

Art Commission Review – Submittal Form

(Applicant complete below section)

Project Name: Finley Rec Center - Site Improvements

Project Address: 7701 Mansfield Avenue **On Public Property?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Total Budget: \$7.9m **Utilizing City Funds?** ☒ Yes (specify amount): \$7.9m ☐ No

Project Type (check all that apply):

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| ☐ Building – New Construction or Addition | ☐ Encroachment in/over ROW |
| ☐ Building – Renovation or Repair | ☐ Signage (Reconsideration) |
| ☒ Plaza/Park/Playground | ☐ Streetery (Reconsideration) |
| ☐ Public Art | ☐ Other: _____ |

Project Team:

Agency/Org.: Gilmore & Associates Design Lead (firm): Gilmore & Associates

Other: _____

Primary Contact for Project Communications:

Name: Ryan Herilla

Affiliation: Gilmore & Associates

Email: [REDACTED]

(Art Commission staff complete below section)

Art Commission Meeting Date of Project Review: 9/9/26

Level of Review:

☒ Concept Review ☐ Final Review If Final, specify date of preceding Concept Review: _____

☐ Administrative Review (for projects with minimal visual impact on public realm)

Staff Notes (Optional):

August 24, 2026

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



Re: Letter of Intent to Administer Percent for Art Funds from Finley Recreation Center

Dear Katherine:

Creative Philadelphia would like to inform the Philadelphia Art Commission of our intent to administer Percent for Art funds triggered by the Finley Recreation Center project, in Northwest Philadelphia. Estimated at \$7.9 million, this Parks and Recreation site improvement project consists of a new artificial football/baseball field, lighting, a new storage building, fence work and site furnishings.

Creative Philadelphia is determining the timeline, scope and community engagement process for the administration of Percent for Art funds of 1% of the budget in collaboration with Capital Program Office (CPO) and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation (PPR).

Once this plan 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 to serve 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marguerite Anglin'.

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA
Public Art Director
Creative Philadelphia
City of Philadelphia



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COVER LETTER

Date: August 25th, 2026

To: Katherine Liss, Philadelphia Art Commission, Katherine.Liss@Phila.gov
Philadelphia Art Commission, ArtCommission@phila.gov

From: Ryan Herilla, RLA – Gilmore & Associates, rherilla@gilmore-assoc.com
Corey Wilson, RLA, LLA – Gilmore & Associates, cwilson@gilmore-assoc.com

cc: Priyanka Malik – Philadelphia Capital Program Office, Priyanka.Malik@phila.gov
Francesco Cerrai, RLA – Philadelphia Capital Program Office, Francesco.Cerrai@phila.gov

Reference: Request for Conceptual Approval – Finley Recreation Center, Site Improvements

By way of this cover letter, we respectfully request conceptual approval for site improvements at Finley Recreation Center located at 7701 Mansfield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150.

The existing site proposed for development at Finley is primarily an open lawn field that is used by several area schools' sports programs as well as youth sports teams for football, soccer, lacrosse, and little league baseball. From extensive use over the years the soil has become compacted leading to large bare spots across the field. Additionally, due to a lack of available space the site cannot accommodate a full-sized football or soccer field leading to the site only being used for practice. Furthermore, besides the field there is a lack of other pedestrian amenities leading to the space being underutilized by the public.

The current proposed site plan includes transitioning the lawn field to an artificial turf multi-sport field, striped for football, soccer, lacrosse and little league baseball with a 60' diamond. Along with the proposed 60' baseball diamond, a bullpen and batting cage are also proposed. As part of the multi-sport field improvements one of the existing tennis courts on site will be demolished to allow space for a full-sized football and soccer field, three tennis courts are proposed to remain. In addition to the proposed multi-sport field, other amenities include an approx. 1/4-mile walking loop around the site, proposed dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs, a pedestrian plaza with new site furniture, pedestrian and athletic lighting improvements around the project site, new fencing and site furnishings, new plantings including trees, shrubs, and ornamental perennials, and ROW improvements to enhance accessibility around the recreation center. Furthermore, in coordination with the proposed site improvements a conscious effort is being made to design for the preservation of the large, mature heritage trees which are located along E. Upsal Street.

The budget for this project is \$7.9 Million and the project is supported by the Philadelphia Capital Program Office and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ryan Herilla, RLA, Landscape Architect
Corey Wilson, RLA, LLA, Project Manager

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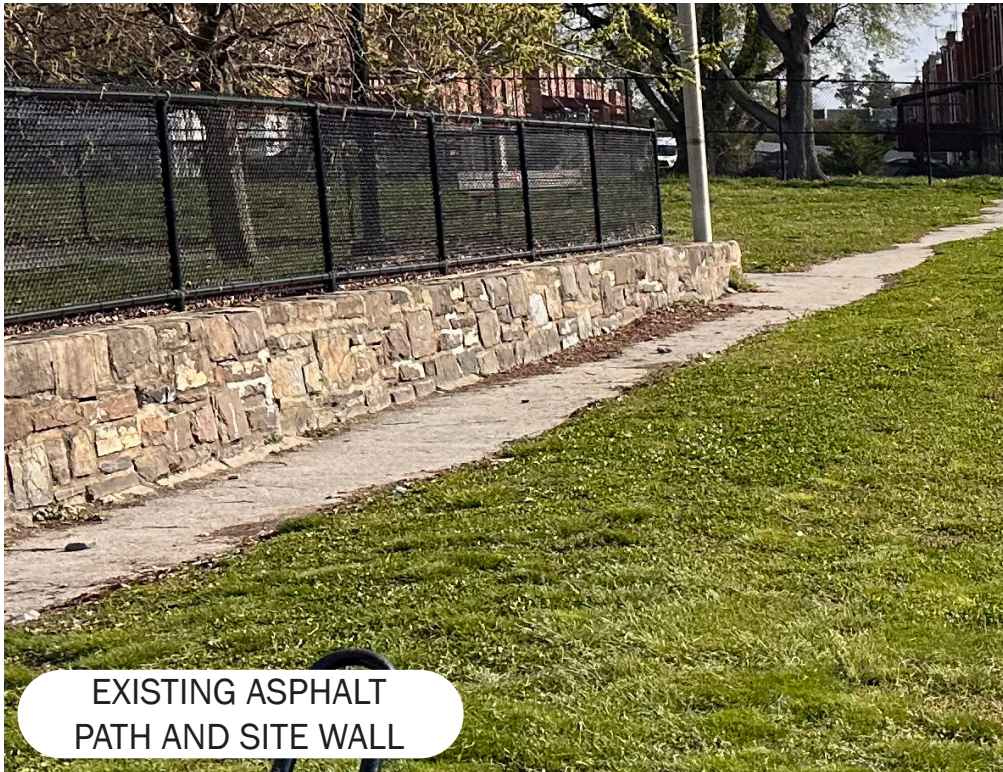


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SITE CONTEXT



EXISTING CONDITIONS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

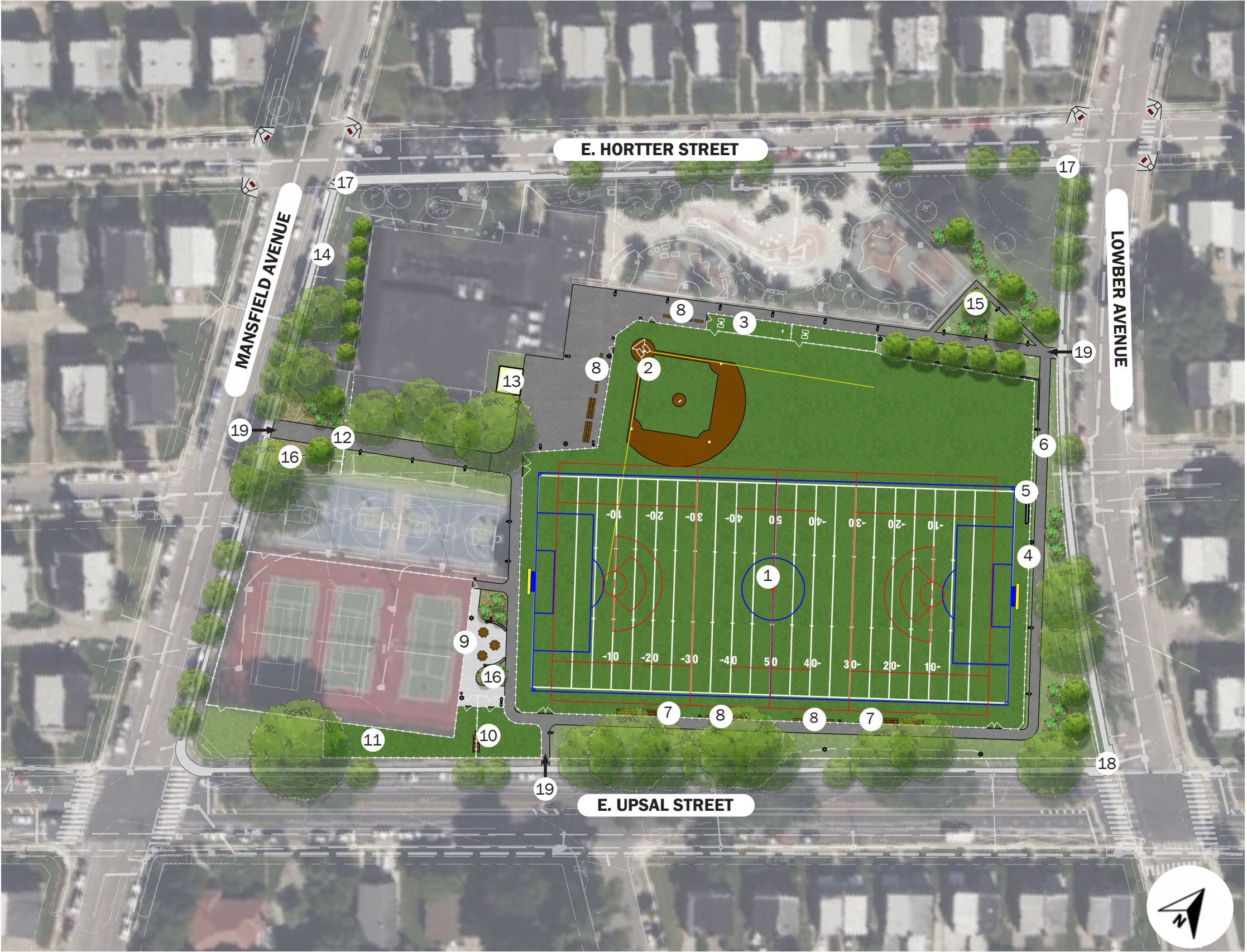


Engagement Summary

G&A, CPO/PPR, and the Mayor’s Office presented the Finley Recreation Center - Site Improvements project to the community for their feedback.

- First community meeting held: **June 13th, 2026**
- First community meeting held: **June 23th, 2026**

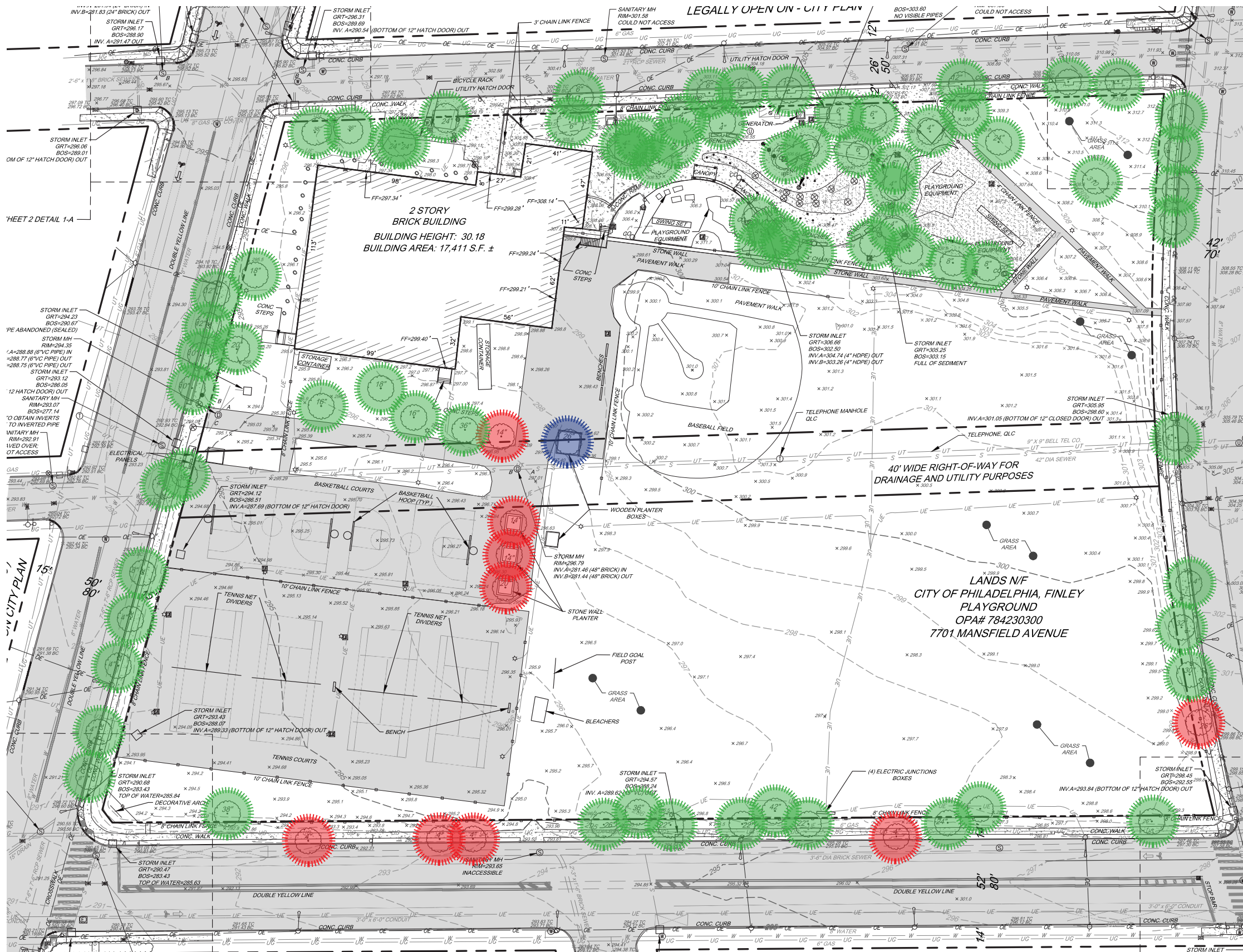
PROPOSED SITE PLAN



Key:

- 1. Proposed multi-sport artificial turf field (striped for football, soccer, and lacrosse)
- 2. Proposed 60' artificial turf baseball field
- 3. Proposed enclosed bullpen & batting cage
- 4. Proposed 8' ht. fence around perimeter of turf field
- 5. Proposed electronic scoreboard
- 6. Proposed walking loop (Approx. 1/4 mile in length)
- 7. Proposed bleachers
- 8. Proposed player benches
- 9. Proposed community plaza with fixed tables and concrete seat walls
- 10. Proposed dog park (small dog area)
- 11. Proposed dog park (large dog area)
- 12. Proposed renovated 14' width entry drive (pedestrian & vehicular)
- 13. Proposed storage shed
- 14. Proposed 18" ht. ornamental fence directly adjacent to sidewalk along Mansfield Avenue
- 15. Proposed trees
- 16. Proposed ornamental plant bed
- 17. Proposed ADA curb ramp improvements
- 18. Perimeter sidewalks to be replaced around entire property
- 19. Entry point from perimeter sidewalk to site

TREE PRESERVATION, REMOVALS, & REPLACEMENT



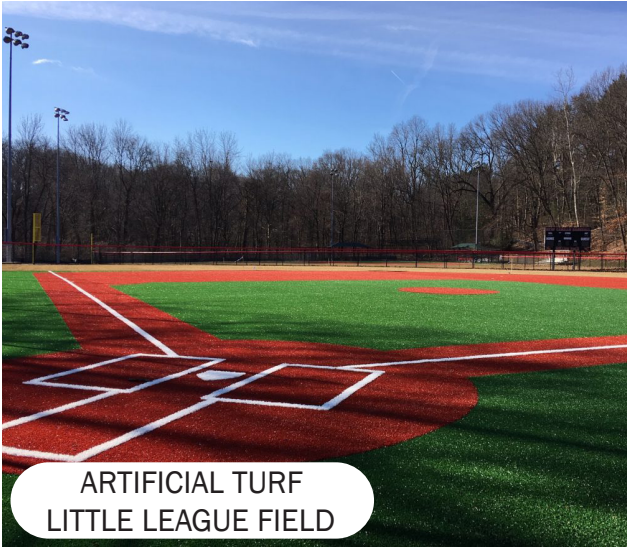
Key:

-  EXISTING TREE IN POOR CONDITION TO BE REMOVED
-  EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED TO ACCOMMODATE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
-  EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN AND BE PRESERVED ON SITE

Tree Preservation Summary:

- **9 TREES** TO BE REMOVED THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM TREE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO POOR CONDITION AS OBSERVED BY CERTIFIED ARBORIST.
- **1 TREE** TO BE REMOVED, TOTALING 28 CALIPER INCHES, THAT WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT PER PHILADELPHIA ZONING CODE
- **82 TREES** ON SITE, TOTALING 911 CALIPER INCHES, TO REMAIN AND BE PRESERVED. CREDIT FOR PRESERVING SAID TREES TO BE APPLIED TO REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS.
- AN ADDITIONAL **21 CANOPY TREES** AND **22 UNDERSTORY TREES** ARE PROPOSED AS PART OF THIS PROJECT.

SITE PLAN ENLARGEMENT - FIELD IMPROVEMENTS



SITE PLAN ENLARGEMENT - COMMUNITY PLAZA & DOG PARK



PROPOSED SITE LIGHTING PLAN



ADDITIONAL SITE FURNISHINGS



PLAYER BENCHES



BACKED BENCHES



FIXED TABLES



TRASH RECEPTACLES



18" HT. ORNAMENTAL FENCING

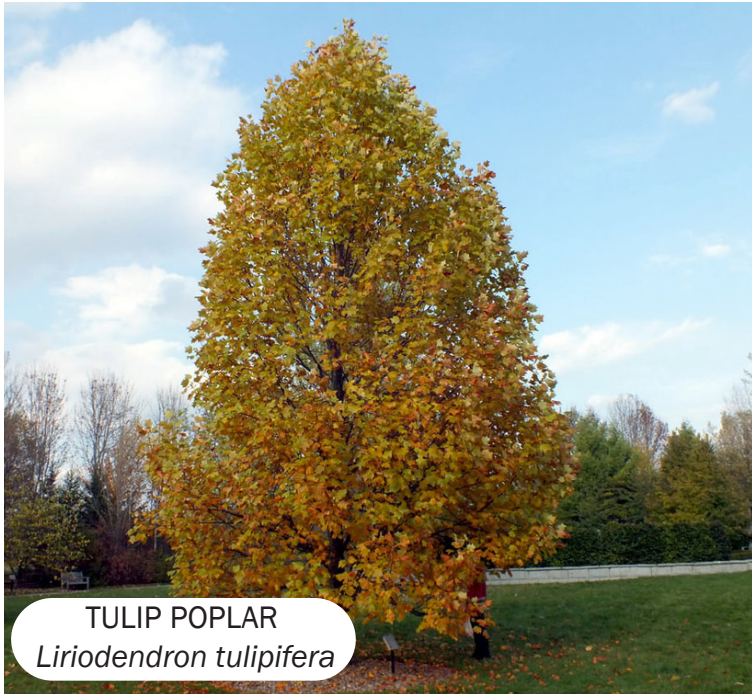


8' HEIGHT BLACK CHAIN-LINK FENCE



PPR STANDARD SIGNAGE

PLANT PALETTE - TREES



PLANT PALETTE - SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, & GRASSES



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