

Program Elements

- community festival space
- playground
- spray-ground/water jets
- community garden with
- storm water collection
- wetland restoration
- wetland trails
- education
- open field
- picnic and bbq spaces
- green roof entry
- active rain water
- handicapped parking and access
- improved neighborhood
- access
- nature trail
- wetland viewing spaces

Park Identity

The framework of this park serves as a canvas for the community to express their true identity. The various spaces allow cross-culture intermixing of ideas and thoughts through the use of the details. Such details include paving surfaces, walls, decorative art spaces that can be personalized by the community allowing them to fully explore the true identity of their park. Historically all cultures have ties to the process agriculture. The community garden serves as a space for people of all cultures and ages to collectively explore these historical roots.

Public Safety

This park is meant to be visually accessed from all angles. The border to the West is opened up allowing motorist and pedestrians the view to within. The Eastern edge of the park remains open allowing the local residents, who can serve as informal “guardians”, the view to the activities taking place within. Getting the White Center residents involved with the entire process as well as post construction customization will instill a sense of stewardship over the park insuring the space remains a safe haven for all. The various activities that take place within the park such as the interactive green roof and the community garden will draw users to the park during all seasons and weather conditions. This will dramatically cut down on the undesired uses of the space.

Sustainability

Restoring the wetland areas and pond habitat will be done by replacing the overgrown invasive species with natives. The green roof uses current technology to filter rainwater as it enters the site. The ecological processes that take place within the wetland can be closely observed by the residents instilling a sense of stewardship over the space. The materials used on the site are recycled and re-salvaged whenever possible.

Multicultural Uses & Expressions

This park contains spaces of various sizes. Larger areas are capable of hosting festivals and gatherings while the smaller spaces can be used for more intimate occasions such as family outings and personal retreats. Elements such as the spray ground and community garden are universal attractions to people of all cultures and ages. Not secluding cultural uses allows for an intermixing which is becoming increasingly important in today's globalizing world. Various details of the park are created to express the diverse cultural background of the people. These elements include paving surfaces, walls, lampposts, park benches and tables.

Environmental Learning

Every aspect of this park is designed to offer educational opportunities. The green roof and interactive rain garden reveal the ecological process of storm water management. The community garden demonstrates the usefulness of collecting and re-using rain water. The swale and wetland outlooks allow for an in-depth understanding of the critical process that take place throughout this site. The boardwalk allows for visual as well as physical connection into these processes instilling understanding that leads to respect of urban nature.

Community Involvement

There are various ways that the community can get involved with the park. Local students can display their creations such as bird houses and art tiles within the park. Restoration projects can work at minimizing invasive species as well as planting native species. Many of the individual details are left open for the community to develop as the park evolves.



park master plan