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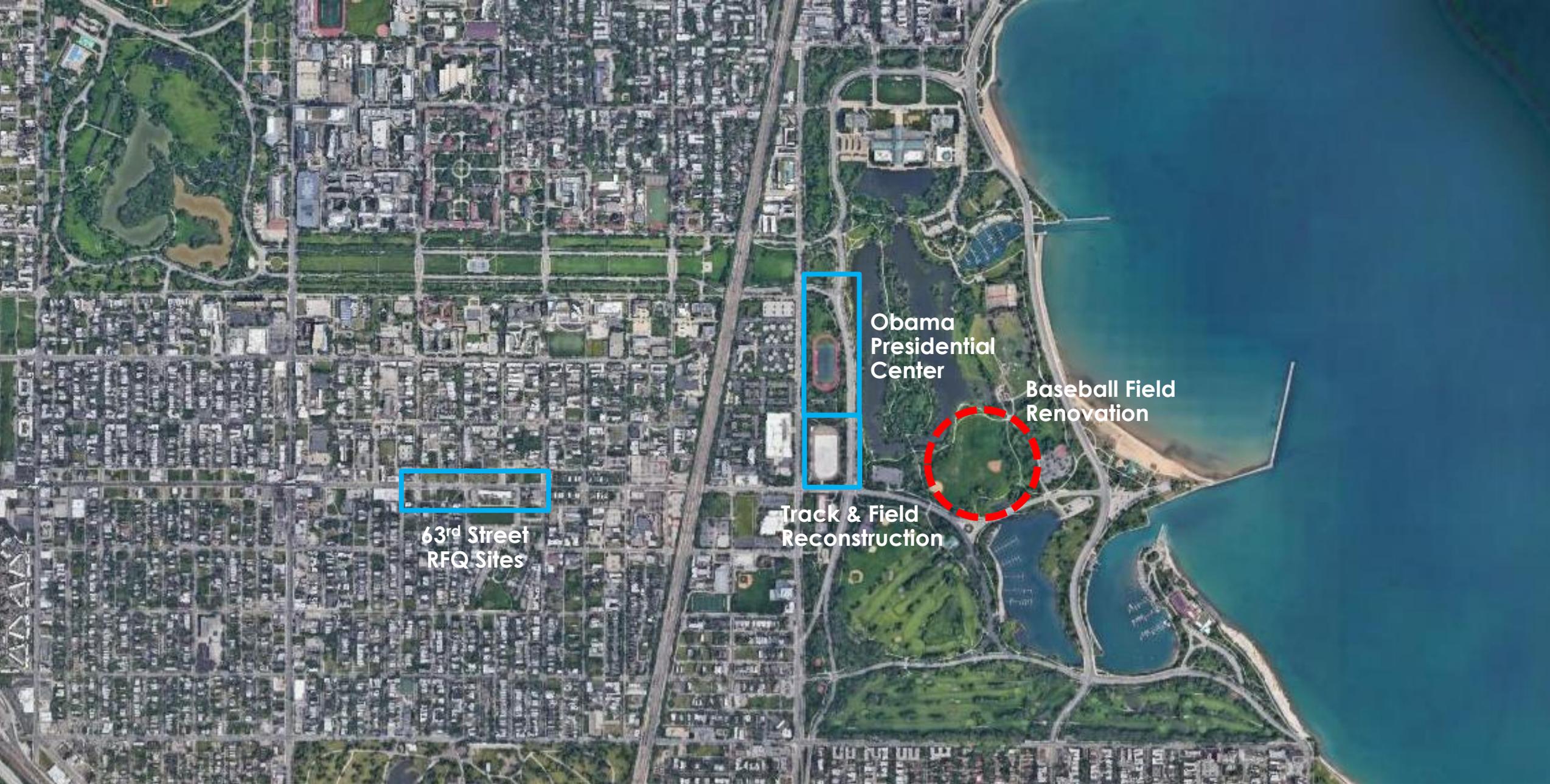
Jackson Park Baseball Field Development

1987 E. Hayes Drive

Woodlawn | 5th Ward | Alderwoman Leslie Hairston

Chicago Park District

11-17-2022



63rd Street
RFQ Sites



Obama
Presidential
Center

Track & Field
Reconstruction



Baseball Field
Renovation



Obama
Presidential
Center Site

Wooded Island

Baseball Field
Renovation

Track & Field
Reconstruction
Site

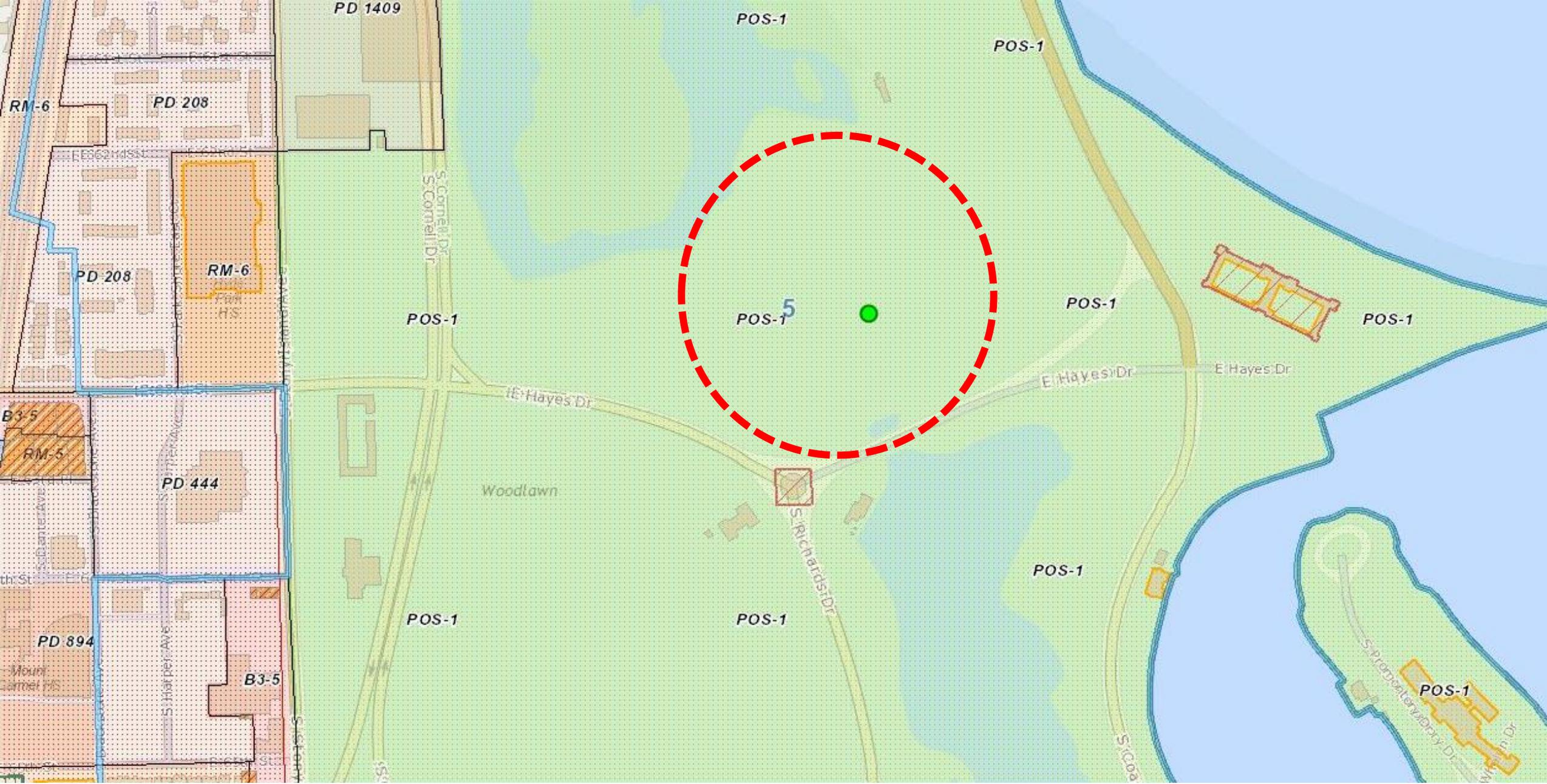
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SITE CONTEXT PLAN



LAND USE PLAN

Pedestrian Context



Existing Junior sized Baseball Field



Existing Senior sized Baseball Field

Pedestrian Context



Existing Junior sized Baseball Field



Location of new baseball field

Pedestrian Context



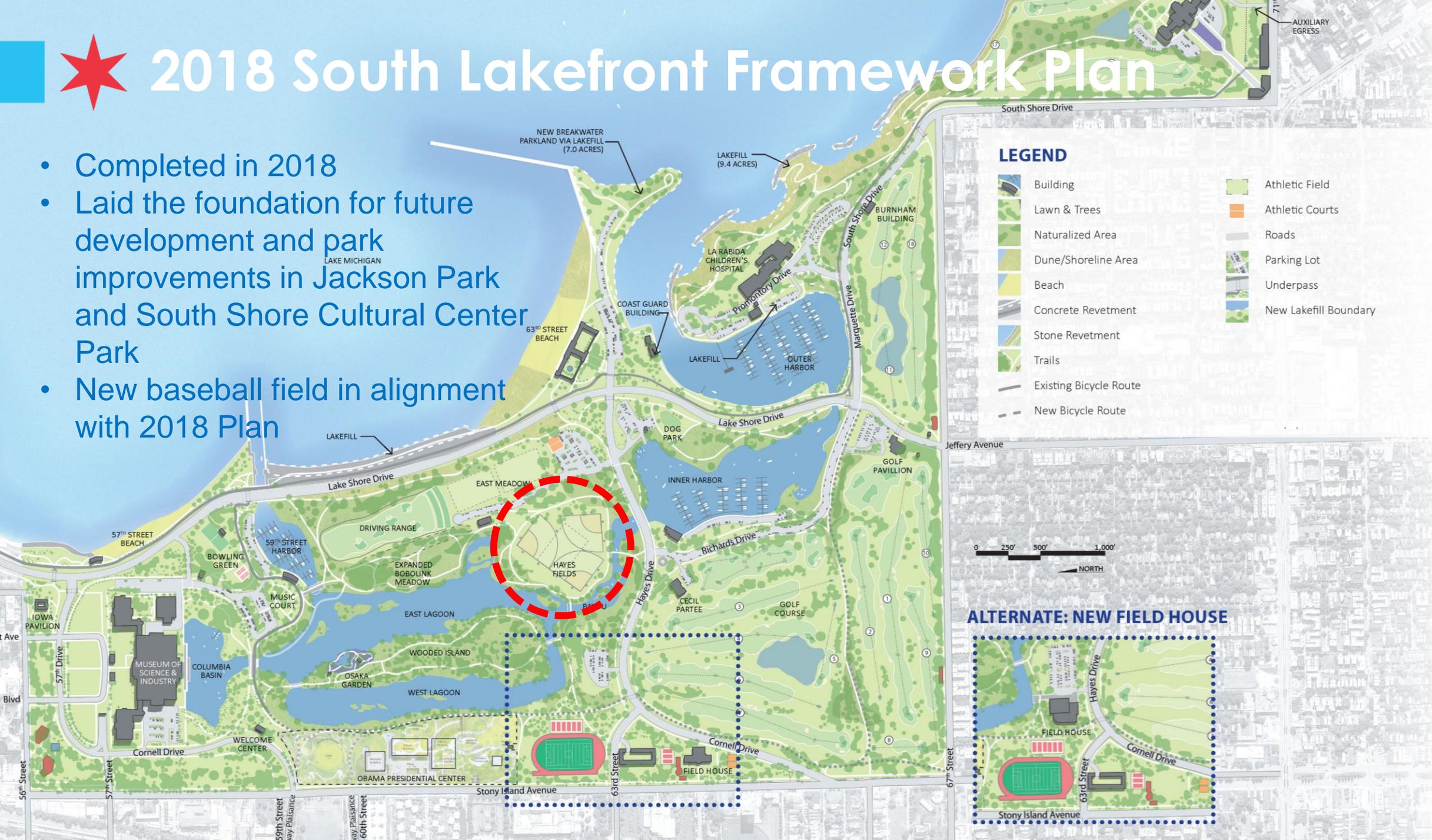
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The Hayes Fields, Field House, track and field, and tennis courts will create a recreational spine along Hayes Drive from Stony Island Avenue to Lake Shore Drive.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COURTS & PLAYING FIELDS

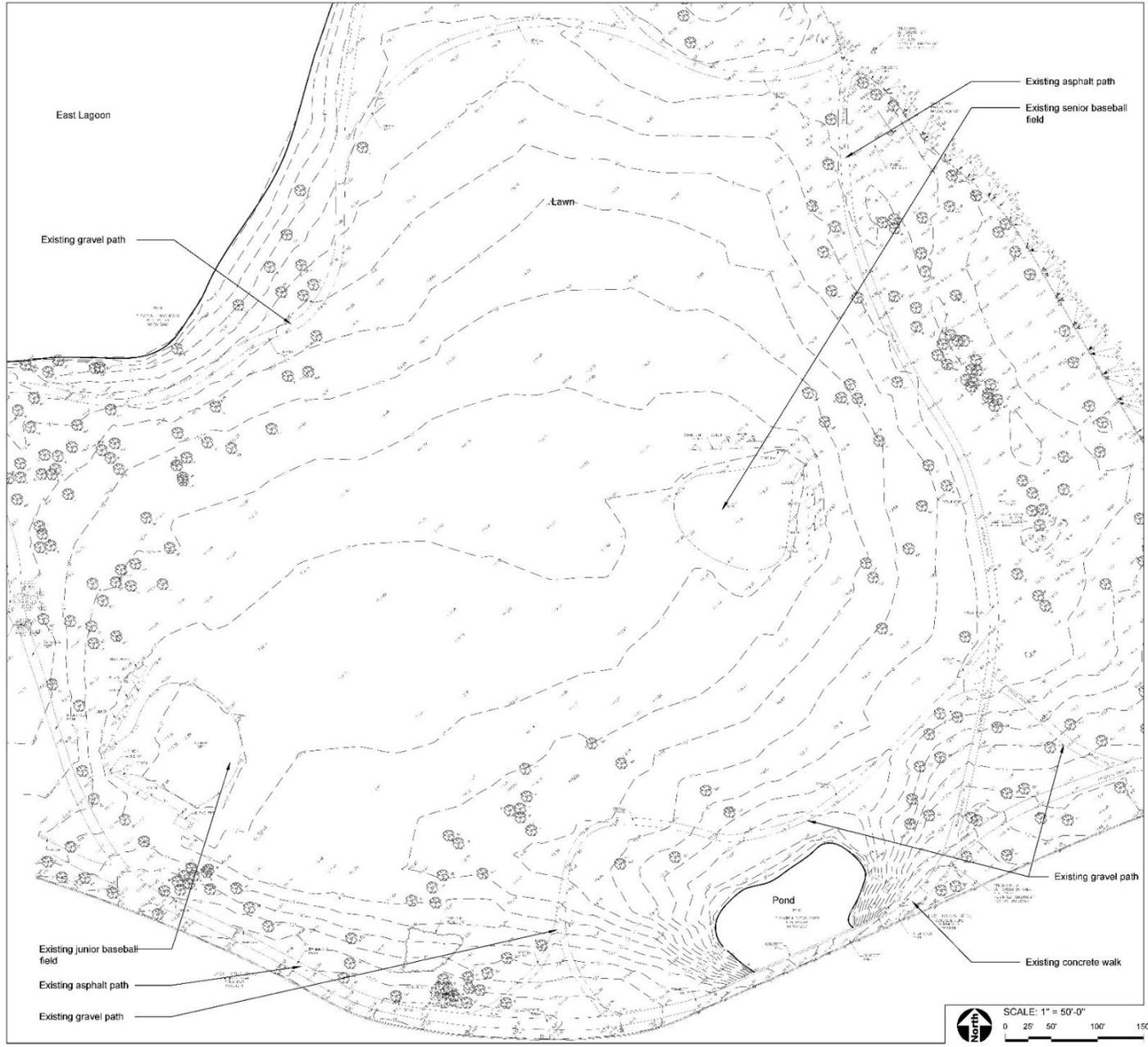
- 6 Provide quality facilities to maximize playing time.**
Lights, field drainage, and flexibility of use will extend the hours of use of facilities and serve the needs of many users.
- 7 Group recreation facilities along Stony Island to allow for easy access from the schools and neighborhoods.**
Locate the track and turf field and tennis together provides a complex to better serve the nearby schools and community users.
- 8 Renovate the Field House; or alternate option to build new.**
Renovate the existing Field House in place. If funds become available, a new Field House could be constructed north of Hayes to connect with the adjacent recreation facilities.
- 9 Design the track and field to accommodate a multi-sport turf field.**
A wider field can host more sports, including soccer, football, and lacrosse. The wider track will allow for faster running speeds and include more field events.
- 10 Co-locate lawn bowling/croquet and pickle ball.**
Diversifying the bowling green area will maximize the use of the building and serve more users.
- 11 Create a baseball/softball field complex in meadow near Hayes Drive.**
Contiguous fields allow for multiple school teams to practice together.





Public Outreach

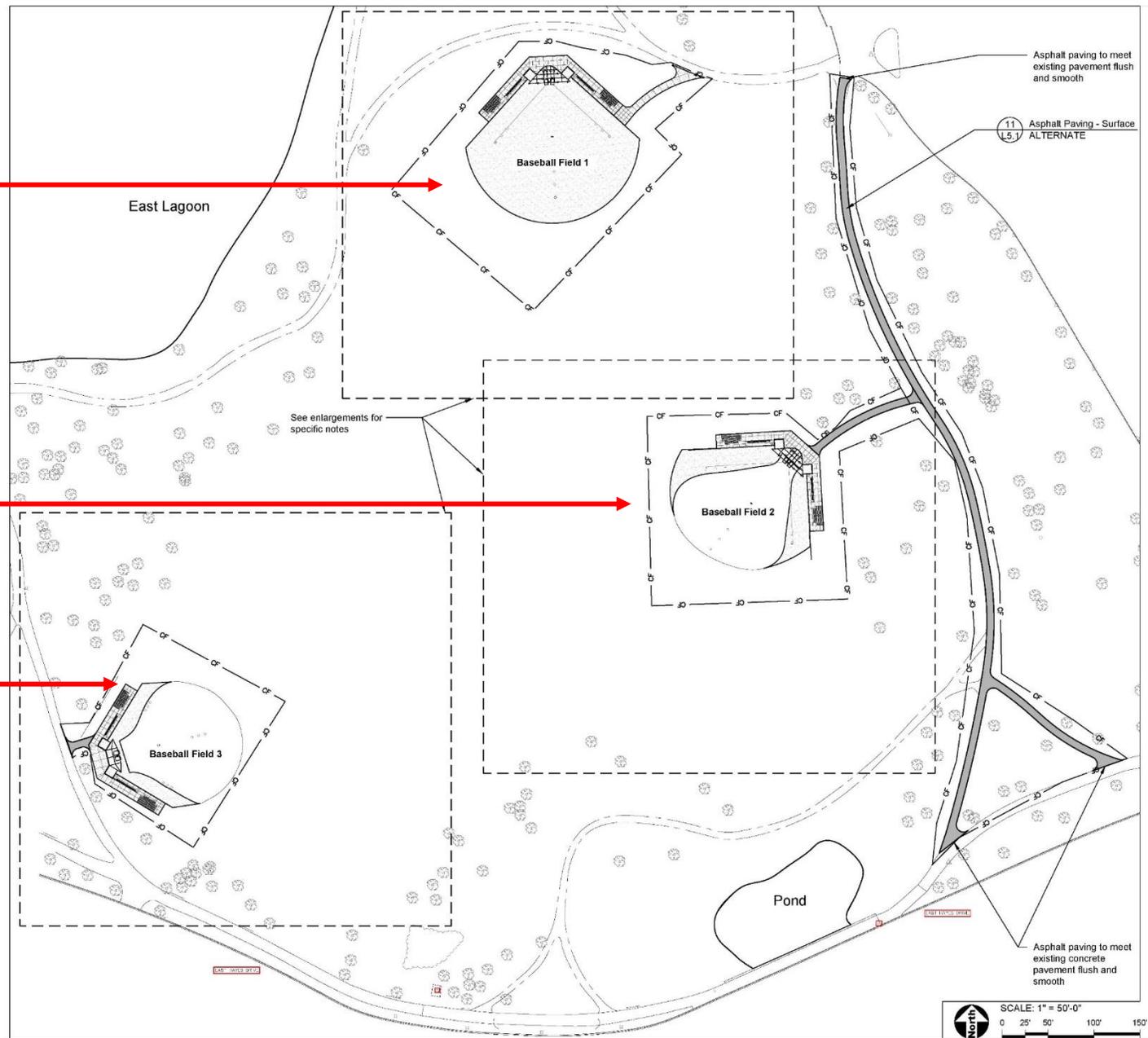
- LPO Application filed October 11, 2022
- A Virtual Community Meeting held by Chicago Park District and Alderman Hairston's Office in November 2021
- Continued outreach with members of Jackson Park Advisory Council in 2022
- Several local Baseball leagues and groups have provided feedback on design



Existing Conditions

New Natural Turf
Baseball Field

Existing
Baseball Fields



SITE + GROUND FLOOR PLAN



Community Benefits

- The new baseball field will comply with all City of Chicago Stormwater Management guidelines to minimize water retention.
- Chicago Park District MBE/WBE requirement is 25% MBE and 5% WBE.
- This project exceeds the requirement with 30.6% MBE participation and 54.11% WBE participation



Lakefront Protection – 14 Policies

1. Complete the publicly owned and locally controlled park system along the entire lakefront
2. **Maintain and enhance the landscaped, spacious, and continuous character of the lakeshore parks**
3. Continue to improve the water quality and ecological balance of Lake Michigan
4. **Preserve the cultural, historical, and recreational heritage of the lakeshore parks**
5. Maintain and improve the formal character and open water vista of Grant Park with no new above-ground structures permitted
6. Increase the diversity of recreational opportunities while emphasizing lake-oriented leisure activities
7. Protect and develop natural lakeshore park and water areas for wildlife habitation
8. **Increase personal safety**
9. Design all lake edge and lake construction to prevent detrimental shoreline erosion
10. **Ensure a harmonious relationship between the lakeshore parks and community edges but in no instance allow private development east of Lake Shore Drive**
11. **Improve access to lakeshore parks and reduce vehicular traffic on secondary park roads**
12. Strengthen the parkway characteristics of Lake Shore Drive
13. Ensure all port, water supply, and public facilities are designed to enhance lakefront character
14. Coordinate all public and private development within the water, park, and community zones



DPD Recommendations

The Department of Planning and Development has reviewed the and has concluded that the proposed project will comply with the applicable policies of the Lakefront Plan of Chicago and the Purposes of the Lake Michigan and Chicago Lakefront Protection Ordinance, especially regarding the following policies:

- **Policy No. 2:** The proposal will maintain and enhance the character of the lake shore parks by providing landscape improvements to this area of Jackson Park.
- **Policy No. 4:** The proposal will preserve the cultural, historical, and recreational heritage of the lake front park system by enhancing existing athletic fields.
- **Policy No. 8:** The proposal will increase public safety by activating an underutilized stretch of Jackson Park with new ADA pathways.
- **Policy No. 10:** The proposal promotes a harmonious relationship between the lakeshore parks and the community edge by framing a gateway and enhancing this corner of the park.
- **Policy No. 11:** The proposal will improve access to the park with new ADA accessible paths.

With respect to the Policies and Purposes not enumerated here, the Department of Planning and Development has determined that they are not applicable or primary objectives of this proposal.

Based on the findings in this report, it is the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator that the Chicago Plan Commission approve Lake Michigan and Chicago Lakefront Protection Ordinance Application No. 771 as being in conformance with the provisions of the Lake Michigan and Chicago Lakefront Protection Ordinance.