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# North Portland Aquatic Center (NPAC)

## **Community Workshop #2 Event and Survey Summary Key Themes & Takeaways**

February 2023



# Community Workshop #2 - January 24, 2023

On January 24, 2023, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) held the second, in a series of five, Community Workshop events for the North Portland Aquatic Center project. The event was hosted at Charles Jordan Community Center (CJCC).

At the event, community members were invited to participate in small group discussions, at round tables of 8-10 people, about where the future state-of-the-art aquatic facility could be built, and what the amenities and programming could look like.

Conversation about the siting of the future facility were rooted in the EQUITY, ACCESS, and IMPACT criteria that has been developed, with community input, since the launch of the project in Spring 2022.





# Community Workshop #2 - Table Discussions

Each table was asked to evaluate the site criteria and select their “top three” sites (in no particular order). A self-identifying “reporter”, at each table then delivered the results to the larger room during the “report out” phase.

## TOP THREE SITE SELECTIONS\*

TABLE 1	Northgate Park	University Park	Columbia Park
TABLE 2	Columbia Park	Columbia Park Annex	University Park
TABLE 3	University Park	Northgate Park	Columbia Park
TABLE 4	Columbia Park	Columbia Park Annex	University Park
TABLE 5	Columbia Park	Columbia Park Annex	Northgate Park
TABLE 6	Columbia Park Annex	Northgate Park	University Park
TABLE 7	Columbia Park	Northgate Park	University Park
TABLE 8	Northgate Park	Columbia Park Annex	University Park
TABLE 9	Northgate Park	University Park	Columbia Park
TABLE 10	Columbia Park	Columbia Park Annex	Northgate Park

\*While table groups were asked to identify three sites in no particular order, some table reporters chose to indicate an order in their top three site preferences.

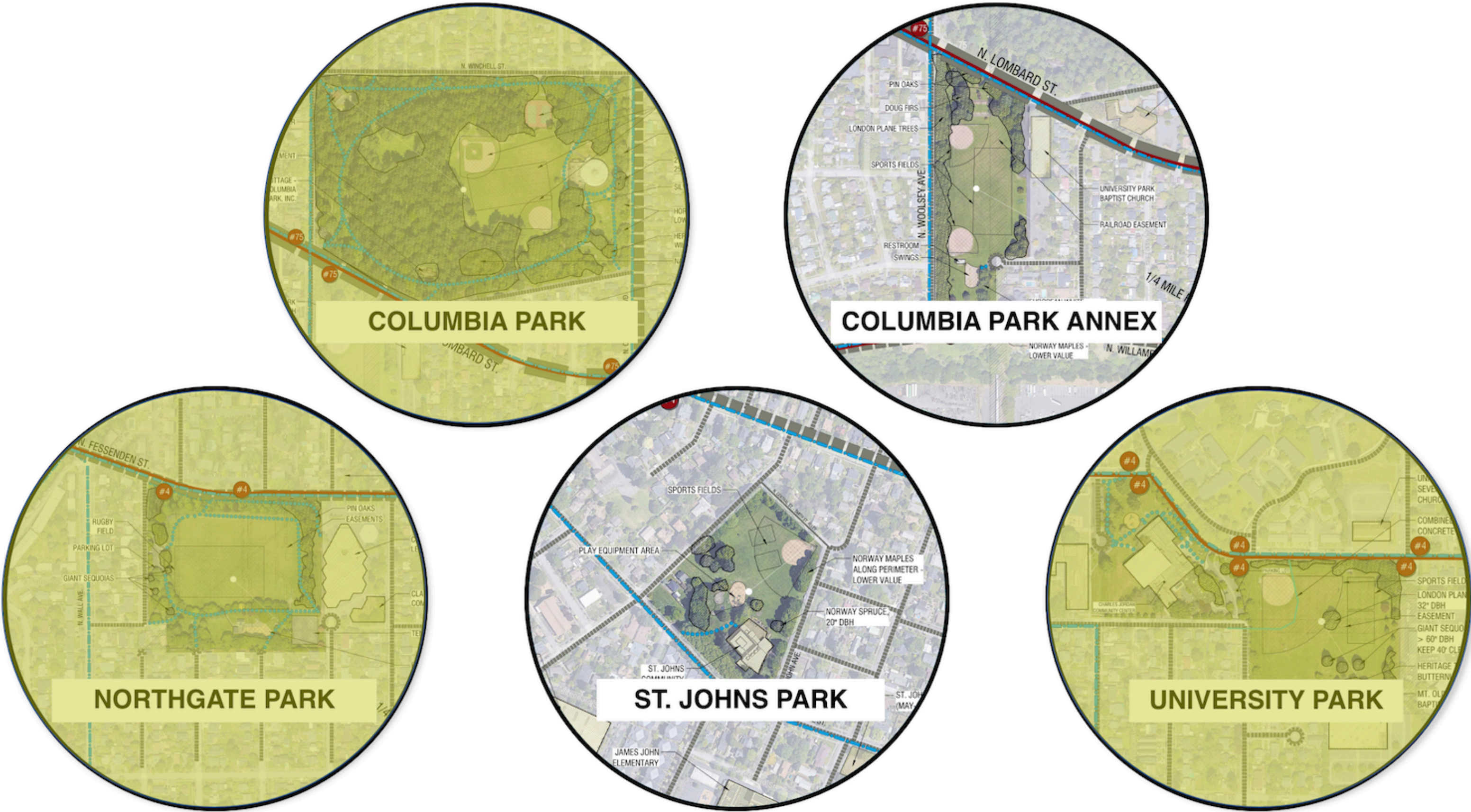




# Community Workshop #2 - Table Discussions

After 30 votes were cast, between all 10 small group discussions, **Columbia Park, Northgate Park, and University Park** collected 8 votes each, while Columbia Park Annex had 6 votes, and St. Johns Park received 0 votes from attendees.

CANDIDATE SITE	TOTAL VOTES
Columbia Park	8
Northgate Park	8
University Park	8
Columbia Park Annex	6
St. Johns Park	0





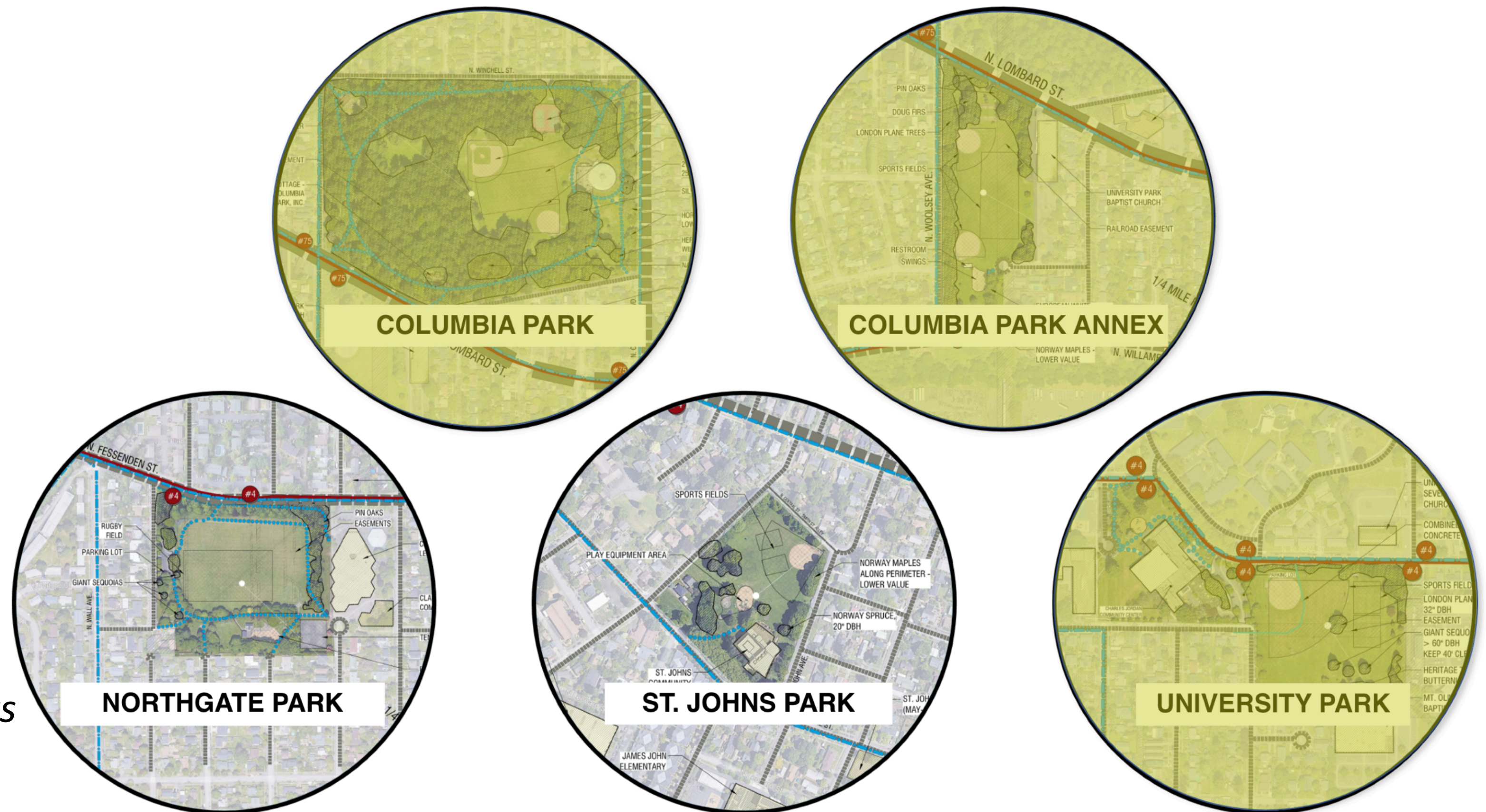
# Community Workshop #2 - Survey Summary

A companion survey was launched on January 24, 2023 and remained open until February 12, 2023. Community members were invited to weigh-in on our site selection criteria in three categories (equity, access, and park impact), as well as aquatics programming needs and priorities. The survey received a total of 1,070 survey responses.

## All Respondents (1,070)

1. Columbia Park: 11.44
2. University Park: 9.61
3. Columbia Park Annex: 9.54
4. Northgate Park: 9.2
5. St. Johns Park: 6.94

*\*The cumulative Survey Monkey scores of University Park, Columbia Park Annex, and Northgate Park were within .41 points of one another.*





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## All People of Color (282)

1. Columbia Park
2. University Park
3. Northgate Park
4. Columbia Park Annex
5. St. Johns Park



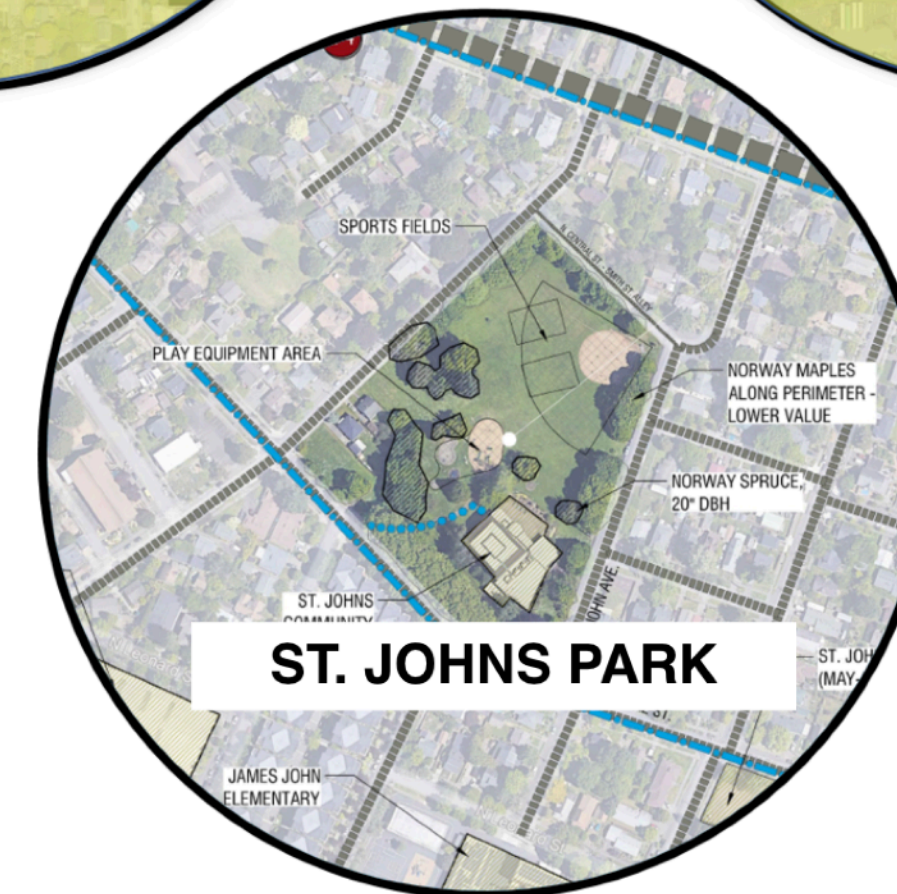
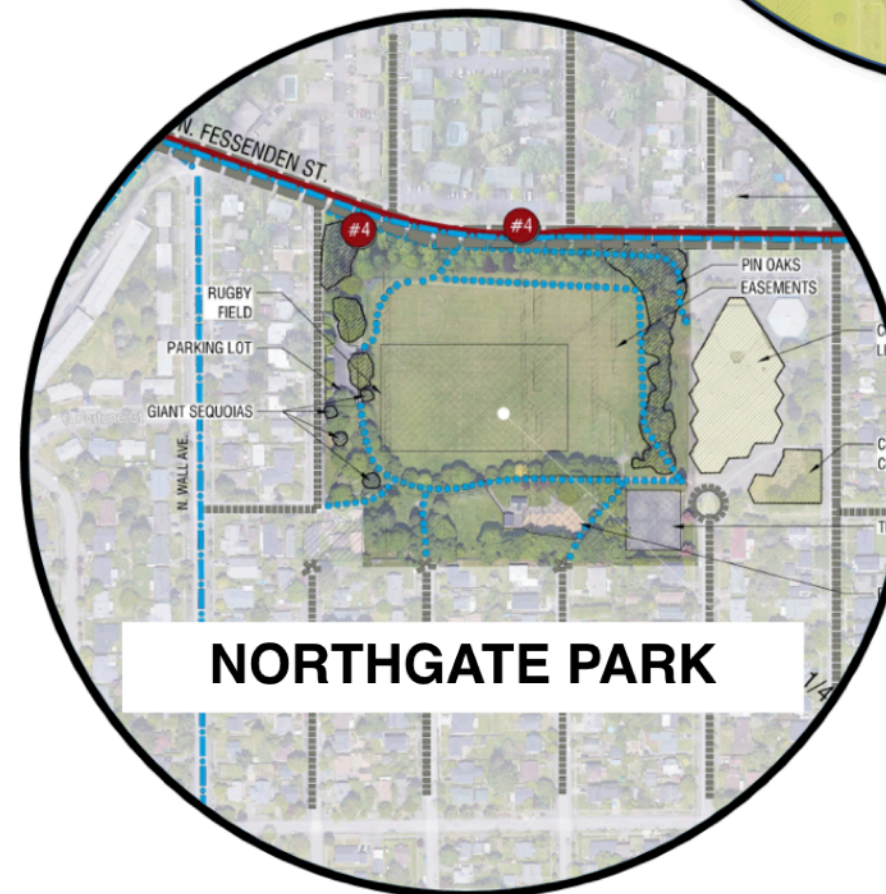
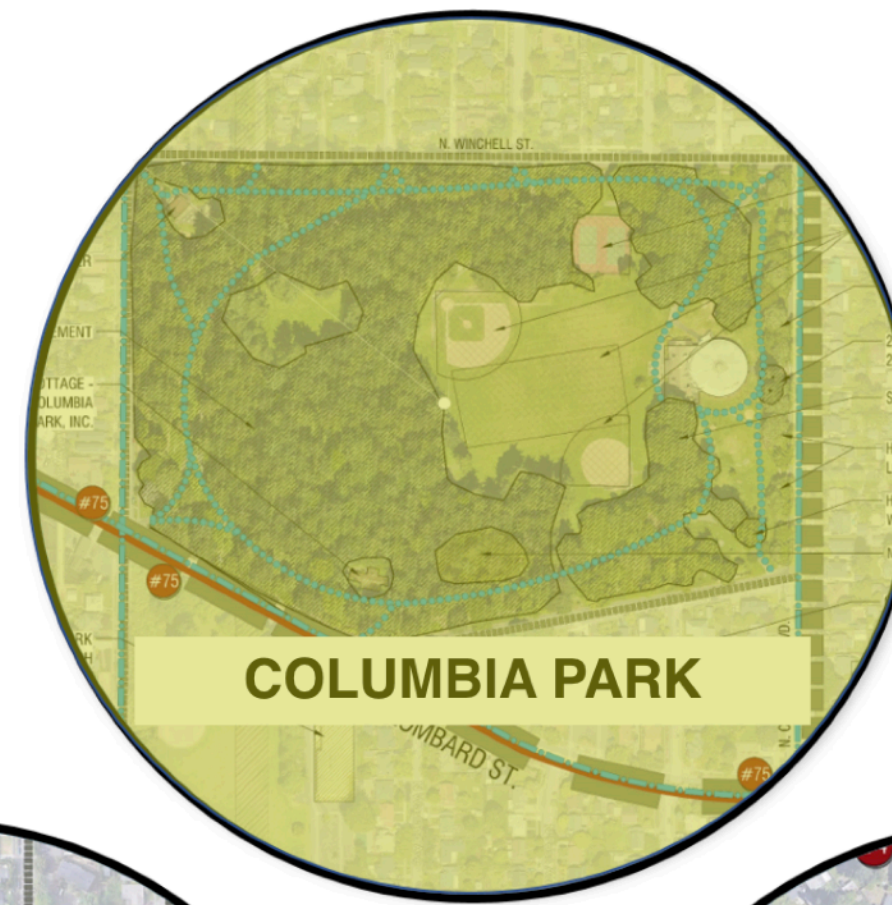


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## All Families with/living with a Disability (248)

1. Columbia Park
2. University Park
3. Columbia Park Annex
4. Northgate Park
5. St. Johns Park



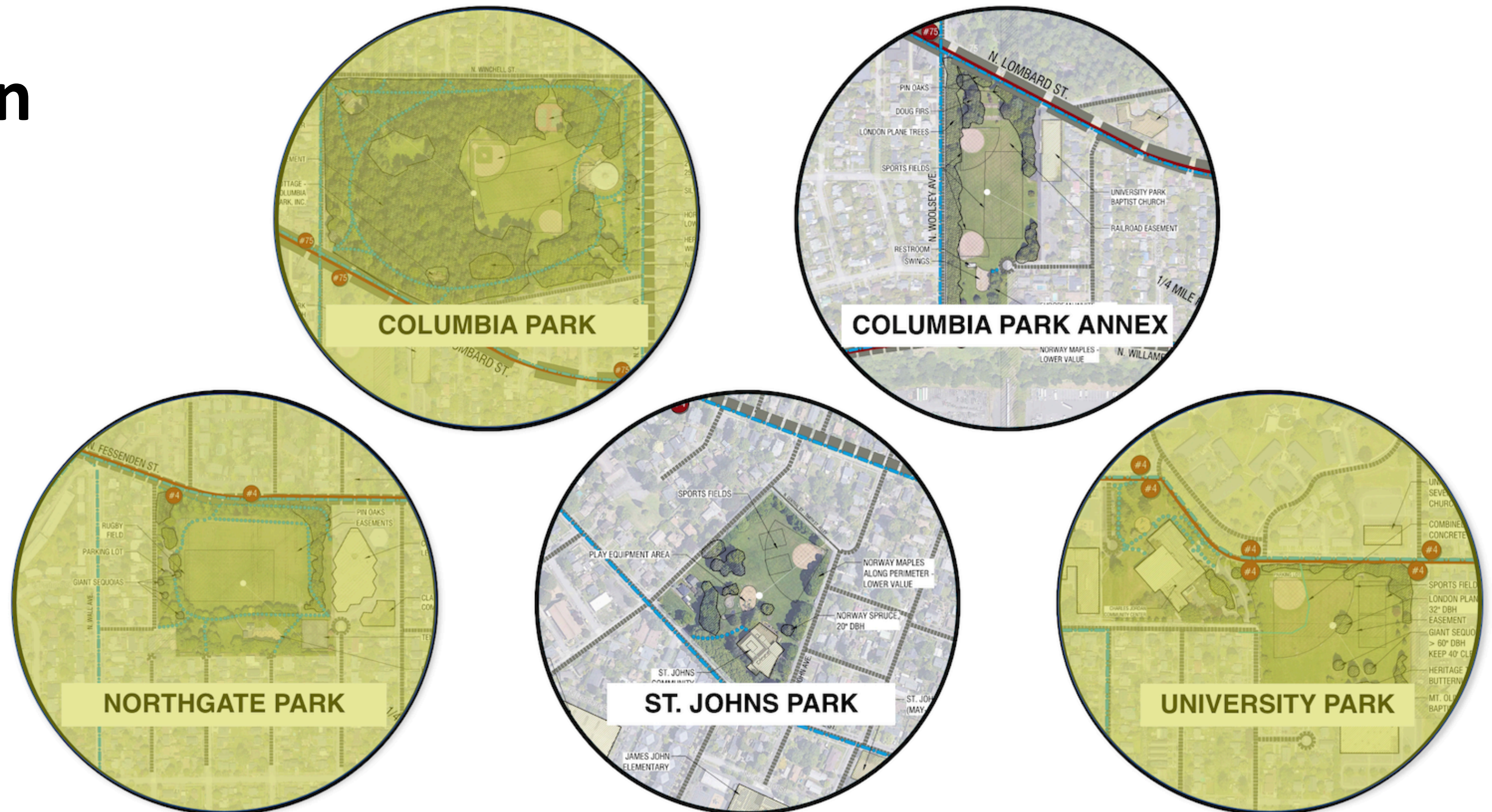


# NPAC Project Advisory Committee

In a Site Selection Recommendation Memo delivered to Portland Parks & Recreation Director, Adena Long on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, the 18-person North Portland Aquatic Center (NPAC) Project Advisory Committee (PAC) recommended the University Park, Northgate Park, and Columbia Park sites for advancement in the project.

## NPAC PAC Site Selection Recommendation

1. University Park
2. Northgate Park
3. Columbia Park



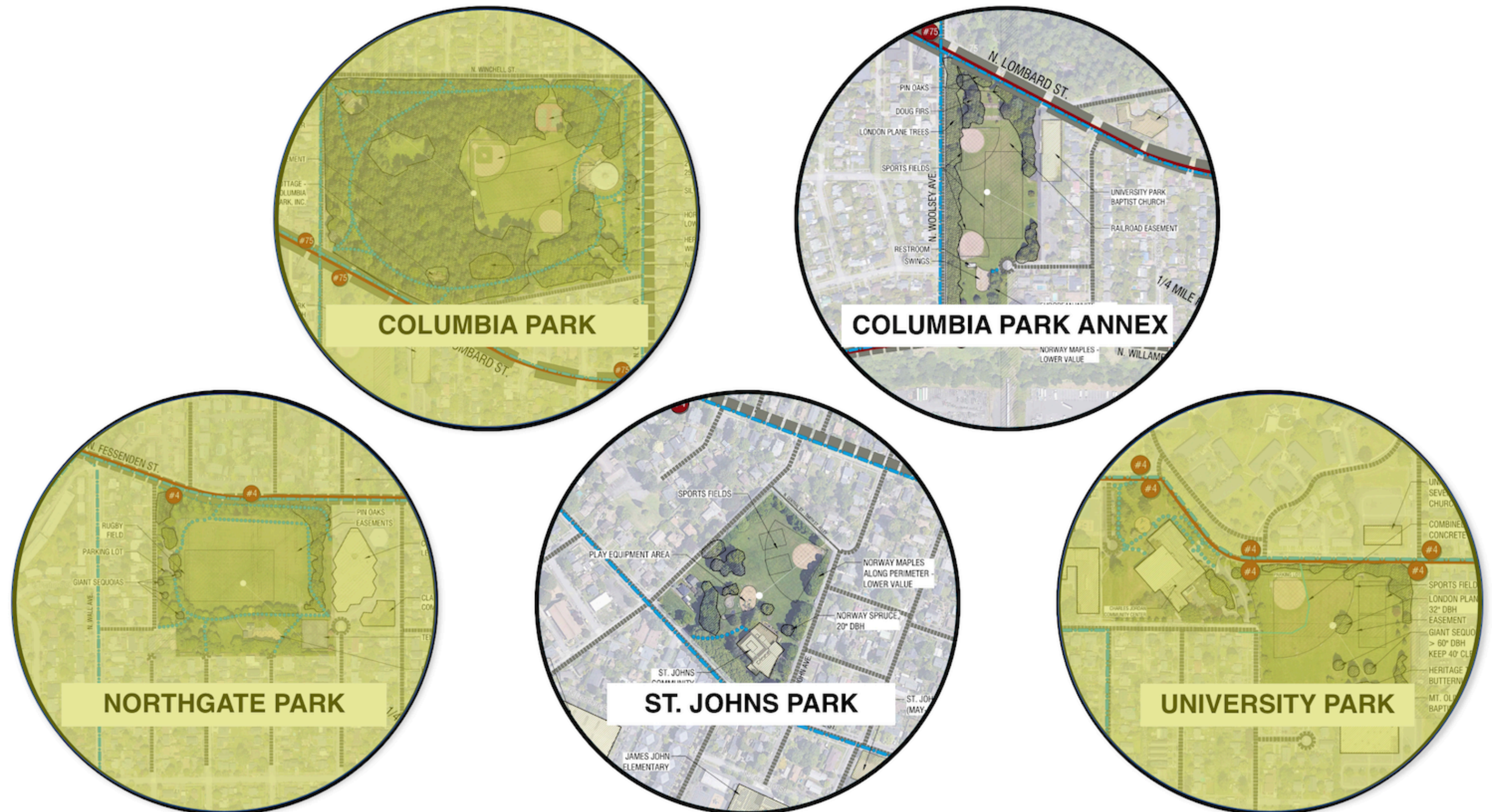


# NPAC Focus Group Conversations

North Portland Aquatic Center Focus Group conversations were convened the week of February 6-10, 2023. These conversations were an opportunity for in-depth conversations, with prioritized community groups, to discuss site selection and aquatic programming element priorities.

## Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Focus Group

1. University Park
2. Northgate Park
3. Columbia Park





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## Seniors Focus Group

1. University Park
2. Columbia Park
3. Northgate Park





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## Low Income and Immigrants and Refugees Focus Group

1. University Park
2. Columbia Park
3. Northgate Park



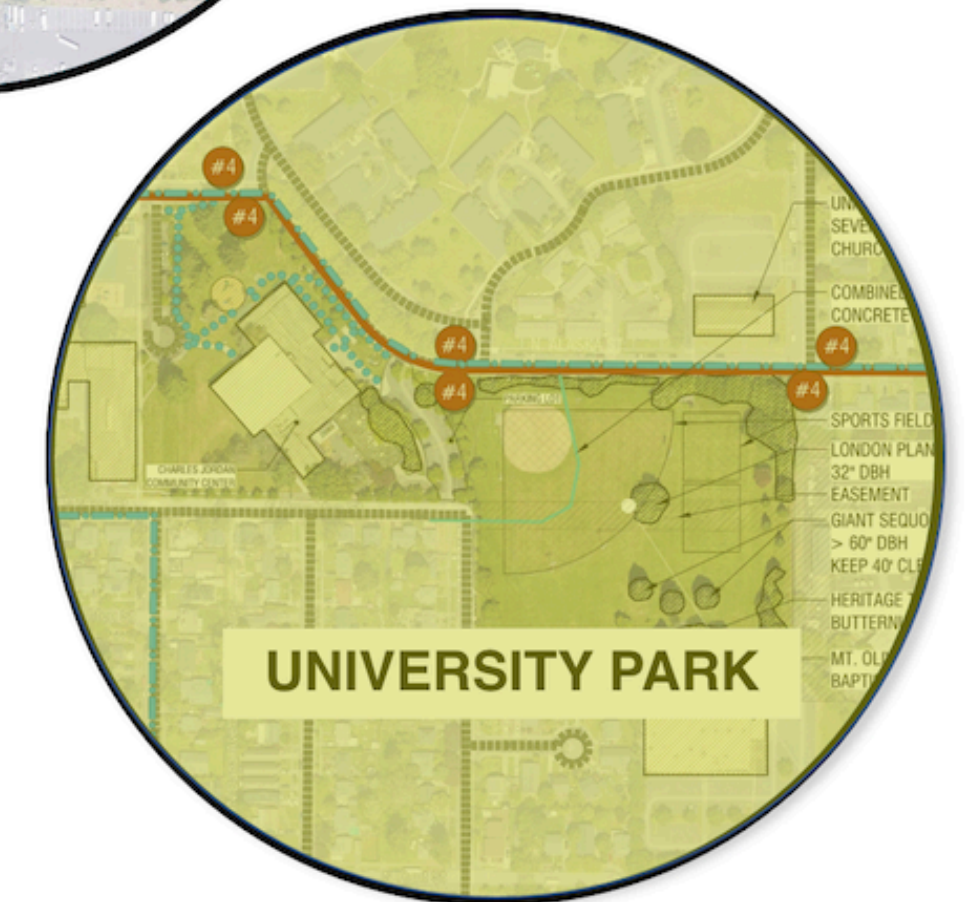


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## Youth and Competitive Swimming Focus Group

1. University Park
2. Columbia Park
3. Northgate Park





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## All Focus Groups

1. University Park
2. Northgate Park
3. Columbia Park

Across all Focus Groups, University Park and Northgate Park were ranked as the top two sites because of their accessibility and the concentration of communities of color, youth, and low-income families immediately in vicinity. The connectivity and proximity to area schools and other community organizations that serve vulnerable North Portland populations was also a significant factor.

