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Art Commission Review – Submittal Form

(Applicant complete below section)

Project Name: Tarken Recreation Center - Site Improvements

Project Address: 6250 Frontenac St **On Public Property?** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Total Budget: $800,000 **Utilizing City Funds?** ☑ Yes (specify amount): $800,000 ☐ No

Project Type (check all that apply)**:**

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

Project Team:

Agency/Org.: CPO Design Lead (firm): In-house

Other: _____

Primary Contact for Project Communications:

Name: Nobuki Iijima
Affiliation: CPO
Email: [redacted]

(Art Commission staff complete below section)

Art Commission Meeting Date of Project Review: 11/10/26

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):

Replacement of existing playground and sprayground equipment, as well as removal of dead trees on site and replacement with new trees to be planted.

Memorandum

To: Katherine Liss, Director Art Commission
From: Nobuki Iijima, Project Manager, Capital Program Office
Date: October 28, 2026
Re: Request for Administrative Approval / Art Commission Review – Tarken Recreation Center

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We respectfully request administrative approval for site improvements at Tarken Recreation Center, 6250 Frontenac St., Philadelphia, PA 19111.

The brief description of the project as stated below, and the attached graphic shows the project extent.

The scope of this playground replacement will include the demolition of the existing play equipment and the removal of three dead trees due to safety concern. The project includes the purchase and installation of new 5~12-year-old play and sprayground equipment in the same location as the current playground, pour-in-placed safety surfacing, trash receptacle, benches and picnic tables. The project will also include the planting of 4 shade trees and 4 flowering trees.

Project budget is $800,000 which is funded by the Councilperson Anthony Phillip.

Thank you for your attention. Please let me know if you require more information.

cc: Aparna Palantino, Director, Capital Program Office
Pedro Pinto, Deputy Director, Capital Program Office
Francesco Cerrai, Project Director, Capital Program Office
Nobuki Iijima, Project Manager, Capital Program Office
File: Project #16-25-7243-01, Section 2.12

TARKEN RECREATION CENTER SITE IMPROVEMENTS

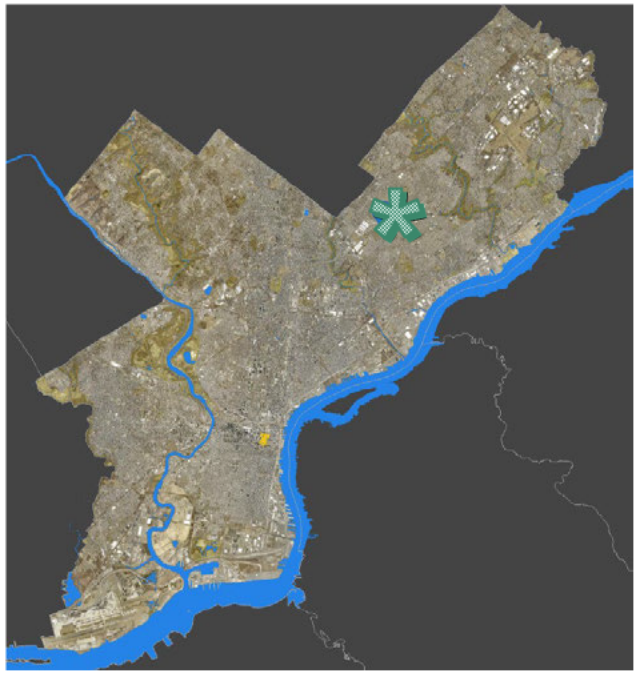
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ANTHONY PHILLIPS
9TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Aerial Photo : Overall





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Aerial Photo: Project Area





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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community meeting, 2/17/2026



Community meeting, 3/21/2026

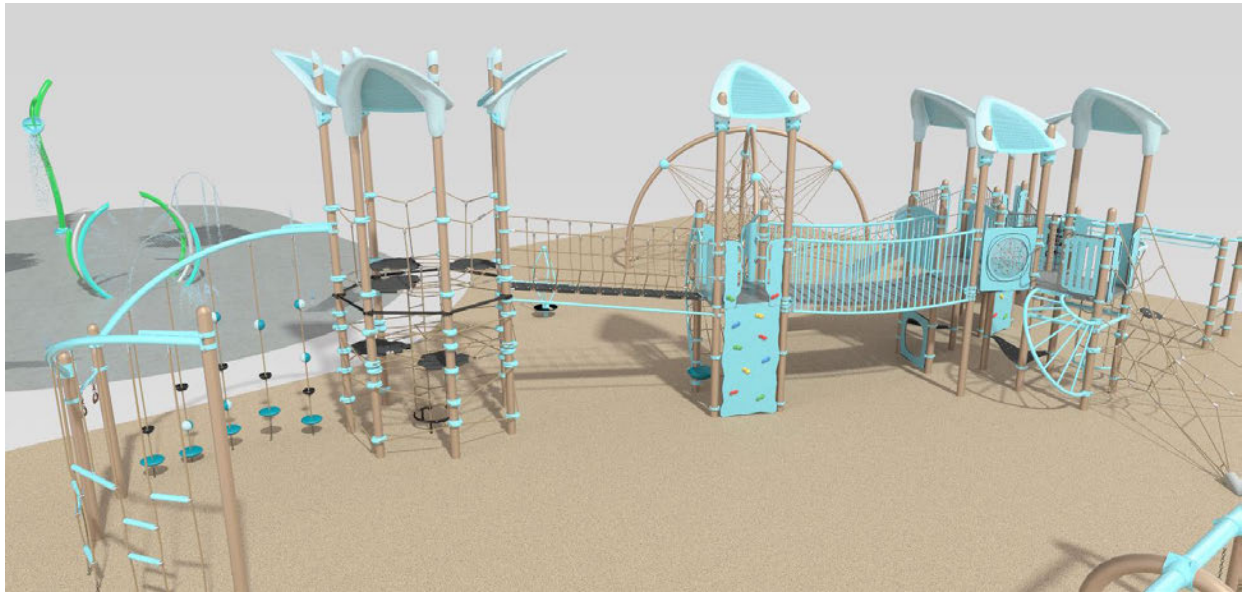
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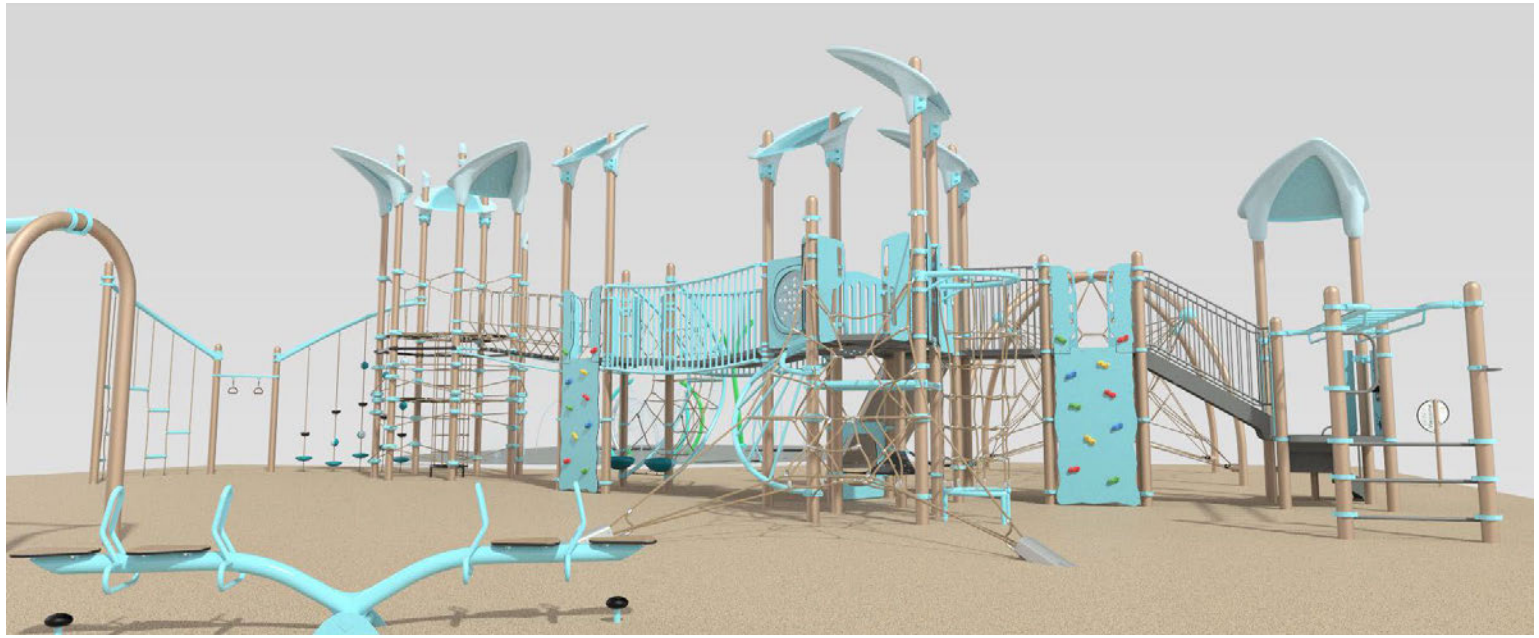
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PROPOSED PLANT MATERIALS & SITE FURNITURE



Amelanchier x grandiflora
Apple Serviceberry



Ulmus americana ‘ Princeton’
Princeton American Elm



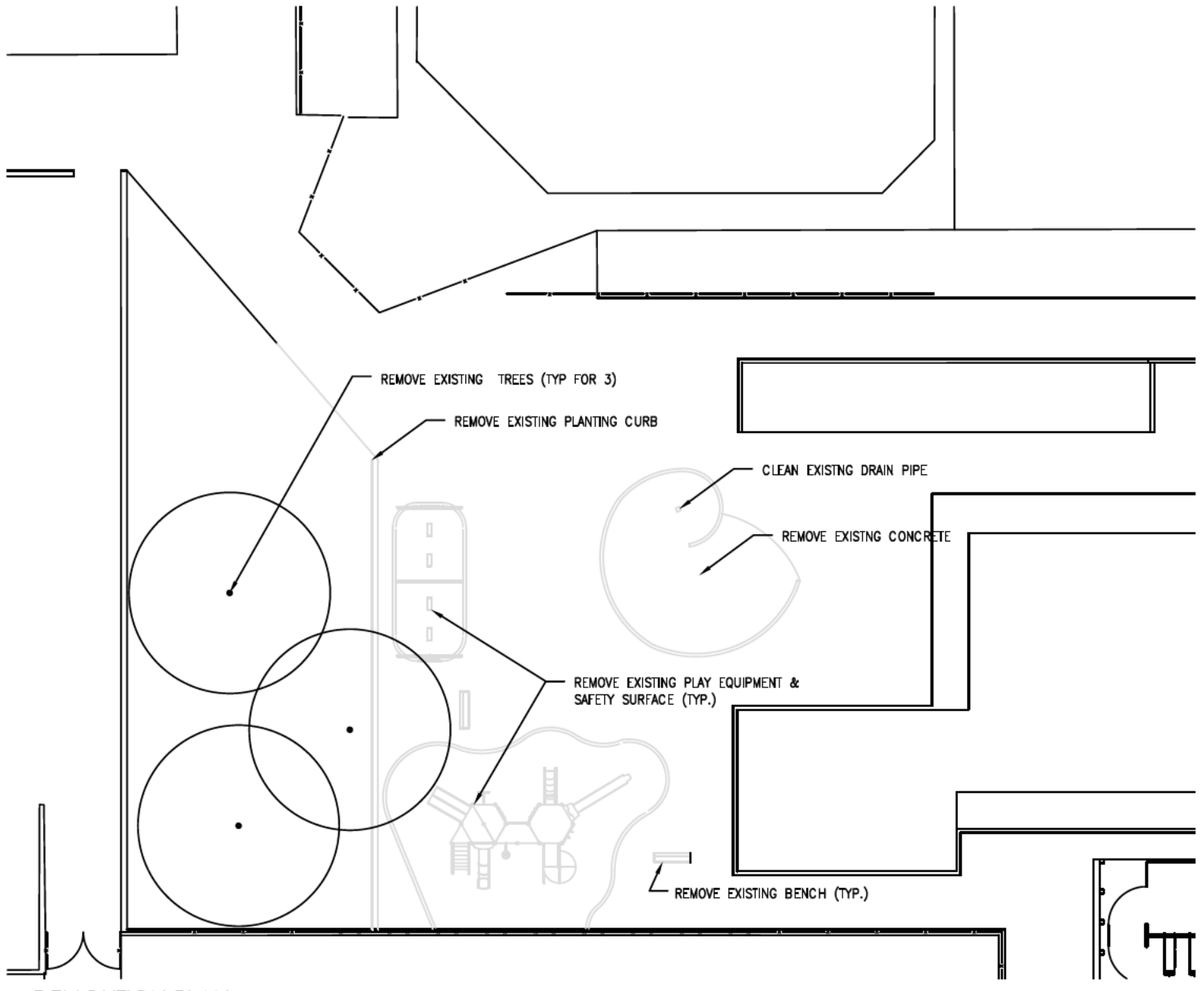
Bench



Picnic Table

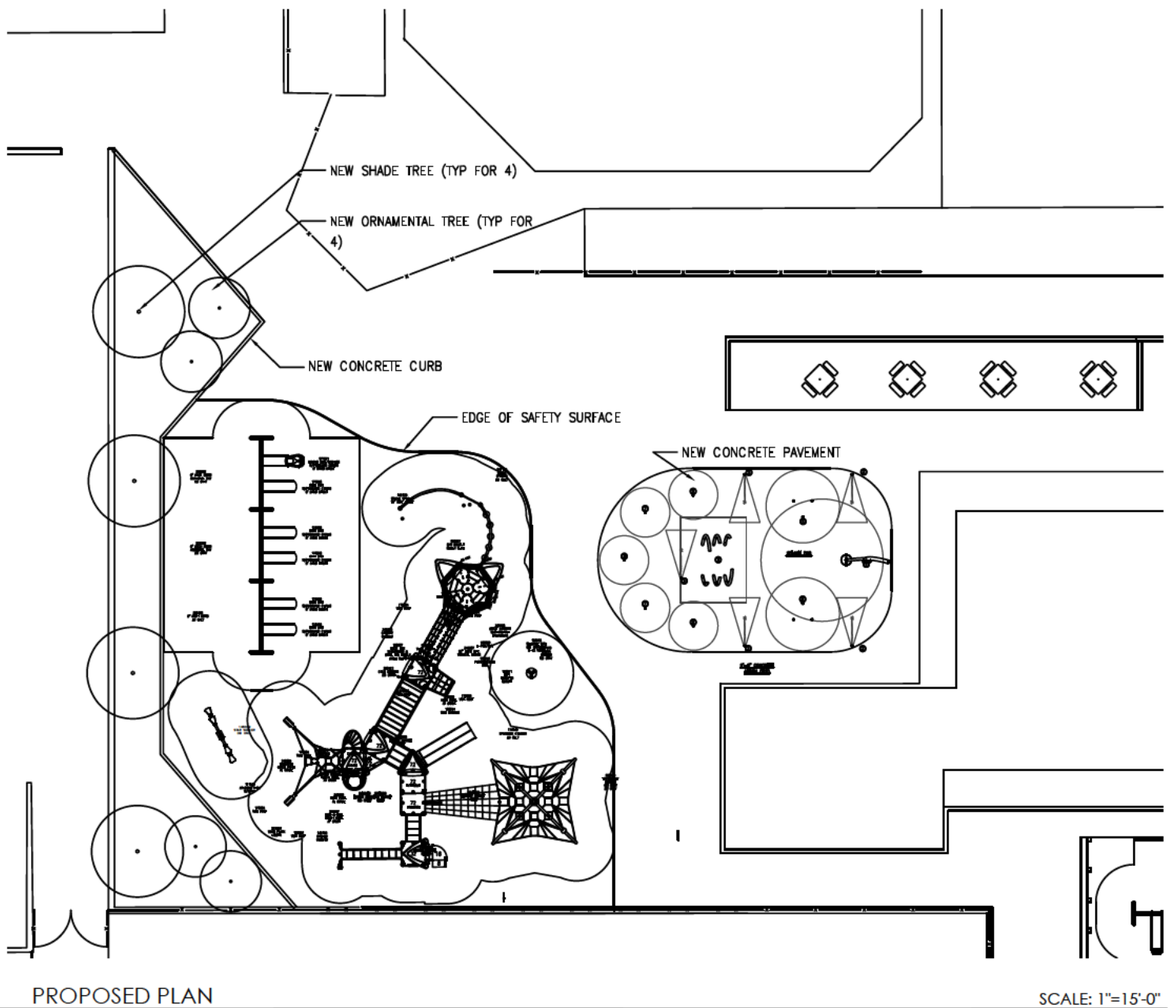


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DEMOLITION PLAN

SCALE: 1"=15'-0"



PROPOSED PLAN

SCALE: 1"=15'-0"