

**parks & greenways**

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Natural spaces are viable community assets – physical and social – that can be built upon to improve the community.



Rec center & park need many upgrades

Diversify programming for all genders

More places to enjoy nature, play & exercise

Year-round & all ages/abilities programming

# Recommendations

- Encourage park stewardship, programming & maintenance
- Make facility & campus improvements at Heilmann Recreation Center & Memorial Playfield
- Improve park amenities and tree canopy

# HEILMANN PARK | Existing Conditions



## Assets

- Active Rec. Center
- Track
- Skate Park
- Many sports courts

## Challenges

- Few intimate gathering spaces
- Poorly defined edges and gates
- Lack of feeling of enclosure
- Large spaces not well defined
- Flooding/standing water in parking lots on west side of park
- Skate park inaccessible
- Lack of spaces for activities beyond sports
- Lack of gender diverse activities

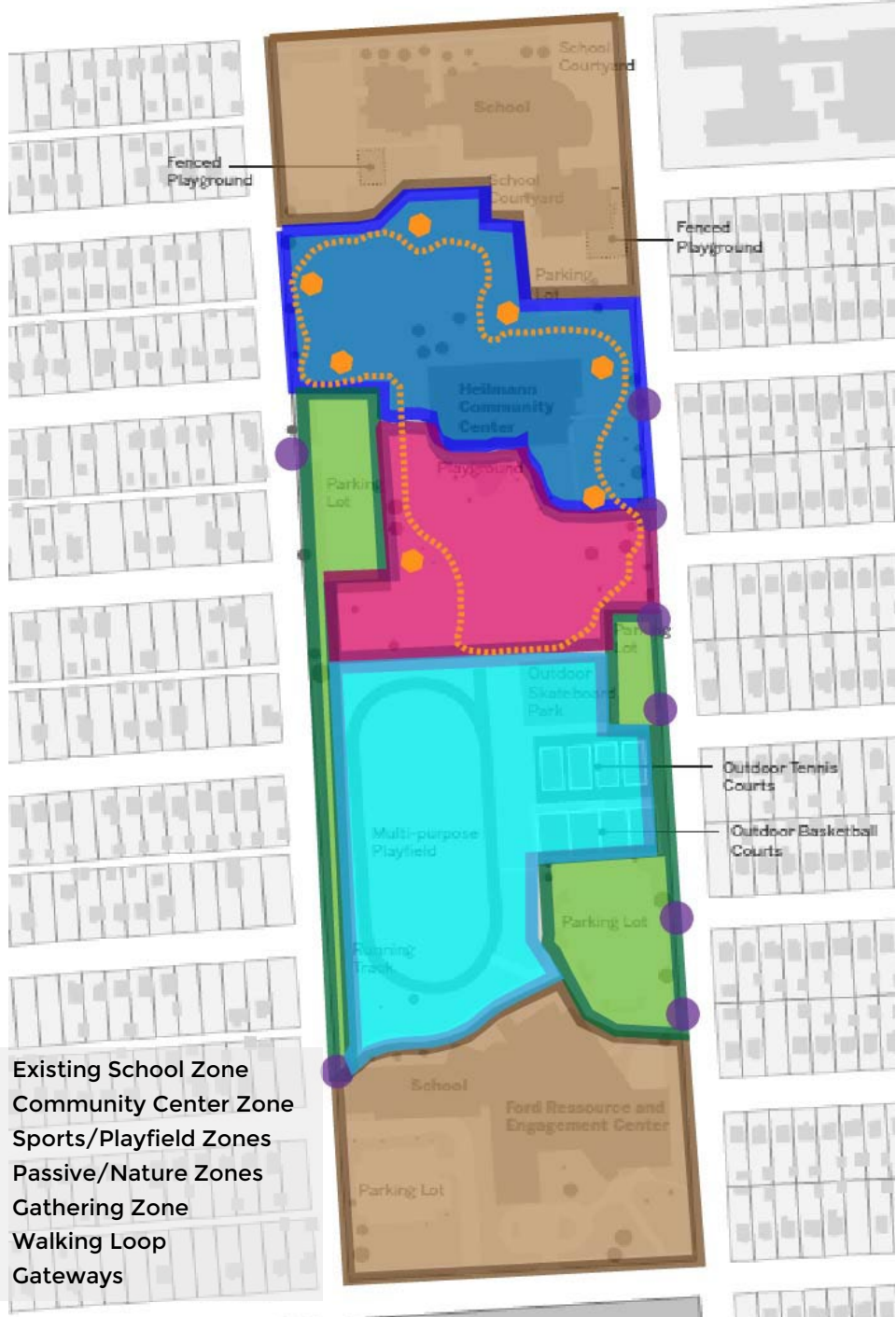
# HEILMANN PARK | Recommendations

## Recommendation:

Support park improvement projects through SNF (CDBG \$900,000 budget)

- Plant trees to define edge of park and break up the large spaces into smaller gathering areas
- Define clear gateways/entrances to park
- Install rain gardens along west side of park/convert to green parking lots to address standing water issues
- Resurface and/or paint existing courts, play areas and walking loop (include distance markers)
- Create smaller gathering places and picnic areas using topography and furniture
- Open/rehab the Skate Park
- Explore community partnerships for universal, all-age/gender programming
- Identify and integrate COVID/pandemic design considerations





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Install rain gardens and trees



Create smaller gathering spaces and picnic areas through topography, furniture, and tree plantings



Better define gateways, entrances, edges and pathways with signage & planting