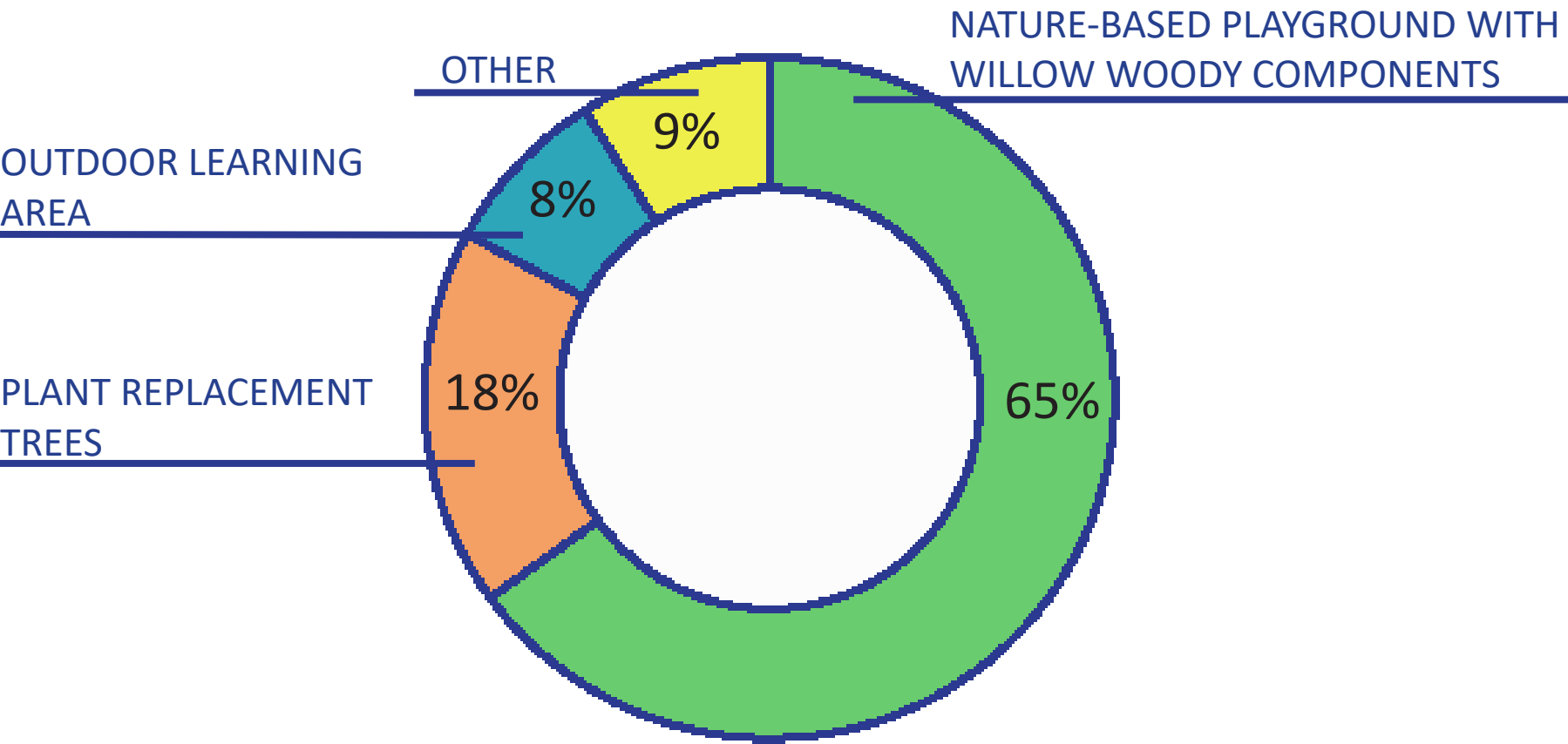


FINCH ARBORETUM - WILLOW TREE - UPDATES

HISTORY

FOR DECADES THE FINCH ARBORETUM WILLOW TREE HAS OFFERED A BACKDROP FOR FAMILY PHOTOS, A PLACE FOR FAMILY PICNICS AND TREE CLIMBING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN (AND ADVENTUROUS ADULTS)! IN 2024 THE WILLOW TREE BEGAN SHOWING SIGNS OF AGING THAT SADLY LED TO THE COLLAPSE OF A MAIN BRANCH .

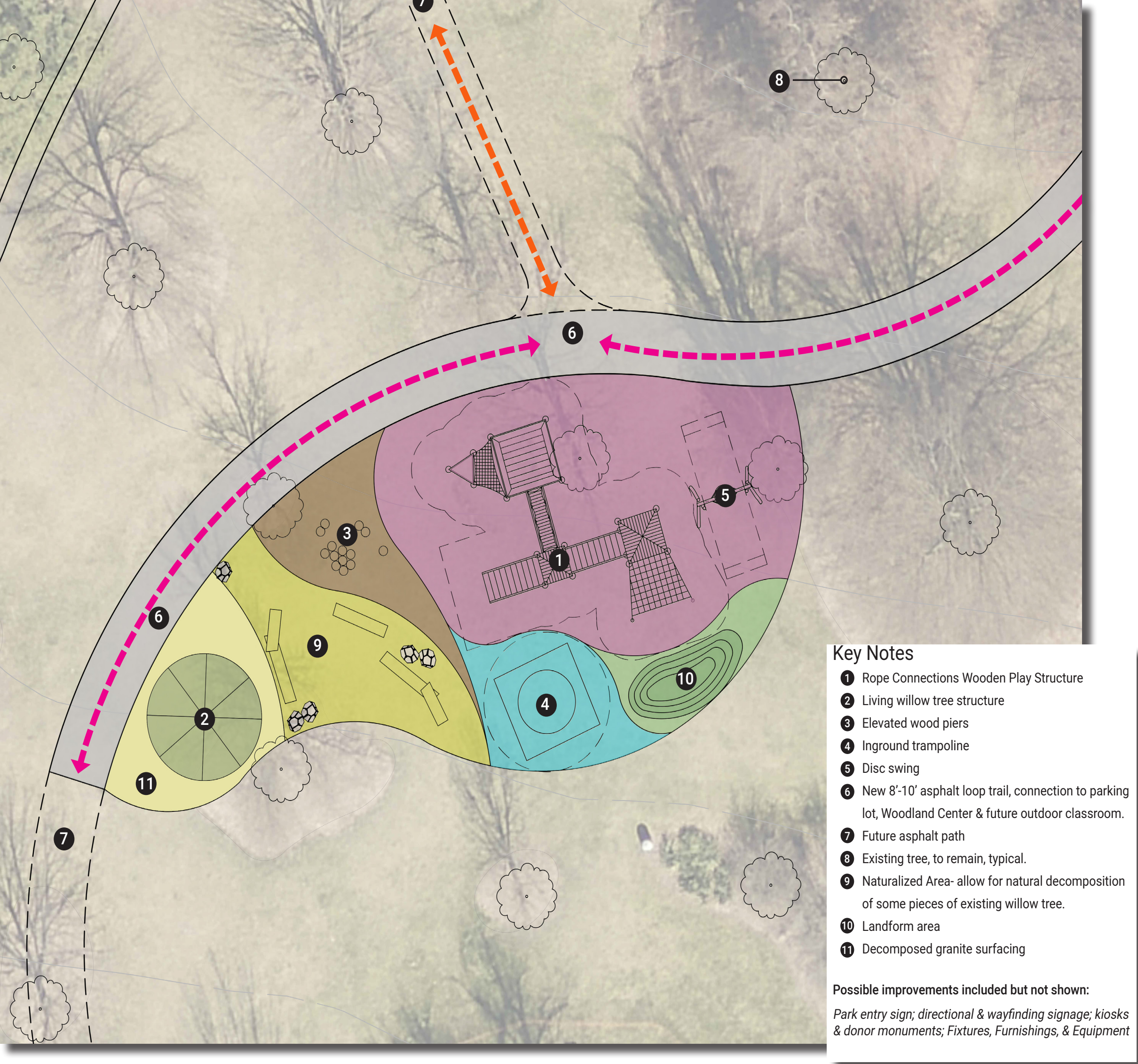


2024 WILLOW TREE SURVEY RESULTS

OVER 1,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY, WITH 65% OF RESPONDENTS SAYING THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NATURE-BASED PLAYGROUND USING WILLOW WOOD COMPONENTS, AND PLANT REPLACEMENT TREE(S) FROM THE CUTTINGS OF THE ORIGINAL TREE.

CONCEPT EXPLORATION

WE HAVE BEGUN EXPLORING IDEAS THAT INCORPORATE STUDENT FEEDBACK AND THE HISTORY OF THE WILLOW TREE INTO A NATURE-BASED PLAYGROUND CONCEPT. THIS CONCEPT WILL CHANGE AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE DESIGN PROCESS AND INCORPORATE FUTURE PUBLIC FEEDBACK.



WHAT'S NEXT?

OUR NEXT STEP IS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INPUT AT A FUTURE COMMUNITY MEETING.
DATE TO BE DETERMINED.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

ON EARTH DAY WE VISITED **HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** AND **SPOKANE PUBLIC MONTESSORI SCHOOL** WHERE STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE FINCH ARBORETUM AND THE LIFE CYCLE OF WILLOW TREES. WE GAVE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO VOTE ON A NATURE-BASED PLAYGROUND STYLE AND EQUIPMENT.



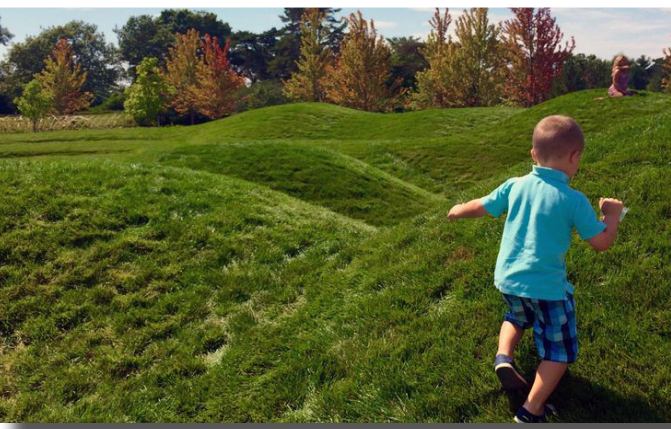
CONCEPT AMENITIES



ROPE CONNECTIONS WOODEN PLAY STRUCTURE



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LANDFORM AREA



LIVING WILLOW TREE STRUCTURE



ELEVATED WOOD PIERS

TO DONATE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAYGROUND
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:

A TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DETERMINED
ONCE FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE.



FINCH ARBORETUM - FUTURE OF THE WILLOW TREE
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