

# Arlington Town Reservoir

## Playground Improvements

### Public Input Meeting 2

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# Goals for the Meeting

Get feedback from the community on:

- Playground equipment (Swings, slides, etc.)
- Playground features (sand play, plantings, etc.)
- Preference from (3) playground designs

# Survey Results

1. What age are the children that you bring to the playground? How old will they be this summer?  
(Please select all that apply) (941 responses)

• Toddlers, under 2 years old	8.5%	80/941
• 2 to 5 years old	18.7%	176/941
• 5 to 8 years old	22.6%	213/941
• 9 to 12 years old	19.0%	179/941
• Teenagers, 13 and older	11.6%	109/941
• n/a	49.5%	466/941

# Survey Results

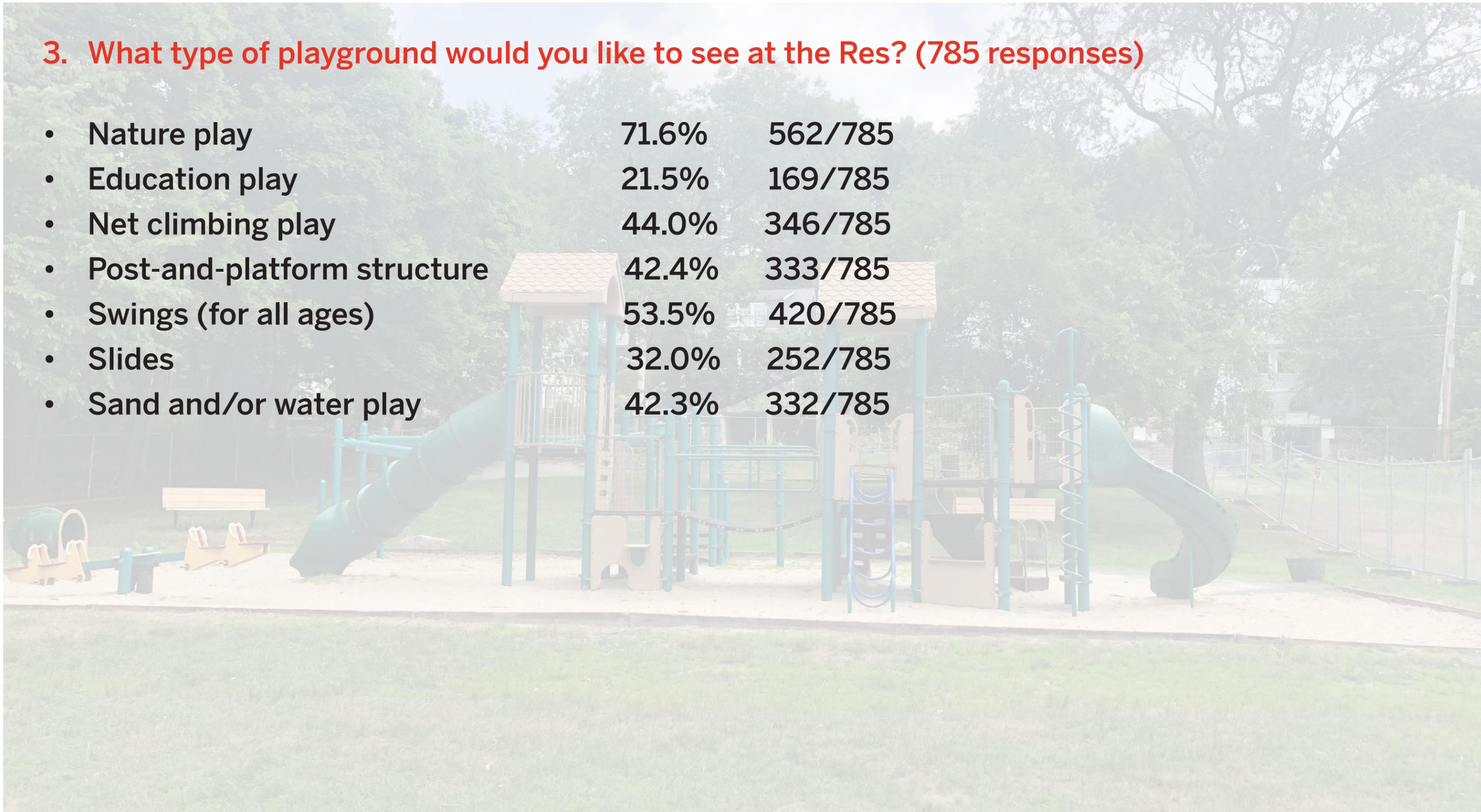
## 2. Please share any other thoughts/ideas you have for the playground: (341 responses)

- More shade – 46
- More climbing structures – 23
- Blend with the natural environment/natural elements (i.e. stumps, rocks, logs) – 26
- Be able to access it year round without beach pass – 20
- More swings – 20
- Splash pad/spray park – 16
- More/better benches/seating – 14
- Mix for kids of all ages – 17
- Something unique to Arlington – 11
- Water play – 11
- Picnic tables – 10
- Sand play/sand box/digging – 9
- Fencing to keep dogs out/keep kids in – 9
- Accessibility/inclusivity – 9
- Materials that can withstand sand & water – 8
- Use natural materials rather than plastics – 8
- Creative/open-ended play – 8
- Monkey bars – 8
- Volleyball – 8
- Zipline – 7
- Trash cans – 7
- Expand area for under 2 years old/toddlers – 7
- Adult exercise equipment – 7
- Activities for older kids – 6
- No bright/primary colors – 6
- Keep the geese away – 5
- Keep sand surface – 4
- Water (drinking) fountain – 4
- No post-and-platform (enough in town) – 4
- Web/net climber – 4
- Bocce court – 3
- Do not overbuild or add more equipment – 3
- Basketball hoop – 2
- Gymnastic-type/ninja warrior equipment – 2
- Sport/play equipment for in the water, i.e. beach balls, water polo, b-ball hoop) – 2
- Did not know there was a playground – 2
- No wood chip surfacing – 2
- No rubber surfacing – 2
- Flat surface/track for bikes/scooters – 2

# Survey Results

## 3. What type of playground would you like to see at the Res? (785 responses)

• Nature play	71.6%	562/785
• Education play	21.5%	169/785
• Net climbing play	44.0%	346/785
• Post-and-platform structure	42.4%	333/785
• Swings (for all ages)	53.5%	420/785
• Slides	32.0%	252/785
• Sand and/or water play	42.3%	332/785



# Playground features



Shade canopy



Tricycle track



Rope course



Sand play

# Playground features



Group components



Zipline or monkey bars



Seating area (benches, picnic, etc)



Boulders/climbing

# Playground features

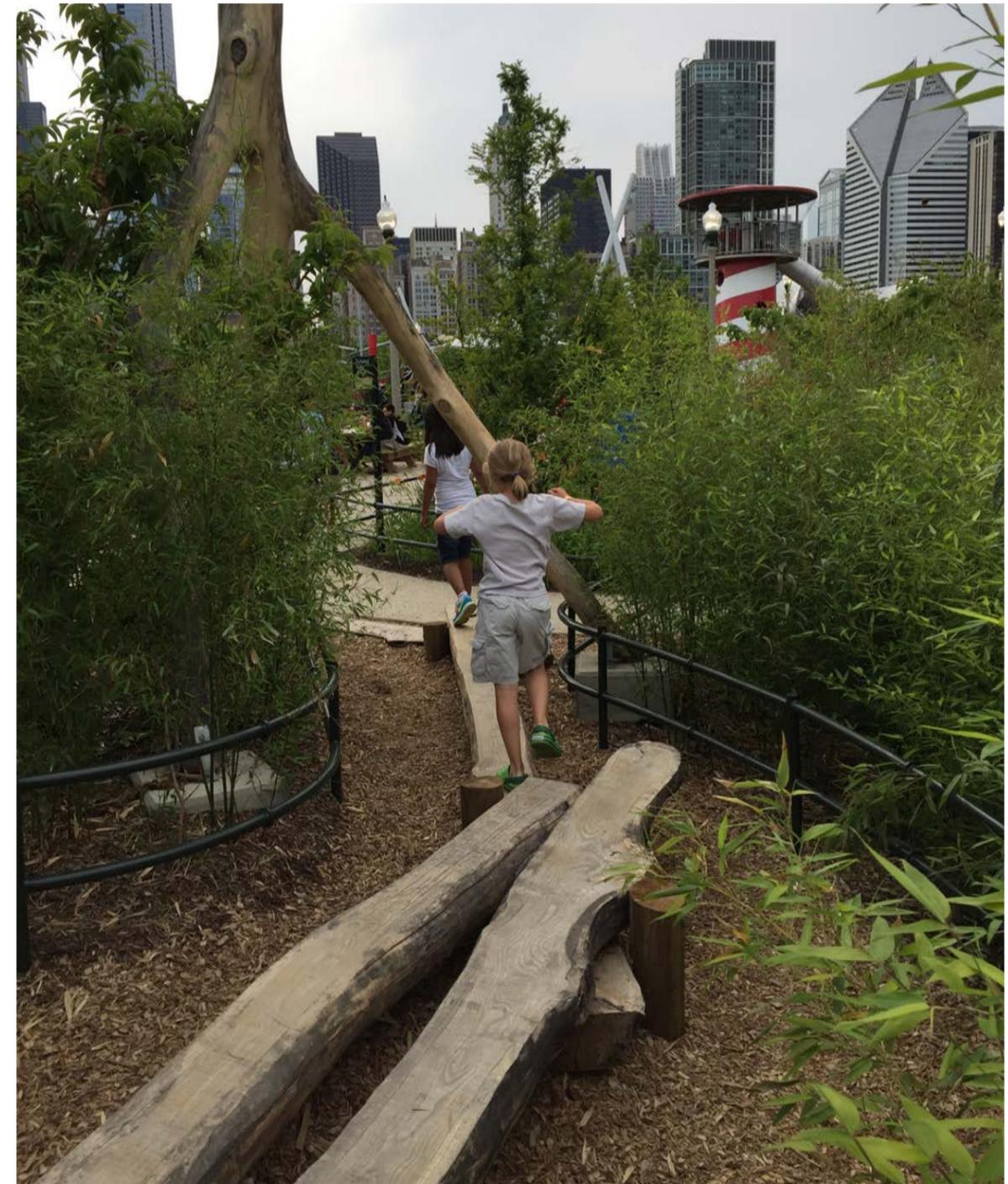


Swings

Group Swings

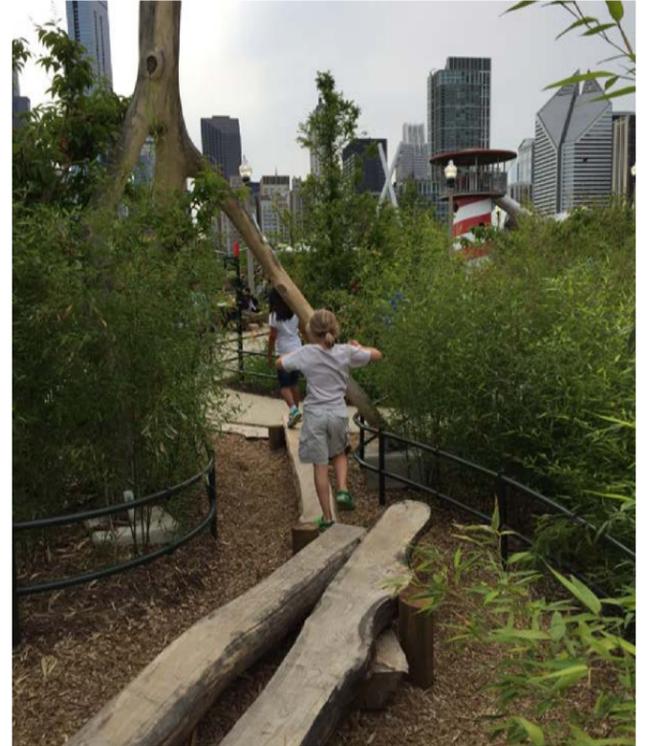


Water play



Nature play

# Comments on playground equipment?



Since last meeting...

Based on feedback from last meeting and survey, we created 3 concepts:

1) Large main structures

Play is more concentrated in a couple big structures. Separate age group areas.  
Wooden equipment, mix of natural play and contemporary playground.

2) No main structure, several smaller components

No big structure, but several smaller pieces of play equipment spread out.  
Could utilize mounds and slope for added play value.  
Wooden equipment with trees for shade.

3) Contemporary playground equipment

Metal posts & rope climbers with rubber surfacing.  
Traditional style playground with shade canopy and contained sand play.

# Concept 1

- Larger play structures
- Combines nature + contemporary

max roof ht: 13'-8"

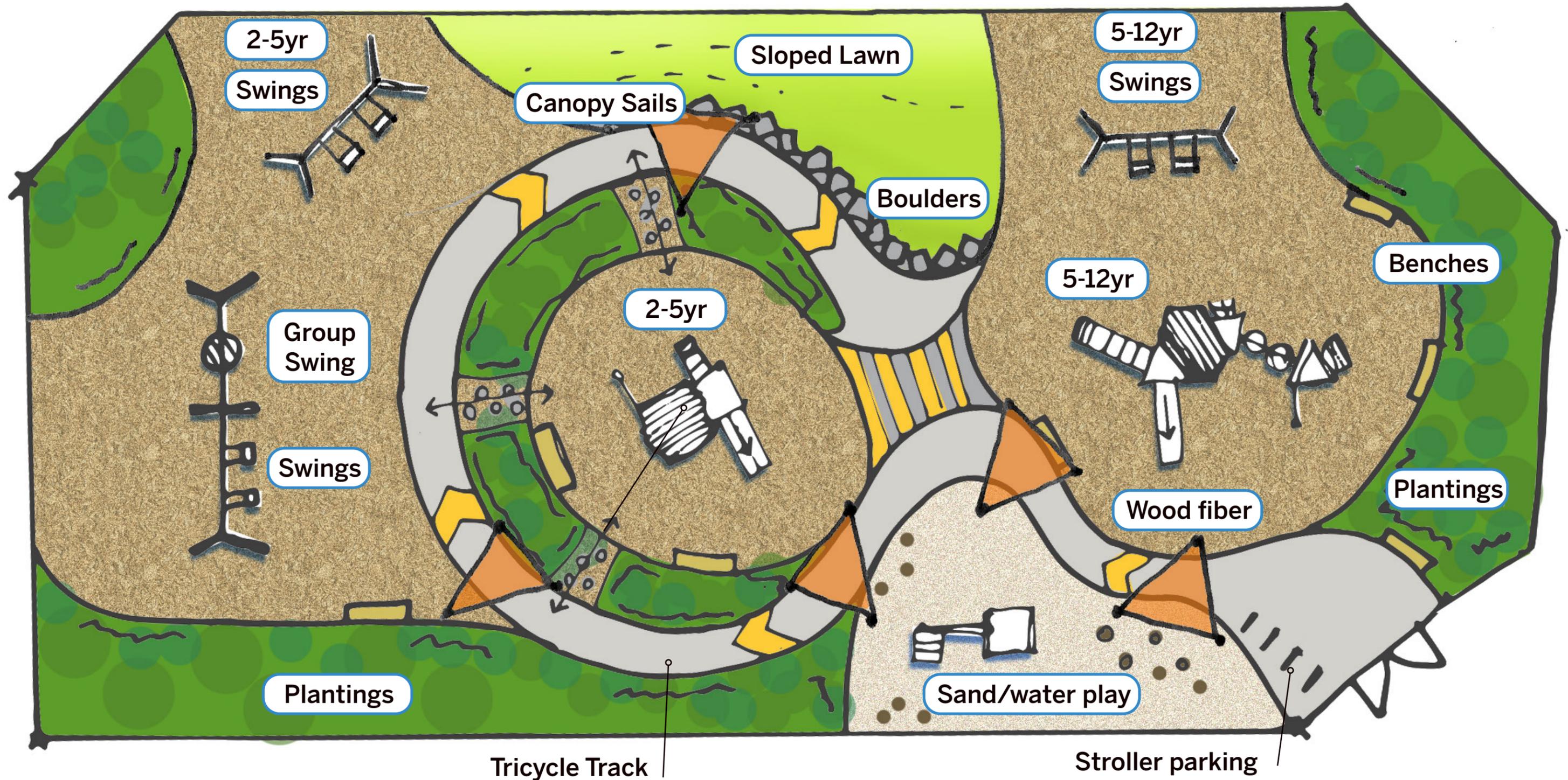


max roof ht: 10'-9"



# Concept 1

- Separate 2-5yr & 5-12yr play
- Main structures
- Wooden equipment
- Tricycle track loop
- Several shade canopy sails
- Swings spread out



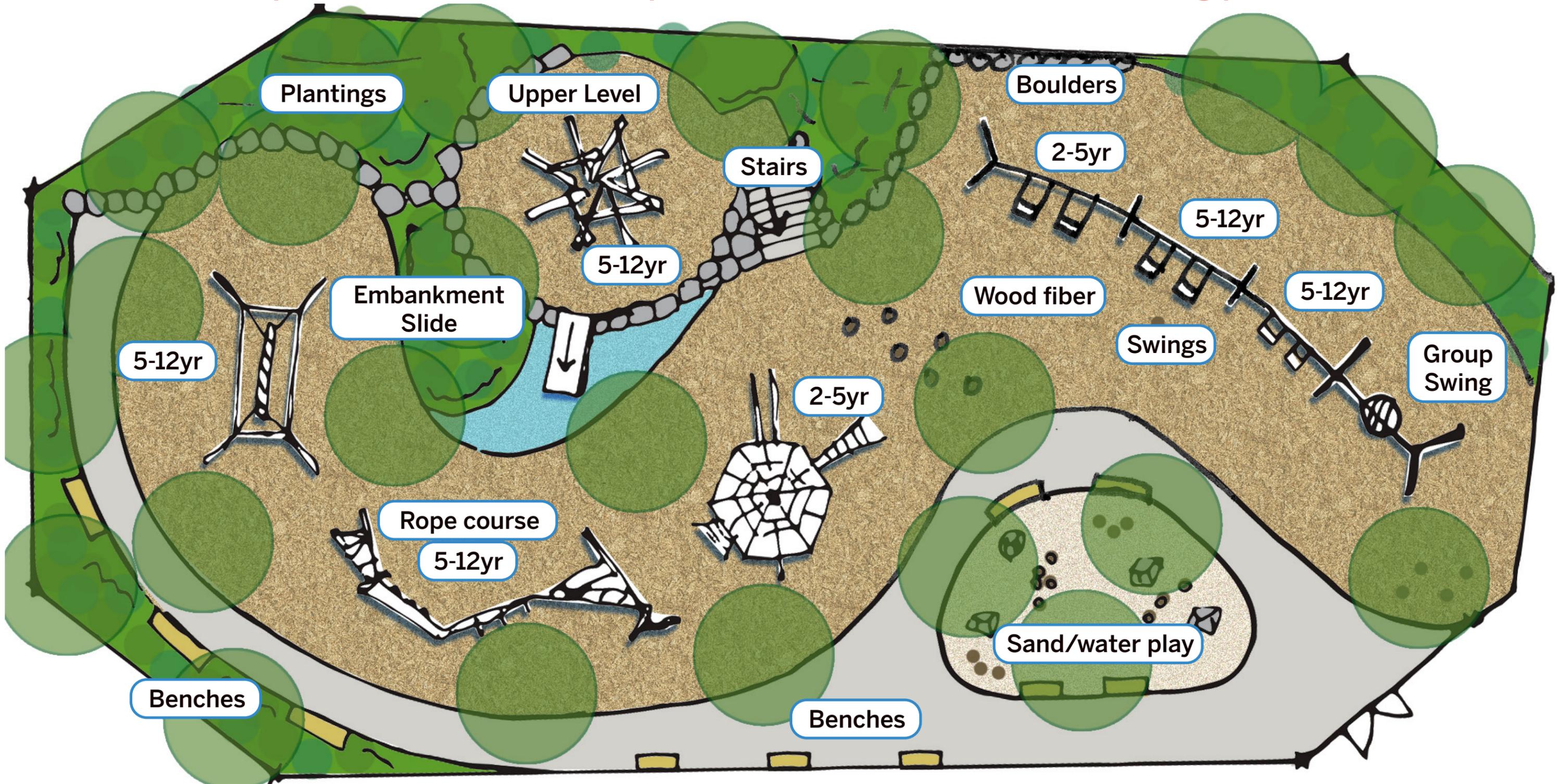
# Concept 2

- More, smaller play structures
- Mostly ground level access
- Interpretive play- more of a play course vs. main structures
- Naturalistic



# Concept 2

- Combined play
- Several components
- Wooden equipment
- Rope course
- Shade via trees
- Paved walking path



# Concept 3

- Mix of traditional and rope/arches
- Two large structures
- Rubber surfacing

13'-4 ht, 26'-8" diameter

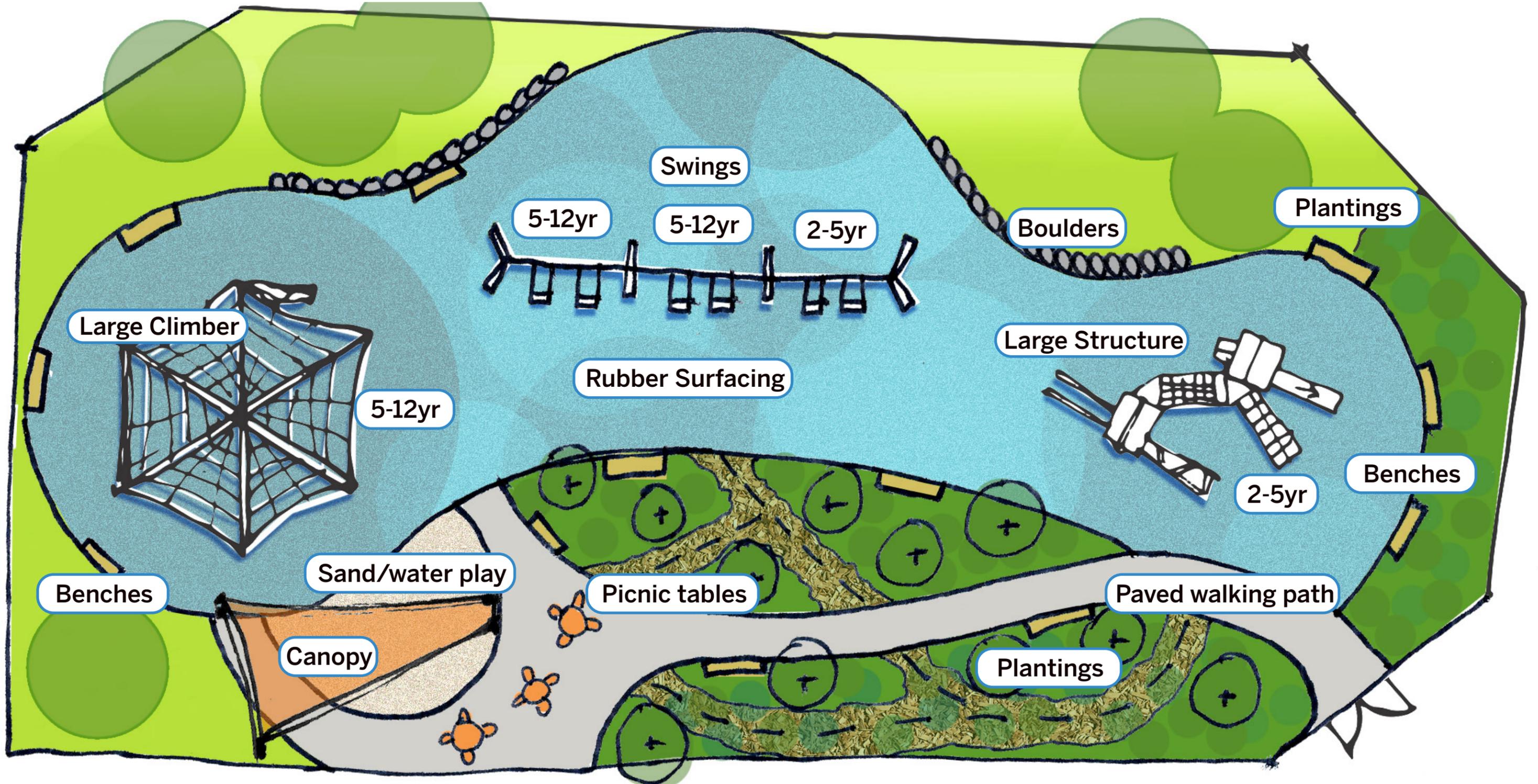


Play tower

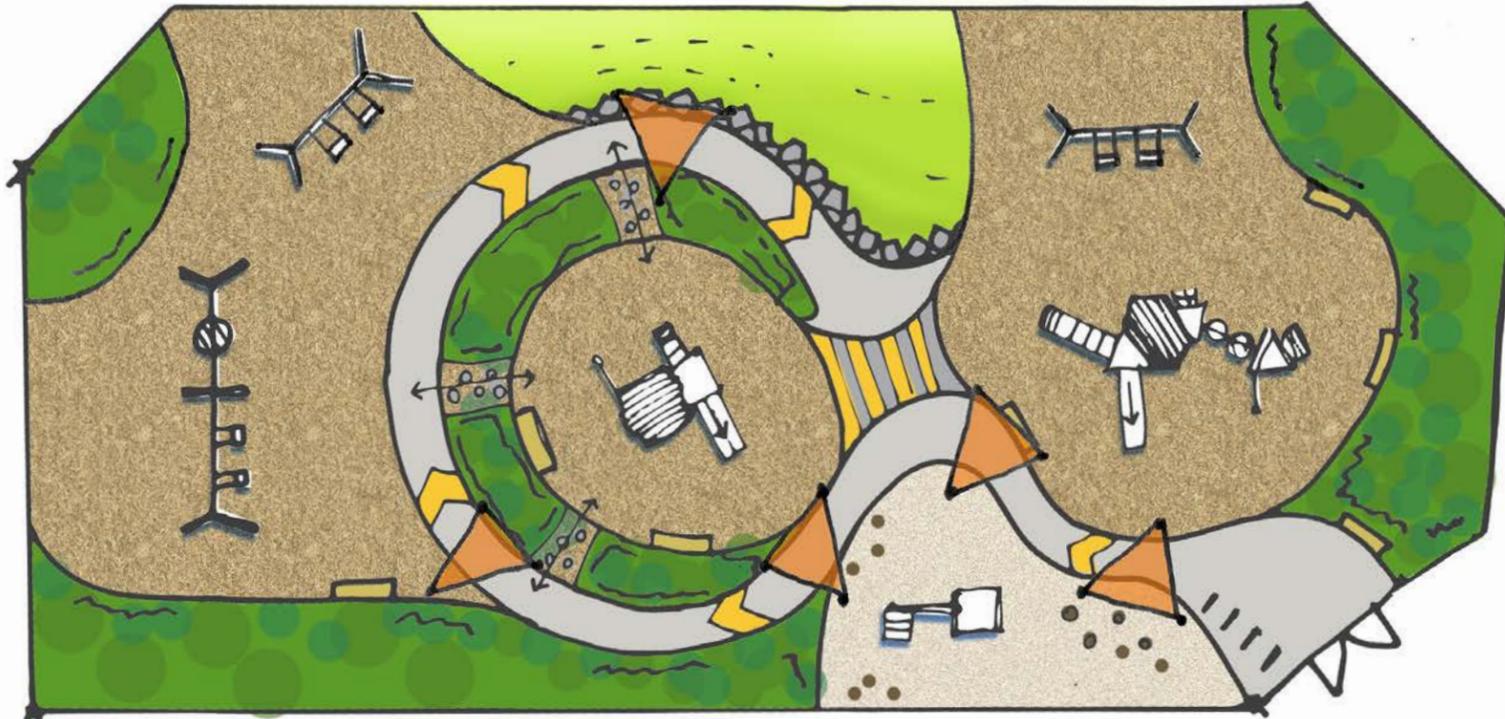


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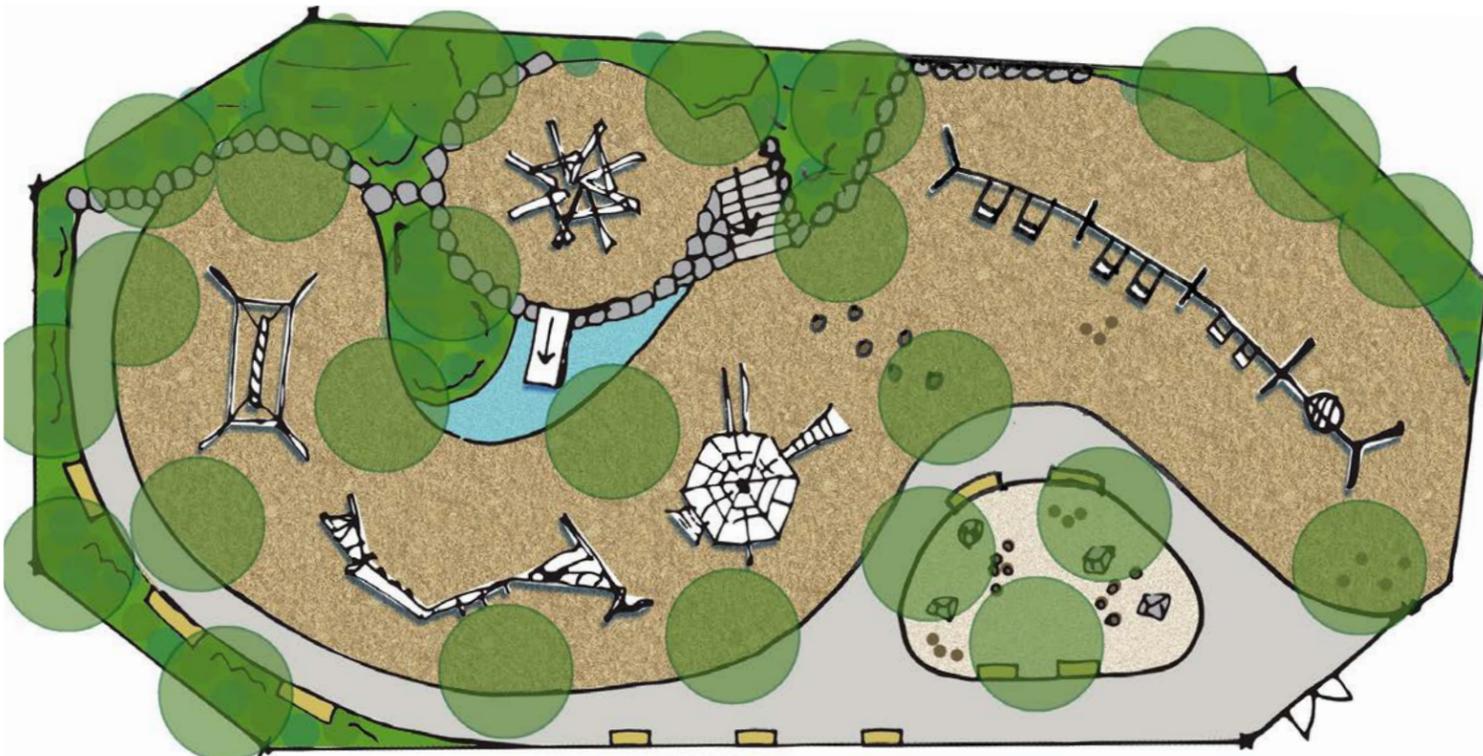
- 2 big group structures
- Combined swings
- Metal post equipment
- Rubber surfacing
- Shade canopy by picnic area
- Internal nature paths



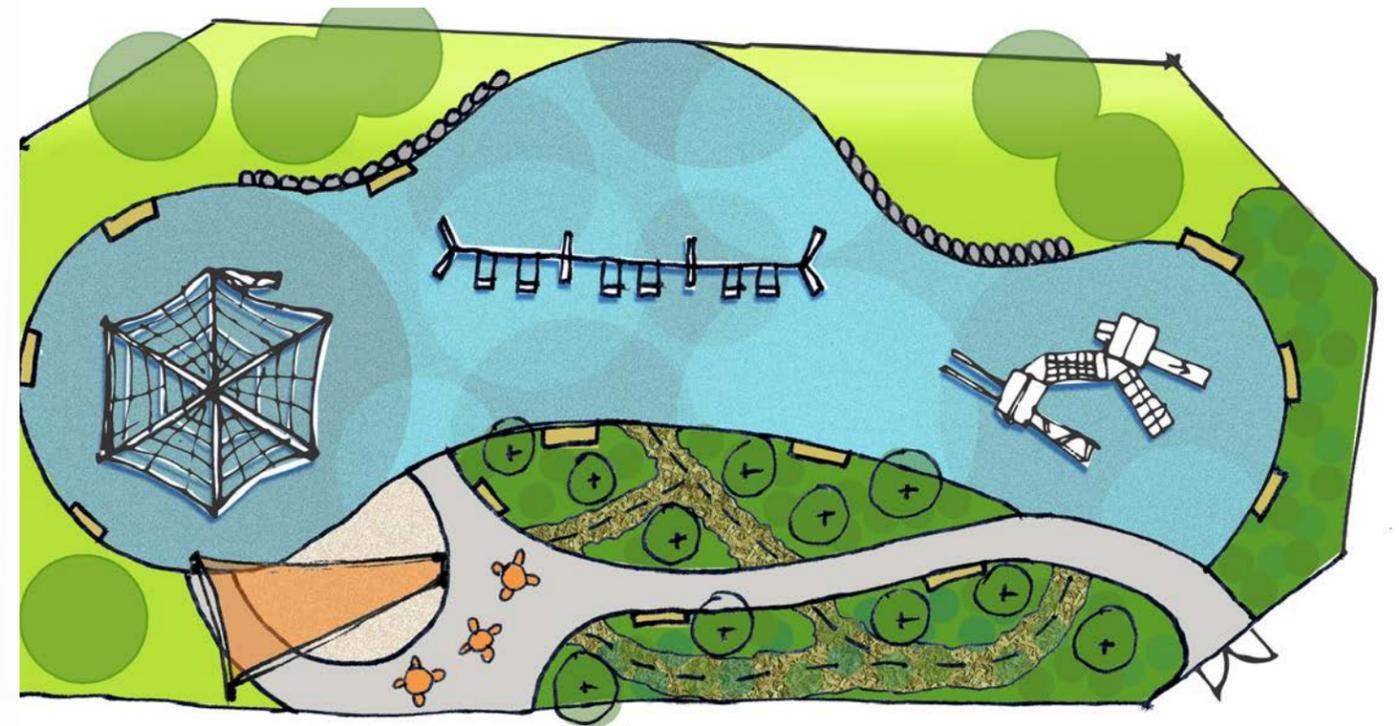
# Comments on playground themes?



Concept 1



Concept 2



Concept 3