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Principle Sessions
# A Civic Vision for Philadelphia Schools

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Bird’s eye view of “Logan Triangle”

1. New high school
   1,000 students
2. New park
   Stormwater Bio-Pond
3. New park
   Amphitheater
4. Commercial development site
   Grocery store
5. Market rate housing development site
6. Pedestrian bridge

1. Playing fields
   Track & competition fields
   2 practice fields
   Baseball diamond
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