

Francis Field

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



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Earl A. Powell, III
Chair
U. S. Commission of Fine Arts
National Building Museum
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) requests the Commission of Fine Art's review of our master planning efforts at Francis Field, located at 25th and N Streets, NW. Over the last six months, DPR developed a master plan which balances the needs for recreational space in the District, with the needs of surrounding community.

This master plan, implemented in phases, will guide future improvements at Francis Field. At your January 2009 meeting, DPR is requesting three actions for Francis Field:

1. the review of the concept master plan;
2. the review of interim, phase one improvements of the master plan; and
3. Commission approval of all future Francis Field improvements, including construction documents and specifications, be conducted at the staff level.

Information about both the master plan and the first phase of improvements are included in the attached booklet. We look forward to discussing the project with you later this month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. E. Turner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason E. Turner
Chief, Planning and Capital Projects

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FRANCIS FIELD MASTER PLAN

Introduction

Francis Field, adjacent to the Rock Creek Park, was a transfer-of-jurisdiction to the District of Columbia from the National Park Service in 1951 for recreational purposes. In 2008, the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) launched a master planning effort for Francis Field. Located in the District's west end at 25th and N Street, NW, the field is one of the only large open spaces in this area of the city. Francis Field must meet dual purposes: the needs of the surrounding neighbors as well as the need for outdoor athletic space for District-wide residents and activities. The 2008 master planning efforts have resulted in a new master plan for Francis Field which will meet both these needs and guide future development at this critical open space by improving the athletic fields and adding open space.

Background and Existing Conditions & Facilities

The District of Columbia is blessed with more open space than most other major cities in the country. However, the District is last in athletic field space, and each year the District has a difficult time meeting the field needs of its residents.

Francis Field is a heavily used recreation space. Currently, there is a softball field and multi-purpose athletic field which are used by field neighbors and District residents. In 2008, more than 200 permits were issued for Francis Field. Uses of Francis Field included youth soccer leagues, practice space for Francis Junior High School, adult softball, frisbee, and rugby.

The fields are extremely deteriorated and are not in optimal playing condition. The field surface is compacted, resulting in poor drainage and difficulty in maintaining the grass. Improving athletic fields across the District for all residents is a high priority of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Concept Master Plan

The master plan concept is the result of a collaboration between DPR, west end residents, and recreational users of the field. The design evolved through a series of working group meetings and community meetings. The working group worked hard to achieve consensus as to the acceptable ratio of passive space to field athletic space.

Francis Field plays a critical role in meeting recreation needs of the District of Columbia. DPR's goal for Francis Field is to meet District needs for athletic space, as well as the desires of the surrounding community for more passive open space. DPR has developed a master plan that will guide the use of Francis Field for the next 10-15 years. The master plan will be implemented in phases as Agency resources are available.

Features of the Master Plan Include:

- Streetscape and landscape improvements along 25th Street, NW that include an enhanced pedestrian area;
- A 58x100 yard multi-purpose athletic field;
- A softball field (that does not have a skinned infield);
- Approximately 10,000 square feet for a future determined use, such as a dog park;
- New, state-of-the-art ballfield lighting along the 25th street, NW side of the field; and
- New park amenities such as streetscape lighting, trash cans, a drinking fountain, and new steel picket fencing.



Aerial Park Map

Ward 2

Francis 25th and N Sts., NW

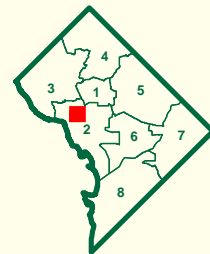


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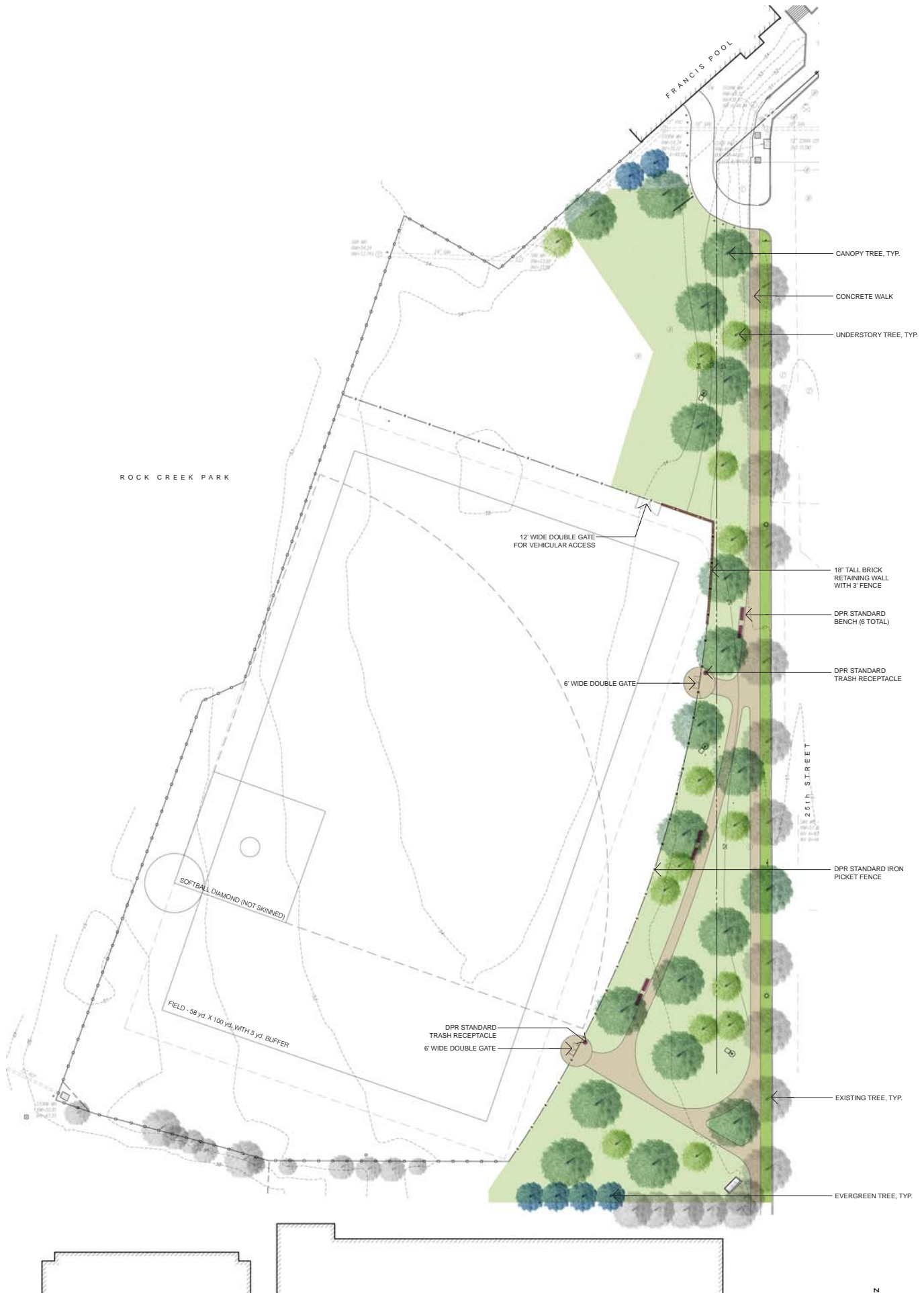
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VIEW LOOKING NORTH TOWARD FIELD



VIEW LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD SOFTBALL FIELD BACKSTOP



VIEW LOOKING NORTH TOWARD FIELD



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2. **Seating:** 100% vinyl covered steel components are steel fabricated, anodized, phosphated, and electrocoat; easily covered with TPOC polyester powder coating. Frames are fully cleaned and pre-treated, phosphated and coated while hot for flue oxides and build coating film. Coated parts are fully cured to coating manufacturer's specifications. The thickness of the resulting finish coat averages 8-10 mils.
3. **Clearance:** Clearance for 36" and/or smaller, only locate anchor bolts once bench is in place
4. **Maintenance:** Frequently apply to the existing hard surface or concrete bench pad. Refer to O.P.C.s standards for Concrete Bench Pad.

EXCEPTIONS

This bench is to be used primarily in urban park settings and not naturalized areas. Bench type for naturalized areas should be selected on a site by site basis.



8' length

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36" width

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