Re-Development for Clearwater City Park

Clearwater, KS

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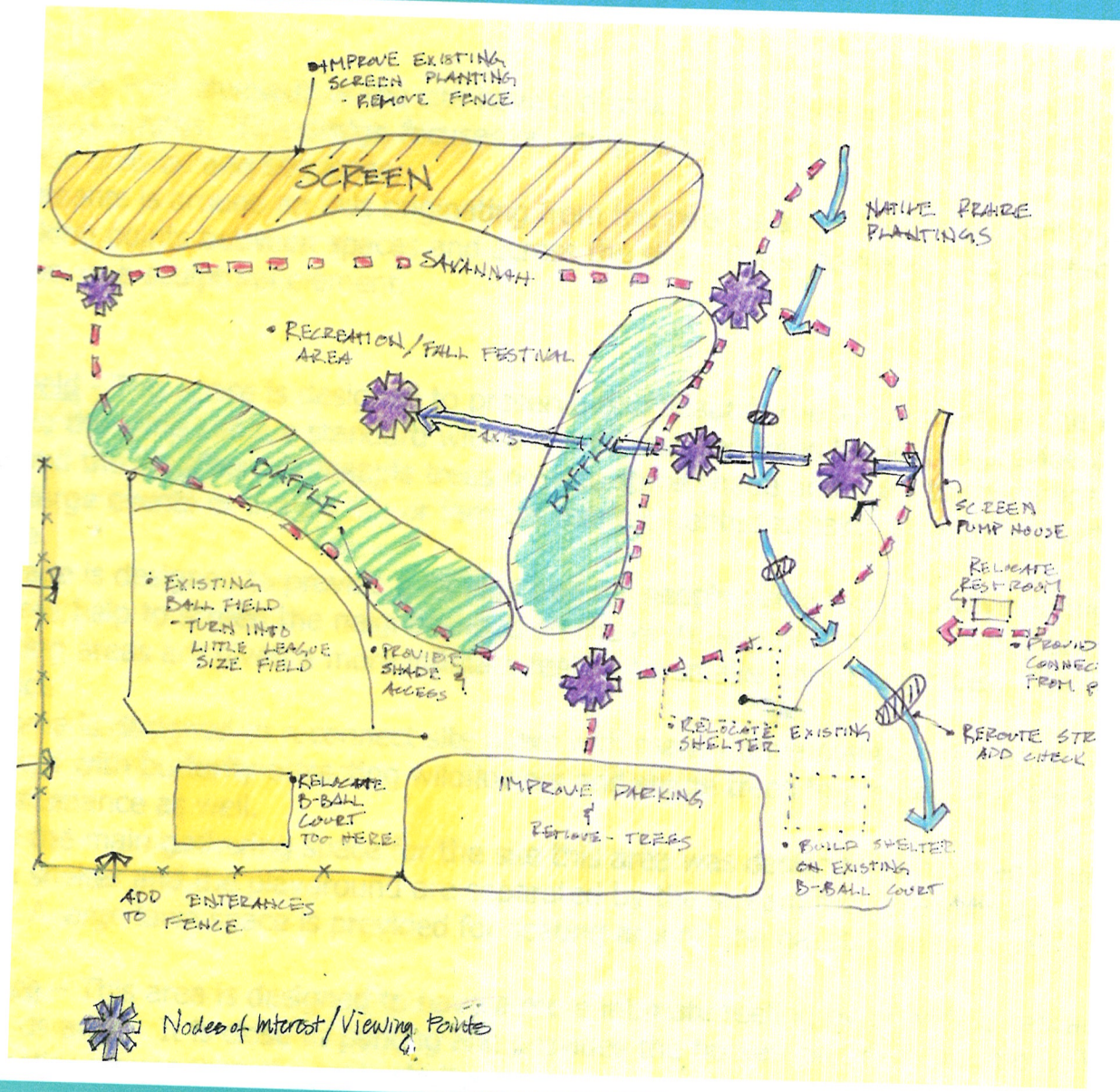
Site Analysis



Concept

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Currently at Clearwater City Park elements of the site have a distinct lack of organization to spaces with no attention being paid to sequences or entries. This design focuses on using existing elements in a different organization pattern to provide a sense of spatial division and sequence.

The organization of elements is around an axis originating from the pool as an anchor point. Entry points to the site occur at nodes that act of linking points between spaces and across the site. These points are highlighted with historical features, flowering trees, or a sculptural element.

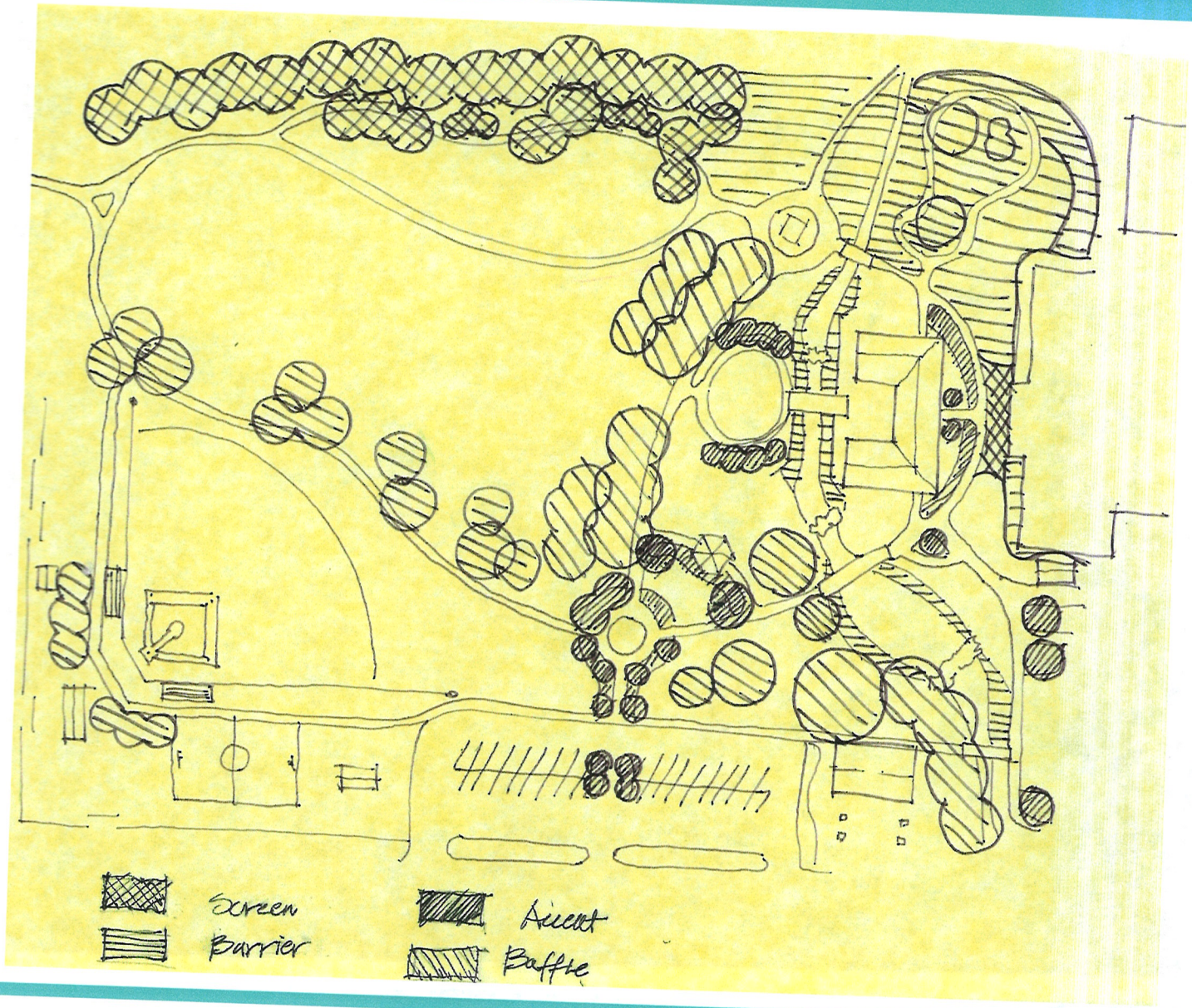
Spaces

Lawn Space with Ball field - This space is designed to preserve and beautify the space used for the Fall festival. The ball field has been resized to the Little League standard with a line of assorted trees helping to provide a baffle to a larger, open lawn space. Behind the bleachers Crabapple trees provide some shade and color to the space. The large open space can be used for large events or if a art fair or farmers market wanted to take place they could be set up under the shade of the tree baffle.

Wooded Trail - This space is designed to provide a shaded trail for people using the pathways during hot summer days. The plantings in this area help to screen the neighborhood on the north side of the site. They also provide for shaded pathways and the seating areas are given a more intimate feeling by smaller, flowering trees. This area would have low demand for maintenance

Native Garden – This area is designed to reconnect site users with many native plants in the area. As an aesthetic touch the center area is planted with butterfly-attracting wildflowers and shade trees to promote a better user experience. This area would be low maintenance as well.

Playground Space – As the main gathering space for the site this area was designed to have an open feeling for the whole space. While the main shelter and the playground are separated by the stream they are still connected visually and physically by a bridge. A large lawn space is provided for seating around the gazebo where small performances could be held.

Secondary Shelter Space – This area is designed to have a more intimate feeling by providing cascading willows and proximity to the wetlands area. It is close to parking and provides the horseshoe pits in addition. This space would be used more often by smaller groups than the main shelter.

Conceptual Planting Plan