

Commerce City Community Gardens

City Council Presentation

July 27, 2026



What is the ACT Program?

- The ACT Program is a \$7.5 million initiative investing the City's remaining ARPA money into seven different topic areas that were identified by City Council to support Commerce City residents and businesses through the end of 2026.
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- The topic areas within the ACT Program include Workforce Development, Community Well-Being, Housing Assistance, Infrastructure, Livability Assistance, Food Equity, and Environment.



Commerce City to develop two new community gardens as part of the Environment section of ACT. One in the North and one in the South.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

	QT 4 2024	QT 1 2025	QT 2 2025	QT 3 2025	QT 4 2025	QT 1 2026	QT 2 2026	QT 3 2026
Consultant Team Hired	◆							
Kick-off	●							
Site Selection		●	●	●				
Public Engagement		●	●	●	●	●		
Community Meetings			◆			◆		
Concept Plans				●	●			
Design Development					●	●	●	
Final Design							●	●
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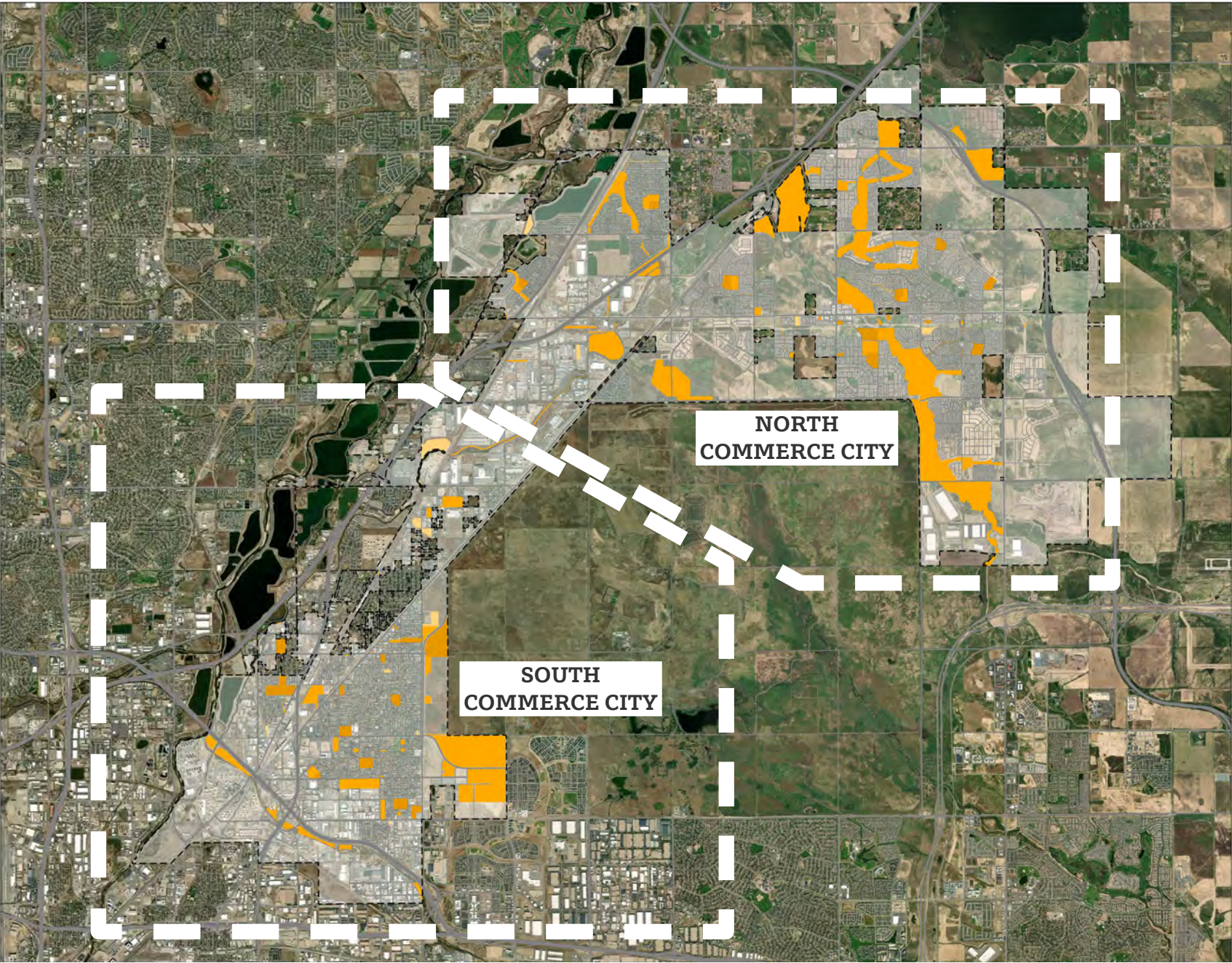
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OVERALL PLAN



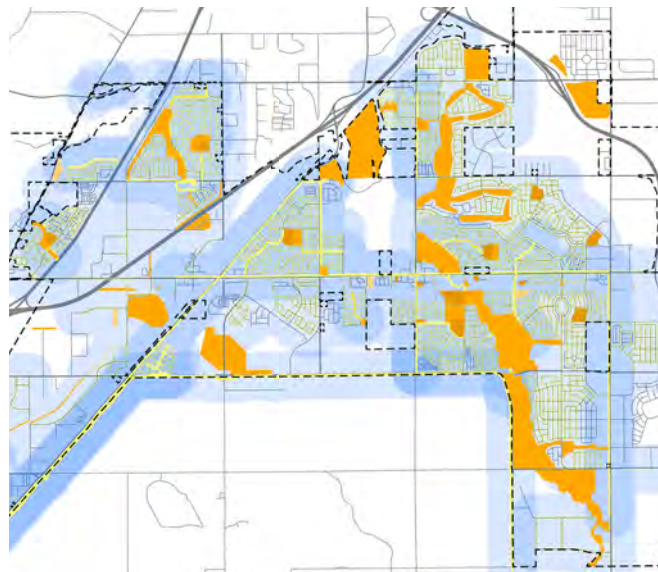
AERIAL MAP OF ALL ALL PARCELS

- Legend
- City Boundary
 - South Adams County WSD
 - City of Commerce City Parcels
 - School Parcels



SITE SCORING PROCESS

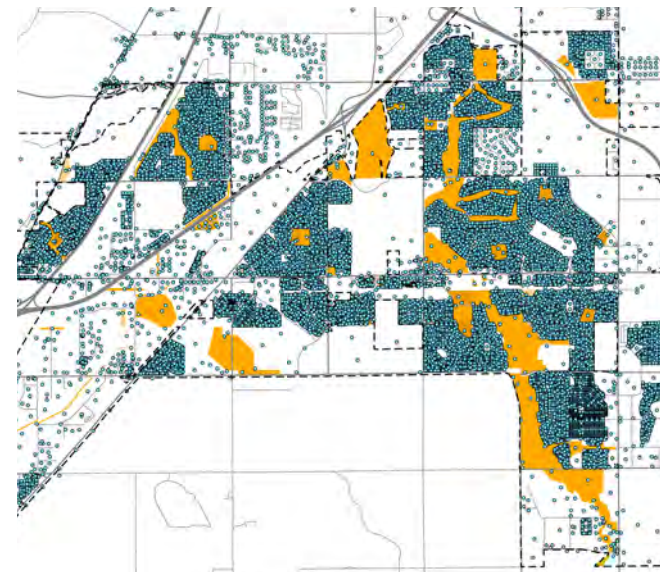
Walkshed Map



- Legend**
- Trails (local and bike routes)
 - Trails (regional)
 - City Boundary
 - Sidewalks
 - 1/4 mile buffer from local trails and bike routes
 - 1/4 mile buffer from regional trails
 - 1/4 mile buffer from city sidewalks
 - South Adams County WSD
 - City of Commerce City Parcels
 - School Parcels

Parcel outside the walkshed area were eliminated.

Population Distribution



- Legend**
- Address Points
 - City Boundary

Parcels were given a score of 1-5 based on the number of address points within 1/4 mile of the parcel.

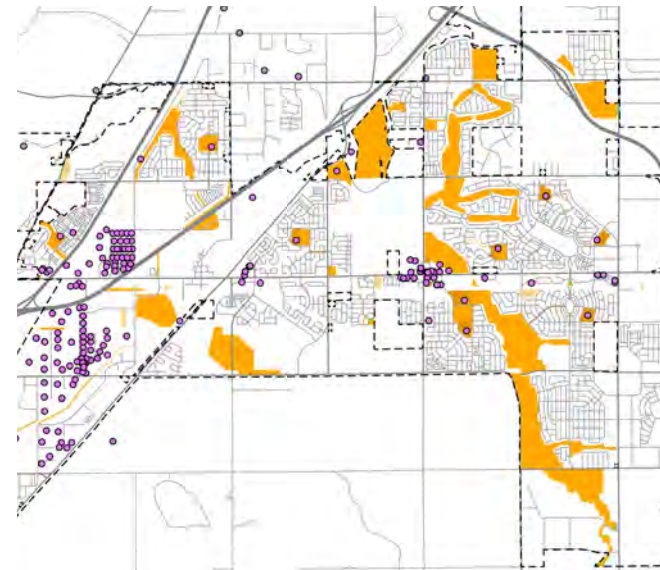
Public Transit Access Points



- Legend**
- City Boundary
 - Bus, Park 'n' Ride, Light Rail, Trail Access Points

Parcels were given a score of 1-5 based on the number of access points within 1/4 mile of the parcel.

Secondary Attributes



- Legend**
- City Boundary
 - Secondary Attributes

Parcels were given points for being within 1/4 mile of different uses.

Churches	+1
Groceries/Markets	-1
Community Garden	-1
Civic Center	+2
Key Stakeholders	+2
Known landfill	-1
Schools	+2
Recreation Center	+2
Community Center	+2

SITE VISITS - NORTH

Villages East Park



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 1
Restrooms: 2
Irrigation: 2
Total: 12

Bison Ridge Rec Center



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 2
Restrooms: 1
Irrigation: 2
Total: 12

Turnberry Park



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 2
Restrooms: 2
Irrigation: 2
Total: 13

Vacant lot at Landmark Academy



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 1
Restrooms: 1
Irrigation: 0
Total: 9

SACWASD Site 1



Space: 3
Slope: 0
Sun: 2
Parking: 0
Restrooms: 0
Irrigation: 2
Total: 7

Fronterra Park



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 2
Restrooms: 2
Irrigation: 2
Total: 13

SACWASD Site 2



Space: 3
Slope: 2
Sun: 2
Parking: 0
Restrooms: 0
Irrigation: 2
Total: 9

Scoring:

Adequate Space = +3
Relatively Flat Slope = +2
Good Sun Exposure = +2
Parking:
 Parking Lot = +2
 Street Parking = +1
Restrooms:
 Public = +2
 Adjacent Building = +1
Existing Irrigation = +2

SITE VISITS - SOUTH

Los Valientes



Space:	0
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	1
Restrooms:	2
Irrigation:	2
Total:	9

Lester Arnold High School



Space:	3
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	2
Restrooms:	1
Irrigation:	2
Total:	12

Adams 14 SWAP / Hope Center



Space:	3
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	2
Restrooms:	1
Irrigation:	2
Total:	12

Freedom Park



Space:	3
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	1
Restrooms:	2
Irrigation:	2
Total:	12

Pioneer Park



Space:	0
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	2
Restrooms:	2
Irrigation:	2
Total:	10

Monaco Park



Space:	0
Slope:	2
Sun:	2
Parking:	2
Restrooms:	2
Irrigation:	2
Total:	10

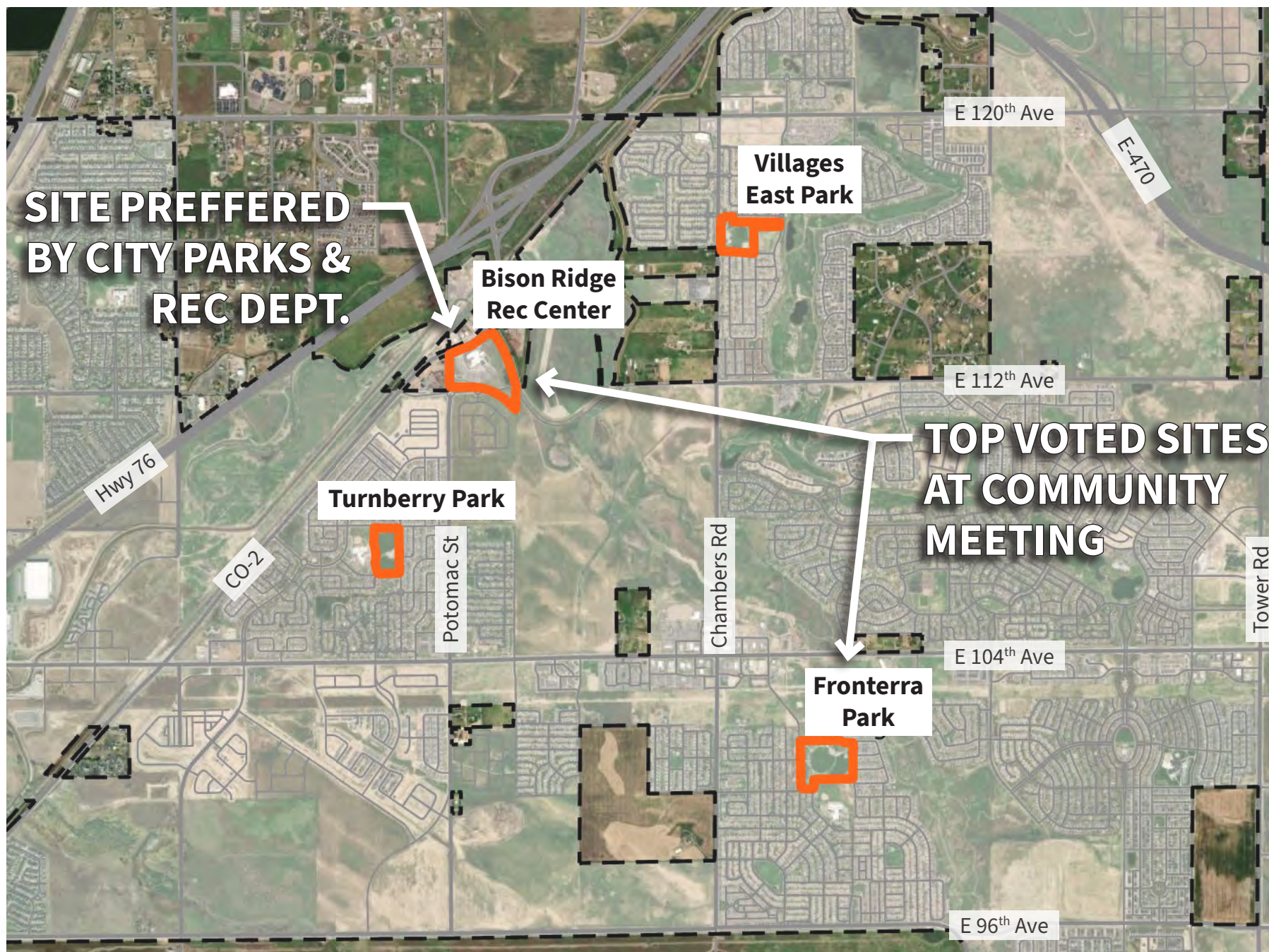
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Adequate Space	=	+3
Relatively Flat Slope	=	+2
Good Sun Exposure	=	+2
Parking:		
Parking Lot	=	+2
Street Parking	=	+1
Restrooms:		
Public	=	+2
Adjacent School	=	+1
Existing Irrigation	=	+2

FINAL SITE OPTIONS - NORTH



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FINAL SITE OPTIONS - SOUTH



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BISON RIDGE RECREATION CENTER CONTEXT

Vicinity Map



Overall Site Plan



BISON RIDGE CONCEPT PLAN ENLARGEMENT



Design Metrics:

Total Garden Area:	23,500 SF
6' x 12' Raised Beds:	39
Accessible Beds:	8
Fruit Trees:	6



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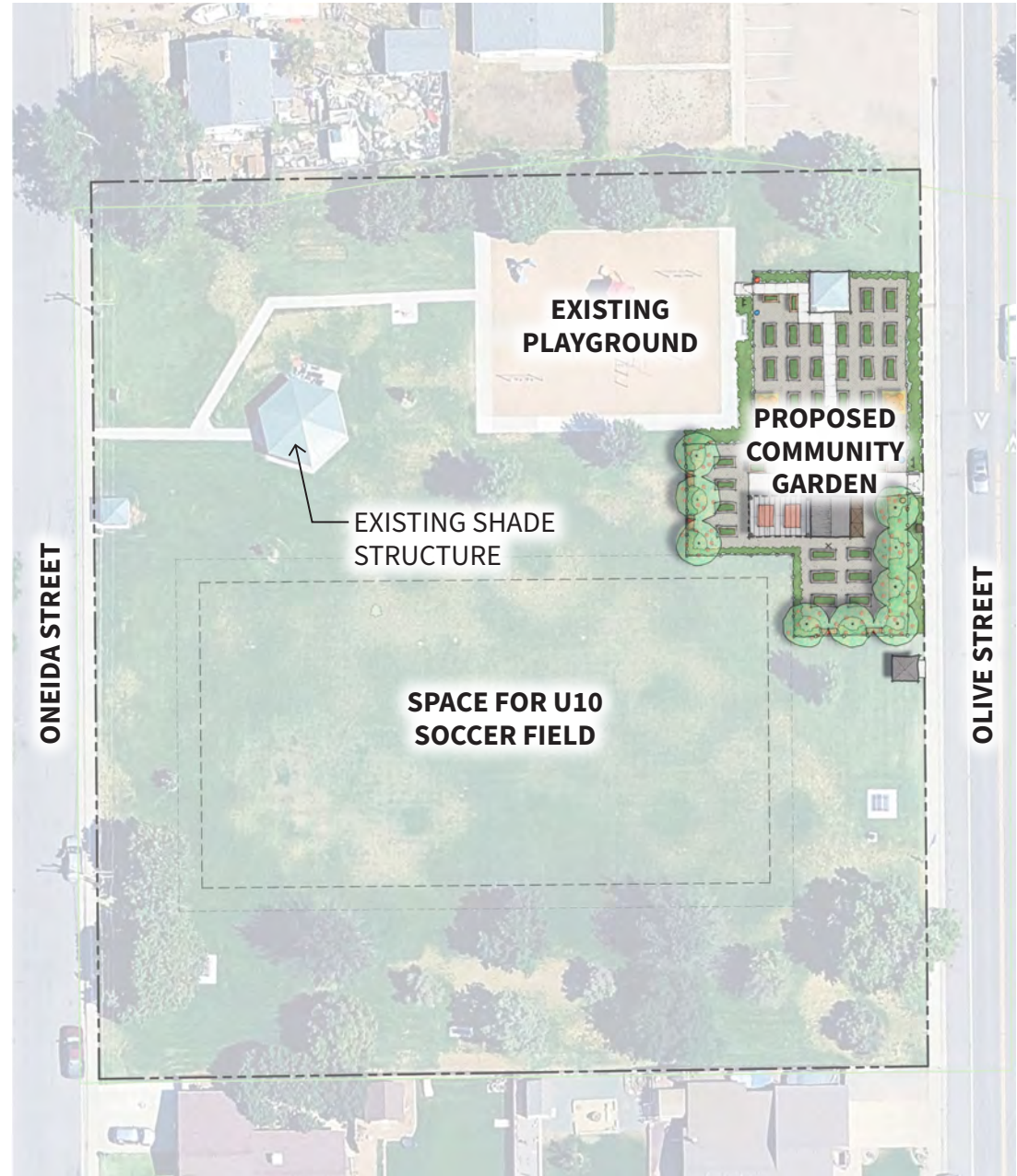
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FREEDOM PARK CONTEXT

Vicinity Map



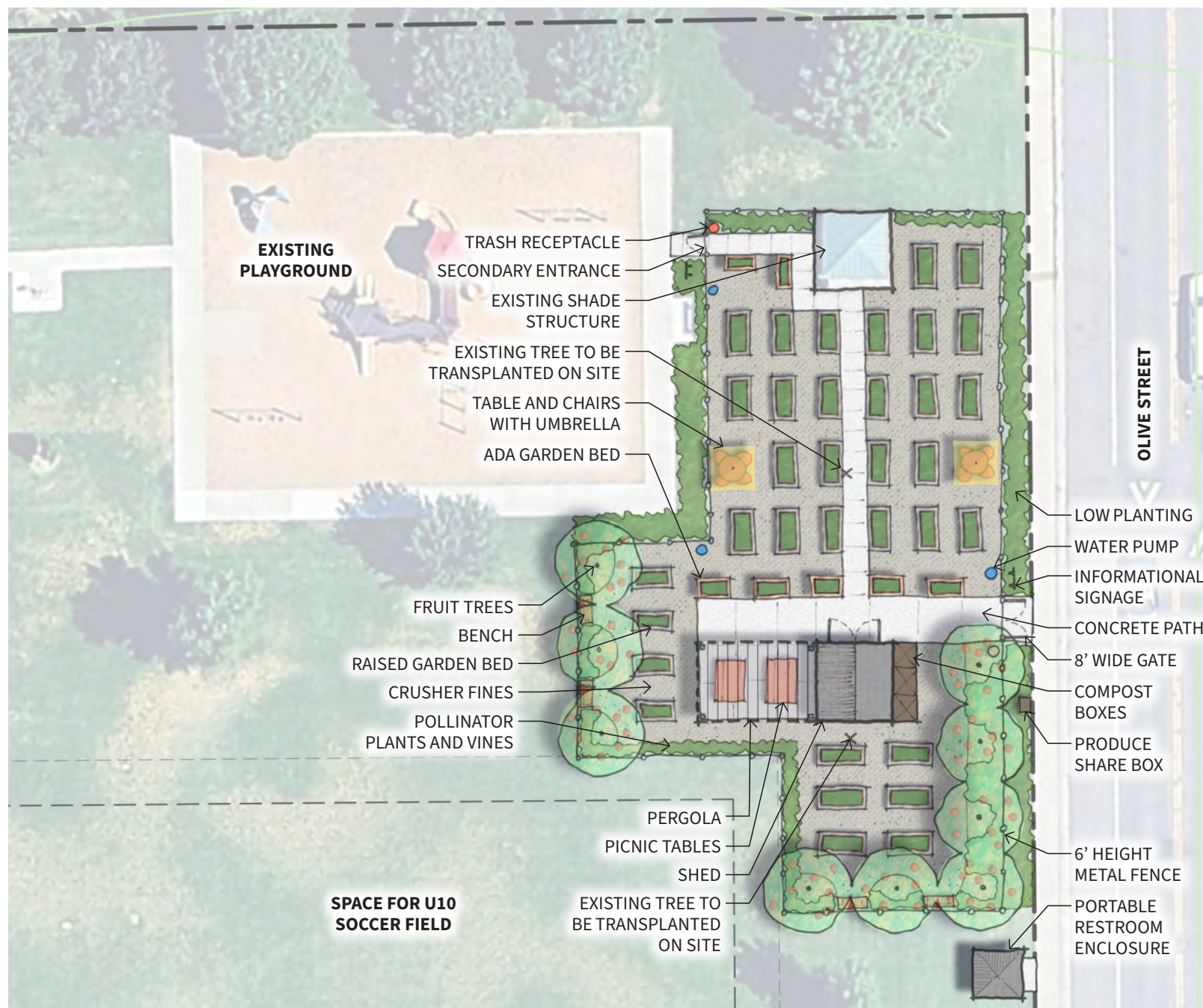
Overall Site Plan



FREEDOM PARK CONCEPT PLAN ENLARGEMENT

Design Metrics:

Total Garden Area:	7100 SF
4' x 8' Raised Beds:	34
Accessible Beds:	7
Fruit Trees:	9



CHARACTER IMAGES



ADA GARDEN BEDS



IN-GROUND GARDEN BEDS



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



SHED WITH ATTACHED PERGOLA



HAND PUMP



BENCH

CHARACTER IMAGES



POLLINATOR GARDEN



VINING PLANTS ALONG FENCE



PRODUCE SHARE BOX



photo courtesy of Matt Zebroski

COMPOST BOXES



TABLES



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

THANK YOU!

