

ERNEST LINDNER PARK UPGRADE

Project Information

Starting in Summer 2026, the City will begin work on Ernest Lindner Park to address deficiencies and bring the park up to current standards.

Upgrades to the park will include:

- Upgraded pathways
- New site furniture
- Updated irrigation system
- Enhanced plantings throughout the park, including trees
- Removal of dead or dying trees



Note: This is a conceptual design only; it illustrates the design intent for the park, addressing the program elements. During the next stages of the process (detail design, tender and construction) minor changes may occur to the plan as a result of budget, material availability or site conditions. Only changes affecting the program elements will be communicated to the public.

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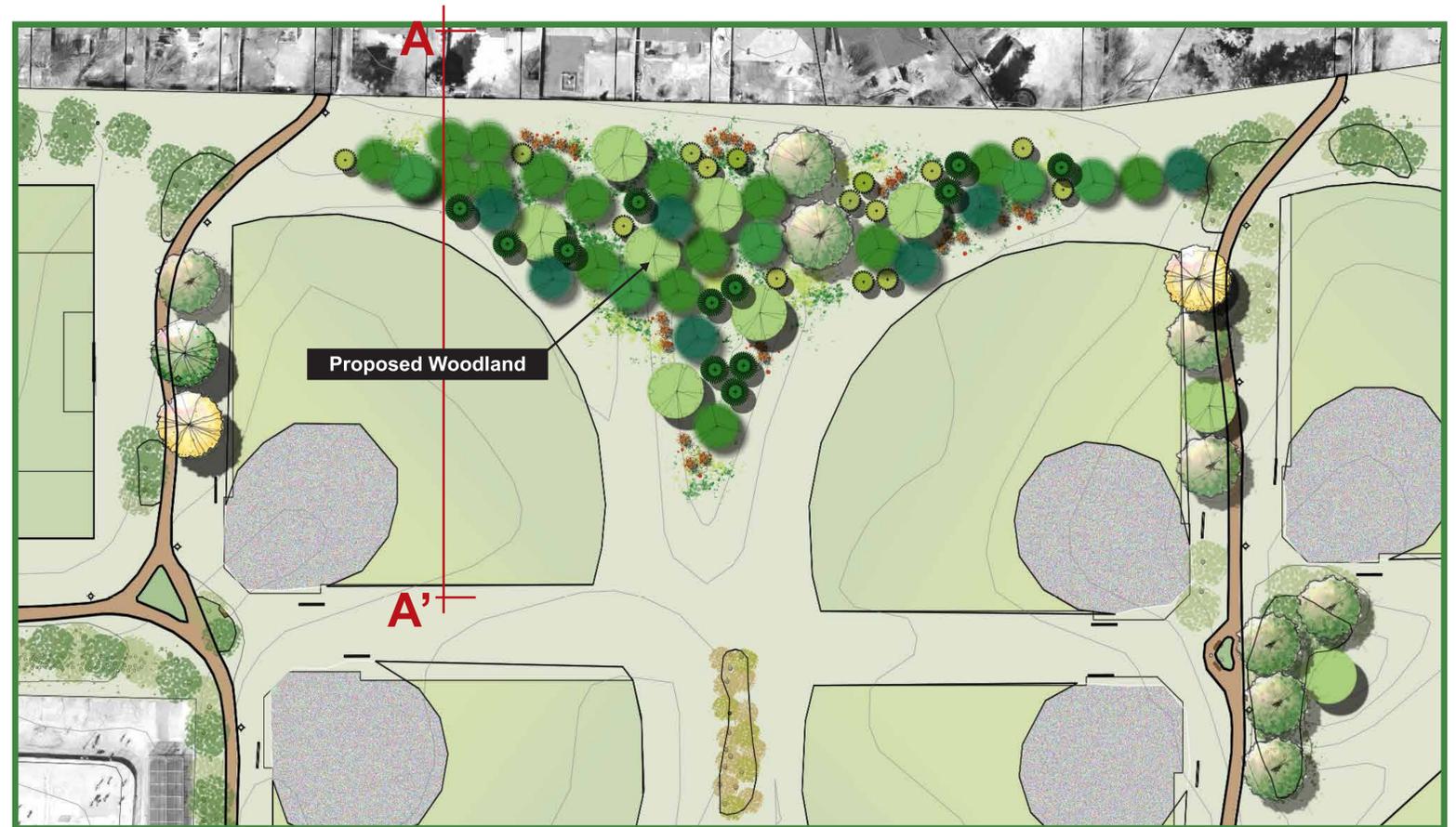
Proposed Neighbourhood Forest

A new neighbourhood forest, primarily with native trees is planned for the north side of the park to enhance habitat and create shade.

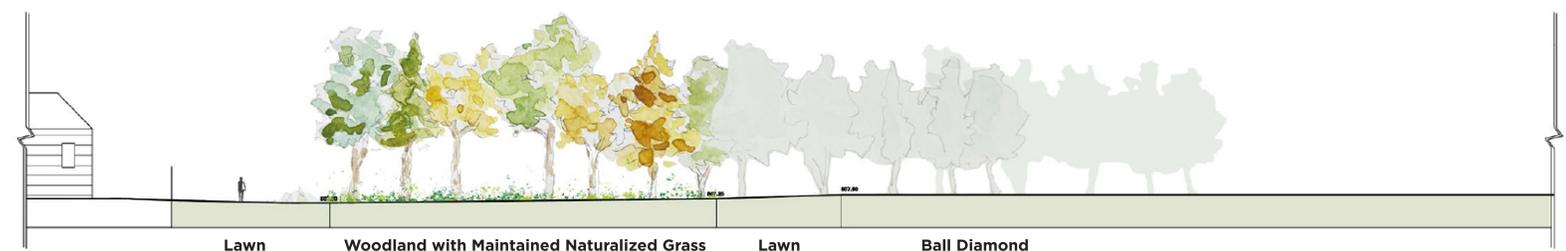
Naturalized grass will be used under the tree canopy, reducing the need for irrigation and mowing.

The design maintains open sightlines to the rest of the park.

Existing Condition



Neighbourhood Forest Section A-A'



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Planting Selections



 **Siberian Larch**



 **Colorado Spruce**



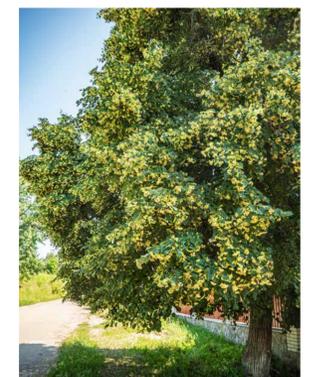
 **Scots Pine**



 **Silver Maple**



 **Bur Oak**



 **Basswood**



 **Mountain Ash**



 **Manitoba Maple**

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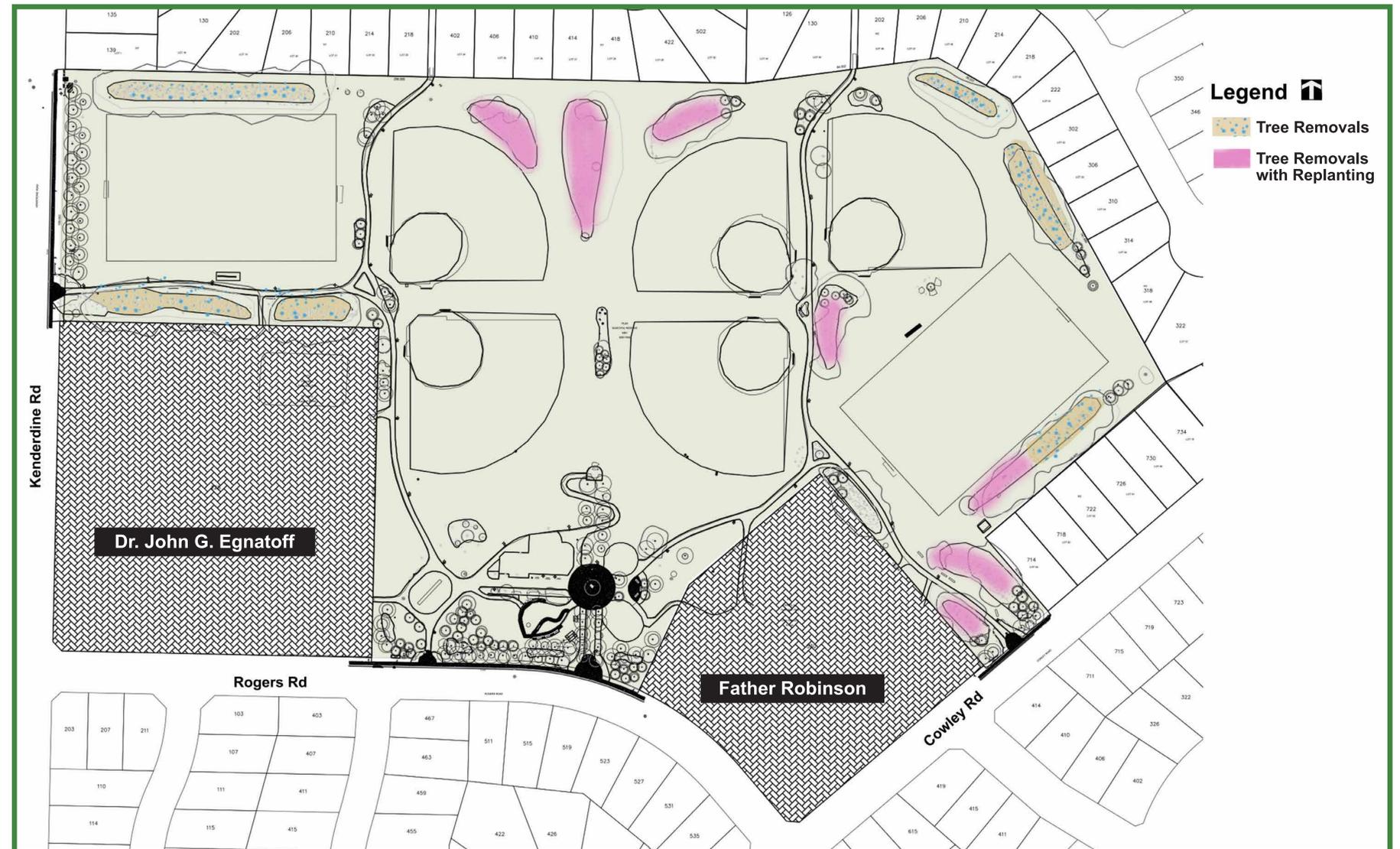
Tree Removals

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Select trees in the shelterbelt identified as dead, diseased or in decline. These removals help promote overall stand health. These areas cannot be replanted because of the remaining healthy trees.

Tree Removals with Replanting

Dead, diseased or declining trees that will be replaced with new trees as part of the project's landscaping plan.



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Removal of Pathway

Background

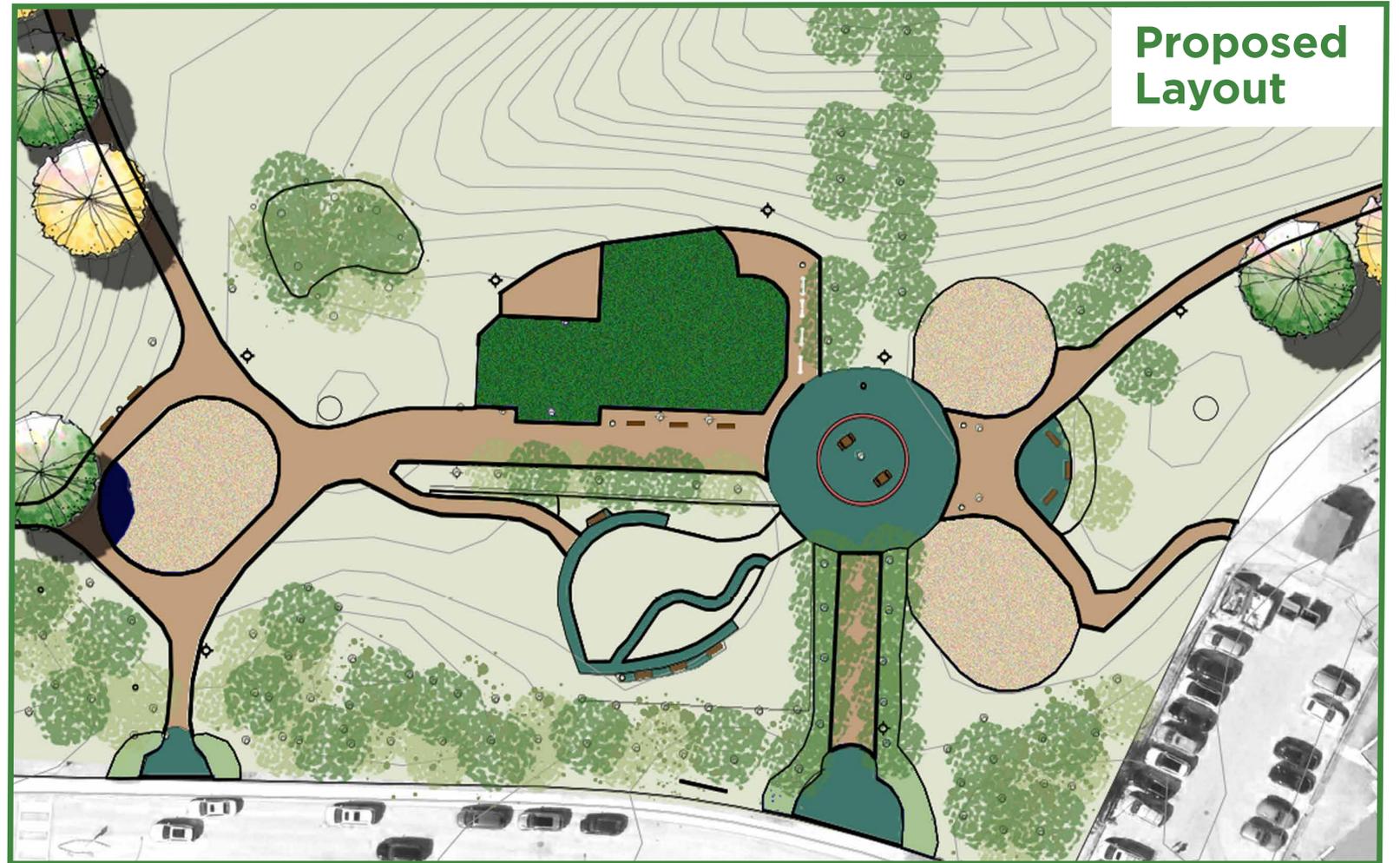
The original pathway north of the basketball court was built to provide access to the top of the hill. When the playground was added, it was constructed over the pathway, removing an accessible route to the top.

Existing Conditions

The pathway no longer connects to the hilltop and both the pathway and the concrete pad at the top are in poor condition. The hard surface at the hilltop has also contributed to drainage issues and soil erosion. Although the pathway once offered summer wheelchair access, it now crosses the active toboggan hill and is no longer safe or functional.

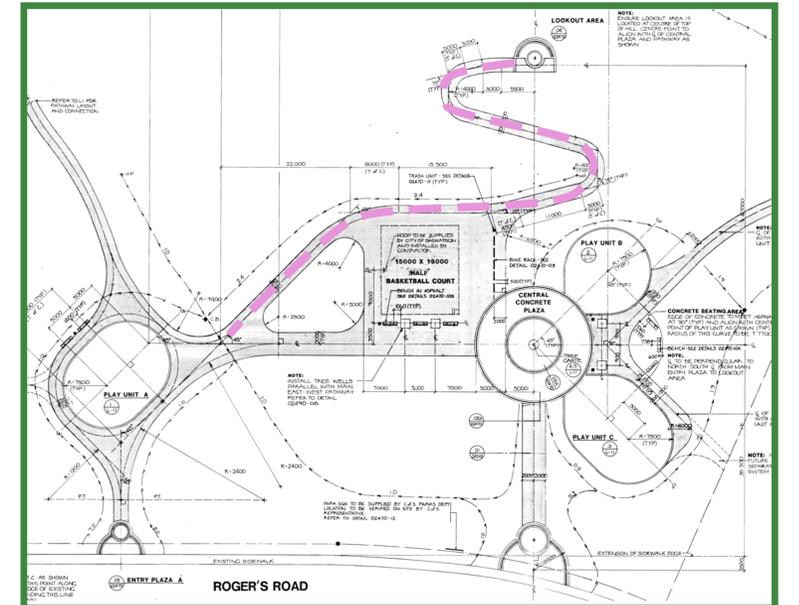
Proposed Changes

The project will remove the deteriorated pathway, concrete platform and bench. The hill will be restored with new turf to improve safety, drainage and create a more natural landscape.



Existing Condition

Imagery @2026 Airbus, Maxar Technologies, Map data @2026 Google



Historical Drawing

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Proposed Construction Schedule

Construction is scheduled to take place from July to October 2026 to minimize disruption to the schools. During this time, the entire park will be closed. In 2027, some areas will remain closed to allow new trees, shrubs and other upgrades to establish.

What to Expect

- Once park closure dates are known, they will be communicated to the Community Association and area residents.
- Construction fencing will be installed to separate the construction zone from the public.
- A site safety review will be conducted before construction begins.
- Detour routes will be identified for pedestrians who typically walk or bike through the park.

