

PROPOSED PLAY AREA

Denny Blaine Park

November 9, 2023



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Parks & Recreation

Healthy People, Thriving Environment, Vibrant Community



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Ground Rules:

- Be non-judgmental – listen to understand.
- Allow all voices to be heard.
- Allow others the chance to be heard in our limited timeframe. Take no more than 1 minute to share your opinion. We can circle back to you.
- Limit distractions – no cell phones please.
- Agree to disagree.
- Listen to differing opinions and be respectful.



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Land Acknowledgement

Seattle Parks and Recreation acknowledges and affirms the indigenous Coast Salish as the original caretakers of our waters and landscape, who nurtured and shaped today's parkland. We honor their legacy with gratitude and appreciation and will safeguard their knowledge and stewardship as enduring treasures to promote community welfare, cultivate inclusive expressions of nature and recreation and commit to land acknowledgment for each ensuing generation.



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Acknowledge

- Historical use of Park by the LGBTQIA Community
- Historic use of Space for Nudity

Present

- Play Area Proposal
- Opportunities/Constraints

Listen

- Public Comment
- Summary and Next Steps



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Need

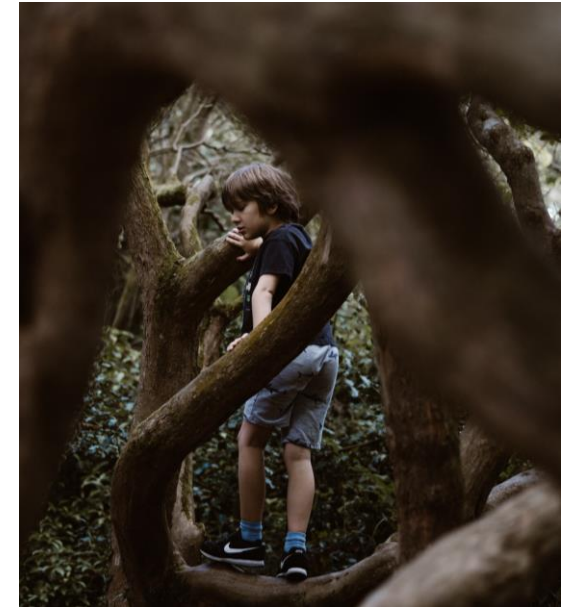
- Optimize allocation of play areas
- Enhance public access to shoreline

Opportunity

- Receive a donation to fund a project
- Partner w/Fiscal agent to receive donation.

Process

- Validate need through public engagement
- Validate development through permitting

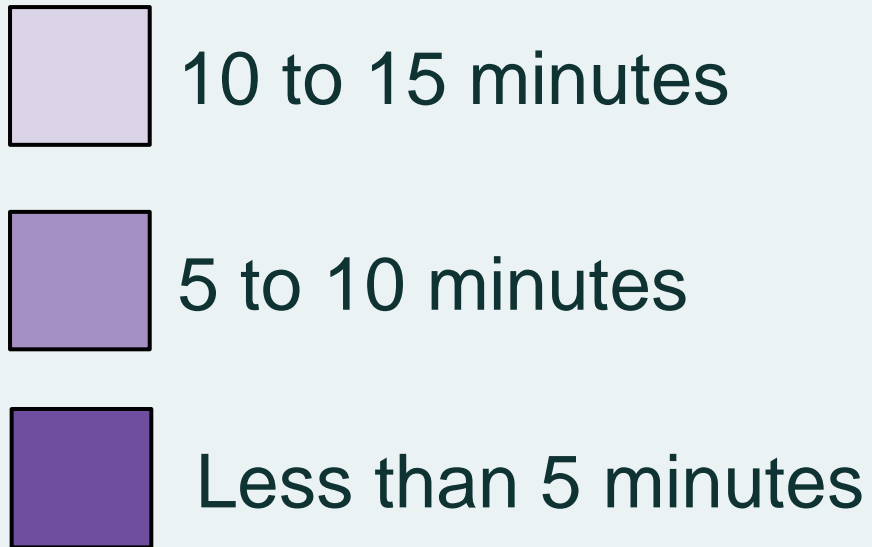


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Play Area Gap Analysis

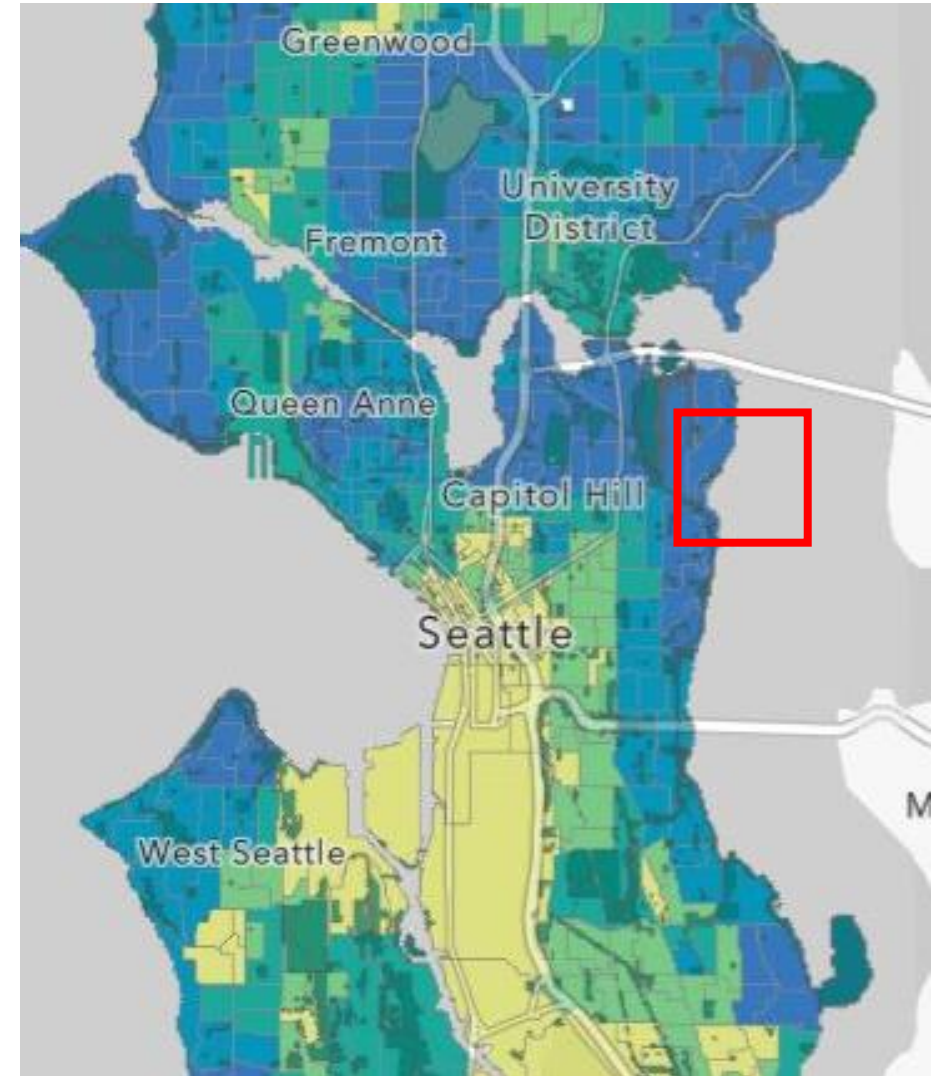
Walking Distance to
Nearest Play Area



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Priority Improvement Areas



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Planning Context

- Donation provides funding otherwise not available
- Process allows for Check/Balance of donation
- Effort supports our youth
- Effort helps address nature deficit
- Increases accessibility to shoreline



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Planning Context

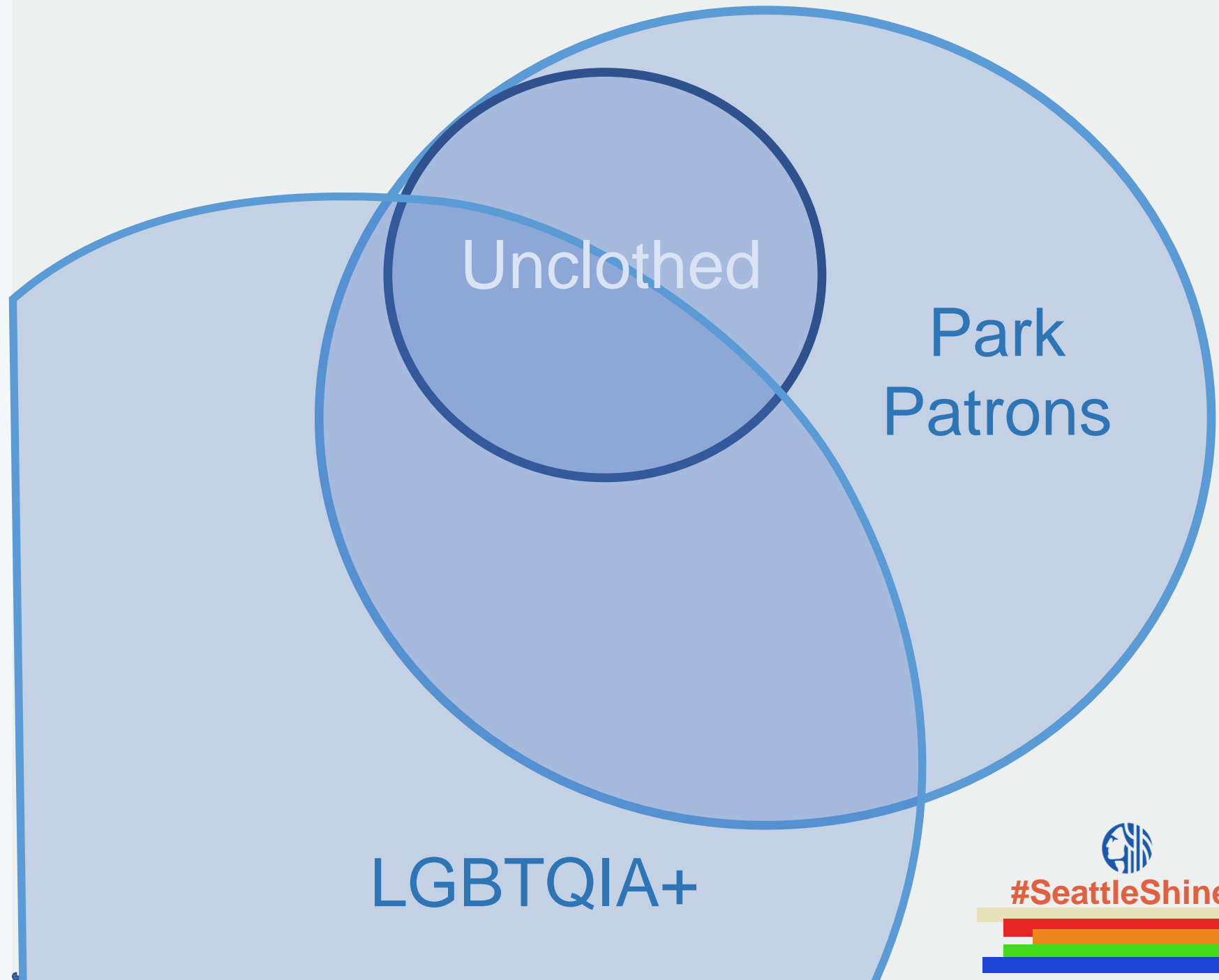
- Current use: Informal nude beach
- We acknowledge that being nude is not illegal
- There are complaints of illegal activities.
- Current design: Olmsted
- Shoreline Conservation Zone (200')



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LGBTQIA Inclusion

- The intent of the project is not to target any community.
- SPR supports welcoming and supportive spaces, places and programs.
- Support well being of lives and communities.



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Design Context

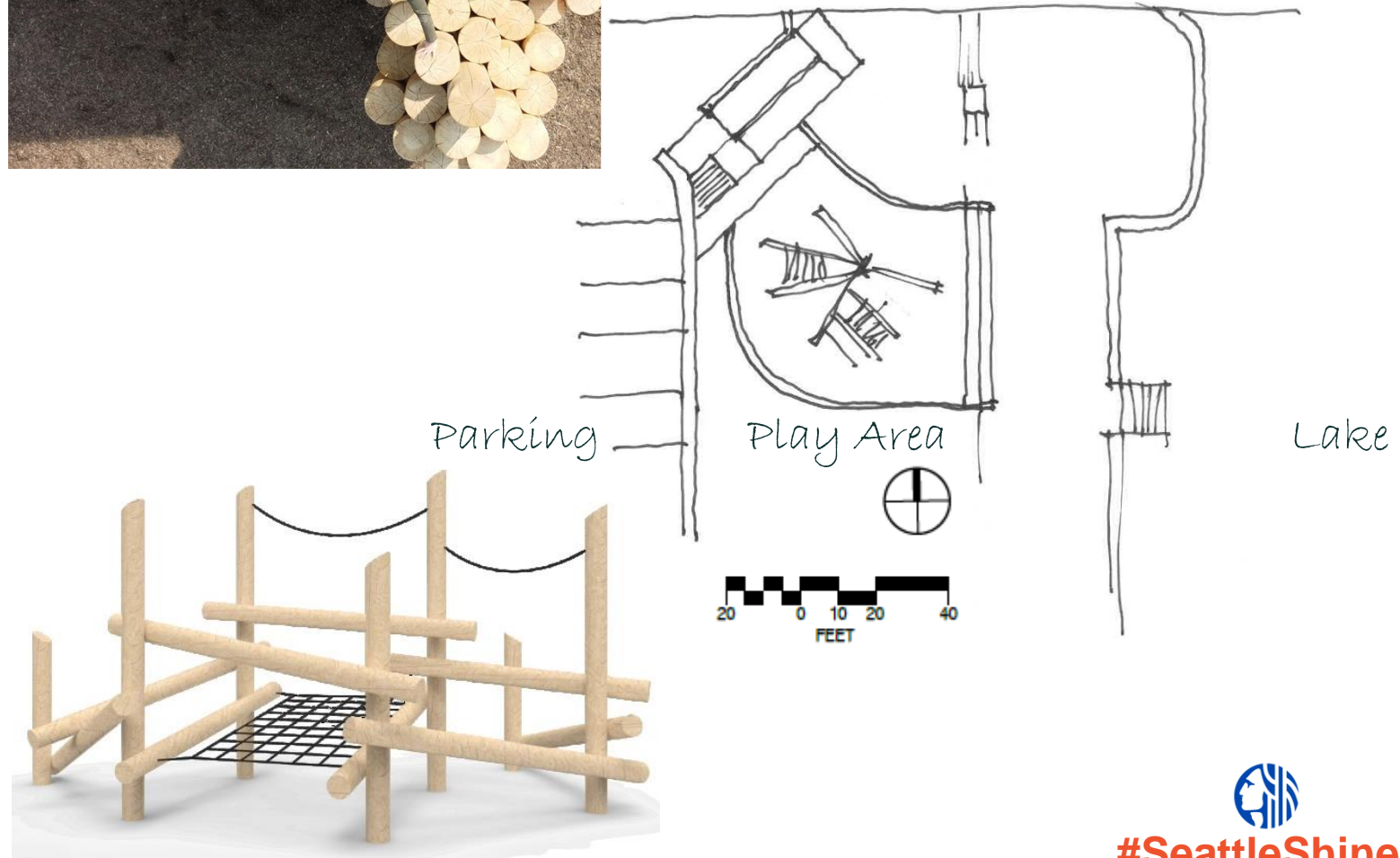
- Downward sloping site
- 13 Parking stalls
- 3 Tiers with granite walls taking up grade
- Third tier created when lake was lowered
- Classical forms reminiscent of Olmsted Design
- East Denny Blaine Place (road) and interior space under SPR jurisdiction



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Design Opportunities

- Nature play emphasis in Shoreline Conservation Zone
- ADA route of travel from ADA parking to beach
- Bridging nature with historic symmetry
- Natural materials in keeping with granite walls and shoreline logs
- Simplicity in keeping with Olmsted park design
- Maximal play value by focusing on single element of play



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**Questions?
Discussion?**



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