

1 **Agassiz Park Treatment Alternative D:**

2 **Rehabilitation with interpretation of Warren Manning's Design Intent for Agassiz Park.**

3 This Alternative reclaims a large portion of Agassiz Park for use as a public open space by the
4 community and park visitors. As in Alternative C, the Park Avenue Townhouses, parking lot,
5 and associated cul-de-sac road are relocated to another site in the Village to allow for the
6 restoration of this portion of the property as park land. In addition, the Park Avenue affordable
7 elderly apartments are relocated to the Village and Park Avenue, the street, is removed from the
8 park. This plan encourages the redevelopment of affordable housing within existing residential
9 neighborhoods in the village. There are multiple underutilized historic buildings in the village
10 that could be rehabilitated to serve this housing need. By removing the buildings, parking and
11 road from the park, a section of the park is regained for use as public open space. The specific
12 use of the open space would be determined through a park master plan. The National Park
13 Service would maintain Agassiz Park.
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15 In addition, the statue of Alexander Agassiz is restored to its historic location, with a substantial
16 pedestrian plaza surrounding this focal point. The plaza would include planters with ornamental
17 plants in a setting most similar to that found during the historic period. Connections between the
18 park and the school grounds, industrial core, Red Jacket Road, downtown Calumet, and the
19 Keweenaw NHP Visitor Center are enhanced to the greatest extent in this alternative. In addition
20 to restoring portions of the extant historic paths, an additional path between the statue and the
21 Union Building (Keweenaw NHP Visitor Center) would be added. Warren Manning's plan for
22 the park included paths, parking, and an outdoor stage in this area. These uses, or others
23 determined appropriate by a park master planning process, could be provided in the expanded
24 park. Also, interpretive paving indicating the location of Calumet Shaft No. 1 could be
25 continued from its opening near the Gear House through the park. Interpretive markings on the
26 paving could indicate to park users that the shaft was a certain depth in the location where
27 pedestrians cross over it as they walk on the park path.
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29 Historic park paths would be restored and the associated historic trees will be preserved and
30 maintained. New trees, matching the species of those present along the paths, would be added to
31 fill in gaps. This would result in multi-aged tree lines.
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33 Pedestrian links between the park and downtown Calumet would be improved by providing
34 improved sidewalk connections and crosswalks at Portland and Oak Streets and by improving
35 the conditions along Fourth Street. The western side of Agassiz Park would become more
36 welcoming by providing an edge with tree-lined sidewalk, rather than parking lots. The
37 appearance of Fourth Street would be improved by adding sidewalks and canopy trees along both
38 sides of the street. Parking spaces removed from the western side of the park would be provided
39 as parallel spaces along both sides of Fourth Street. This would have the added benefit of
40 slowing traffic. Curb cuts would be provided for access to parking, back entrances, and service
41 areas at the backs of the Fifth Street buildings.
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43 The southern-most corner of the park would be redeveloped as a parking lot to provide improved
44 access to the Keweenaw NHP Visitor Center. The Farmers and Merchants Mutual Fire
45 Insurance Company would relocate to a historic building in downtown Calumet. Parking
46 providing in this location would be available for use by Keweenaw NHP visitors, downtown

1 merchants, and those attending functions at the Temple Square and Colosseum facilities. This
2 alternative also provides a dedicated pedestrian drop-off and universally accessible parking
3 adjacent to the Keweenaw NHP Visitor Center on the west side of Fourth Street.

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7 **Figure A- 22: Agassiz Park Treatment Alternative D**

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Legend

- (A) Superior Boiler House
- (B) C-L-K Schools
- (C) C & H Gear House
- (D) C & H Warehouse #2
- (E) C & H Powder House
- (F) C & H Dry House
- (G) C & H Drill Shop
- (H) C-L-K School Sheds
- (I) The Colosseum
- (J) KNHP Visitor Center
(Union Building)
- (K) Keweenaw Heritage Center
(St. Anne's)
- (L) Grocery Store
- (M) C-L-K Schools Stadium and
Outbuildings

Key

- Buildings
- Existing Canopy Tree
- Existing Evergreen Tree
- Fence
- Turf
- Crosswalk
- Proposed Canopy Tree
- Pavement indicating locations of underground shafts
- Existing Shrub
- Proposed Shrub
- Proposed perennials
- Interpretive representation of non-extant railroad

Map Notes

1. Plan sources are provided in the adjacent CLR narrative.
2. Location of elements on plan are approximate.

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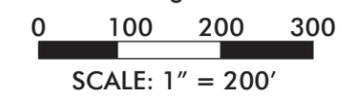
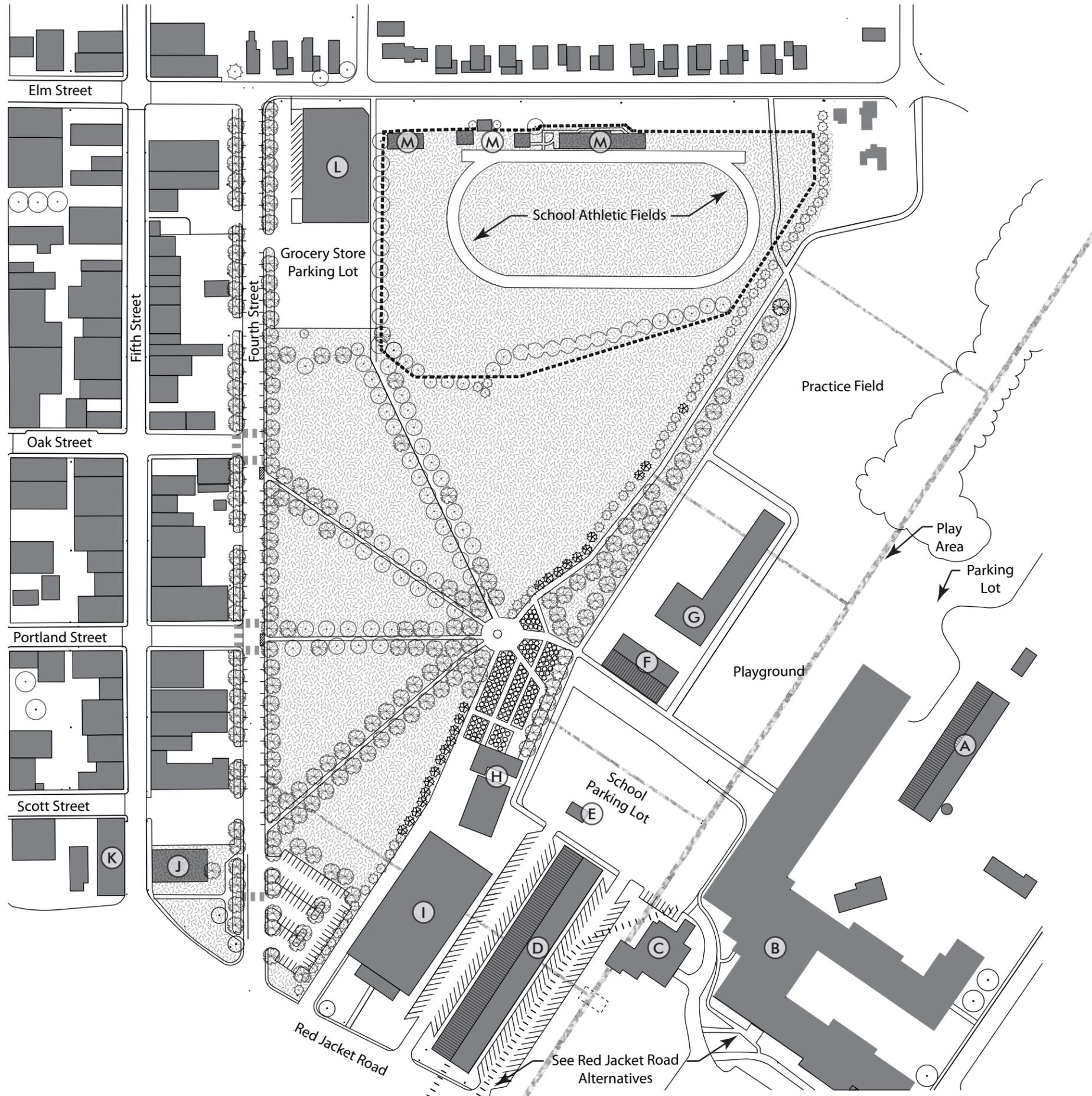


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