



# NDC Design for Safety - Harlem Park/Lafayette Square

## Existing Conditions and Potential Projects Plan

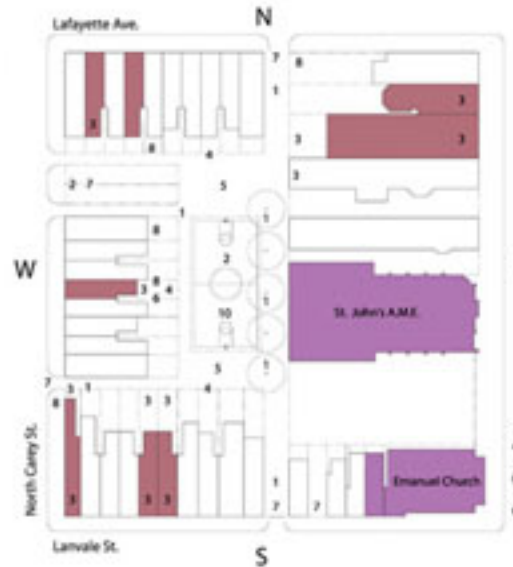


Harlem Park Map Key

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|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Proposed Projects    | Vacant Land          | Public Greenspaces | Poor Lighting |
| Area of Conservation | Abandoned Buildings  | Youth Art          |               |
| Public Institutions  | Unoccupied Buildings | Problem Spots      |               |

## Proposed Inner-block Park Revitalization

### Site Plan



### Community Action Plan

Obstacles to overcome:

1. Poor lighting
2. Illegal activity - drug trade
3. Unoccupied buildings
4. Fencing...
  - Damaged fencing on basketball courts
  - Unsightly / Poor fencing at many individual backyards
  - High fencing at 828 Carrollton: blocks view of park
5. Lack of sitting area
6. Area not maintained
7. Access to vacant lot uncontrolled
8. Blocked Visibility
9. Lack of collaboration between community organizations
10. Lack of adult supervision

### Phases of Revitalization

#### Phase I - Preparing the area... Safety First

- A. Block access to vacant/abandoned structures
- B. Trim row of trees parallel to alley, remove wild trees in backyards, especially those that block lighting
- C. Block vehicular access to vacant lot by installing bollards
- D. Integrate new lamp posts with tree line; install new lamps throughout park
- E. Replace fence at backyard of 828 N Carrollton
- F. Form organization of people interested in planning activities for this area and maintaining the park-surrounding residents of Harlem Park and Lafayette Square

#### Phase II - Beautification... To be designed



Southwest



East



West Alley



back of 819 N. Carley



Back of 822 & 824 Carrollton Ave.

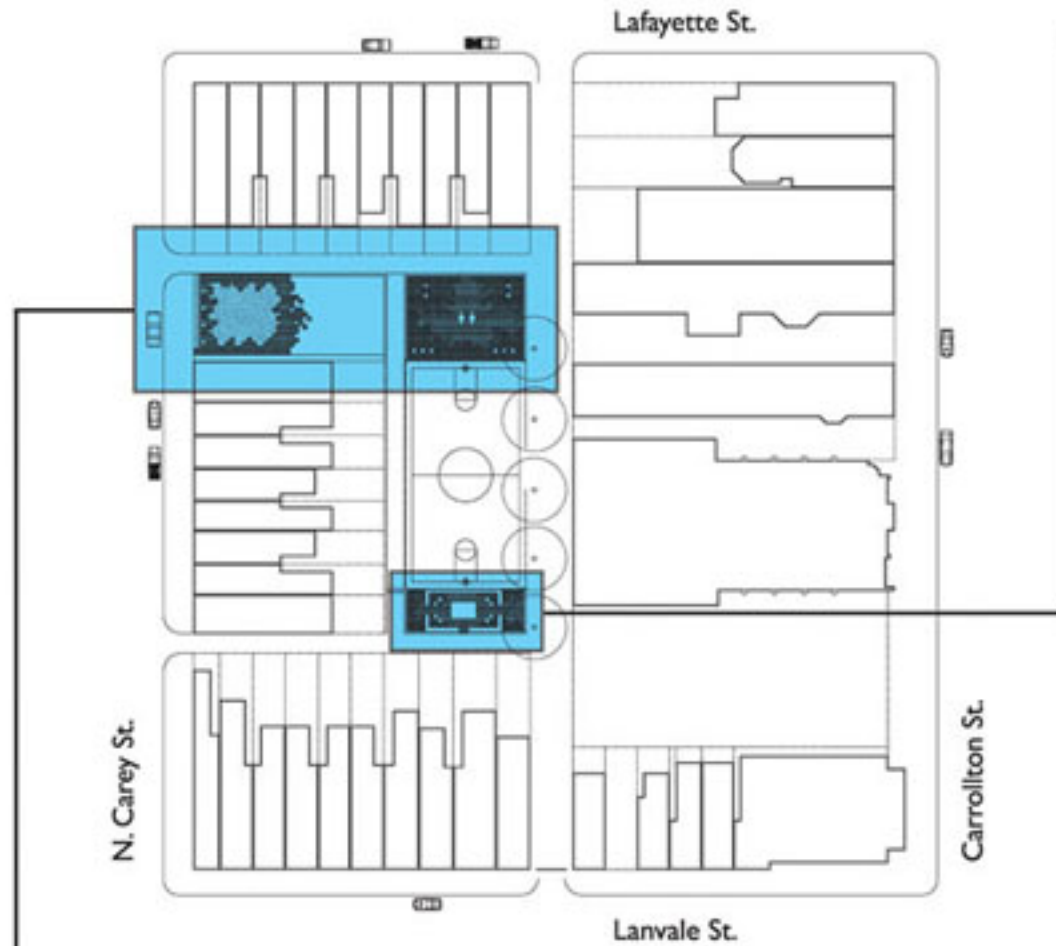


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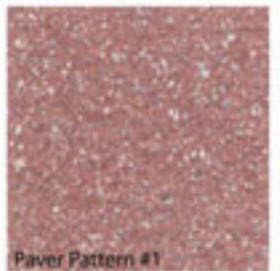
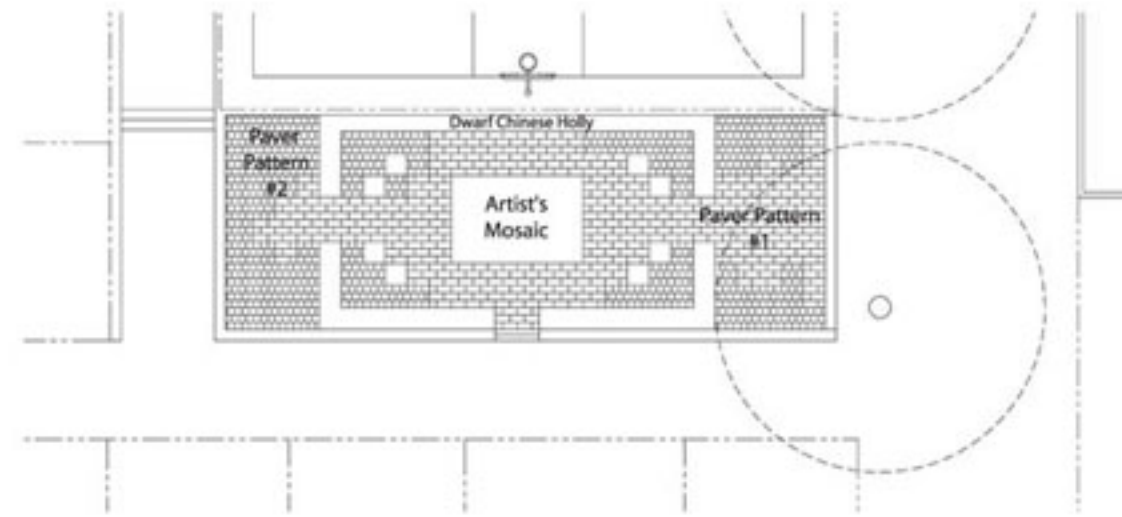
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Proposed Site: 800 Block of North Carey St.



## Reflection Garden



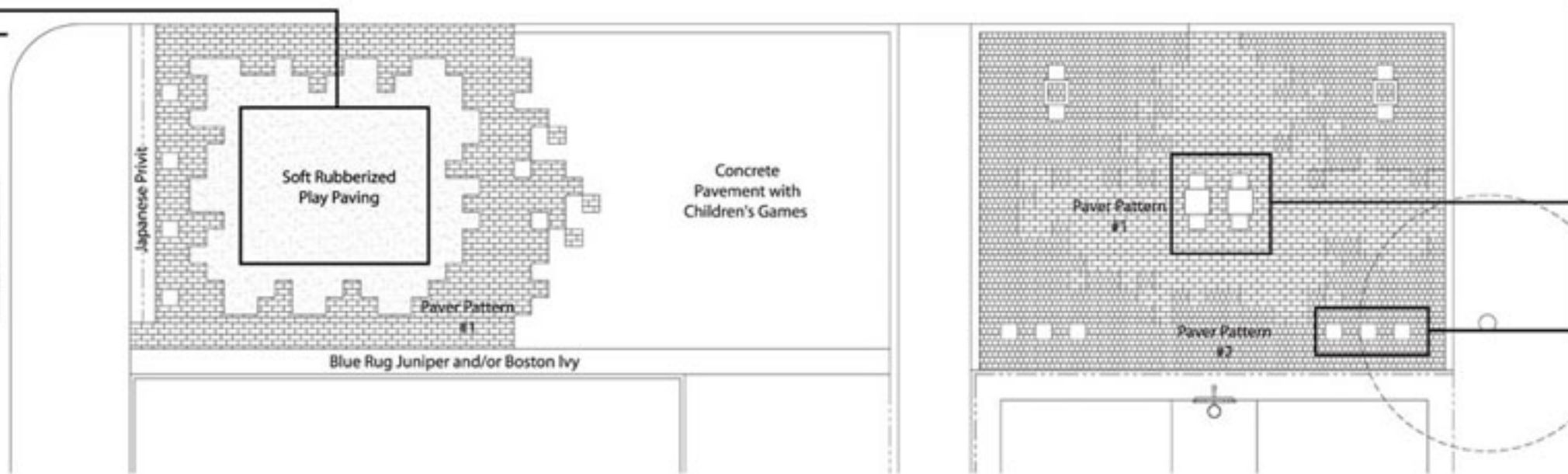
Alternates: Climbing Hydrangea or Baltic Ivy

1/8"=1'-0"

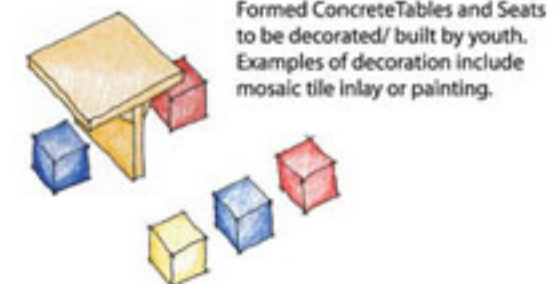
## Vacant Lot Revitalization: Hardscape and Playground

### Playground

Play Equipment to be chosen by Community



### Game Tables and Seats



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## 3 Part Phasing Plan

### Phase I: The Reflection Garden

The reflection garden is a small garden that's purpose is to supply an area for adults to read and relax while being able to supervise the older children on the basketball court. The design team feels that with more adult supervision the basketball court can become even more of a community asset. Lack of supervision can cause the the court to be overrun by the few trouble makers.

### Phase II: Playground

Since the basketball courts tend to draw an older crowd the design team thought that an area should be provided for younger children. The playground however is not meant to compete with other playgrounds in the neighborhood. It is to provide only 3 at the most peaces of equipment. Its main attraction is its hard surface play area.

### Phase III: Game Tables

The game tables area was conceived to provide another area for adults to be able to supervise the basketball court. The concept of the tables to provide an area were community member could congregate for planned events. The design team wanted to provide an activity in the area and thought that providing a chess board on the tables would promote the use to the inner block park by the local chess club as well as other interested community

