

DHDC 23-8394

APPROVAL DOCUMENT – POST AT WORK LOCATION

CITY OF DETROIT
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

2 WOODWARD, SUITE 808
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

6/20/23

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

John DeRuiter
General Services Department, City of Detroit
115 Erskine St.
Detroit, MI 48201

RE: Application Number 23-8394; 12655 Broadstreet (aka Russell Woods Park); Russell Woods- Sullivan Historic District

Dear Applicant,

At the Regular Meeting that was held on June 14, 2023, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“DHDC”) reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1) and Sections 21-2-73/21-2-78 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”) for the following work, effective on June 20, 2023, as it meets the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the district’s Elements of Design:

- ***Removal of brush and dead trees as identified in the attached drawings. No removal of mature trees.***
- ***Repair of the main concrete pathways where necessary. Installation of exposed aggregate concrete garden paths as shown in attached drawings.***
- ***Replacement of existing mismatch of benches with a cohesive design of four (4) benches, “classic park” metal, color black***
- ***Installation of garden beds with perennials and annuals that follow the original park site and planting plan, with some adjustments, per the attached drawings. Natural edge bed borders.***
- ***Installation of water tap and irrigation system.***
- ***Installation of granite boulders at the corner entrance pathways, not along the entire perimeter of the park***

Please retain this COA for your files and post it at the subject property until work is complete. It is important to note that approval by the DHDC does not waive the applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances or statutes. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or hdc@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:



Daniel Rieden
Detroit Historic District Commission

CENERAL PLAN
FOR
RUSSELL WOODS PARK
PREPARED BY
CITY PLAN COMM.
SCALE—1 IN. = 30 FT.
SEPTEMBER 1913.



Map of Chicago



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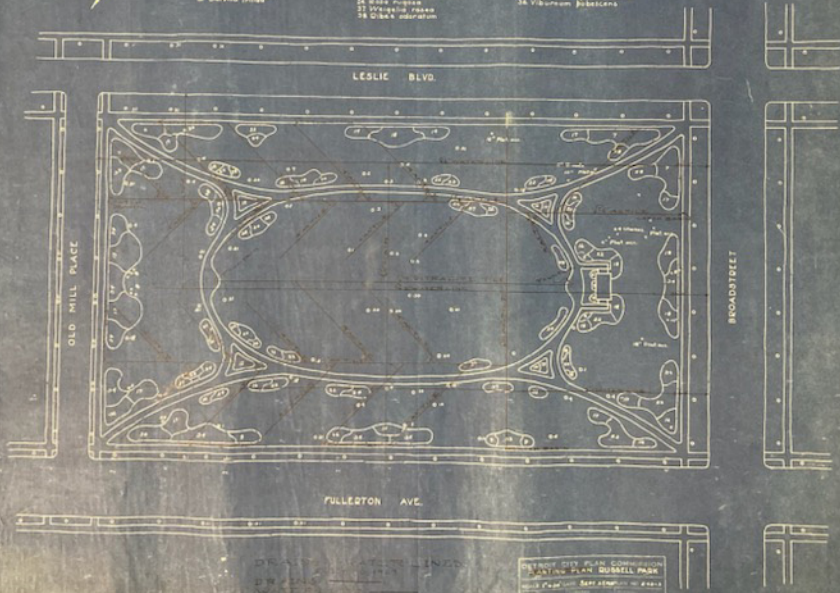
RUSSELL PARK

PLANTING LIST



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|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Acer glaberrimum | 13. Forsythia europaea fortunei | 21. Spiraea japonica |
| 2. Acer negundo | 14. Forsythia viridissima | 22. Spiraea vanhouttei |
| 3. Acer spicatum | 15. Fraxinus americana | 23. Syringa amurensis rubra |
| 4. Betula papyrifera | 16. Fraxinus pennsylvanica | 24. Syringa amurensis |
| 5. Cornus florida | 17. Ligustrum lucidum | 25. Syringa amurensis nigrescens |
| 6. Cornus canadensis | 18. Lonicera maackii | 26. Syringa amurensis |
| 7. Cornus rugosa | 19. Philadelphus coronatus | 27. Thea sinensis |
| 8. Cornus rugosa | 20. Physocarpus opulifolius aureus | 28. Thea sinensis |
| 9. Cornus rugosa | 21. Philadelphus coronatus | 29. Ulmus americana |
| 10. Cornus rugosa | 22. Quercus prinus | 30. Viburnum dentatum |
| 11. Cornus rugosa | 23. Quercus prinus | 31. Viburnum dentatum |
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| | 28. Quercus prinus | 36. Viburnum dentatum |
| | 29. Quercus prinus | 37. Viburnum dentatum |
| | 30. Quercus prinus | 38. Viburnum dentatum |

LEGEND
 Proposed Trees
 Existing Trees



DR. J. W. LINDEN
 100 N. 10th St.
 W. 10th St.

DETROIT CITY PLANNING BOARD
 PLANNING PLAN RUSSELL PARK
 1911
 100 N. 10th St.
 W. 10th St.

Russell Woods Park

2023-24 PARK RENOVATIONS

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 2023



**General Services
Department**

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BACKGROUND, NARRATIVE, & ENGAGEMENT

RUSSELL WOODS - SULLIVAN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

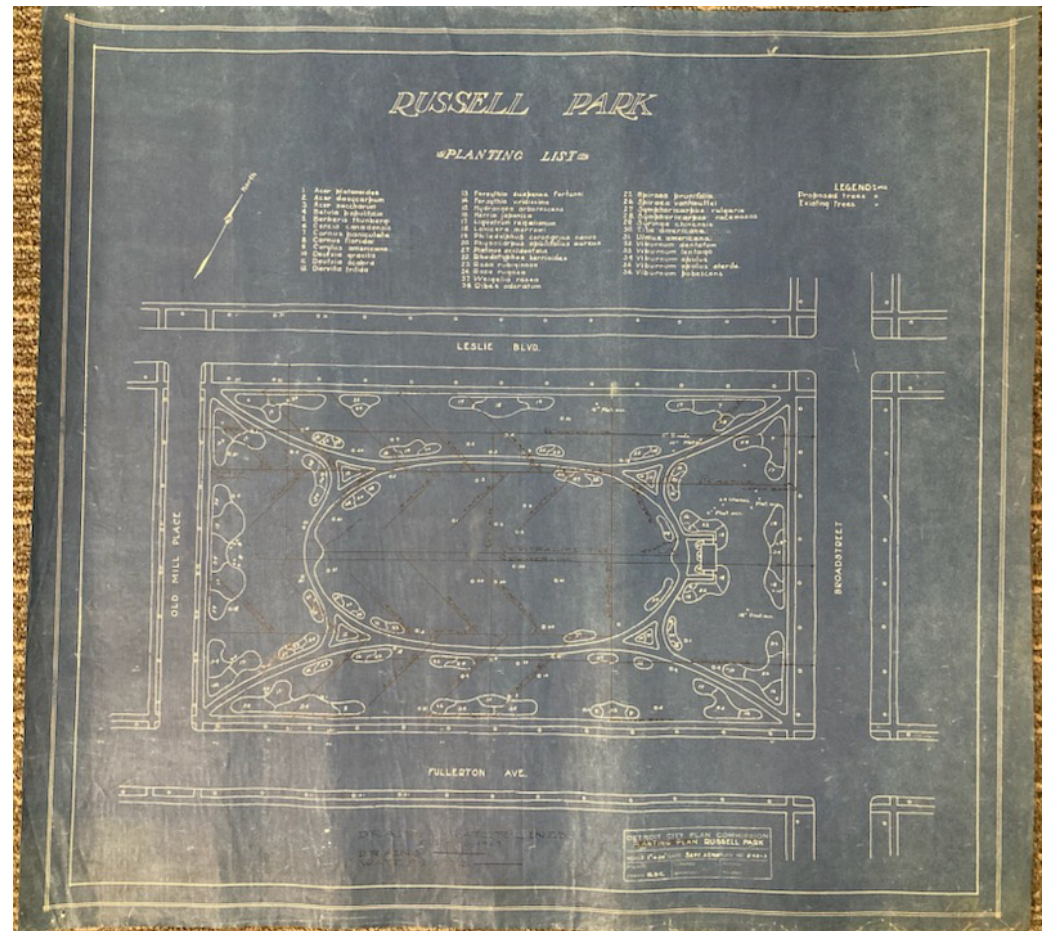
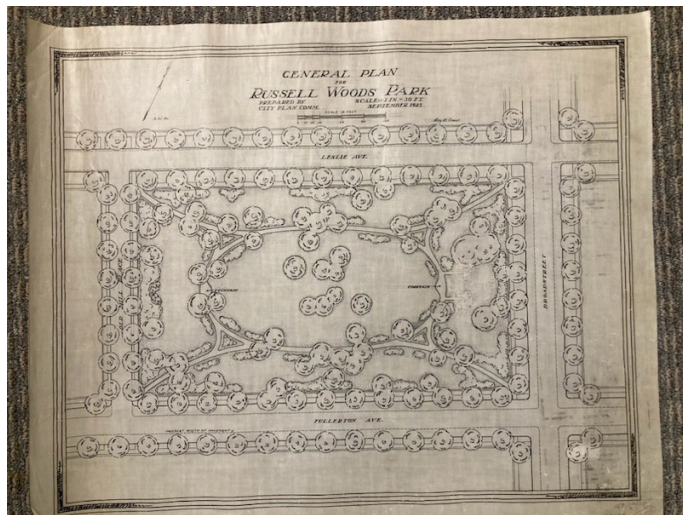
Russell Woods Park has always been an integral part of the Russell Woods - Sullivan historic district. As shown in original landscape plans held by the General Services Department, the park has always featured winding paths and ornamental landscaping with mature trees. At some point in the last 100 years the garden beds were removed, but the path system and trees still define a pleasant refuge for nature in the urban environment.

The General Services Department identified Russell Woods Park for improvement as part of the recently completed Parks Master Plan. Through a series of community engagement sessions, an improvement plan was agreed on by the community. Engagement included in person events, as well as a digital survey sent out to the neighborhood. The survey presented a wide range of park activities that the Department has throughout the city - the results came back in support of keeping the park a passive recreational space, with usability and aesthetic upgrades where possible.

The proposed plan includes looking to the past design of ornamental gardens throughout the park, and reinstating those features. This improvement will preserve the historic passive recreational uses at the park, and further enhance the natural beauty already on site. No new uses will be introduced to the park, as this will be a restoration of what is already on site.

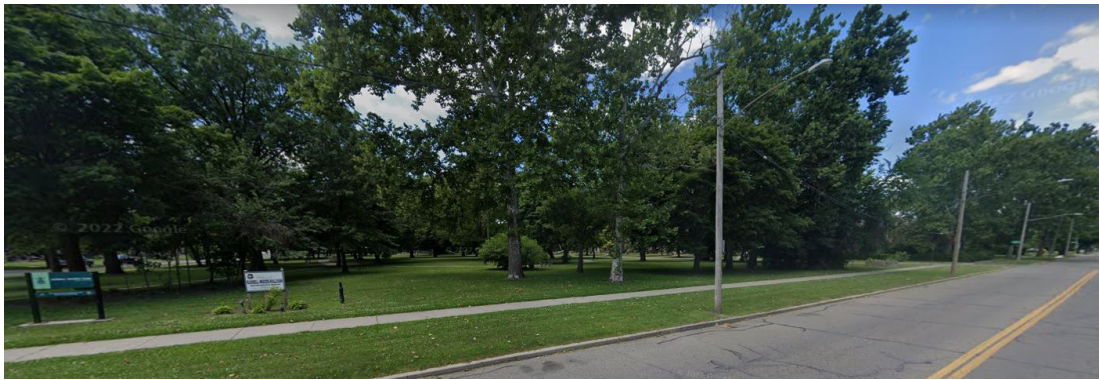
HISTORIC CONDITIONS

Russell Woods Park has been a fixture of the neighborhood since the 1920's. These original designs show how the layout has been preserved over time, while the landscaping has changed.



CURRENT CONDITIONS

The site is dominated by a full mature tree cover. Overall the health of the woods is good, with a few exceptions for damaged and diseased trees. Several areas of overgrown brush are on site as well. The path system is in fair to good condition, and only needs minor repairs. Current seating in the park is a mix of several bench styles. The shelter was added to the park recently and is used for events.



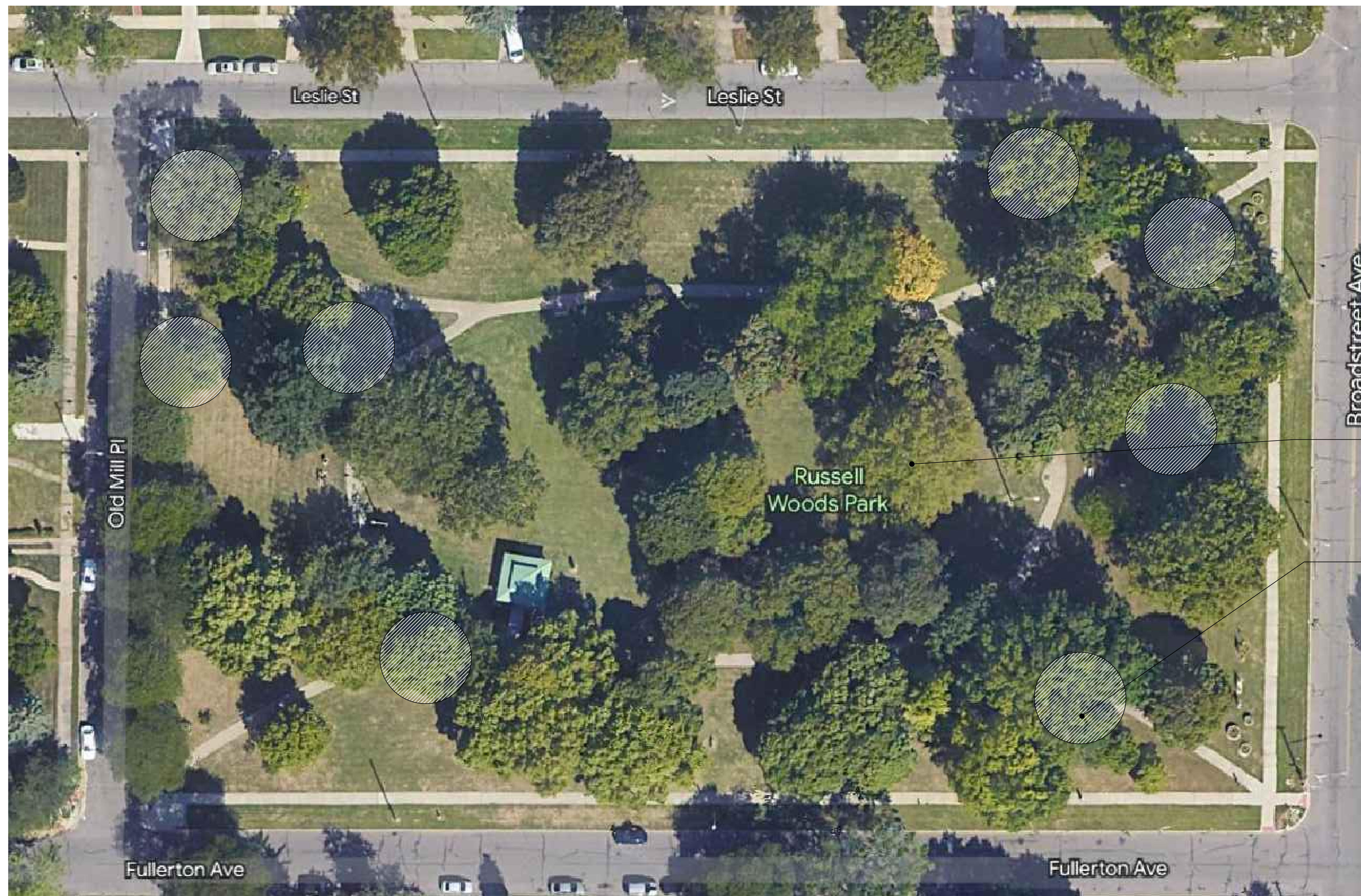
CURRENT CONDITIONS



Aerial image of the park.



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TREE PRUNING

ALL AREAS OF BRUSH AND DEAD TREES TO BE REMOVED.

DEMOLITION NOTES:

QUANTITIES			
DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	UNIT	NOTES
BRUSH/TREE REMOVALS			CONTRACTOR TO REMOVE AREAS OF BRUSH AND DEAD TREES. TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF ALL STUMPS AND RESTORATION OF TURF.
TREE PRUNING			PROVIDE TREE PRUNING SERVICES THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PARK. PERFORMED BY CERTIFIED ARBORISTS. PRUNING TO BE DONE OVER WINTER.

NOTE: BID ITEM IS LISTED AS "DEMOLITION" AND INCLUDES ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THIS PAGE, AND ANY OTHER SURFACE OBSTRUCTION IN NEED OF DEMOLITION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. CONTRACTOR SHOULD ASSESS THE SITE AND DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF DEMOLITION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PLANS SHOWN IN THIS DOCUMENT. FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HAD IN THE CASE OF UNKNOWN UNDERGROUND OBSTRUCTIONS.



EXAMPLES OF BRUSH IN RUSSELL WOODS PARK. CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING ALL BRUSH, DEAD TREES, OVERGROWN AREAS, ETC. THROUGHOUT THE PARK.

PROJECT NAME:

RUSSELL WOODS PARK

DRAWN: JD	APPROVED:
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ISSUED FOR REVIEW	5/23/2023

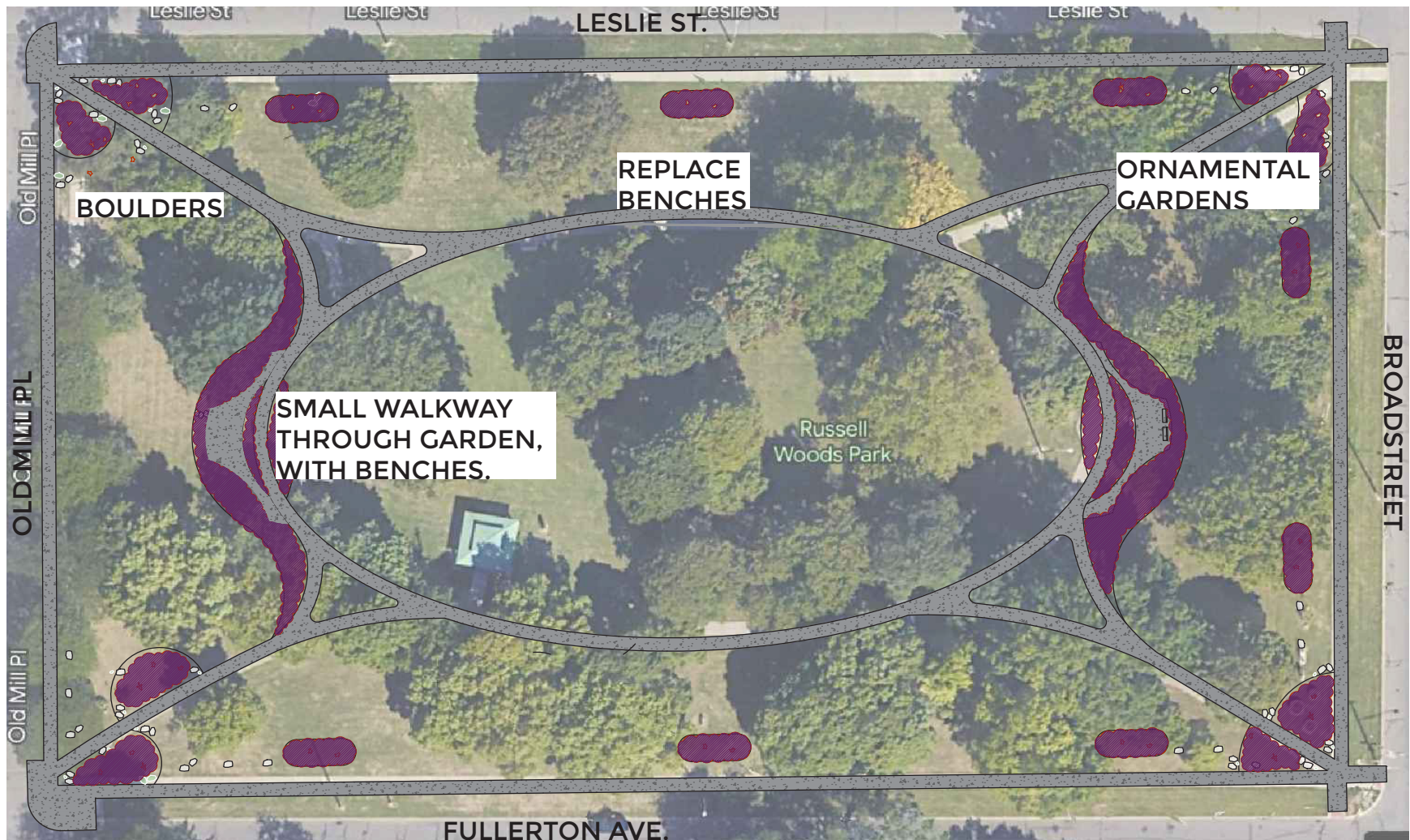
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PROPOSED SITE PLAN



The proposed improvements do not alter the existing layout of the park, and work to improve the passive recreation available at the park. Bed placement is based on the original layout of the landscape beds, with adjustments for modern conditions.

MATERIALS - PERENNIALS & BRICK PIERS

Ornamental gardens will be installed throughout the park, with a plant list suited to the current conditions of the park. Where possible, plants will be selected from the historic plant lists, but the site is significantly more shady than it was in the 1920's, as the trees the original designers planted have reached maturity. Plants such as Deutzia and Viburnum found on the original plans should work nicely again now. Beds will be defined by the following perennials, and punctuated with annual plantings. Flower colors are meant to pick up and highlight on the earth tones found in the adjacent historic homes, with deep red, orange, yellow, purple, etc.



PERFECT STORM HIBISCUS



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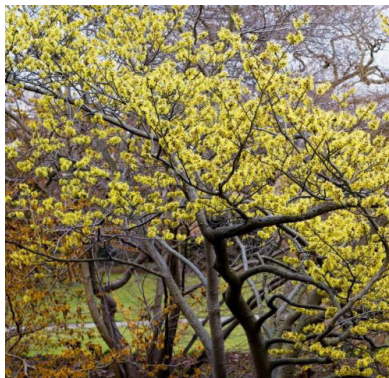
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HOSTA VARIETIES



VIBURNUM

MATERIALS - BENCHES AND BOULDERS

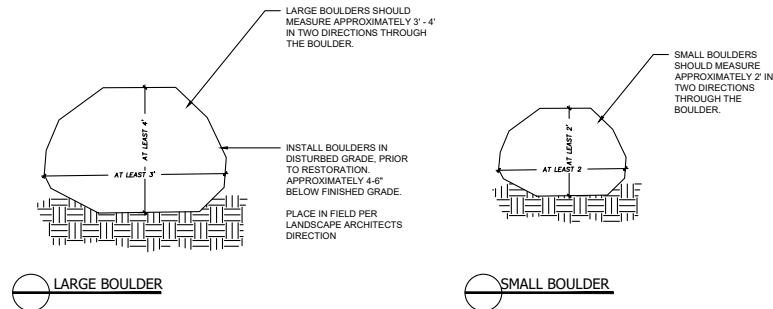


GSD STANDARD - CLASSIC PARK BENCHES. BLACK.

BENCHES WILL REPLACE THE MIS MATCHED BENCHES IN THE PARK CURRENTLY, AND BE ADDED TO THE GARDENS AT THE EAST AND WEST ENDS OF THE PARK.



GRANITE BOULDERS



BOULDERS INSTALLED AT SELECT AREAS NEAR GARDEN BEDS AS ACCENTS. THERE WILL NOT BE BOULDERS ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE PARK. APPROX. 50 BOULDERS IN TOTAL WILL BE USED.

RUSSELL WOODS PARK - SCOPE OF WORK

RUSSELL WOODS PARK - ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCOPE OF WORK

1. Remove select overgrown trees from park. No mature hardwoods to be removed. Mulberry and lilac brush will be removed, as well as pruning of the existing trees, performed by certified arborists.
2. Perform water tap and install irrigation system.
3. Install garden paths. Exposed aggregate concrete with 2 benches at each location.
4. Bed prep - excavation of existing grade and replace with planting mix. Natural edge bed borders.
5. Install plant material. Mulched beds with perennials and annual flowers. Boulder accents at edges.
6. Install 4 replacement benches (current park has several styles of non historic benches).
7. Perform on going plant care and maintenance.

SCHEDULE:

Assuming an approval from HDC is reached at the June meeting, a construction bid will be released in July. Tree pruning and bed prep to happen over winter, with the full installation being complete by July 2024.

PHASING AND PRIORITIZATION:

Depending on final contract bids, GSD may or may not be able to install the full proposal of flower beds as shown on the site plan. Beds will be prioritized in this order:

1. Beds at the 4 corners of the park.
2. Beds at the east and west ends of the oval walking loop
3. Beds along Fullerton and Leslie .