

# Sports Park East Master Plan

Public Open House

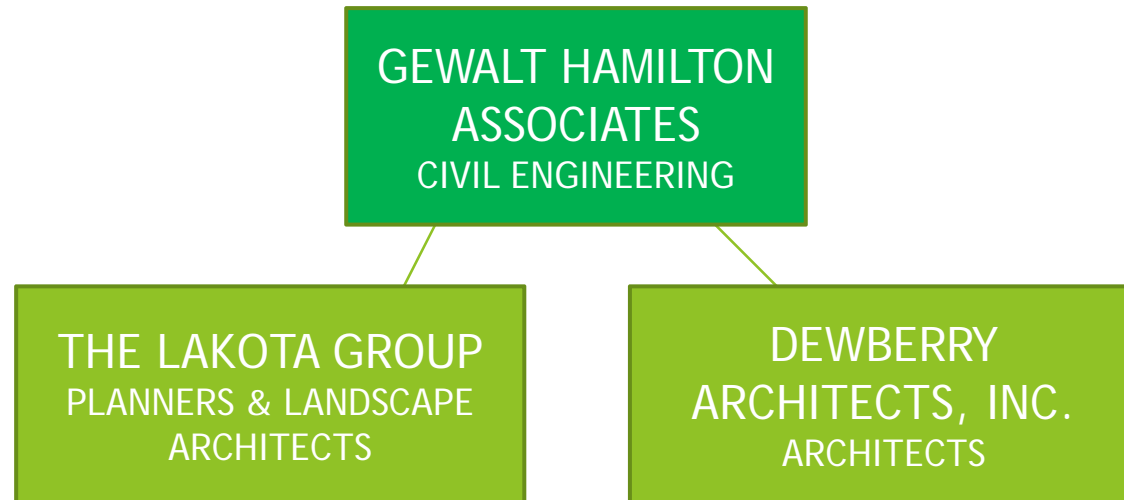
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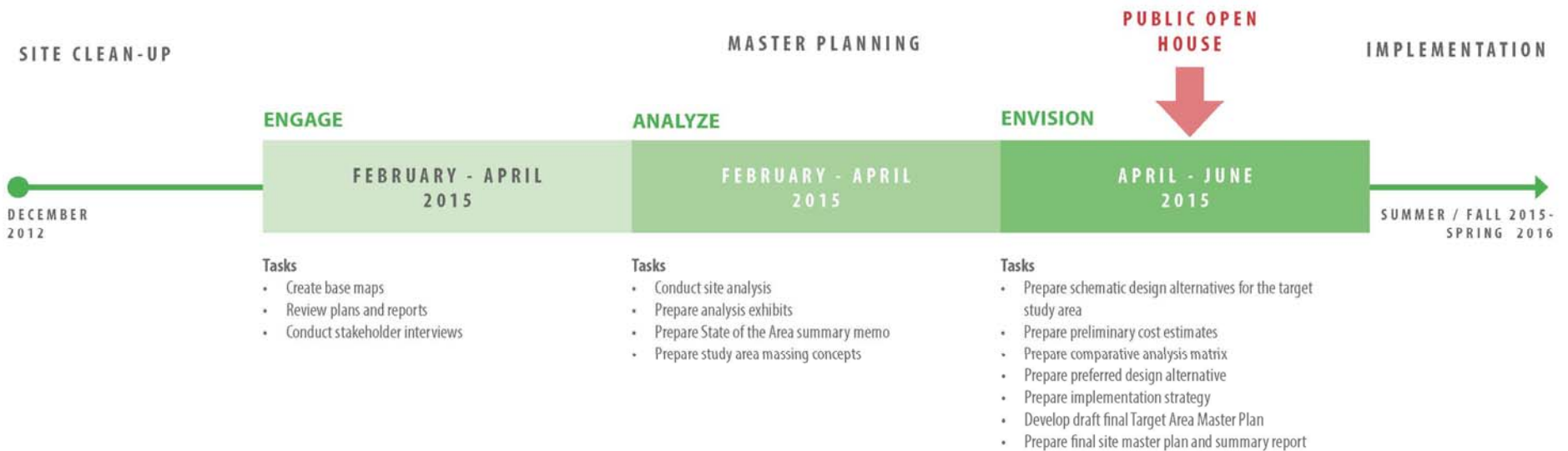
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# PLANNING TEAM



# PLANNING PROCESS



# PROJECT GOALS

- ▶ DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, DO SOMETHING SPECIAL,  
CREATE A DESTINATION
- ▶ MEET THE NEEDS OF SKOKIE'S DIVERSE COMMUNITY
- ▶ SERVE SKOKIE RESIDENTS AND OUT OF TOWN USER  
GROUPS
- ▶ SUPPORT THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT MISSION,  
VISION, AND GOALS

# STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

To date, **48 stakeholders** have been interviewed, including representatives from local sports affiliates, business interests, Village of Skokie staff, local school districts, and Skokie Park District staff.

“Cricket  
pitch.”

“Lighted athletic fields with  
synthetic turf.”

“Playground and  
splash pad.”

“Better party room.”

“Skate park.”

“Sports dome.”

“Food and drink  
options.”

“New parks maintenance  
garage.”

“Aquatic center.”

“Walking trails and fitness  
stations.”

# COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPORTS PARK EAST

- TRAILHEAD AMENITIES
- LOOP PATH SYSTEM
- DISC GOLF COURSE
- ADVENTURE COURSE / ROPES COURSE
- SKATE PARK
- BMX BIKE FACILITIES
- PRIMARY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

# 2013 COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT: TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS PREFERRED FOR SPORTS PARK EAST

- WALKING / BIKING PATHS
- PICNIC SHELTER
- PICNIC AREAS
- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- LIGHTED ATHLETIC FIELDS

# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Issues:
  - Leased land
  - Stormwater management requirements
  - Parking requirements
- Opportunities:
  - Large, highly-visible site
  - Limited potential for disturbance to neighbors
  - Shared overflow parking north of Oakton
  - Secondary access from McCormick
  - Regional trail connections



# NEXT STEPS

- REFINE DESIGN ALTERNATIVES PER COMMUNITY, STAFF, AND BOARD FEEDBACK
- PREPARE SCHEMATIC COST OPINIONS
- EVALUATE REFINED ALTERNATIVES
- SELECT AND REFINED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
- PREPARE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- PREPARE FINAL SPORTS PARK EAST MASTER PLAN

# OPEN HOUSE

- INTRODUCTION
- STATION DISCUSSIONS
  - **STATION 1:** PLANNING PROCESS
  - **STATION 2:** SPORTS PARK EAST CONTEXT AND EXISTING CONDITIONS
  - **STATION 3:** SCHEMATIC DESIGN ALTERNATIVES
  - **STATION 4:** SPORTS PARK EAST “BIG IDEAS”