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Warner Park

Southeast Recreation Area Development

Public Information Meeting

July 30, 2026
6:30-8:00 p.m.

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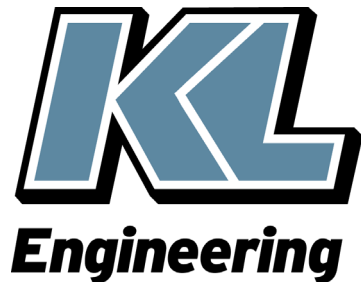
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Project Team

Madison Parks

- Brian Kowalski - LA and Park Planner
- Adam Kaniewski - LA and Planning Manager



KL Engineering

- Sam Herheim – Agency Coordinator
 - Natalie Topel – Site Engineer
- Jake Joyal – Electrical/Lighting Engineer

Damon Farber



Meeting Agenda

- Project Location
- Background
- Project Goals
- Project Overview and Highlights
- Project Schedule and construction phasing
- Discussion

Meeting Logistics

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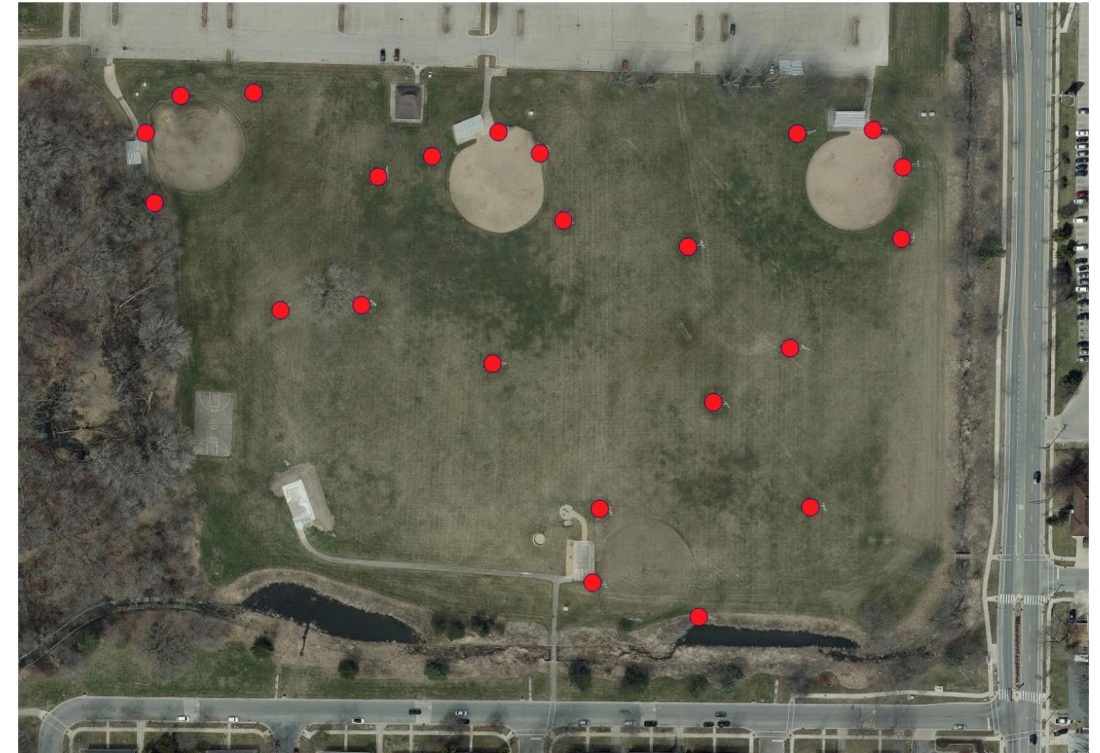
Project Location



Background

- Originally 5 softball fields
- Existing lighting infrastructure is 40-50 years old, doesn't meet current lighting standards for energy or dark sky ordinance.
- Light pole locations are aligned for use of fields for softball only and do not allow for full sized rectangular fields

Existing Light Pole Locations



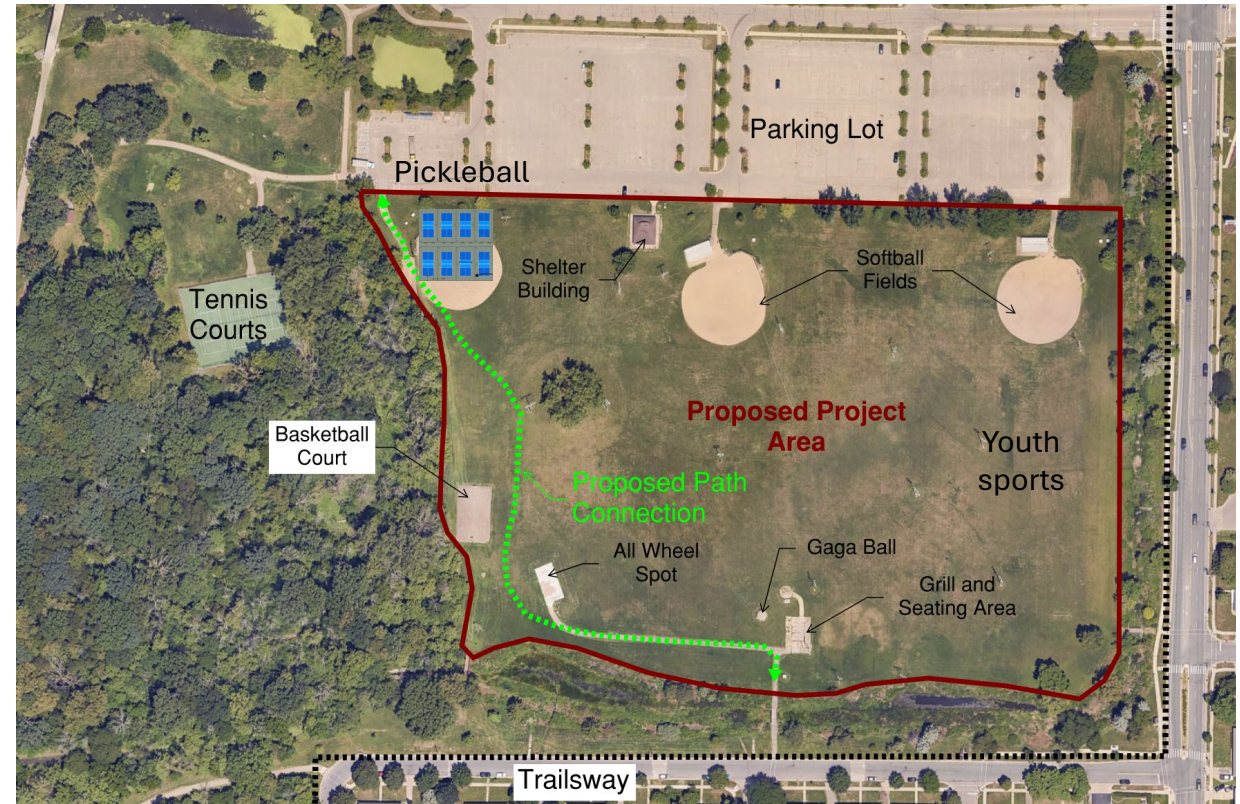
Background

- Softball fields 2, 4, have been reverted to grass areas due to low use. The backstops remain.
- Softball field #5 was removed in spring 2026 and is the location of the new pickleball courts (currently under construction)



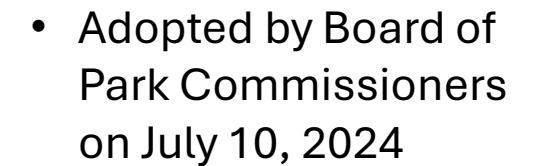
Existing Site Amenities

- 2 softball fields
- Shelter building
- Basketball court
- All-wheel area
- Gaga ball
- Grill and seating area
- Pickleball courts (under construction)



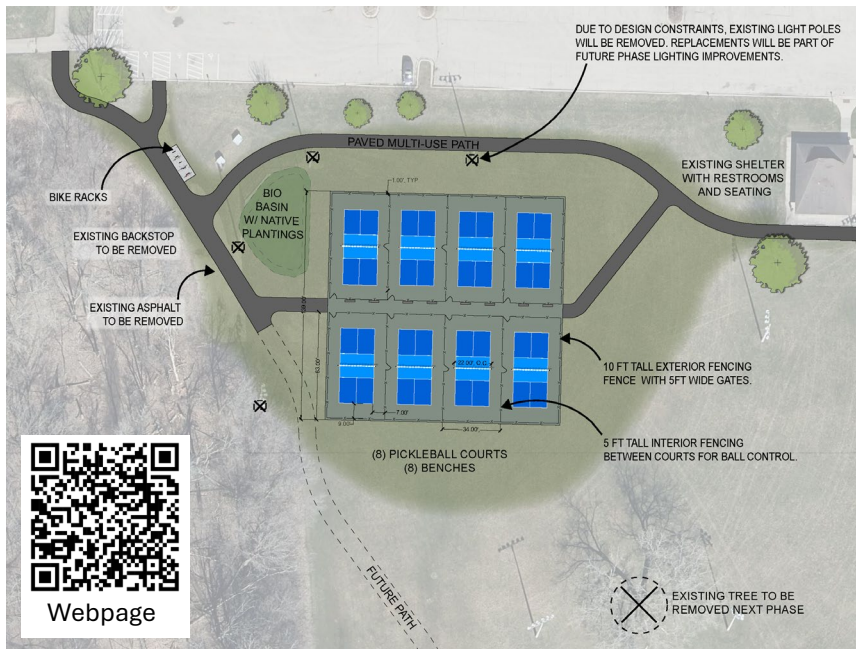
Project Goals

- Create space that allows for a multitude of uses
 - This will allow Parks more flexibility to adapt to changing recreational trends over time
- Provide paved path connectivity throughout the project area to provide better connections to the rest of Warner Park
- Replace existing lighting system to modernize and re-locate poles to allow for full-size rectangular field alignments



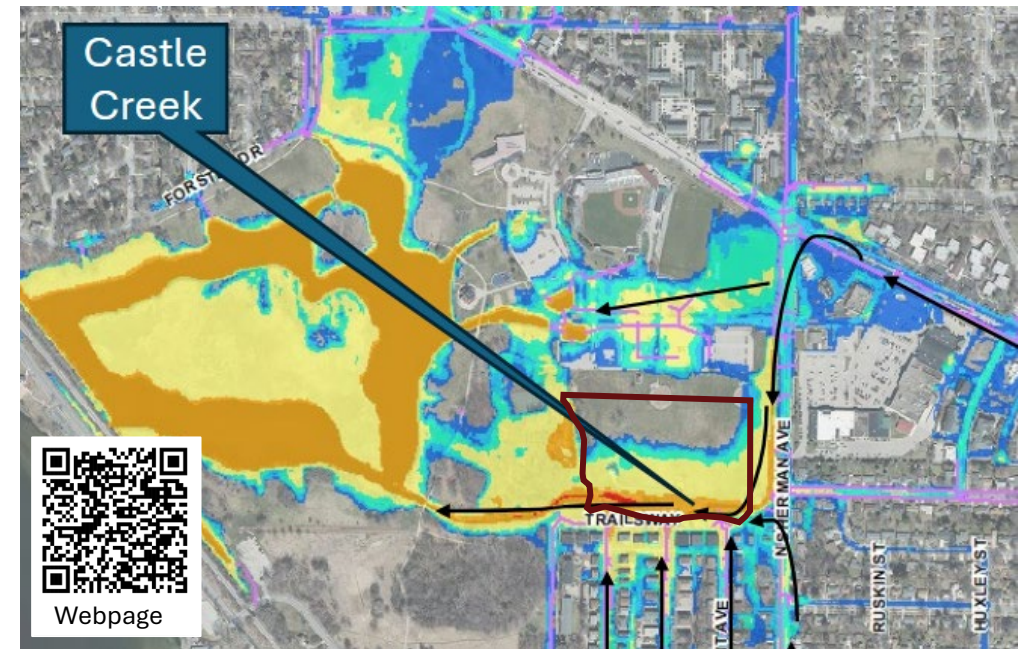
Other Work

- Pickleball Courts
 - Under construction



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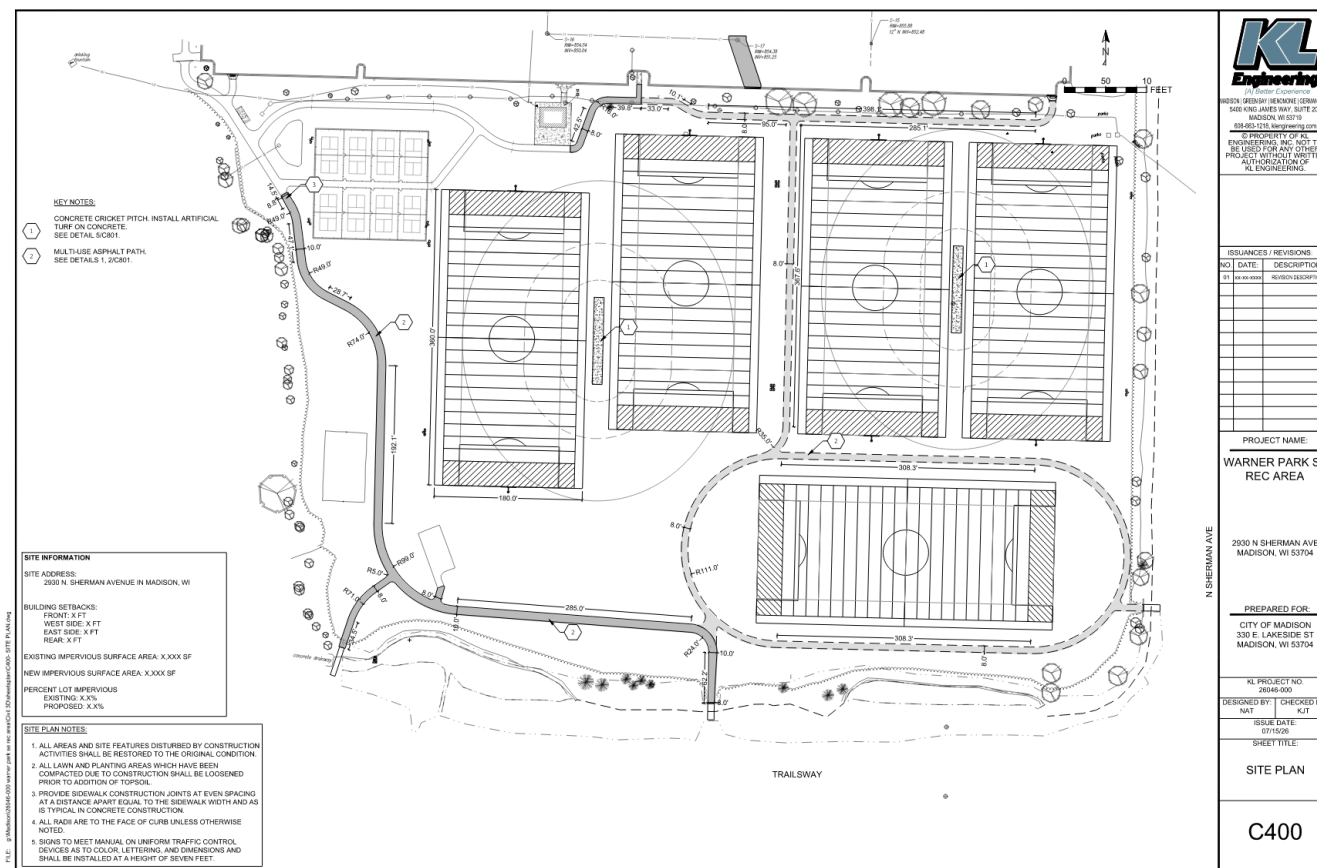
- Castle Creek Restoration
 - In planning/design by City Engineering
 - Will run concurrently with this project



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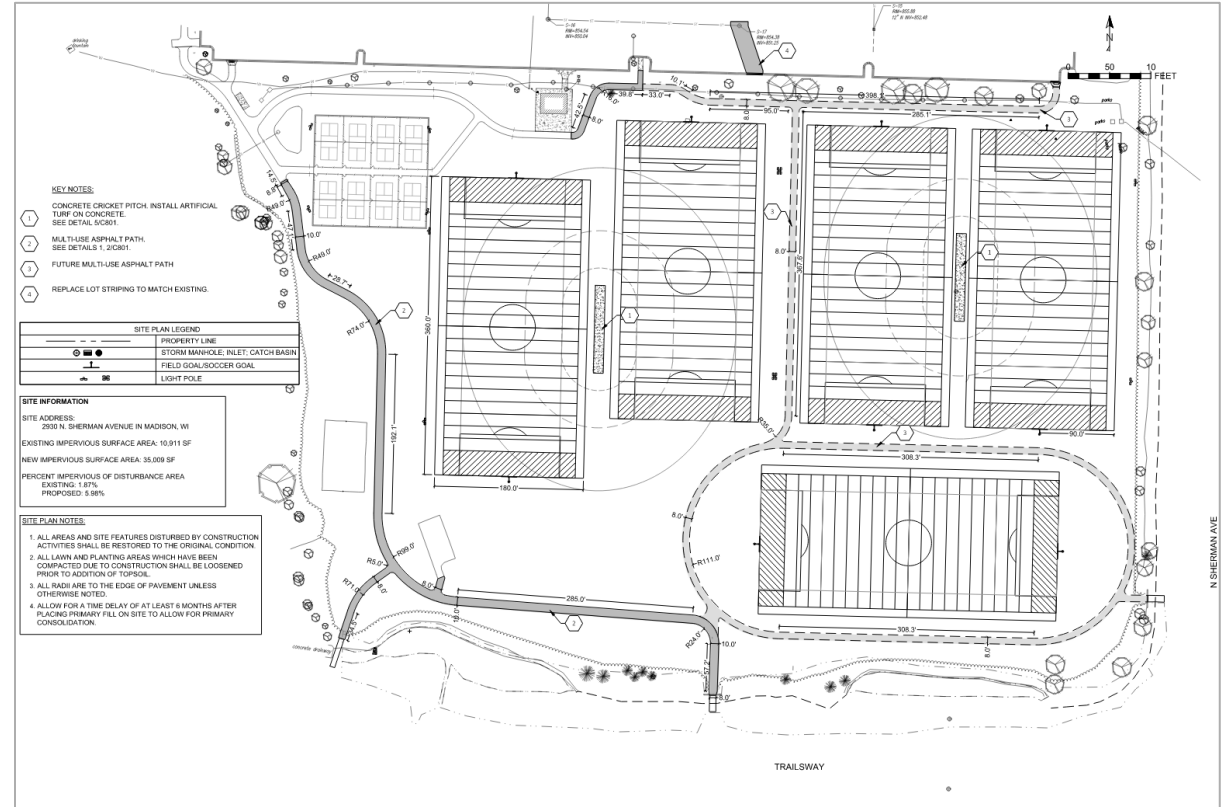
Project Overview

- 5 mixed use fields
- Path connections from fields to rest of park
- Update lighting
- Native planting area
- Cricket Pitches



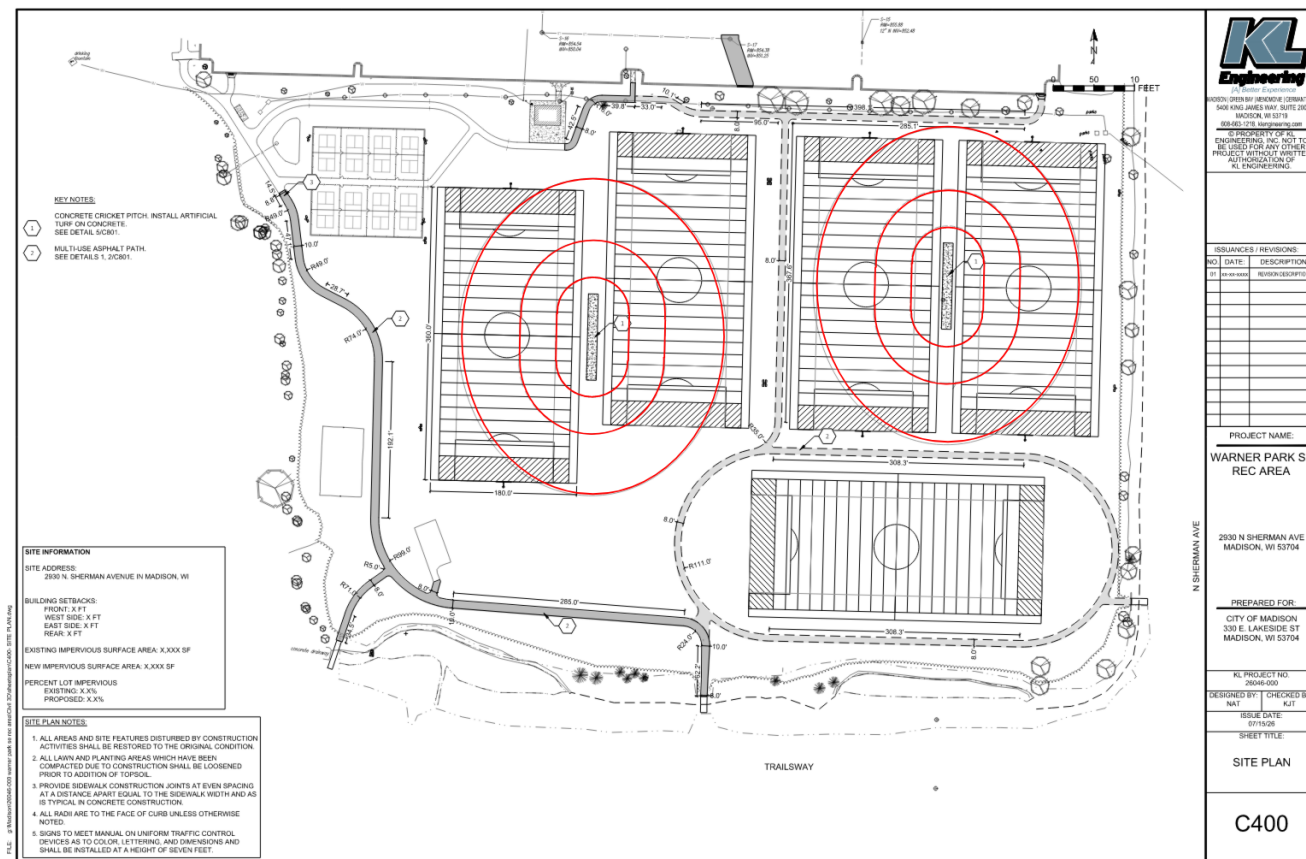
Project Highlights

- 5 mixed-use athletic fields
 - Current softball fields are underutilized
 - Existing lighting and field configuration don't allow for other sports to be played in the area
 - Geometry of fields allows Parks to make adjustments easily as recreation trends change
- Extended path network + running loop
 - Path connection from Trailsway to the rest of the park through existing ped/bike bridges
 - Potential addition of:
 - Updated path network through the recreation area
 - ~400m running loop
 - Dependent on funding



Project Highlights

- 2 Planned Cricket Pitches with Lighting
 - Only 3 public pitches currently in Madison
 - These will be the first pitches in the city with lighting
 - Only 1 existing pitch has a 360-degree field



Project Highlights

- Large tree removal
 - Conflicts with multi use field and cricket pitch
 - Field grading impacts root zone, will not survive



Project Highlights

- Tree planting along Castle Creek
- Tree planting in park near future basketball court
- Increased natural managed meadow areas (west area of field)



Legend

- (A) Managed Meadow
- (B) Multi-use Fields
- (C) Turf Grass
- (D) Proposed Tree (Typical)
- (E) All-Wheel Spot
- (F) Light Locations (Typical)
- (G) Basketball Court



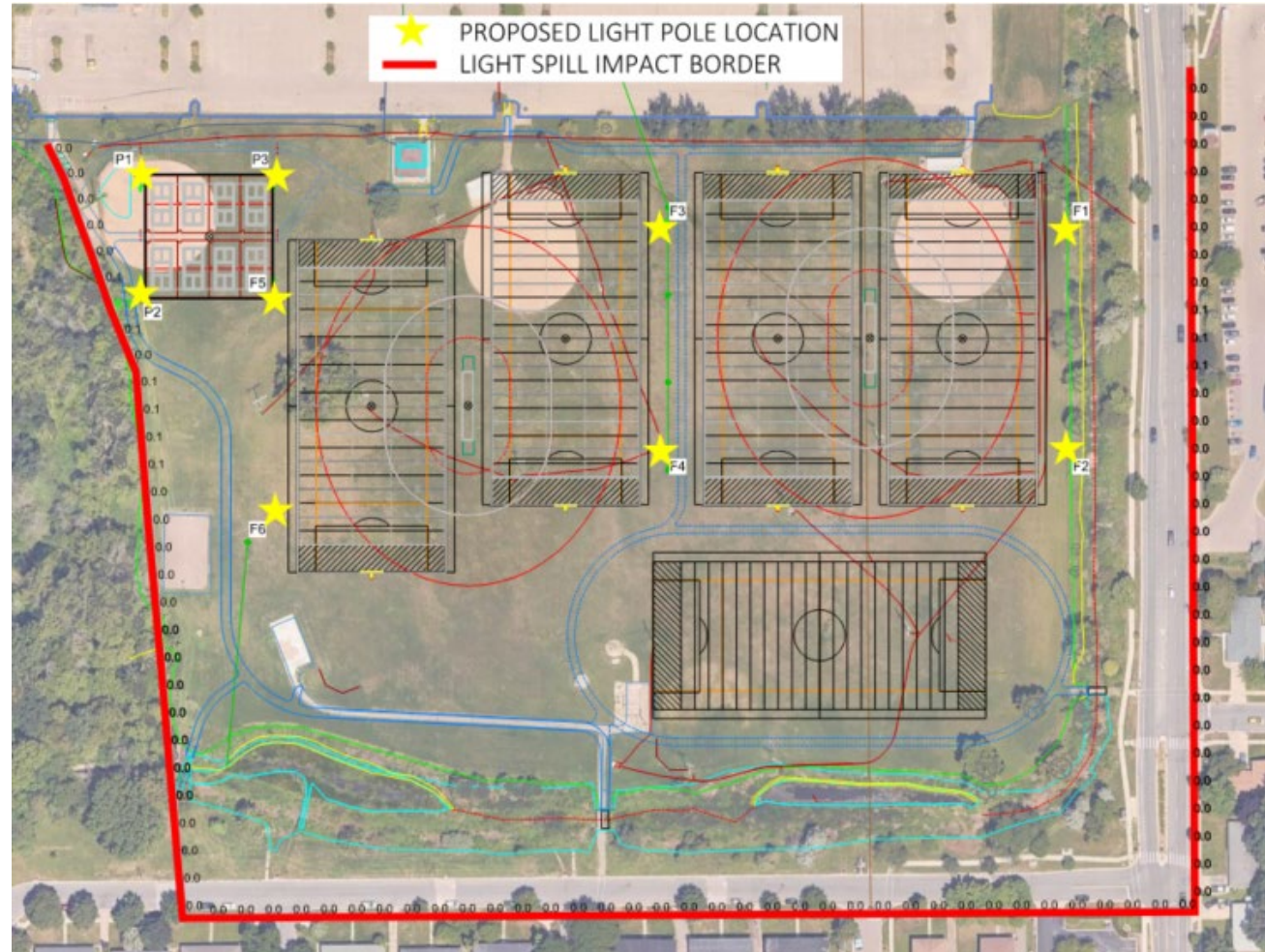
Lighting

- Operations
 - Scheduled or Manual Operations
 - Shut-Off with Park Closing at 10:00 PM
 - 5700K
 - Dimming Capabilities
- Layout
 - 100' Structure Height for Improved Control
 - Vissors Limit Spill/Glare
 - Overall Reduction in Poles (17 to 9)

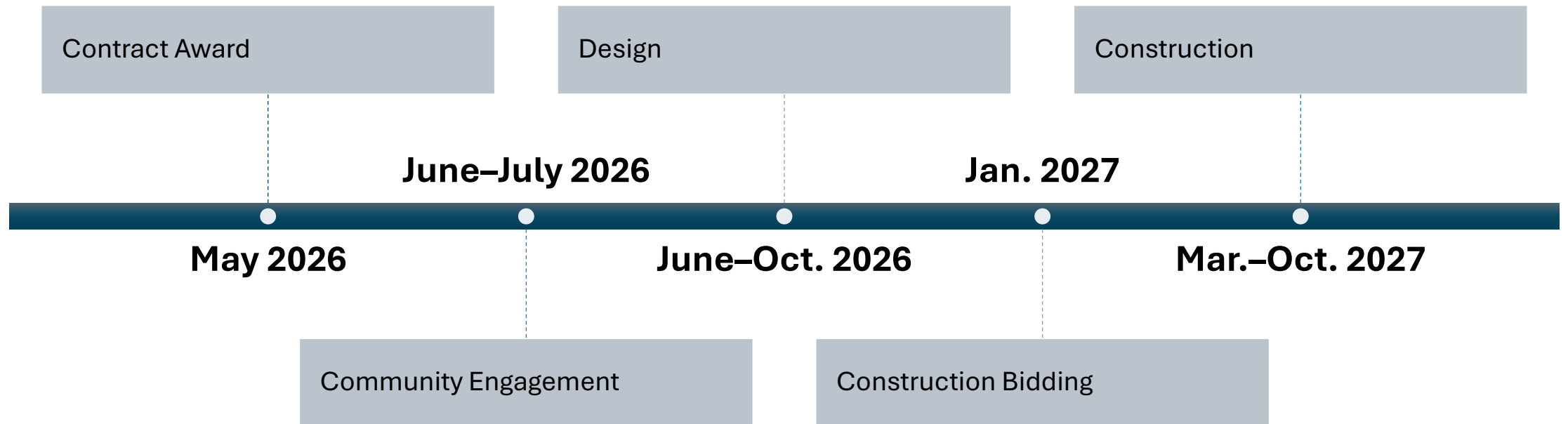


Example Project: Musco Lighting

Light Spill Mitigation



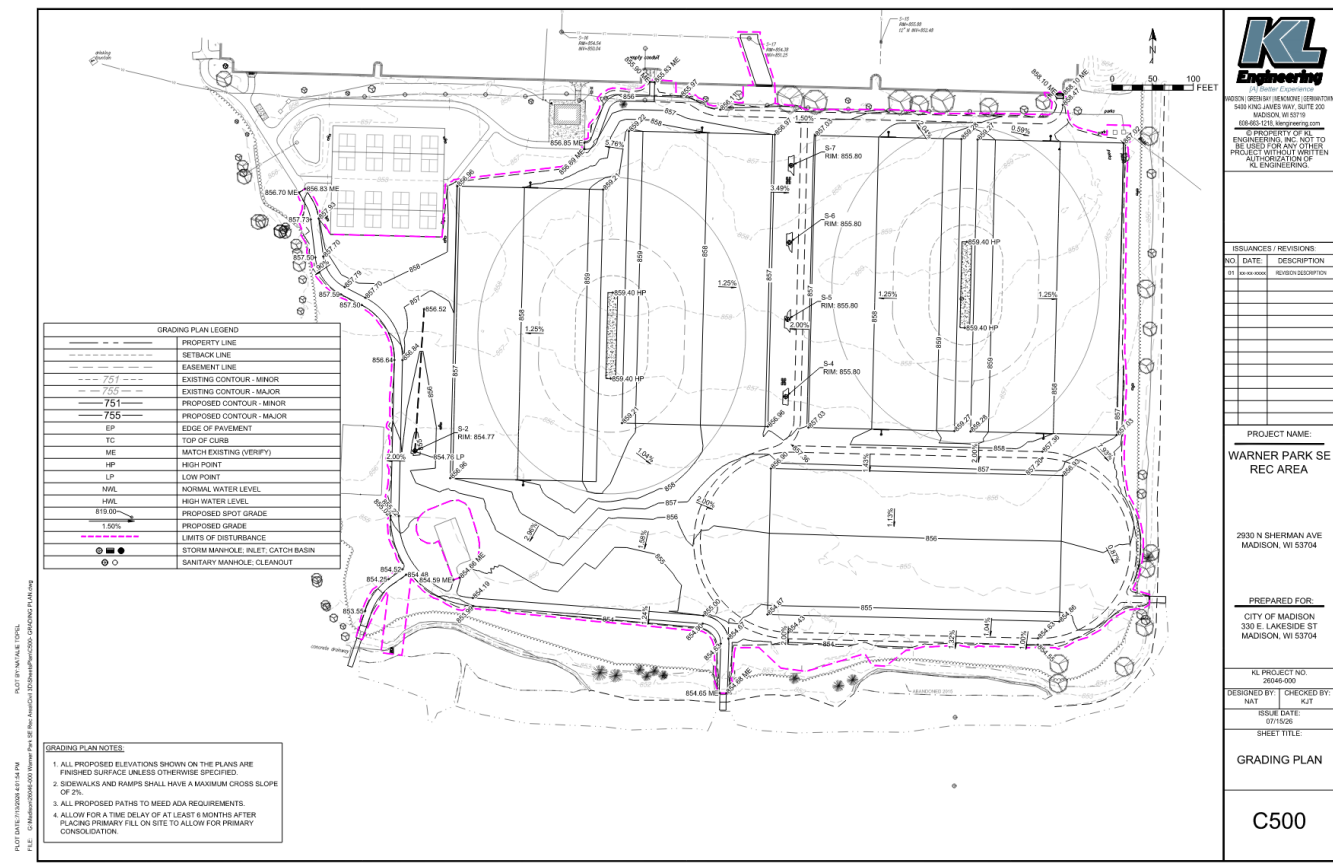
Proposed Project Timeline



Construction Phasing

Phase 1

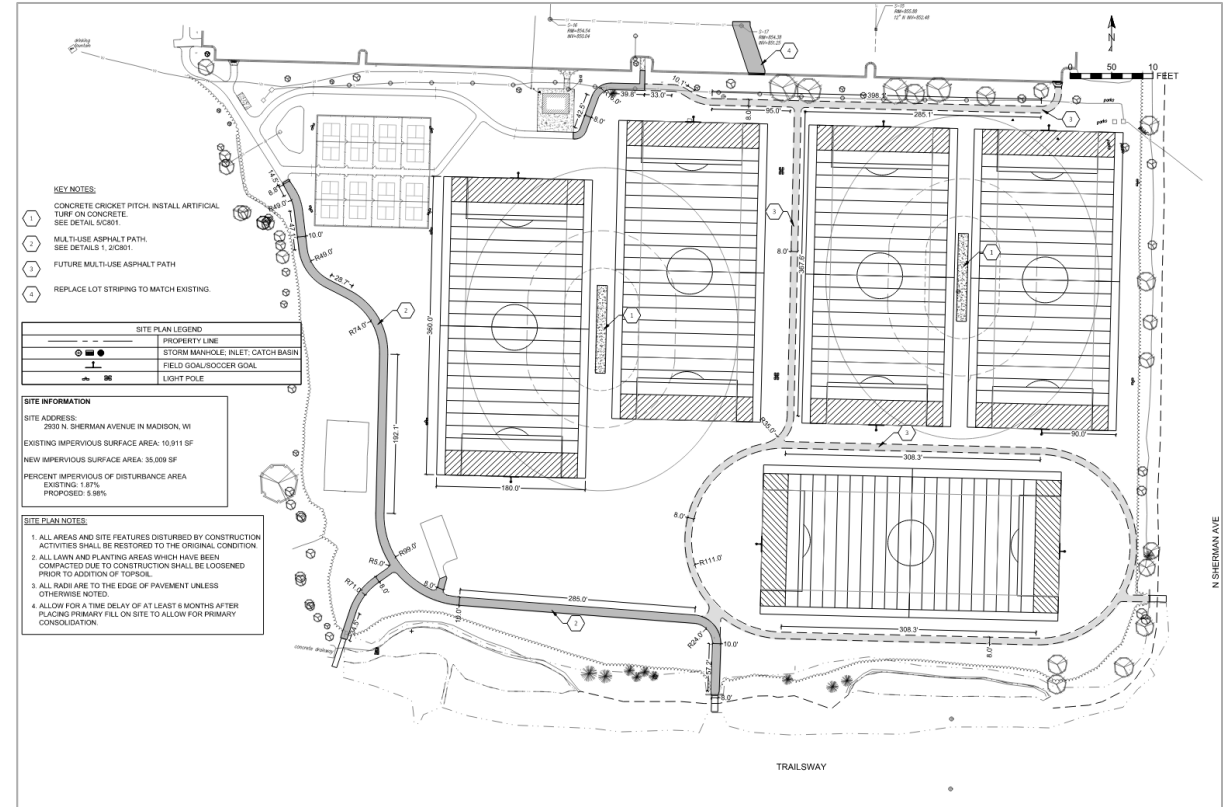
- Removal of existing
 - Backstops
 - Infields
 - Lighting
- Field grading to improve drainage and accommodate new field orientations



Construction Phasing

Phase 2

- Installation of new lighting system
- Managed meadow and tree planting areas
- Installation of multi-use athletic fields
- Installation of a portion of the overall path network to connect Trailsway to the northern area of Warner Park
 - Potentially to be installed early in phase 2 of the project to allow the public to still use a portion of the field.



Conclusion

- Plans are currently in preliminary phase, with final details pending public comment, City review, and other coordination factors
- Schedule is an estimate and may change
- Please ask questions or provide comments on this project
- Specifically, let us know your preferences for the Football/Soccer Goal and the Cricket Pitch options
- We will begin by reading and answering typed Q/A comments from the chat. Following this, we will allow for individuals to be unmuted. To be unmuted please use the “raise hand” 🙋 emoji.
- Thank you for participating!

Public Input – Football/Soccer Goal

- Combination
- Separate



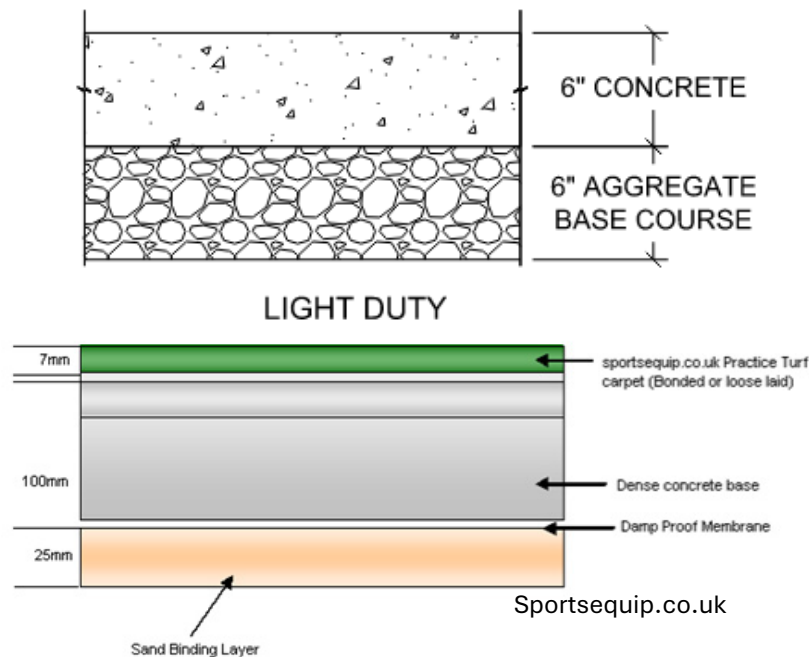
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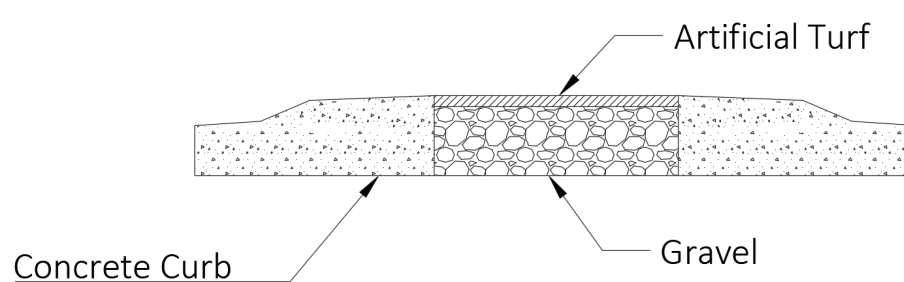
Sportsfield Specialties

Public Input - Cricket Pitch

- Typical: Concrete pad with turf
 - Rigid, uniform
 - No natural drainage
 - Standard for competitions



- Alternative: Gravel with turf
 - Softer, more forgiving
 - Better drainage
 - Requires concrete border
 - Recreational use

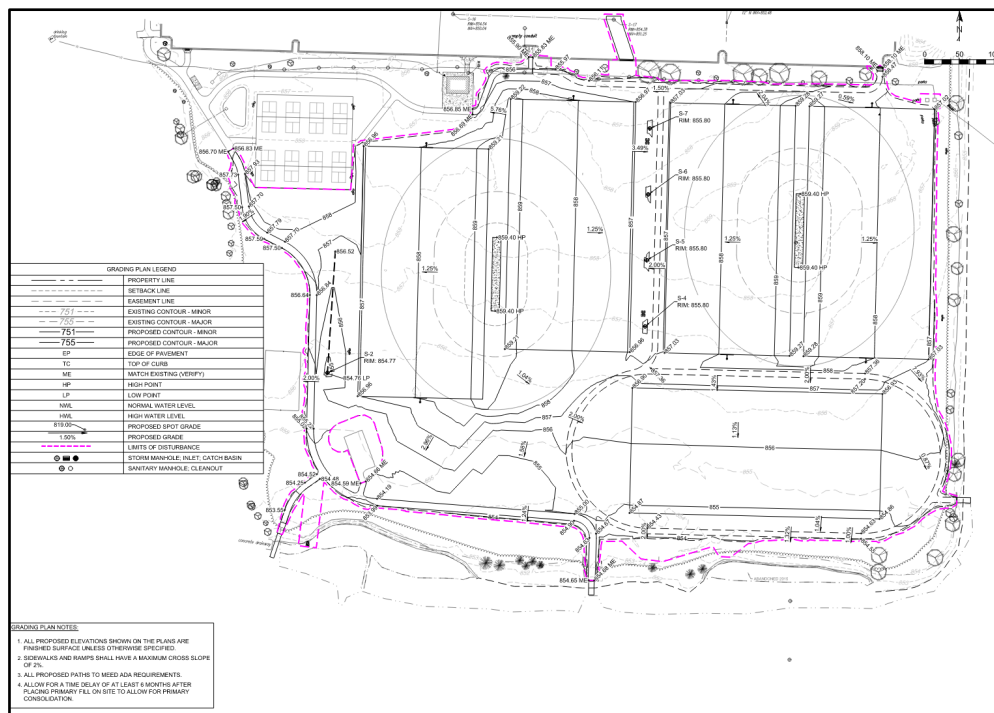


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Public Input – Q/A

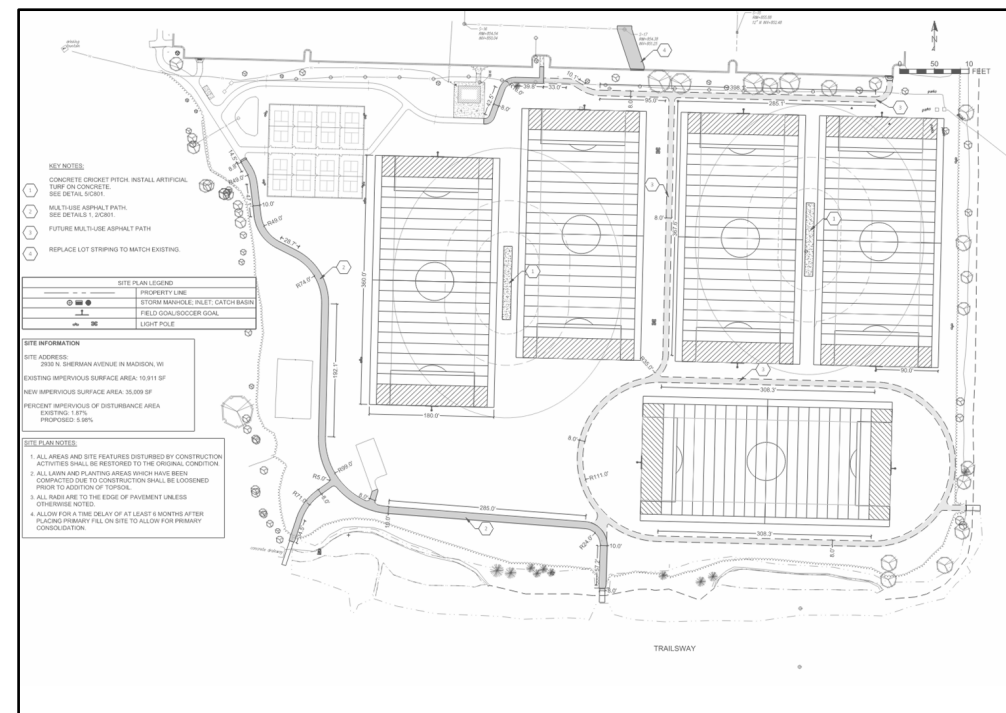


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Next Steps



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We will gather and consider comments from this meeting as we enter into the design phase.

Please reach out to bkowalski@citymadison.com with additional comments.

Updates will be posted on the project webpage to keep everyone informed.