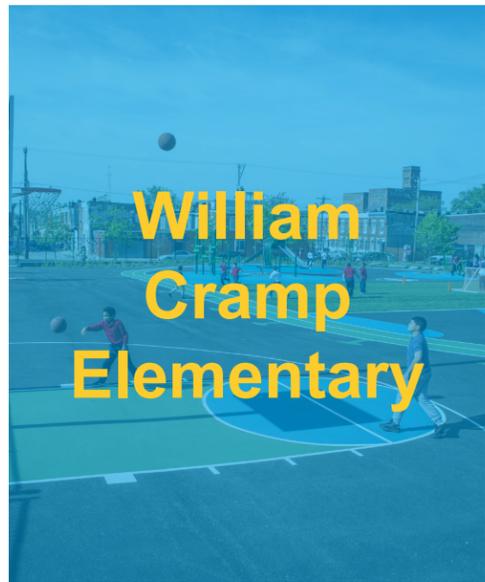
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Northwest  
Middle School**



**Benjamin  
Franklin  
Elementary**



**F. Amedee  
Bregy  
Elementary**



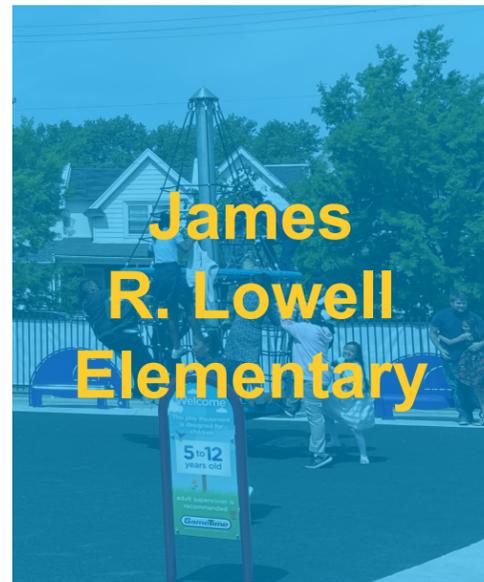
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Cramp  
Elementary**



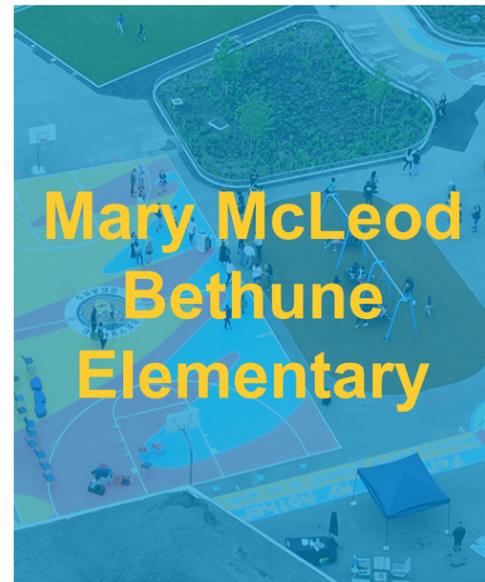
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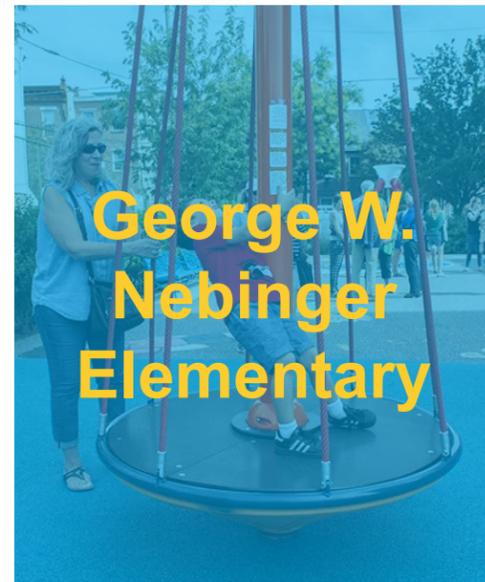
**John M.  
Patterson  
Elementary**



**James  
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Elementary**



**Mary McLeod  
Bethune  
Elementary**



**George W.  
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Elementary**



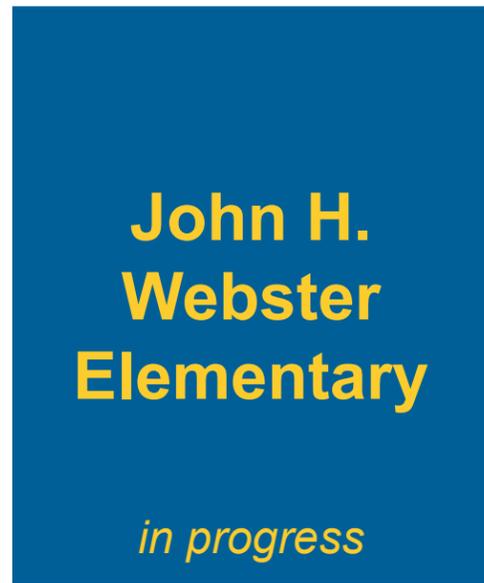
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Taggart  
School**

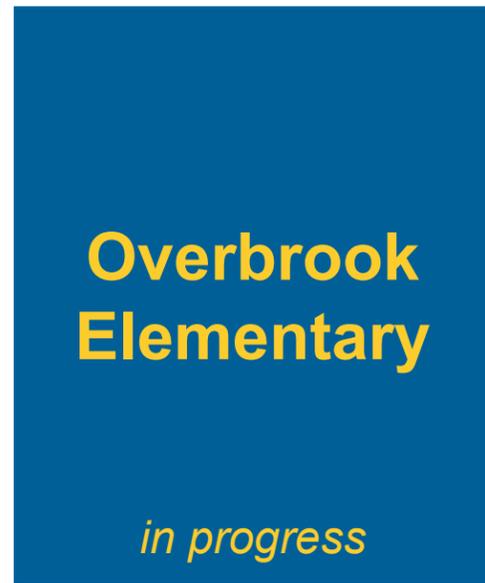


**William  
Dick  
School**



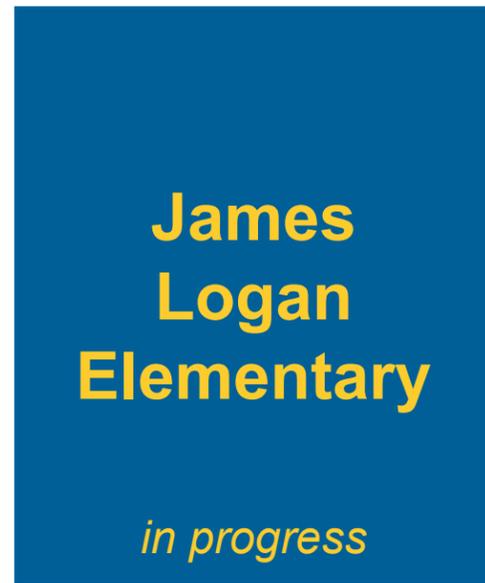
**John H.  
Webster  
Elementary**

*in progress*



**Overbrook  
Elementary**

*in progress*



**James  
Logan  
Elementary**

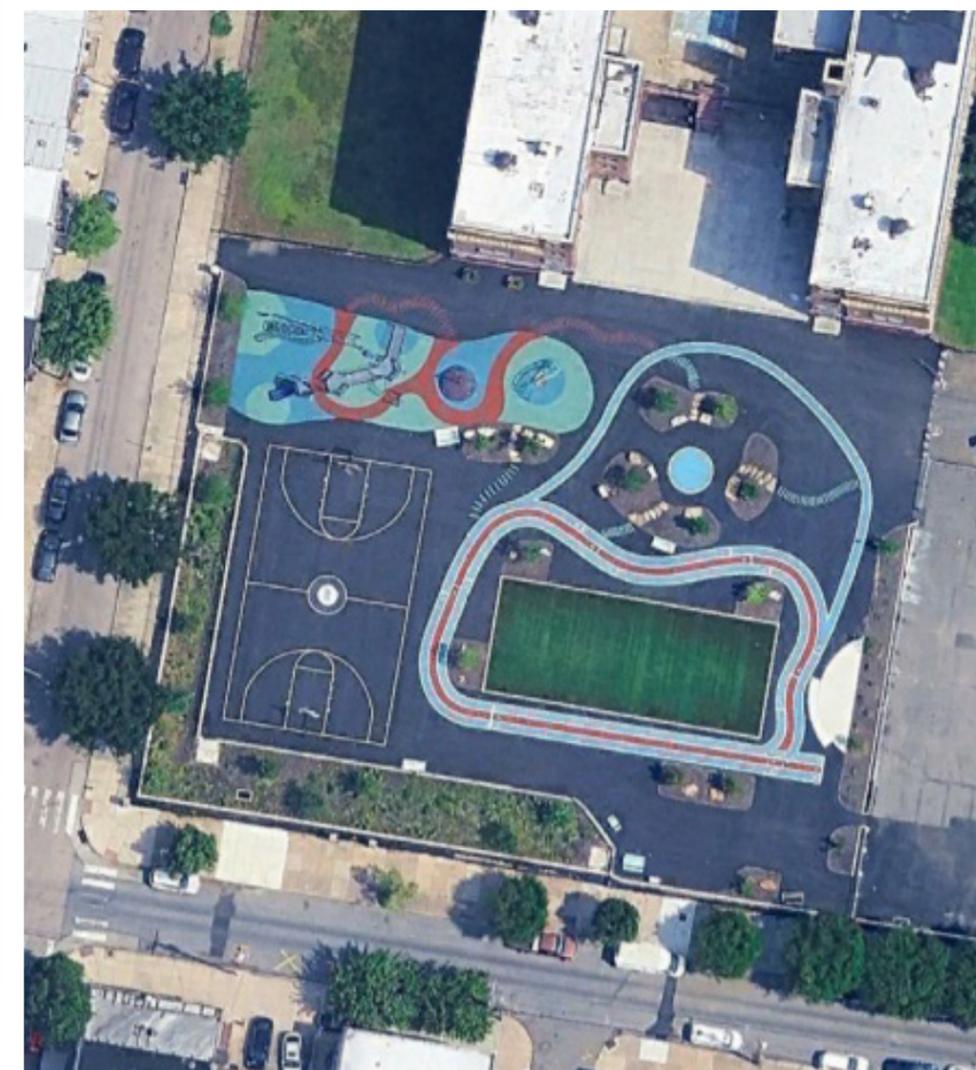
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# TPL Philadelphia projects



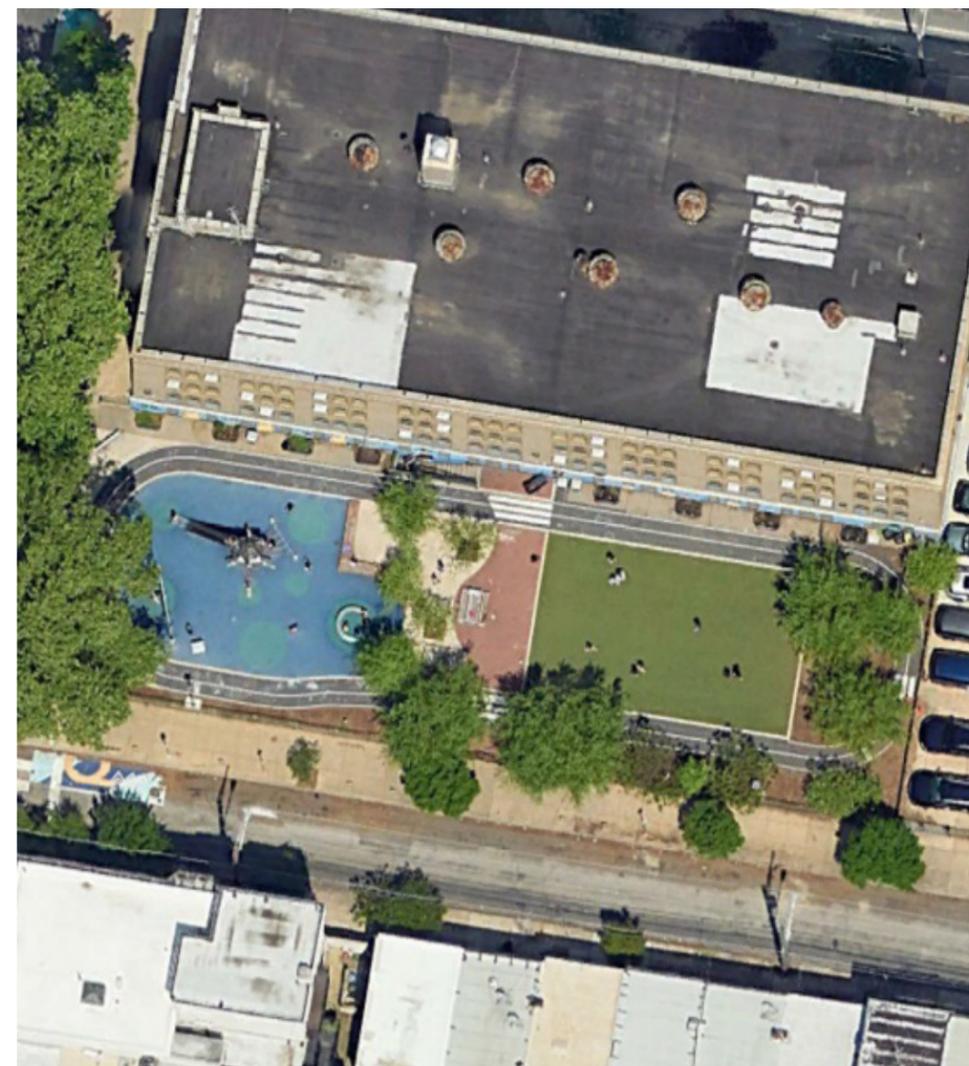
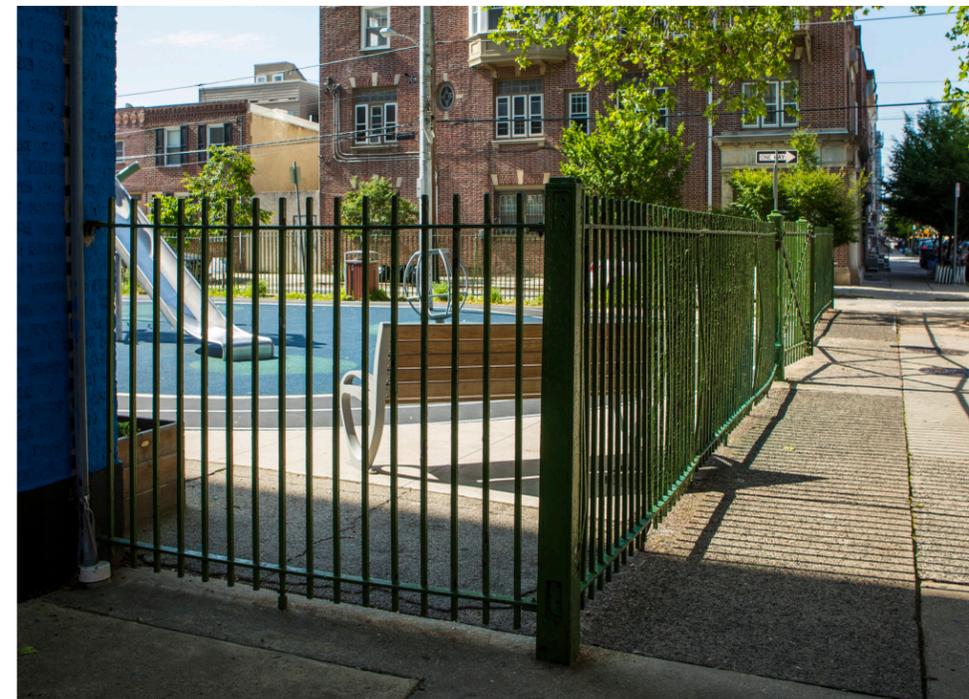
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# Bregy Elementary School





**Edwin M. Stanton School**



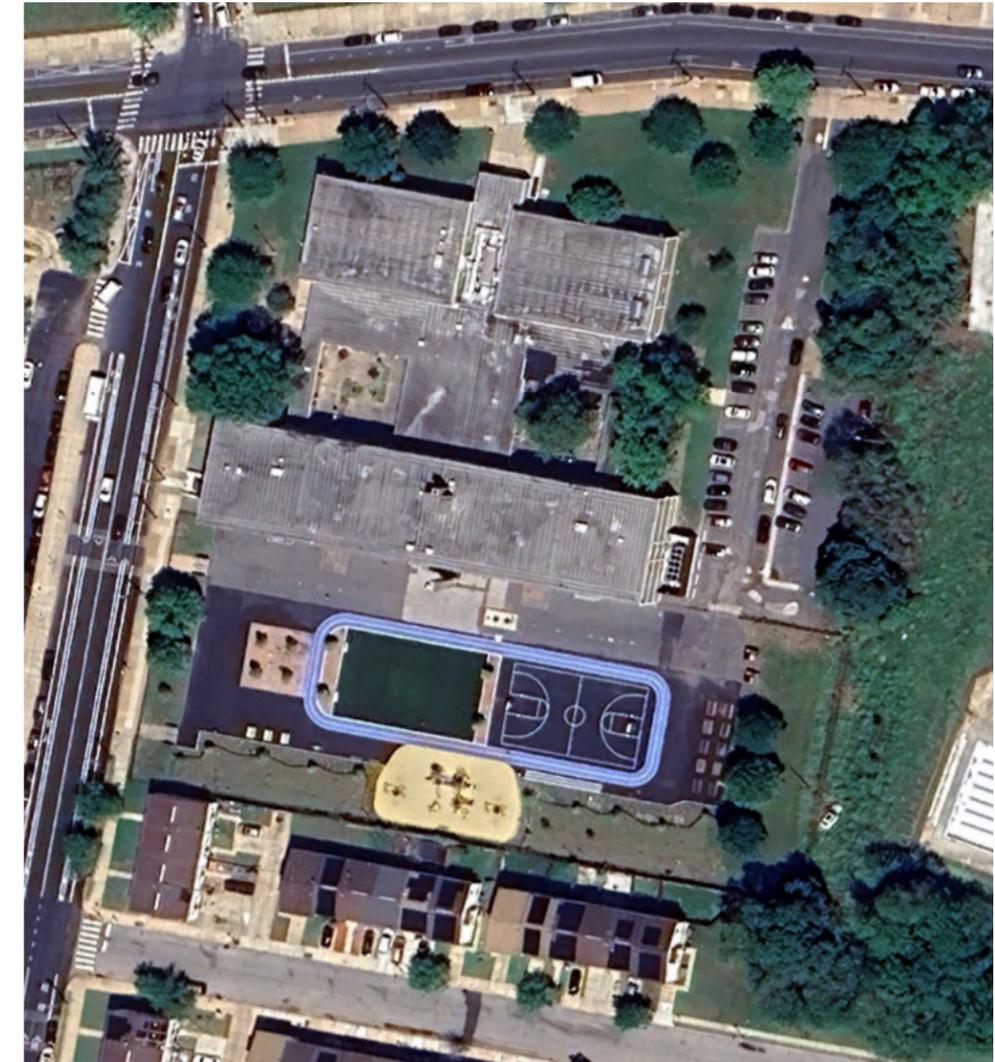
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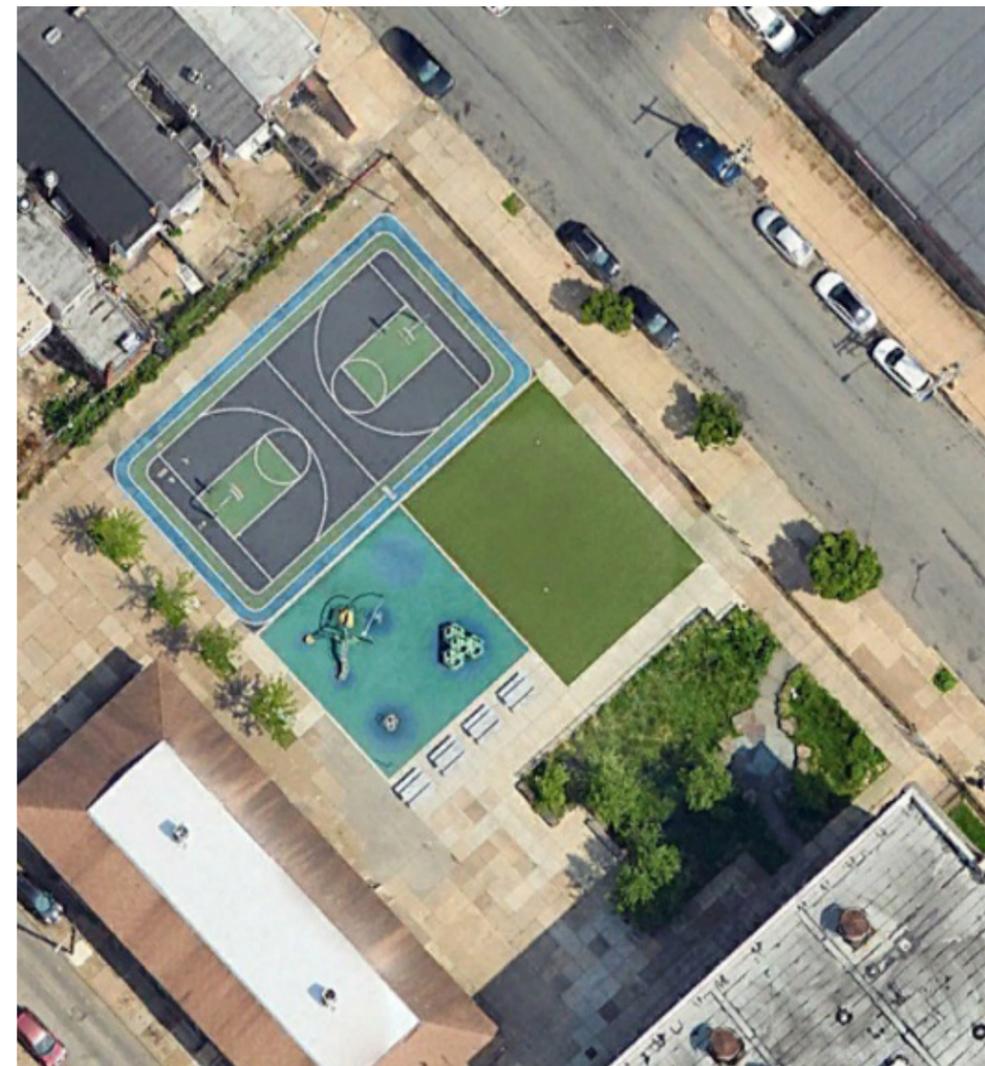


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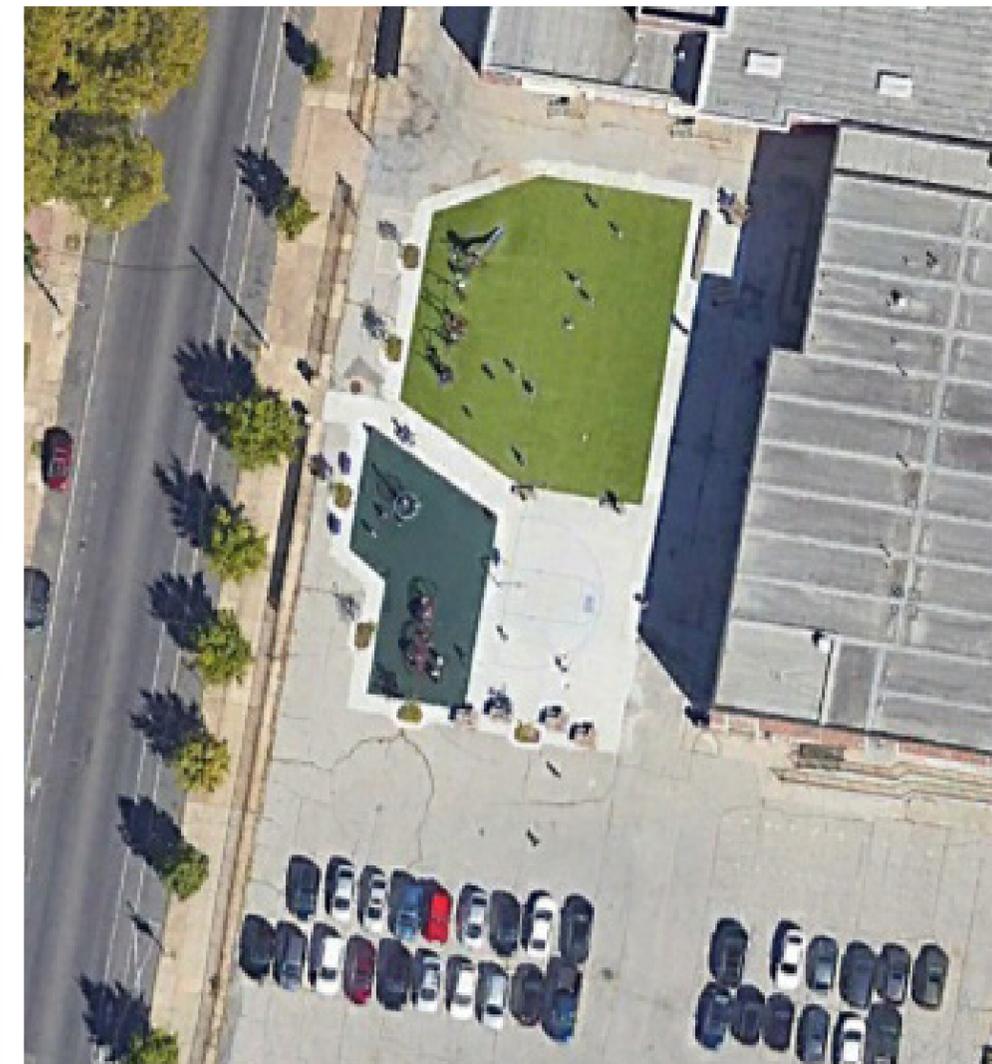




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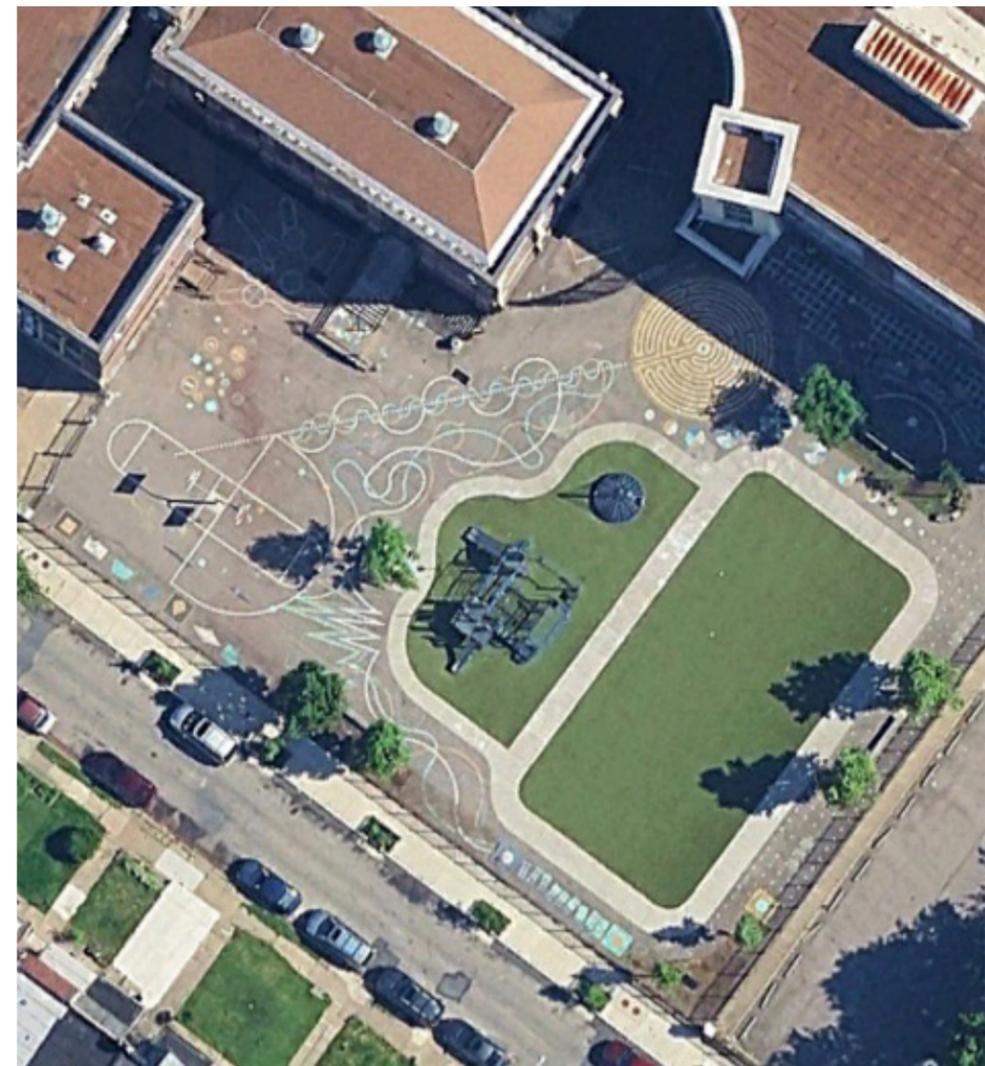


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**James R. Lowell Elementary School**





**Benjamin Franklin School**



questions?





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## Overbrook Elemenetary Schoolyard Improvement Construction Budget (Concept)

2032 N 62nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19151

Date: June, 28,2025

Source	Amount
Trust for Public Land	\$390,000.00
Philadelphia School District	\$250,000.00
Philadelphia Water Department Stormwater Incentives Grant	\$60,000.00
Estimated Total Construction Cost*	\$700,000.00