

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



PARK EXTENTS

Goals & Objectives

- GIVE THE PARK MORE PURPOSE
- ALLOW FOR A VARIETY OF USES
- MAKE THE PARK FEEL WELCOMING AND SAFE
- UPDATE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- ADD PATHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE PARK
- ADD LIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE PARK

Design Suggestions

- REPLACE THE CURRENT BASEBALL FIELDS WITH A PATHWAY AND A MULTI-USE FIELD
- DESIGNATE SPACES FOR PICNIC TABLES AND SEATING
- ADD A FEW TREES IN THE OPEN SPACES TO PROVIDE SHADE AND DEFINE SPACE
- PLACE FITNESS STATIONS WITHIN IN THE PARK THAT WORK ON RESISTANCE TRAINING
- PUBLIC ART PROJECTS: STREET MURAL, SKATEPARK MURAL, AND BASKETBALL COURTS

PRELIMINARY SITE LAYOUT



MULTI-USE SPORTS FIELD



A MULTI-SPORT FIELD WILL ALLOW FOR THE PARK USERS TO PLAY A VARIETY OF SPORTS YEAR-ROUND. THE FIELD WILL BE GRASS WITH PAINTED LINES THAT WILL BE MAINTAINED PERIODICALLY. LINES FOR SOCCER, LACROSSE, AND FOOTBALL COULD BE PAINTED ON THIS FIELD.





PAVILION + RESTROOM



A NEW PAVILION OF ANY SIZE DETERMINED (22'X44' SHOWN) WILL HELP ACCOMMODATE VISITORS TO THE PARK. THE PAVILION WOULD OFFER SHADE, RESTROOMS, AND SEATING. IT COULD BE USED FOR PARTIES, EVENTS, OR INFORMAL HANG OUT SPACE.





WALKING LOOP

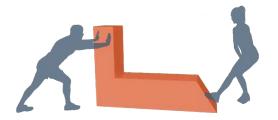


THIS SIX FOOT WIDE, PAVED PATH PATHWAY CREATES AN EASY METHOD OF RECREATION. LARGE TREES PROVIDE SHADE AND IT'S LOCATION PROVIDES AN OPEN VIEW TO THE PLAYGROUND. BENCHES AND LIGHTING WILL ALSO MAKE SPACE FEEL INVITING.





FITNESS STATIONS



1) STRETCHING BLOCK

This stretching block is designed for multiple types of stretches. The column can be used to lean on, the bench allows for the user to sit and stretch, and the angled end allows for an easy calf muscle stretch. It will be located on the first lookout point allowing for the user to look at the river while stretching or use it as a bench.



2 AEROBIC STEPPING BLOCKS

Aerobic stepping blocks that are located at the third lookout point create a simple way for trail users to get cardio exercise. These blocks can be used separately or together creating a variety of workouts.



3 PULL-UP BAR

A multi-level pull-up bar located on the second lookout point allows for the user to look down stream as they exercise. The two levels allow for children, adults, and wheelchair users to use the station enhancing accessibility for all users of the trail.



4 THE "WEDGE"

This 6' tall angled structure located on the hill-side of the trail allows for the user to do push-ups, tricep dips, and stretches.

PRECEDENTS





LIONS PARK, GREENSBORO, AL

Lions Park is a 40 acre park that offers an abundance of recreation options. One of the most unique features of the park is the fitness stations that are located off to the side of a walking path. These stations are minimalist and do not take up a lot of space. Thinking of Bernice Brown Park, implementing stations similar to these off of the walking loop would offer another form of recreation.

PUBLIC ARTWORK



ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK, BLACK STREET AND THE BASKETBALL COURTS PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PAINTED MURALS THAT COULD INVOLVE LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION. THESE MURALS WOULD ADD A PLACE-MAKING ELEMENT TO THE PARK.







LIGHTING OPTIONS



SKATE PARK RENEWAL

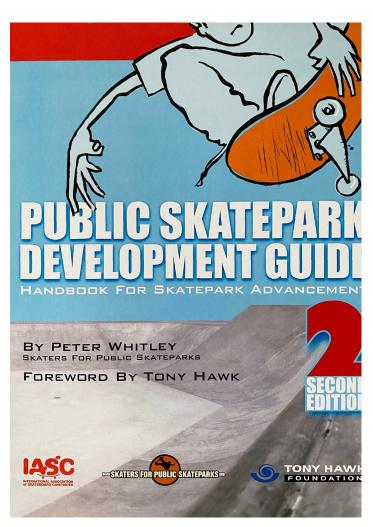


ADDITIONALLY, ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAINTING OF THE SKATE PARK COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP OVER THE SPACE.





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CASE STUDY

PROSPECT PARK - YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

MURALS PLACED AROUND THIS PARK, PAINTED BY THE COMMUNITY HAS SPURRED ON NEW EVENTS, INCLUDING AN ALL-GIRLS SKATE NIGHT. THE BRIGHTLY COLORED PAINT GIVES THE PARK A NEW WELCOMING FEEL.



THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES GREAT RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MAINTAIN/ATTRACT VISITORS TO OLDER SKATE PARKS. LINK: https://skatepark.org/uploads/psdg-pdf.pdf

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

INSTALLING PUBLIC ART ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS AND ALONG THE ROAD NEXT TO THE PARK WILL INCREASE VISUAL INTEREST AND CONNECT THE COMMUNITY TO THE SPACE. WORKING WITH THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS TO DESIGN THE MURALS AND IMPLEMENT THE PROJECTS WILL BUILD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE YOUTH AND THE PARK AS WELL.





ADOPT A TREE PROGRAM

A COMMUNITY PLANTING PROGRAM OR ADOPT A TREE PROGRAM WILL CONNECT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE PARK. INVOLVING YOUTH WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUOUS RETURN TO THE PARK TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF A PLANT. HOLDING A PLANTING DAY EVENT WILL BRING PEOPLE TO THE PARK AND ALLOW FOR THEM TO BE PART OF THE DESIGN PROCESS.



