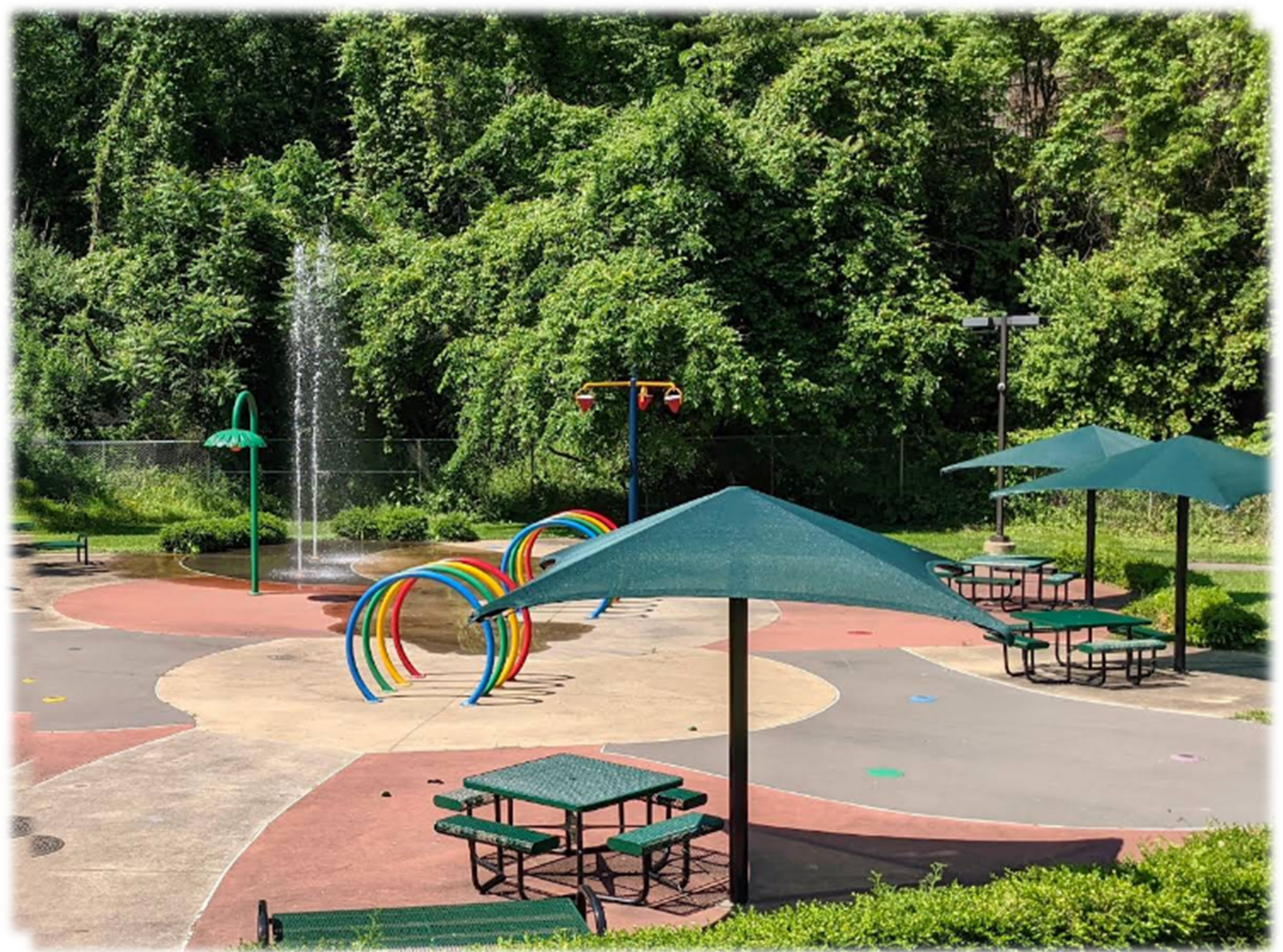




EAST HILLS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING #1

JULY 9, 2025



ENGAGE PGH



Meeting Norms

- Physical and psychological safety
- Listen to learn
- Disagree respectfully
- Appreciate differences
- Be open to new ideas
- Be present



Safety Overview

- Location of exits
- First Aid Locations
 - AED location if available
- Emergency Contact
 - In the event of an emergency, Jan Raether, will call 9-1-1



Purpose of the meeting

- To share information about the project, discuss constraints and opportunities.
- To collect feedback from you, the community members.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introduce Project Team
2. Historical Context
3. Project Introduction
4. Project Schedule
5. Scope of Work
6. Existing Conditions + Constraints
7. Potential Park Improvements and Features
8. Next Steps
9. Questions
10. Breakout Sessions



PROJECT TEAM

PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS



City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works
City of Pittsburgh Department of Neighborhood Services
City of Pittsburgh Councilman Khari Mosley

East Hills Consensus Group
East Hills Resident Council

DESIGN TEAM



ethos
collaborative
water-energy-climate-community

Civil Engineering and Resilient Site Design



UPSTUDIO
LANDSCAPES

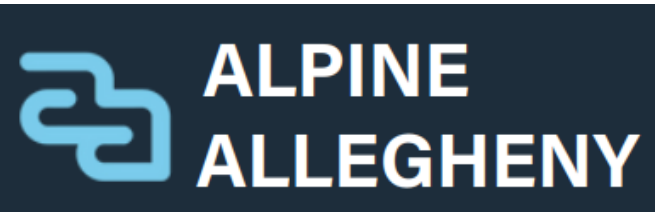
Landscape Architecture



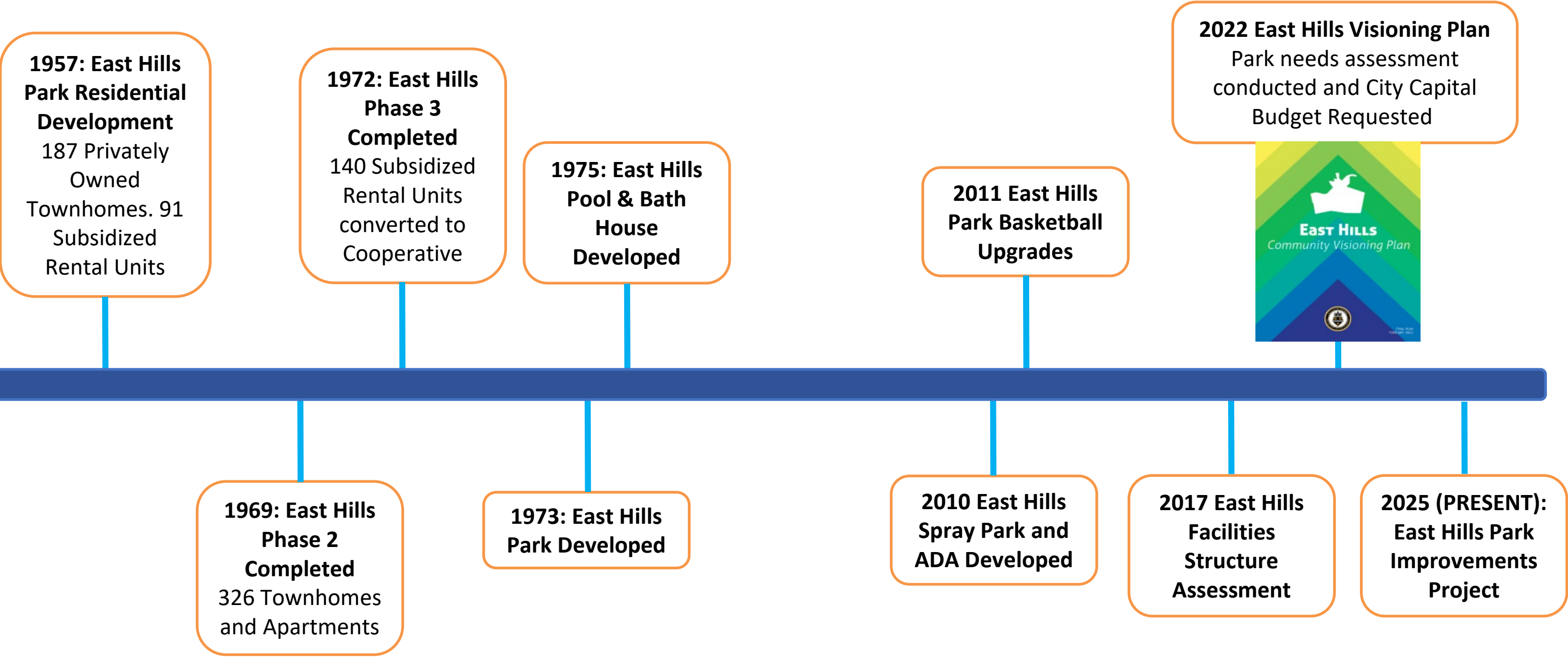
Allen + Shariff
MEP Engineering | Project Management

Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing

PROJECT PARTNERS



HISTORICAL TIMELINE



EXISTING SITE



PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK



LEGEND

- ① Entrance & ADA Access Improvements
- ② Playground Area
- ③ Basketball Court Repairs
- ④ Spray Park Repairs
- ⑤ Pavilion Improvements & Programming
- ⑥ Field Improvements & Programming
- ⑦ Safety Improvements & Lighting Upgrades
- ⑧ Stormwater Management

EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES



Former play area is shaded and relatively level. This area could be updated and/or repurposed.



Existing pavilion and open lawn could be improved for community events.



Existing courts can be improved by resurfacing.



Spray park can be repaired and improved by replacement of site furnishings



Former ball field is no longer used. Lighting and drainage upgrades could improve usability of field for youth and/or recreational sports.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES



Provide area for playground near spray park.



Alternate: Provide area for playground in former concrete play area.



Improve ADA access and circulation throughout the park.



Provide safety improvements and lighting upgrades.



Improve visibility of entrances with larger signage and planting.

EXISTING CONSTRAINTS



Dense wooded area composed of many mature trees blocks views to and from field creating a safety concern.



The current field is not large enough for a full football or baseball field. Any programming is limited to youth and/or recreational sports.



Steep topography makes ADA access challenging throughout park.



There are no ADA curb ramps or crosswalks at main entrance along Wilner Drive.



The pavilion houses electrical equipment. The shelter must remain or provisions will be necessary to house or relocate electrical equipment.

ENTRANCE AND ADA ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS



Site Plan



Existing Conditions – Location A

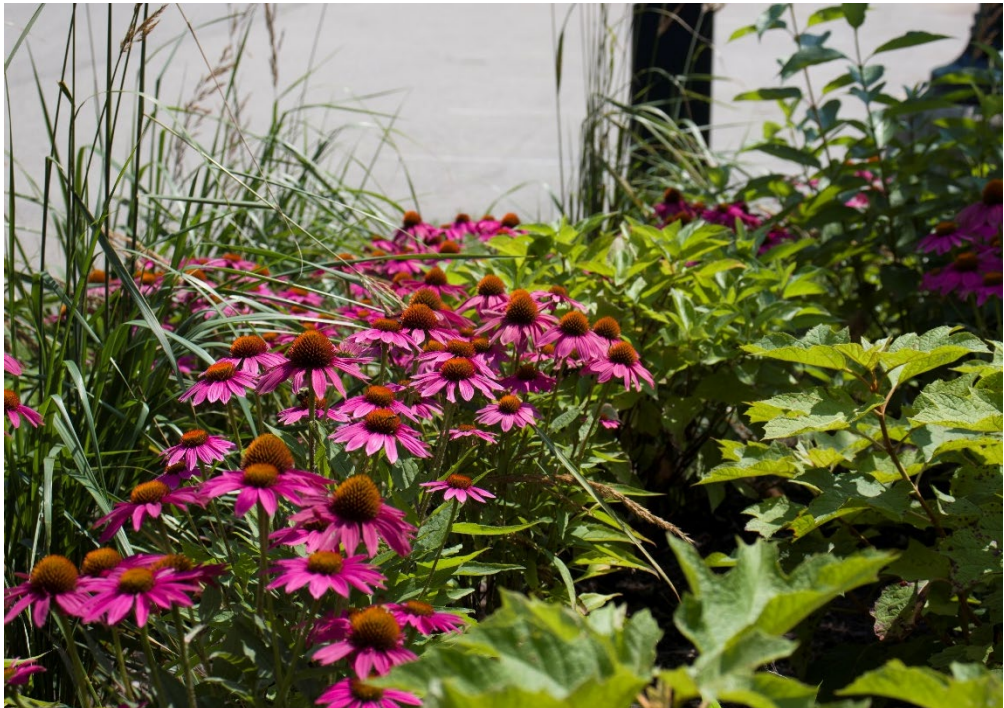


Existing Conditions – Location B

EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



Entry Signage Example (City Standard)



Main Entry Planting



Regrading and Switchback Pathway Example

PLAYGROUND AREA



Site Plan



Existing Conditions – Location A



Existing Conditions – Location B

EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS *(NOTE: Design of playground and equipment by City)*



Natural Play Style



Traditional Play Style



Creative Play Style

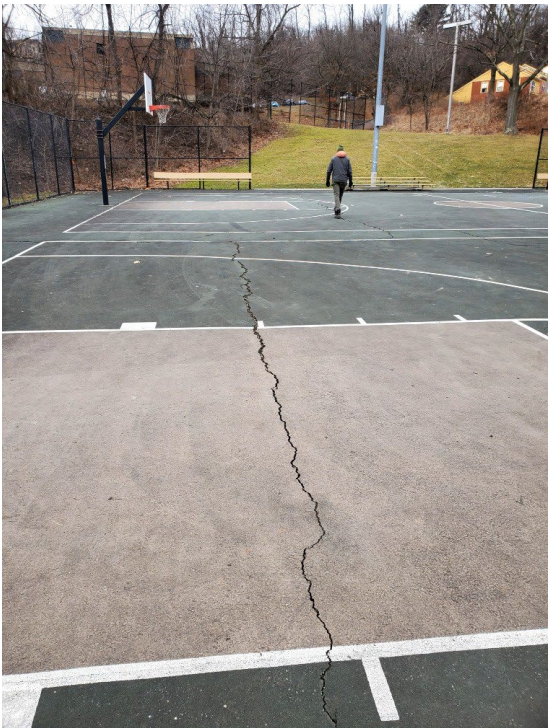
BASKETBALL COURT REPAIRS



Site Plan



Existing Conditions



EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



Resurface Basketball Court



Player Benches

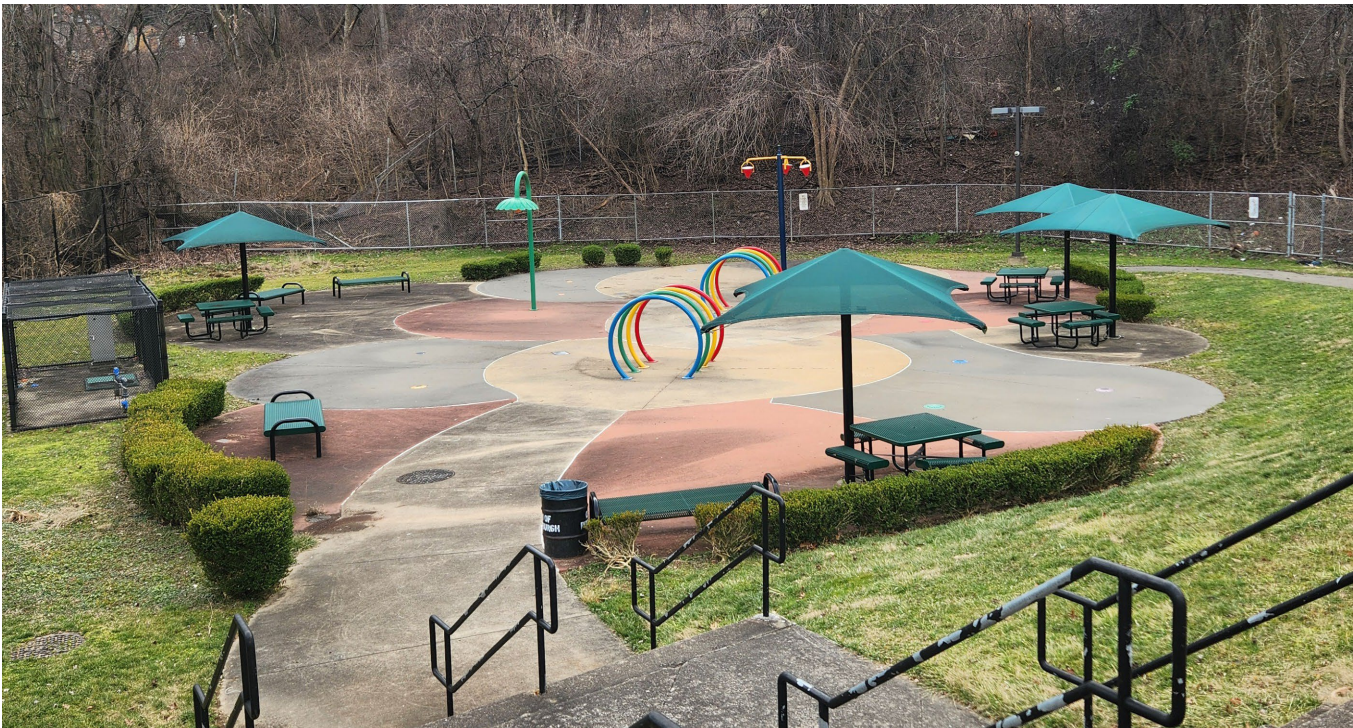


Additional seating

SPRAY PARK REPAIRS



Site Plan



Existing Conditions



EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



City Standard Picnic Tables



Repairs to Existing Spray Park Features



City Standard Park Bench

PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS & PROGRAMMING



Site Plan



Existing Conditions



EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



Mural on Existing Shelter



Amphitheater Lawn Seating



Pavilion Reprogramming/Reuse

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS & PROGRAMMING



Site Plan



Existing Conditions

EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



Open Recreational Field/Field Reprogramming



Bleacher Seating with Paved ADA Access Path



Crushed Stone Walking Path (Around Perimeter)

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS & LIGHTING UPGRADES



Site Plan



Existing Conditions



EXAMPLE IMPROVEMENTS



Repave Park Pathways



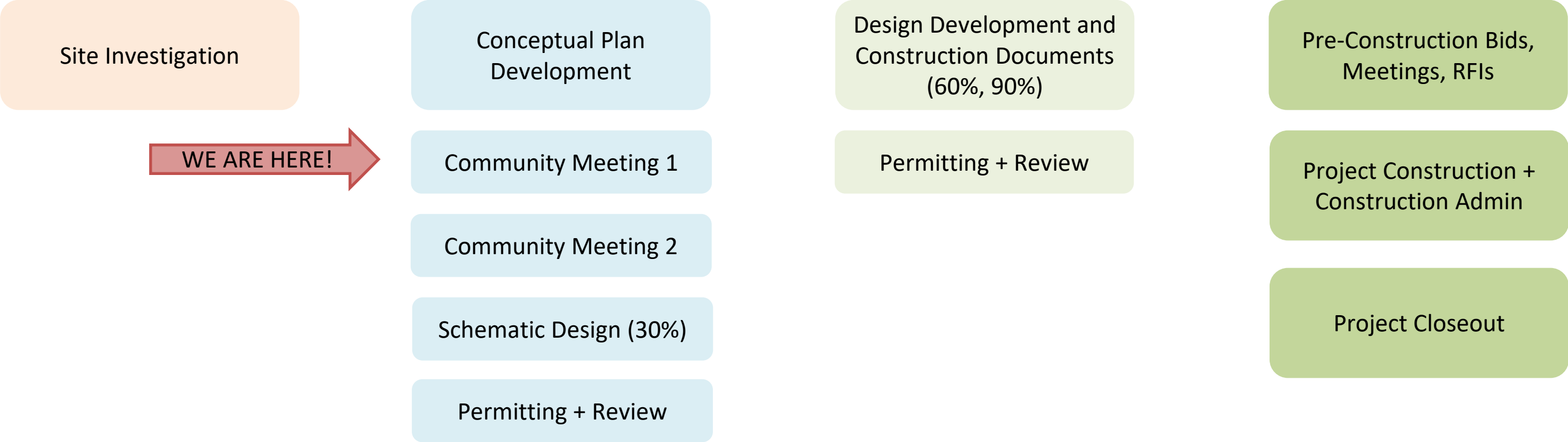
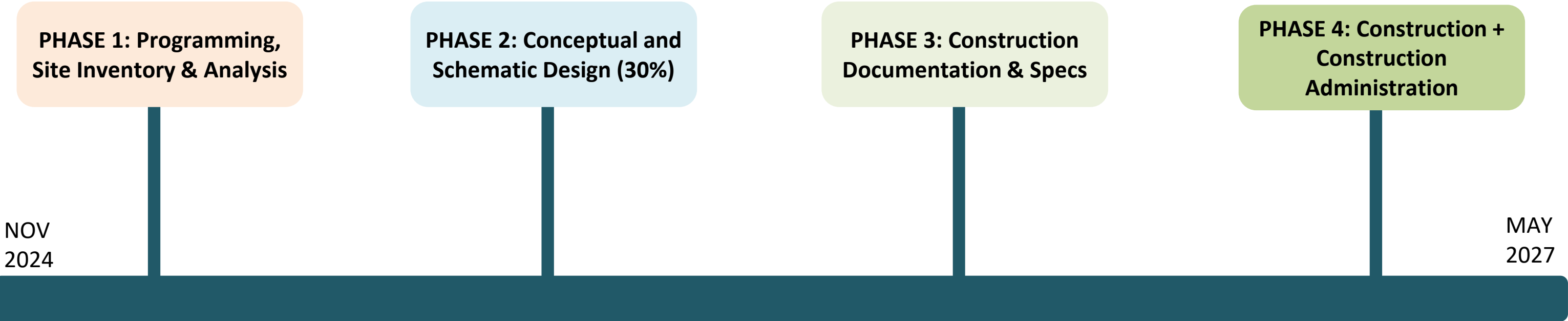
Address Structure at Former Play Area



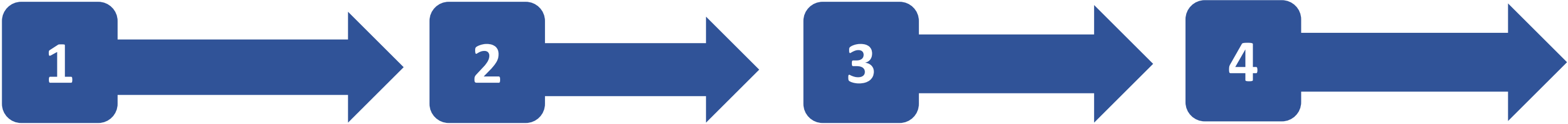
Add/Upgrade Park Lighting



PROJECT SCHEDULE



NEXT STEPS



**COLLECT COMMUNITY
FEEDBACK**

JULY 2025 – SEPTEMBER 2025
Utilize feedback to develop design
improvement concepts.

**DEVELOP DESIGN
CONCEPTS**

JULY – AUGUST 2025
Develop two design
concepts to present at
Community Meeting 2.

**COMMUNITY
MEETING 2**

SEPTEMBER 2025
Collect feedback on
design concepts and
preferences.

**DEVELOP FINAL
DESIGN CONCEPT**

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2025
Consolidate all feedback and refine
concepts for a final design.

East Hills Park

The Department of Public Works is seeking community
feedback for a park improvement project at East Hills Park

+ Follow



QUESTIONS & BREAKOUT

Thank you! Any Questions?

For Additional Information or Questions, please reach out to:

Neighbor@pittsburghpa.gov

Kara.smith@pittsburghpa.gov

Follow Engage PGH for Updates!

<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/east-hills-park>



Presentation Board Discussions:

4 Unique Boards with Questions

- Analysis - Site Understanding
- Opportunities & Constraints
- Scope of Work 1
- Scope of Work 2

We want your feedback and ideas!

- Colored dot stickers
 - **Green** = really like it
 - **Blue** = like it
 - **Yellow** = neutral / indifferent
 - **Red** = dislike it
- Sticky notes
 - Questions
 - New ideas
 - What you like or dislike about existing or proposed features of the park