



Mason Green creates a safe and attractive link between library and playground. Views and pedestrian paths are preserved.

The restoration of the playground to its pre-library condition, allows for future renovation of the playground with better arrangements, better access and supervision, more green spaces.

The new library is bigger, better laid out, less expensive to staff and operate

There is room for a large greenspace fronting Columbus.

The old library stays open until the new one is ready. No interruption of service.

Current plan of record, approved unanimously by both the RecPark and Library Commissions; preferred by department staff; vetted in 5 community meetings in 2008-9; recommended by the Friends of Joe DiMaggio Playground.

The playground was one of 2 built by the City's first Playground Commission, in 1903. The playground was more than 50 years old when the library was placed on it in the late 1950s. Neighbors, including the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, opposed the library location.

Approved Interim Plan

North Beach Branch Library & Joe DiMaggio Playground