

March 15, 2010



To every household and business in Oakwood

## Athletic and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Oakwood Citizen:

We are sending you this brochure to explain the progress made on developing Oakwood's first master plan addressing athletic and recreation facilities. The plan will provide a guide for Oakwood athletic and recreation facility operations, maintenance and capital improvements over the next 5-10 years. Last June, we appointed a 25-member citizen committee to assist council, staff and our planning consultant with this project.

It is very important to note that this is only a master plan... it will not automatically lead to building new facilities or to major facility additions. City Council will make decisions regarding specific projects in the months and years after the master plan is approved and only after extensive additional dialogue with our citizens.

The Athletic and Recreation Master Plan will focus primarily on the following four sites (see map on page 3):

- Oakwood Community Center (OCC)/Tennis Facility/Gardner Pool
- Old River Fields
- Irving Field
- Creager Field

Within this brochure you will find 2-D and 3-D drawings/renderings that depict possible capital improvement options. Three of the options are for the OCC/Tennis Facility/Gardner Pool site, two options are for the Old River Fields site and there is one drawing each for Irving Field and for Creager Field. These drawings simply show conceptual plans. In other words, none are detailed to specifically identify space usage. The concepts are intended to show various possibilities and could be mixed and combined in various ways depending on the ultimate needs and desires of our citizens.

Also, we have not yet estimated potential construction and operating costs. We will estimate construction and operating costs over the next month or so.

Please study the plans and give thought to what you see. Between Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, April 13 a survey consultant hired by the city will randomly call 300 adult Oakwood residents and ask a series of detailed questions about athletic and recreation planning. The survey will provide very important information to our citizen committee, Oakwood City Council and staff. If you happen to be one of the 300 people called, having looked at this brochure in advance should help you in responding to the survey questions.

On Thursday, April 29 we will conduct a community meeting to present the latest thoughts on the master plan, the results of the telephone survey and most importantly, to get additional citizen input. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend that meeting. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at the Oakwood Community Center.

This athletic and recreation facility master planning project is very important to our community. We recognize that there will be differing opinions on the extent to which we make public investments in new facilities and will strive to develop a plan that best meets the needs and desires of the majority of our community. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Leisure Services Director Carol Collins at 298-0775 or [collins@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:collins@oakwood.oh.us); Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher at 298-0411 or [weiskircher@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:weiskircher@oakwood.oh.us); or me at 298-0600 or [klopsch@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:klopsch@oakwood.oh.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norbert S. Klopsch".

Norbert S. Klopsch  
City Manager

**In 2004, Oakwood adopted a new city-wide Comprehensive Plan. While developing that plan, we discussed some ideas for improvements to our athletic and recreation facilities. At the time, however, we did not own the Old River Fields, therefore our options were limited. In 2006, we acquired the Old River Fields and now own enough land to create an exciting master plan.**

Our master plan committee (see page 3) began meeting last summer and has met several times since then. To date we have:

- Collected data and analyzed our existing sites and facilities
- Conducted a community needs assessment through:
  - A citizen survey
  - Several public meetings
  - Input from our 25-member citizen committee
  - Input from school officials, city council and city staff
- Developed preliminary capital improvement options

**Our current thoughts are that construction of any new facilities and any other significant capital improvements should take place at the OCC/Tennis Facility/Gardner Pool site and/or at the Old River Fields site. Irving Field would continue to primarily serve Oakwood field hockey needs and Creager Field would remain available for possible use as a community dog park.**

We are entering a phase of the project where public participation and citizen input is critically important. We prepared this informational brochure to ensure that everyone in Oakwood has an opportunity to see our work to date and to understand the master planning project.

In an effort to obtain as much citizen input as possible, we will conduct the following additional outreach efforts over the next three months:

- A telephone survey
- Citizen interviews with the planning consultant
- Two more community meetings

The telephone survey will be conducted by Leisure Vision and will take place between Tuesday, March 23 and Tuesday, April 13. Leisure Vision will randomly call 300 Oakwood adult residents and ask a series of questions relating to our athletic and recreation facilities. The questions will address many topics including citizen needs and desires and will ask for citizen reaction to potential capital improvements. The questions will also touch on citizen willingness to support public funding for potential projects.

**As an additional means of obtaining citizen input and reaction, we have established a simple way to communicate with us. Just go to our city website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood) and click on the icon entitled "CLICK HERE TO COMMENT ON ATHLETIC/REC MASTER PLAN". You will see this icon on the top of the home page.**

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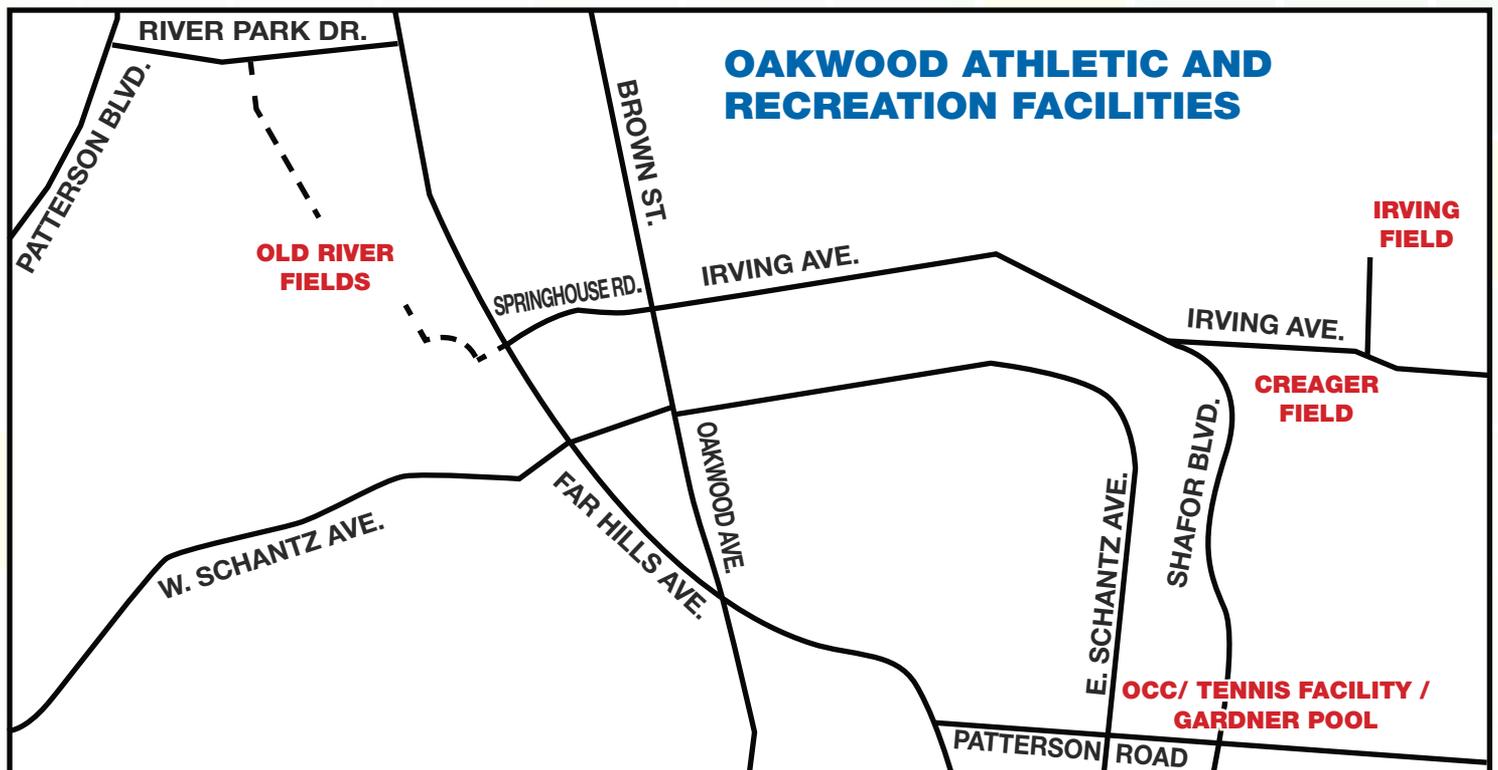
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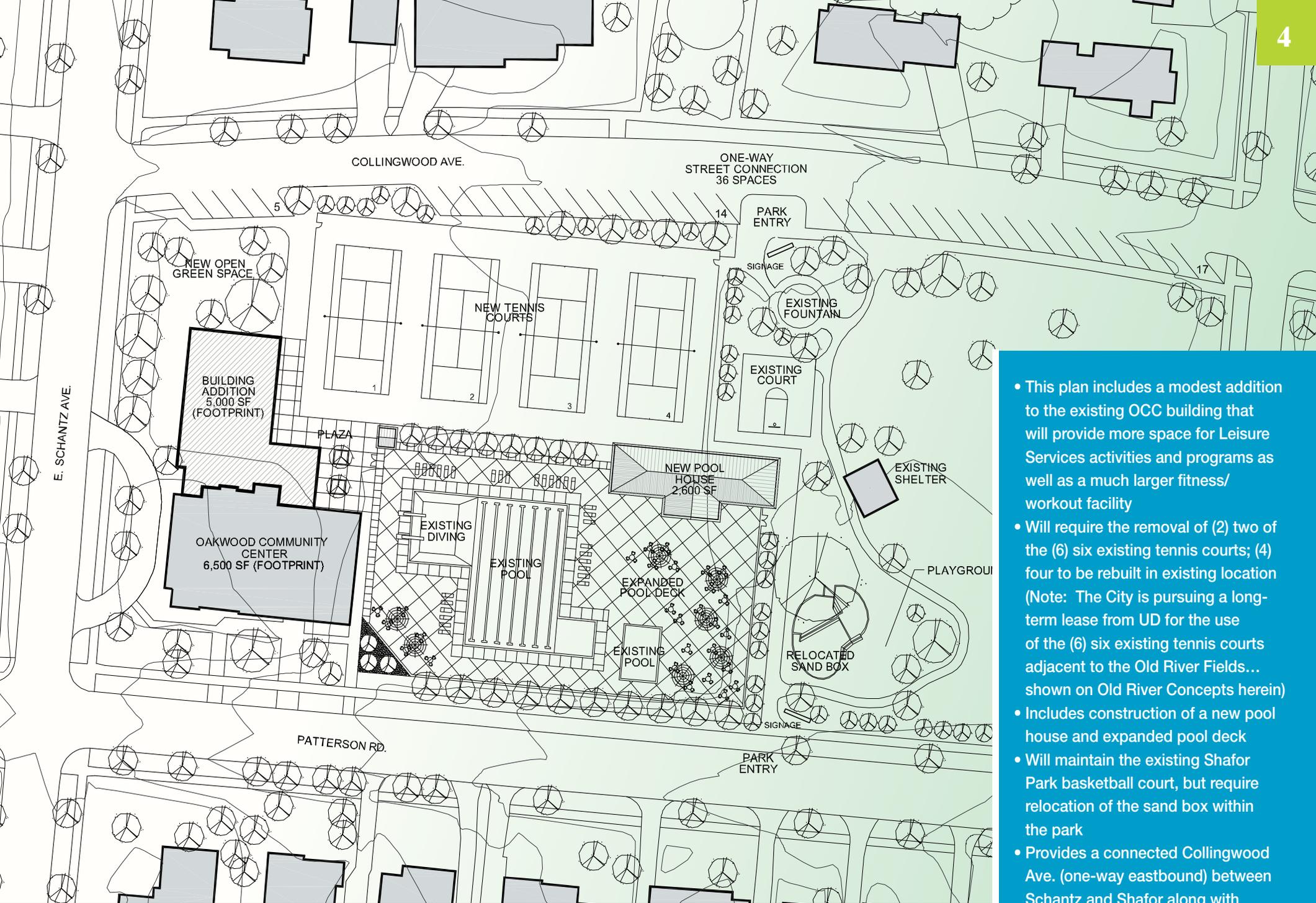
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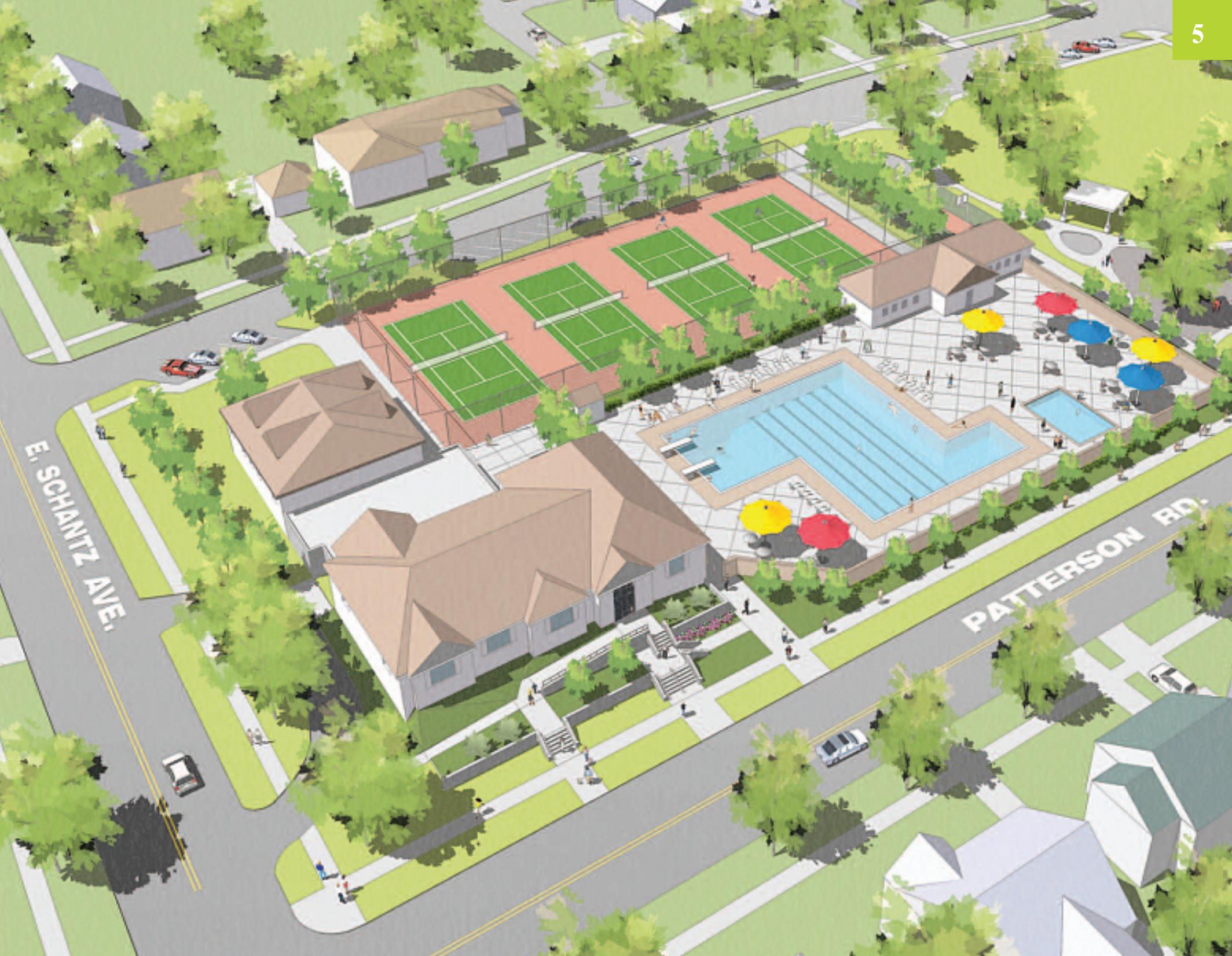
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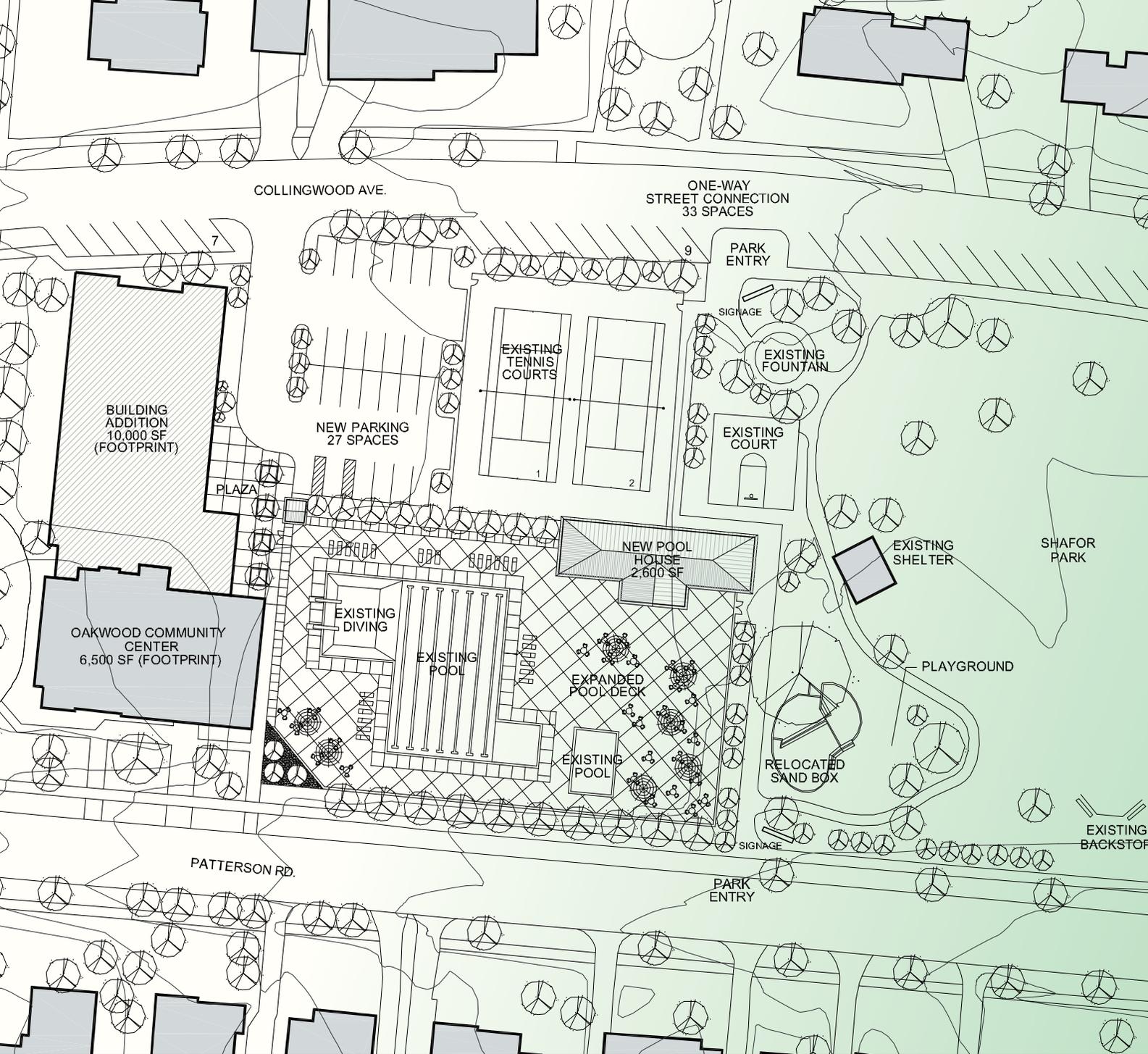
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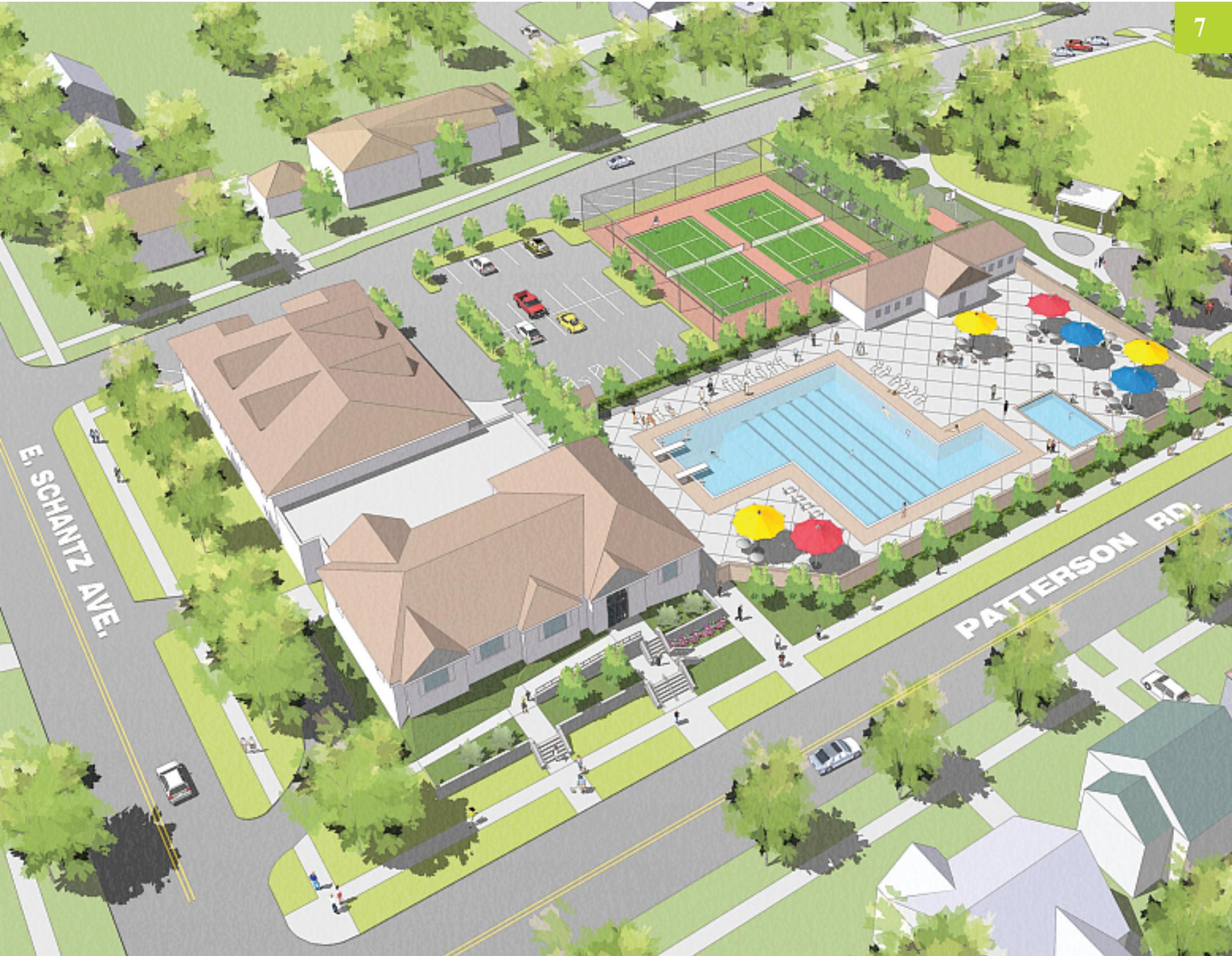


- This plan includes a modest addition to the existing OCC building that will provide more space for Leisure Services activities and programs as well as a much larger fitness/workout facility
- Will require the removal of (2) two of the (6) six existing tennis courts; (4) four to be rebuilt in existing location (Note: The City is pursuing a long-term lease from UD for the use of the (6) six existing tennis courts adjacent to the Old River Fields... shown on Old River Concepts herein)
- Includes construction of a new pool house and expanded pool deck
- Will maintain the existing Shafor Park basketball court, but require relocation of the sand box within the park
- Provides a connected Collingwood Ave. (one-way eastbound) between Schantz and Shafor along with on-street diagonal parking
- Provides additional open green space adjacent to the building addition



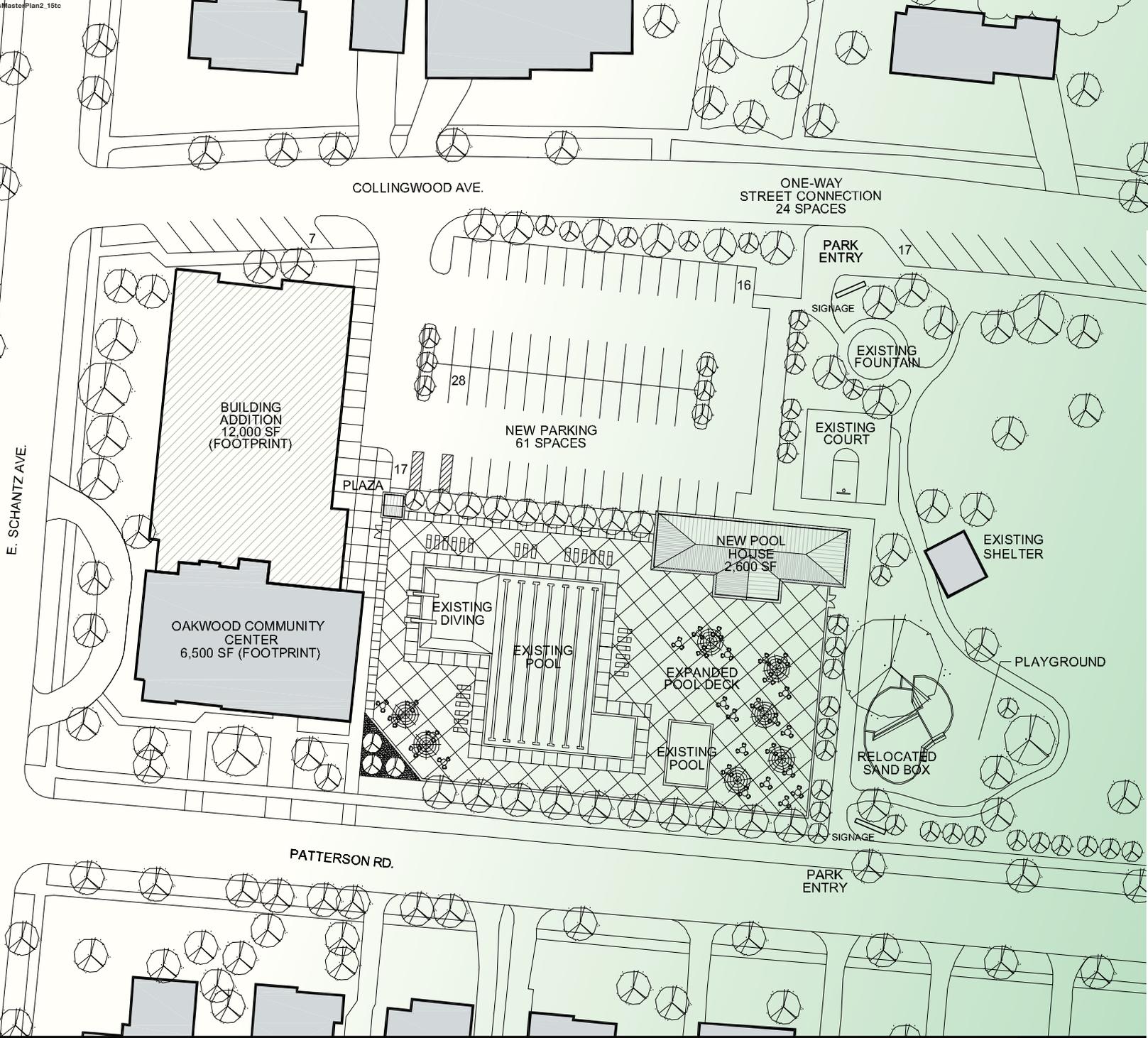


- This plan includes a more significant addition to the existing OCC building that will provide more space for Leisure Services activities and programs as well as a much larger fitness/workout facility
- Provides an indoor gymnasium/ multi-use space (approx 100'x70')
- Will require the removal of (4) four of the (6) six existing tennis courts; (2) two to be rebuilt in existing location (Note: The City is pursuing a long-term lease from UD for the use of the (6) six existing tennis courts adjacent to the Old River Fields... shown on Old River Concepts herein)
- Includes construction of a new pool house and expanded pool deck
- Will maintain the existing Shafor Park basketball court, but require relocation of the sand box within the park
- Includes a 27-space on-site parking lot
- Provides a connected Collingwood Ave. (one-way eastbound) between Schantz and Shafor along with on-street diagonal parking



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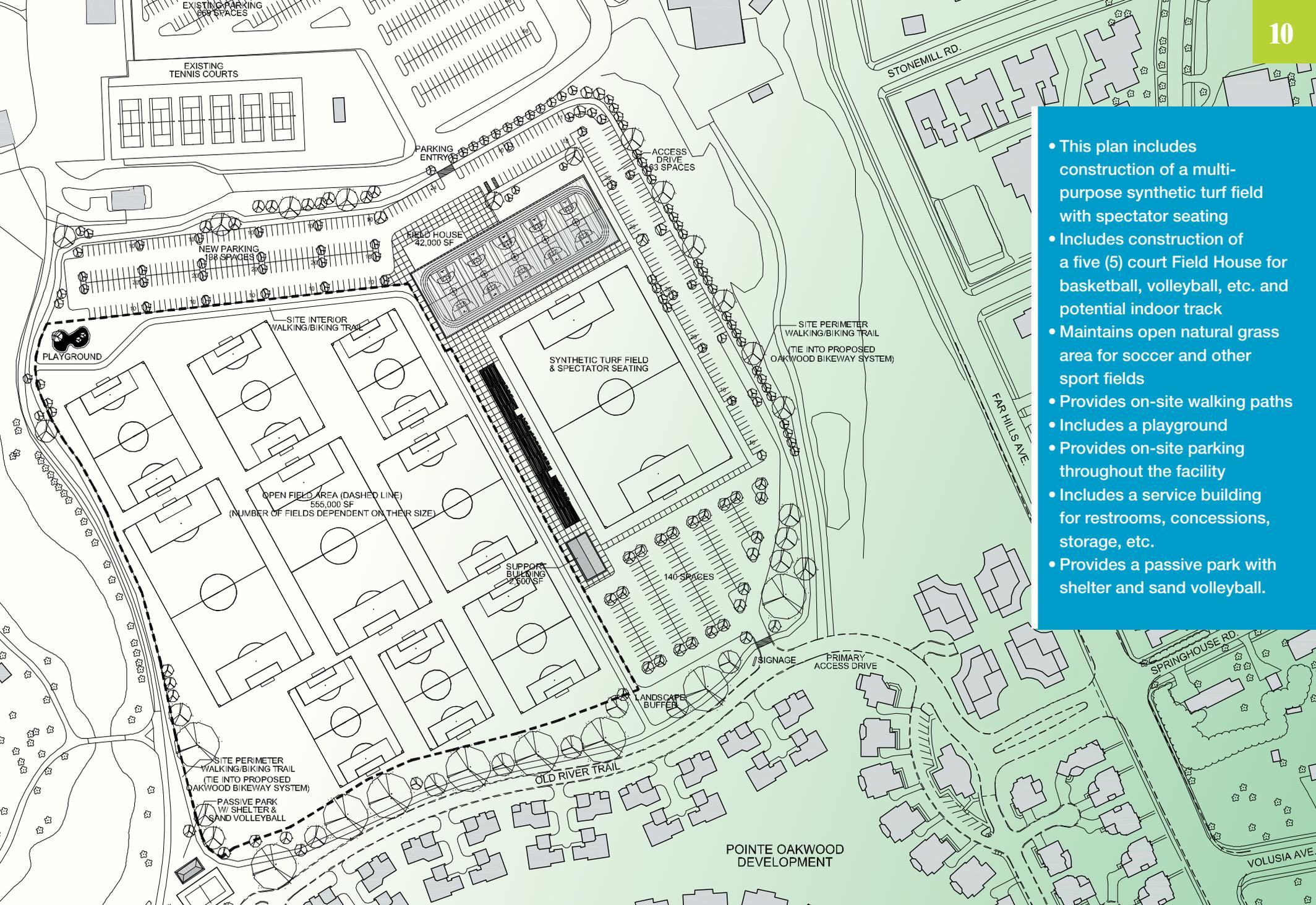


- This plan includes the most extensive addition to the existing OCC building that will provide more space for Leisure Services activities and programs as well as a much larger fitness/workout facility
- Provides an indoor gymnasium/multi-use space larger than Concept 2 (approx 100'x84')
- Will require the removal of all (6) six existing tennis courts (Note: The City is pursuing a long-term lease from UD for the use of the (6) six existing tennis courts adjacent to the Old River Fields... shown on Old River Concepts herein)
- Includes construction of a new pool house and expanded pool deck
- Will maintain the existing Shafor Park basketball court, but require relocation of the sand box within the park
- Includes a 61-space on-site parking lot
- Provides a connected Collingwood Ave. (one-way eastbound) between Schantz and Shafor along with on-street diagonal parking



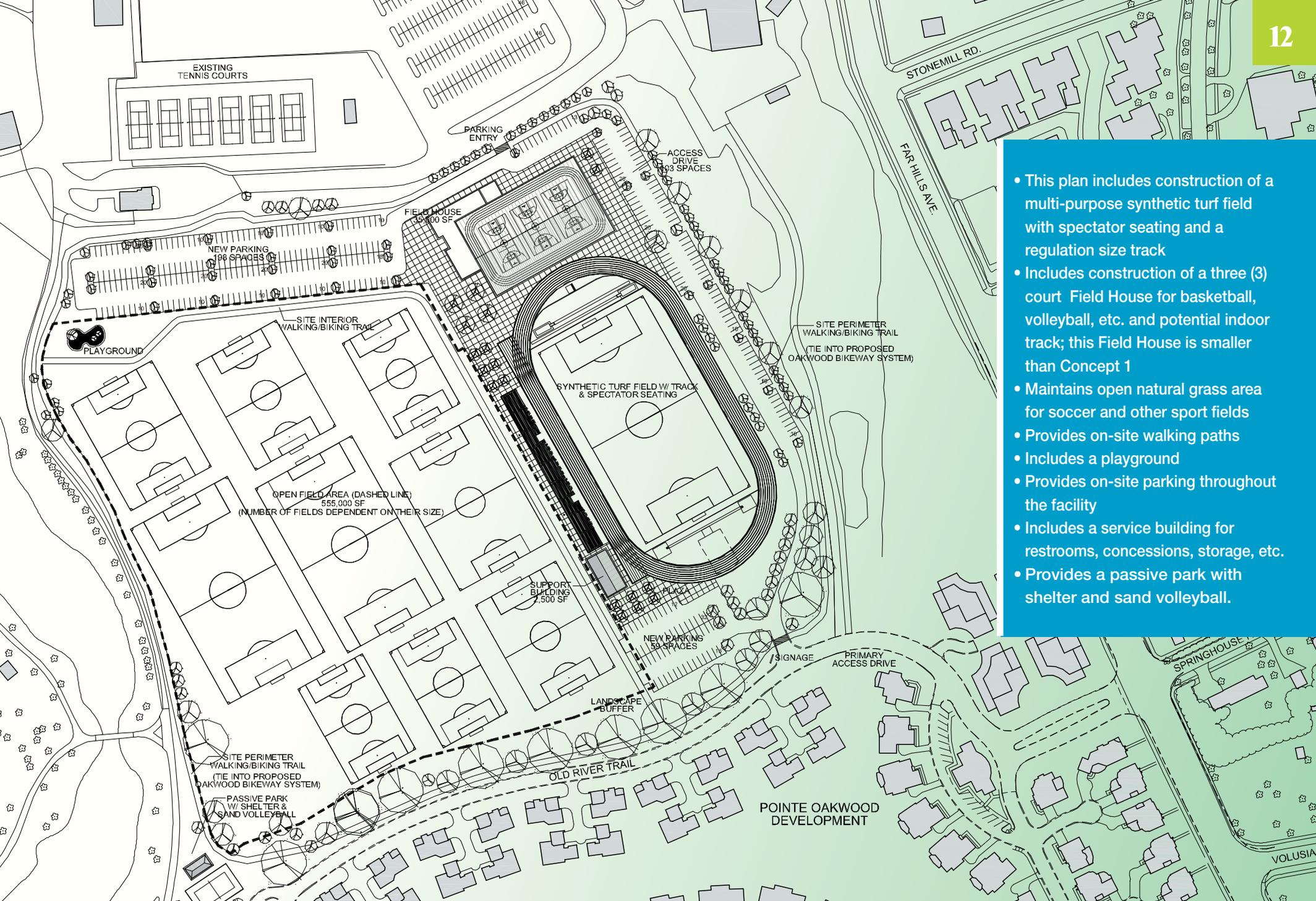
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- This plan includes construction of a multi-purpose synthetic turf field with spectator seating
- Includes construction of a five (5) court Field House for basketball, volleyball, etc. and potential indoor track
- Maintains open natural grass area for soccer and other sport fields
- Provides on-site walking paths
- Includes a playground
- Provides on-site parking throughout the facility
- Includes a service building for restrooms, concessions, storage, etc.
- Provides a passive park with shelter and sand volleyball.



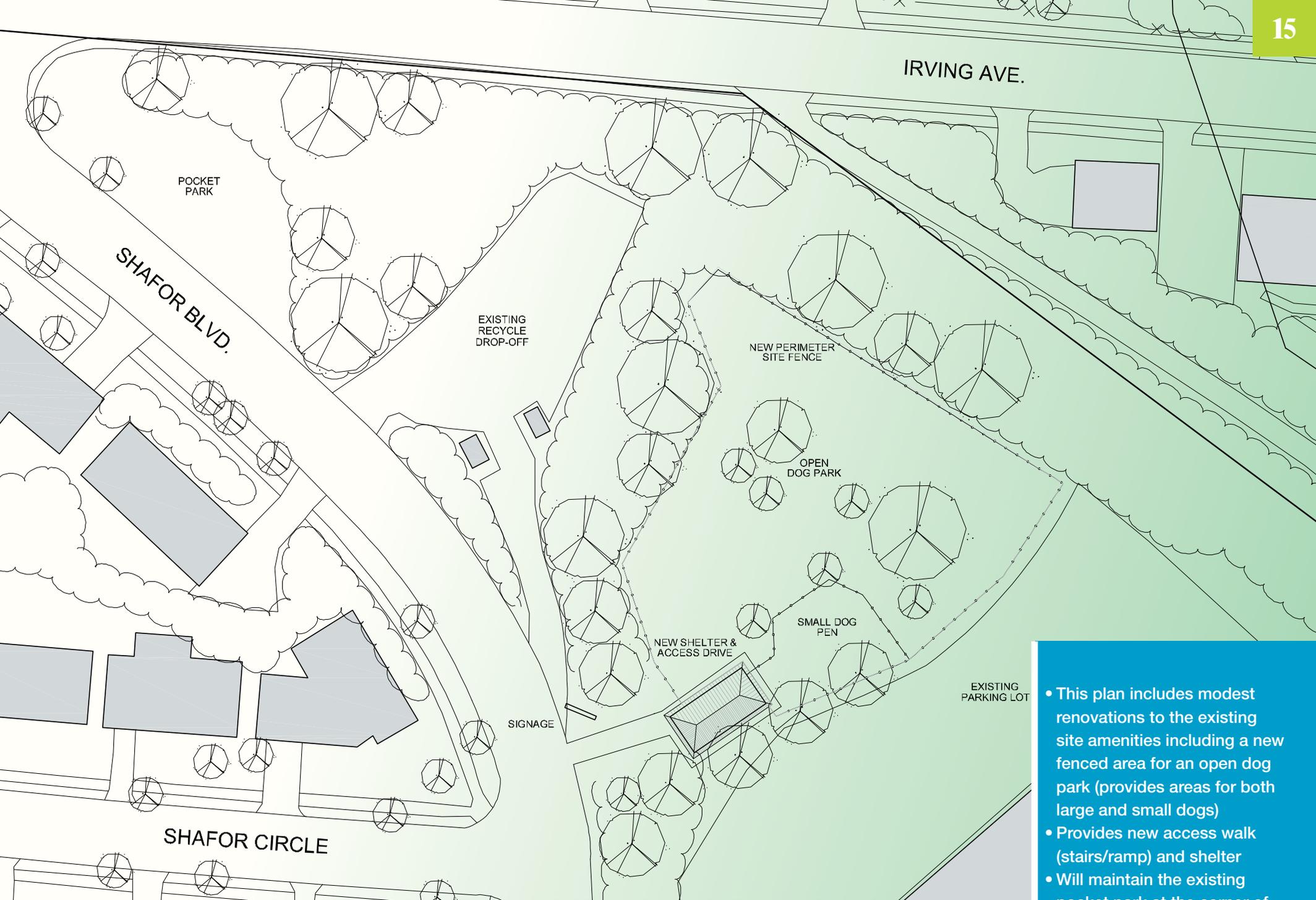


- This plan includes construction of a multi-purpose synthetic turf field with spectator seating and a regulation size track
- Includes construction of a three (3) court Field House for basketball, volleyball, etc. and potential indoor track; this Field House is smaller than Concept 1
- Maintains open natural grass area for soccer and other sport fields
- Provides on-site walking paths
- Includes a playground
- Provides on-site parking throughout the facility
- Includes a service building for restrooms, concessions, storage, etc.
- Provides a passive park with shelter and sand volleyball.



- This plan includes modest renovations to the existing site amenities including new spectator seating, small plaza and service building for restrooms, concessions, storage, etc.
- Will maintain the existing natural grass field for field hockey as well as potential additional sports (e.g., lacrosse)
- Includes expanded parking along the existing entrance driveway
- Provides new site perimeter fencing





- This plan includes modest renovations to the existing site amenities including a new fenced area for an open dog park (provides areas for both large and small dogs)
- Provides new access walk (stairs/ramp) and shelter
- Will maintain the existing pocket park at the corner of Irving Ave. and Shafor Blvd. as well as the cardboard recycling drop-off area

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**City of Oakwood Athletic/Recreation Master Plan**  
**Creager Field | Concept Site Plan 01**