

Public Open Space

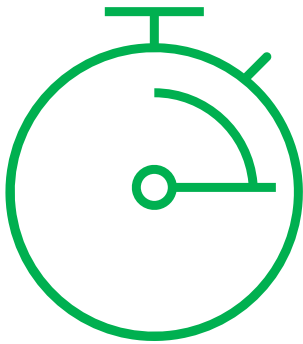
Zone Text Amendment

Park and Recreation Commission

Braddock Interim Park

04.20.2023

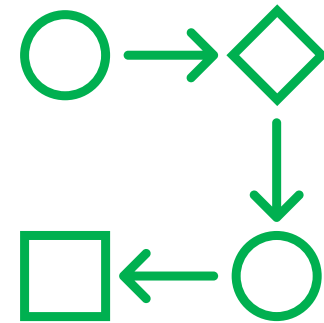
Project Goals



Create efficiencies



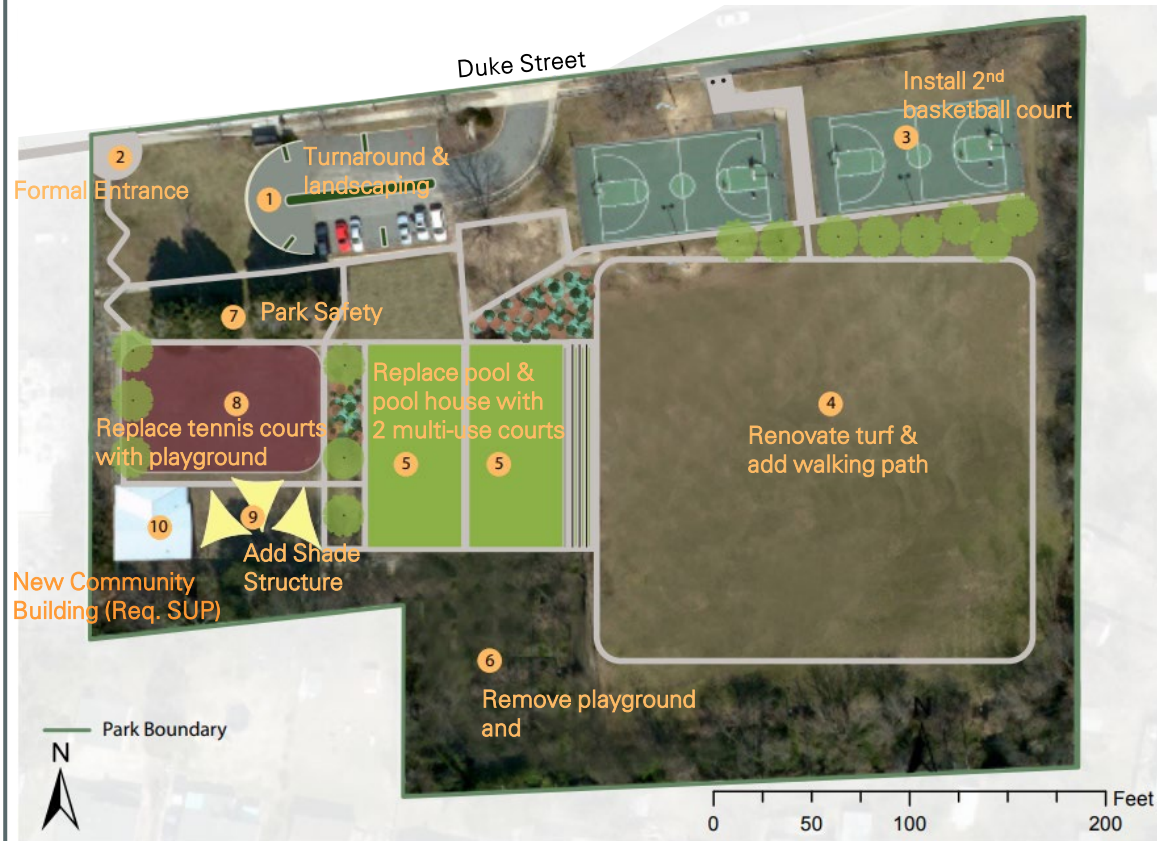
**Implement typical
recreational uses and
park safety**



**Implement approved
plans**

Summary of Amendments

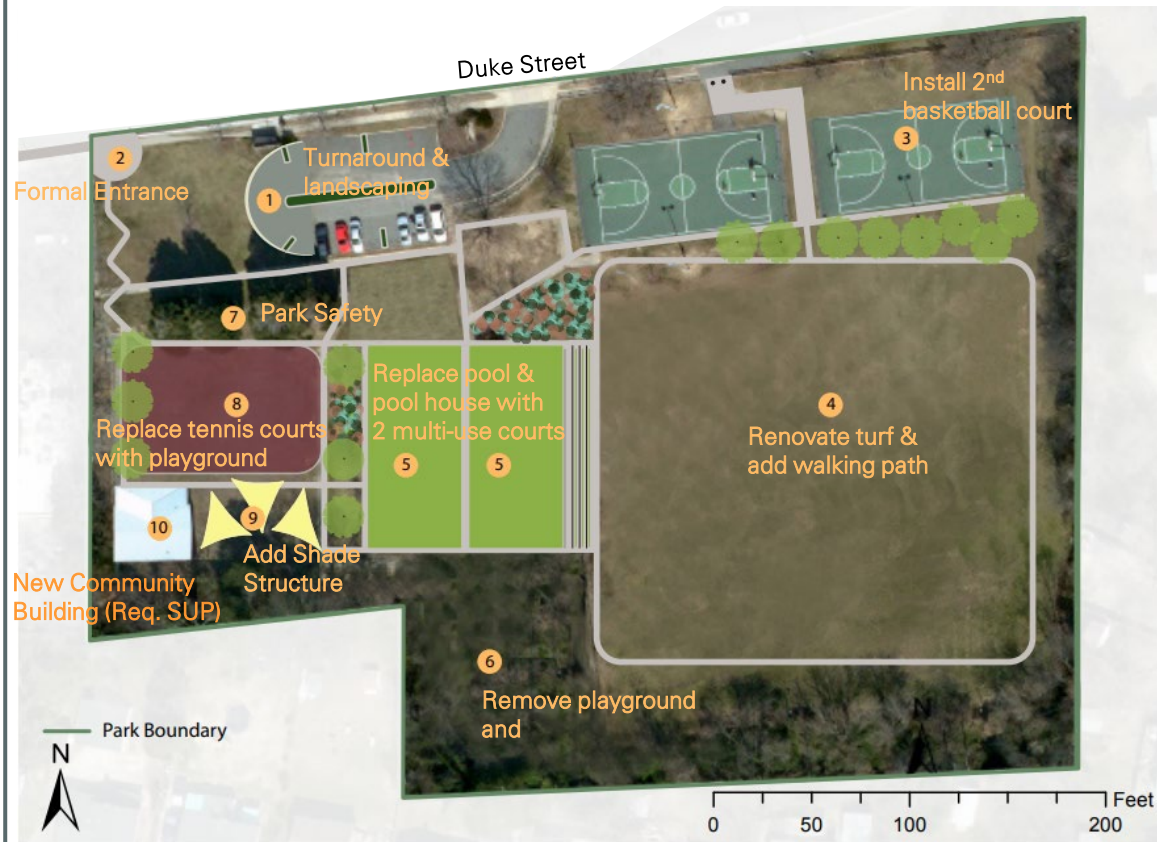
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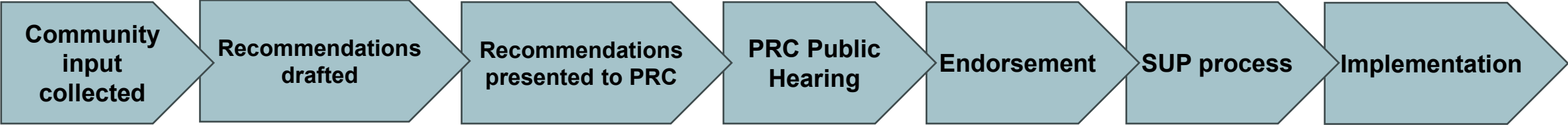
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4. Update allowable building and structure heights from 15 to 30 feet, and up to 50 feet with a Special Use Permit;
5. Allow pathway and parking lot lighting for safety;
6. Reduce the amount of uses requiring a Special Use Permit but continue to require congregate recreation facilities; and
7. Clean zoning ordinance language for consistency.

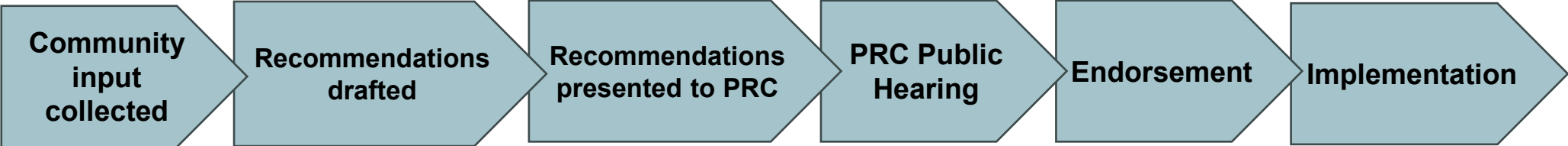


Hensley Park – SUP Request for Netting (Sept. 2022)

Current Park Planning Process



Proposed Park Planning Process





Committees/Commissions Meetings

- Park and Recreation Commission - March 16 (Patrick Henry Recreation Center)
- Community Meeting - March 20 (Virtual)
- Waterfront Commission - March 21 (City Hall)
- Public Arts Commission - March 21 (Lee Center)
- Open Space Steering Committee - March 28 (Virtual)
- Federation of Civic Associations - March 29 (Virtual)
- Youth Sports Advisory Board - April 10 (Mt. Vernon Recreation Center)
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission - April 18 (Lloyd House)
- Park and Recreation Commission - April 20 (Charles Houston Recreation Center)
- Alexandria City Public Schools - internal coordination meetings

Public Outreach Conducted



Mt. Jefferson Park



Angel Park



Armistead Boothe Park



Feedback Received

- The amendment is generally supported.
- Streamlining the process and increasing efficiency is seen as a positive change.
- Some people have concerns about how the amendment could lead to increased development of parks

Commission Action

The Park and Recreation Commission endorse the proposed text amendment to the Public Open Space and Community Recreation (POS) zone.

Project webpage: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/public-open-space-zone-text-amendment>



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