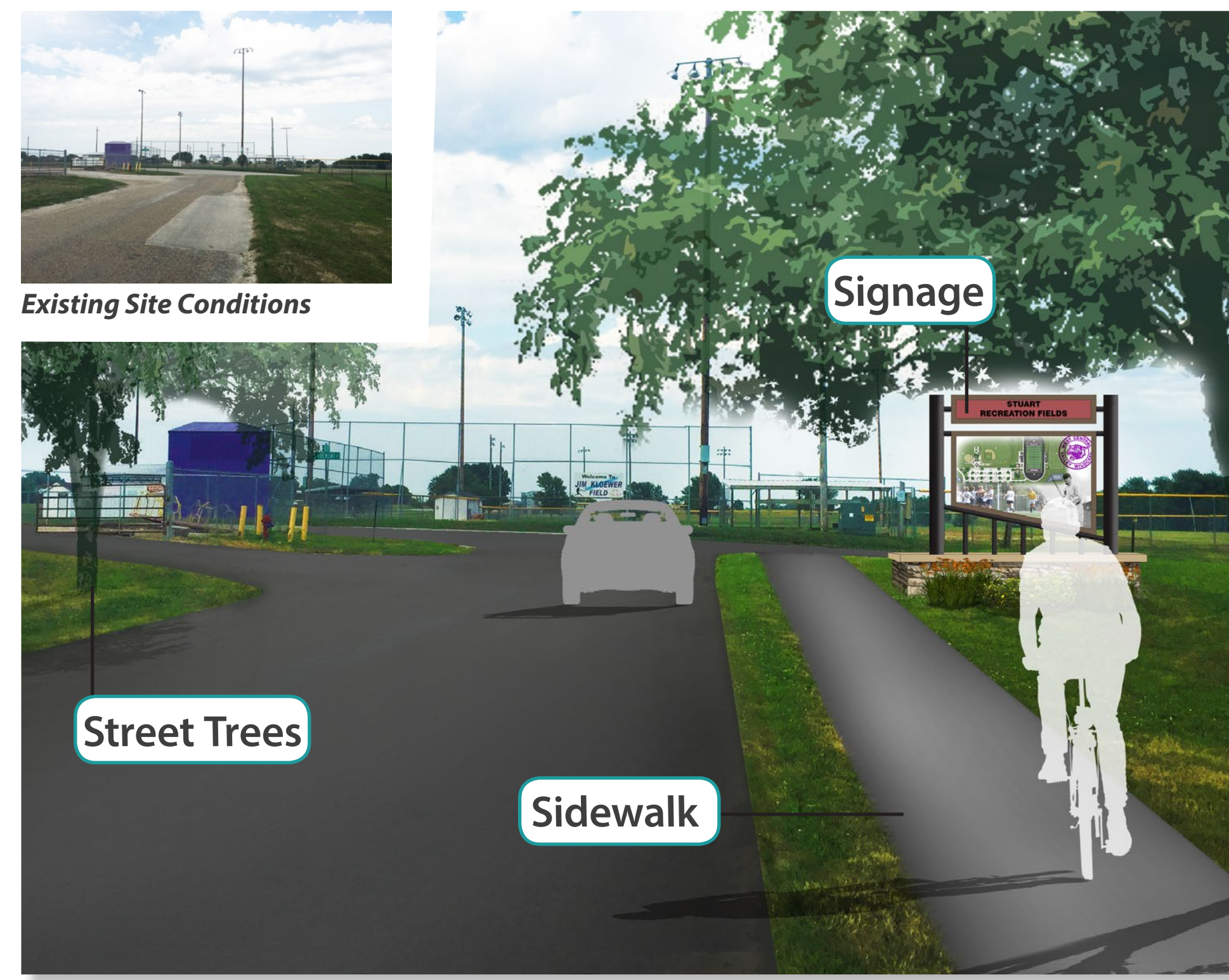


Outdoor Reading Room Concept



Outdoor Reading Room Entrance



3rd Street Looking East Toward Recreation Fields



Low Maintenance Shade Tolerant Plants

Outdoor Reading Room

Located behind City Hall and the library is a small space currently home to a few benches and native plants. This space is intended to be used by guests of the building or pedestrians looking for a quiet place to relax. Currently the plantings are taking over this site and preventing guests from entering.

The new design refines the existing elements with a curvilinear sidewalk that flows through the space. This sidewalk is bordered by planting beds filled with shrubs and perennials. Upon entering, one may contribute or borrow a book from a free library stand. On the east side of the courtyard are gathering rooms. These rooms can be used for activities such as group reading or sitting at table to grab a bite to eat.

Recreational Park Entrance

Other park improvements include adding signage to the Recreational Facility. This signage would be surrounded by trees and plantings. Signage can help establish a stronger pedestrian connection from Lawbaugh Parks to the sports fields.

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