

Program Elements

- 1. Celebrated Entry Plaza
- 2. Supplementary Entrance Plaza
- 3. Boardwalk w/ Rain Arbor
- 4. Primary Gathering Plaza
- 5. Outdoor Classroom
- 6. Rain Garden & Swale
- 7. Picnic & Art Display Area
- 8. Community Garden
- 9. Lookout Mound
- 10. BBQ Hut Area
- 11. 'Top of the World' Rope Course Playground
- 12. Introspective Tree Grove
- 13. Wetland Observation Trail
- 14. Wetland Boardwalk

Park Identity

A successful open space requires an identity to make it special. The goal of this design is to create multiple spaces, shaped by topography and vegetation, that offer varying and unique experiences. The common link between each space is joined by interactive art, plantings, and structures that reveal and celebrate the natural processes around us.

Public Safety

Public Safety is fostered through the activation of the park. Providing new programming will reactivate a under used space and regenerate interest. In addition, several well marked and easily visible entrances to the park will be created for ease of access and increased usage. Thick vegetation along northern and western borders will be appropriately cleared to increase visibility into and out of the park.

Sustainability

Construction will focus material selection on using local, eco-friendly materials that are both good for the environment and long lasting. Vegetation will be mitigated by removing invasives and restructuring the plantings to more resemble a native wetland and forested ecosystem.

Multicultural Uses & Expressions

To celebrate the diverse cultures embedded within the White Center community, this design incorporates the artistic representations of trees with the completion of each design feature. The colorful and unique 'art tree' responds to the natural processes of light and water and becomes an anchoring element to the parks identity

Environmental Learning

Access to the wetland is critical to educate the public about the benefits of wetlands and open space in our urban areas. A trail with interpretive singage and lookout points brings the community closer to the natural world and its processes. An outdoor classroom for White Center schools and programs to use brings the formality of learning to the organics of the natural world. As a staging point, lesson plans can begin, instnction formulate, and excursions to the parks natural elements commence!

Community Involvement

To encourage heightened community usage, several unique gathering spaces are incorporated into the design. A community garden and art display area is also included to foster a sense of ownership and pride within community members.



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