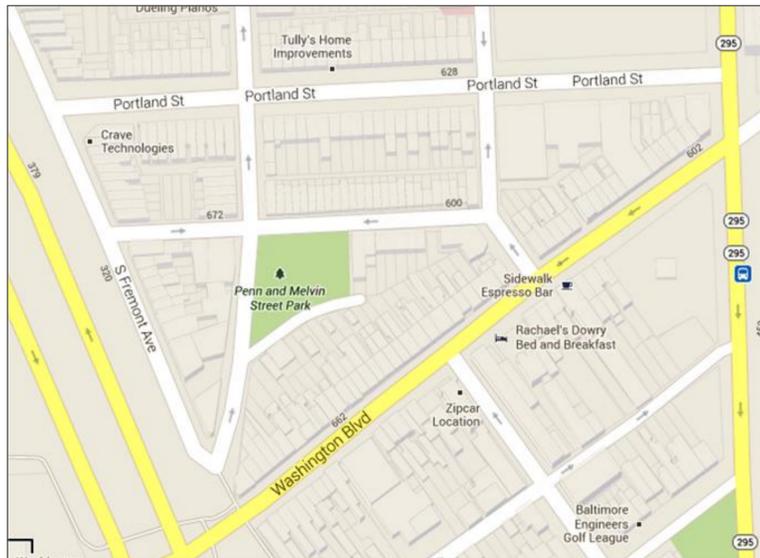


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Raised Beds
are located throughout the site but add no visual interest, contain high maintenance grass, and decrease visibility.

Shade
is concentrated around the perimeter of the site, and lacking at crucial locations, especially around playground equipment.

Brick walls
contributed to the dated and hard-edged feel of the park.

Entrances
are blocked preventing good pedestrian flow. Plantings don't highlight entrances.

Unused Space
at the "back" of the site contains a degraded planter preventing other types of modern park activities from occurring.

Identifying Site Issues

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Entrances

should include visual impact. Small flowering trees and more thoughtful planting create emphasis and clarity throughout the site. Visual cues help visitors better understand and navigate the site.

Raised Beds

Should be planted with a simple combination of weeping shrubs, perennials, bulbs, and ground cover for a low maintenance but softening effect.

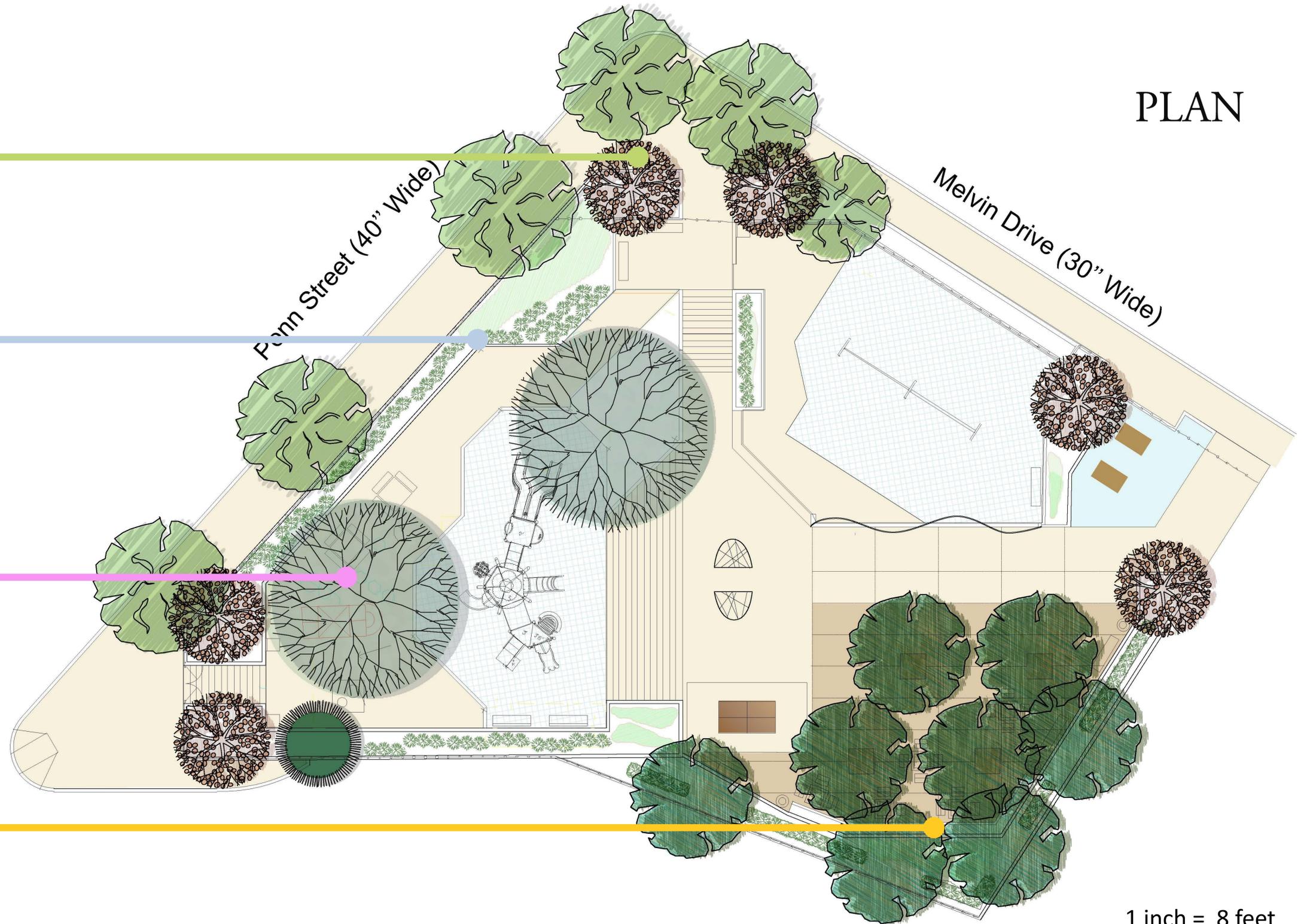
Tall Trees

Could be strategically planted to provide shade to the playground and new seating areas.

“Back” Corner

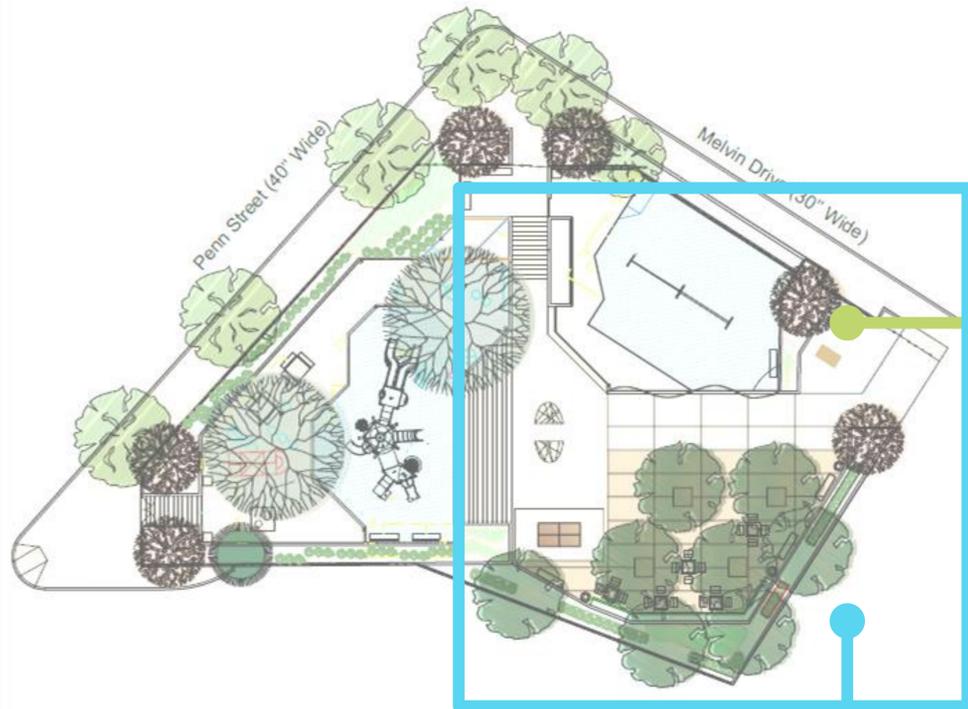
Redesigned to provide a place for adult activities. Shaded seating, ping pong table, bike rack, and exercise equipment have been added to increase the usability of the site for a variety of residents.

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Solutions

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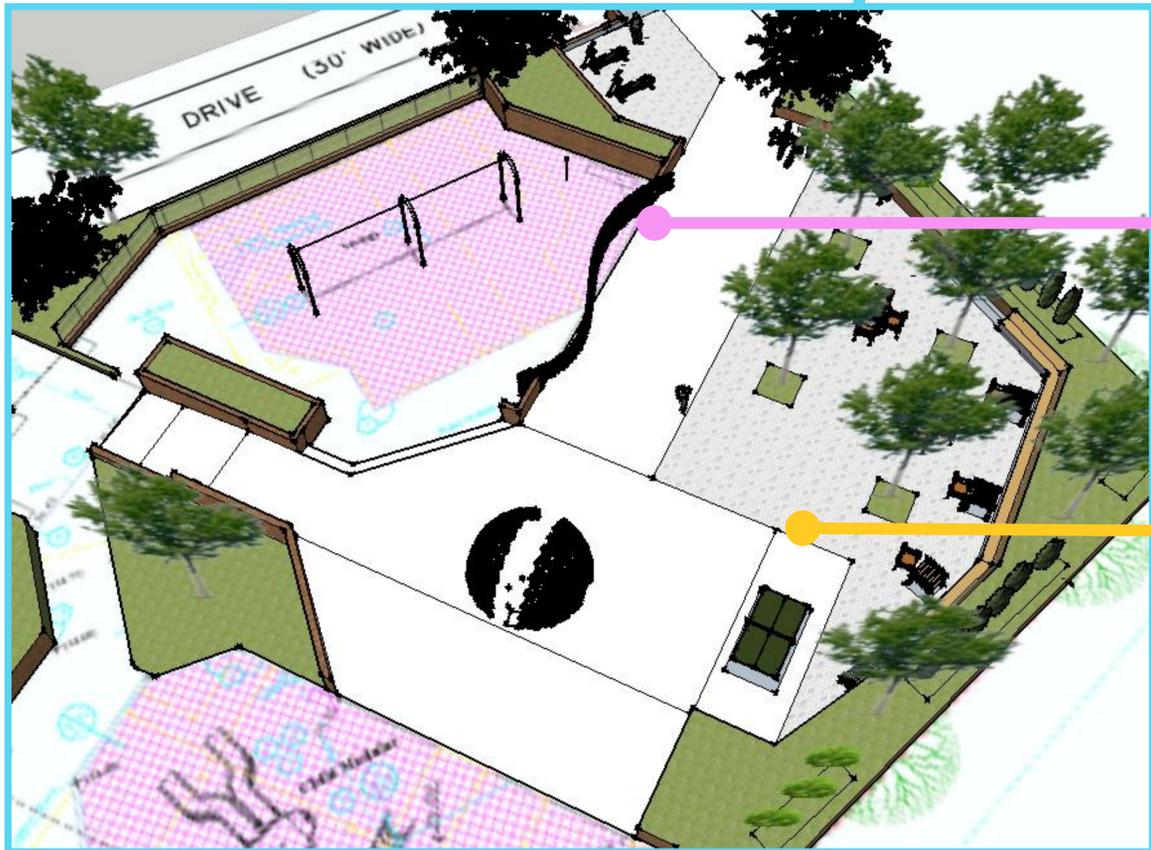


Exercise Equipment

Has been included at the North East entrance to attract new users while reflecting the current interest of the community (running.) By adding new activities, the park should experience a rise in use which contributes to safety and cuts down on vandalism.

Bike Racks

Children already have a habit of bike riding around the site. Bike racks allow visitors an alternative to driving, which could solve parking issues.

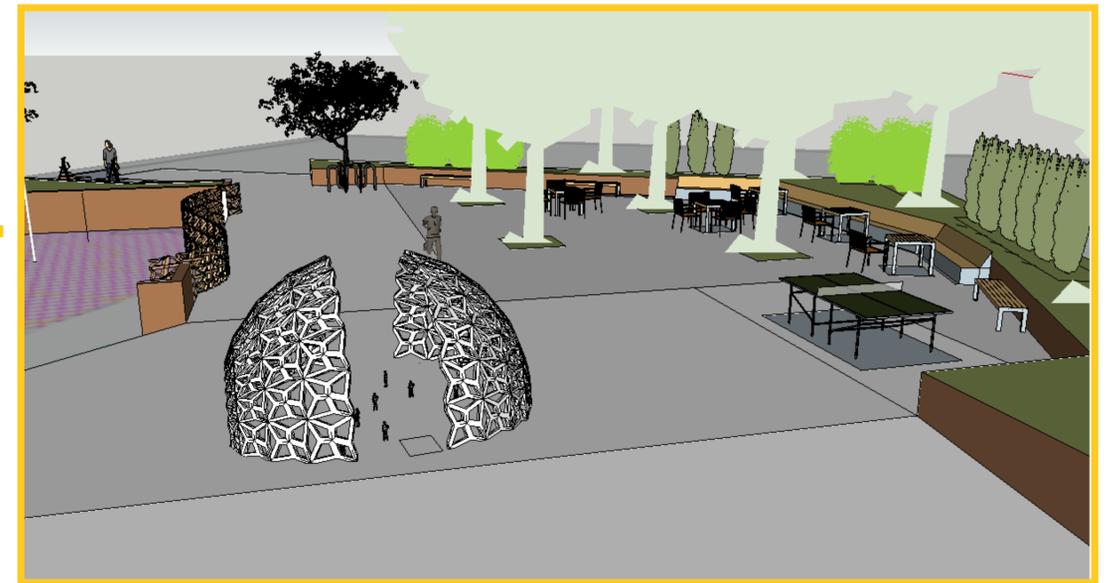


Play Wall and Sculpture

By removing the long brick wall between the swings and the elevated plaza, the site gains space for more modern play equipment such as a climbing structure or musical wall. The adjacent sculpture should be congruent in style to the wall for a collective appearance.

"Back" Corner

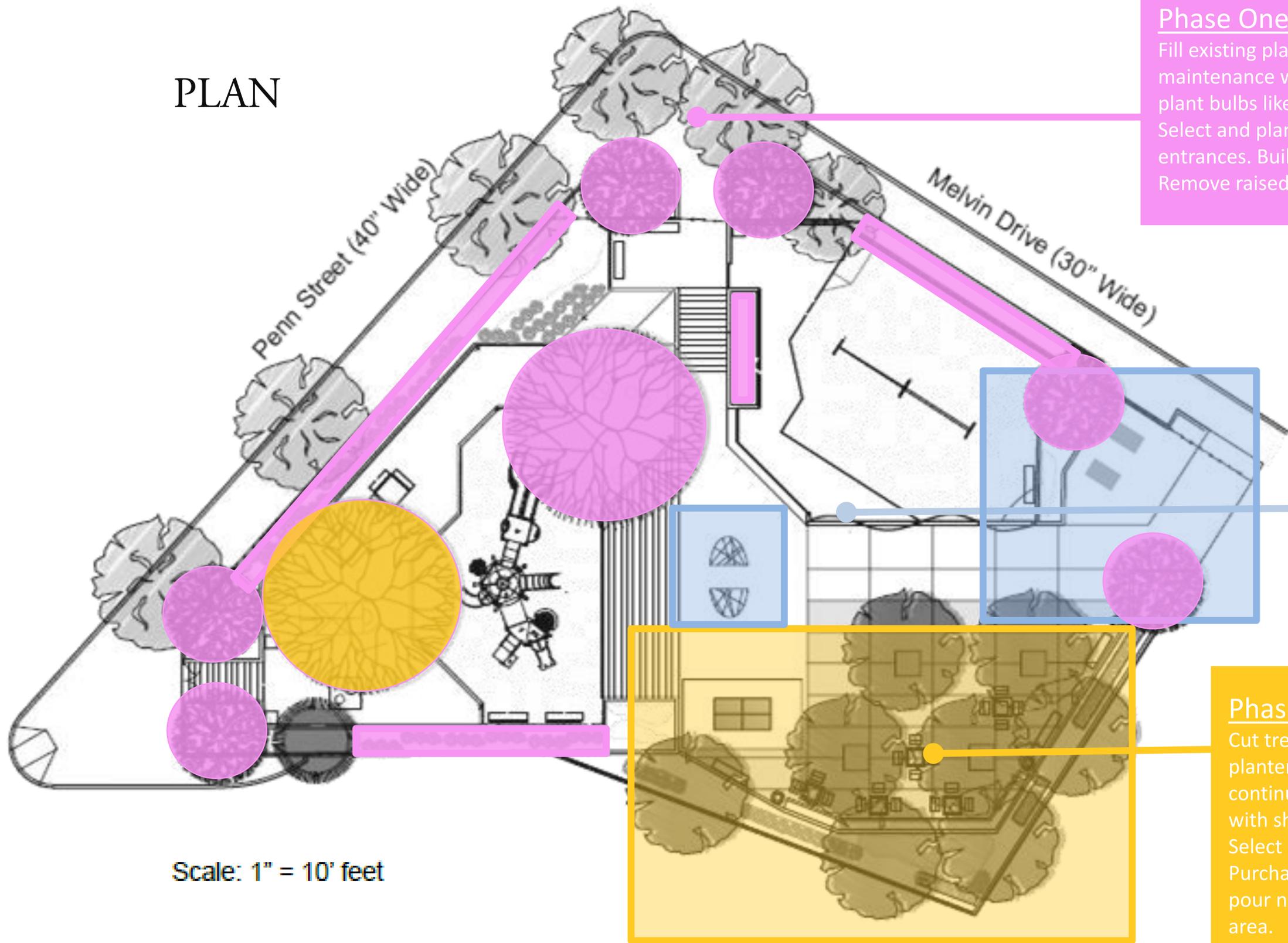
Gets a much needed face lift by removing the old raised planter and allowing for new active and passive activities on the site. An expansive bench and additional tables provide needed space for community dinners. New trees and plantings contribute to a more comfortable site.



New Additions

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Scale: 1" = 10' feet

Phase One

Fill existing planters with soft shrubs and low maintenance weeping ground covers. In fall, plant bulbs like tulips, daffodils, and allium. Select and plant small flowering trees at entrances. Build up plantings at entrances. Remove raised planter at rear.

Phase 3

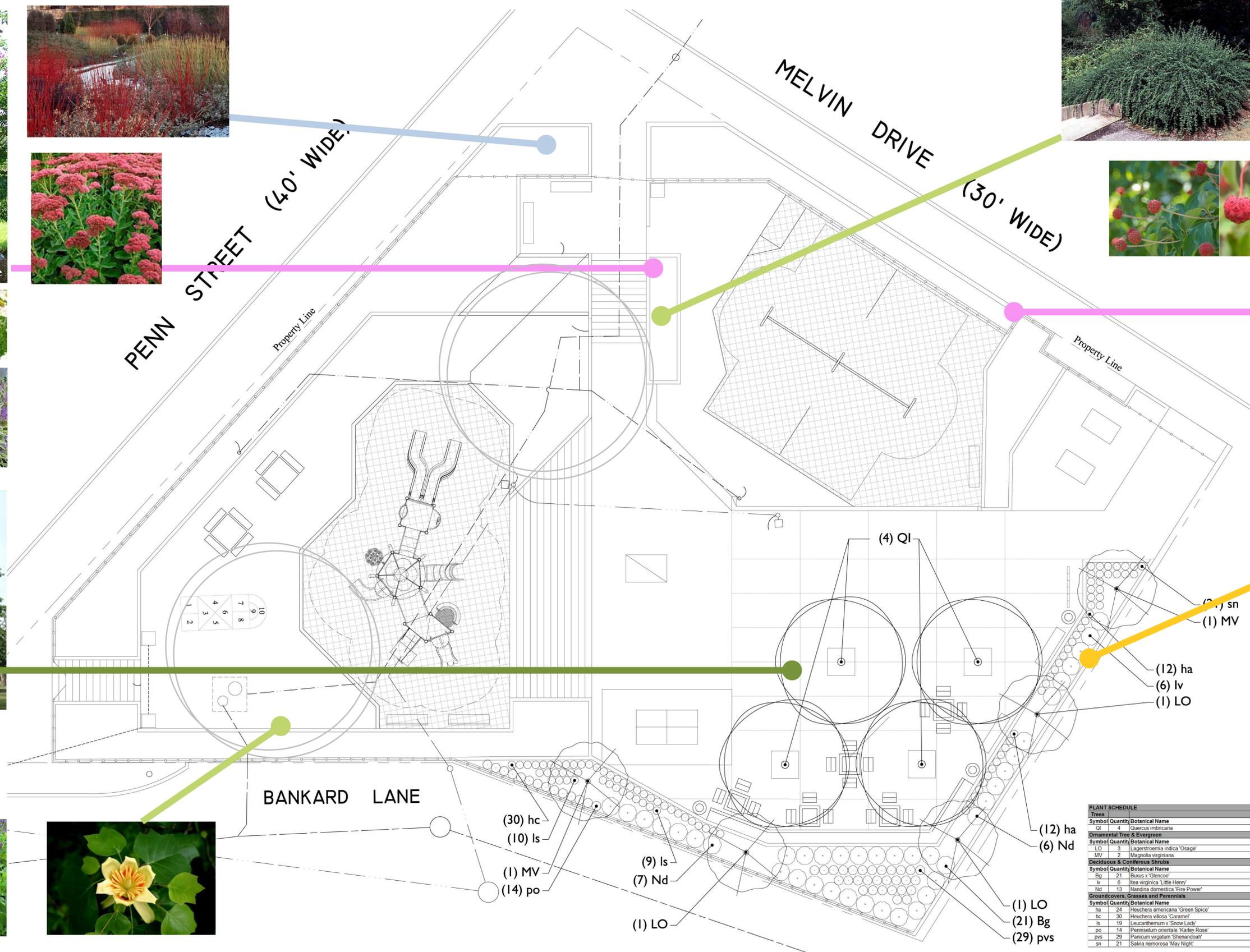
Begin working with an artist or playground representative on sculptural element and play wall designs. Make sure elements are transparent and contain no roof. Remove portion of the raised planter at the north east corner of the site and rebuild to incorporate exercise equipment. Remove section of brick wall between swings and raised plaza to make room for play element.

Phase 2

Cut tree pits and plant trees. Rebuild raised planters on southern side of site into one continuous planter. Plant additional raised bed with shrubs and new trees. (See planting plan.) Select and install tables and build bench seat. Purchase and install trash cans. If funds permit, pour new paving pattern/material in seating area.

Construction Phases

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PLANT SCHEDULE			
Trees			
Symbol	Quantity	Botanical Name	Common Name
QI	4	Quercus imbricaria	Shingle Oak
Ornamental Tree & Evergreen			
Symbol	Quantity	Botanical Name	Common Name
LO	3	Lagerstroemia indica 'Osage'	Osage Crape Myrtle
MV	2	Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay Magnolia
Deciduous & Coniferous Shrubs			
Symbol	Quantity	Botanical Name	Common Name
Bg	21	Buxus x 'Glencoe'	Chicagoland Green Boxwood
lv	6	Ilex virginica 'Little Henry'	Virginia Sweetpire
Nd	13	Nandina domestica 'Fire Power'	Fire Power Dwarf Bamboo
Groundcovers, Grasses and Perennials			
Symbol	Quantity	Botanical Name	Common Name
ha	24	Heuchera americana 'Green Spice'	Green Spice Coral Bells
hc	30	Heuchera villosa 'Caramel'	Caramel Coral Bells
ls	19	Leucanthemum x 'Snow Lady'	Dwarf Shasta Daisy
po	14	Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'	Pink Fountain Grass
pvs	29	Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'	Shenandoah Switchgrass
sn	21	Salvia nemorosa 'May Night'	May Night Sage

Planting Plan

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Get Inspired!

Your park and play space can be forever exciting with a little forethought. The night sky enhances this shade structure, and harnesses the existing sunshine with minimal effort.



Prefab is good too!

Playground companies are manufacturing all sorts of fun new stuff like this climber by Landscape Structures. When purchasing from a vendor, you know the equipment has passed through a rigorous safety inspection process.



Sculpture can be Fun

Objects and elements that have dual purpose maximize the possibility in your park. Enlist the help of some creative people to think through your designs and challenges

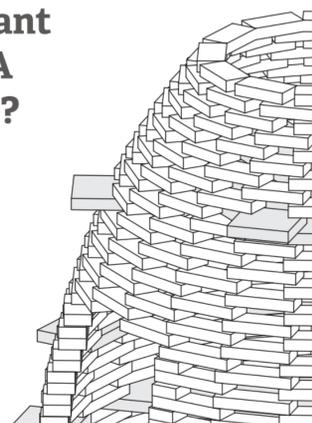


Harness your community's skills

It's ok to build your own stuff, or use local artisans to create a unique element in your park. Take advantage of Baltimore's talent!



So You Want To Build A Play Hive?



Relax!

Its always good to find time to unwind. Parks can be the perfect setting for a little nap.

Inspirations

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