

Blue Mountain Master Plan

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WELCOME!

The Background:

Blue Mountain Park is a 20-acre community park in the growing neighbourhood of Austin Heights. The Master Plan process will develop a Vision based on the community’s values while balancing the needs and objectives to deliver outdoor recreation and open space amenities.

The Master Plan process will develop a 20 year park improvement implementation strategy by:

- Conducting a site analysis and review of existing opportunities.
- Analyzing local service gaps, trends and demographics.
- Implementing the strategic directions outlined in other Parks and Recreation City-wide Plans (e.g. PRC Master Plan).
- Listening and engaging with the community.
- Costing improvements and developing a financially sustainable park improvement implementation strategy connected to the Vision.

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Fig 1. Birdseye view of the site looking north

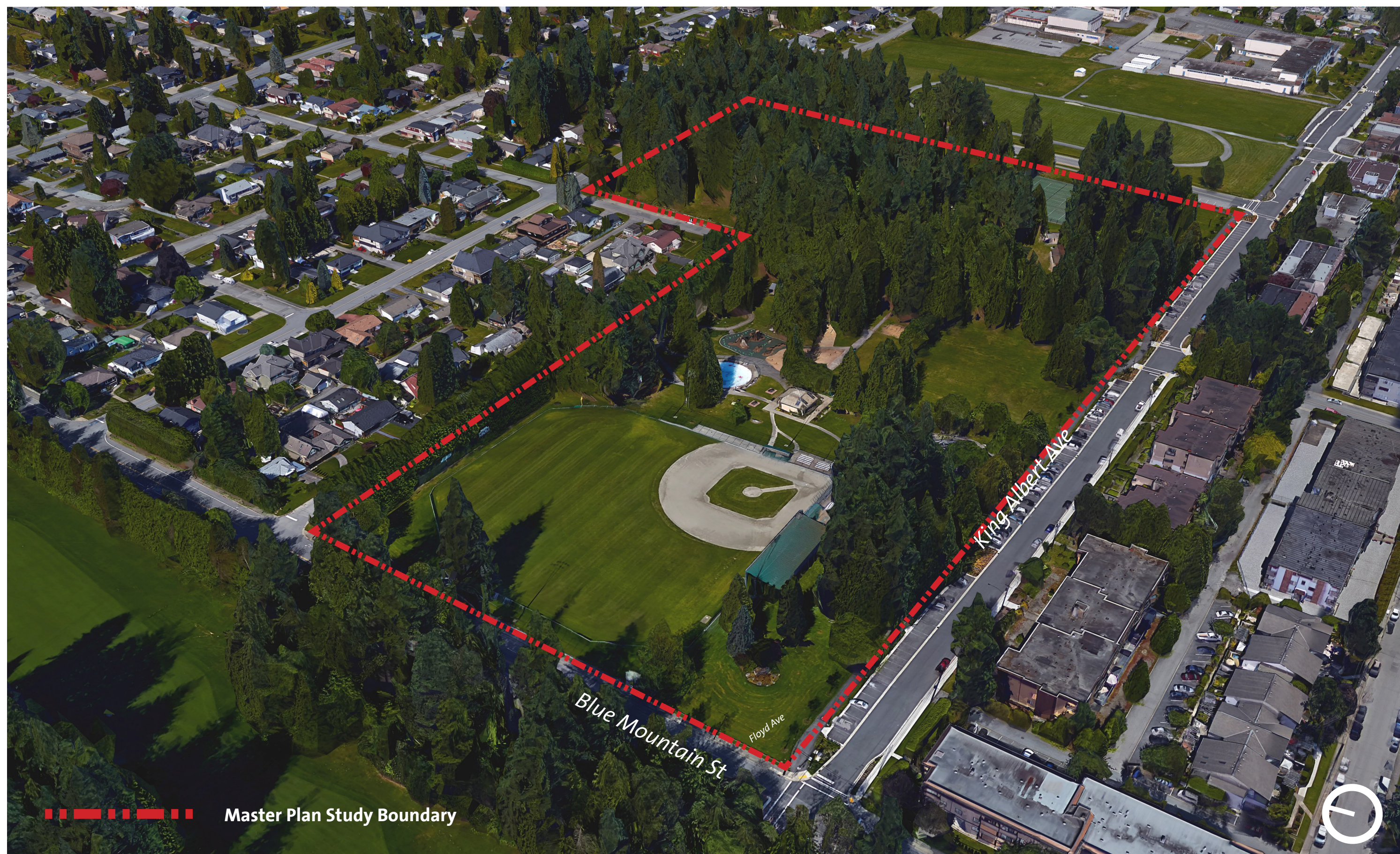
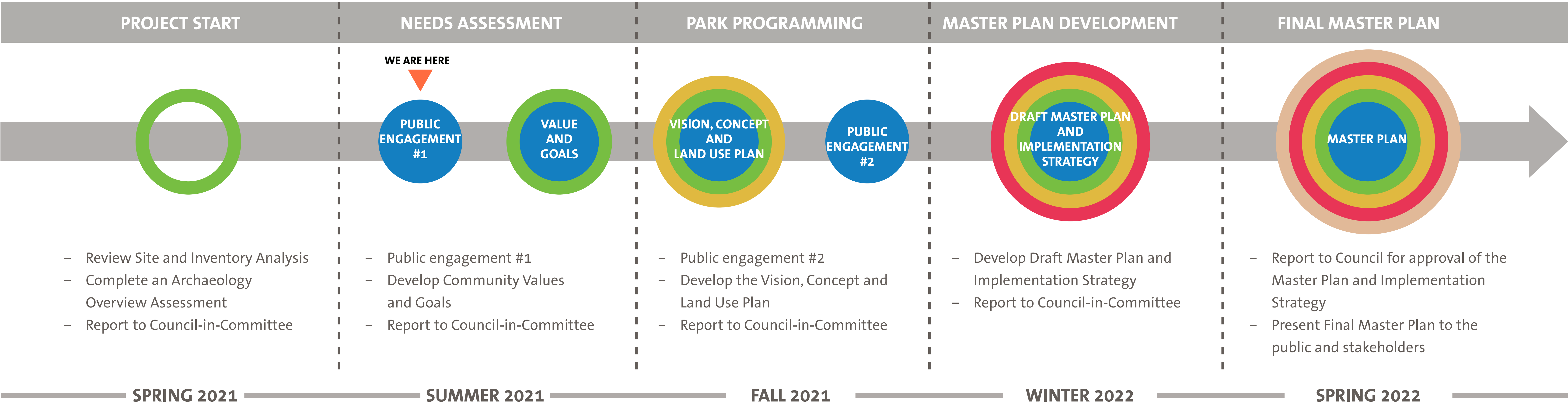


Fig 2. Birdseye view of the site looking northeast

Consulation Process



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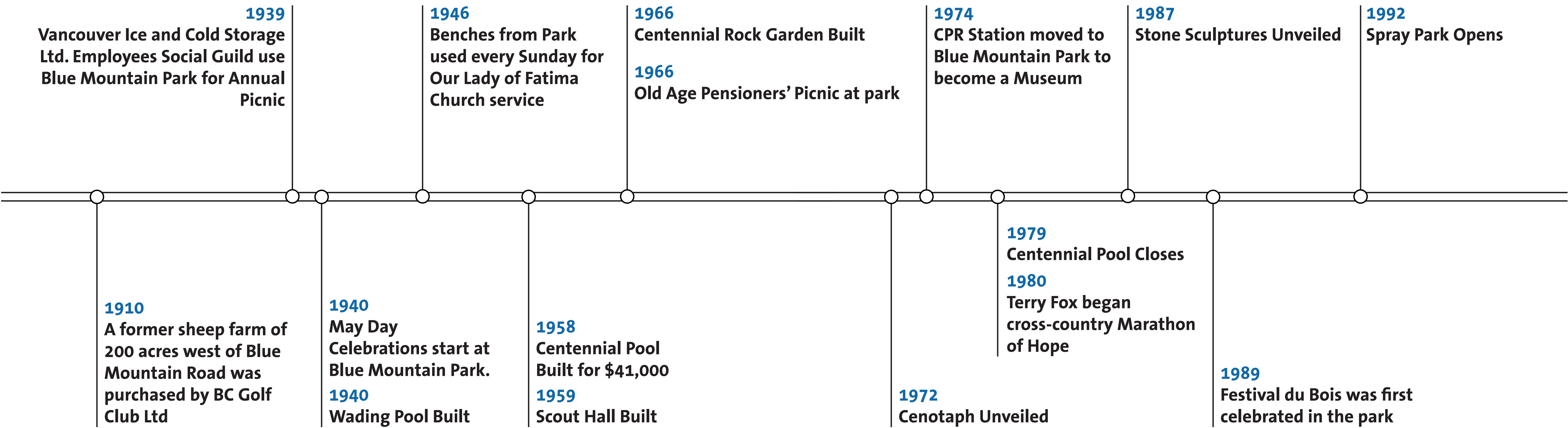
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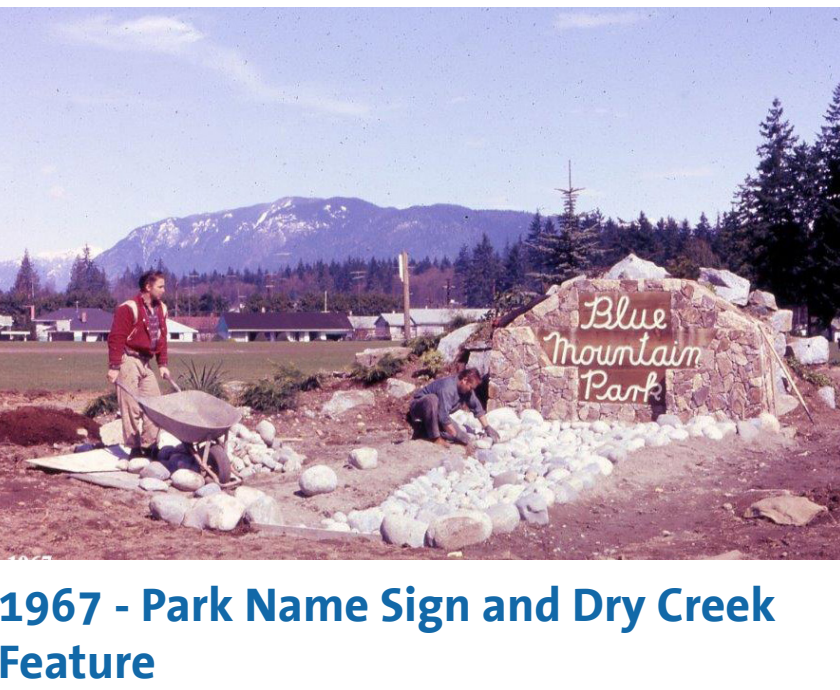
BLUE MOUNTAIN PARK

Blue Mountain Park is one of Coquitlam’s oldest parks, originally built in the early 1930’s. Over the years, the park has undergone some changes and upgrades. Most notable was the district’s first public recreation facility, the Centennial Pool, built in 1958 with funding from the Provincial Government. Others include the community built baseball field and Scout Hall in the 1950s.

Blue Mountain Park’s future is firmly rooted in the evolution of Coquitlam from it’s early inception, 80 years ago, to today where it is an important community park. The site’s rich history should inform the park’s vision while remaining relevant to the surrounding community today. The intent of the Master Plan is to balance the existing and future needs of the local residents while expressing the important chapters of the community’s history.



1958 - Blue Mountain Centennial Pool Staff



1967 - Park Name Sign and Dry Creek Feature



1967 - Pool Staff



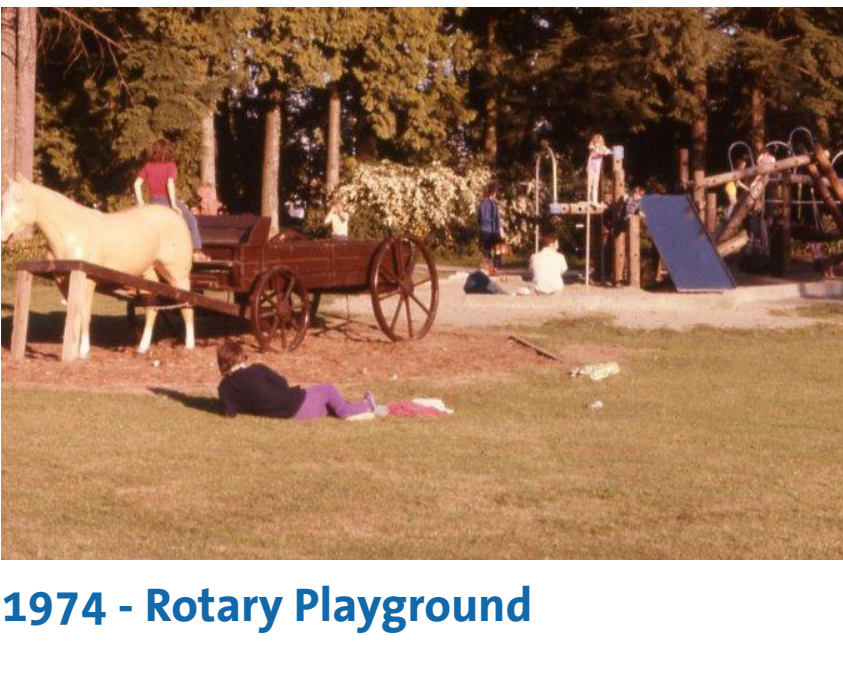
1967 - Recreation Commission 67' Centennial Project



1967 - Entrance Sign



1968 - Centennial Pool



1974 - Rotary Playground

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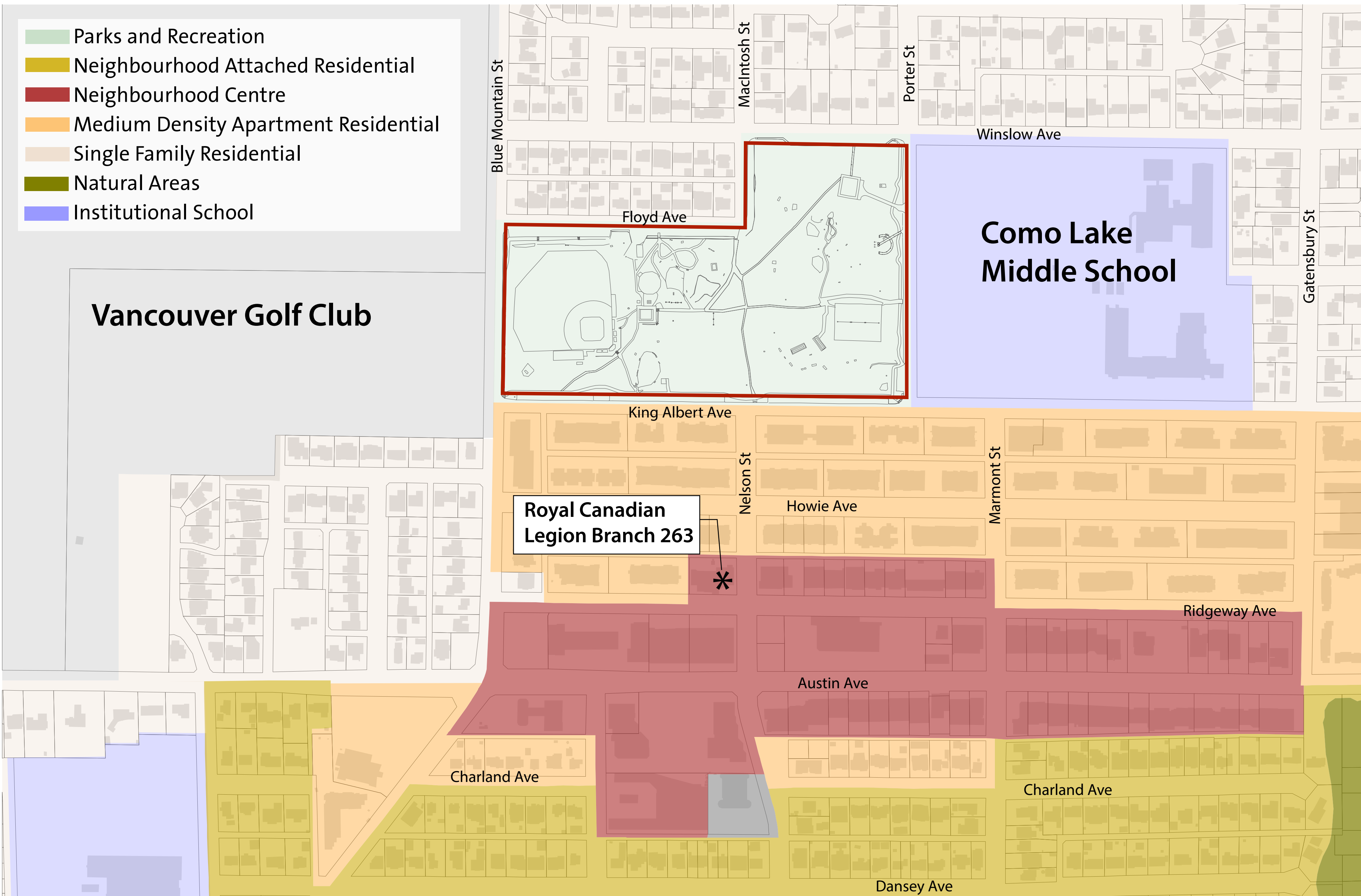
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NEIGHBOURHOOD/AMENITIES

When we consider the future of Blue Mountain Park, we look at the park in the context of the whole neighbourhood with the following goals:

- Strengthen Austin Heights neighbourhood.
- Re-energize and revitalize the park and the area.
- Create of a compact, walkable, complete, community.
- Support increased demand on the parks and open space networks to fulfill a variety of passive and active recreation needs.
- Address existing community needs and emerging needs of the future neighbourhood.



Source: The Austin Heights Neighbourhood Plan

- Parking
- Accessible Amenity
- Baseball Court
- Sheltered Picnic Area
- Outdoor Pool
- Play Area
- Waterfall and Pond
- Tennis Court
- Washroom
- Play Area
- Memorial Cenotaph



Existing Amenities in the Park

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MOBILITY/DISTANCES

The park is well serviced by multi-modal transport and pedestrian access including:

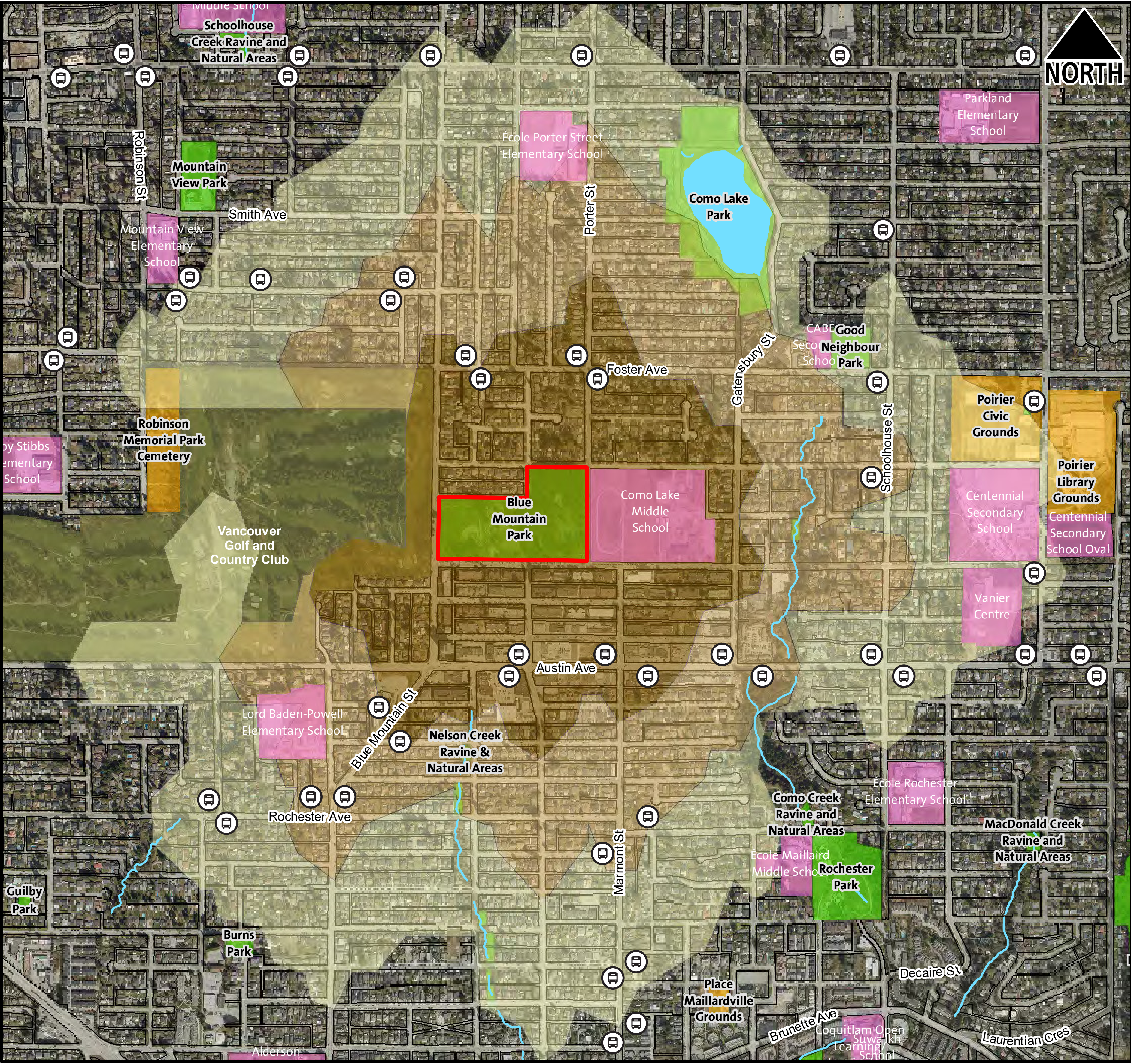
- Two bus routes
- Approximately eight bus stops located within a 10-minute walking distance of the park.
- Strategic Transportation Plan calls for Foster Avenue as an existing bike route and King Albert, Nelson, and Gatsensbury Streets as planned bike routes.
- reducing the need for parking.

Walking distance	Park	Baseball Diamond	Sports Fields	Tennis Court	Sport Court	Picnic Shelters	Outdoor Pool	Spray Pad	Playground	Parking	Trails	Washrooms
	Blue Mountain Park											
5 min	Como Lake Middle School											
10 min	Como Lake Park											
	Ecole Porter Street Elementary School											
	Lord Baden-Powell Elementary School											
15 min	CABE Secondary School											
	Centennial Secondary School											
	Centennial Secondary School Oval											
	Ecole Maillard Middle School											
	Good Neighbour Park											
	Poirier Civic Grounds											
	Poirier Library Grounds											
	Vanier Centre											

* will be completed by end of 2021

How do you typically access the park?

Please indicate below with a dot.



LEGEND

- Blue Mountain Park
- 0 - 5 Minute Walking Distance
- 5 - 10 Minute Walking Distance
- 10 - 15 Minute Walking Distance
- Park
- Leisure/Civic Facility Grounds
- Waterbody
- Public School
- Golf Course
- Road Right Of Way
- Bus Stop

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Metres

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FUTURE VISION

Imagine Blue Mountain Park in 10 years

What type of spaces do you envision?

What qualities are the most important when achieving this vision?

Tell us things that should change

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THREE ZONES

In order to effectively plan for the phased redevelopment of this key City community park, we have divided the park into three zones based on existing uses and natural features. This will assist with the planning of the future amenities and a strategy for improvement over the next 20 years.



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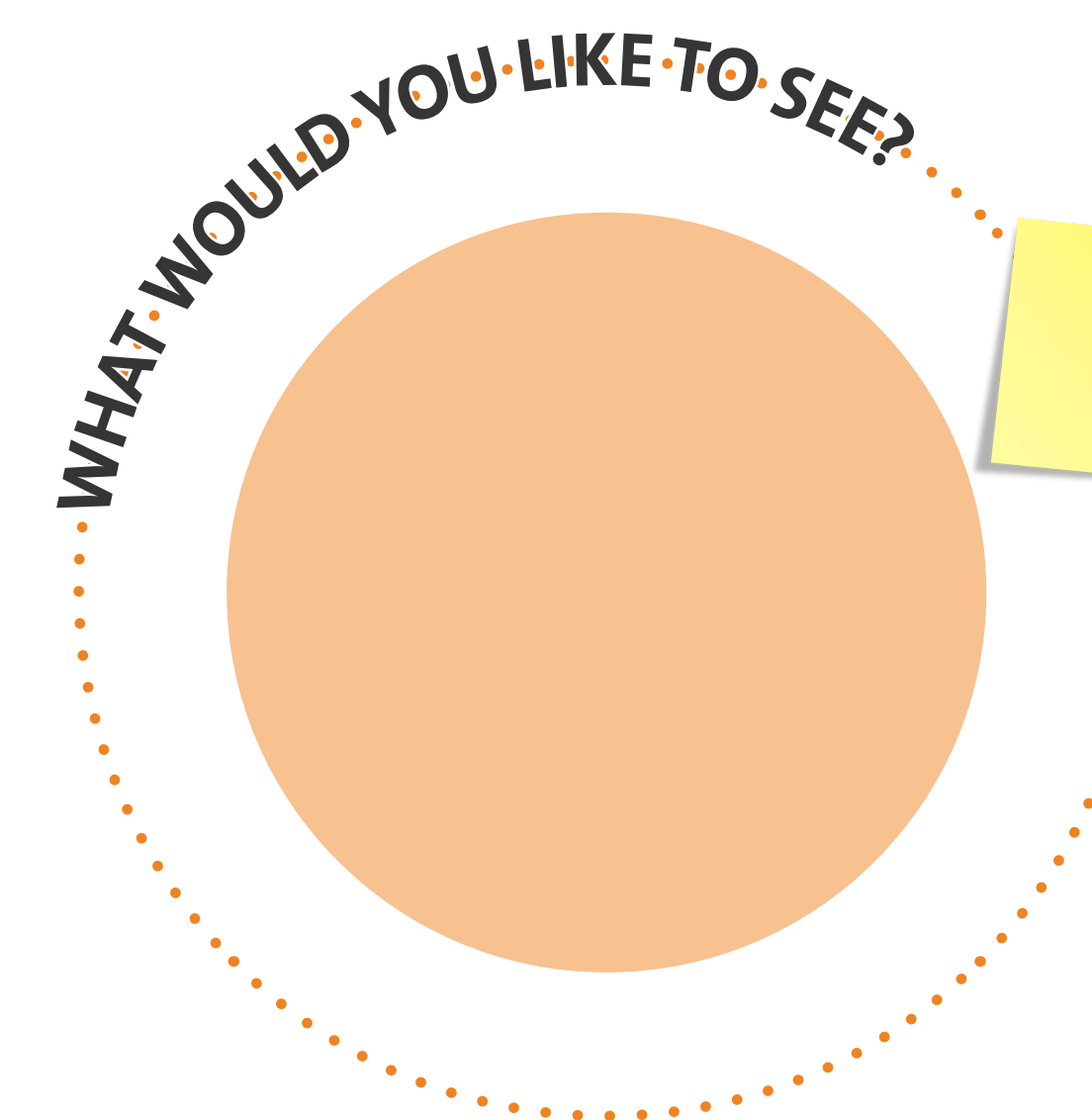
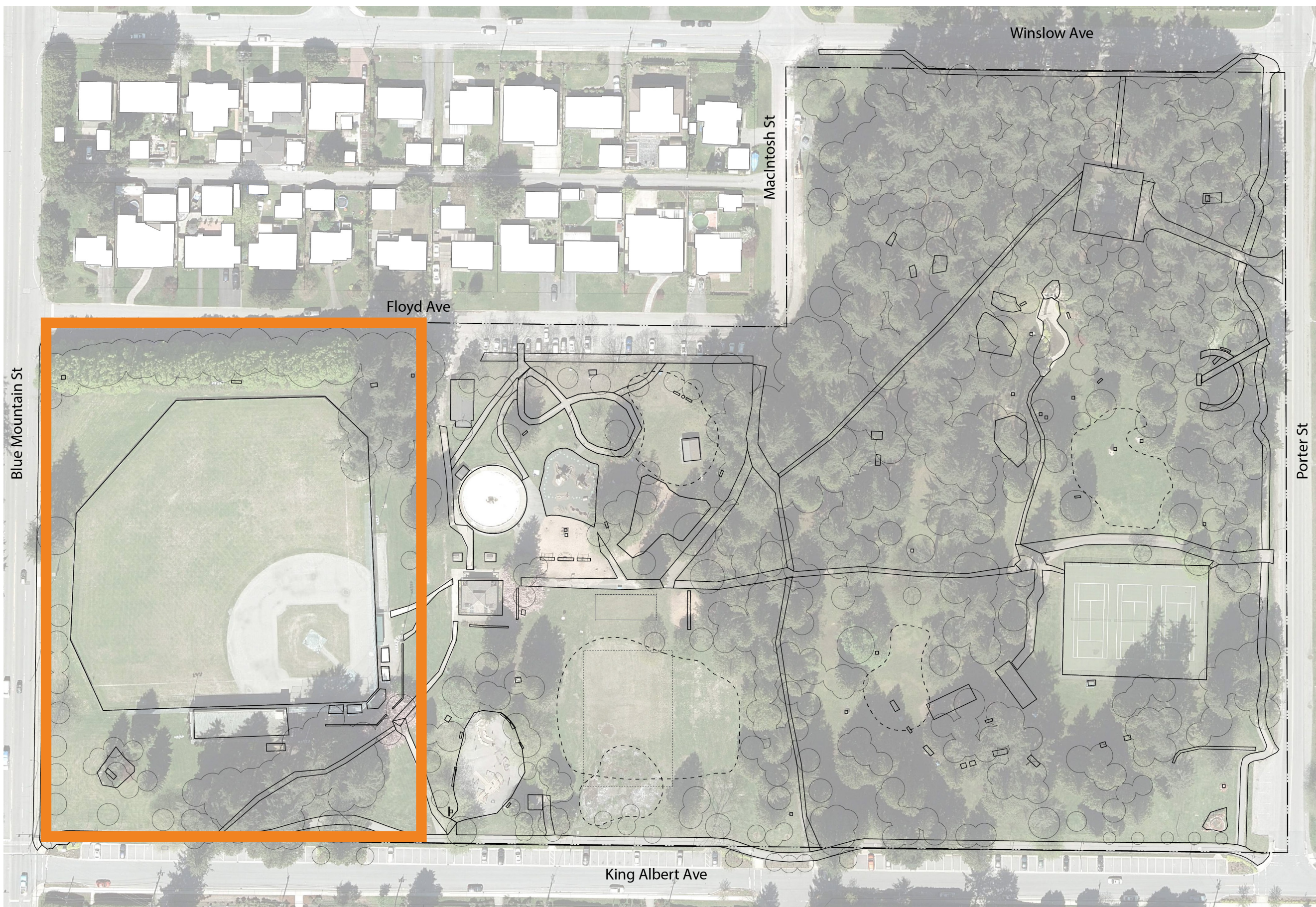
ZONE PROGRAMMING CONSIDERATIONS

THE FIELD

Home to the senior division of the Coquitlam Little League Club, the western third of the park includes the natural grass baseball diamond, batting cage and storage facilities.

Potential future amenity considerations:

- Sports and recreational spaces
- Enhanced gateway elements
- Enhanced access and connections



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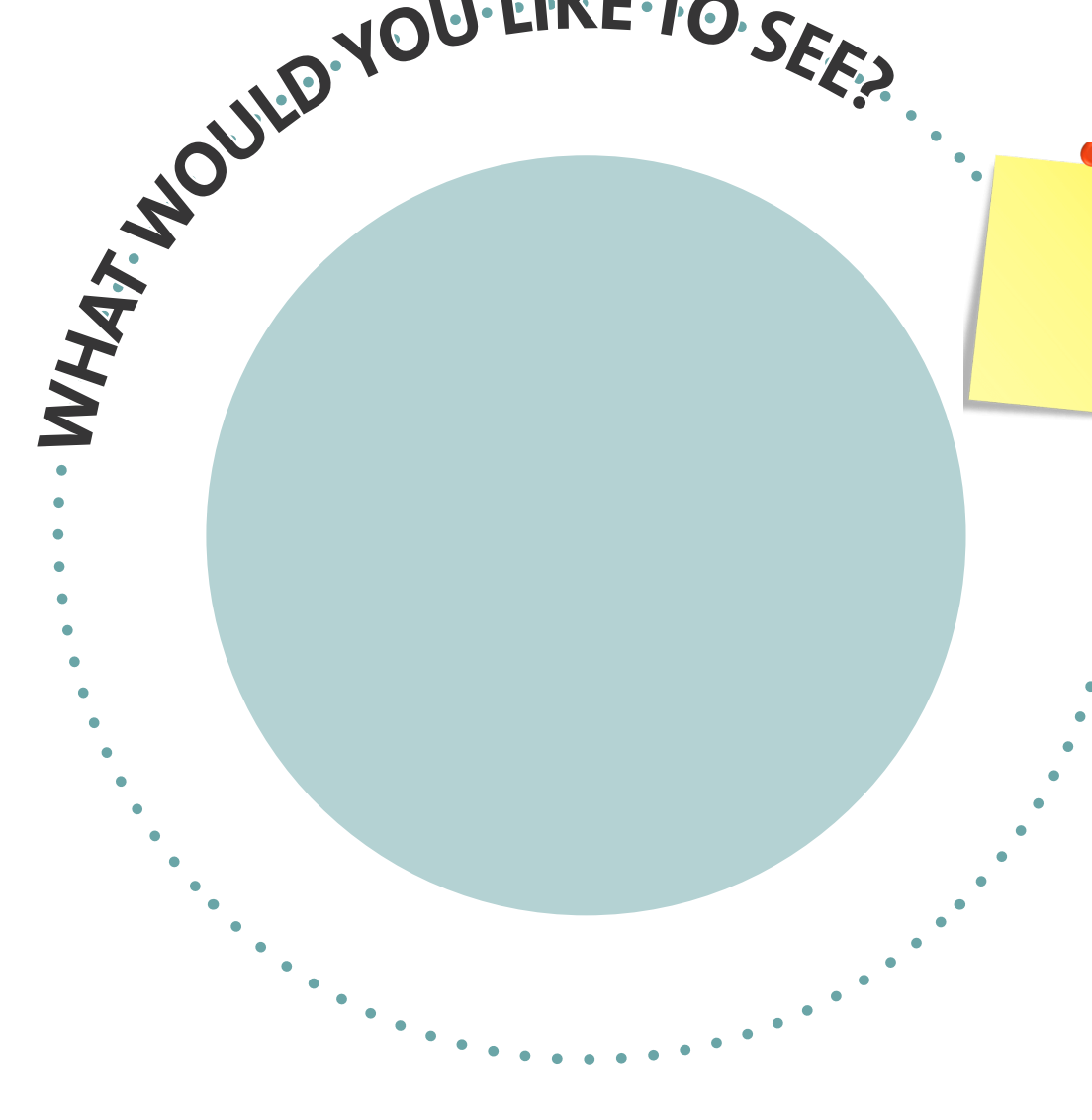
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THE CORE

The social, cultural and active heart of the Park will see the most significant change. The spray pad and wading pool’s age and condition prevent their renewal. These amenities could be replaced with an enhanced spray park, possibly with some aspects of standing and/or flowing water.

Potential future amenity considerations:

- Enhanced water play
- Enhanced playground
- New washroom
- New public plaza and cenotaph
- New event infrastructure
- Additional youth amenities
- New lit paved paths
- Additional picnicking opportunities
- Enhanced lawn and furnishings
- Improved wayfinding



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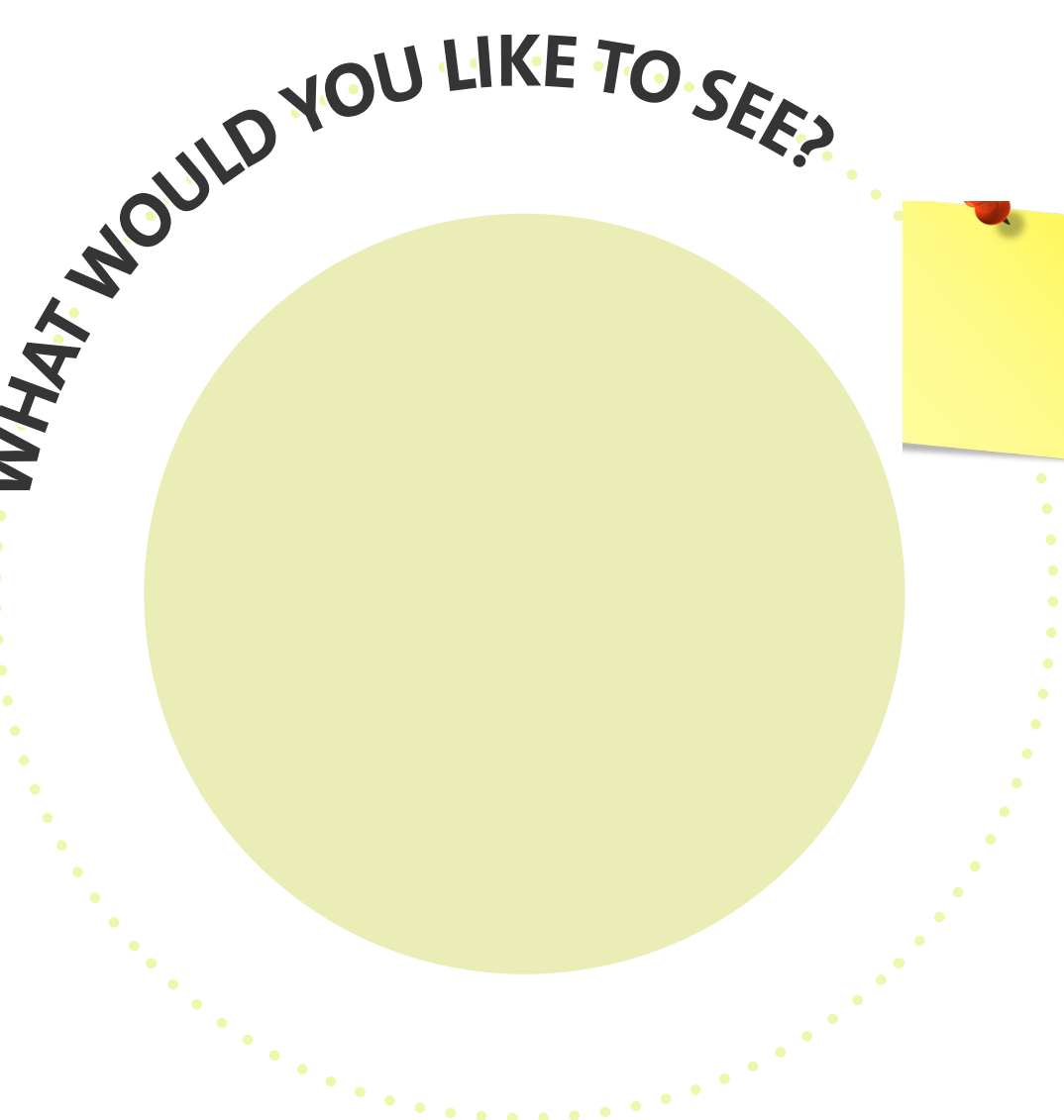
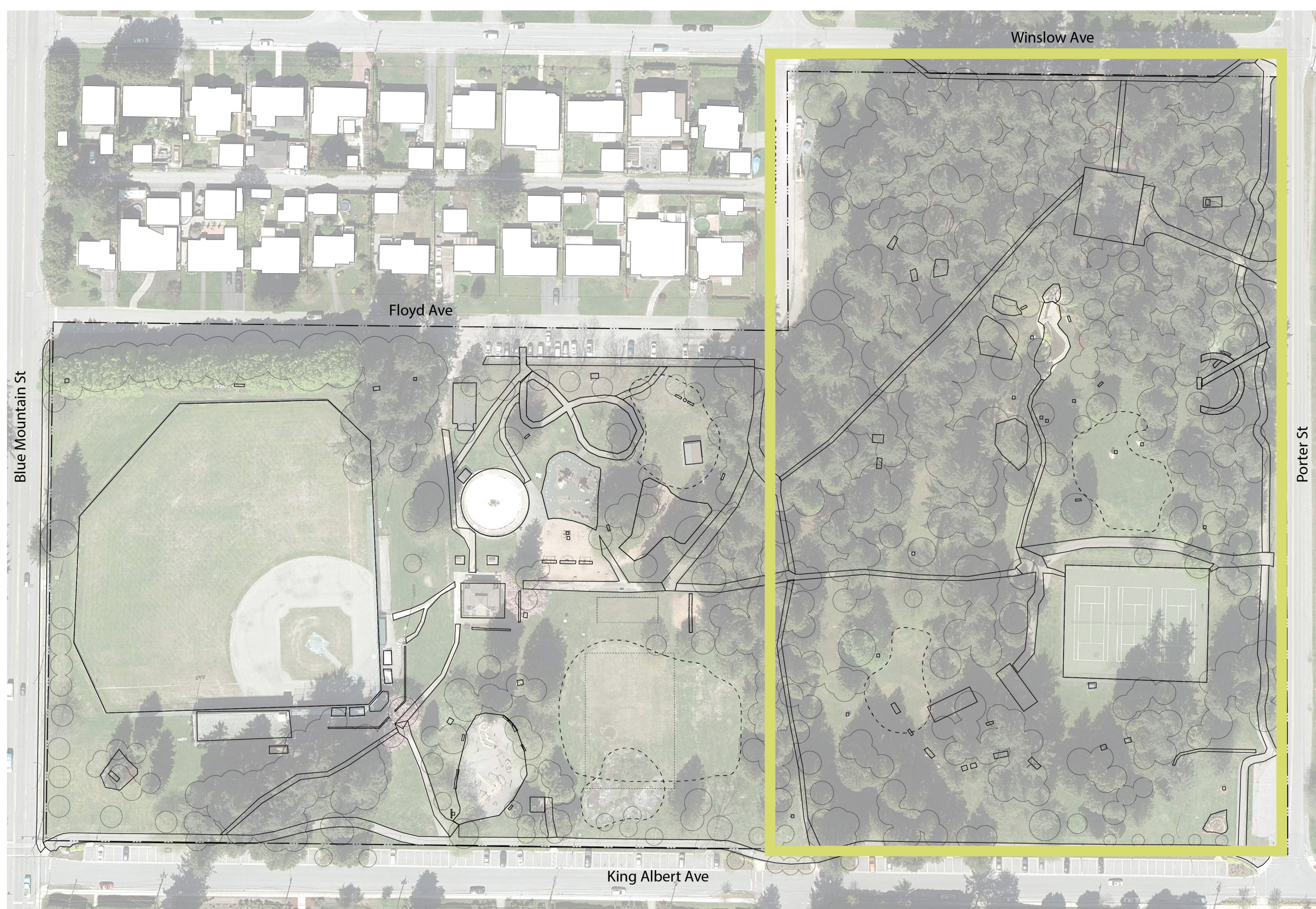
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THE GROVE

The mixed stand of conifer trees on the eastern portion of the park forms the most recognizable natural feature on the site. These trees provide much-needed scale and shade for the trails, picnic shelters, tennis courts, and public art while also providing a buffer to the park’s active core. Scout Hall is located in the Grove and this building’s age and condition prevent its renewal. There is potential to replace this building with a multi-purpose facility either in the Grove or in another area of the park.

Potential future amenity considerations:

- New lit paved paths and informal gathering spaces
- Additional picnicking space
- Tennis/pickleball improvements
- Circuit training
- Enhanced gateway elements
- Improved wayfinding
- Learning and educational spaces
- Enhanced gateway elements
- Enhanced access and connections
- Artistic elements that celebrate the park’s important natural, historical and cultural features.



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Visit letstalkcoquitlam.ca/bluemountainpark to:

- Complete the survey before Sept. 21, 2021.
- Sign up to receive email updates on the project including future engagement opportunities.



Thank you for sharing your thoughts and experiences at blue mountain park with us!



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