



Village of Lincolnwood Park and Recreation Board

**Board Meeting
March 11, 2025
6:15 pm**

**Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Lincolnwood Village Hall – 6900 North Lincoln Avenue**

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Minutes Approval**
 - a. February 11, 2025, Meeting**
- III. Public Forum**
- IV. Old Business**
- V. New Business**
 - a. Recommendation Regarding Goebelt Park Concepts**
- VI. Director's Report**
- VII. Staff Report**
- VIII. Chairperson's Report**
- IX. Commissioners' Reports**
- X. Adjournment**

Posted: March 7, 2025



**Village of Lincolnwood
Park and Recreation**

**Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
6:15pm**

**Council Chambers
Lincolnwood Village Hall – 6900 North Lincoln Avenue**

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tucker: The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Chairperson: Courtney Tucker

Park Board Commissioners Present: Art Lovering, Leah Brennan, Sokol Delisi, Laura Tomacic

Village Board Liaison:

Parks and Recreation Department Staff: Michelle Artis, Kandice Newton

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024, BOARD MEETING.

On motion Tucker approves the meeting minutes of the November 12, 2024, Park and Recreation Board Meeting. 5-0, motion passes.

AYES: Lovering, Tucker, Delisi, Tomacic, Brennan

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

III. PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park and Recreation Board 2023-2024 Biennial Report

Artis: Presents information from the memo included in the Board Packet

Board Discussion: A discussion followed among the Park and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation staff.

B. 2024 Summer Day Camp Annual Report

Newton: Presents information from the memo included in the Board Packet

Board Discussion: A discussion followed among the Park and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation Staff.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Artis:

- Midnight Circus will come to the Village of Lincolnwood on September 27th and 28th; we will be looking for volunteers for concessions, Park and Rec Board are welcome to volunteer
- Dog Park Update: following the meeting on January 21 Village Board is open to considering talks with ComEd to possibly use right of way (ROW) for the Village dog park
- Goebelt Park construction put on hold until Fall to explore discussions with ComEd if they will allow Village to construct a dog park in the ROW
- Proesel Park OSLAD Update: anticipated this fall will be an accessible playground and projects in Spring 2026 will include renovations to tennis/pickleball courts, inline skate court, basketball, sand volleyball and pedestrian path
- A tennis/pickleball survey is currently available to get feedback from the community if they would prefer dedicated tennis and pickleball courts at Proesel Park versus painting pickleball lines on the tennis courts, the survey closes February 20th
- Feasibility Study updates will be delivered on February 18th at the Village Board meeting; the consultants will attend the Board meeting and present their findings from public input meetings as well as initial site fit diagrams
- 2025 Projects will be at Goebelt Park, Proesel Park Field 3 renovations, installation of exterior gate emergency crash bars, window replacement at the Community Center, and park bollard replacement
- Two reports will be presented in April; and ADA Transition report and Public Art Assessment Report

VII. STAFF REPORT

Newton:

- Enchanted Dinner Dance was February 7th, we had 37 couples
- Summer programming for brochure
- Men's softball registration is open, two new teams are already registered
- Prepping for Aquatic Center, hiring and training, Resident Pool Passes go on sale March 1st
- Turkey Trot was a huge success! Thank you to every department, person and volunteer that was involved. A special thank you to the Board Members that volunteered their time. Over 2200 participants with perfect weather
- Valentine's Day lunch is Friday for the seniors with 42 registered
- Summer brochure planning and senior events and program planning
- EID is April 5th and Songkran is April 13th
- Summer camp planning and hiring, resident registration opened on February 1st
- Planning for Bingo and Scoops with the Blue one March 13th
- Egg Hunt is on April 19th

VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Tucker:

- Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's!

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Motion to adjourn: Delisi/Tomacic

AYES: Tucker, Delisi, Lovering, Brennan, Tomacic

NAYS: None

Park Board Minutes prepared by Kim Voulgarakis

Park and Recreation Board Chairperson: _____

Signature

Date



MEMORANDUM

TO: Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Karen Hawk, Parks and Recreation Director

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Goebelt Park Concepts with Park Options

Background

The Village completed a Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan (Master Plan), which the Village Board adopted on November 7, 2023. The purpose of the Master Plan was to complete a high-level overview and assessment of current Village Park and Recreation assets and determine community needs. The Master Plan serves as a “blueprint” for the future direction of the Department and provides a five-year-plus action plan to help guide future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budgets to allocate and ensure resources are used most effectively.

The Master Plan developed a schedule for playground replacements based on each playground's age. Due to its age and condition, the Goebelt Park playground, installed in 2007, is scheduled for replacement in 2025. The Master Plan also identified the Community's desire for a dog park. Discussions of a dog park have been ongoing since the early 2000s. As part of the Master Plan, the Village completed a dog park feasibility study, which identified Centennial Park as a location for the dog park due to its size and as a location that could meet all Cook County Animal Control requirements and American Kennel Club recommendations. Following the adoption of the Master Plan, the Village Board asked staff to consider other more centralized park locations to install a dog park.

At the May 21, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting, staff presented potential park sites where a dog park could be included. Those sites included Drake Park, Springfield Park, Proesel Park, and Goebelt Park. The presentation also included the pros and cons of each site. Following the discussion and a recommendation from staff, direction was provided to investigate adding a dog park to Goebelt Park due to the central location and proximity to the Valley Line Pedestrian Path. The timing of the dog park coincided with the need for Goebelt Park redevelopment and playground replacement.

In October of 2024, the Village engaged Confluence of Chicago to review and design concepts for Goebelt Park to include a playground and a dog park. Confluence and Village staff held a public meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024, to present concepts and gather feedback from residents. While the public meeting was not well attended, input from neighbors indicated they preferred to see pickleball

courts in the park rather than basketball courts; the concepts were changed based on information received from those in attendance. Once updated concepts were provided, staff determined that additional public input was necessary. Staff posted the updated concepts on the Village website, on social media, at Village Hall, and at the Community Center to gather additional feedback. The concepts presented at the January 21, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting are in Exhibit A, attached to this memo.

Concept 1

Concept 1 includes the following amenities:

1. Playground Area
2. Pickleball Courts (2)
3. Secondary Entrance
4. Seating Area
5. Dog Park (7,495 SF)
6. Primary Entry

The playground area will shift to the park's north end and will have contemporary play structures that provide more creative play opportunities than traditional structures. Pour-in-place surfacing will be utilized to provide accessibility.

The dog park area is set back off Kilbourn, closer to the Valley Line Pedestrian Path, with berms between it and the street to help mitigate noise.

The concept also includes two dedicated pickleball courts, a secondary entrance in the middle of the block on Kilbourn, and a primary entrance at the corner of Kilbourn and Albion.

Concept 2

Concept 2 includes the following amenities:

1. Playground Area
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Seating Area
4. Dog Park (11,013 SF)
5. Primary Entry

The playground area will shift to the park's north end and will have contemporary play structures that provide more creative play opportunities than traditional structures. Pour-in-place surfacing will be utilized to provide accessibility.

This concept removes the pickleball courts and creates a larger dog park area with a longer dog run. It is still set back from Kilbourn Avenue with berms between the dog park and the street to mitigate the noise.

Primary and secondary entrances remain the same as in Concept 1.

Goebelt Park Concept Survey and Results

The survey requested feedback, both positive and negative, on Concepts 1 and 2 and asked the following questions:

1. Do you have a dog in your household?
2. If so, would you utilize the dog park?

3. If courts were incorporated into the design, do you prefer pickleball or basketball courts?

Fifty-three online responses were received.

Thirteen of the surveyed individuals preferred Concept 1, while seven preferred Concept 2. Those who favored Concept 1 preferred the layout and use of space while incorporating pickleball courts into the design. Those who favored Concept 2 preferred the larger dog area.

The rest of the respondents either did not comment specifically on the dog park or did not favor a dog park located in Goebelt Park for various reasons. Those reasons included the following:

- Not a good location for a dog park
- Do not want a dog park located next to a playground or courts
- Noise from dog park
- Eliminates green space from the park
- Park is too small for a dog park

In response to the question, “Do you have a dog in your household?” 41.5% of those surveyed stated they have a dog, with 58.5% saying they do not. When asked if they did have a dog, would they utilize the dog park? 38% stated they would, and 62% stated they would not.

Of the 53 respondents, 67.3% said they would like pickleball courts, while only 32.7% said they would like basketball courts.

ComEd Right-of-Way

The Village initially engaged with ComEd in 2013 to allow for a dog park within the ComEd Right-of-Way (ROW) on the east side of the Valley Line pedestrian path. The Village re-engaged with ComEd in 2021, and again in early 2024. ComEd has denied this repeated request until recently, stating they will now consider allowing a dog park in their ROW. In recent conversations with ComEd staff, they outlined the process and initial submittals for dog park consideration. Prior to a formal application, the Village can submit preliminary information – project scope, area measurements, fence type, and site photos to potentially receive conditional approval. The Village has since submitted this information to ComEd and is awaiting a decision.

If the Village receives conditional approval, the next steps in the process include completing the formal application. Further submittals include a \$2,500 application review fee, a site survey, an Environmental Due Diligence form, and other plans and drawings as deemed necessary. This approval process is expected to take 6-9 months.

If both parties agree to the use and installation of a dog park, the Village Board would consider a formal lease agreement, typically for 10 years, and a \$1 fee.

Village Board Discussion – January 21, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting

After reviewing the proposed concepts and information presented on Goebelt Park, the Village Board discussed the possibility of pursuing a dog park within the ComEd ROW before finalizing any decisions on Goebelt Park. Village Board directed staff to delay any construction at Goebelt Park until ComEd makes a decision regarding a dog park in the ComEd ROW. Should ComEd deny a dog park in the ROW, the Village Board has selected Concept 1 as presented. This concept included a smaller dog park (7,495 SF), two pickleball courts, a playground, a seating area, and a primary and secondary entrance.

While awaiting a decision from ComEd, Village Board requested that staff work with Confluence to develop a third concept for Goebelt Park that replaces the dog park with a parking area. One elected official also requested that the concept include a half-court basketball court if space permitted.

Confluence provided concepts that included various amenity options in addition to parking, which are attached to this memo in Exhibit B and are outlined below.

Concept 1

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Seating Area
5. Primary Entrance
6. Dropoff Area and Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
7. Approximately 7,366 SF of Green Space

Concept 2

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Half-Court Basketball
5. Seating Area
6. Primary Entrance
7. Dropoff Area and Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
8. Approximately 5,177 SF of Green Space

Concept 3

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Two Half-Court Basketball
5. Seating Area
6. Primary Entrance
7. Dropoff Area and Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
8. Approximately 3,088 SF of Green Space

Concept 4

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Seating Area
5. Primary Entrance
6. Dead-End Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
7. Approximately 9,251 SF of Green Space

Concept 5

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Half-Court Basketball
5. Seating Area
6. Primary Entrance
7. Dead-End Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
8. Approximately 7,182 SF of Green Space

Concept 6

This concept has the following amenities:

1. Playground
2. Secondary Entrance
3. Pickleball Courts
4. Two Half-Court Basketball
5. Seating Area
6. Primary Entrance
7. Dead-End End Parking Lot with Six Parking Spaces
8. Approximately 6,555 SF of Green Space

Each concept has pros and cons listed in Exhibit C, attached to this memo.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend proceeding with Concept 4 to preserve more green space in the park and based on feedback from those who responded to the survey. Those who responded to the survey overwhelmingly requested pickleball over basketball.

Discussion and Recommendation

Parks and Recreation staff are seeking a discussion and recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to the Village Board regarding a preferred concept for Goebelt Park if ComEd approves a dog park in their ROW.

Documents Attached

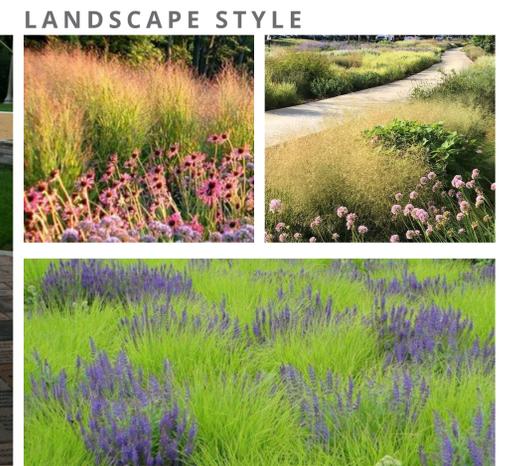
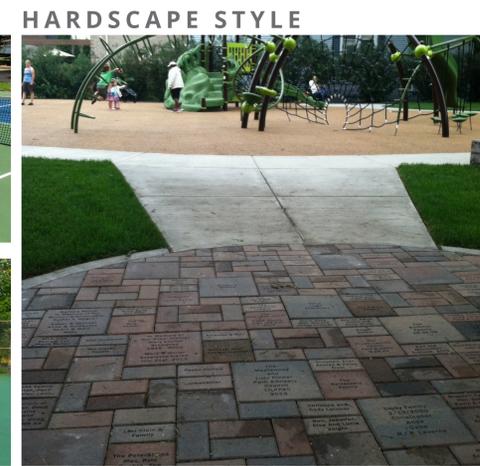
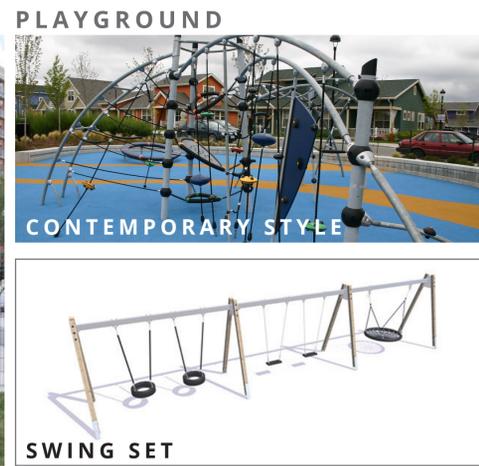
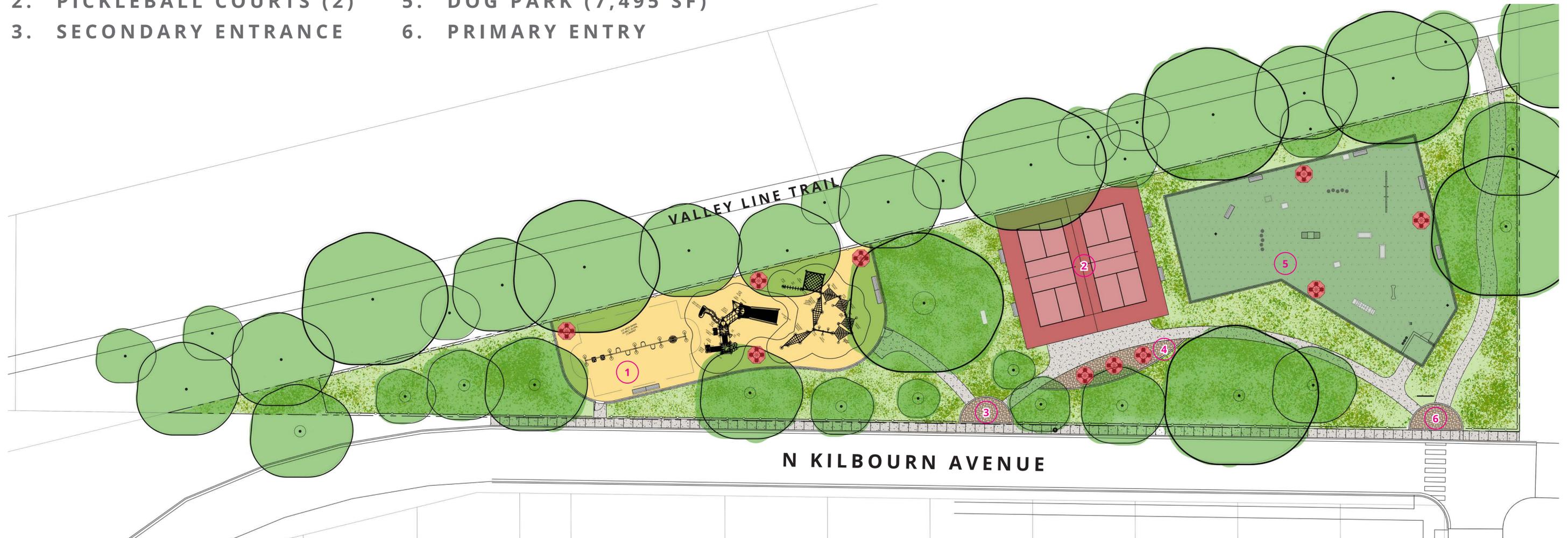
1. Exhibit A – Goebelt Park Concepts with Dog Park
2. Exhibit B – Goebelt Park Concepts with Parking Options
3. Exhibit C – Concept Pros and Cons

GOEBELT PARK | CONCEPT 1

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO
PROVIDE FEEDBACK
ON THE NEW DESIGNS



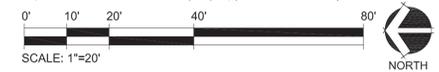
- 1. PLAYGROUND AREA
- 2. PICKLEBALL COURTS (2)
- 3. SECONDARY ENTRANCE
- 4. SEATING AREA
- 5. DOG PARK (7,495 SF)
- 6. PRIMARY ENTRY



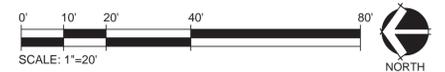
GOEBELT PARK | CONCEPT 2

- 1. PLAYGROUND AREA
- 2. SECONDARY ENTRANCE
- 3. SEATING AREA
- 4. DOG PARK (11,013 SF)
- 5. PRIMARY ENTRY

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE NEW DESIGNS

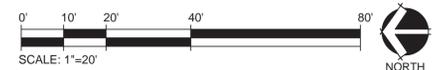
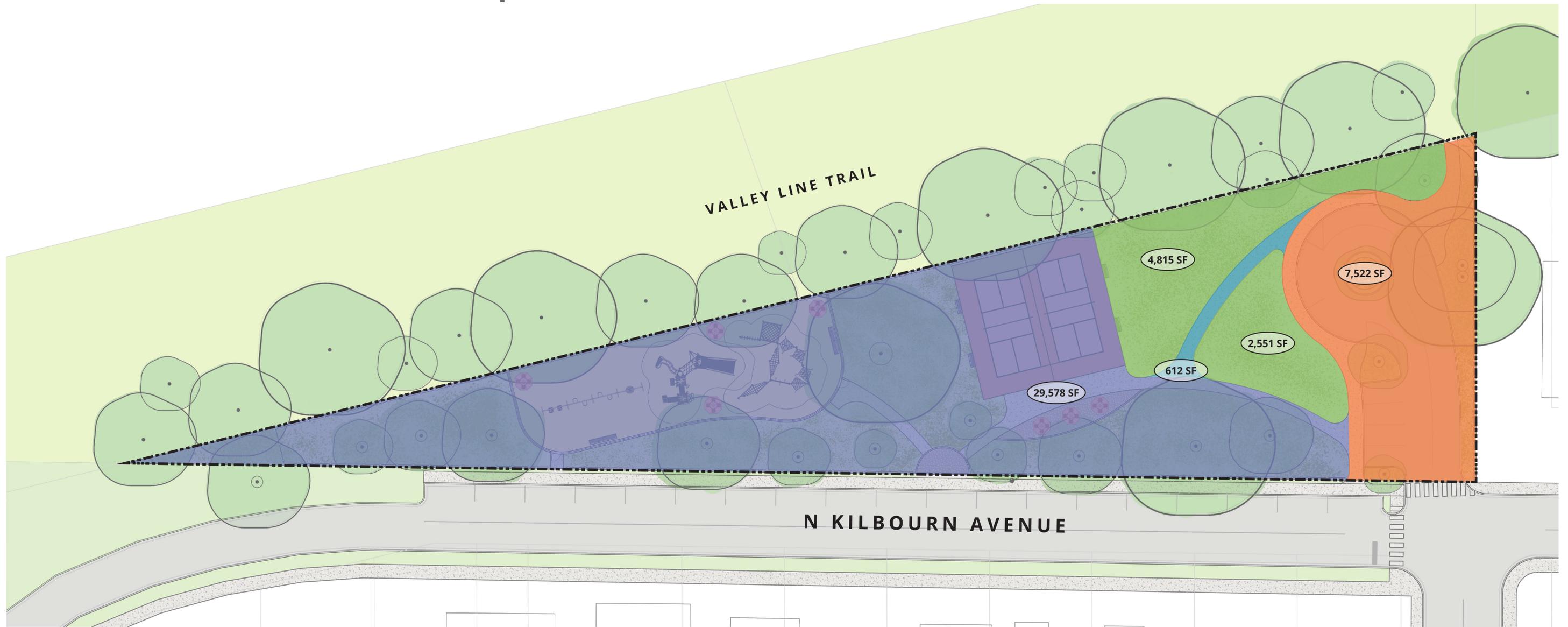



GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 01



- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| A. PLAYGROUND AREA | D. SEATING AREA |
| B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE | E. PRIMARY ENTRY |
| C. PICKLEBALL COURTS | F. DROPOFF |

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 01

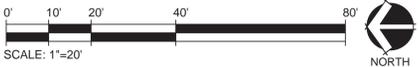


1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
2. CONCEPT AREA: 29,578 SF
3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 7,522 SF
- 4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 7,366 SF**
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 612 SF

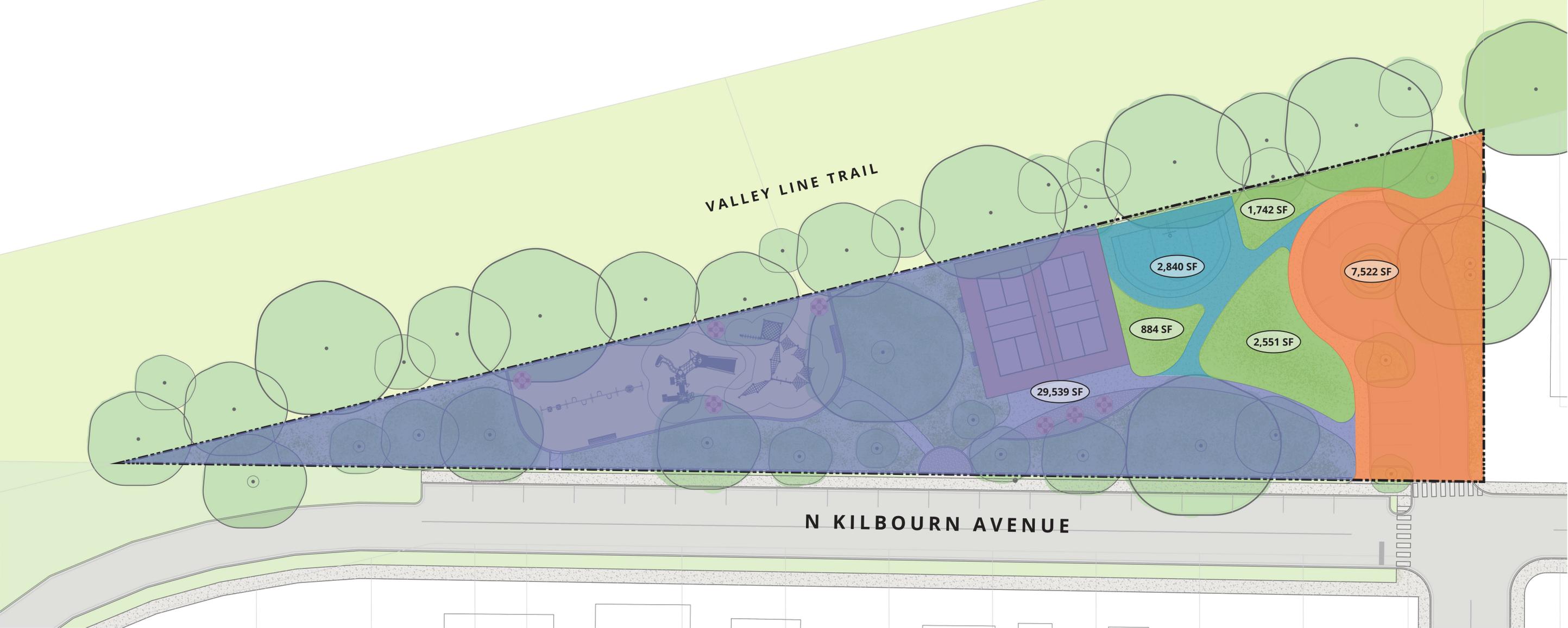
GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 02



- A. PLAYGROUND AREA
- B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE
- C. PICKLEBALL COURTS
- D. SEATING AREA
- E. BASKETBALL COURT
- F. PRIMARY ENTRY
- G. DROPOFF

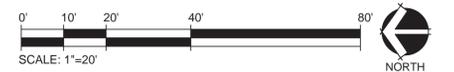


GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 02



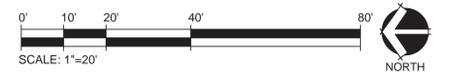
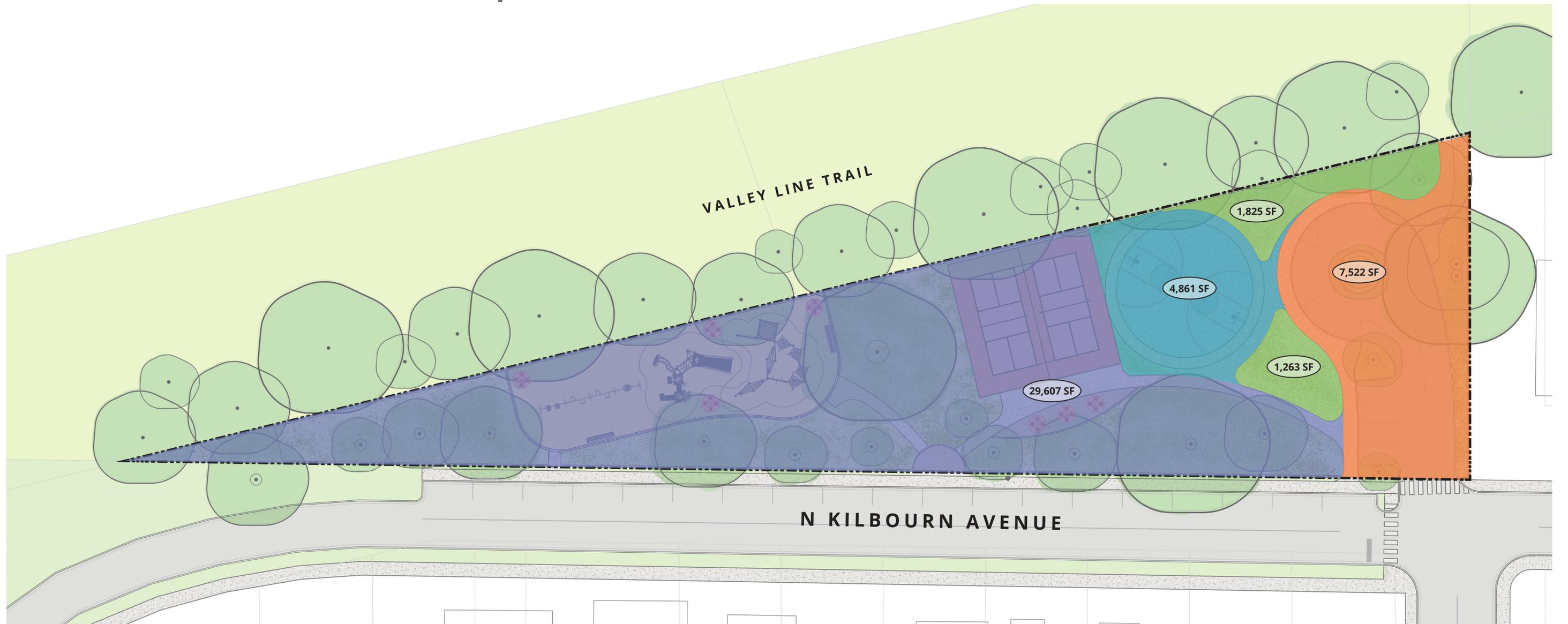
- 1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
- 2. CONCEPT AREA: 29,539 SF
- 3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 7,522 SF
- 4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 5,177 SF
- 5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 2,840 SF

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 03



- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| A. PLAYGROUND AREA | E. BASKETBALL COURT |
| B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE | F. PRIMARY ENTRY |
| C. PICKLEBALL COURTS | G. DROPOFF |
| D. SEATING AREA | |

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 03

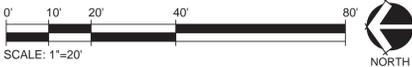


1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
2. FINAL CONCEPT AREA: 29,607 SF
3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 7,522 SF
- 4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 3,088 SF**
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 4,861 SF

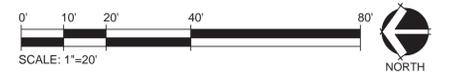
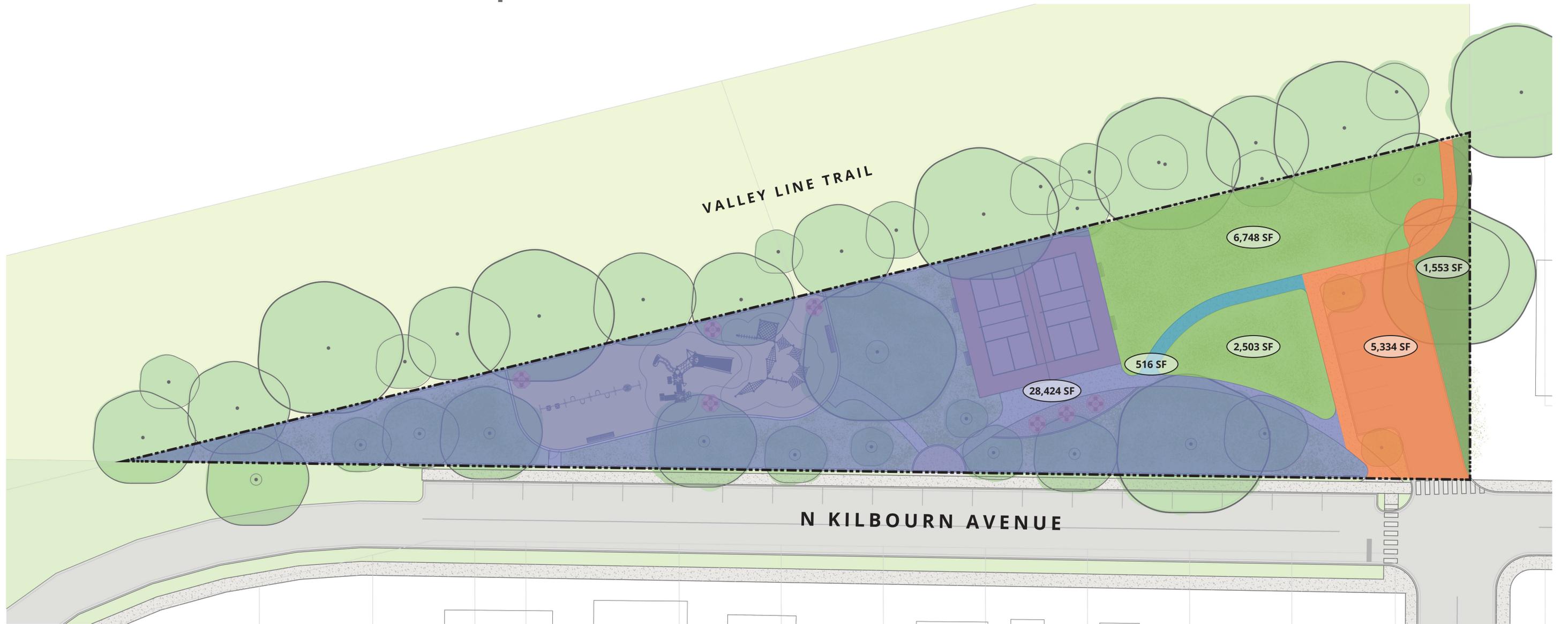
GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 04



- A. PLAYGROUND AREA
- B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE
- C. PICKLEBALL COURTS
- D. SEATING AREA
- E. PRIMARY ENTRY

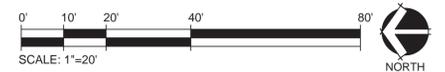
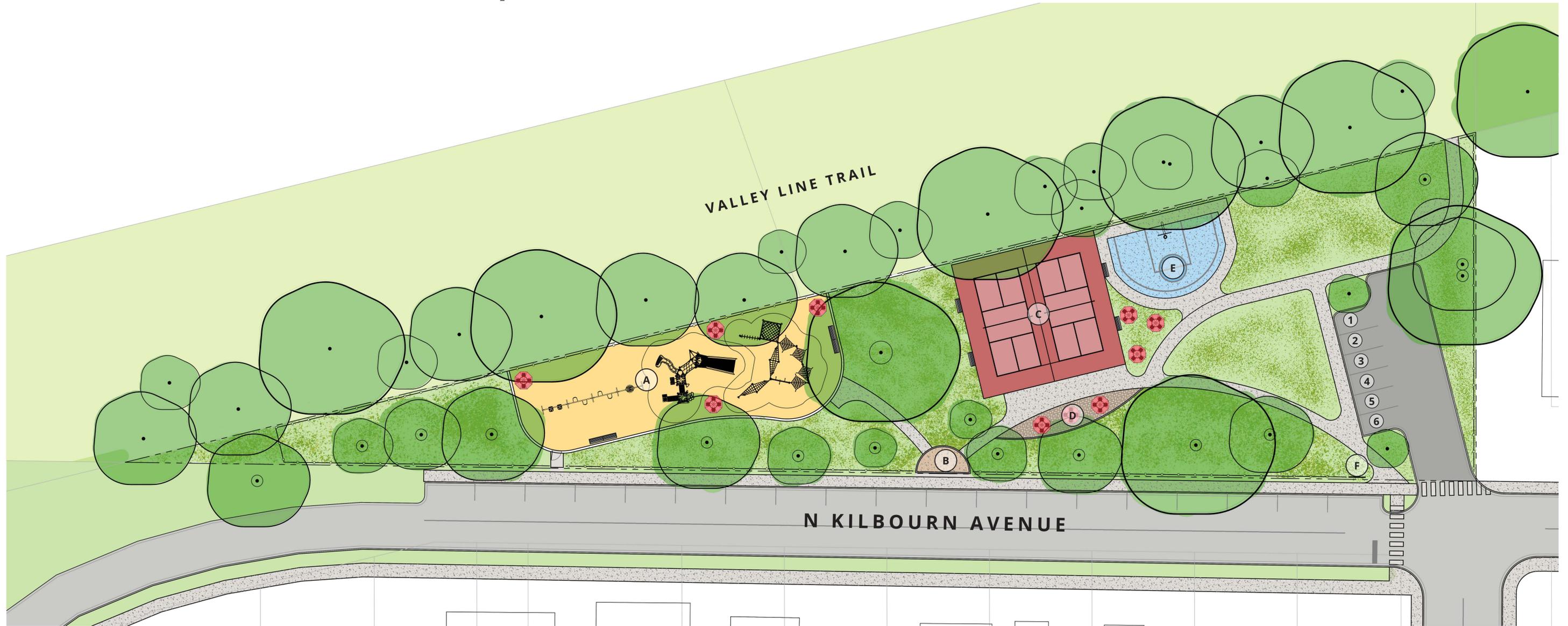


GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 04



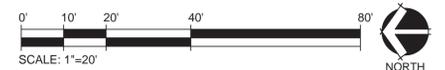
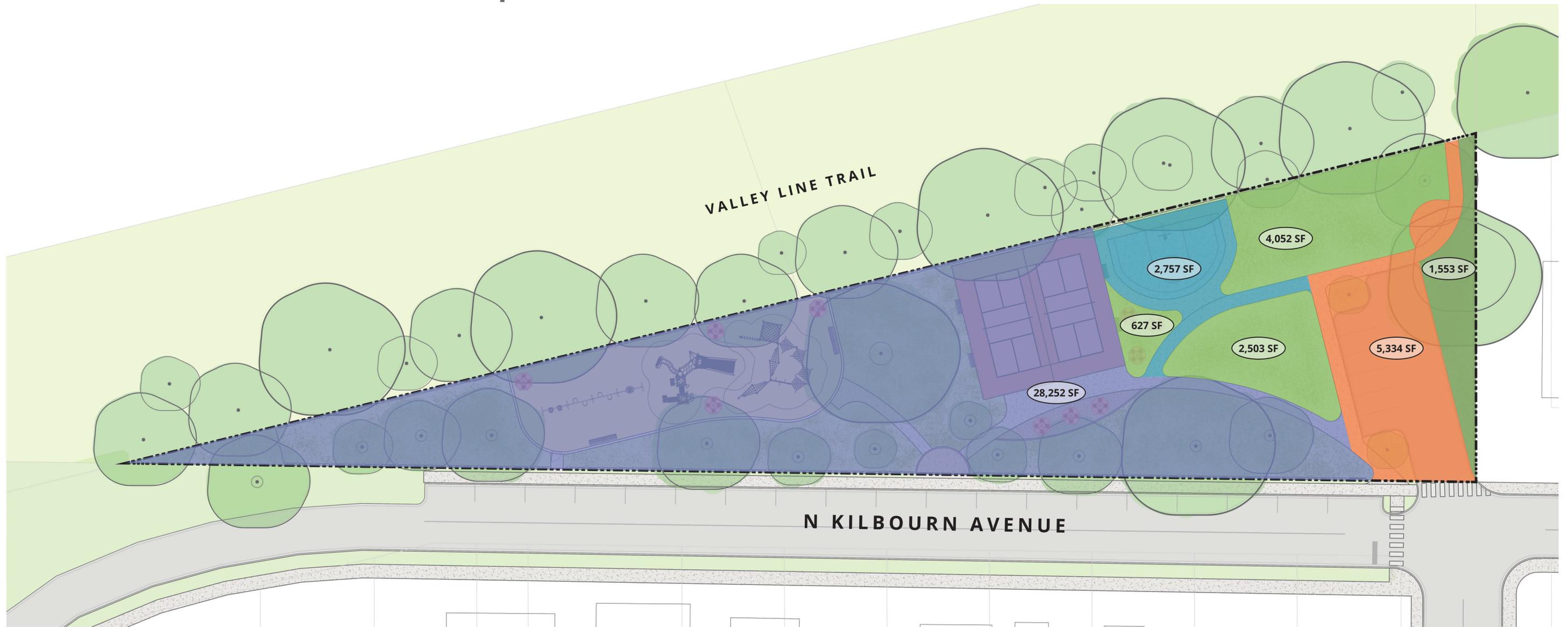
1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
2. FINAL CONCEPT AREA: 28,424 SF
3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 5,334 SF
- 4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 9,251 SF**
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 516 SF
6. PROPOSED BUFFER PLANTING AREA: 1,553 SF

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 05



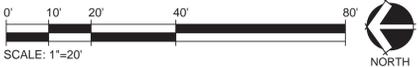
- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| A. PLAYGROUND AREA | D. SEATING AREA |
| B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE | E. BASKETBALL COURT |
| C. PICKLEBALL COURTS | F. PRIMARY ENTRY |

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 05



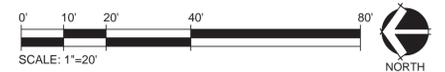
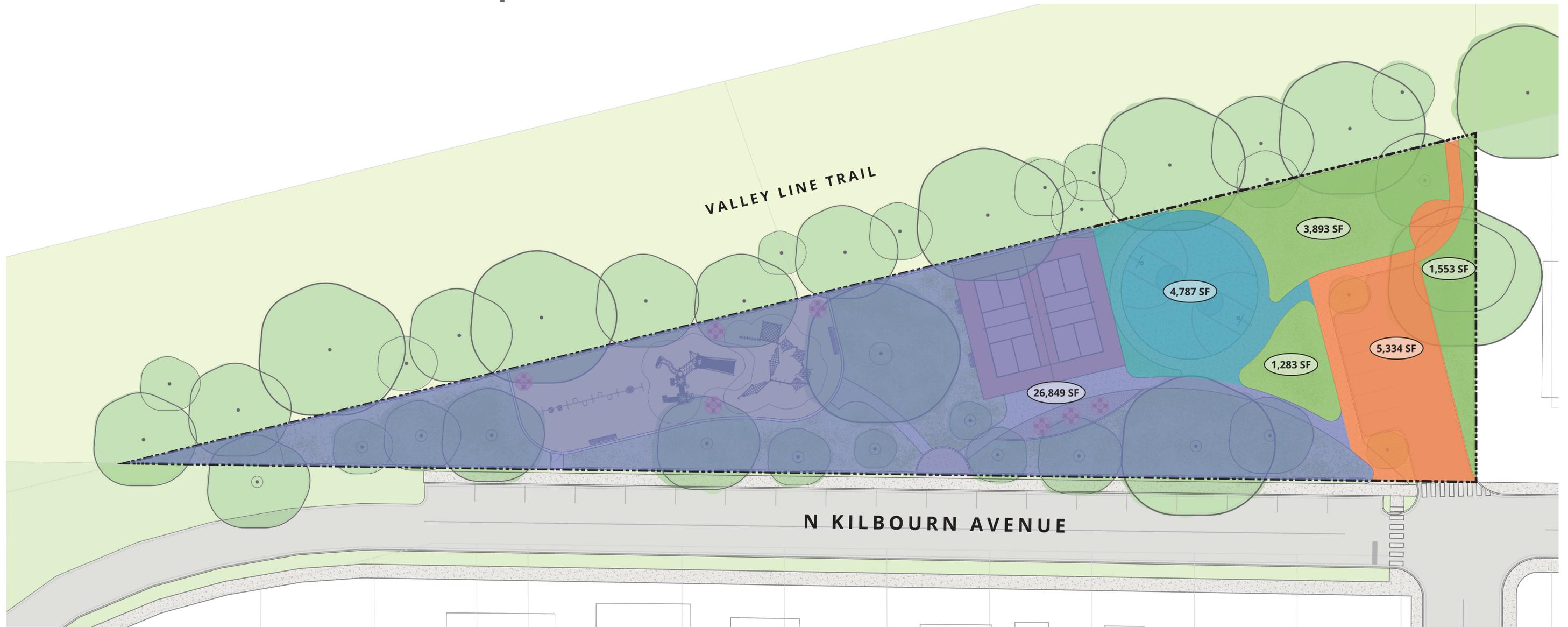
1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
2. FINAL CONCEPT AREA: 28,252 SF
3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 5,334 SF
- 4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 7,182 SF**
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 2,757 SF
6. PROPOSED BUFFER PLANTING AREA: 1,553 SF

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 06



- A. PLAYGROUND AREA
- B. SECONDARY ENTRANCE
- C. PICKLEBALL COURTS
- D. SEATING AREA
- E. BASKETBALL COURT
- F. PRIMARY ENTRY

GOEBELT PARK | PARKING CONCEPT 06



1. TOTAL PARK AREA: 45,078 SF
2. FINAL CONCEPT AREA: 26,849 SF
3. PROPOSED PARKING AREA: 5,334 SF
4. PROPOSED GREEN SPACE AREA: 6,555 SF
5. PROPOSED DEVELOPED AREA: 4,787 SF
6. PROPOSED BUFFER PLANTING AREA: 1,553 SF

Exhibit C - Concept Pros and Cons and Available Green Space

Concept 1

Pros	Cons
Represents the preferred amenities of residents attending the meeting and feedback received via the online survey.	A drop-off area is not preferred by the Public Works staff due to the difficulty of plowing.
A drop-off and parking area were added for easy access to the pedestrian path.	The drop-off area takes up significant green space.
Some green space remains within the park	No basketball court in the park (those responding to the survey and attending the meeting preferred pickleball).
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	

Concept 2

Pros	Cons
Added a half-court basketball court requested by an elected official.	A drop-off area is not preferred by the Public Works staff due to the difficulty of plowing.
A drop-off and parking area were added for easy access to the pedestrian path.	The drop-off area takes up significant green space.
Some green space remains within the park	The addition of the basketball court limits available green space.
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	Residents responding to the survey and attending the public meeting preferred pickleball over basketball courts.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.

Concept 3

Pros	Cons
Added two half-court basketball courts.	A drop-off area is not preferred by the Public Works staff due to the difficulty of plowing.
A drop-off and parking area were added for easy access to the pedestrian path.	The drop-off area takes up significant green space.
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	The addition of the two basketball courts leaves very little green space in the park.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	Residents responding to the survey and attending the public meeting preferred pickleball over basketball courts.
	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.

Concept 4

Pros	Cons
Represents the preferred amenities of residents attending the meeting and feedback received via the online survey.	This parking lot is preferred by Public Works staff due to the ease of plowing.
A dead-end parking lot was added to provide easy access to the pedestrian path and parking.	The parking area reduces the amount of green space.
Some green space remains within the park	No basketball court in the park (those responding to the survey and attending the meeting preferred pickleball).
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	

Concept 5

Pros	Cons
Added a half-court basketball court requested by an elected official.	This parking lot is preferred by Public Works staff due to the ease of plowing.
A dead-end parking lot was added to provide easy access to the pedestrian path and parking.	The parking area reduces the amount of green space.
Some green space remains within the park	The addition of the basketball court limits the available green space.
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	Residents responding to the survey and attending the public meeting preferred pickleball over basketball courts.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.

Concept 6

Pros	Cons
Added two half-court basketball courts.	This parking lot is preferred by Public Works staff due to the ease of plowing.
A dead-end parking lot was added to provide easy access to the pedestrian path and parking.	The parking area reduces the amount of green space.
It provides a parking lot that lines up with the intersection and still provides a buffer between the home to the south of the park.	The addition of the two basketball courts limits the available green space in the park.
Pickleball is set back from the street to assist with sound mitigation.	Residents responding to the survey and attending the public meeting preferred pickleball over basketball courts.
	Will likely have to install sound mitigation on the pickleball courts.

Design Concept	12/19/2024 Concept	Parking Concept 1	Parking Concept 2	Parking Concept 3	Parking Concept 4	Parking Concept 5	Parking Concept 6
Total Park Area (SF)	45,078	45,078	45,078	45,078	45,078	45,078	45,078
Concept Area (12/19/2024 concept playground, pickleball courts, seating area, park entries, etc.)	31,486	37,100	37,061	37,129	33,758	33,586	32,183
Parking Area		7,522	7,522	7,522	5,334	5,334	5,334
Green Space Area	13,592	7,366	5,177	3,088	9,251	7,182	6,555
Developed Area (basketball courts, additional sidewalk)		612	2,840	4,861	516	2,757	4,787
Buffer Planting Area (at south end property line)					1,553	1,553	1,553