

Program Elements

1. Multicultural Gardens
2. Outdoor Classroom
3. Sprayground & Fountain
4. Outdoor Stage
5. Picnic and BBQ Area
6. Multipurpose Playfield
7. Walking Loop Trail
8. Viewing Berm / Public Art Space
9. Wetland Boardwalk

Park Identity

This park's identity is established through its unique use of materials and program elements. It's a whimsical place vibrant with color and life.



Public Safety

Public safety issues are addressed by the opening of view corridors along the northern and western borders of the site. Clearing away the existing invasives will not only help to keep eyes on the park's activity but will also improve native habitat.



The addition of low lighting along the perimeter of the walking loop will help to illuminate undesired night activity while reducing light pollution for adjacent neighbors.

Sustainability

Although there are only several native butterflies to the Pacific NW, the butterfly is a perfect indicator species for our site. The creation of healthy butterfly habitat will ultimately translate to healthy human habitat.



Gently tumbled bottles, jars, and windows create this renewed material suitable for use around pets or children. Recycled glass used in pathways instead of traditional gravel adds color to our park and enhances its vibrant identity.



Maintenance free artificial turf on the outdoor stage provides a year-round gathering area that will stand up to heavy use.

Multicultural Uses & Expressions

The main focus of this park is the multicultural garden. Each 'wing' of the butterfly is intended to represent a different culture's idea of the garden. Multicultural gardens illustrate geographic and botanical relationships that create a greater appreciation and awareness for the natural world. Perhaps, more importantly, the incorporation of the multicultural gardens provide an excellent opportunity for community participation.



On the meadow grass earthwork there is the opportunity for public art installations which can be used to showcase the communities artistic inclinations.



Environmental Learning

The addition of the wetland boardwalk provides an excellent opportunity for environmental learning. Interpretive signage combined with a large overlook, with enough seating for a class creates a true learning experience.



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