

JAMES MADISON PARK - BREAKOUT SESSION

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- EXISTING EQUIPMENT
- ADJACENT PLAYGROUNDS AND AGE RANGES
- PLAYGROUND LOCATION
- EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES AND MANUFACTURERS
- COLOR OPTIONS
- NEXT MEETING

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JAMES MADISON PARK -EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



Community Parks

- One playground structure with 2–5-year-old sized equipment
- One playground structure with 5–12-year-old sized equipment
- Swings
- Often standalone play elements, as budget allows

Accessibility Components

Included in all replacement projects, when feasible

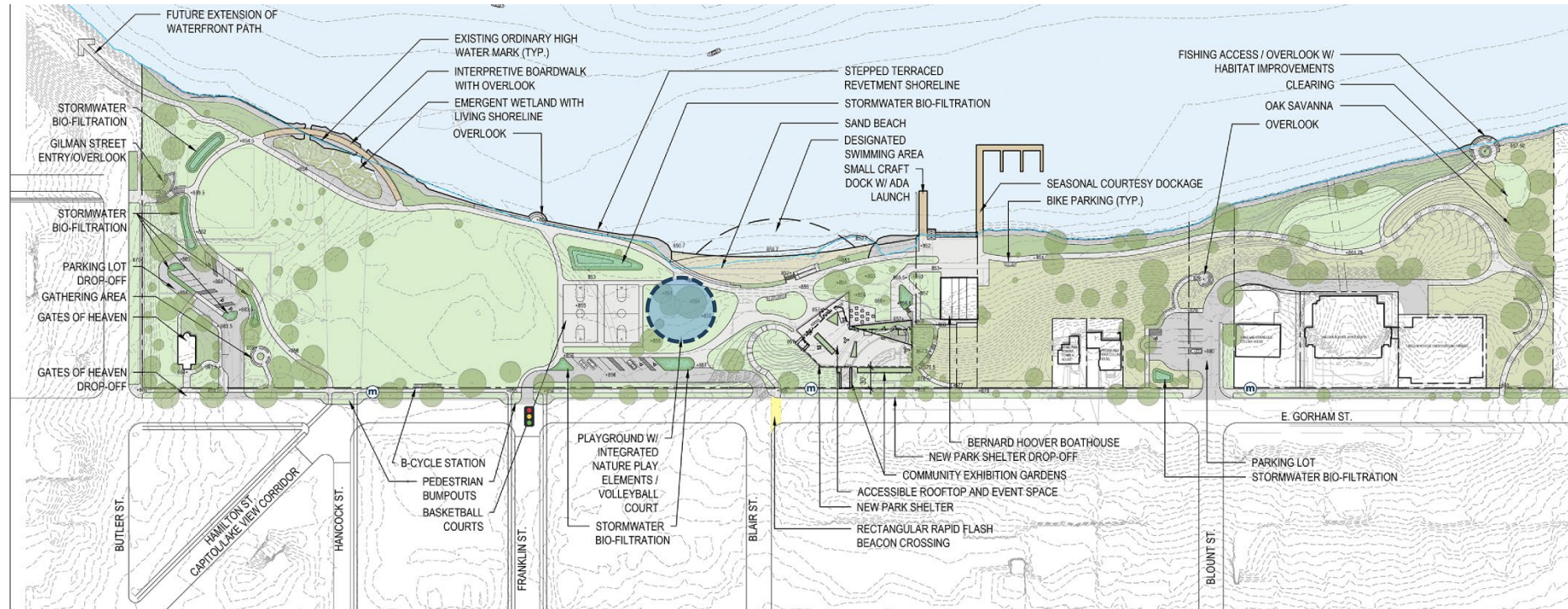
- A paved, accessible path to the playground from the street sidewalk
- A transfer station included in the playground equipment
- Fencing between the street and playground when necessary
- Inclusive swing seats upon request, so long as site conditions allow



JAMES MADISON PARK - SITE PLAN



JAMES MADISON PARK – MASTER PLAN



City of Madison Playground Options

Age Range: 5-12 Years Old

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Company: GameTime



Company: Burke

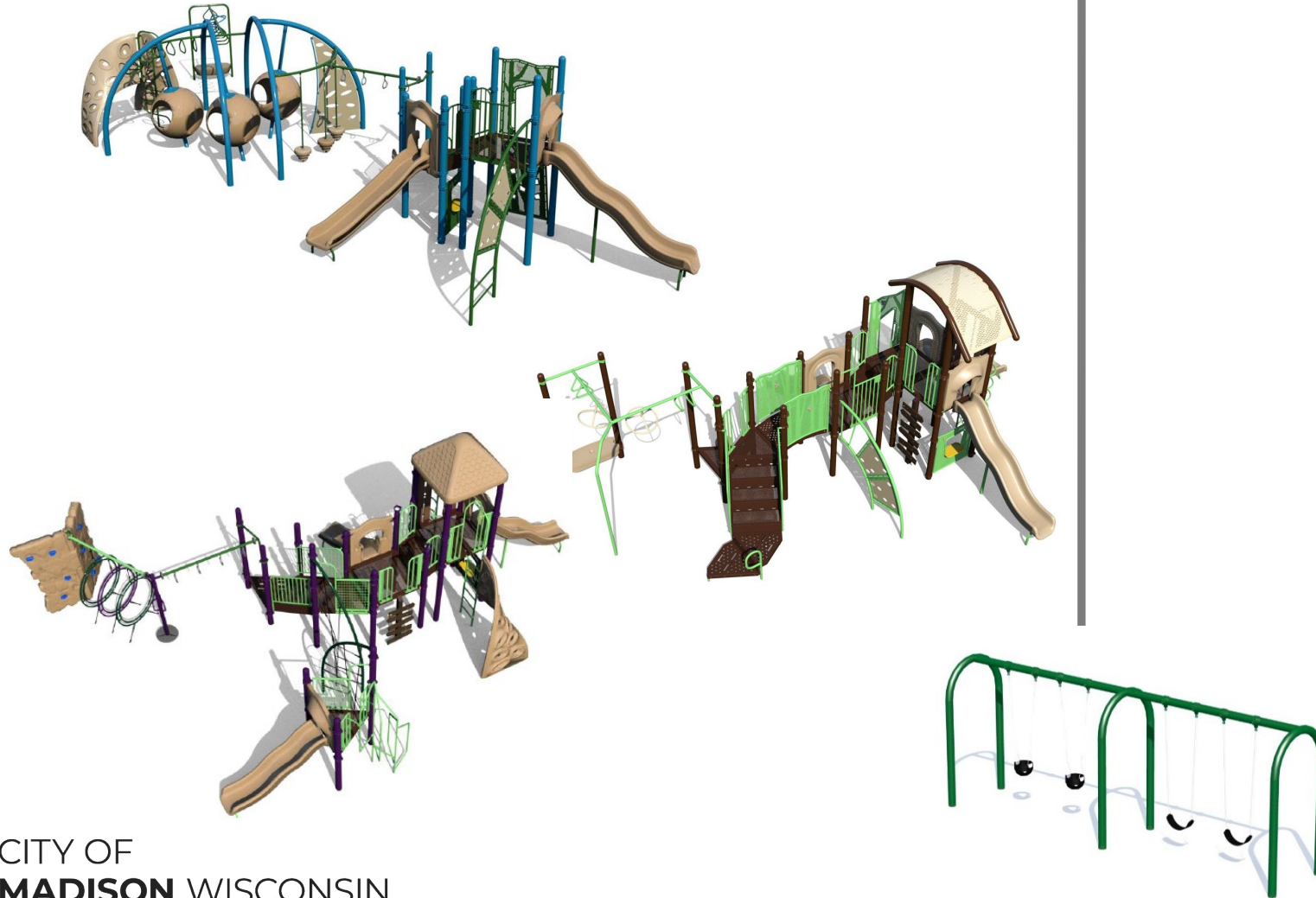


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Age Range: 5-12 Years Old

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Company: Little Tykes



City of Madison Playground Options

Age Range: 2-5 Years Old

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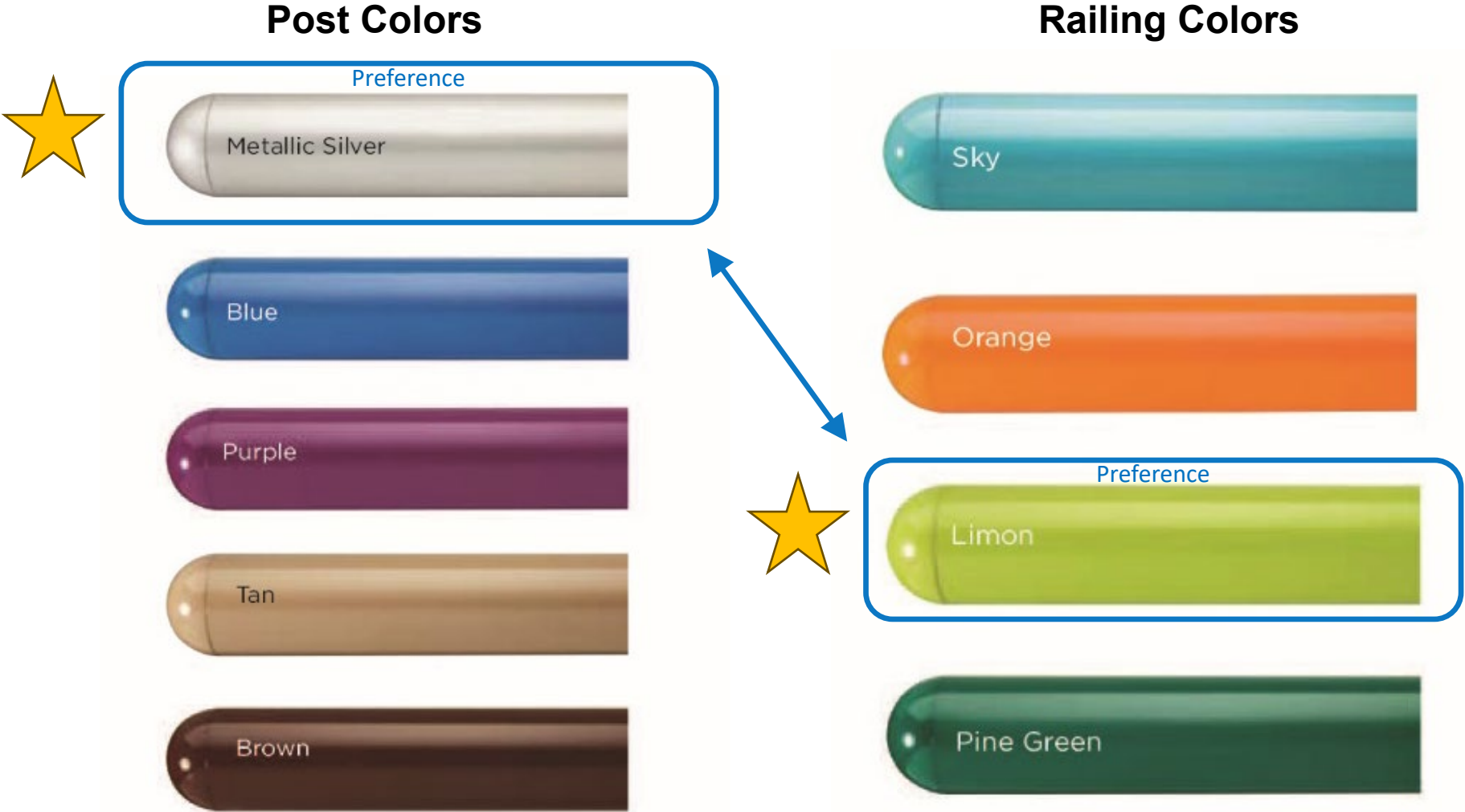
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City of Madison Playground Options

Colors



City of Madison Playground Options Surfacing

City of Madison Playground Surfacing Options Comparison



Preference

Recycled Shredded Rubber

- Meets U.S. Access Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas
- Meets CPSC fall height requirements
- Softer play surface material
- Provides alternative use for recycled tires
- Sandalwood/brown color-coated to reduce heat impact compared to non-coated black recycled rubber
- Higher initial cost, lower maintenance cost
- Needs to be topped off every 5 years depending on site conditions and use
- Non-biodegradable
- Thaws fast, playgrounds available throughout the year

Engineered Wood Fiber Mulch

- Meets U.S. Access Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas
- Meets CPSC fall height requirements
- Not as soft as recycled shredded rubber
- Created by the City from fallen trees and limbs that would otherwise be chipped for mulch
- More likely to get mold and mildew spores
- Lower initial cost, higher maintenance cost
- Needs to be topped off every 1 to 3 years depending on site conditions and use
- Biodegrades
- Thaws slowly, playground use limited during winter conditions



Waltham Park- Rubber



Dudgeon School Park- Wood

City of Madison Playground Options

Nature Nooks



City of Madison Playgrounds Fencing Example

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OCEAN ROAD PARK

City of Madison Playgrounds

Next Steps

Please plan on joining Madison Parks for the second meeting for the playground replacement for James Madison Park, where we will be reviewing and discussing proposed playground designs.

Next Playground Meeting (via Zoom): **TBD**

Additional information related to this project is posted on the Parks Project Portal, here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/james-madison-park-playground-improvements>

**Contact Brian Kowalski, project manager, with additional questions or comments.
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**If the neighborhood is interested in fundraising, the goal must be established by: MARCH 1, 2026
85% of the total fundraising goal must be received by Madison Parks Foundation by: MAY 1, 2026**