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Grant Upper Field Improvements

Project Presentation & Update

September 30, 2020

AGENDA

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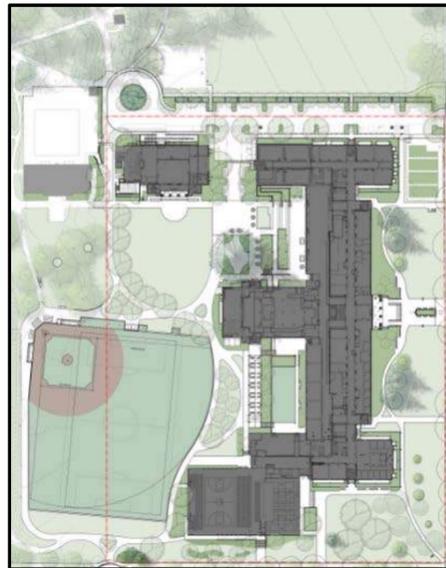
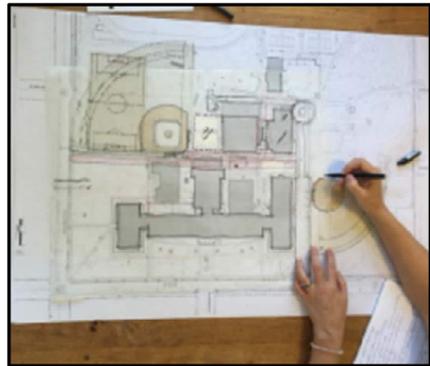
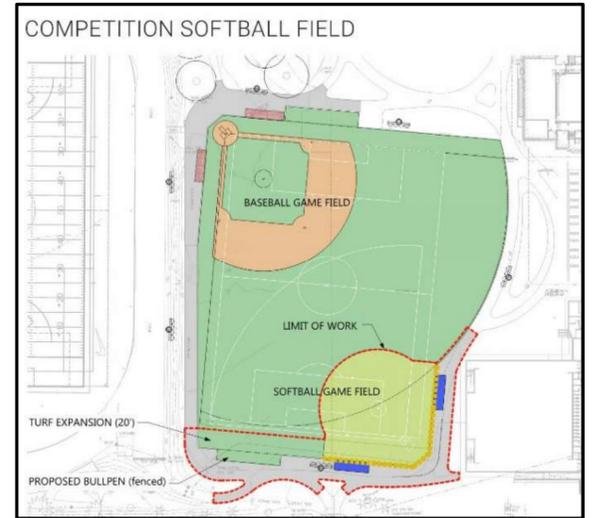
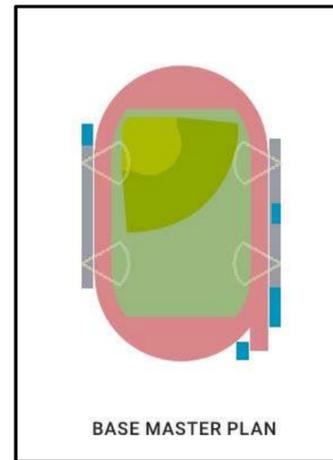
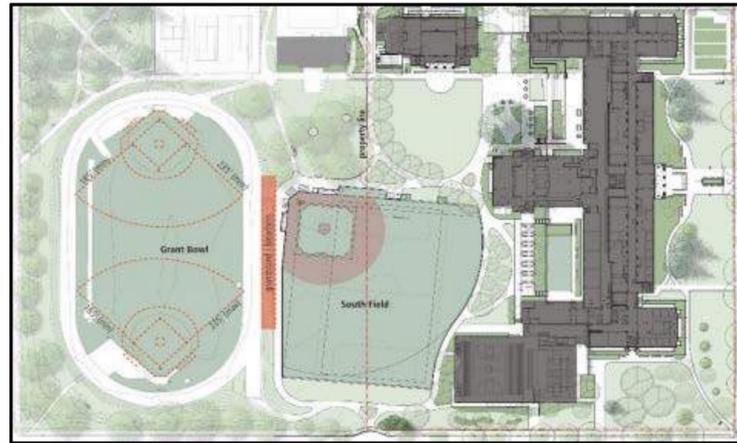
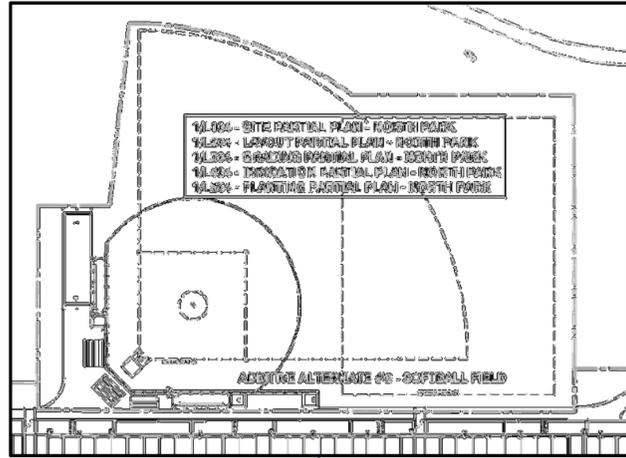
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Collaboration Agreement / Parks Use 0:05

Design Schedule and Next Steps 0:05

Project History





2015

2020

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2017

2018

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2019

2020

Grant Master Planning – softball indicated in north field

50% CD documents – softball identified as alternate in modernization

100% CD documents – softball removed from modernization

Community & Board of Education (BOE) workshops to explore softball options

BOE directs project team to proceed with Master Planning for softball in Grant Bowl

Master Planning process including DAG & community meetings submit two plans to BOE

BOE direction to pursue alternate Master Plan, phase 1, placing softball in upper field

Expected Field Use

GHS Fall Field Sports

Grant High School football has primary use of Grant Park Bowl after school, and regularly utilizes the upper field for practice when Soccer plays games in the bowl.

This is a snapshot of Grant High School field activities. The facilities are also used by youth leagues and community organizations.

- **Women's Soccer**

- Three teams; Varsity, JV1, JV2
- 52 students in program
- Practice 2.5 hours each day
- Games are app. two hours long

- **Men's Soccer**

- Three teams; varsity, JV1, JV2
- 102 students in program
- Practice 2.5 hours each day
- Games are app. two hours long

Fall sports start at the beginning of school in September (with some pre-season activities) with the season ending towards the end of October / Beginning of November. Sunset occurs approximately at 6:50 PM by September 30 and 4:57 PM by November 1. School ends at 3:30 PM.

GHS Spring Field Sports

Grant High School Track and Field is a robust program with almost 200 students participating on the team. Track & field activities and meets are held in the Grant Bowl and are not compatible with other sports. Track and Field youth leagues also utilize the bowl during the spring season.

- **Softball**

- Two to three teams
- 32-45 students in program
- Practices are 2.5 hours/day
- Games are app. three hours long
- No current play field at Grant, all practices & games played off-site, students miss school to travel to games

- **Baseball**

- Currently has three teams; Varsity, JV1, JV2 and has enough interest to create a fourth team
- 55 students in the program
- Practices are 2.5 hours / day
- Games are app. three hours long

- **Lacrosse**

- 100 students in the program (men and women)
- Practices are 2 hours / day
- Games are app. Two hours long

Spring sports start mid-March (with some pre-season activities) with the season ending towards the end of May. Sunset occurs approximately at 7:20 PM by mid-March. Classes end at 3:30.

Master Planning Review

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

OPTION A - Softball in the Bowl

ATHLETIC FIELD

LEGEND

- ATHLETIC FIELD (TURF)
- SOFTBALL INFIELD (TURF)
- TRACK SURFACING
- CINDER / INFIELD
- PAVED WALKWAYS
- PROPOSED BUILDING
- MOVABLE DUGOUT
- SEMI-PERMANENT BACKSTOP
- TEMPORARY BACKSTOP

PROS

- General: Seating and lights extend capabilities of the Bowl including hosting football and soccer games
- Softball: Able to provide facility that complies with title IX in Grant Bowl including temporary bulpens, movable dugouts, semi-permanent backstop.
- Softball: Sufficient backstop and fencing design for safe facility (20'). Homeplate to fence
- Track: Increased javelin runway 68' to 95'
- Track: Added shot put cinder landing area and more practice throwing rings.
- Track: Added more track surfacing in 'D' Zones
- Track: Placed discus and shot put in same 'D' Zone (coaching shared). More space for shot put practice rings.

CONS

- Softball: Backstop fencing in Grant Bowl is 10' from football/soccer field play lines.
- Softball: Home plate to fencing is 20' (NFHS is 25')
- Softball: Backstop netting is semi-permanent and requires soccer lift to remove/retail.
- Softball: Outfield (200') overlap if both Bowl fields utilized.
- Softball: Requires use of portable seating shelters for dugouts.
- Little League: Removes both permanent backstops in Bowl
- Soccer: Field in the Bowl reduced in width from 210' to 205' (still within regulations).
- Track: Requires adjustment to long jump and pole vault runways

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

OPTION B - Softball at the Upper Field

ATHLETIC FIELD

LEGEND

- ATHLETIC FIELD (TURF)
- SOFTBALL INFIELD (TURF)
- TRACK SURFACING
- CINDER / INFIELD
- PAVED WALKWAYS
- PROPOSED BUILDING
- PERMANENT BACKSTOP

PROS

- General: Seating and lights extend capabilities of the Bowl including hosting football and soccer games
- General: Adds lights to upper field to extend use of facility
- Softball: Able to provide facility that complies with title IX on upper field including bulpens and permanent covered dugouts
- Softball: Sufficient backstop and fencing design for safe facility (25', homeplate to fence) on upper field
- Softball: Upper field linework less distracting (no football lines)
- Softball: More easily accessible seating for spectators
- Softball: Closer to locker room and indoor facilities
- Soccer: Adds length to upper field by extending turf south.
- Track: Increased javelin runway 68' to 95'
- Track: Added shot put cinder landing area and more practice throwing rings.
- Track: Added more surface in 'D' Zone (possible high jump)

CONS

- General: Renovation to new field multi-use field.
- General: Expansion of multi-use upper field reduces landscape area.
- General: Requires additional investment for lights on upper field.
- Little League: Removes one Grant Bowl backstop (permanent chainlink).
- Baseball and softball: Will need to coordinate as fields overlap on upper field.

FIELD LIGHTING AND SCOREBOARD

OPTION A - Softball in the Bowl

FIELD LIGHTING

LEGEND

- PROPOSED LIGHTING
- PROPOSED SCOREBOARD
- EXISTING SCOREBOARD

PROS

- Increases the usability of the Bowl for a wide array of activities and events.
- Allows home football, soccer, lacrosse games
- Accommodates softball practice and games at GHS
- Provides low level lighting of track for community early morning evening use
- Increases safety of the park by adding more activity and more lights
- Reduces vandalism of the Bowl and the park
- Scoreboard faces north, away from neighbors' houses
- Maintains use of existing scoreboard for baseball

CONS

- Upper field remains without lights limiting its use

FIELD LIGHTING AND SCOREBOARD

OPTION B - Softball at the Upper Field

FIELD LIGHTING

LEGEND

- PROPOSED LIGHTING
- PROPOSED SCOREBOARD

PROS

- Increases the usability of the Bowl for a wide array of activities and events.
- Allows home football, soccer, lacrosse games
- Allows evening use of upper field for practice and games
- Accommodates softball practice and games at GHS
- Provides low level lighting of track for community early morning evening use
- Increases safety of the park by adding more activity and more lights
- Reduces vandalism of the Bowl and the park
- Efficiency of using singles poles for back to back field lighting

CONS

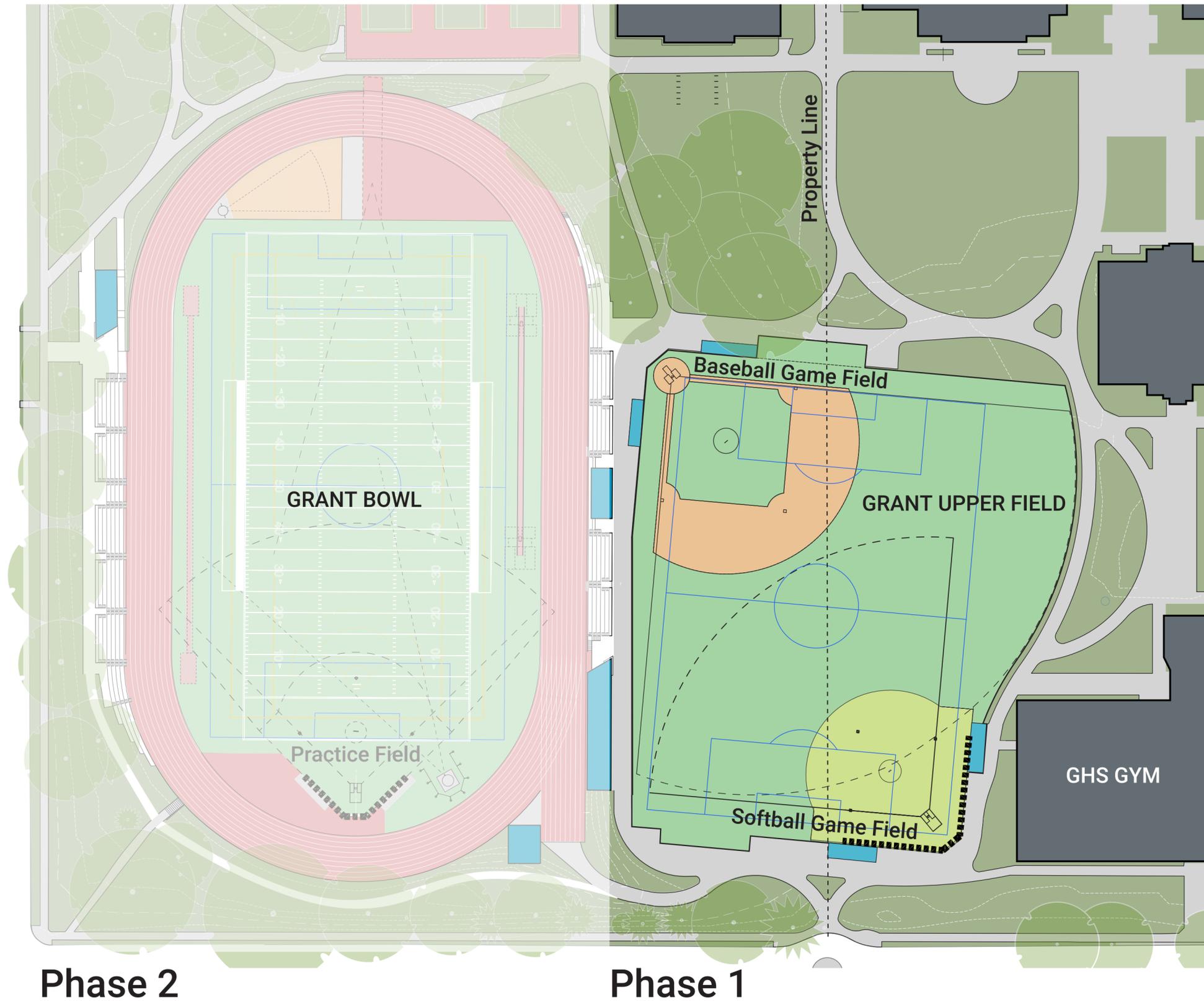
- Additional cost of additional lights
- Bowl scoreboard faces south, may be visible from US Grant Place
- Requires new or relocated scoreboard for upper field so that it accommodates both baseball and softball

Low pole lights, poor cut-off angles:

Full pole lights, sharper cut-off angles:

Strong preference for Option B - softball at the upper field

ALTERNATE MASTER PLAN



Phase 1

Upper Field Improvements:

- Softball Field
- Lights

Phase 2

Grant Bowl Improvements:

- Seating
- Concessions
- Lights

COMMUNITY CONCERNS SUMMARY

1. Parking and traffic impacts during events.
2. Noise from amplified audio systems during games.
3. Lighting allows evening use of field bringing additional noise and traffic.
4. Fencing will move closer to NE US Grant Pl.
5. Desire for additional landscape screening along NE US Grant Pl.

Current Project Scope

UPPER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Competition Softball Field

Meet OSAA guidelines for dimensions and safety

Appropriate backstop fencing

Bullpen area for pitcher warmup

Permanent dugouts with roofs to match baseball

Bleacher seating for approximately 140 (similar to baseball)

Portable outfield fence

Scoreboard

Scoreboard to serve softball (use/relocate existing if possible)

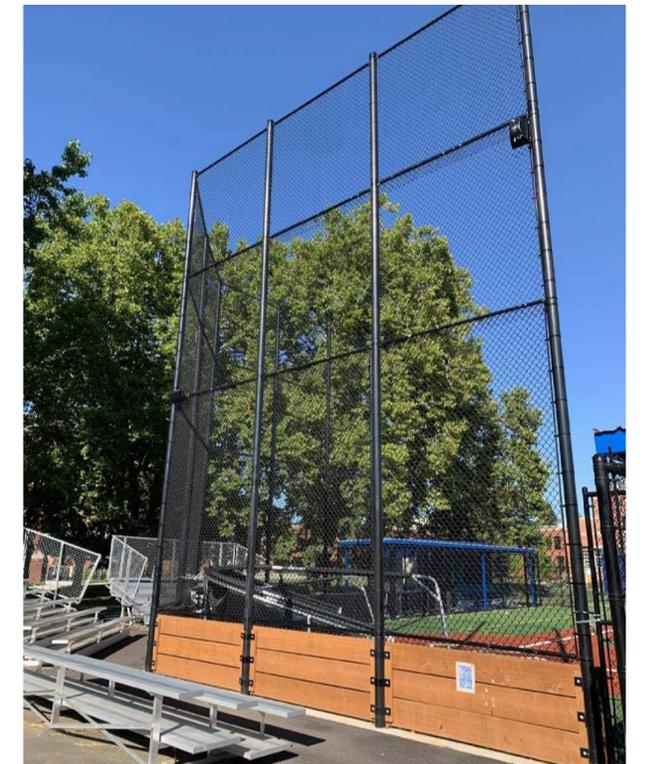
Lights

LED field lights to allow safe use of the shared-use field during low-daylight hours

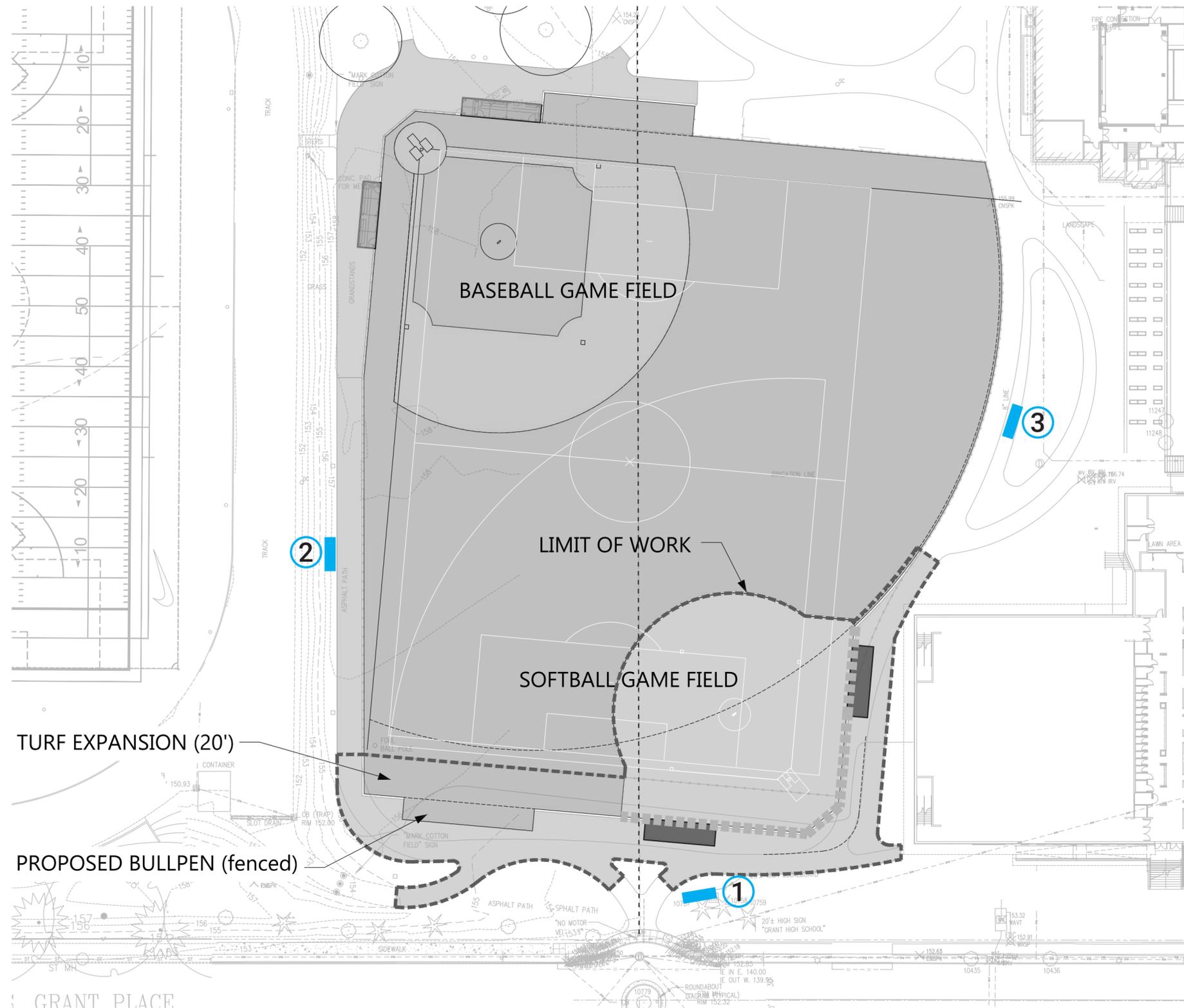
COMPETITION SOFTBALL FIELD



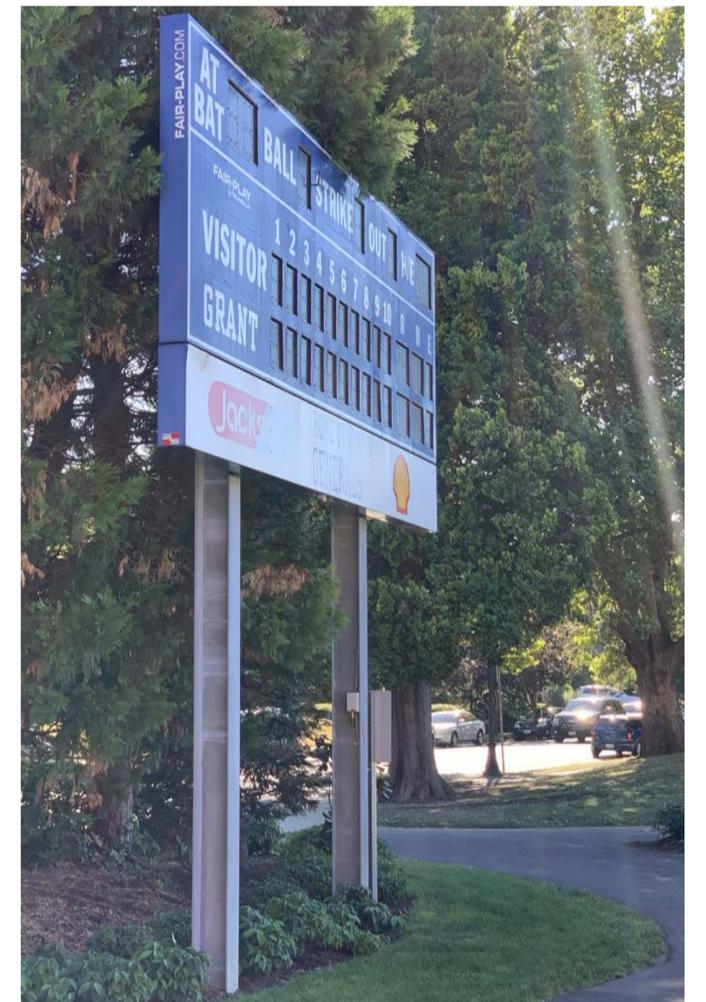
Bleachers, dugouts, backstop to match baseball field



SCOREBOARD

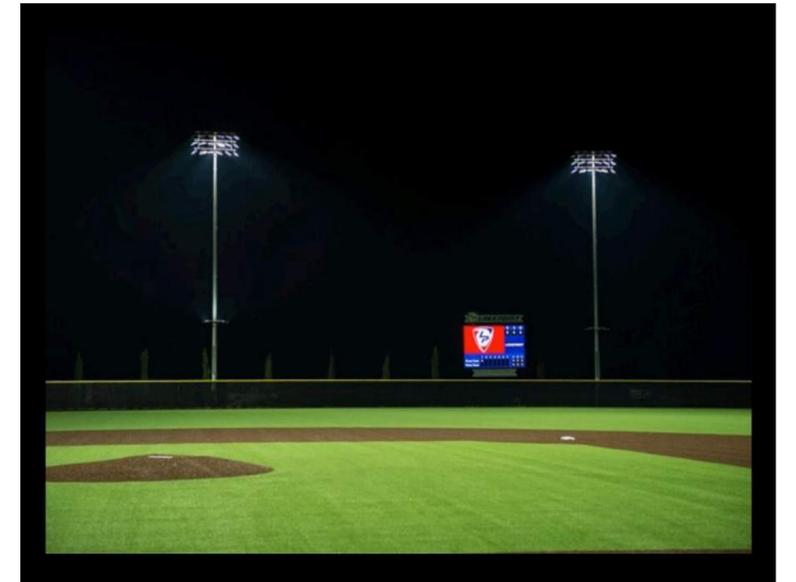
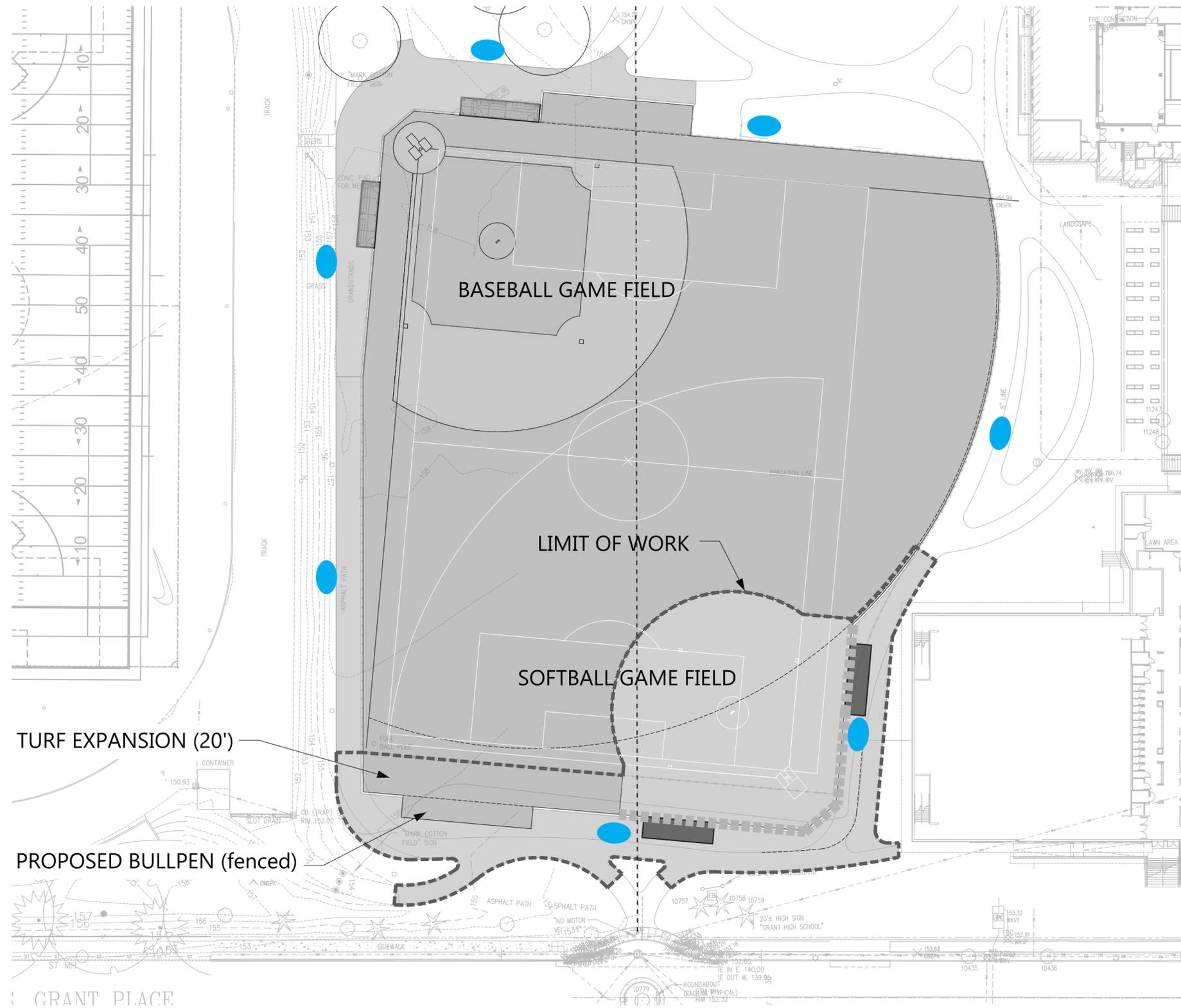


- 1 EXISTING BASEBALL SCOREBOARD
- 2 POTENTIAL NEW SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD
- 3 POTENTIAL RELOCATED BASEBALL SCOREBOARD



View of existing baseball scoreboard from third base line softball bleachers

LIGHTS



Proposed LED lighting system with precise control, low energy use and limited glare



Older technology sports lighting

Collaboration Agreement



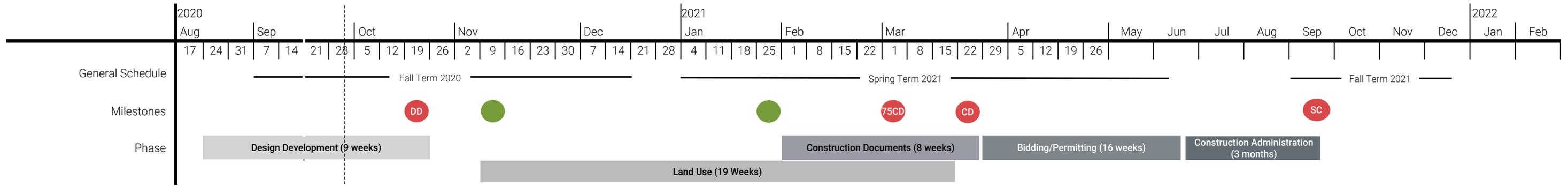
- Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) owns the Bowl and part of the Upper Field.
- PP&R supports PPS's efforts to improve the upper field.
- The project will improve Grant Park for PPS, student athletes, and the community.
- PPS and public use hours:
Subject to negotiation at this time; ultimately will be set in the land use process
Present use hours per Collaboration Agreement
Expect new Collaboration Agreement may modify use hours
We welcome the public's feedback on potential schedule
- Land use process: public input, hours of use, lighting

Next Steps

SCHEDULE

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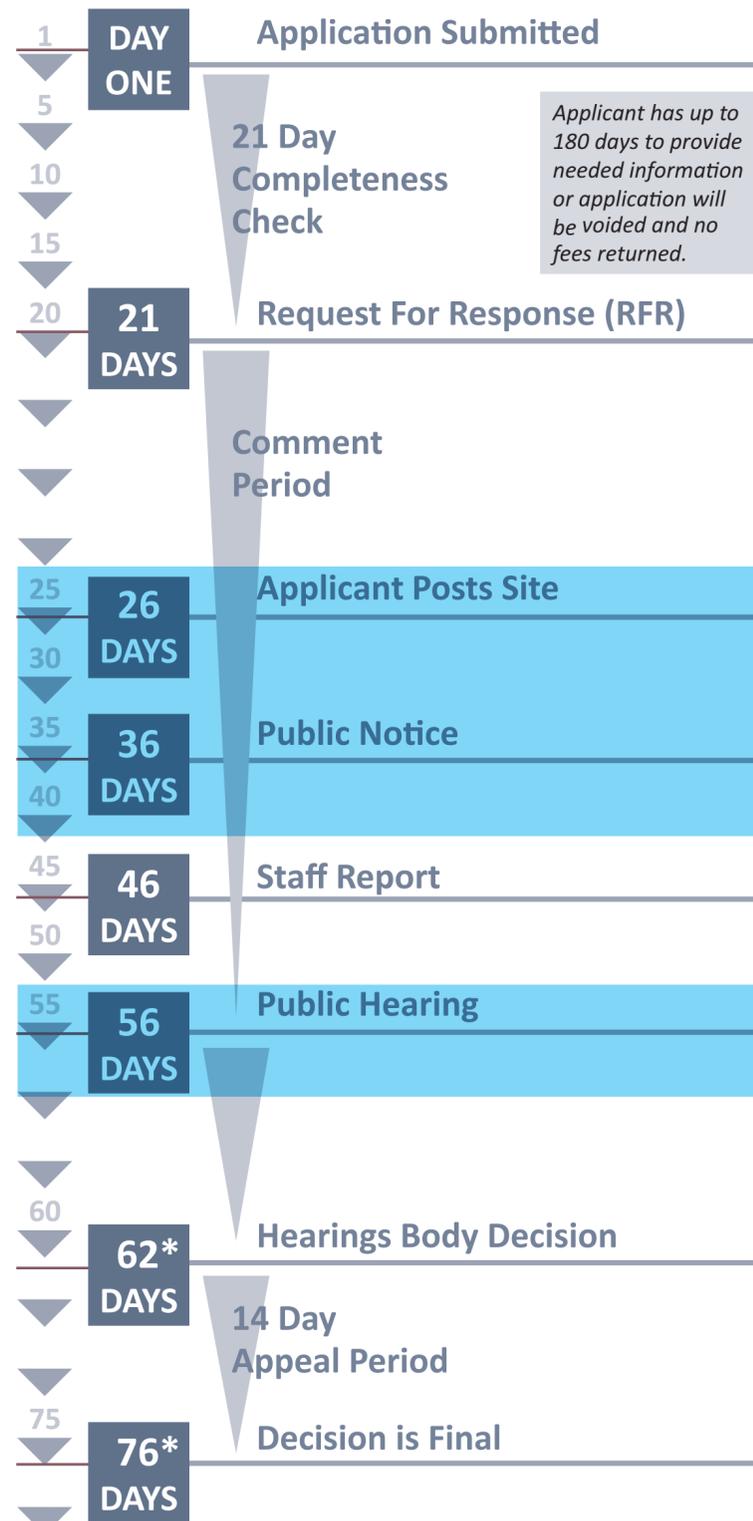
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Key Milestones

Project Presentation & Update	September 30, 2020
Design Advice Group 2	October 8, 2020
100% Design Development	October 23, 2020
Conditional Use Hearing	January 28, 2021
Design Advice Group 3	February 16, 2021
75% Construction Documents	March 5, 2021
100% Construction Documents	March 26, 2021
Substantial Completion	September 2021

LAND USE REVIEW PROCESS



Approval Criteria

Character and Impacts

- Impacts on mature trees minimized,
- Use is consistent with character of open space

Public Services

- Transportation impacts mitigated
- Stormwater disposal acceptable to BES

Livability

- Noise impacts mitigated
- Glare from lights minimized

Area Plans

- Proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan

LAND USE REVIEW PROCESS - PROVIDING TESTIMONY

Written Testimony

- Submitted to the Design Commission Clerk
- Can be submitted prior to the hearing
- Photographs or other visuals are permitted

Oral Testimony

- You will be limited to 2-5 minutes.
- Testimony during the hearing is separated in favor or in opposition

- Your testimony can only address the applicable **design guideline approval criteria**.
- **Testifying as a Group.** Instead of each group member restating the same issue, it is much more effective to have each group member address a different issue and to state that they support the previous testimony on an issue.

Thank you.