

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: October 14, 2026

Level of Review:

- ☐ Concept Review ☒ Final Review If Final, specify date of preceding Concept Review: September 9, 2026
- ☐ 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: September 28th, 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 Final Approval – Finley Recreation Center, Site Improvements

By way of this cover letter, we respectfully submit the revised submission package and request final approval for site improvements at Finley Recreation Center located at 7701 Mansfield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150.

Per remarks from the Art Commission on 9/9 and the subsequent Art Commission decision form, we have updated our design and presentation as follows:

A color-coded site plan slide has been added delineating locations of existing trees to remain, where new site furnishings and trees are proposed, and where utility constraints are present. The site design has also been updated to include three (3) additional fixed tables with game tops in the northeast corner of the site where a significant increase in tree canopy is proposed, this will provide an additional shaded seating area for visitors to the site. Two (2) additional backed benches have also been added to the dog park, one (1) in each area. An additional presentation slide has been added, further clarifying where specific site furnishings are proposed on site.

Furthermore, we have evaluated the species of trees proposed for the site in order to maximize overall canopy while also limiting additional maintenance requirements on site. A slide has been added clarifying where specific tree species are proposed to be planted on site.

Lastly, our team, in coordination with CPO/PPR is continuing to coordinate with Creative Philadelphia regarding future Percent for Art opportunities at Finley Rec Center. The inclusion of Percent for Art at Finley Rec Center will be a part of a separate review process with the Art Commission for approval at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

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7701 MANSFIELD AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA



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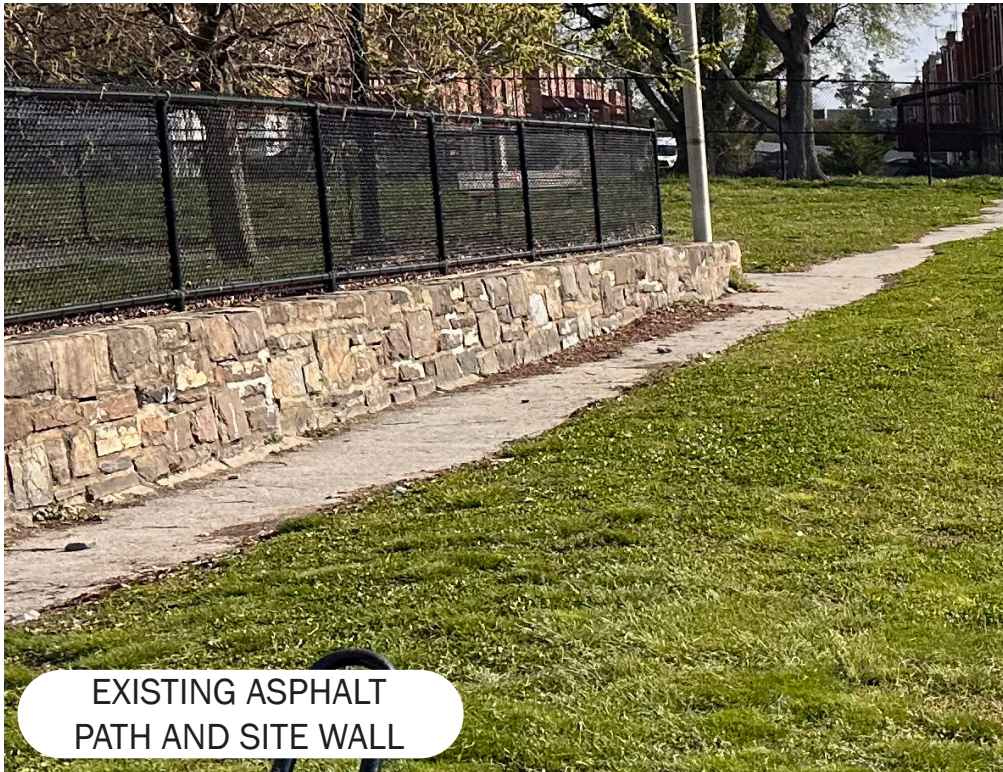


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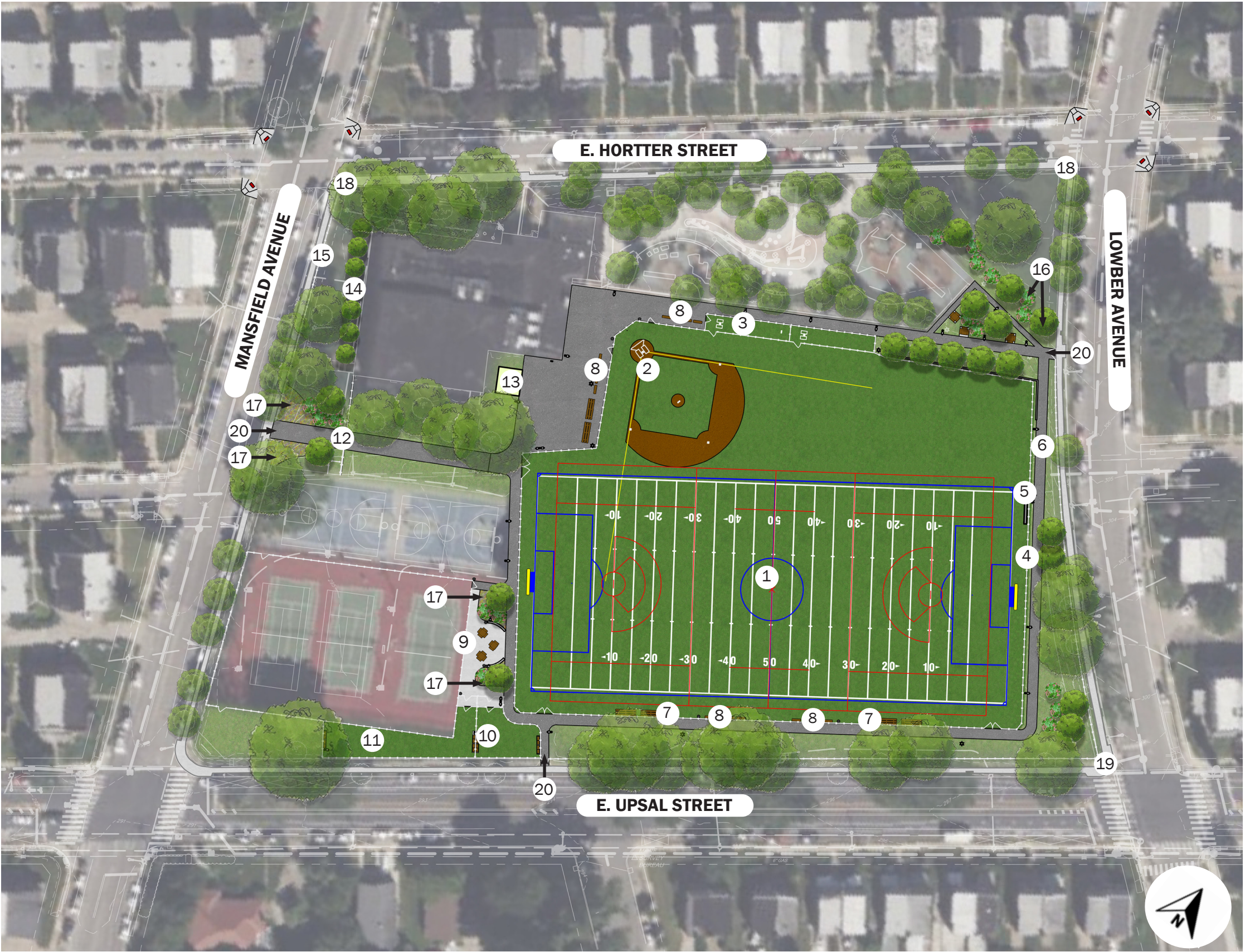
SITE CONTEXT



EXISTING CONDITIONS



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. Landscape improvements at building facade (Trees & Shrubs)
15. Proposed 18" ht. ornamental fence directly adjacent to sidewalk along Mansfield Avenue
16. Proposed trees
17. Proposed ornamental plant bed
18. Proposed ADA curb ramp improvements
19. Perimeter sidewalks to be replaced around entire property
20. Entry point from perimeter sidewalk to site

CANOPY COVER, SITE FURNISHINGS & UTILITY LOCATIONS



PROPOSED SITE FURNISHING LOCATIONS



E. HORTTER STREET

MANSFIELD AVENUE

MIX OF EASTERN RED CEDAR AND AMERICAN HOLLY PROPOSED ADJACENT TO REC CENTER

MIX OF RED OAK, EASTERN REDBUD, & GREEN HAWTHORN PROPOSED AT NORTHEAST GROVE

MIX OF TULIP POPLAR AND EASTERN RED BUD PROPOSED FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANT BEDS AT MAIN ENTRANCE

ROW OF BLACK GUM PROPOSED ADJACENT TO FIELD

MIX OF YELLOWWOOD AND CANADIAN SERVICEBERRY PROPOSED FOR ORNAMENTAL PLANT BEDS ADJACENT TO FIELD

E. UPSAL STREET

LOWER AVENUE

MIX OF RED OAK AND EASTERN REDBUD PROPOSED ADJACENT TO FIELD

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1" GAS

2" GAS

3" GAS

4" GAS

6" GAS

8" GAS

12" GAS

18" GAS

24" GAS

36" GAS

48" GAS

60" GAS

72" GAS

84" GAS

96" GAS

108" GAS

120" GAS

132" GAS

144" GAS

156" GAS

168" GAS

180" GAS

192" GAS

204" GAS

216" GAS

228" GAS

240" GAS

252" GAS

264" GAS

276" GAS

288" GAS

300" GAS

312" GAS

324" GAS

336" GAS

348" GAS

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1896" GAS

1908" GAS

1920" GAS

1932" GAS

1944" GAS

1956" GAS

1968" GAS

1980" GAS

1992" GAS

2004" GAS

2016" GAS

2028" GAS

2040" GAS

2052" GAS

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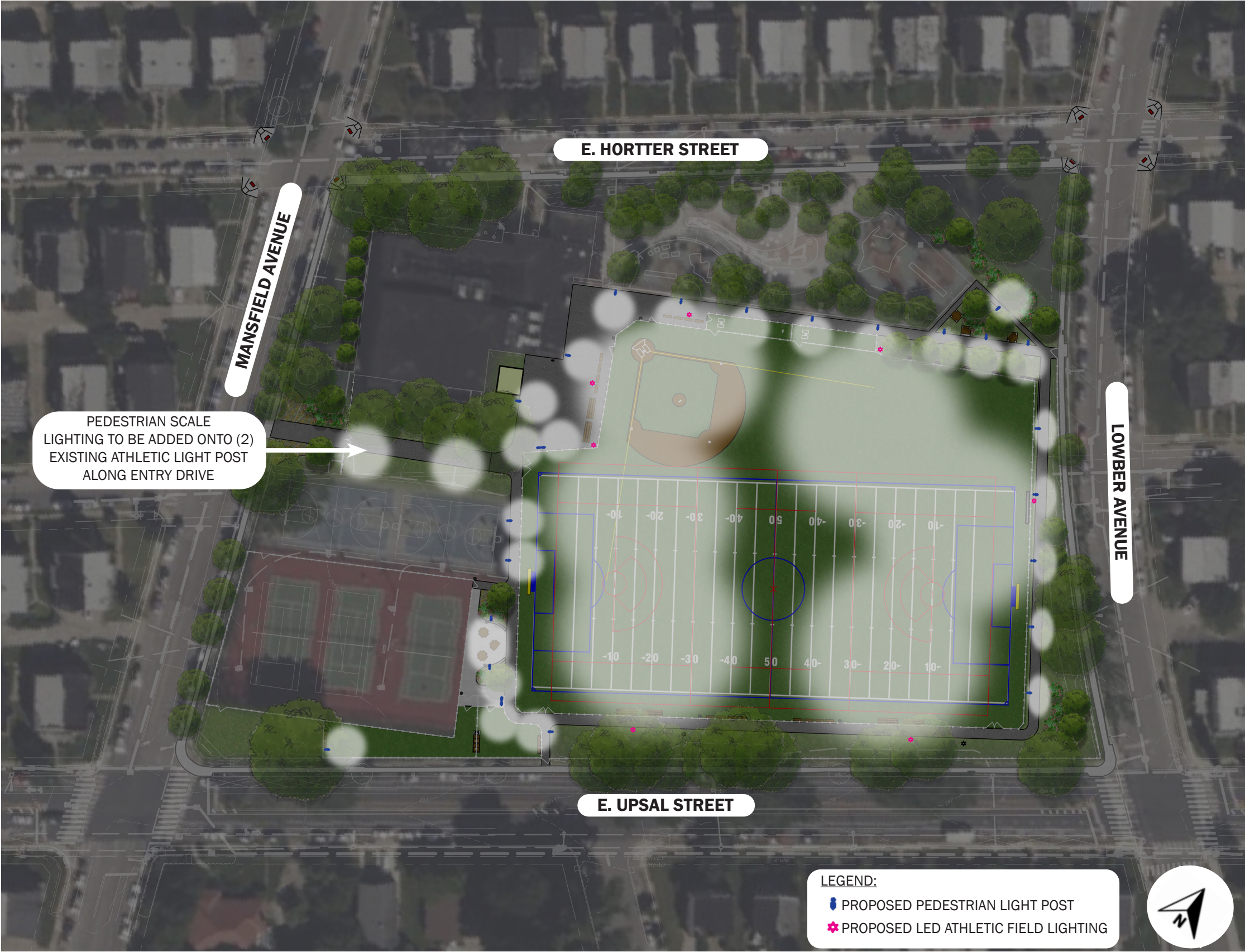
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PLANT PALETTE - SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, & GRASSES



PROPOSED SITE LIGHTING PLAN



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