Memorandum



To: Alex Smith, Director Art Commission Francesco Cerrai, Project Director,

Mark Paronish, Project Coordinator

Date: May 30, 2025

Re: Request for Administrative Approval and/or Art Commission Review

We respectfully request administrative approval for the *Starr Garden Playground Renovation* project located at Starr Garden Playground, 606 Lombard Street, Philadelphia 19147.

The following description and enclosed graphics illustrate the intended extent of work.

Starr Garden is a Parks and Recreation Department-owned site; Capital Program Office is planning to renovate the playground and splash pad as shown in attached documentation. Improvements include new play equipment & safety surface, new splash pad & drinking fountain, new site furniture and fencing, new basketball backboards, and landscaping.

A community presentation held on May 13, 2025 with Councilman Squilla provided document review and subsequent approval by the community of the final proposed plans.

This project's cost is estimated at approximately \$1,200,000 and is supported by many community groups. A Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR) grant of \$350K has been awarded, a \$250K DCED grant has been requested, Society Hill Civic Association has pledged \$15K and the majority of the balance of the cost will be provided by Council District 1.

You will find attached to this request:

2025-05-29 Starr Garden Art Commission Presentation (draft)

Thank you for your attention. Please inform me directly if we will require a formal Art Commission presentation for this project.

Francesco Cerrai

Francesco Cerrai, Project Director - Capital Program Office

cc: Pedro Pinto, Deputy Director - CPO Leigh Ann Campbell, Deputy Commissioner - PPR Mark Paronish. Project Coordinator - CPO

File: Project # 16-17-4868-01, Section 2.12

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Ages 2-5 playground area viewed south from recreation building



Ages 5-12 playground area viewed south-east from recreation building



View from the 6th Street entrance west towards the basketball court



Sprayground area viewed south-west from recreation building



Paths and picnic area viewed from the south towards the basketball court

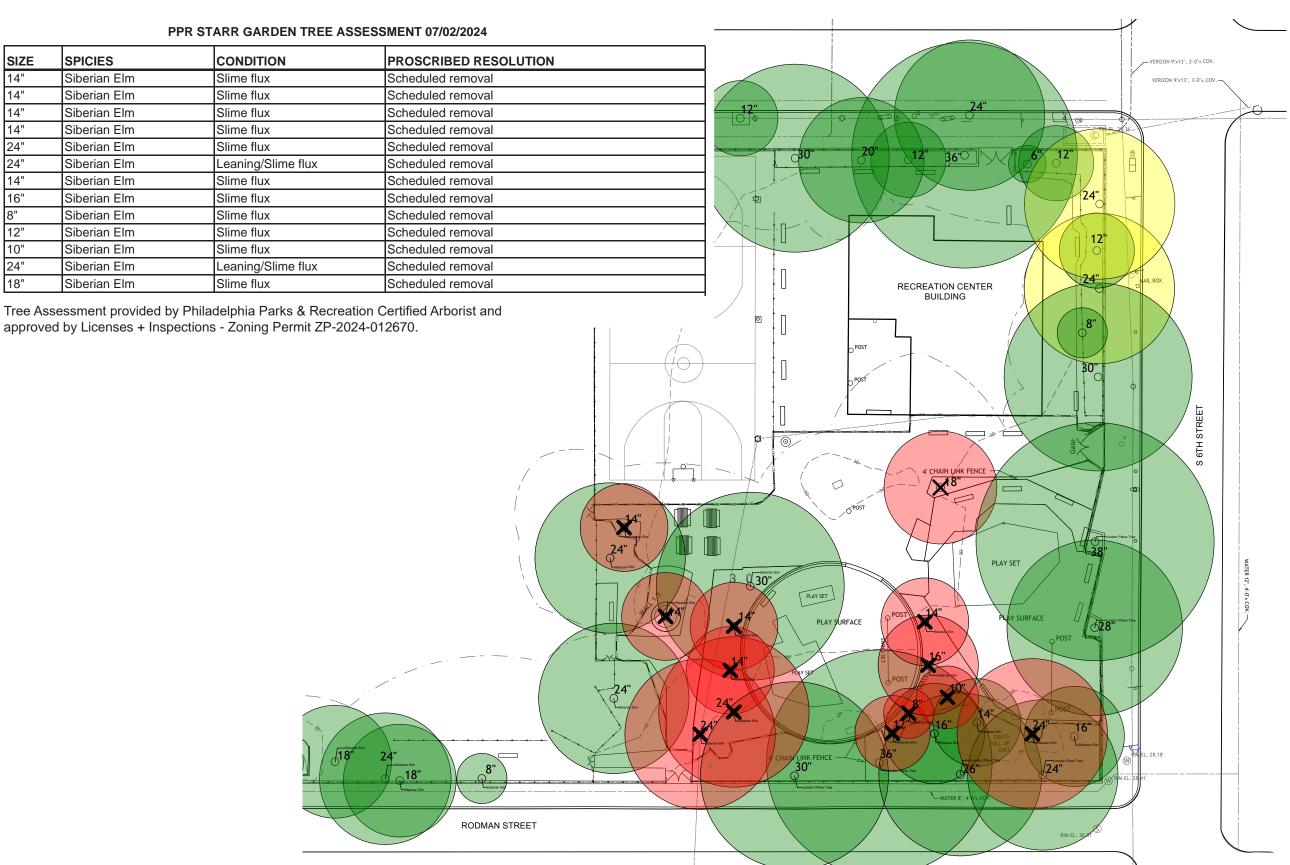


Mature trees south of playground viewed east along Rodman Street









TREE ASSESSMENT LEGEND

PROPERTY LINE

EXISTING TREE - GOOD CONDITION

EXISTING TREE - FAIR CONDITION

EXISTING TREE - POOR CONDITION

EXISTING TREE - TO BE REMOVED

NOTES:

1. REFER TO ARBORIST REPORT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT TREE CONDITION AND PRUNING RECOMMENDATIONS

2. ALL TREE REMOVALS RECOMMENDED BY ARBORIST BASED ON TREE CONDITION, RISK OF

FAILURE AND/OR INVASIVE SPECIES.

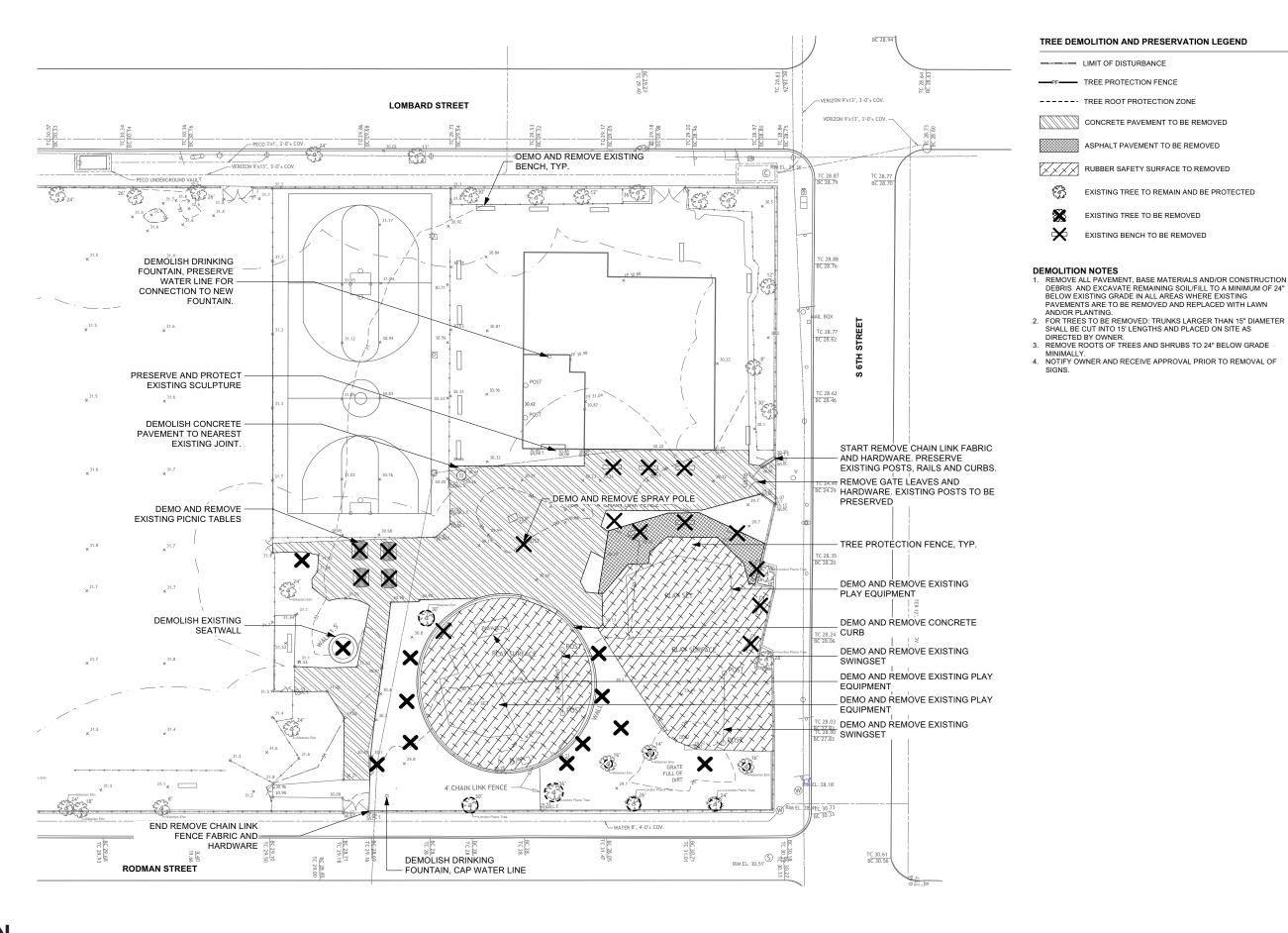
TREE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

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0 10 FT







DEMOLITION PLAN

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TREE DEMOLITION AND PRESERVATION LEGEND

CONCRETE PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED ASPHALT PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED

EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN AND BE PROTECTED

DEBRIS AND EXCAVATE REMAINING SOIL/FILL TO A MINIMUM OF 24" BELOW EXISTING GRADE IN ALL AREAS WHERE EXISTING PAVEMENTS ARE TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH LAWN

FOR TREES TO BE REMOVED: TRUNKS LARGER THAN 15" DIAMETER SHALL BE CUT INTO 15' LENGTHS AND PLACED ON SITE AS

RUBBER SAFETY SURFACE TO REMOVED

EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED EXISTING BENCH TO BE REMOVED

AND/OR PLANTING

DIRECTED BY OWNER.

—... LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE PF TREE PROTECTION FENCE ----- TREE ROOT PROTECTION ZONE

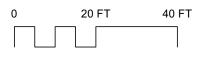


PLAYGROUND - PLAY EQUIPMENTS					
KEY	QUANTITY	PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT NAME PRODUCT NUMBER		
Α	1	STEEL SENSORY DOME	KNS8500585B	KOMPAN	
В	1	KIPUNJI TRAIL W. STEEL SLIDES	CRP251001-CUSTOM_202 111111	KOMPAN	
С	1	CUSTOM SWING	KSW926-CUSTOM_20308 052	KOMPAN	
D	1	SPINNER BOWL	ELE400024-XX17GR	KOMPAN	
E	1	CUSTOM ROBINIA PLAYHOUSE	NRO2013-CUSTOM_20 220075	KOMPAN	
F	1	UNIVERSAL CAROUSEL	PCM157-XX06	KOMPAN	
G	1	DOUBLE SPRINGER, TWO SEATS	KPL121-XX01	KOMPAN	

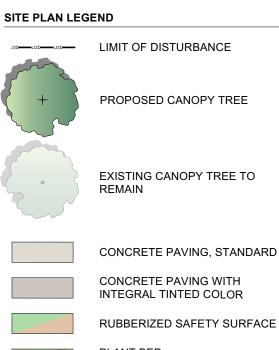
SPRAYGROU	SPRAYGROUND - SPRAY EQUIPMENTS					
KEY	QUANTITY	PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT NUMBER	MANUFACTURER		
S1	2	JET STREAM NO 1	VOR 0305	VORTEX		
\$2	3	DIRECTIONAL JET NO 1	VOR 7512	VORTEX		
S3	1	HELICO NANO	VOR 7798	VORTEX		

LANDSCAPE PLAN

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EXISTING PLANT BED

EXISTING LAWN

PEDESTAL TABLE

(PERENNIAL GROUNDCOVER)

SHREDDED MULCH SURFACE

EXISTING CONCRETE PAVING

EXISTING ASPHALT PAVING

⊞ BB BACKED BENCH

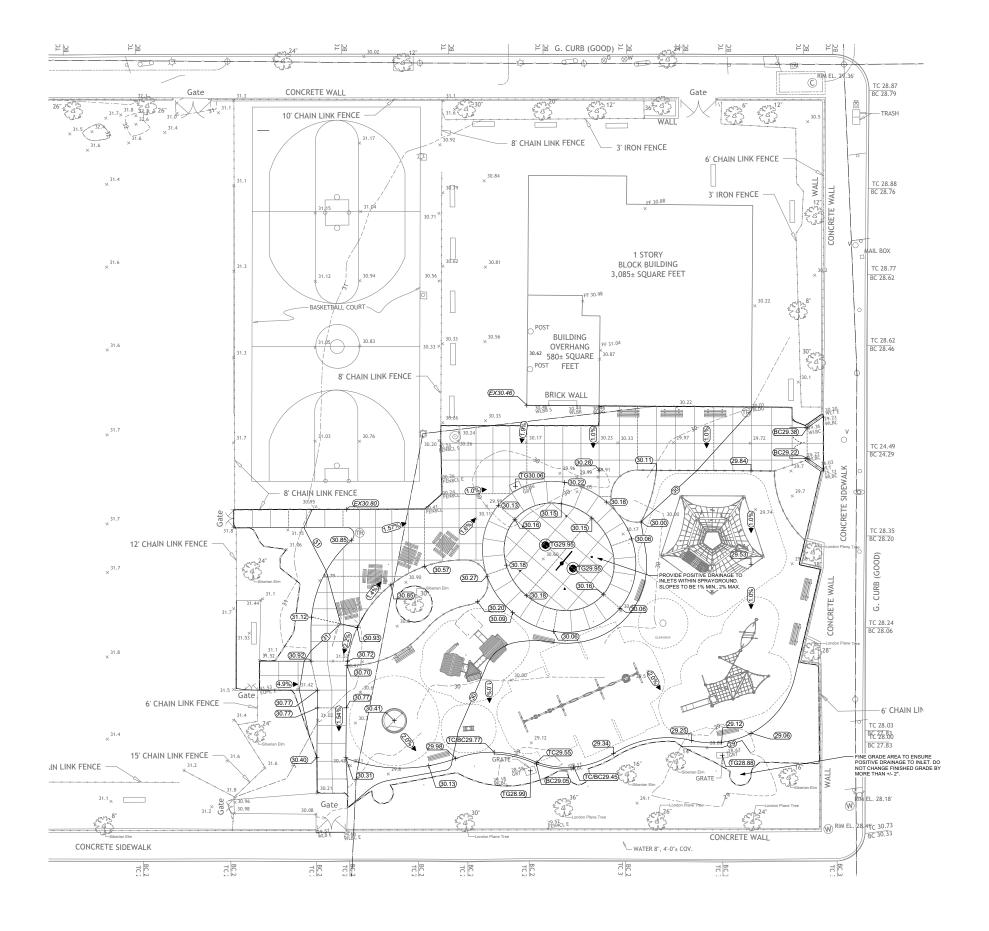
BACKLESS BENCH

PS

TRASH RECEPTACLE

PPR STANDARD PARK SIGNAGE



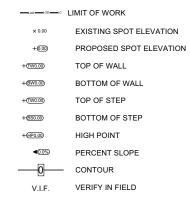


GRADING PLAN

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GRADING LEGEND



GRADING NOTES

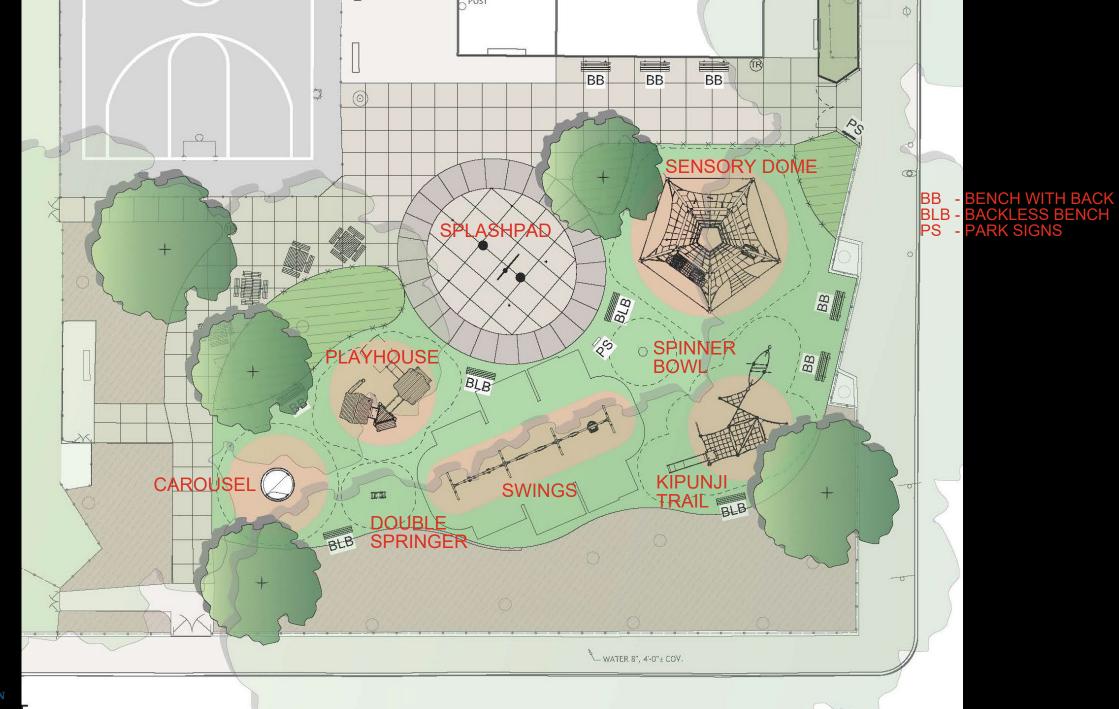
- ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN FIELD CONDITIONS AND
 DOCUMENTED EXISTING OR PROPOSED CONDITIONS SHALL BE REPORTED TO OWNER IN WRITING
- 2. ADJUST EXISTING AND PROPOSED UTILITIES TO MEET FINAL DESIGN CONDITIONS AS NECESSARY.

- DESIGN CONDITIONS AS NECESSARY.

 ADJUST TOPS OF ALL MANHOLE LIDS, EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES, ETC. TO MEET PROPOSED GRADES.

 FINISH GRADES OF PAVEMENTS AND SOIL ALONG BOTTOM OF CURBS AND WALLS SHALL HAVE A CONSTANT SLOPE UNLESS INDICATED BY SPOT ELEVATIONS.







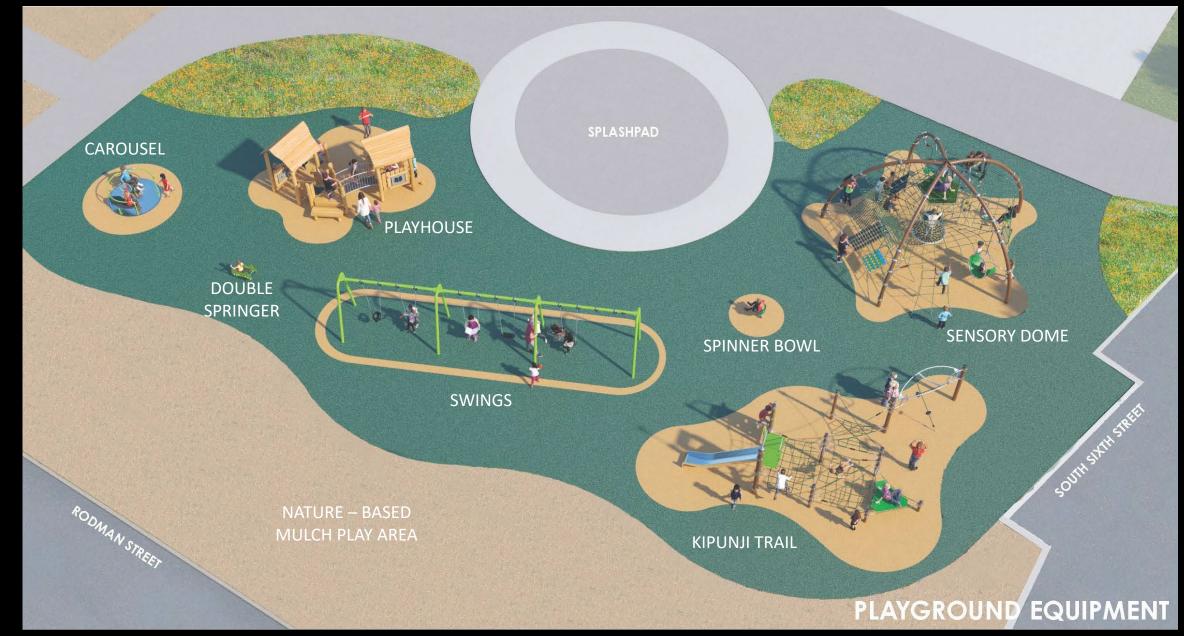




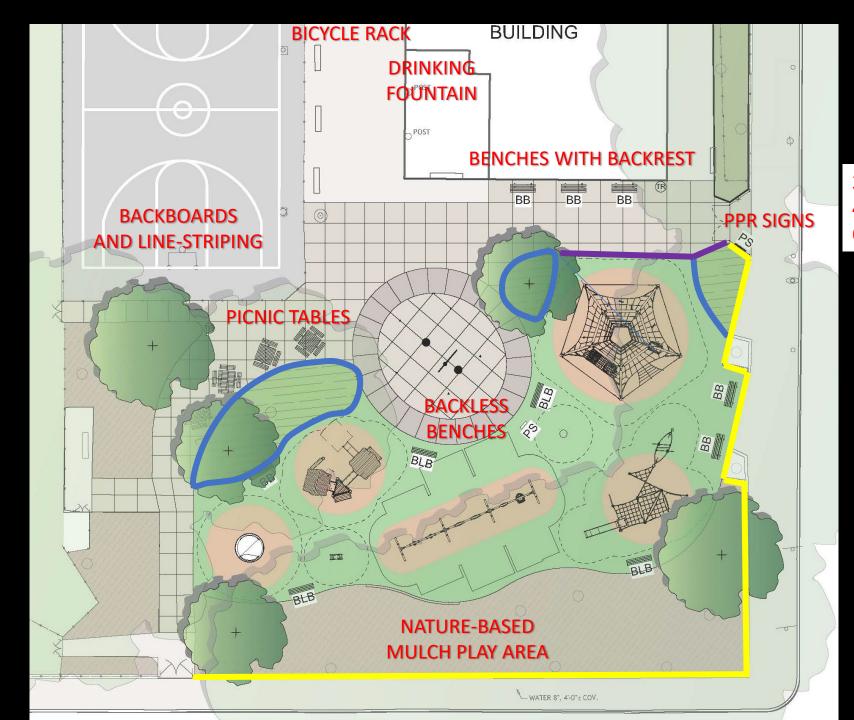
Starr Garden Splashpad, PA Version B - 40200





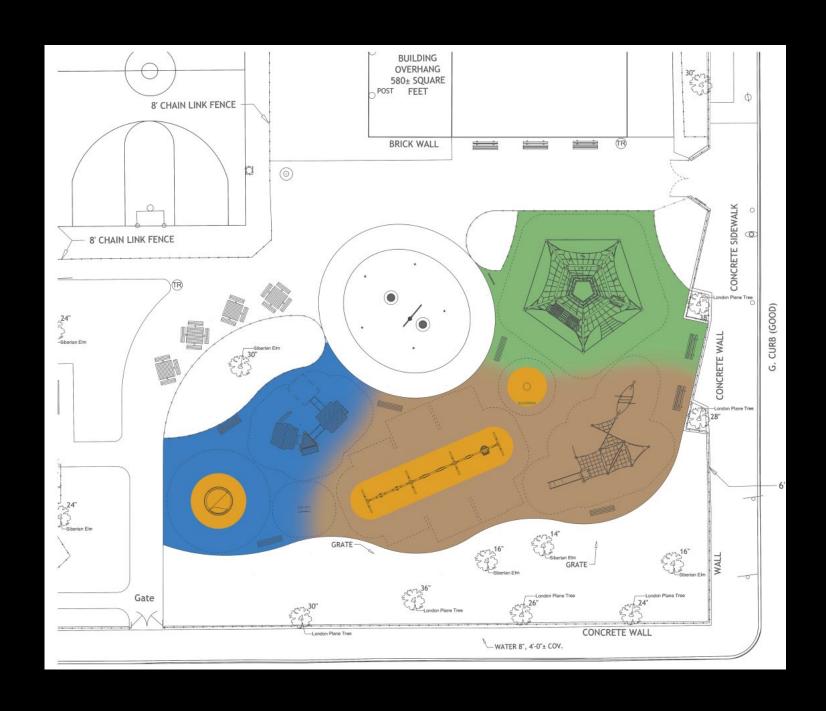






3' FENCE (BLUE) 4' FENCE (PURPLE) 6' FENCE (YELLOW)













Backed Bench



Picnic Table



Backless Bench

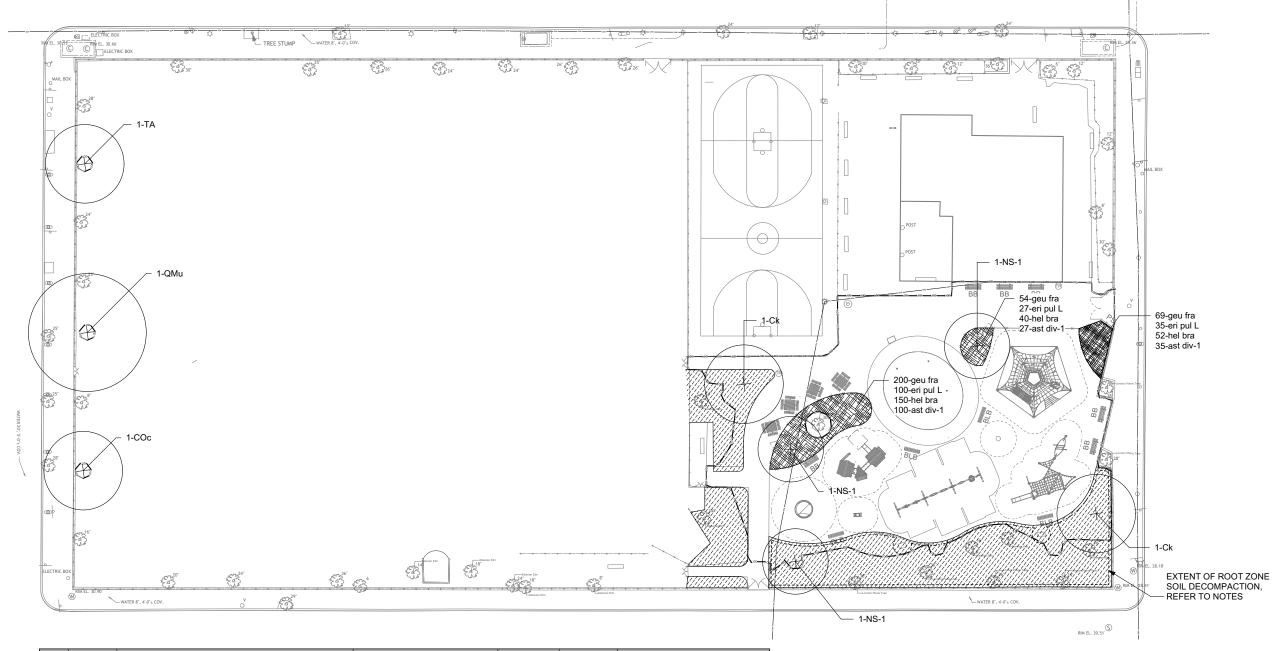


Trash Receptacle

PPR - APPROVED STANDARD SITE FURNISHINGS







Qty	ld	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Spacing	Notes
Cano	py Trees					
2	Ck	Cladrastis kentuckea	Yellow Wood	2 1/2" - 3" cal.	As Shown	Specimen Quality, B&B
1	COc	Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry	2 1/2" - 3" cal.	As Shown	Specimen Quality, B&B
3	NS-1	Nyssa sylvatica 'Wildfire'	Wildfire Blackgum	2 1/2" - 3" cal.	As Shown	Specimen Quality, B&B
1	QMu	Quercus muehlenbergii	Chinkapin Oak	2 1/2" - 3" cal.	As Shown	Specimen Quality, B&B
1	TA	Tilia americana	American Basswood	2 1/2" - 3" cal.	As Shown	Specimen Quality, B&B
Pere	nnials					
162	ast div-1	Aster divaricatus 'Eastern Star'	White Wood Aster	#1	12" o.c.	
162	eri pul L	Erigeron pulchellus var. pulchellus 'Lynnhaven Carpet'	Robin's Plantain	#SP4	12" o.c.	
323	geu fra	Geum fragaroides	Barren Strawberry	#SP4	12" o.c.	
242	hel bra	Helleborus 'Brandywine'	Brandywine Lenten Rose	#1	18" o.c.	

PLANTING PLAN

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PLANTING LEGEND

—·□—·□ LIMIT OF DISTURBANCE



EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN



PROPOSED CANOPY TREE



SHREDDED HARDWOOD, 2"-3" DEPTH



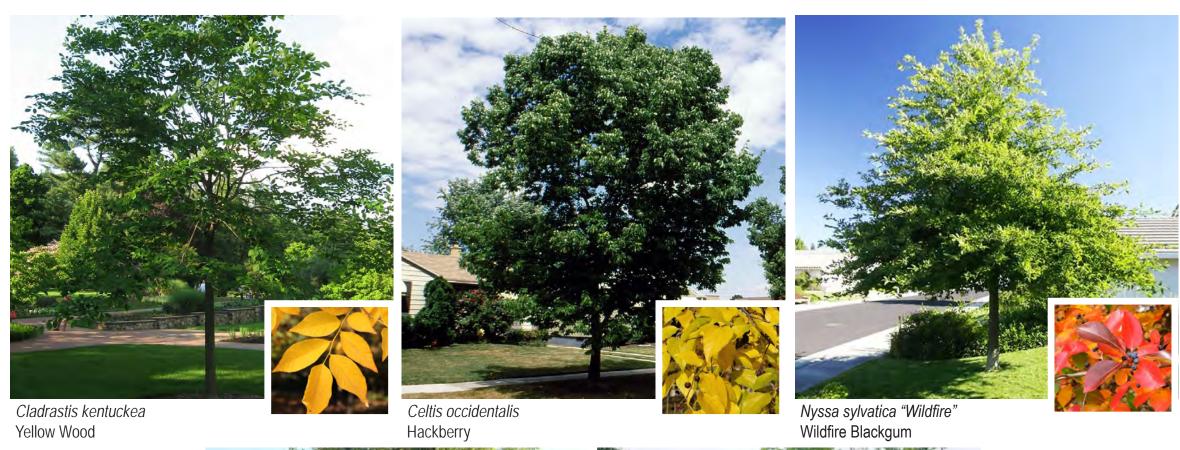
MIXED PERENNIAL BED, REFER TO 3/L6.2

PLANTING NOTES

- 1. REFER TO SHEET L-6.2 FOR PLANTING DETAILS
- 2. PROVIDE PLANTING SOIL AT THE FOLLOWING DEPTHS:
 PROPOSED TREES 36" (6' DIAMETER AROUND TREE)
 PLANT BEDS 18"
 REFER TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLANTING SOIL MIX.

ROOT ZONE SOIL DECOMPACTION NOTES

- PERFORM AIR SPADING TO MITIGATE SOIL COMPACTION UNDER DIRECTION OF AN ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST.
- AIR SPADING SHALL BE PERFORMED AFTER ALL OTHER ADJACENT CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
- 3. APPLY 2"-3" THICK LAYER OF DOUBLE-SHREDDED WOOD MULCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER AIR SPADING IS PERFORMED.





PLANT PALETTE (TREES)



Aster divaricatus "Easten Star" White Wood Aster



Erigeron pulchellus var. palchellus "Lynnhaven Carpet" Robin's Plantain



Geum frageroides Barren Strawberry



Helleborus "Brandywine" Brandywine Lenten Rose

PLANT PALETTE (GROUND COVER)





RENDERED VIEW: KIPONJI TRAIL





RENDERED VIEW: SPINNER + DOME





RENDERED VIEW: SWINGS







RENDERED VIEW: 2-5 ROBINIA PLAYHOUSE + SPRINGER





RENDERED VIEW: CAROUSEL

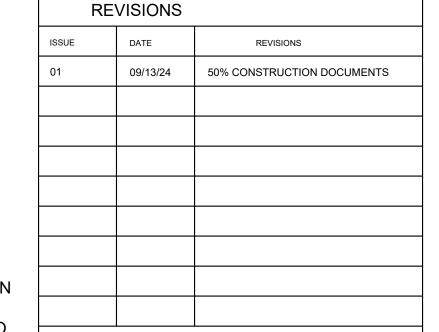


KEYED NOTES:

- 1 PROVIDE EMPTY 2" UNDERGROUND CONDUIT, CAPPED WITH A PULL STRING, FOR FUTURE SITE LIGHTING. ELBOW UNDERGROUND CONDUIT AGAINST BUILDING EXTERIOR WALL (TRANSITION TO GRS CONDUIT; NO EXPOSED PVC CONDUIT) 2'-0" ABOVE FINISHED GRADE AND CAP CONDUIT.
- 2 EXTEND EXISTING RECEPTACLE CIRCUIT SERVING THIS ROOM TO POWER NEW PLUMBING CONTROL BOX FOR SPRAYGROUND. ALL PIPING ASSOCIATED WITH SYSTEM SHALL BE GROUNDED PER NEC SECTION 250. REFER TO PLUMBING DRAWINGS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GENERAL NOTES:

- REFER TO DRAWING E-000 FOR ELECTRICAL GENERAL NOTES, SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS.
- NEW UNDERGROUND CONDUIT SHALL AVOID NEW SPRAY PAD AREA.
- 3. REFER TO CIVIL DRAWINGS FOR FINAL LOCATIONS OF ALL NEW HANDHOLES.
- 4. THE EXISTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THIS LOCATION IS 200A AT 240/120V 1Ø 3W. THE MAIN ELECTRICAL PANEL, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A NAME, IS A 38-POLE PANEL AND IS EXISTING TO REMAIN. THE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE 30-DAY METERING PER NEC 220.87 FOR THE MAIN ELECTRICAL PANEL PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. METERING REPORT SHALL BE SENT TO THE ENGINEER OF RECORD FOR REVIEW.





PROJECT COORDINATOR

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Department of Public Property 1515 Arch Street, 11th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

DEAL

90% CD FOR REVIEW - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

SPACE FOR CONSULTANT RECOGNITION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Ground Reconsidered 203 S. Broad Street, Suite 604 Philadelphia PA 19102 www.groundreconsidered.com

CIVIL ENGINEERS: KS Engineers, P.C. 530 Walnut St., Suite 460 Philadelphia, PA 19106 www.kseng.com

www.aecom-burlington.com

PLUMING, ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL ENGINEER Arora Engineers, Inc. 1600 Market St, Suite 1630 Philadelphia PA 19103

ARCHAEOLOGIST:
AECOM Eastern Cultural Resources
437 High St.
Burlington, NJ 08016

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

1515 ARCH STREET

11TH FLOOR, ONE PARKWAY BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19102

PROJECT TITL

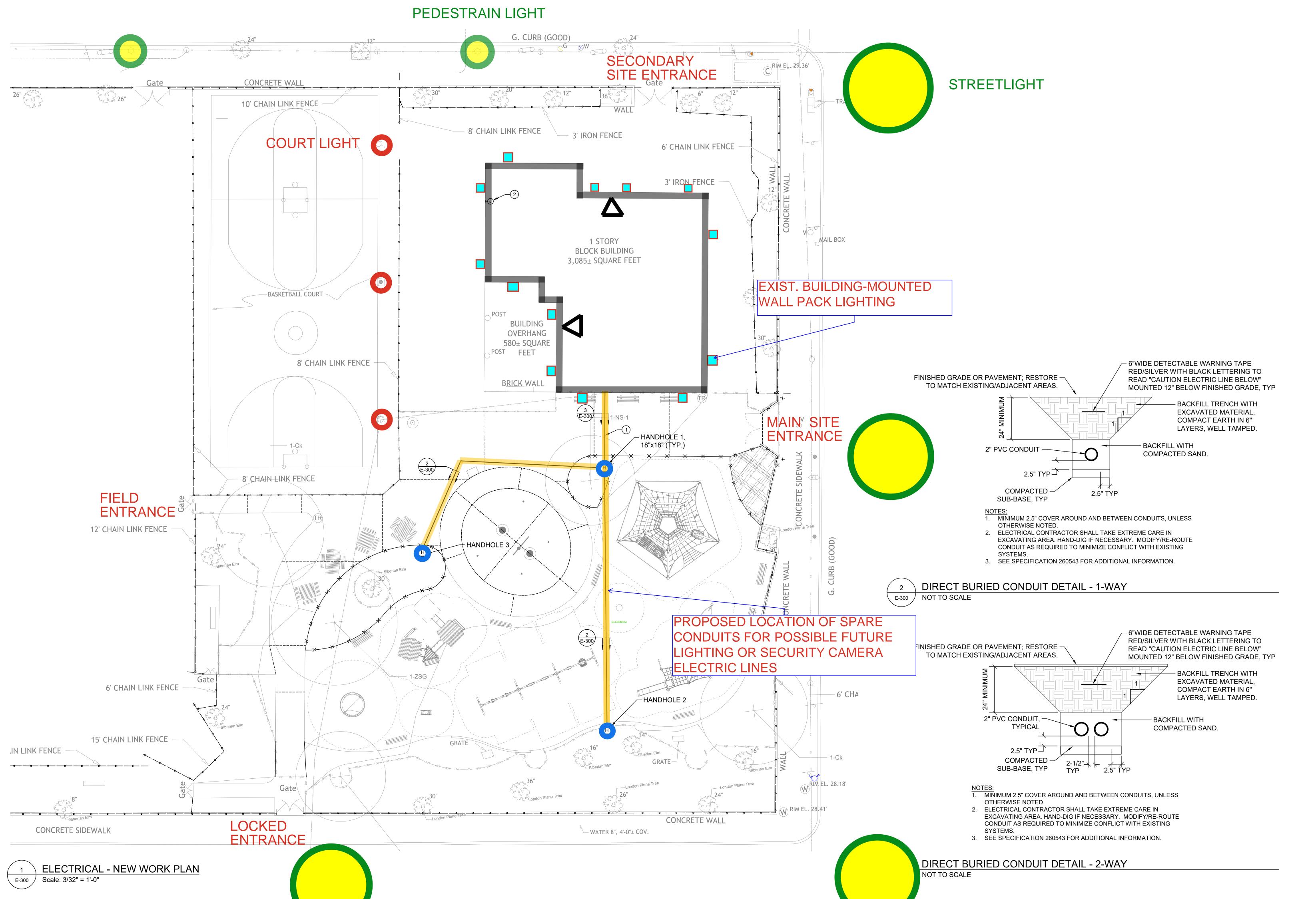
Starr Garden Playground Renovations

DRAWING TITLE

ELECTRICAL - NEW WORK PLAN

PROJECT NO.	DRAWING NO.
2009.08	
DATE 11/27/2024	E-300
SCALE N/A	— E-300
DRAWN BY AS	
CHECKED BY PL	

ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS SHALL BE VERIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT THE SITE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.



September 3, 2025

Katherine Liss The Philadelphia Art Commission One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102



Re: Letter of Intent for Percent for Art Funds @ Starr Garden Playground

Dear Katherine:

Creative Philadelphia would like to inform the Philadelphia Art Commission of our intent to administer Percent for Art funds triggered by the Starr Garden Playground project, located at 600-44 Lombard Street in South Philadelphia. Estimated at \$1.2 million, the capital project consists of playground renovations with new landscaped areas, new paving and exterior site features.

The timeline and scope for the administration of Percent for Art funds is still being determined in collaboration with Creative Philadelphia, Capital Program Office (CPO) and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation (PPR). Given the limited size of the capital project, the Percent for Art funds representing 1% of the total project budget may be pooled with another future Percent for Art project in the same District, in keeping with the City's Percent for Art guidelines, or another allowable strategy may be utilized to maximize the impact of public art dollars in this District.

Once the plan for the administration of art funds is further developed, Creative Philadelphia will initiate a separate review process with the Philadelphia Art Commission for approval.

We look forward to working with Capital Programs Office, Parks and Recreation and all stakeholders to administer these public art funds on behalf of the community, while enhancing the City's renowned collection of public art. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to call me at 215.686.4596.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA

Public Art Director Creative Philadelphia City of Philadelphia

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