

Kennicott Park Framework Plan

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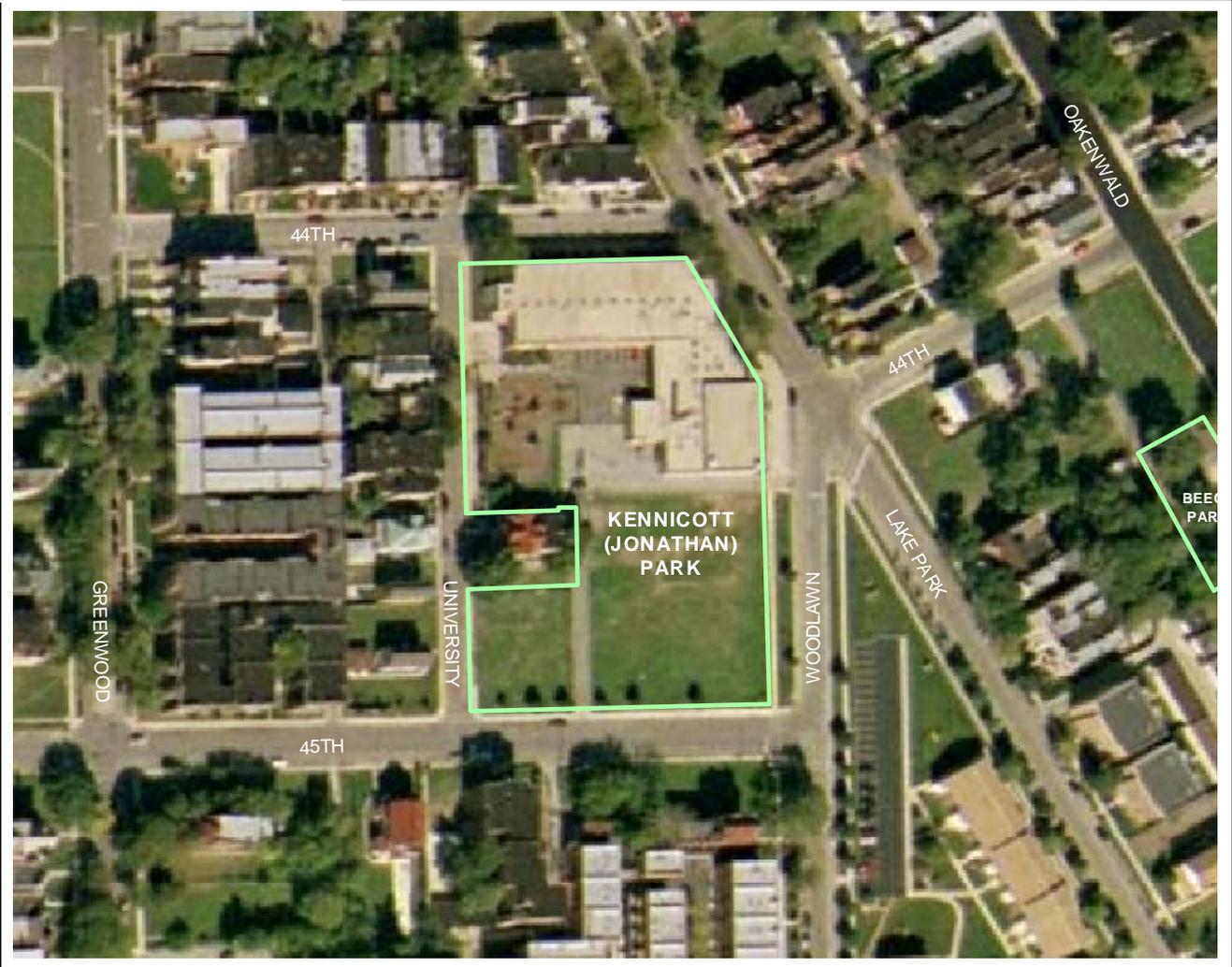
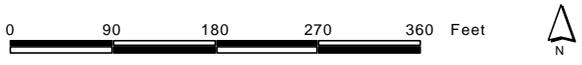
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Framework Plan Purpose

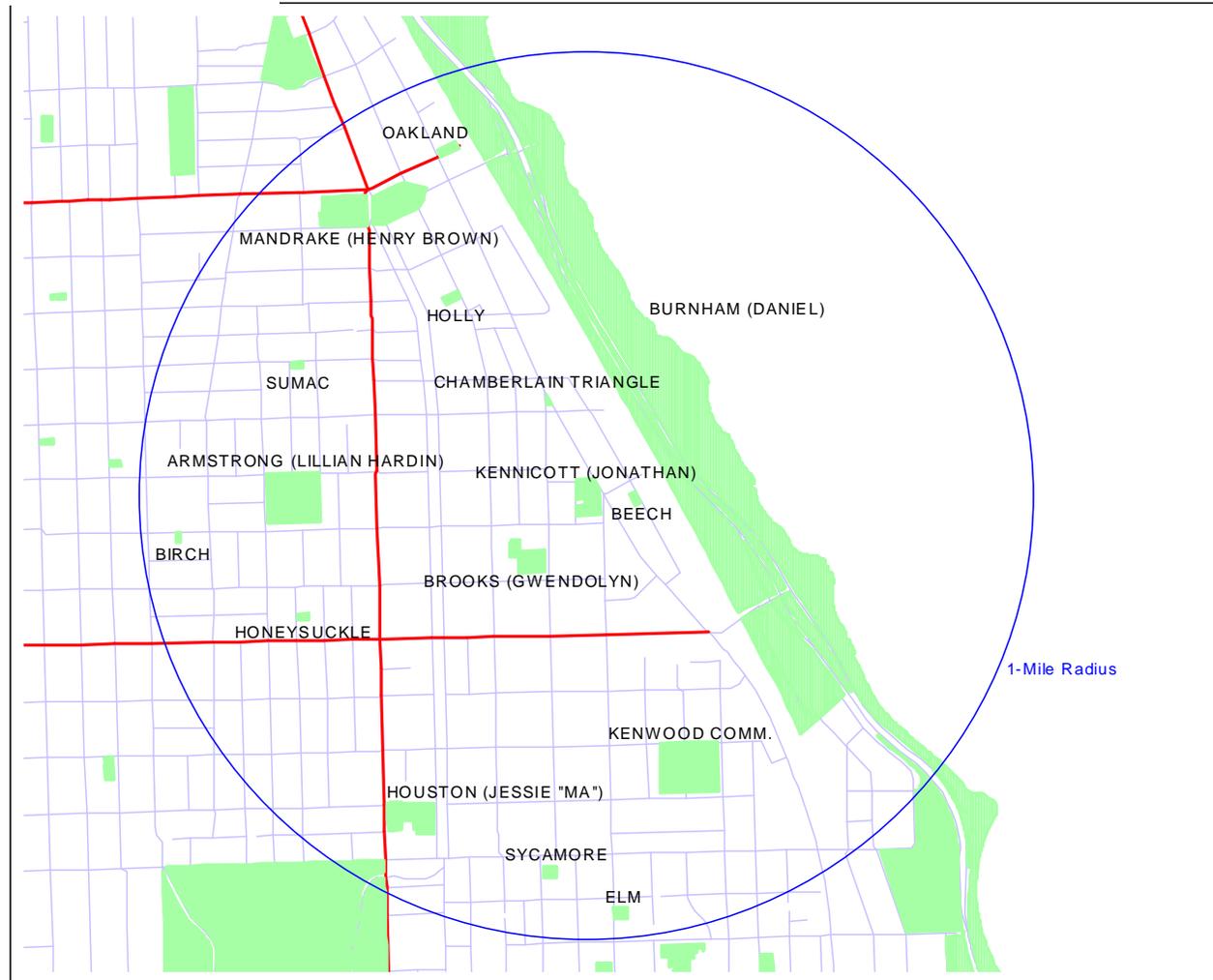
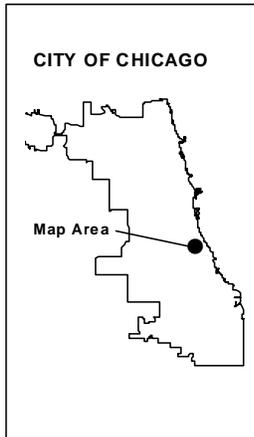
The purpose of a framework plan is to create a long-term plan for the park that responds to diverse neighborhood needs as well as the historic context of the park. It provides a vision for improvements to the park over time and serves as a planning tool for both the community and the Park District. It also outlines priorities and ensures that improvements are done in a coordinated and holistic manner. The plan is consulted as capital funding becomes available.

Location: Aerial Maps



Location: One Mile Radius

0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Miles



Existing Conditions: Openspace

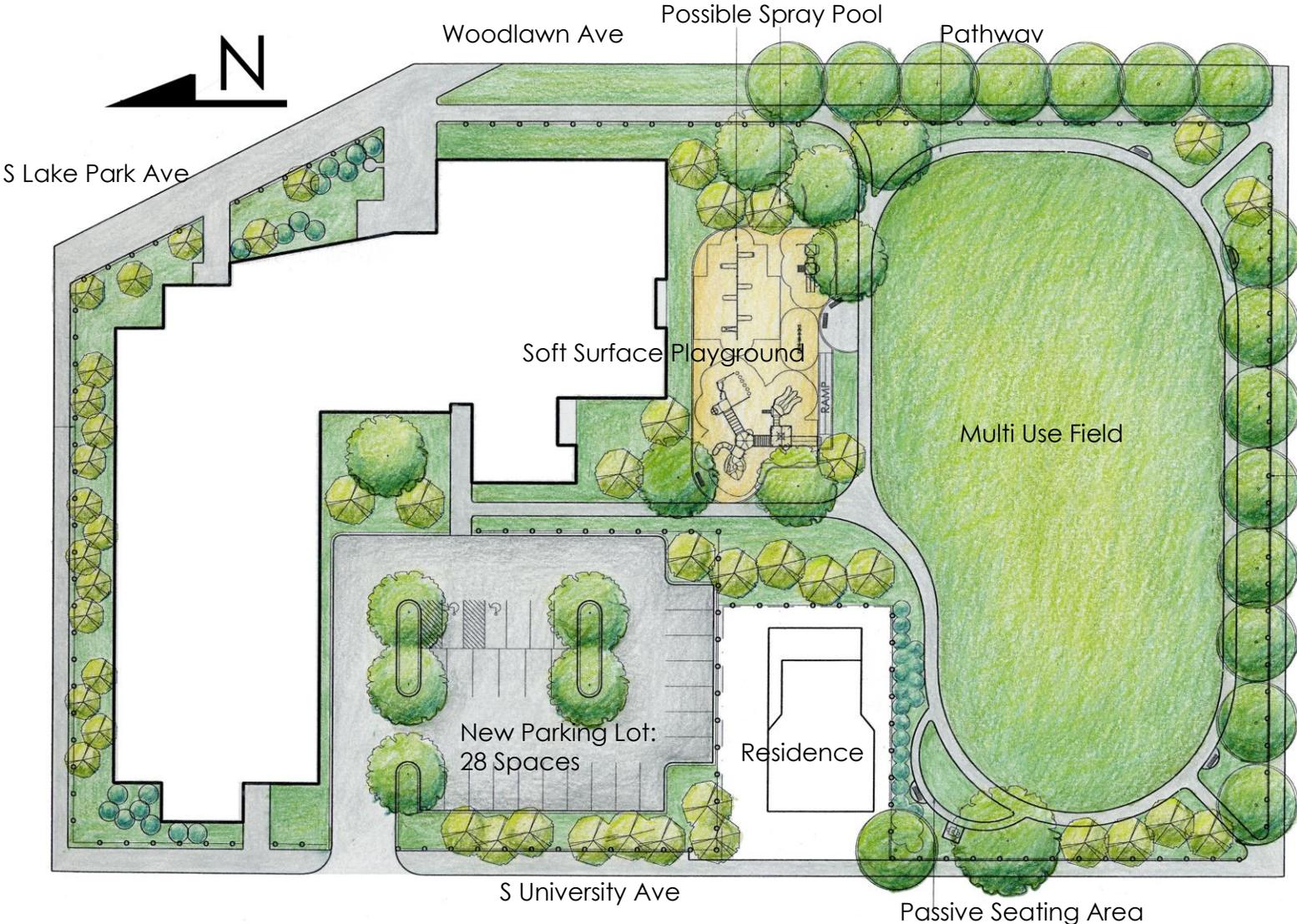


History

Kennicott Park came into being in 1990, when the Board of Education transferred Judd Elementary School to the Chicago Park District. The park district now operates the former school building in partnership with other city agencies and non-profit organizations, providing a wide array of programs and services to the previously underserved Kenwood neighborhood. Kenwood was founded in 1856 by Dr. Jonathan A. Kennicott (1824-1893), from whom the park takes its name. A native New Yorker, Kennicott graduated from Chicago's Rush Medical College in 1843, and practiced dentistry in Milwaukee for several years before returning to Chicago. Kennicott's estate, named Kenwood for his mother's birthplace in Scotland, stood on Dorchester Street at 48th Street. The fashionable Kenwood community soon became known as the "Lake Forest of the South Side."

*Historical Profile prepared by Julia Bachrach, Historian for the Chicago Park District, available on-line at chicagoparkdistrict.com

Location: Rendering



Process: Meetings

Community Meeting # 1: March 29, 2005

Purpose: Identify/Clarify community desires and priorities for park improvements

Attendees:

Anne Miller-CPD	Phillip Pendleton	Belinda Starks
Robert Steele- CPD	Judith Hill	Toni Preckwinkle
Rachel Ackerman-CPD	Harold Bailey	Larvetta L. Loffin
Renee Shepherd- CPD	Shannon Bennett	Shirley Newsome
Art Richardson-CPD	Armentha L. Ross	

Community Meeting # 2: May 11, 2005

Purpose: Share concept plan and get feedback

Anne Miller-CPD	Erica Qualls	Armentha L. Ross	Larvetta L. Loffin
Robert Steele- CPD	R. Harris	Mae Wilson	Brian Malone
Rachel Ackerman-CPD	Phillip Pendleton	P. Stone	Pamela Slaughter
Renee Shepherd- CPD	Marcus Greer	Angela Modey	Shari Nichols-Sweat
Richardson-CPD	Sandra Chipman	Bosell-Cruitt	Shirley J. Newsome

Community Meeting # 3: June 23, 2005

Purpose: Share refined concept Plan

Anne Miller-CPD	Phillip Pendleton	Pamela Slaughter	Erica Qualls
Renee Shepherd- CPD	Marcus Greer	R. Harris	P. Stone
Robert Steele- CPD	Armentha L. Ross	Sandra Chipman	Angela Modey
Art Richardson-CPD	Larvetta L. Loffin	Shari Nichols-Sweat	A. Bosell-Cruitt
Rachel Ackerman-CPD	Mae Wilson	Shirley J. Newsome	Brian Malone

Kenwood/Oakland Community Conservation Council: September 1, 2005

Purpose: Present Kennicott Park Framework Plan

Process: Contributors

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Robert Steele- Community Outreach Manager

Renee Shepherd-Park Supervisor

Rachel Ackerman- Planning and Development Intern

Framework Plan Goals

Through the different meetings held, the following concept plan goals were developed:

Reorganize park layout to maximize green, recreation space and separate parking from outdoor recreation space.

Beautify park landscape.

Major Recommendations

The following recommendations were made to achieve the concept plan goals:

Maintain open space and improve multi-use athletic field

Relocate and update playground

Add water feature (next to playground)

Reconfigure parking lot and separate from active recreation

Add passive, landscaped seating area

Create walking, running path

Enhance programming to appeal to all ages

Increase safety feature by increasing lighting and fencing where appropriate

Existing Conditions: Playground & Parking Lot



Existing Conditions: Fieldhouse

