



## Park Identity

The dragonfly provided the core inspiration of this design. Its life cycle, habitat requirements, and the cultural significance synthesize well with the park restoration and community needs.

## Public Safety

The dragonfly's habitat requirements of low plants and grasses with limbed-up trees fit well with the CPTED safety requirements for visual access. Increasing site lines into the park creates a safer atmosphere. A well used park is less likely to be misused and vandalized. Much of the park is designed with ADA accessibility in mind.

## Sustainability

This design increases the quality of the water and habitat in wetland areas through the choice of plants, soil care, and permeable surfaces. Stormwater processes will be managed through rain gardens and swales.

## Multicultural Uses & Expressions

To some cultures the dragonfly triggers memories of watery rice fields, for others it symbolizes rebirth, new life, and joy. The International Arboretum is a celebration of the diverse cultures and the new life they have found within the White Center Community. Plant choices reflect the local and international communities within White Center.

## Environmental Learning

Flexible spaces, such as the covered Wetland Pavilion, serve as outdoor classrooms. Environmental learning stations will be dotted throughout the wetland corridor to encourage lifelong learning through exploration. Adopt-a-Species Programs are an ideal fit for kids to help restore frogs, salamanders, and other important species to the wetland area.

## Community Involvement

Within this park there are opportunities for the neighborhood to come together to make this park a healthier place. The schools and clubs can adopt sections of the wetland areas to restore and learn. An ADA accessible garden can provide the opportunity for horticultural therapy, garden club displays, and urban agriculture, among many other activities that encourage community interaction and involvement.



## Program Elements

NW Corner Entrance

Dragonfly Entrance  
Water Trumpets  
Rain Gardens

Explorer Playground

Main Gathering Space  
Steve Cox Memorial Pavilion  
Community Gardens

Arboretum Entrance:  
International Arboretum  
Planting Buffer  
Boardwalks

Multi-Use Open Play Field  
Permeable Paving  
Planting Buffer

Lower Wetland  
Viewing Pavilion  
Overlooks  
Wetland Laboratory  
Boardwalks  
Restored Wetlands

Neighborhood Connections