

Kelly Park Renovation Plans



Mission



The Kelly Park Advisory Council has come together as a group of concerned citizens to provide Kelly Park oversight and input, as well as provide fundraising for extra park maintenance and improvements. In our effort to do this we hope to increase community involvement and community awareness.

To date the main objectives of our work have been:

- Improved walkways
- Enhanced landscaping
- Improved and expand the play lot
- Improved pedestrian flows to and from Wrigley Field
- Improved memorial to honor the park's namesake John H Kelly, a World War II veteran and neighborhood resident
- Recognition of the history of Japanese residents and the Japanese community in the Lakeview area
- An enhanced outdoor space for community events in the park

What we've done



Since it's inception in 2016 the KPAC has:

- Hosted more than 40 meetings with community members to gather input on park designs and investments
- Engaged with numerous community, business and government organizations to gather input, promote our efforts and integrate them into the broader Lakeview Community. These organizations include:
 - Chicago Park District
 - Chicago Parks Foundation
 - East Lakeview Neighbors
 - Sheridan Station Corridor
 - VFW Post 973
 - Japanese Culture Center
 - Chicago Cubs
 - Offices of the Alderman for Chicago's 44th and 46th ward Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce
 - Office of the representative for Illinois' 12th district in the General Assembly
- Commissioned the Urban Landscape Collaborative, a landscape design firm, to execute a master conceptual plan for an improved Kelly Park
- Presented and gathered community feedback on the conceptual plan via KPAC monthly meetings, KPAC's annual fundraising event "Pints for the Park", and the East Lakeview Neighbors



What are we planning:



- An improved and expanded play lot
- Improvements to the pedestrian path
- Enhanced, sustainable landscaping
- The addition of cherry trees throughout the park
- An improved community gathering space
- Improved entryways into the park
- Improved pedestrian and motor traffic with the introduction of traffic tables and enhanced crosswalks
- Space for temporary or permanent public art
- Improvements to the John H Kelly memorial

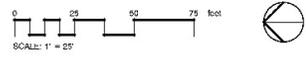
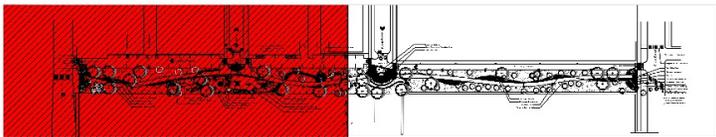
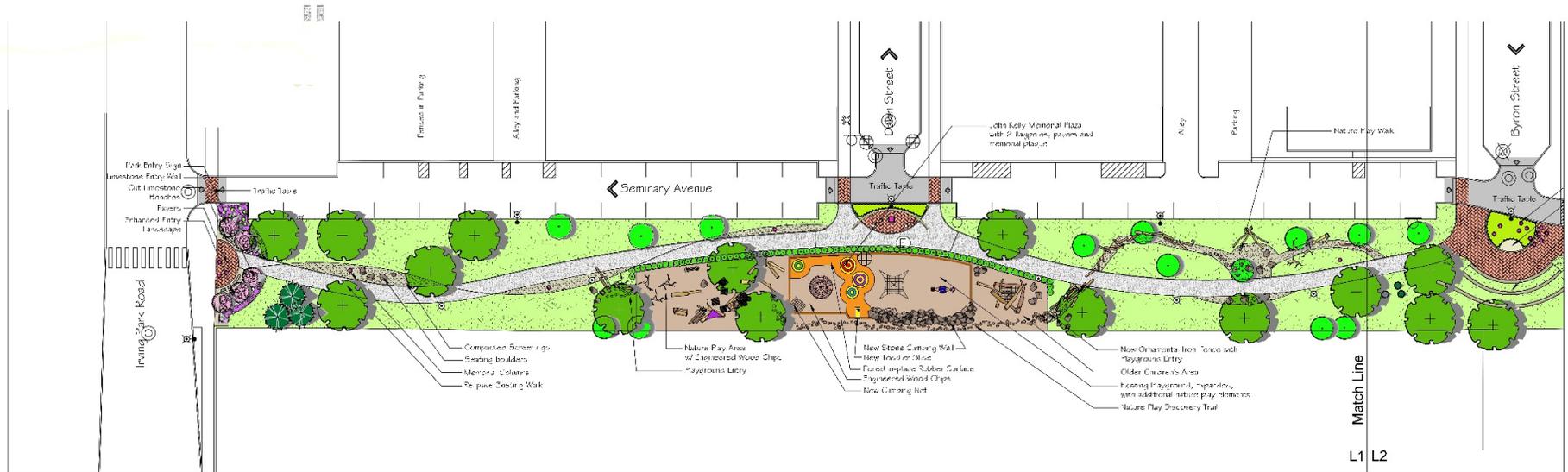
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What's next:



In 2018 the Illinois General Assembly allocated more than \$800,000 to Kelly Park improvements through the state's infrastructure bill. The first of those funds are being released in 2021 to complete detailed construction plans. The KPAC is seeking additional public and private funding to complete the park improvements, with groundbreaking to begin in 2022

- Significant sponsorship opportunities exist for various components of the park, including:
 - The play lot at Dakin and Seminary
 - The south park entrance at Grace & Seminary
 - The north park entrance at Irving Park Road & Seminary
 - The community gathering space at Byron & Seminary
 - The planting of cherry trees throughout the park
 - The John H Kelly Memorial



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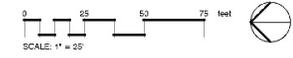
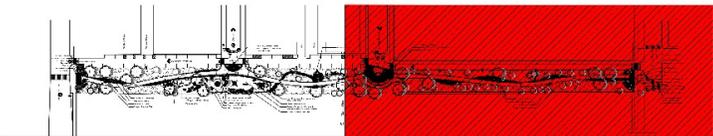
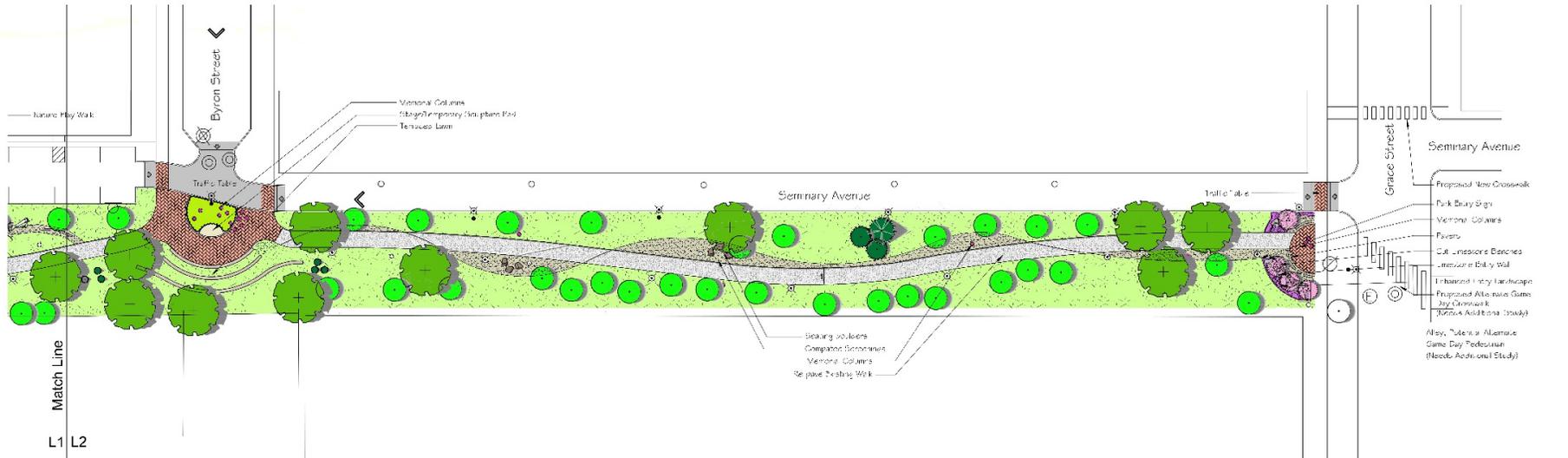
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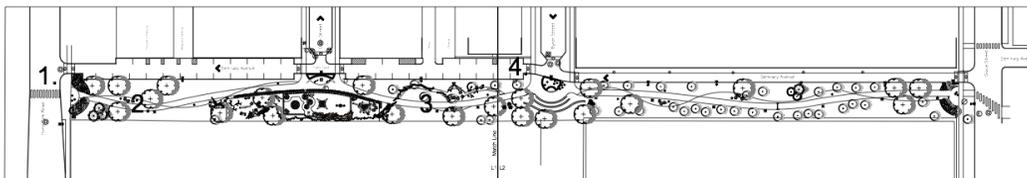
2. Looking South Towards the Playground



3. Looking North Towards Playground at Dakin



4. Byron Memorial Plaza



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