



## Outline

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## Project Objective

To develop a high-level vision for Topaz Park that establishes desired renovations to existing park programs, new types of amenities, and other park upgrades.



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## Background

**Topaz Park is one of our largest parks**

- Artificial turf field
- 3 Grass sports fields
- Outdoor fitness area
- Playground
- Leash-optional areas
- 2 Public washrooms
- Natural areas



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## Planning Process



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## How We Engaged

### We heard from over 3,600 people

- 3 open houses
- 3 online surveys
- 2 sport stakeholder workshops
- 5 pop-up engagement stations at community events
- 3 presentations to the Hillside-Quadra NAC



### 87% support the Topaz Park Improvement Plan



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## What We Heard

- **Lack of programming diversity:** There is a strong desire to add a greater diversity of uses and activities.
- **Poor connectivity:** There is a lack of suitable walking paths and loops throughout the park, making it difficult to use the park for walking or jogging.
- **Existing facilities need repair:** Upgrades are needed to much of the existing infrastructure.
- **More support amenities:** Support amenities (e.g. water fountains, bike parking, pathway lighting) are desired throughout the park.



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## Park Vision

*Topaz Park is a destination park for outdoor recreation and sport, offering a wide variety of activity spaces that contribute to the health and wellness of residents of all ages and abilities.*

*It is an inclusive, flexible gathering place for the community, the region, and visitors, to engage in active daily living, to socialize, and to celebrate together at special events.*



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## Conceptual Plan

### Key Features:

- Improved sports fields and recreational facilities.
- A greater diversity of park activities.
- A more cohesive, accessible, and family-friendly park layout.



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## Conceptual Plan

### Two big ideas...

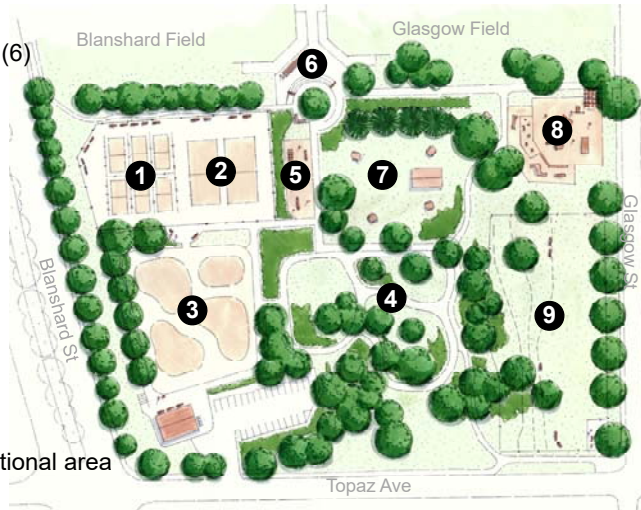
- 1 Enlarge the artificial turf field to increase capacity for field sports
- 2 Repurpose a grass sports field to add new types of activities



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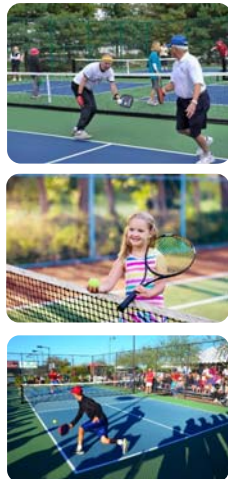
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- ❶ Pickleball courts (6)
- ❷ Tennis courts (2)
- ❸ Skateboard park
- ❹ Bike skills park
- ❺ Outdoor fitness
- ❻ Sport hub
- ❼ Picnic Area
- ❽ Playground
- ❾ Fenced leash-optional area



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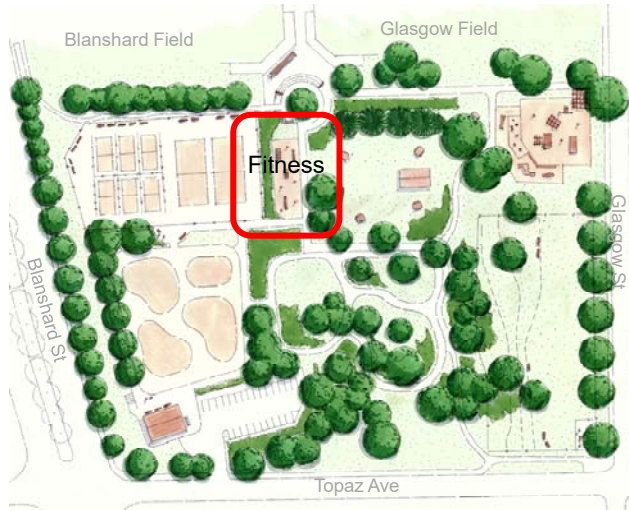
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## Conceptual Plan

### Renovated & Improved Park Amenities:

- Renovated sport box
- Improvements to grass fields
- Network of walking and jogging trails and loops
- Park-wide signage and wayfinding
- Integrated festival and event infrastructure
- New tree planting locations



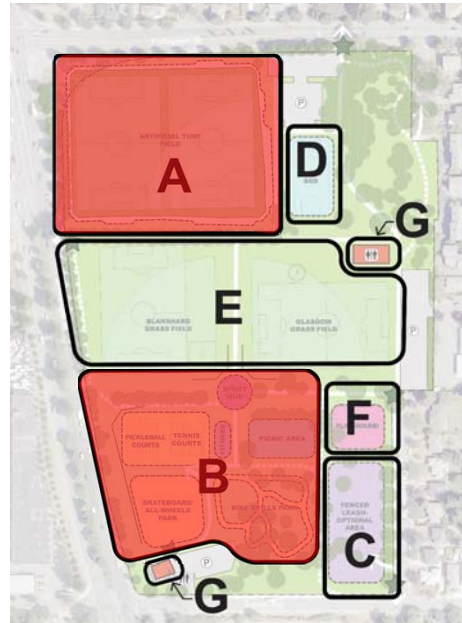
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## Implementation

### Short Term Priorities (1-2 years)

A: Artificial turf field renovation  
(*design/construction*)

B: Southern park enhancement  
(*design*)



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### Medium Term Priorities (3-6 years)

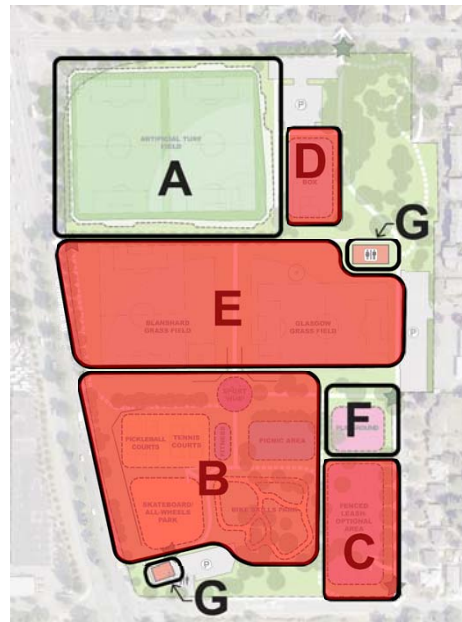
B: Southern park enhancement  
(*construction*)

C: Leash-Optional Area

D: Renovation of sport box

E: Renovation of grass fields

Pathways, signage, wayfinding

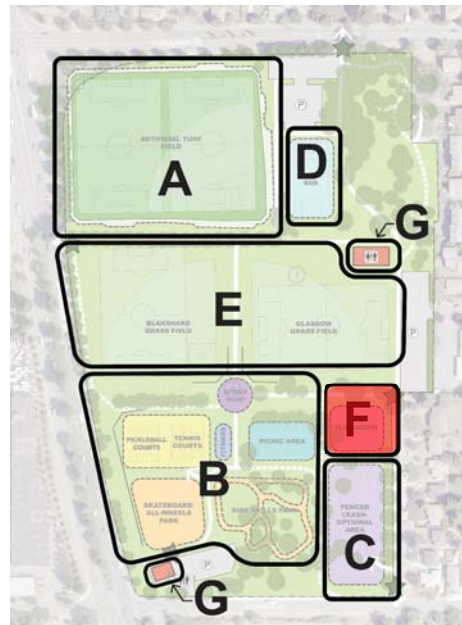


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### Long Term Priorities (7-10 years)

F: Playground renovation



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## Proposed Short Term Actions

Project	Timeline
Artificial Turf Field ( <i>design</i> )	2019*
Southern Park Enhancements ( <i>design</i> )	2019*
Artificial Turf Field ( <i>construction</i> )	2020*
Southern Park Enhancements ( <i>construction</i> )	2021-2022*

\* pending approval in annual Financial Plan



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## Recommendation

That Council:

Approve the Park Improvement Plan for Topaz Park, as described in Attachment A.



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