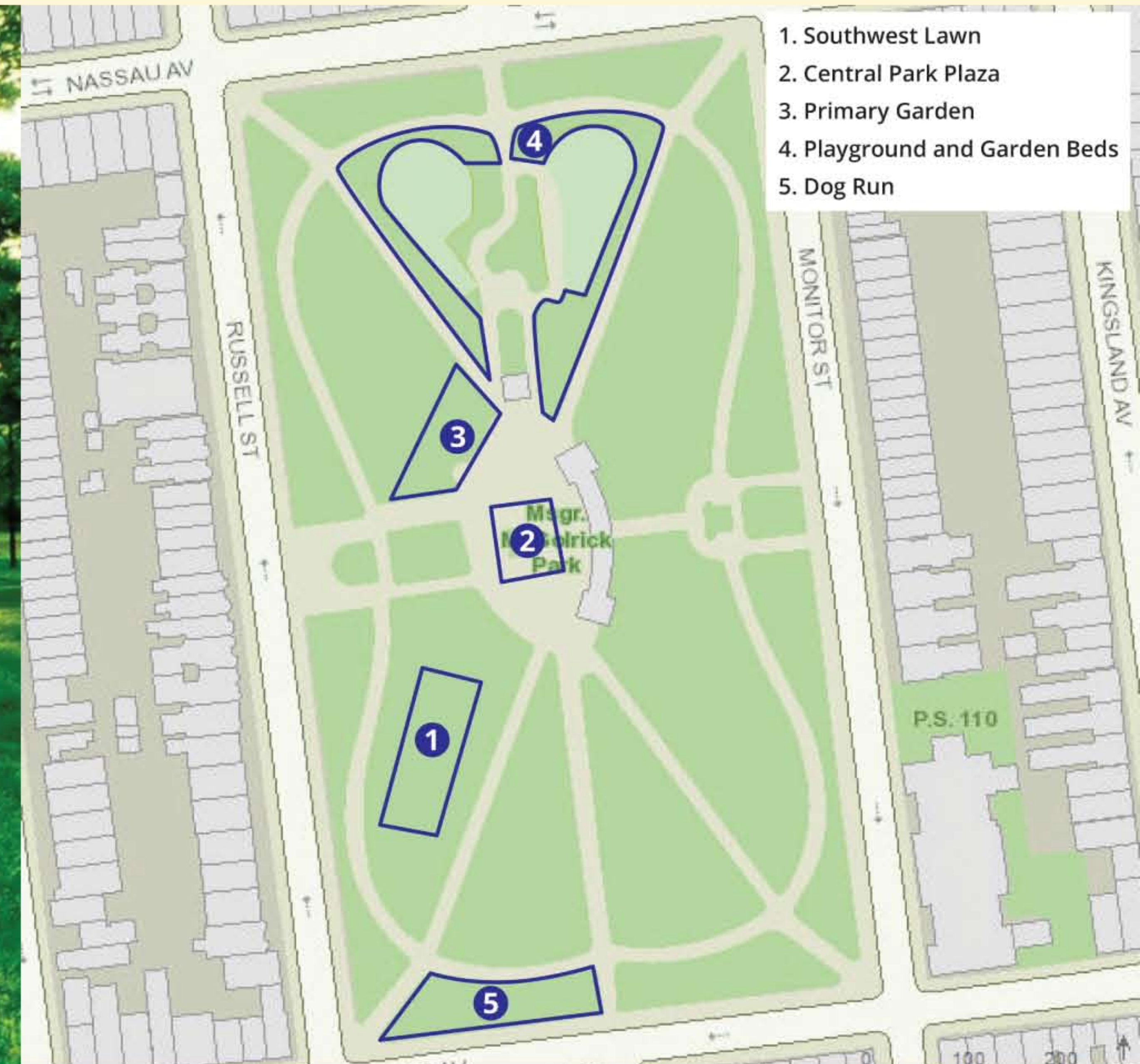


McGolrick Park Restoration

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The project will enhance and restore environmental and community amenities in five sections of McGolrick Park.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

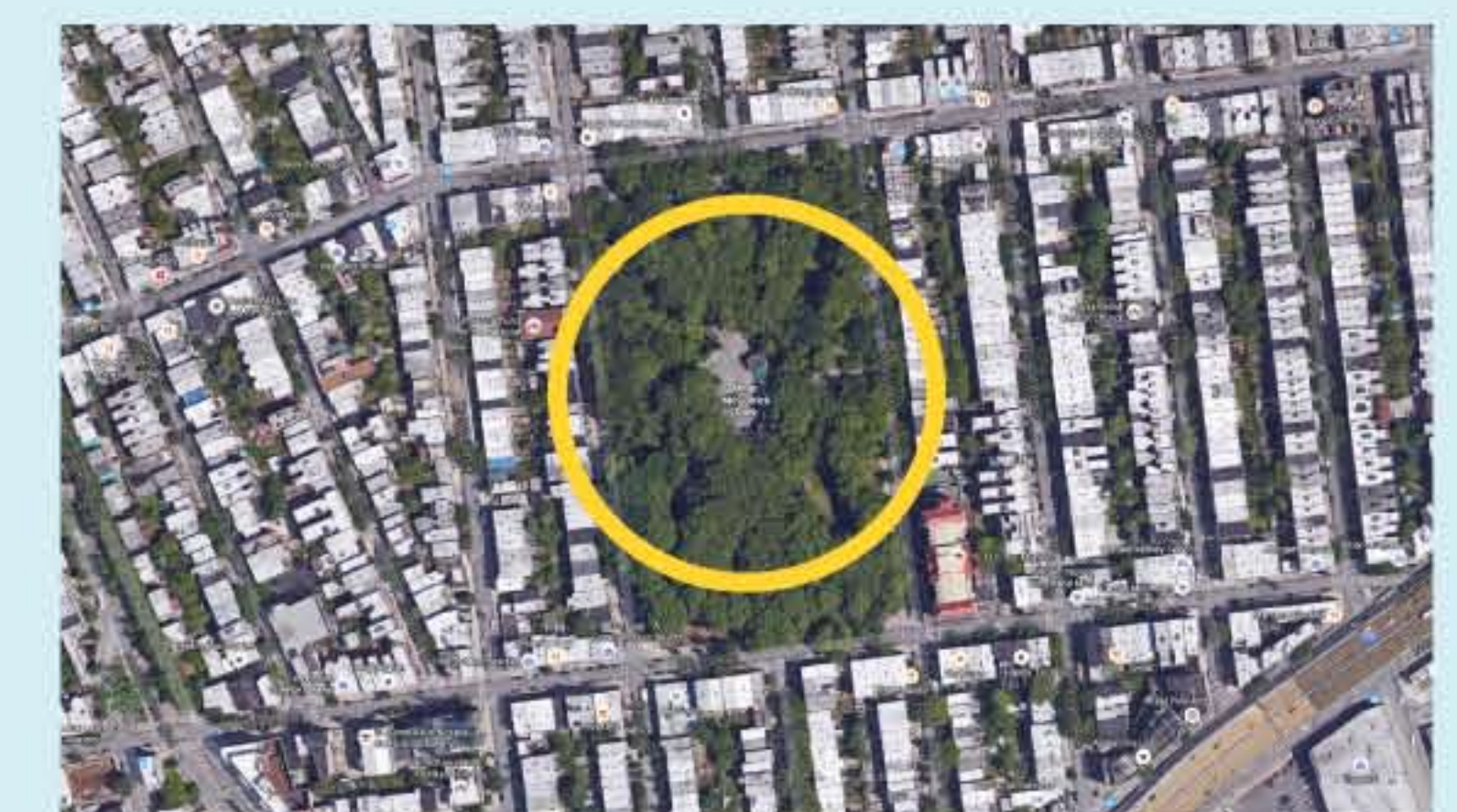
- Recondition a compacted lawn in the southeast area by remediating the soil, applying new topsoil, reseeding the turf with shade grasses, and installing temporary irrigation, and fencing.
- Reset pavers in the central plaza to direct rainwater runoff into an adjacent rain garden and install interpretive educational signs about green infrastructure in urban areas.
- Create a native pollinator (e.g., bees, butterflies) sanctuary in the primary garden area of the park.
- Recondition the soil and restore garden beds around the playground.
- Restore drainage at the dog run by removing dirty mulch, lowering the soil to below grade, installing drains, and backfilling with crushed gravel or mulch.
- Conduct an environmental education program about the natural features of the park.
- Create a Citizen Gardener certification program.
- Implement two "It's My Park" planting and cleanup events at the improved park.

The green infrastructure and landscape enhancements will treat polluted stormwater before it enters sewers and waterways; reduce water pooling on paths; provide habitat for pollinators and other urban wildlife; create sustainable and resilient gardens; and reduce ambient air temperatures and air pollution. The environmental education will engage Greenpoint residents and increase their sense of ownership of the park. The Citizen Gardener certification program and "It's My Park" events will engage informed volunteers to improve and maintain the park.

GRANT REQUEST: \$562,056

**VALUE OF APPLICANT & PARTNER
CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$2,100,000

LOCATION: Southeast lawn, central pavilion, primary garden space, central playground, and dog run at Msrg. McGolrick Park, Greenpoint



PROJECT GOALS

- Restore 130,000 sq. ft. of impervious or degraded park landscape to treat 3 million gallons of polluted stormwater annually.
- Eliminate 600 gallons of standing water annually.
- Provide 60,000 sq. ft. of pollinator and wildlife habitat.
- Improve 70,000 sq. ft. of degraded landscape with environmental improvements.
- Engage 1,800 community members in environmental education and certify 50 citizen gardeners.

PROJECT PARTNERS: McGolrick Park Neighborhood Alliance, the Open Space Alliance for North Brooklyn, and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation