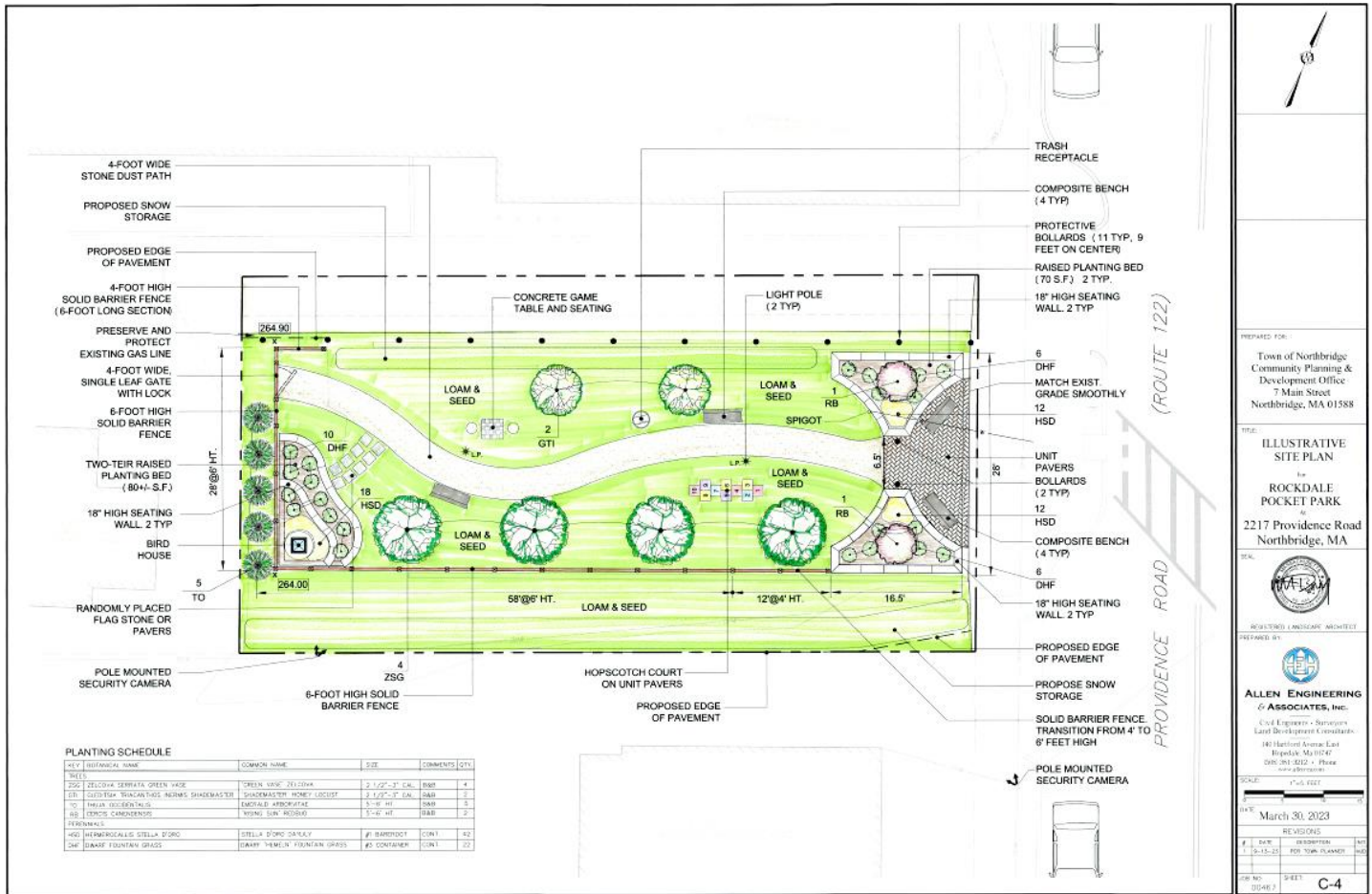


# ROCKDALE POCKET PARK -site of former Rockdale Youth Center (Providence Road)



- In August 2013, Community Planning & Development submitted funding request to DHCD as part of State's Disaster Recovery Program resulting from FEMA Disaster Declarations of 2011-2012. Initially Northridge received \$601K for what was to be known as the "Rockdale Youth Center Relocation Project" -and ultimately received \$1.6mil in Disaster Relief funds to relocate Rockdale Youth Center to St. Peters Parish Building on Church Avenue (out of the Floodplain).
- Funds received were used to rehab building on Church Ave (new RYC), buyout remaining mortgage (of former RYC), & demo building on Providence Rd. Upon project completion (sometime in 2015/2016), the former RYC site was conveyed to Town (by gift), where as required per Disaster Recovery Program the site could not be redeveloped, built upon, or paved for parking (w/in Floodplain); understanding this the site was identified as a future pocket park.
- Fast-forward to June 2019, the Planning Board in cooperation w/Developer (Stone Hill) identified & earmarked \$467k (payment in lieu of affordables) for various town projects; including \$50k towards design/construction of pocket park; in July 2021 Board of Selectmen formally accepted donation for the Rockdale Pocket Park initiative.
- In November 2021, Community Planning & Development submitted request for \$25K in ARPA Funds for the Rockdale Pocket Park.
- During 2022-2023 Town engaged services of Land Surveyor & Landscape Architect for design & will look to select Contractor in coming months.

## Rockdale Pocket Park Objective

Provide a safe & inviting public outdoor space that is accessible, visually attractive & a positive amenity for surrounding area.

*Park layout has been reviewed/approved by Conservation Commission & Safety Committee*