



Public Parks Master Plan for The Grove at Shoal Creek

Public Meeting #2

April 24, 2017

Meeting 2 Agenda

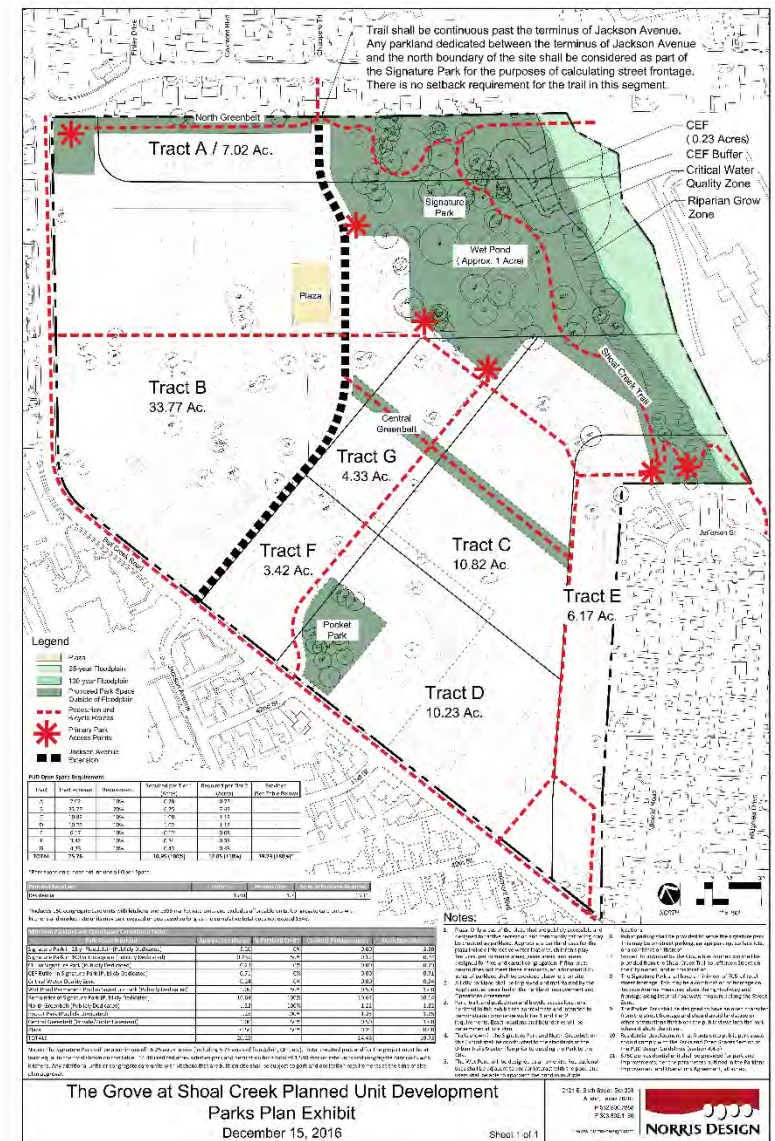
Item	Duration	Leader
Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose• Parameters of the PUD approval• Roles and Responsibilities	10 min.	PARD
Review Previous Input	10 min.	ARG
Finalize Goals	10 min.	ARG
Review Vision Plan	20 min.	Norris Design
Review Park Plan	20 min.	Norris Design
Next Steps	5 min.	PARD
Evaluation of Vision and Park Plan	15 min.	

Purpose

- The Public Parks Master Plan for The Grove at Shoal Creek is being developed by the property owner in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) with input from the community. The project goal is to develop a Master Plan for the public parks at The Grove at Shoal Creek including the 16.25-acre Signature Park and the Pocket Park in compliance with City Parkland Improvement and Operations Agreement for The Grove at Shoal Creek Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Parameters of the PUD

- Signature Park is a minimum of 16.25 acres
- Signature Park will have a minimum of 705 LF of street frontage
- Pocket Park is approximately 1.25 acres
- Master Plan will include
 - Information on existing environmental conditions
 - Proposed easements for the pond and access and utilities
 - Demographic analysis of surrounding community
 - Community Input
 - Park Amenities, location, and programming
- Park improvements shall include
 - Shoal Creek concrete Urban Trail
 - Connection from Jefferson Street
 - Active recreational amenities for all ages
 - Multi-purpose field area

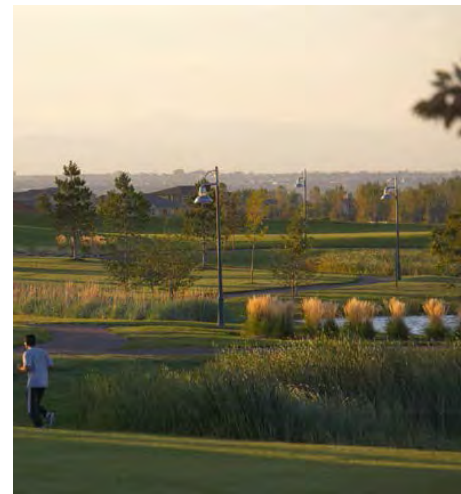


Roles and Responsibility

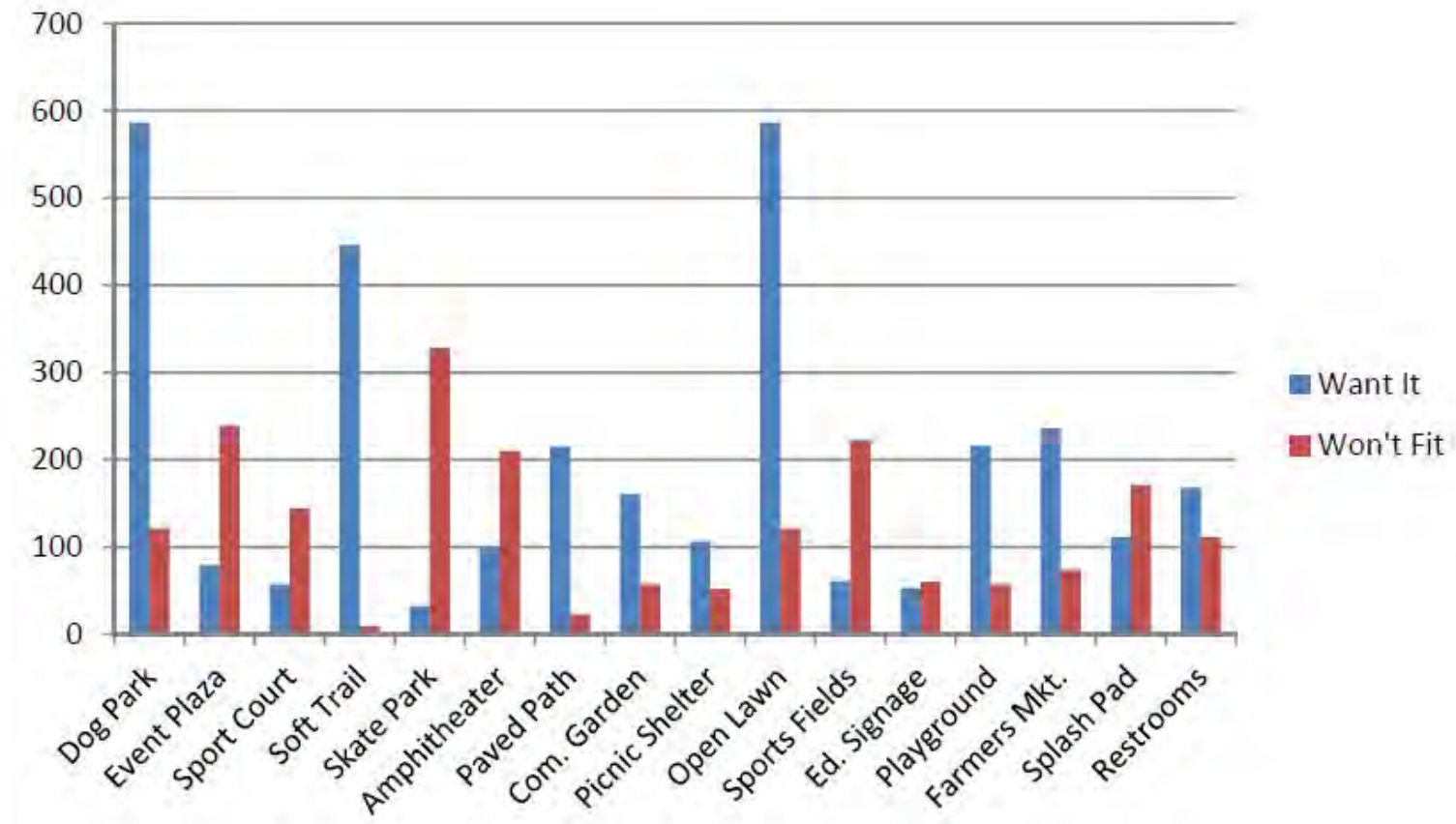
- Property Owner (ARG/Property Owner's Association)
 - Develop a Public Parks Master Plan in consultation with PARD and the community
 - Construct Improvements required in the PUD and detailed in the approved Master Plan (Shoal Creek Trail, pond, bridge, pedestrian connections, and approximately \$1 million in additional improvements)
 - Publicly Dedicate the public parks after improvements are completed
 - Ongoing maintenance of the parks
- Parks and Recreation Department (PARD)
 - Assist in facilitating the public outreach process
 - Collaborate with ARG and the community to develop the Public Parks Master Plan
 - Approval of the Public Parks Master Plan
 - Review and Approval of subsequent site plans
 - Permanent Ownership of Public Parklands
- Management Committee
 - Includes representatives of PARD, ARG, The Property Owners Association, and the surrounding community
 - Approves Annual Management Plan for park maintenance
 - Approves Annual Programming Plan for programming and special events

Community Input Summary | January 2015 Meeting

Top Rated Open Space Character Images



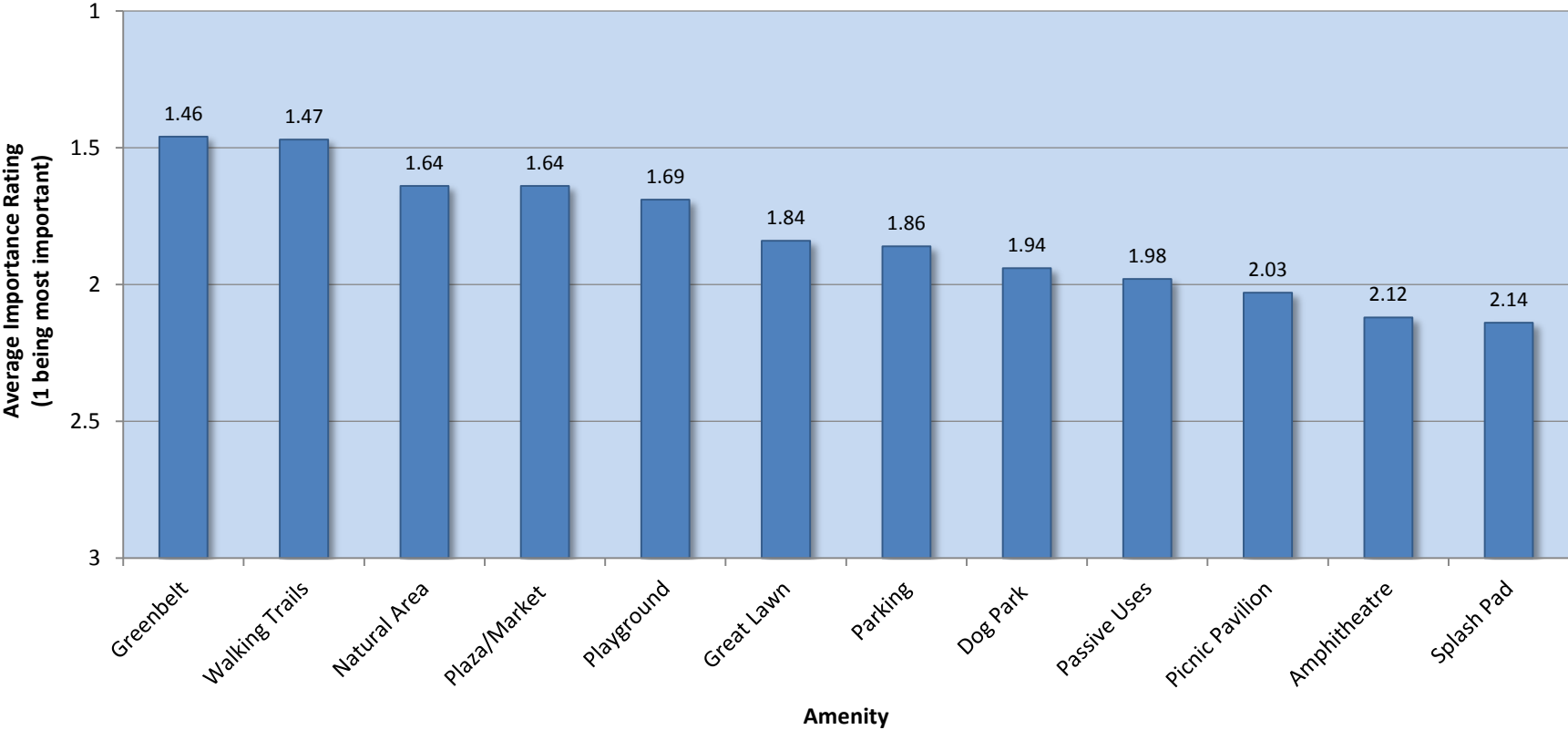
Community Input Summary | January 2015 Meeting



Highest Rated:

- Open Lawn
- Dog Park
- Soft Trail
- Farmer's Market
- Playground

Community Input Summary | December 2015 Meeting



Large Playscape



Small Playscape



Natural Play



Splash Pad



Large Pavilion



Small Pavilion



Uncovered Picnic



Great Lawn



Smaller Lawns



Hard Surface Paths



Soft Surface Paths



Dog Park



Plaza



Amphitheater



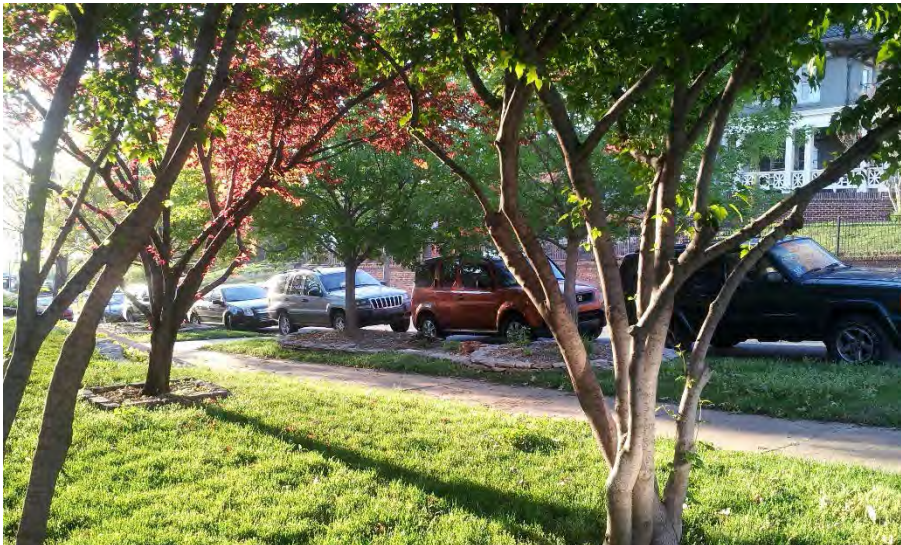
Small Performance Spaces



Natural Area



Parking



Community Input Summary | March 2017 Meeting

Themes in Goal Exercise

Keep more natural areas and less hardscape

Make this a quiet, natural escape for the user.

Provide pedestrian access to the park and natural areas within.

Preserve natural landscape, particularly the trees

Create opportunities for active and passive recreation

Multi-generational park

Community Input Summary | March 2017 Meeting

Themes in Amenities Exercise

Natural, native planting areas

Soft trails and bicycle access

Open Lawn

Amenities for off-leash dog usage

Wildlife habitat

Children's play area

Community Input Summary | March 2017 Meeting

Themes in Program Exercise

Farmers Market

Environmental education classes (i.e. birding)

Fitness classes

Entertainment (music, movies and storytelling)

Vision

The Public Parks at The Grove at Shoal Creek are . . .

- An urban oasis anchored by majestic live oaks, diverse natural habitat, and Shoal Creek.
- Vibrant parks that serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods, new and old, and all Austinites.
- Open spaces that feel integral and indispensable to the fabric of Austin.

Goals

Urban Oasis

- Preserve and enhance the natural character and distinct natural features of the site.
- Celebrate the site's unique geology and ecology.
- Provide opportunities for exploration, escape, and connection with nature.

Goals

Vibrant Parks

- Provide opportunities for active recreation for all ages and abilities.
- Develop programming and amenities that build community.
- Create a vibrant and complimentary interface with the adjacent urban district.
- Ensure infrastructure is sufficient to accommodate anticipated use.

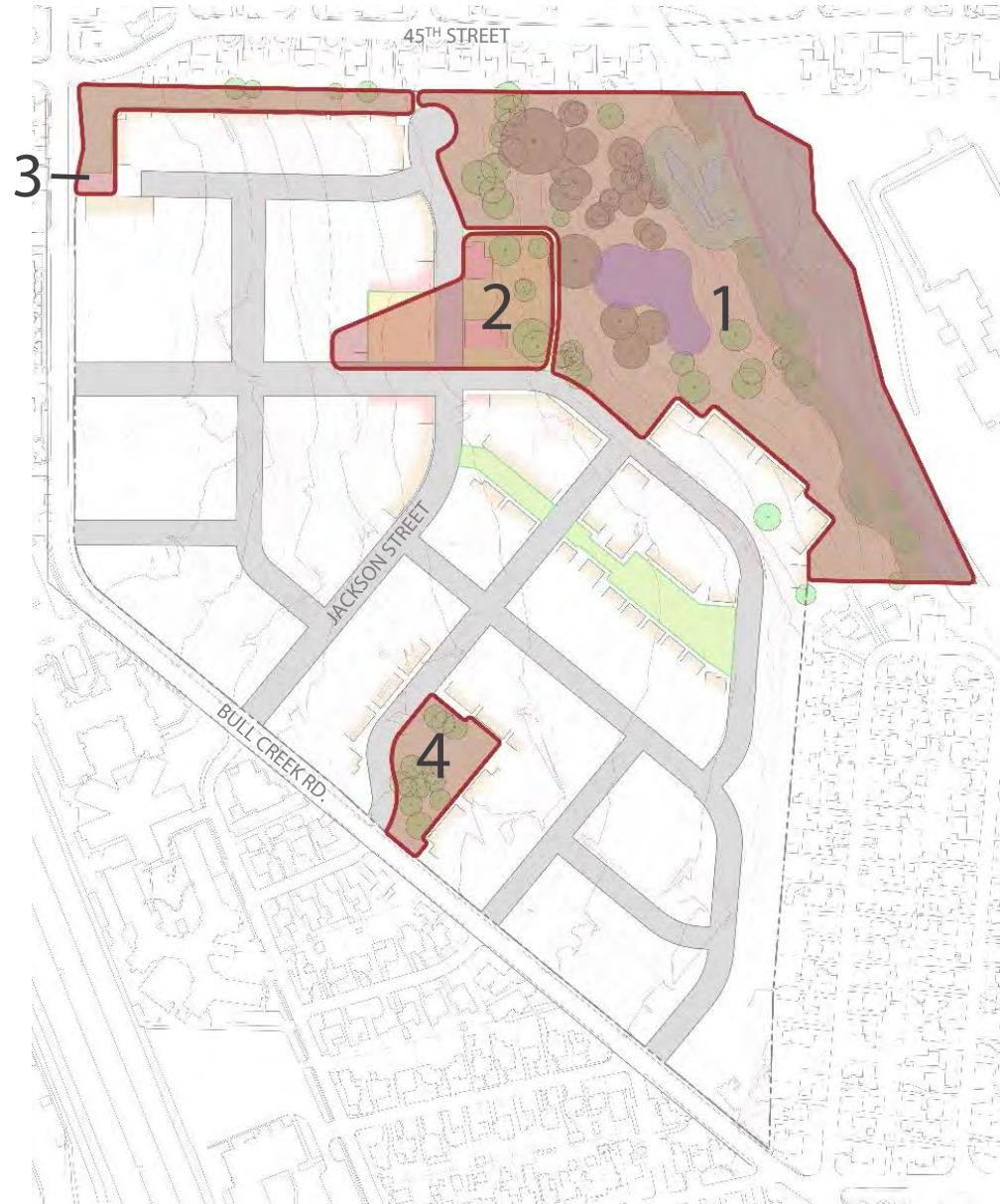
Goals

Fabric of Austin

- Celebrate the site's unique cultural history.
- Build a critical link and destination in Austin's Shoal Creek Trail system.
- Create a place that feels open, welcoming and comfortable for all

4 Key Park Spaces

1. Signature Park
2. Town Center
3. North Greenbelt
4. Pocket Park



Signature Park & Town Square | 3 Zones

- Active
- Passive
- Natural



Active Zone Character



Key Amenities

- Creative playscape
- Public art
- Performance space
- Splash pad
- Market plaza
- Vendors
- Restrooms

Passive Zone Character



Key Amenities

- Open lawn
- Walking trails
- Soft surface play
- Seating & picnic
- Interactive wet pond
- Fitness stations
- Dog Stations

Natural Zone Character



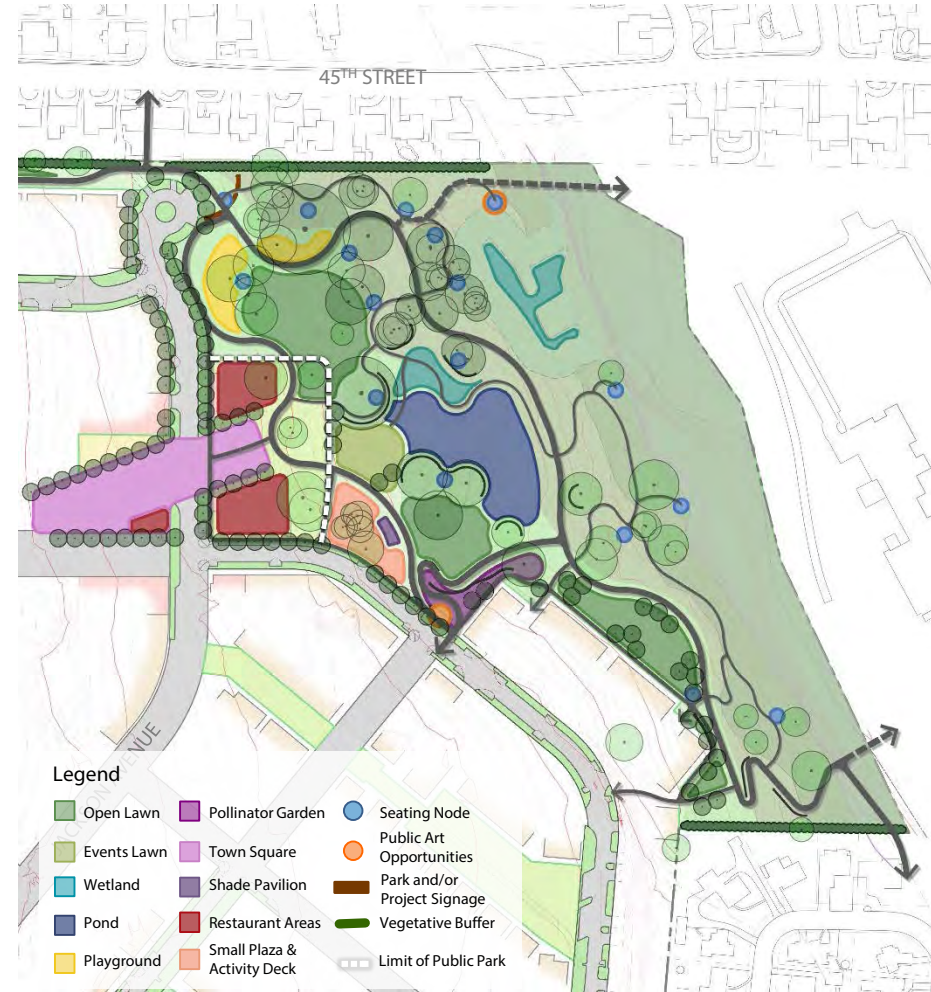
Key Amenities

- Restored nature landscape
- Walking paths
- Nature play
- Seating areas
- Overlooks & bird stands
- Educational features

Signature Park



Concept A



Concept B

Signature Park Common Elements



Nature Trails

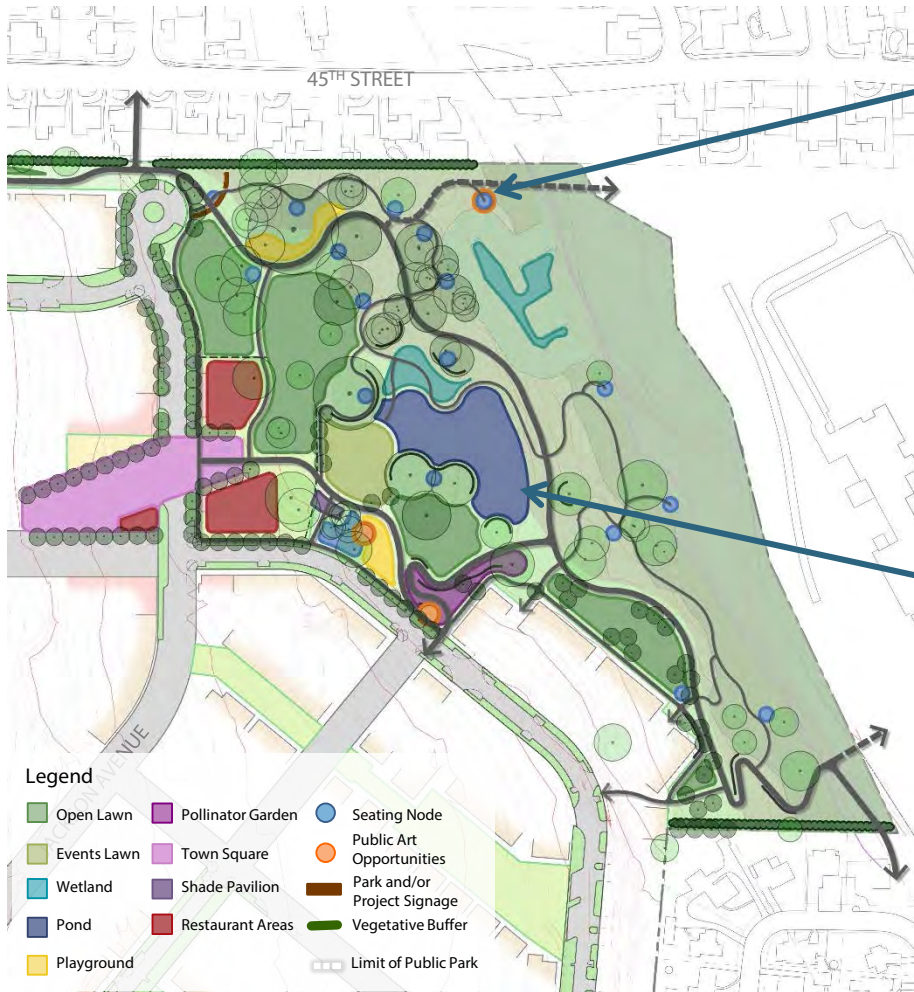


Seating Areas

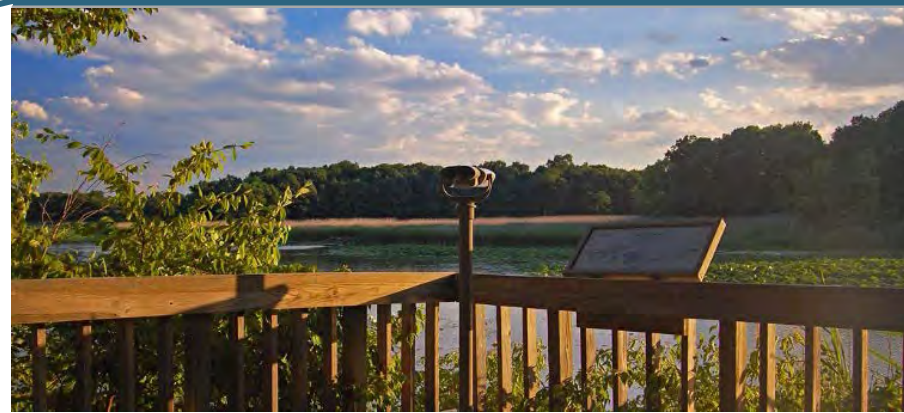


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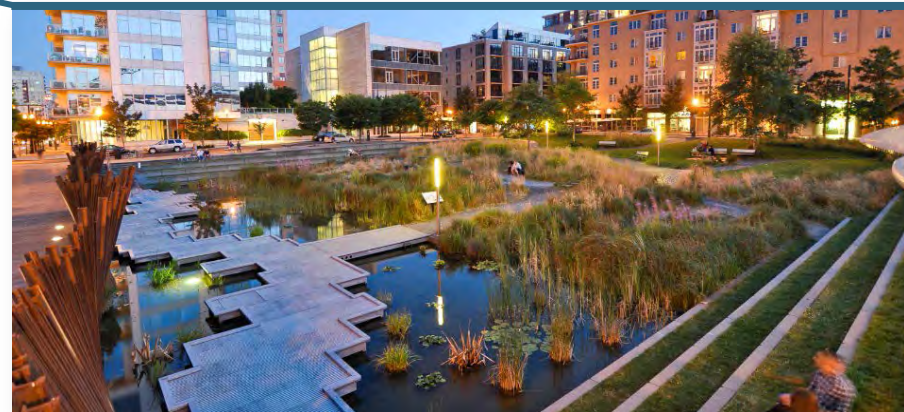
Signature Park Common Elements



Wetland Overlook



Wet Pond



Concept A

Signature Park Common Elements



Landscape Buffers



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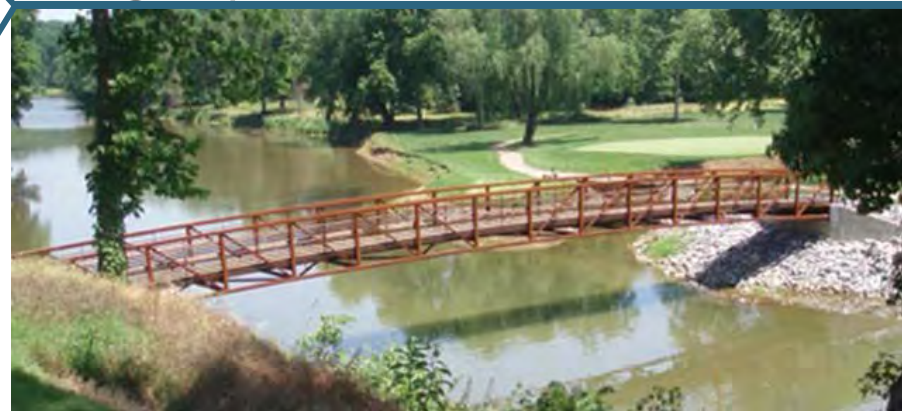
Signature Park Circulation



Shoal Creek Trail



Bridge Options



Concept A

Site Circulation



Large Loop ~ 3/4 miles

Concept A

Site Circulation



Accessible Loop ~ 1/2 mile

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Site Circulation



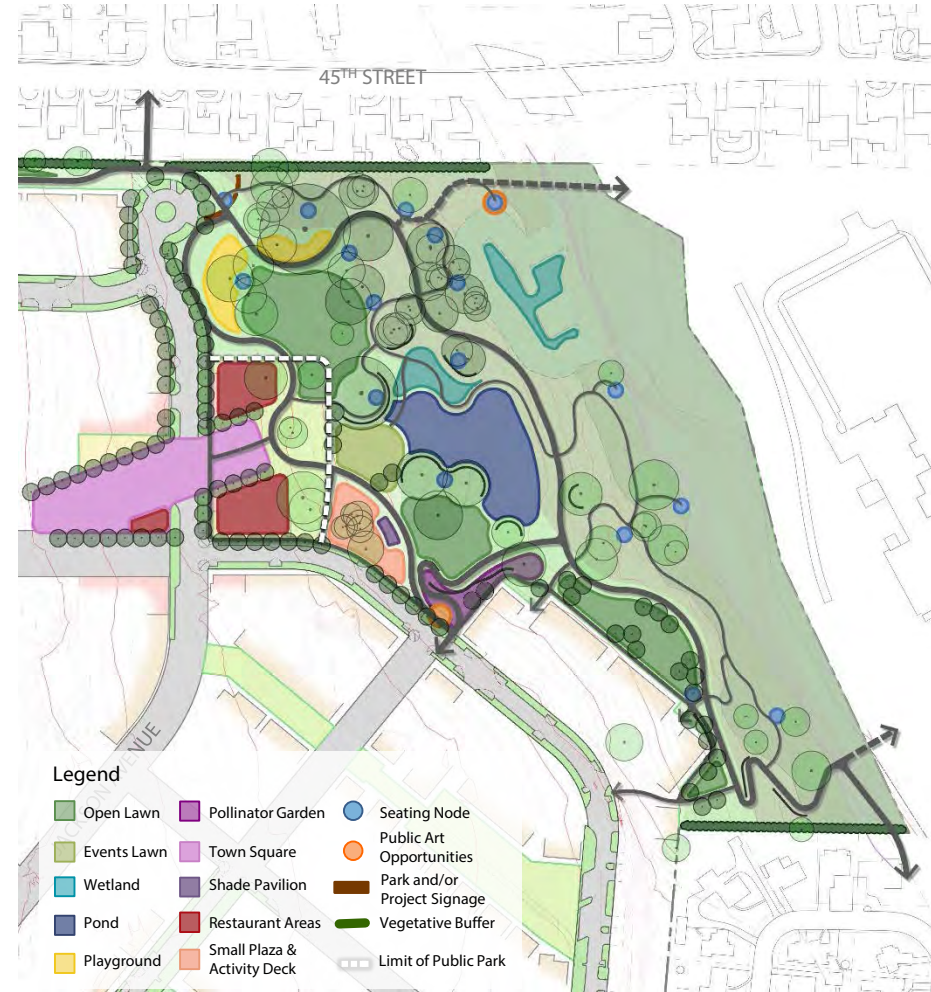
Overall Loop ~ 1 3/4 mile

Concept A

Signature Park



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Concept B

Signature Park



Open Lawns

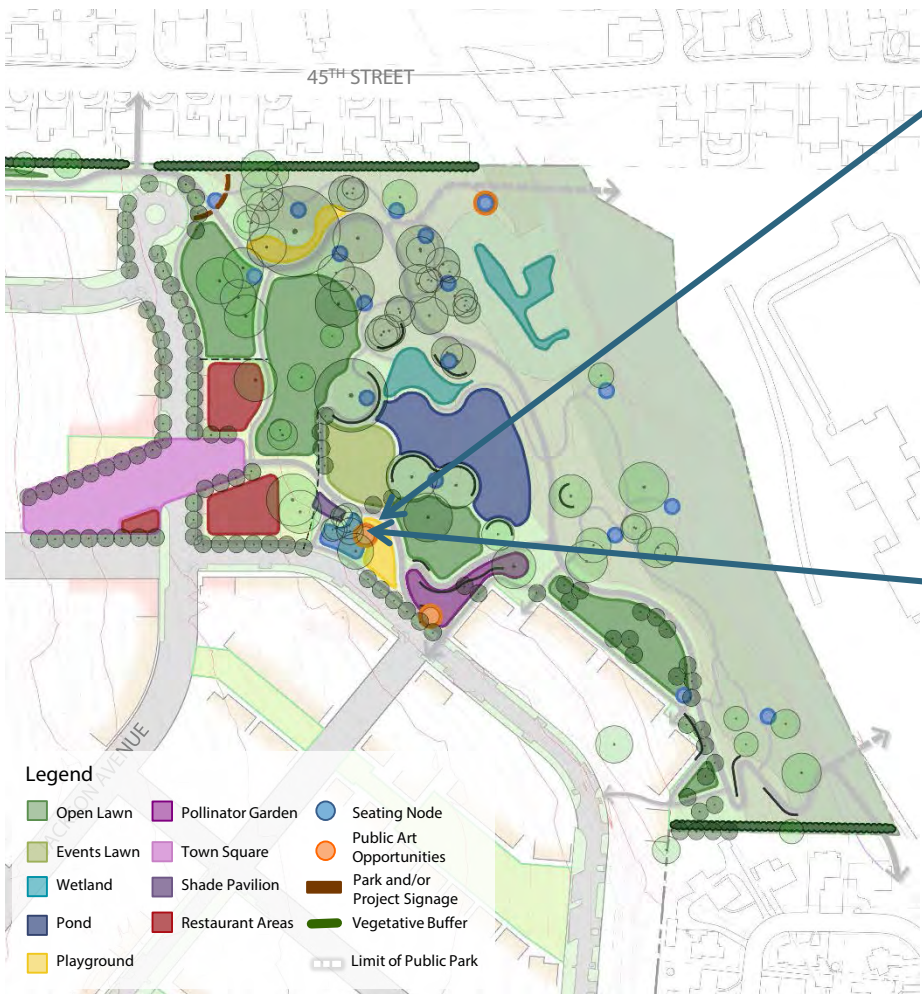


Event Lawn



Concept A

Signature Park



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Signature Playground



Overlook Feature



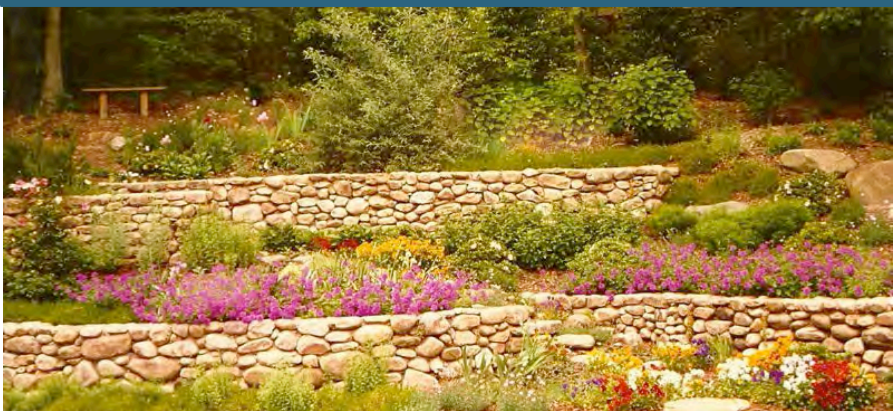
Signature Park



Community Deck



Pollinator/Terrace Garden



Concept A

Signature Park

Nature Play



Active Playground



Concept B

Signature Park

Open Lawn



Event Lawn



Concept B

Signature Park

Small Plaza & Activity Deck



Splash Pad



Concept B

Signature Park Vision Diagrams



Concept A



Concept B

Signature Park Vision Diagrams



Active



Passive



Natural

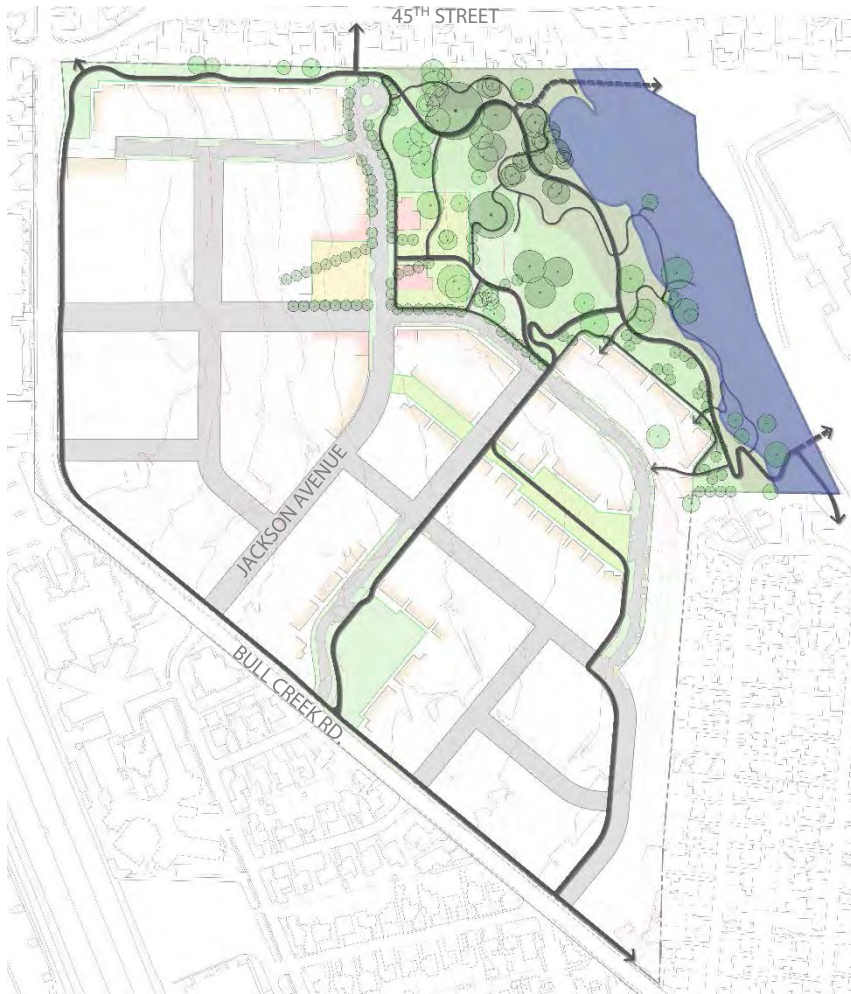


Concept A



Concept B


Dog Park Feasibility Study



Critical water quality zone, wetland CEF, CEF Buffer, and grow zone.

Dog Park Feasibility Study



 Land that drains to CEF buffer or wet pond

Dog Park Feasibility Study



Slopes greater than 10%





Dog Park Feasibility Study



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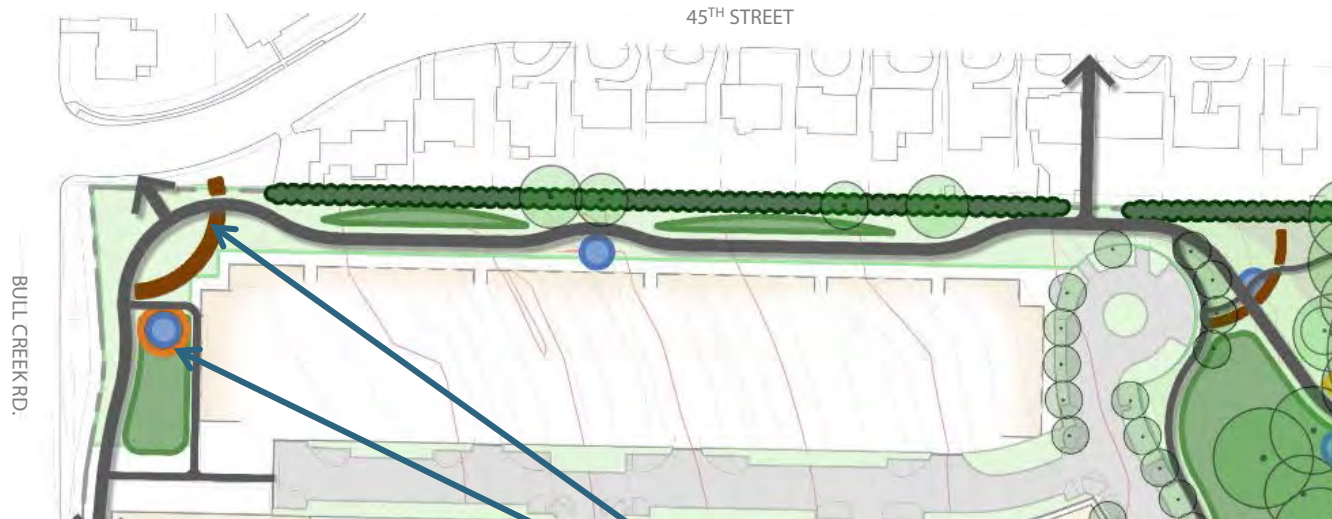
North Greenbelt Character



Key Amenities

- Trails
- Small lawns
- Seating areas
- Signage & identity

North Greenbelt

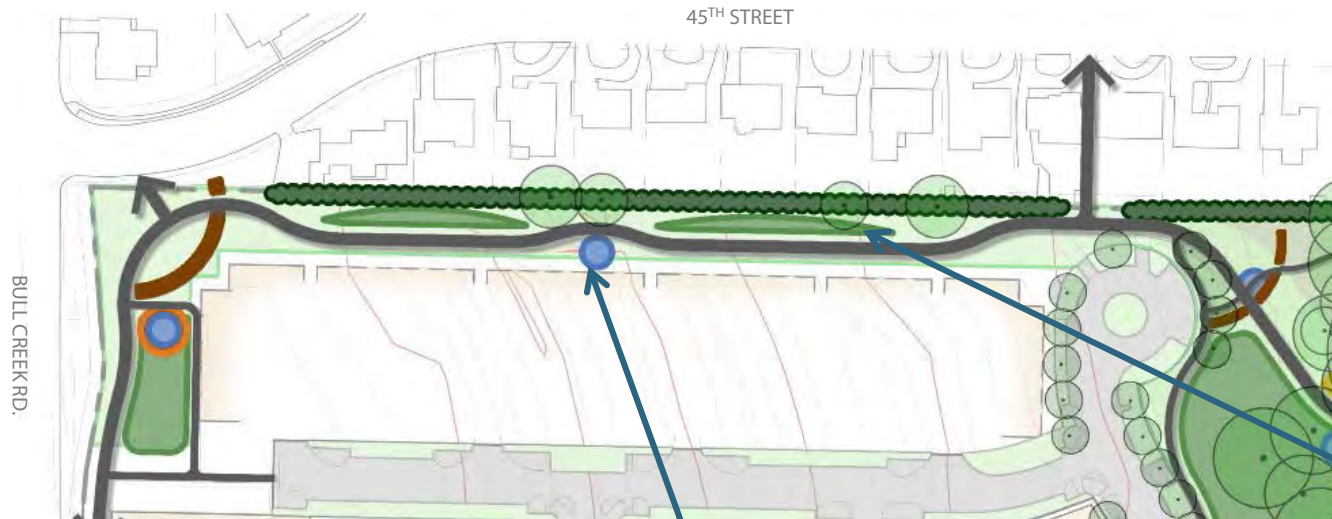


Corner Park

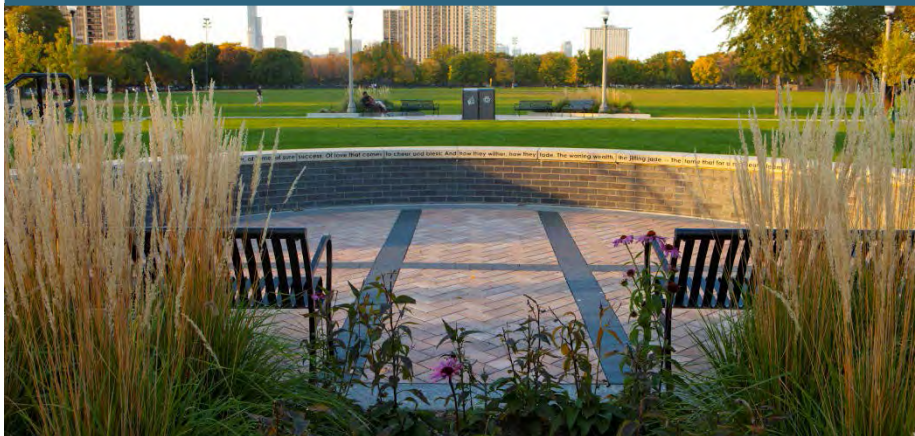
Signage



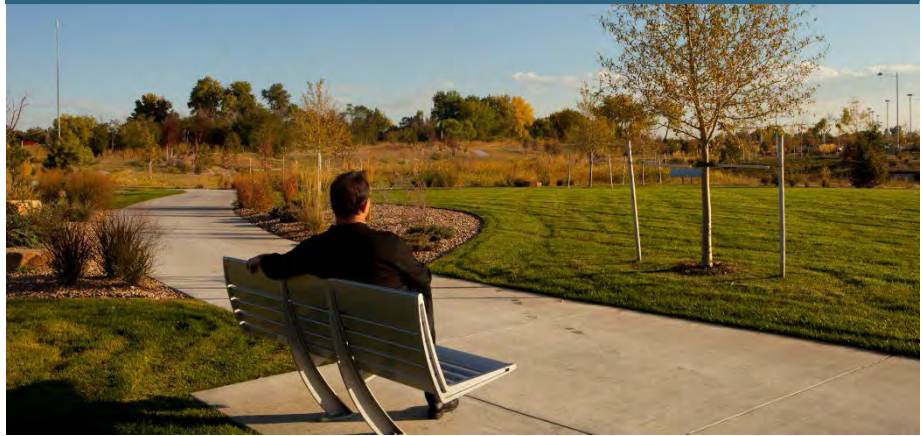
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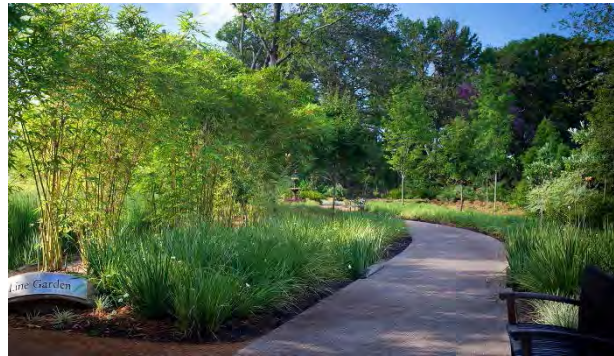
Seating Nodes



Small Lawns



Pocket Park Character



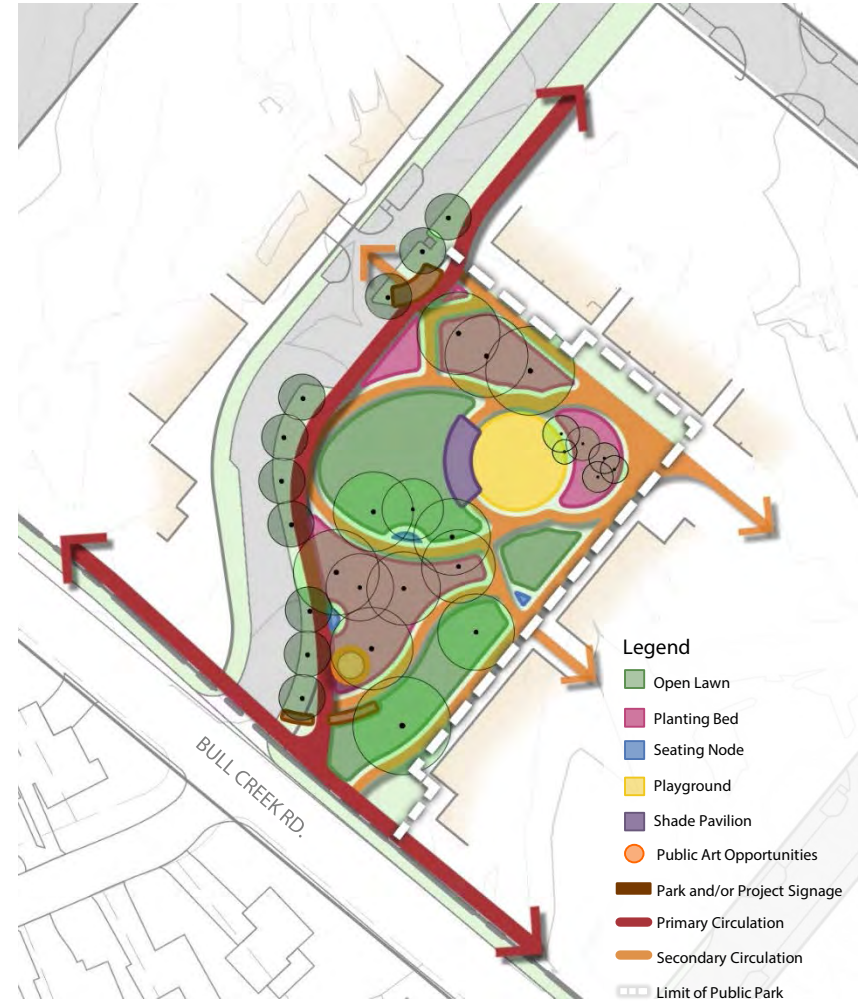
Key Amenities

- Open Lawn
- Shaded structure gardens
- Historic Marker
- Seating & Picnic
- Family Play Area
- Dog Stations

Pocket Park



Concept A



Concept B

Next Steps

- Public Meeting #3
 - Review results from Meeting #2
 - Update Goals, Program, and Vision Plan
 - Present and discuss preferred Master Plan
- Completion and approval of Master Plan anticipated this summer.

For more information, questions or to view this presentation again:

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