

# 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

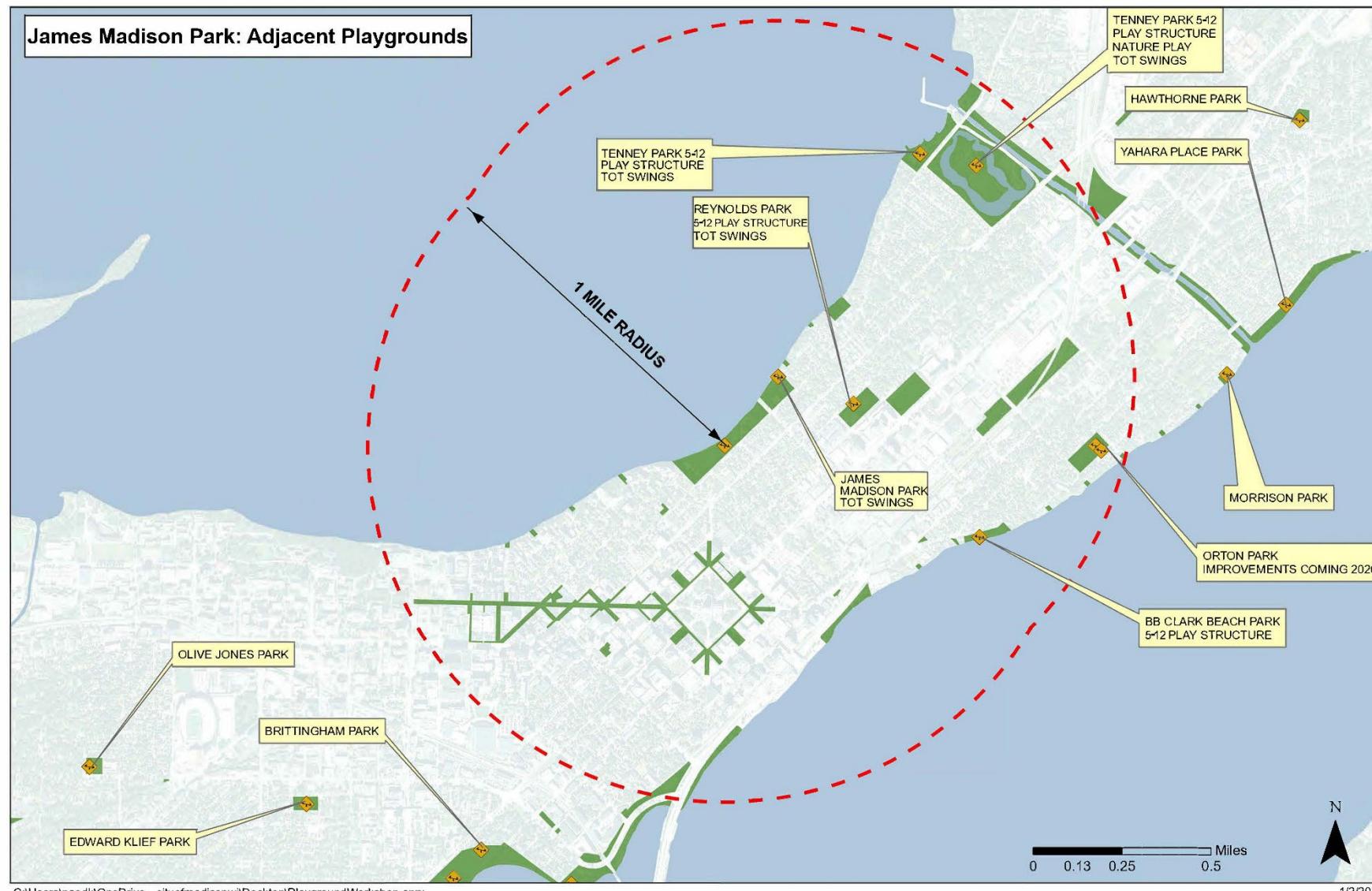
- One playground structure with 2-5-year-old sized equipment
- One playground structure with 5-12-year-old sized equipment
- Swings
- Often standalone play elements, as budget allows

## 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

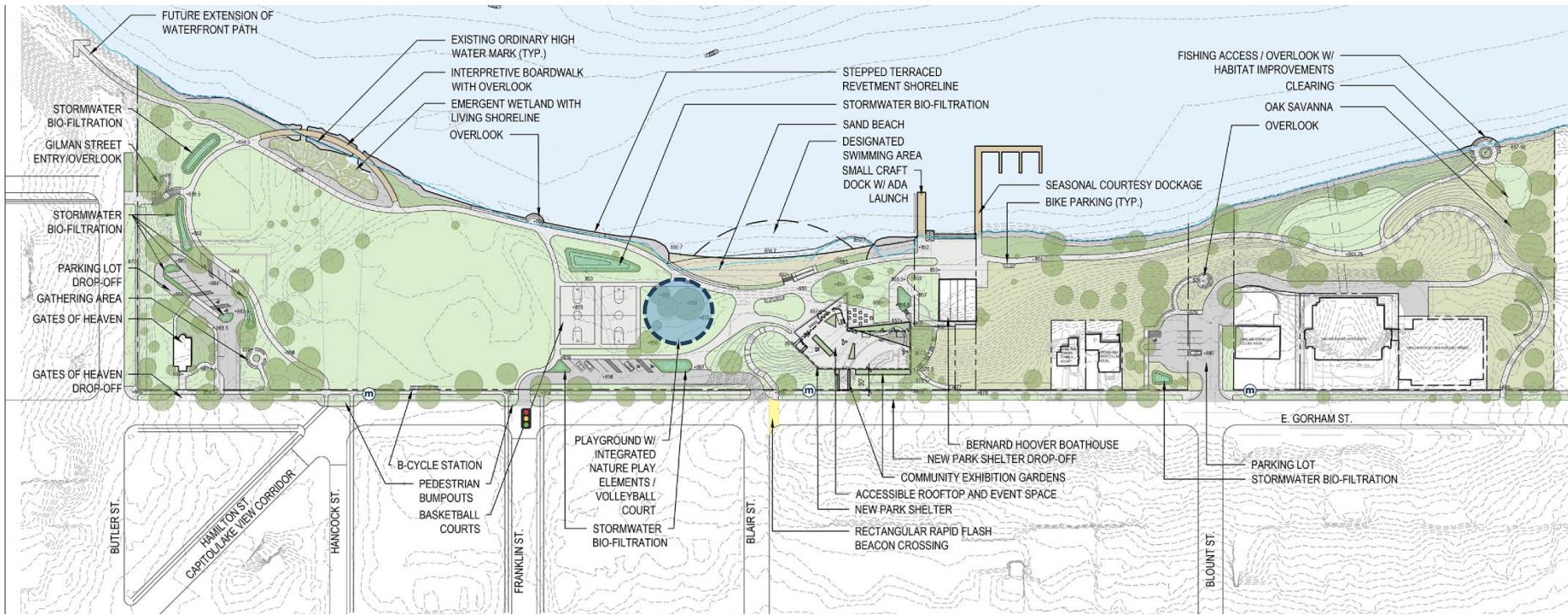
# JAMES MADISON PARK - ADJACENT PLAYGROUNDS



# 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**



# City of Madison Playground Options

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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**Company: GameTime**



**Company: Burke**



# City of Madison Playground Options

## Age Range: 2-5 Years Old

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**Company: Little Tykes**



# City of Madison Playground Options

## Colors

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### Post Colors



Preference

Metallic Silver

Blue

Purple

Tan

Brown

### Railing Colors

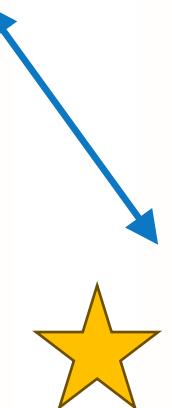
Sky

Orange

Preference

Limon

Pine Green



# City of Madison Playground Options

## Surfacing

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### City of Madison Playground Surfacing Options Comparison

Recycled Shredded Rubber	Preference Engineered Wood Fiber Mulch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets U.S. Access Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas</li><li>• Meets CPSC fall height requirements</li><li>• Softer play surface material</li><li>• Provides alternative use for recycled tires</li><li>• Sandalwood/brown color-coated to reduce heat impact compared to non-coated black recycled rubber</li><li>• Higher initial cost, lower maintenance cost</li><li>• Needs to be topped off every 5 years depending on site conditions and use</li><li>• Non-biodegradable</li><li>• Thaws fast, playgrounds available throughout the year</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets U.S. Access Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas</li><li>• Meets CPSC fall height requirements</li><li>• Not as soft as recycled shredded rubber</li><li>• Created by the City from fallen trees and limbs that would otherwise be chipped for mulch</li><li>• More likely to get mold and mildew spores</li><li>• Lower initial cost, higher maintenance cost</li><li>• Needs to be topped off every 1 to 3 years depending on site conditions and use</li><li>• Biodegrades</li><li>• Thaws slowly, playground use limited during winter conditions</li></ul>



Waltham Park- Rubber



Dudgeon School Park- Wood

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## Nature Nooks

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# City of Madison Playgrounds Fencing Example

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# 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**