



View from Agate Street looking into the playground

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Agate Playground, affectionately called “Ice-cream Park” by local families, is a university open space primarily used as a community playground. The playground is a remnant of the former use of Agate Hall as a school. This project re-imagines the tired, worn playground as a vibrant, inclusive, and active neighborhood hub.

The schematic design highlights opportunities to revitalize the play area with dynamic, inclusive play equipment, enhance play surfaces for improved safety and universal access, and provide more, inviting seating areas. New trees and plants introduce shade and seasonal interest, creating a place for year-round use.

The design maintains clear views of the chimney at Agate Hall and provides a place that would allow for the seasonal celebration of the Vaux’s Swifts twice a year stop to use the chimney as a stop on their migration journey.

Objectives

- Modernize and upgrade play equipment and surfacing to be universally accessible
- Create improved gathering space for university and community activities
- Enhance landscape to improve ecological function and provide shade

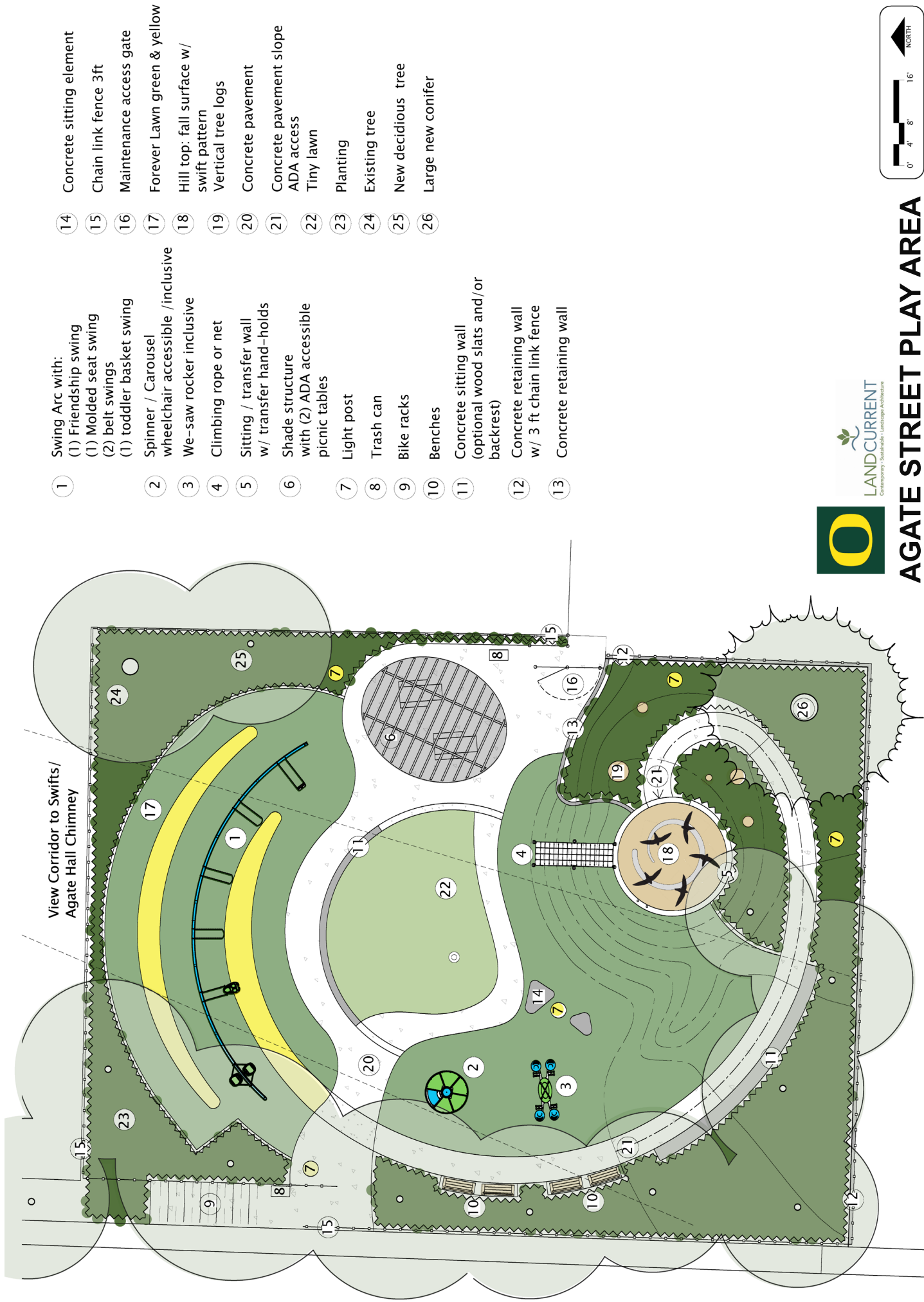
PROJECT STATS

Project Status: Schematic Design completed September 2025

Square Footage: 18,715 sf

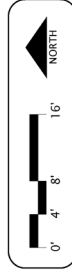
Anticipated Budget: \$2.8M - \$3.4M

Agate Playground Improvement Project



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