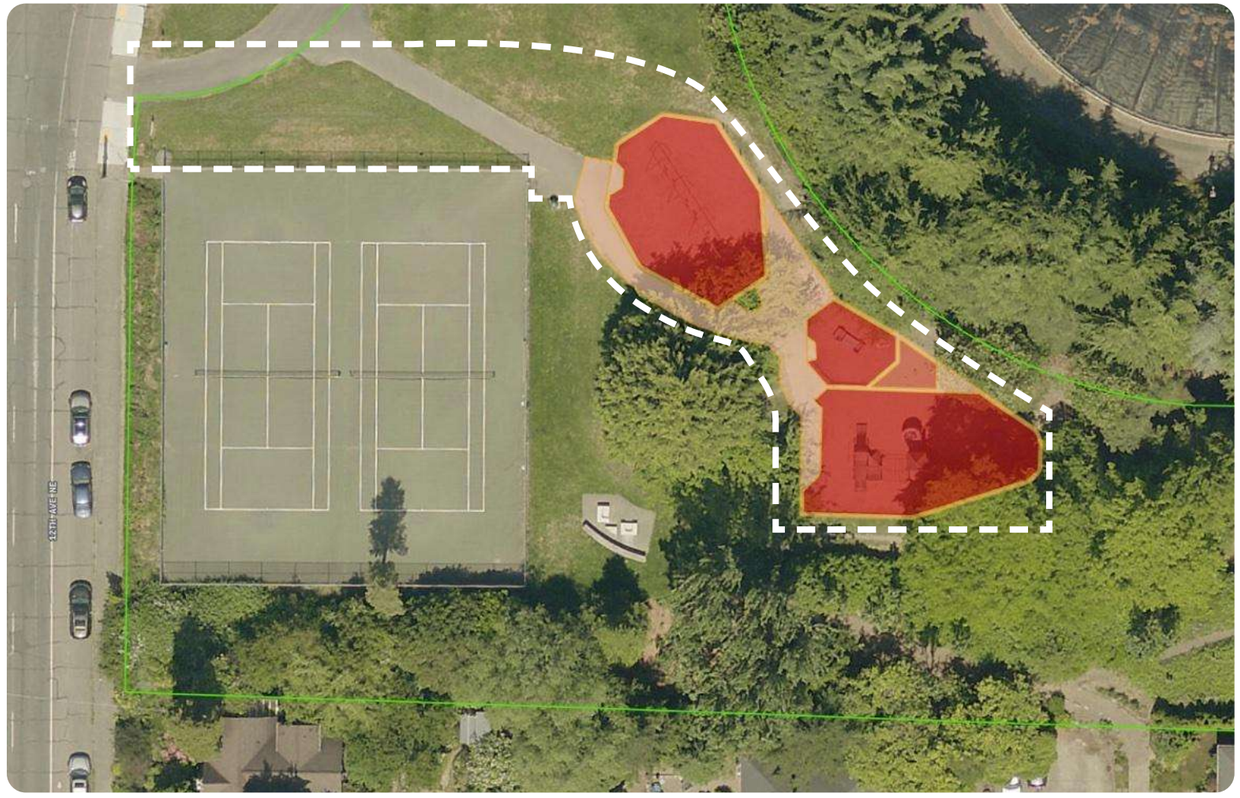


Froula Playground
Play Area Renovation

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Scope of work:

This project will replace the existing play equipment with new equipment that meets current safety and accessibility standards. All improvements will be compliant with the standards from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Site improvements will include:

- New play equipment (including age 2-5 and age 5-12 equipment and swings)
- New safety surfacing
- New site furnishings
- Repair of existing drainage infrastructure
- New trees, mulch and lawn restoration around the play area
- Pavement repair for accessibility

Budget:

Seattle Parks District Major Maintenance provides $955,869 for planning, design, construction.

Schedule:

Planning: Fall - Winter 2025/2026
Design: 2026
Construction: 2027

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Site Challenges



Limited accessibility and visibility

There is no accessible route from the sidewalk to the play areas, and the play areas are not visible from the street.



Non-compliant walkways and ramps

Existing walkways and ramps around the play areas do not meet current accessibility standards.



Sand spilling into safety surfacing

Loose sand spilling into engineered wood fiber surfacing reduces fall protection.

Site Opportunities



Shaded setting

Mature trees provide generous shade at the play areas.





Expansive swing area

A large swing zone supports a variety of swing types and multiple users, making it a popular feature.

Safe and secluded

The play areas are tucked away from surrounding busy streets.

What we've heard from you...

What do you love about your playground?

- Proximity to home: frequently mentioned as a key benefit.
- Swings and slides: consistently popular across all age groups.
- Shady, quiet setting: valued for comfort and safety.
- Open space and trees: loved for natural beauty and play flexibility.
- Merry-go-round and seesaw: nostalgic and still popular.



What we've heard from you...

What is missing? What would make it even better?

- Play equipment for toddlers (ages 2-5): currently lacking; many want age-appropriate structures.
- More seating and picnic areas: especially shaded and all-weather options.



What we've heard from you...

What colors, themes or elements would make the playground feel more comfortable and/or welcoming for you?

Top requested features:

- Climbing structures, monkey bars, rope bridges
- Swings (including toddler and parent-child swings)
- Slides, spring toys, spinning/whirl features
- Music and play panels (though some concern about noise and durability)
- Imaginative play and themed structures (e.g., pirate ship, castle)

Color preferences:

- Natural tones (greens, browns)
- Some interest in bright, cheerful colors

Themes:

- Nature-inspired
- Transportation or adventure themes
- Inclusive and accessible design



Climbing wall



Monkey Bars



Rope Bridge



Swings



Slides



Spring Toys



Spinning



Music



Play Panels



Imaginative Play

What we've heard from you...

Should the sandbox be removed to expand the play area for ages 2-5, or kept with reduced play space?

- 65% — Remove the sandbox
- 23% — Keep the sandbox
- 12% — No preference

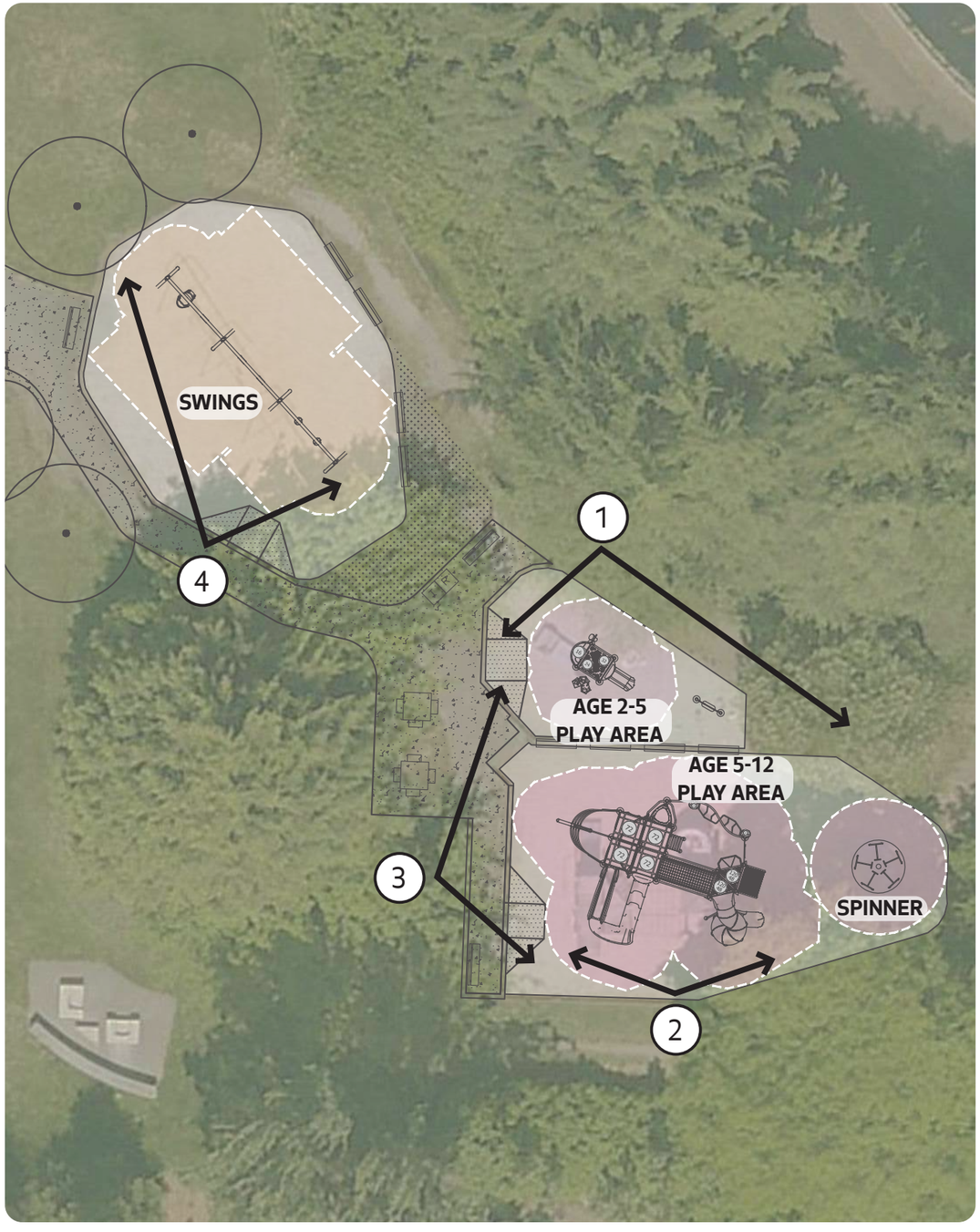
Age Groups Represented in 100+ responses:

- Children under 5 - heavily represented
- Children ages 5-12 - most common group
- Teens and adults - many responses from parents, caregivers, and local residents
- Seniors - several responses from older community members



Design Option A

Site Plan



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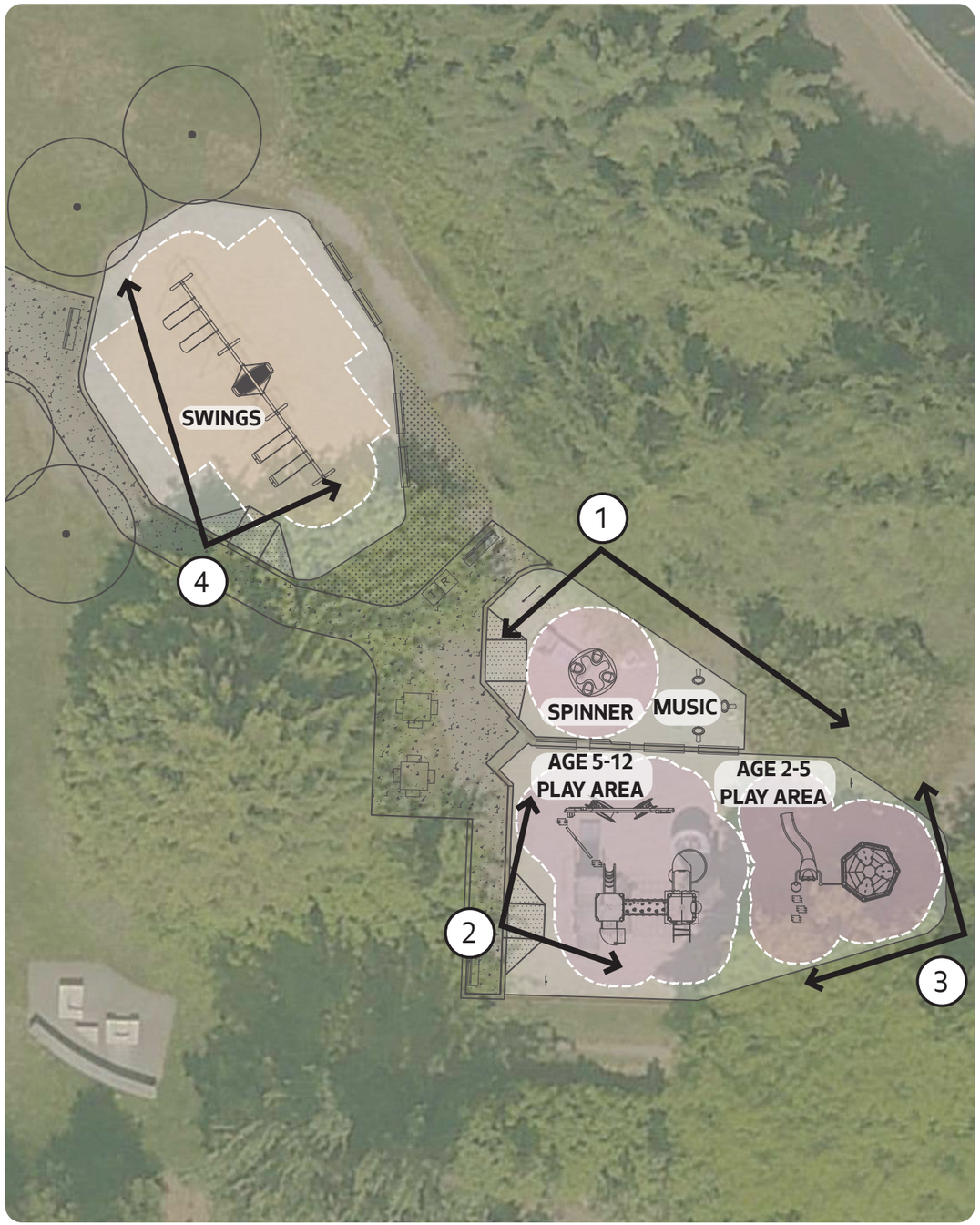


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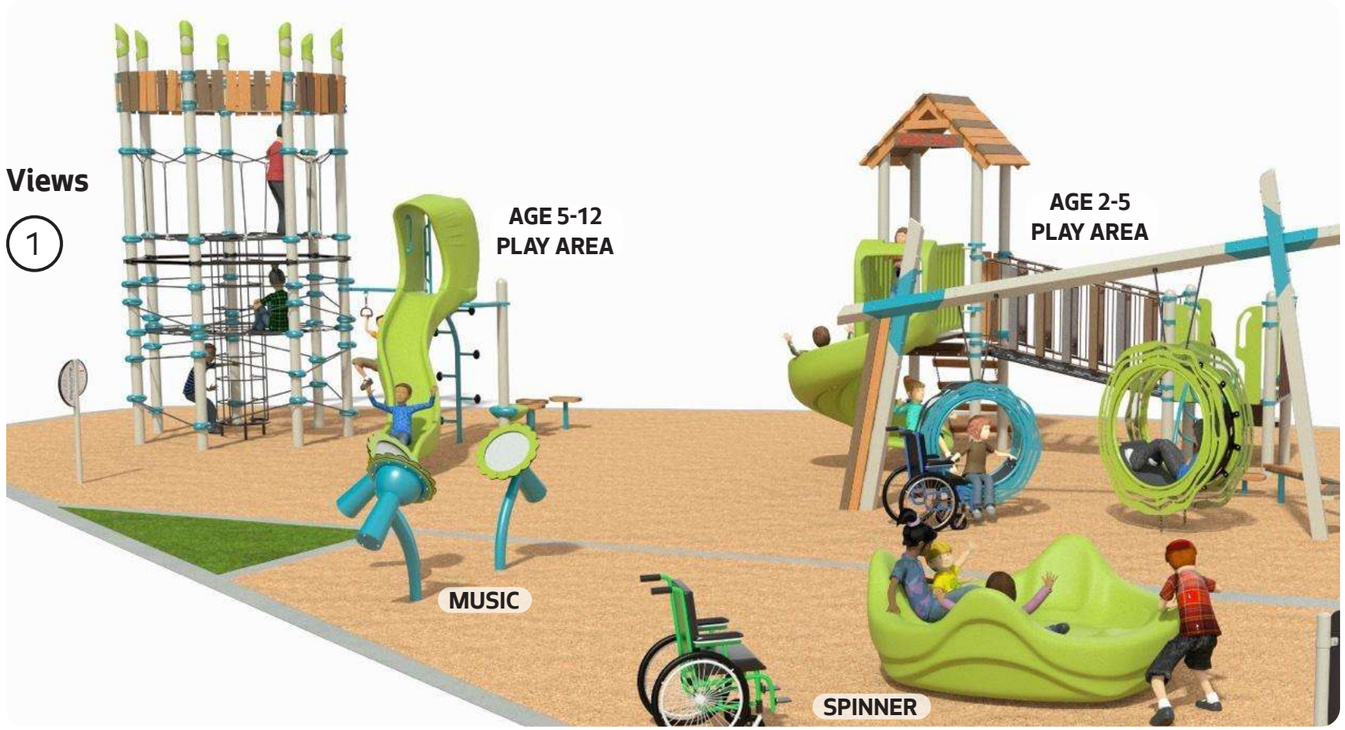


Design Option B

Site Plan

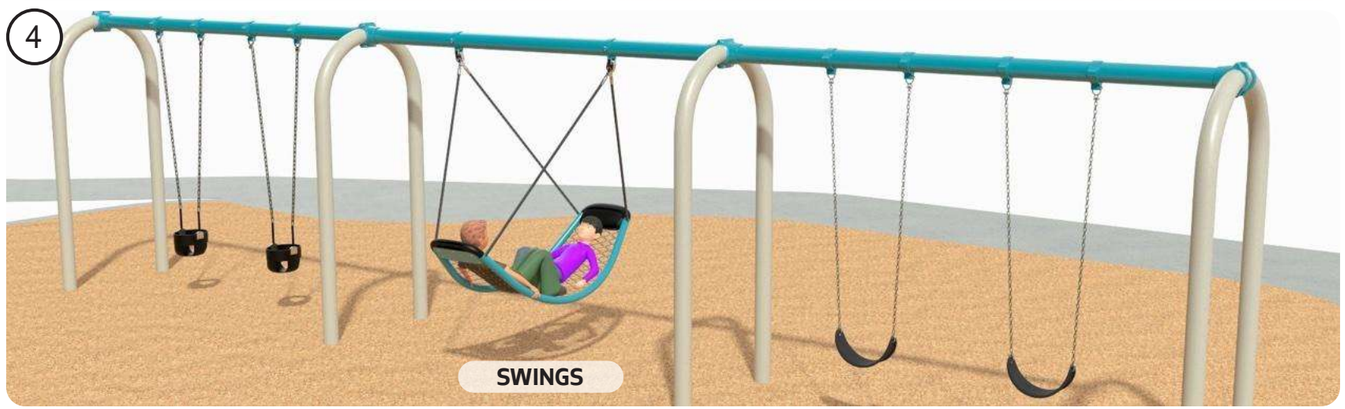


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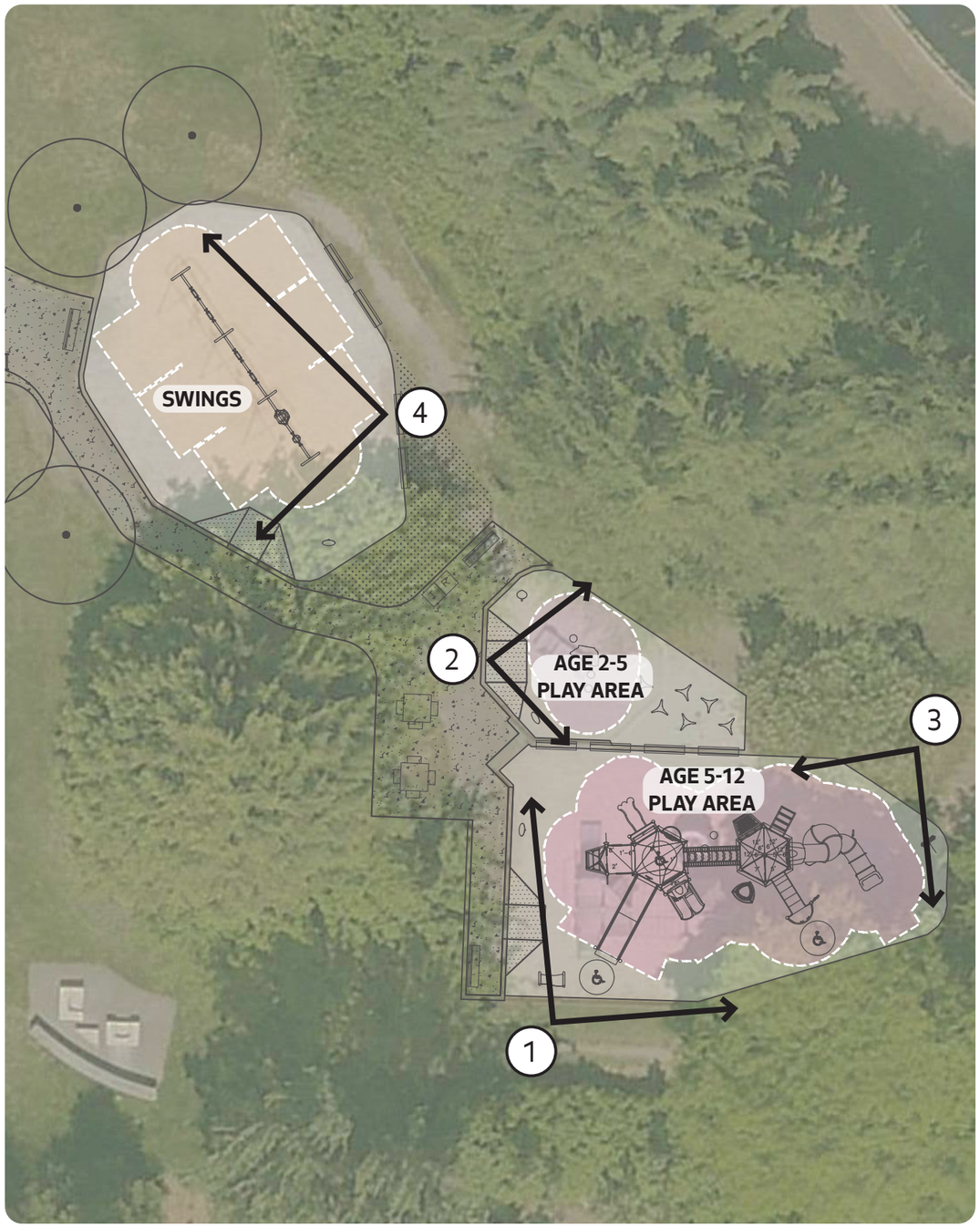






Design Option C

Site Plan



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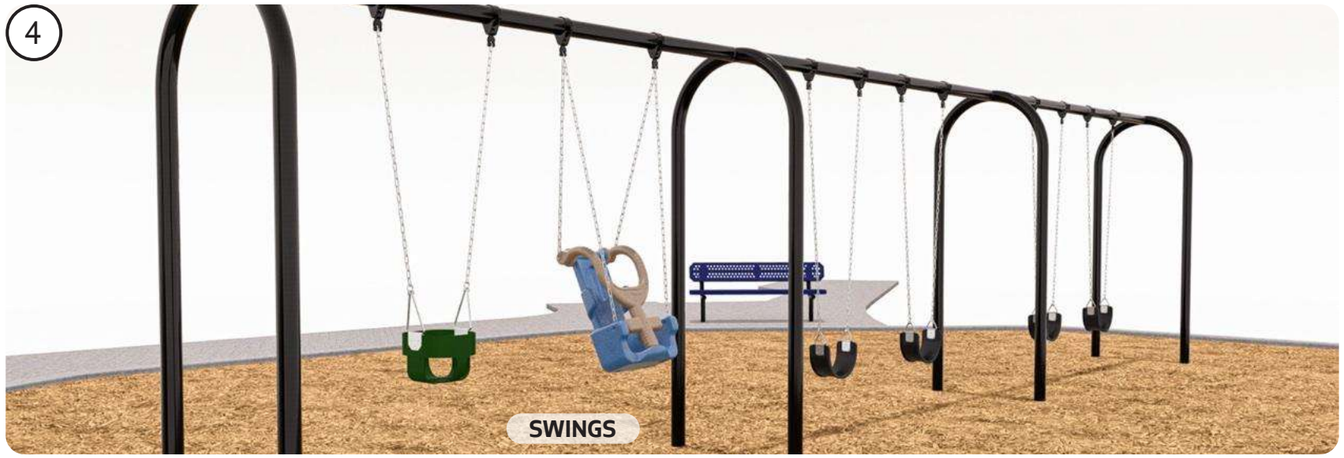
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Design Options

Option A



Age 2-5 play equipment:

- Small play structure with a slide
- Crawl-through spaces and easy climbing
- Music and sensory play features
- Panels for imaginative play

Age 5-12 play equipment:

- Large ship-themed climbing structure
- Big twisty slide and loop slide
- Rope tunnel and tall rope wall for climbing
- Ship details like wheel and portholes for pretend play

Proposed swings:

- 2 toddler swings
- 3 belt swings
- 1 inclusive swings for multiple users

Option B



- Age 2-5 play equipment:
  - Structure with slide, animal tracks bridge, climbers and rocker seat
  - Play panels
  - Fox den hangouts
  - Music
- Age 5-12 play equipment:
  - A large net-climbing structure
  - Slide
  - Upper body and balance steppers
  - Group spinner
- Proposed swing:
  - 2 toddler swings
  - 2 belt swings
  - 1 flex multi-user swing

Option C



- Age 2-5 play equipment:
  - Boulder
  - Conifer maze
  - Stepping pods
- Age 5-12 play equipment:
  - Structure with tower
  - Winding slide
  - Ramp and bridges
  - Play panels
- Proposed swing:
  - 1 toddler swing
  - 1 adaptive swing
  - 4 belt swings

We'd like to hear from you! Please fill out the survey on our project page:

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