



## PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

### DRAFT Potential Park Improvements

**June 2016**

**PURPOSE:**

The following pages illustrate ideas for potential recreation improvements at several park sites in Forest Grove. Some of these ideas were discussed at the Community Workshop held on June 8, 2016. Comments on these draft site concepts (from residents, City staff, and City leaders including members of the Citizen Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission) will be used to refine recommendations and identify community funding priorities.

These illustrations do not include all recommendations for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. If you have questions, please contact Tom Gamble [tgamble@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:tgamble@forestgrove-or.gov).

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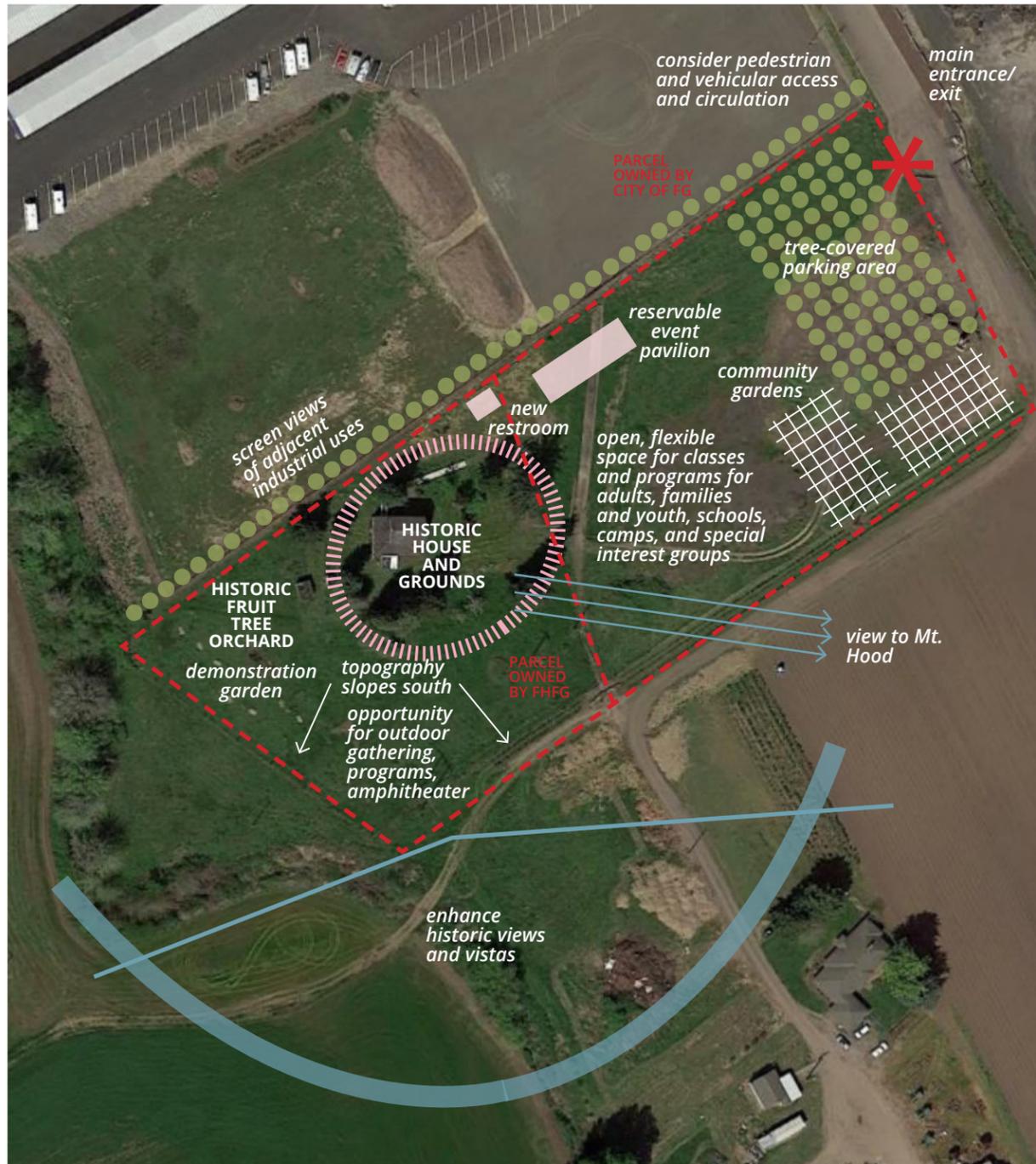


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# A.T. SMITH PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### SIZE

5.4 acres  
 (3.2 owned by the City of Forest Grove)  
 (2.2 owned by the Friends of Historic Forest Grove (FHFG))

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The A.T. Smith House and its surrounding landscape are located at the southern end of Forest Grove in the Carnation neighborhood. Bordered by industrial businesses to the north and agricultural land to the east, west, and south, this property contains a two-story, Greek Revival-style house that was built in 1854. The A.T. Smith House is the second oldest building in Forest Grove and in 1974 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The house and the 2.2 acres that surround it are owned by the Friends of Historic Grove, while the adjacent 3.2 acres of land is owned by the City of Forest Grove.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

### SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS

- Restroom facilities
- Parking
- Picnic areas

### COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS

- Access improvements for parking, pedestrian and bicycles
- Coordination with School District and University on park use for educational opportunities
- Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
- Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
- Increased recreation programming (summer camps, after-school, community events, concerts, and movies in the park)
- Revenue generating opportunities through facility rentals and programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The A.T. Smith Historic Park has the potential to be an historic oasis that connects visitors to this site's past. With a variety of possible attractions such as an historic home, heritage orchards, community gardens, outdoor gathering spaces, a natural play area, an open-air shelter, and supporting outbuildings and furnishings, this park could provide local and visiting guests with a place to learn, play, grow, work, and celebrate.

### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- House Museum/Education Center
- Community Gathering Space
- Large Event Pavilion
- Fruit Tree Orchard
- Community Gardens
- Heritage Demonstration Gardens
- Amphitheater

### PROGRAMS

- Museum and Park Tours
- Special Events
- Facility Rentals
- Environmental Education
- Historic Education and Interpretation
- Historical Re-enactments
- Pioneer Days
- Native American History Program
- Craft Programs and Demonstrations
- Outdoor Skills Program

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- The Friends of Historic Forest Grove in partnership with the City of Forest Grove
- Pacific University
- Forest Grove School District
- Theater in the Grove
- Forest Grove Community Garden Org.
- Restore Oregon
- University of Oregon Historic Preservation Field School
- Dairy Creek Food Web
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Keith Kinsman Foundation
- Local Wineries
- Volunteers

## REVENUE GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES

- Facility Rentals
- Weddings and Other Outdoor Event Rentals
- Museum and Park Tours
- Camp Programs
- Education Programs
- Community Gardens
- Farm Market

# BARD PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



✖ ENTRANCE/EXIT   
  STRUCTURE/FEATURE   
  PLAY AREA OPPORTUNITY   
 - - - - (E) PAVED PATH

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
2.8 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Bard Park is small neighborhood park located on the west side of Kingwood Street between 22nd Avenue and 22nd Place, a cul-de-sac that dead-ends at the park's northwest corner. Surrounded by a mix of single- and multi-family residences, this park's main entry is near the play area but it can be accessed from all four of its sides. There is one, short stretch of sidewalk adjacent to the play area on 22nd Avenue and on-street parking is allowed on all three streets surrounding the park.

Bard Park is characterized by a central open green lawn and clusters of existing trees. There are also two full size basketball courts, a basketball wall, a paved loop trail, a large play area, benches, barbecues, picnic tables, and a picnic shelter at the southern end.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

### SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS

- Play structures for younger children
- Play elements that are simple and safe

### COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS

- Water play
- Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
- Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities (game tables, group seating, etc)
- Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
- Increased recreation programming (summer camps, after-school, health and fitness, community events, concerts, and movies in the park)
- Revenue generating opportunities through facility rentals and programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Bard Park functions as a backyard to the multi-family housing that borders its west side and as a central gathering space for the single-family homes that surround its other sides. The park can be busy on weekends, the basketball courts and the basketball wall are very popular, and the play area gets a lot of use. The picnic shelter supports a Summer Meal Program sponsored by the School District.

The design approach builds on the park's success to make it even more comfortable, playful, and versatile than it already is. By adding a permanent restroom, natural play elements, natural planting areas, and small court games, as well as programming the space to accommodate a variety of everyday activities and special events, Bard Park could be an even more vibrant and diverse park for its local community.

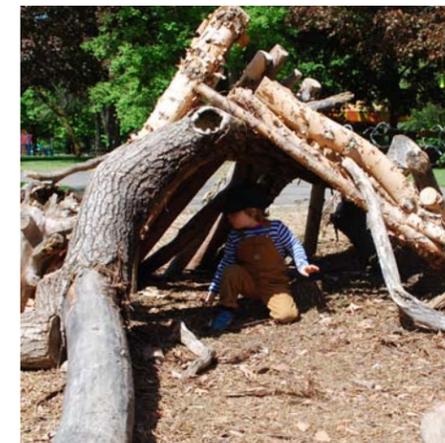
### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Permanent Restroom
- Community Table (for gathering, meeting, resting, talking, playing, eating)
- Picnic Tables/Barbecues
- Park Games/Small Court Sports (bocce, ping pong, badminton, horseshoes, volleyball)
- Natural Play Features
- Teen Play Features (climbing wall, small court sports, picnic shelter, parkour equipment, "hang out" spaces)

### PROGRAMS

- Summer Meal Program
- Summer Camps
- Health and Wellness Classes (park yoga, walking clubs, boot camp, stretching classes)
- Pop-Up Play (outdoor games, mobile playground van, loose parts to build with, hopscotch/sidewalk chalk games)
- Small Recurring Events (small concerts, dances, movies in the park, performance art)
- Everyday Events (outdoor reading room, game tables, horseshoes, bocce, ping pong)

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Forest Grove School District
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Health and Wellness Organizations
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Volunteers

# B STREET TRAIL + TRAILHEAD

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
2.5 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
The B Street Trail—which runs for approximately 3/4 of a mile between 16th Avenue and Route 47—is a 10-foot wide, asphalt path that crosses Gales Creek via a bridge and abuts a Metro-owned natural area. The trail is part of the city's Emerald Necklace, a series of trails that will eventually connect the west side of Forest Grove.

The B Street Trailhead is located off of 16th Avenue between Main Street and A Street and is comprised of a gravel entry road, a bicycle parking area, a sign that indicates the start of the trail, a 25-car gravel parking lot with one paved accessible stall, and a circular concrete seatwall surrounding a gravel area that contains three picnic tables.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

### SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS

- Landscaping improvements
- Restroom facilities
- Safety improvements
- Access improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles

### COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS

- More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The B Street Trail is a well-traveled, well-loved pathway that provides an important recreational connection between the south end of downtown and the regional multi-use trail. While the trail is popular, there are some opportunities to enhance what currently exists on this site.

Interpretive signs that highlight the surrounding natural areas would be a nice addition to the Trailhead plaza. In addition to providing information, these panels would help visitors develop a better understanding of the features and stories of Forest Grove's natural environment. Interpretive signs would also augment the access point to Gales Creek, which is directly north of the bridge.

There is also an opportunity for a boardwalk and viewing platform that overlooks the water's edge, as well as some natural play features under the trees and along the banks of the creek. These amenities would encourage visitors to experience the wooded, creekside area in a way that complements the environment and fosters an appreciation for Forest Grove's natural habitat.

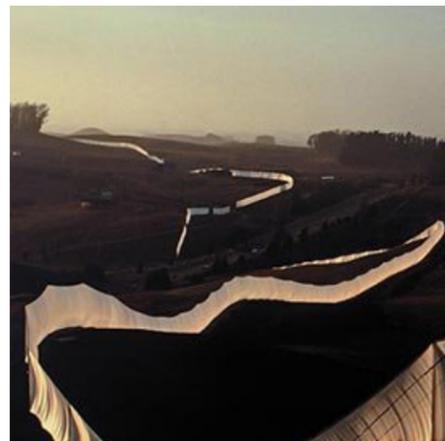
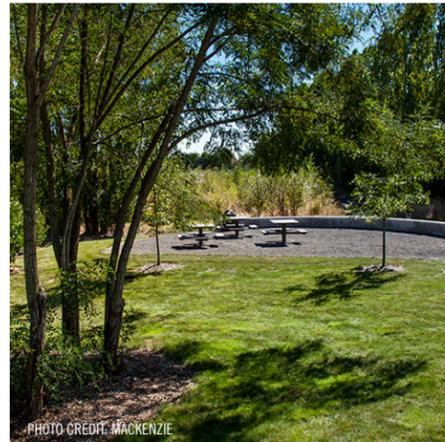
### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Interpretive Signage at Trailhead Plaza
- Interpretive Signage at Gales Creek
- Boardwalk and Overlook along Gales Creek
- Natural Play Features at Gales Creek
- Connection to Multi-Use Trail
- Temporary Art Installations

### PROGRAMS

- Environmental Education and Interpretation
- Outdoor Skills Program
- Summer Biking Adventure Camp
- Rotating Art Installation Program

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Metro
- Clean Water Services
- Forest Grove School District
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Environmental Education Groups
- Art Organizations
- Adopt-A-Park Program

# FOREST GLEN PARK, TRAIL, + OPEN SPACE

## SITE ANALYSIS



- ENTRANCE/EXIT
- (E) MULTI-USE TRAIL
- (PR) MULTI-USE TRAIL
- (E) PAVED PATH
- PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITY
- TREES/PLANTINGS

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
51.3 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Forest Glen Park is a large park comprised of three main areas: an upper park, a lower park, and a large section of open space and trail.

The Upper Park is located on the residential corner of Circle Crest Way and Forest Gale Drive. It contains an open lawn area, a small tot lot, and a split rail fence that overlooks a drainage ravine. The Lower Park is located along Gales Creek Road and is a circular bowl surrounded by steep sloping sides. Local neighbors use the intermittent trail that links the upper park to the lower one, but the informal path is not suitable for all ages and abilities.

The park contains an open, grassy space with two basketball courts, a ball wall, a ballfield backstop, a small wetland area in the center, a barbecue, and a paved path loop around the entire site that connects to the open space and adjacent neighborhoods, and provides expansive views to the surrounding agricultural fields. In the winter, this lower park acts as the primary sledding hill for the entire community. The Open Space portion is a large swath of forested land that runs along the southern and western edge of the City limits and connects the park to the adjacent residential areas and other future trails.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**
- Park provides ballfield access in underserved area
  - Park lacks rectangular sports fields

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
  - Non-reservable community gathering spaces
  - More multi-use trails
  - Enhanced play areas and play structures

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

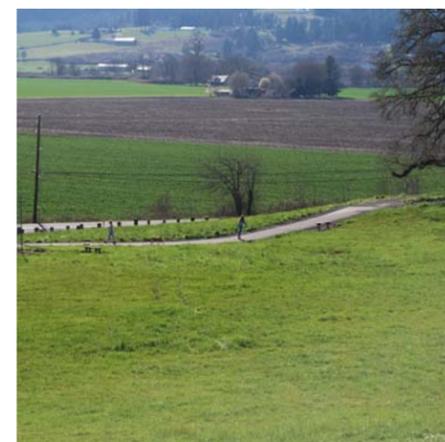
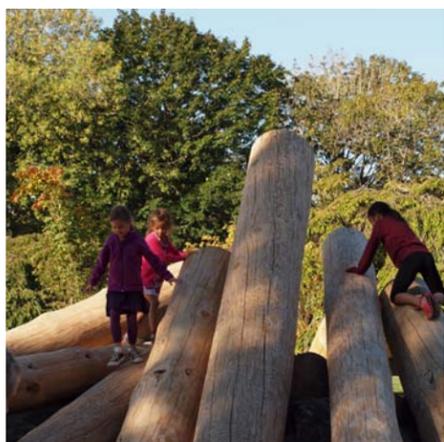
**UPPER PARK**  
The location of the upper park provides the surrounding neighborhood with a tranquil spot to gather and play. By adding in a wider variety of play features—including natural play elements—and picnic tables and seating for relaxing, this park could be more dynamic and engaging.

**LOWER PARK**  
Because of its unique topography and siting, there is a range of possible features that could work the lower bowl, including an amphitheater/stage for outdoor community events and an active site for rectangular-field sports and outdoor games. However, the small central wetland, the lack of good parking opportunities, and the desire to maintain the park's openness for winter sledding makes these designs less feasible. For these reasons, this approach includes maintaining the basketball courts, ball wall, and barbecue and adding picnic tables, seating/viewing options, a set of stairs for staircase workouts, a series of slides that capitalize on the site's terrain natural plantings, and some custom play features that embrace and take advantage of the site's topography.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Natural Play Features
  - Seatwalls/Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Play Features
  - Staircase for Stair-Climbing Workouts
  - Slides along Steep Terrain
  - Natural Plantings

- PROGRAMS**
- Health and Wellness Classes
  - Pop-Up Play
  - Small Recurring Events
  - Outdoor Skills
  - Environmental Education and Interpretation

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Health and Wellness Organizations
- Biking/Hiking Organizations
- Environmental Education Groups
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Volunteers

# HAZEL SILLS PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
0.5 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Hazel Sills Park is a very small neighborhood park located along the heavily-trafficked Willamina Avenue. It can also be accessed via a pathway on the north side that connects Bonnie Lane to Primrose Lane. It is surrounded by residences on three sides and is located within a 1/4 mile radius of Forest Grove High School.

The park is characterized by open green lawn space, a cluster of existing trees, and a small area with playground equipment.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Access improvements for pedestrians and bicycles
  - Water play
  - Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities (game tables, group seating, etc)
  - Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
  - Increased recreation programming (health and fitness, community events, concerts, and movies in the park)

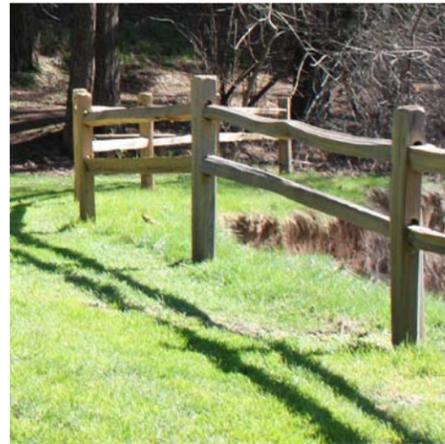
## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The proposed design approach for Hazel Sills Park includes enhancing the park's curb appeal, screening it from its adjacent residential neighbors, expanding its play value, adding a sidewalk and split rail fence on the park's south side, and incorporating amenities such as seating options, picnic tables, open lawn space, a loop path, a free library, and open-ended play opportunities.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Sidewalk along Willamina Avenue
  - Fence/Entry Points along Willamina Avenue
  - Seatwalls/Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Paved Path
  - Natural Play Features
  - Sand and Water Play
  - Loose Parts (materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways)
  - Free Library (glass-fronted boxes full of free books and a sign saying "take a book, leave a book")
  - Natural Plantings/Screening

- PROGRAMS**
- Health and Wellness Classes (park yoga, walking clubs, boot camp, stretching classes)
  - Pop-Up Play (outdoor games, loose parts to build with, hopscotch)
  - Small Recurring Events (small concerts, dances, movies in the park, play or performance art)
  - Everyday Events (outdoor reading room)

### DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

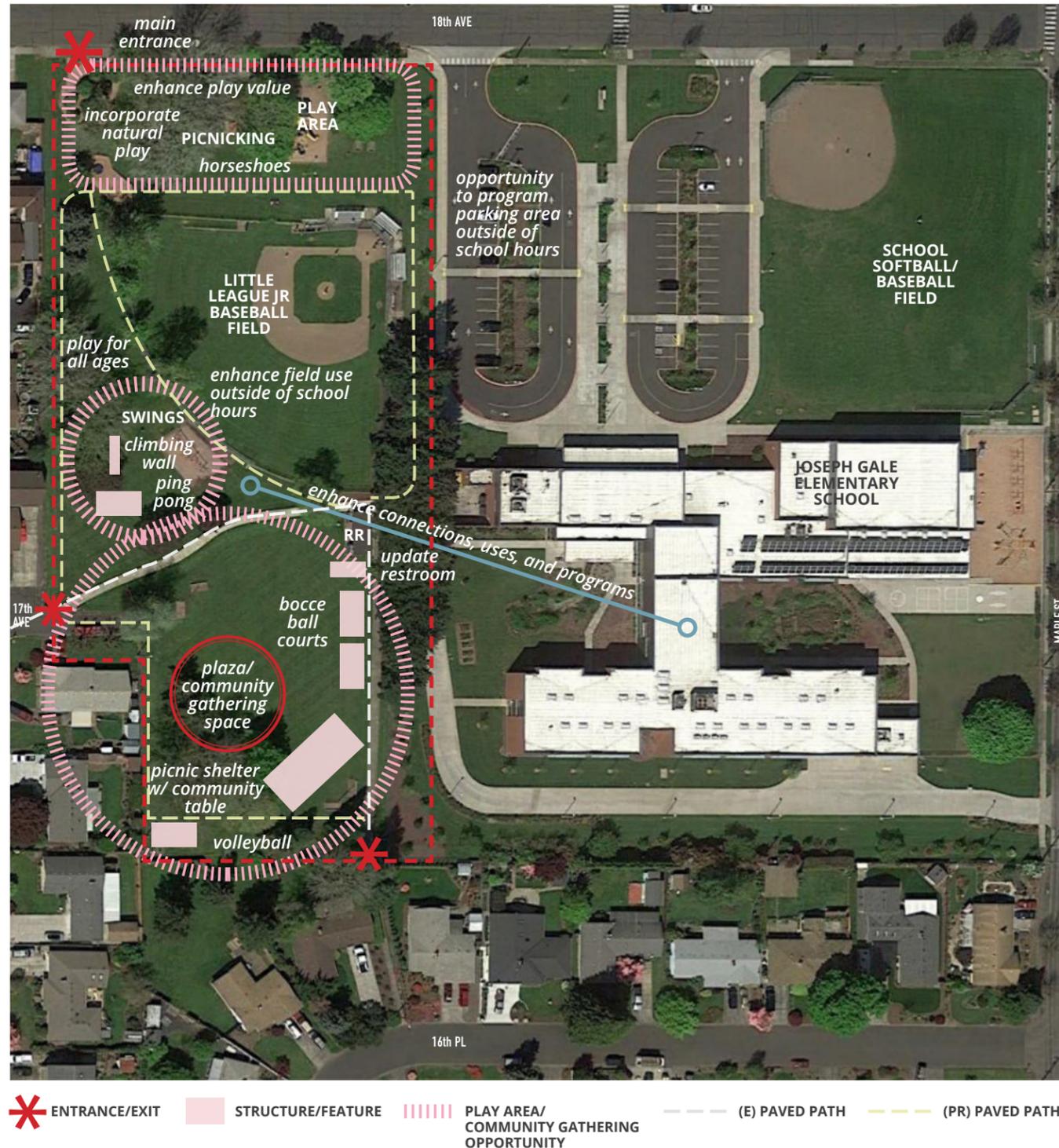


### POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Volunteers

# JOSEPH GALE PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
3.8 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Joseph Gale Park is small neighborhood park adjacent to the Joseph Gale Elementary School and located between Kingwood Street and Maple Street and between 18th Avenue and 16th Place. The park is surrounded by residences on two sides and can be accessed from the north edge, from the dead end street to the west, from a small path between two houses to the south, and from the school grounds.

The park is characterized by open green lawn areas and clusters of existing trees and contains a small area with playground equipment, a swing set, restrooms, picnic tables, and a barbecue. There is also a Junior Baseball Field and two T-Ball stops that are used very frequently between April and mid-June.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

**SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**

- The site provides access to recreation facilities in east Forest Grove where few parks exist

**COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**

- Enhanced play area
- More small group/family activity areas for conversations and gathering (game tables, outdoor ping pong, grouped seating areas)
- Improved sports fields and support facilities
- Improved maintenance of sports fields
- Improved coordination/scheduling with School District for sports fields use
- Improved coordination with School District for park use related to education and recreation
- Increased/more diverse recreation programming (summer camps, after school programs, health and fitness programs, community events, concerts, and movies in the park)
- More revenue generating opportunities

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Joseph Gale Park has the potential to be a vibrant, vital social space for both the school community and the surrounding residential neighborhood. A combination of ballfields; large open areas for gathering, games, and outdoor learning; and small, intimate areas for play and relaxation, would facilitate a wide variety of everyday activities, as well as special events.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Plaza/Community Gathering Space
  - Picnic Shelter/Outdoor Classroom (for gathering, meeting, resting, talking, playing, eating, teaching, learning)
  - Picnic Tables
  - Park Games/Courts (horseshoes, bocce, volleyball, ping pong)
  - Natural Play Area (integrated into existing play area)
  - Climbing Wall
  - Paved Path

- PROGRAMS**
- Health and Wellness Classes (park yoga, walking clubs, boot camp, stretching classes)
  - Summer Camps
  - Pop-Up Play (outdoor games, mobile playground van, loose parts to build with, hopscotch)
  - Small Recurring Events (small concerts, dances, movies in the park, play or performance art)
  - Everyday Events (outdoor reading room, game tables, giant chess board, bocce, ping pong)

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

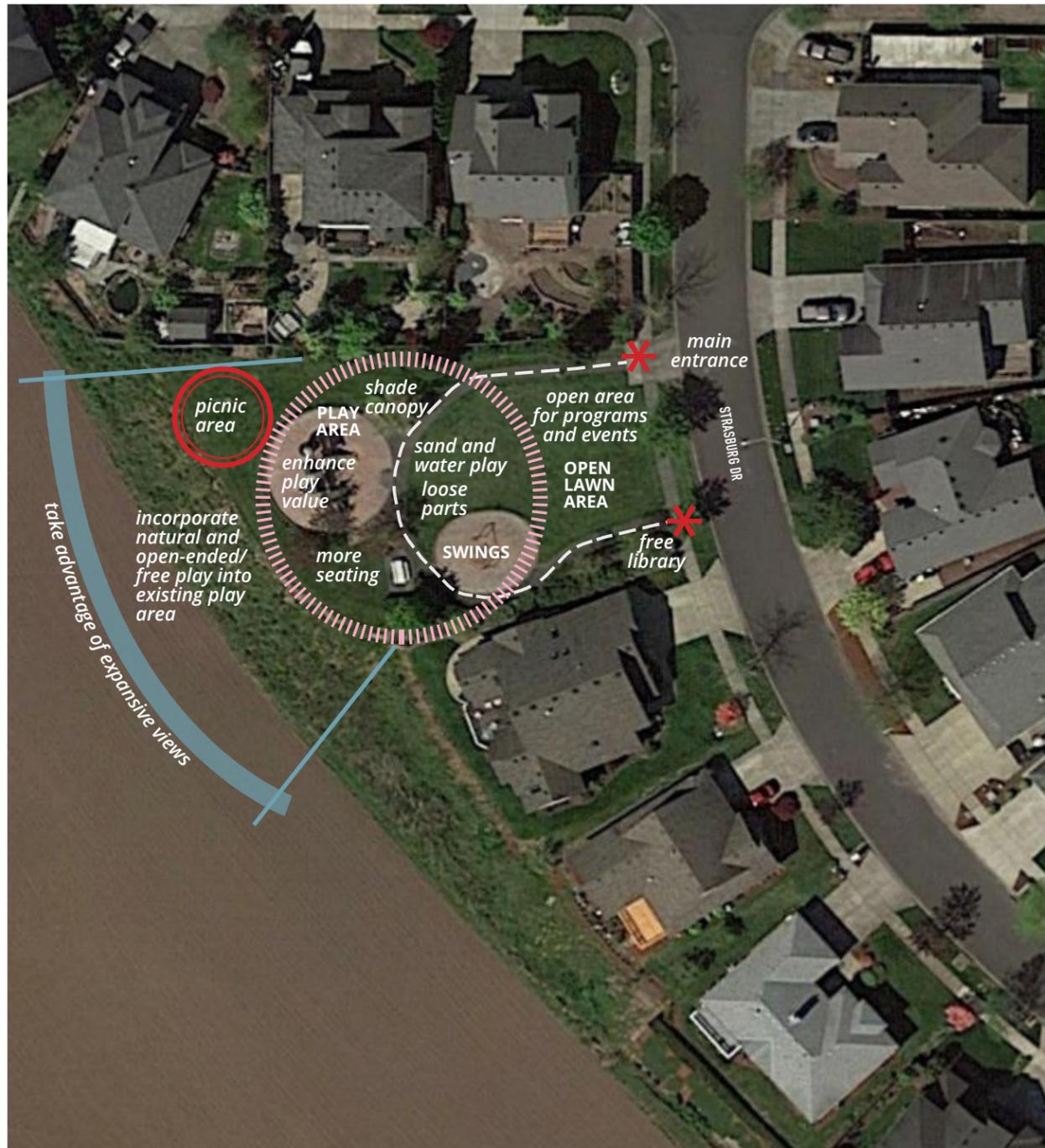
- There is an opportunity for the School District to team with the YMCA and the City to provide after school and recreation programming in the vacant second floor of the school building
- The School District could also partner with the local Little League organization to program the ballfields after school hours and on weekends
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Volunteers

## REVENUE GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES

- Picnic Shelter Rentals
- School Rentals for Educational Opportunities
- Recreation Program Fees
- Sports Field Use Fees
- Farmer's Market
- Food Carts

# KNOX RIDGE PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
0.4 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Knox Ridge Park is a small neighborhood park on in west Forest Grove. The park is surrounded by single-family residences and has an expansive view to agricultural land to the west. The park's main access point is from the sidewalk at Strasburg Drive, where on-street parking is available for those arriving in vehicles.

The park is characterized by a lawn area, perimeter plantings, a paved path, and a tot lot and swing set. Benches and one picnic table are provided at the west end of the park with views to the Coast Range.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Water play
  - Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities
  - Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
  - Increased recreation programming (after-school, health and fitness, community events, movies in the park)

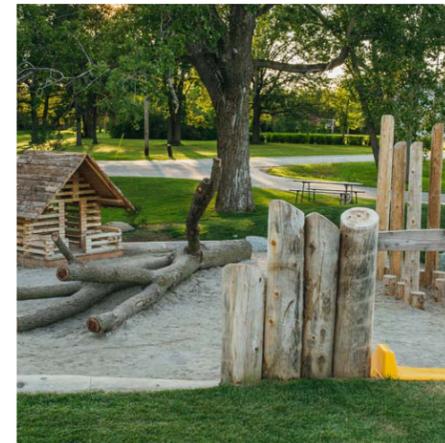
## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Knox Ridge Park provides the surrounding neighborhood with a place for young children to play and for people to sit and take in the pastoral views. Even though this pocket park is small, it can still offer residents a unique experience. The design approach for this site includes a diverse plant palette, natural play features, loose parts, a free library, and comfortable places to relax and watch the sunset.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Seatwalls/Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Shade Canopy
  - Natural Play Area w/ sand and water play and loose parts (materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways)
  - Free Library (glass-fronted boxes full of free books and a sign saying "take a book, leave a book")
  - Natural Plantings

- PROGRAMS**
- Health and Wellness Classes (park yoga, walking clubs, boot camp, stretching classes)
  - Pop-Up Play (outdoor games, mobile playground van, loose parts to build with, hopscotch)
  - Small Recurring Events (small concerts, dances, movies in the park, play or performance art)
  - Everyday Events (outdoor reading room)

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

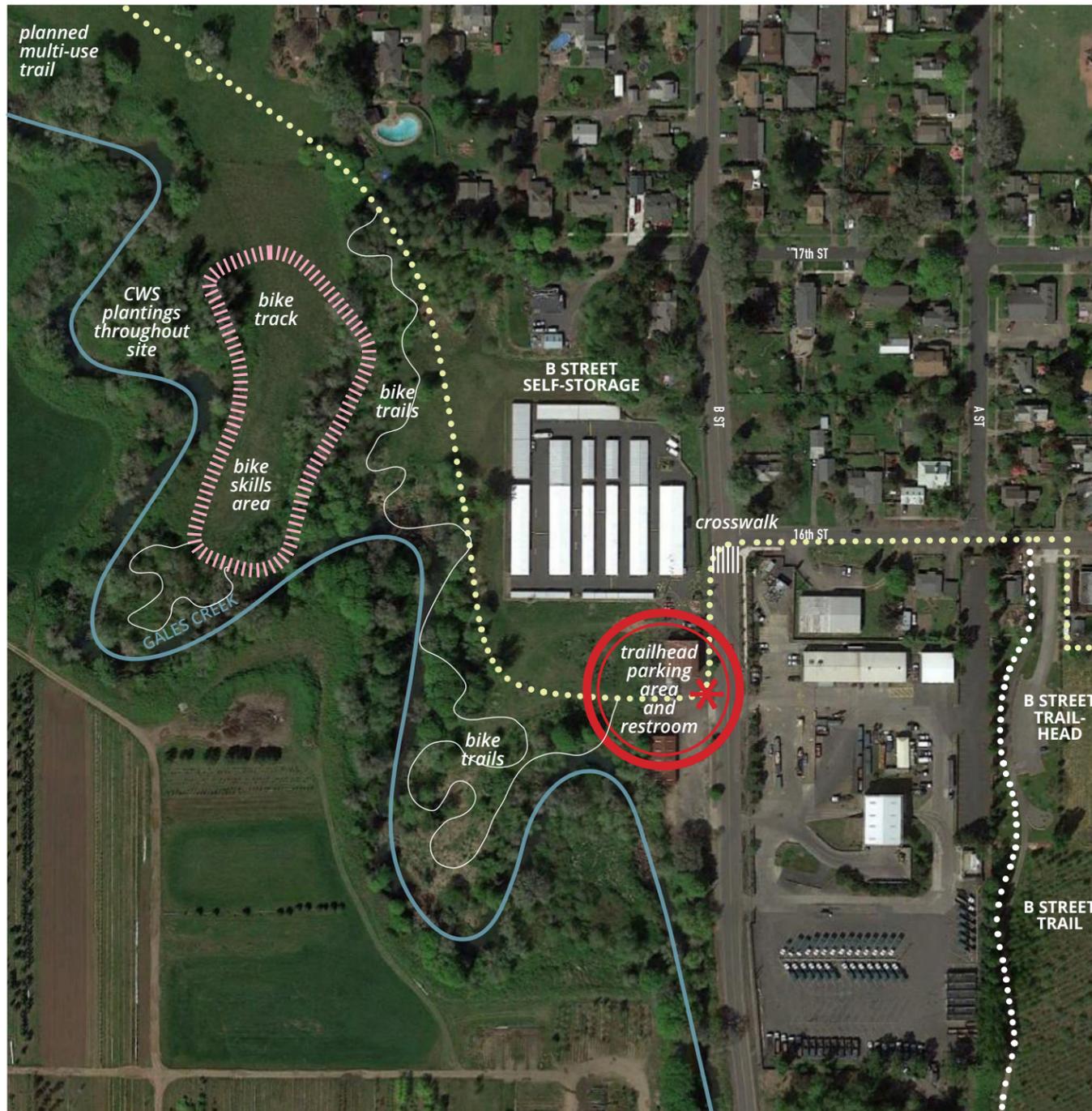


## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Volunteers

# KYLE PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
7.5 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
The Kyle Recreation Area is an undeveloped park site located along Gales Creek, just west of B Street and the B Street Self-Storage facility. In addition to the adjacent storage buildings, there are also two Forest Grove Light & Power buildings that are used by the City at the site's street frontage. The site is located only 800 feet away from the B Street Trailhead, which is just east along 16th Street.

The site, which is currently accessed via the gravel parking lots at the Light & Power buildings, is characterized by open lawn areas, and riparian vegetation abutting the creek, and deciduous tree canopies that are scattered across the property.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
  - More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature
  - Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
  - Increased recreation programming (summer camps, after-school, health and fitness, community events)
  - Revenue generating opportunities through facility rentals and programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The vision for this site is to develop it as an open space greenway that provides a range of bicycling opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. The recommended regional loop trail will connect this area to the B Street Trail and other walkable/bikable trails, making it a desirable stop along the way. Equipped with bike trails, a bike skills area, and a bike track, this park could be built using volunteer labor, donated materials, local construction companies, and the city's construction oversight.

Because of its location along the creek, this park could also have a strong natural resource component and could provide Clean Water Services with another large planting area for native and riparian vegetation and habitat.

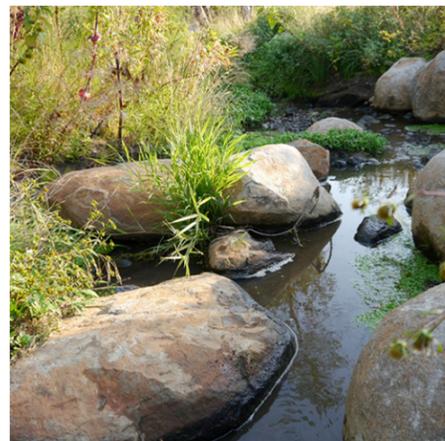
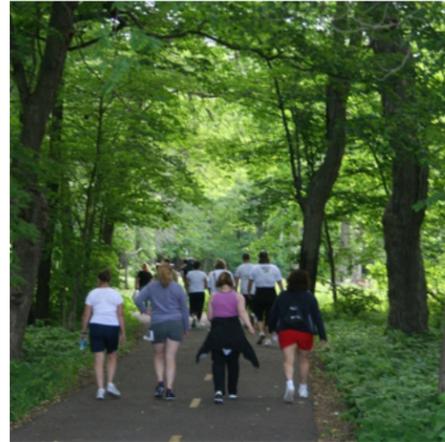
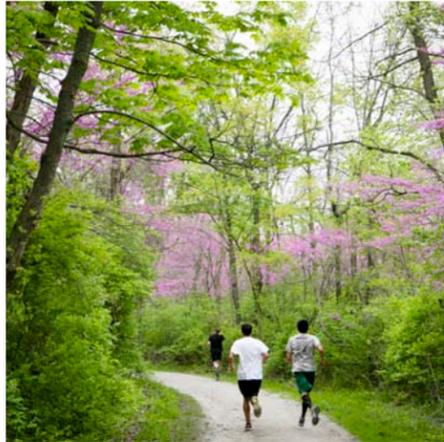
### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Trailhead
- Parking Area
- Bike Trails
- Bike Skills Park
- Bike Track (relocated from Lincoln Park)
- Native Planting and Habitat Areas

### PROGRAMS

- Environmental Education and Interpretation
- Outdoor Skills Program
- Bike Skills Camps
- Summer Biking Adventure Camp

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

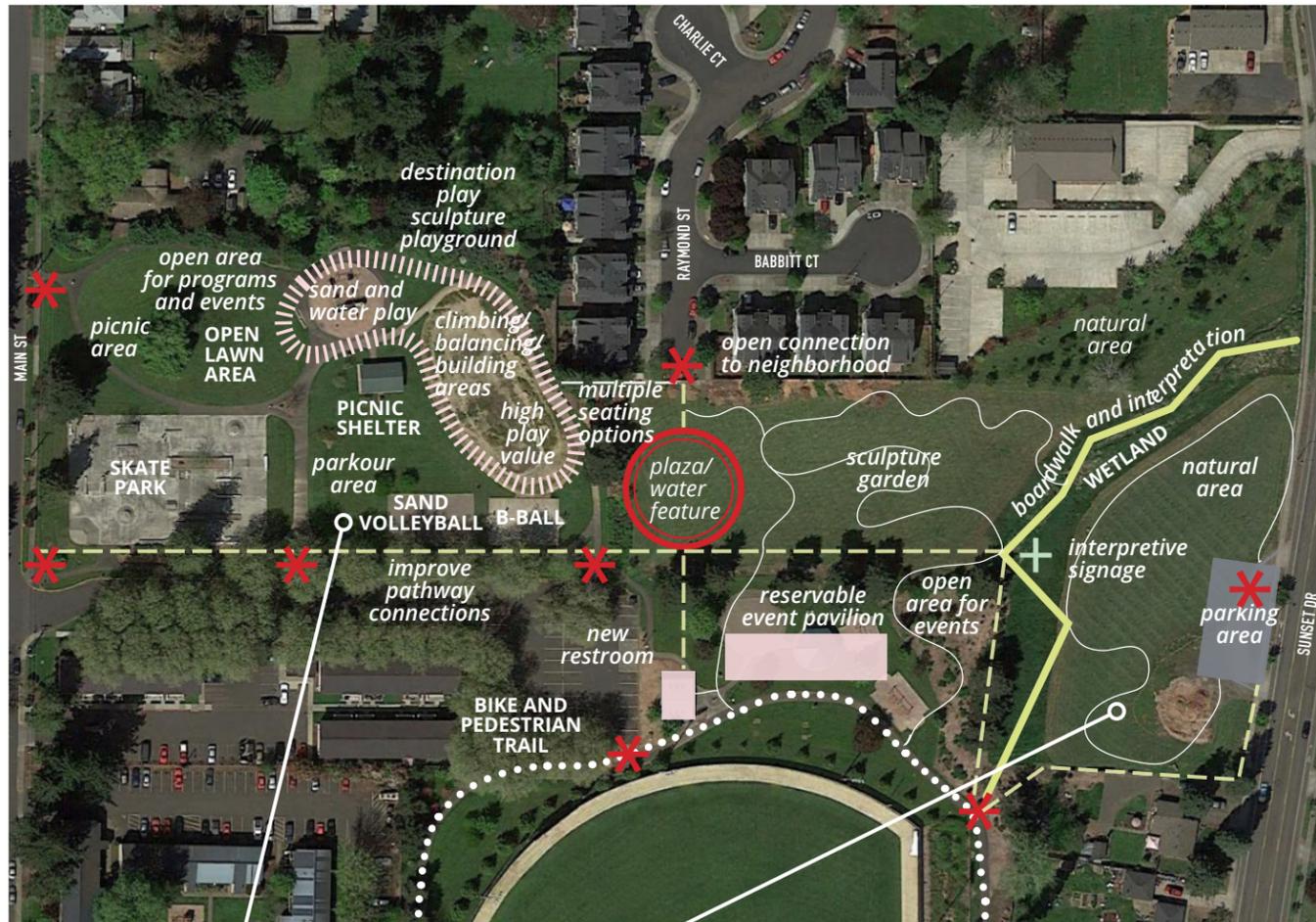


## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Biking/Hiking Organizations
- Clean Water Services
- Forest Grove School District
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Environmental Education Groups
- Volunteers

# LINCOLN PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
 25.8 acres (entire park)  
 8.75 acres (northern portion)

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
 Lincoln Park is a large community park located in the center of Forest Grove, just north of the Aquatics Center and Pacific University. The park can be accessed from Main Street, Sunset Drive, Pacific University, and Raymond Street to the north.

The northwest part of the park contains a skate park, a BMX park, a small playground, a picnic shelter, an open lawn area with a large weeping willow tree, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, and a paved loop trail that connects the various elements to each other and the rest of the park. The south central portion of this area contains a restroom, a gazebo, two swing sets, and a walking/biking path. The north central/east portions are undeveloped and contain open, sweeping fields of tall grass, and a 3.2 acre wetland area.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

### SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS

- The site provides access to recreation facilities in central and east Forest Grove
- Improved lighting, safety, and access

### COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS

- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
- Additional sports fields
- Water play
- Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
- Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities
- Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
- Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
- Increased recreation programming
- Revenue generating opportunities

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The northern end of Lincoln Park has the opportunity to function as the outdoor living room for all of Forest Grove. With a wide variety of engaging outdoor amenities, this park could become the public gathering space for everyday activities and special events.

This approach recommends moving the BMX Park to the Kyle Recreation Area and adding a destination sculptural play area in its place. It also recommends adding a new parkour practice area geared towards teens and adults, a hardscape plaza/gathering space that doubles as a playful water feature on warm days, an outdoor sculpture park that showcases new and exciting works in a public space, and an open connection to the adjacent neighborhood to the north. The natural area is enhanced with a boardwalk over the wetland, interpretive panels, and soft surface paths through the meadow area. This approach also recommends adding a small parking lot, upgrading the existing bathroom, and replacing the central gazebo with a rentable open-air pavilion for large events and weddings.

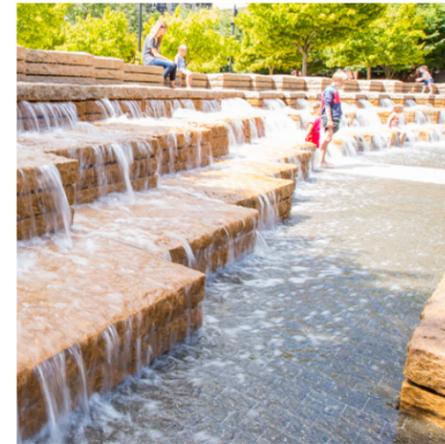
### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Plaza/Community Gathering Space/Water Feature
- Reservable Event Pavilion w/ Community Table
- Public Art Sculpture Park
- Destination Sculpture Playground
- Water Play
- Parkour Area/Park Games/Courts
- Wetland Boardwalk and Interpretive Signage
- Seatwalls/Benches/Picnic Tables
- Paved Walkways/Soft Surface Trails
- Small Parking Area

### PROGRAMS

- Arts and Culture Events and Programs
- Environmental Education
- Health and Wellness Classes
- Pop-Up Play
- Small Recurring/Everyday Events
- Summer Camps/Art Camps/Sports Camps
- Social Groups and Gathering Events
- Pacific University Athletics
- Recreational Sports

**DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES**

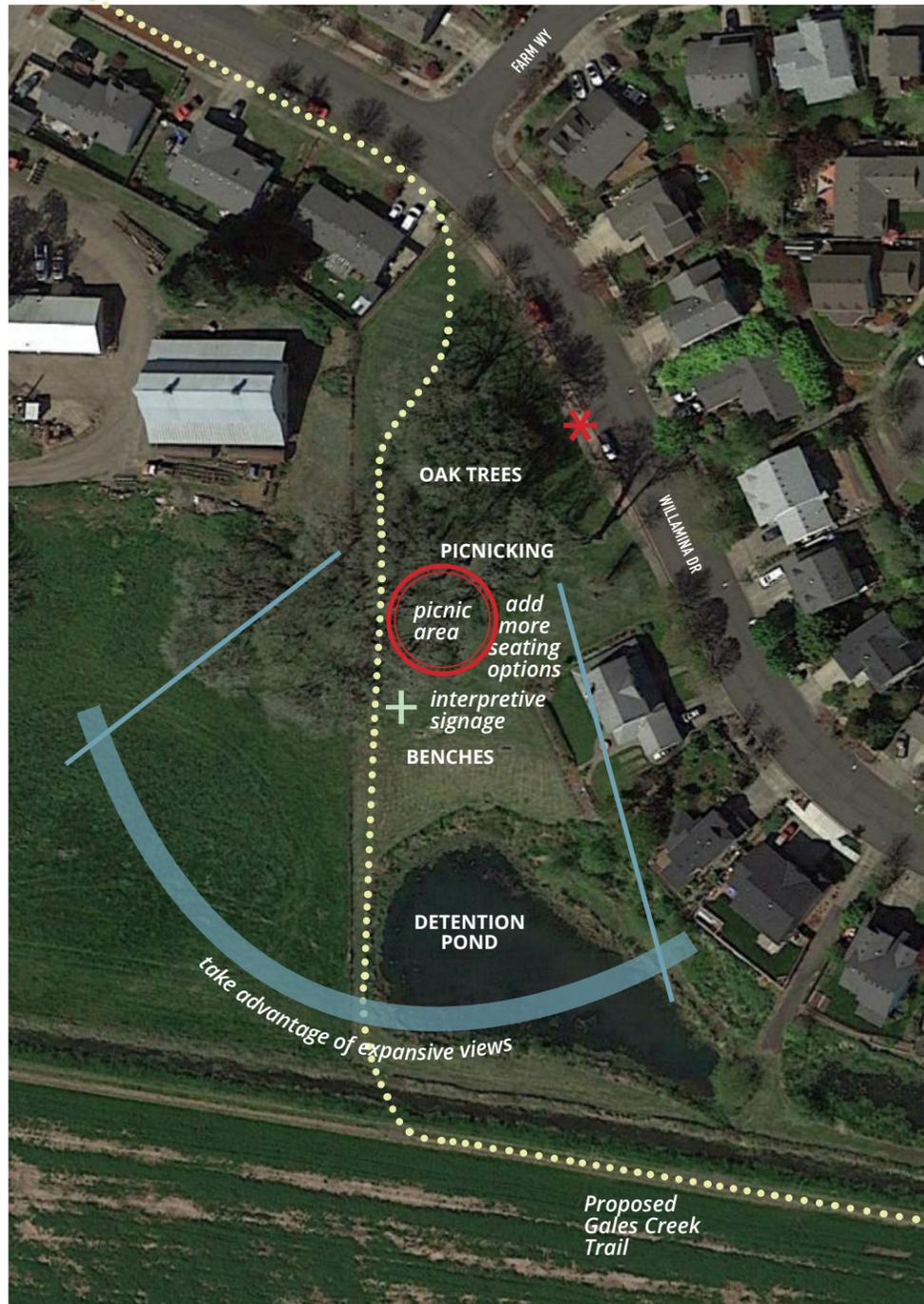


**POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Pacific University
- Sports Leagues
- Chamber of Commerce
- Local Businesses
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Volunteers

# REUTER FARM PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
2.1 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Reuter Farms Park is located toward the west edge of the city limits by the intersection of Willamina Drive and Farm Way. It is surrounded by residential development to the north and east and agricultural land to the south and the west.

The park is characterized by a sloping hill and a stand of oak trees that provides lots of shade and gives the park a unique character. There is also an adjacent barn that makes the site feel rural and pastoral. There is one picnic table and three benches that overlook the detention pond and farming properties on the south side of the park's hill.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

**SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**

- This park could be developed to address unmet needs in nearby underserved areas

**COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**

- Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families
- More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Part of Reuter Farm Park's charm is in the simplicity of its amenities: a hill, a group of oak trees, and a place to sit and take in the view. In order to maintain this uncomplicated character, the recommended design approach is to preserve the health of the existing oak trees by developing an oak tree replacement plan for when certain trees need to be removed and adding more picnic tables and benches for the neighborhood and trail users.

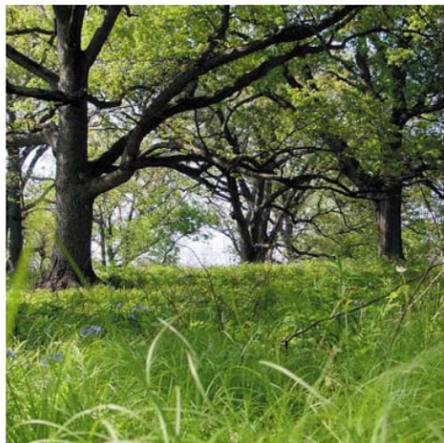
**NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**

- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Interpretive Signage
- Connection to Multi-Use Trail

**PROGRAMS**

- Neighborhood Gatherings
- Small Recurring Events
- Cultural Landscape Interpretation

DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

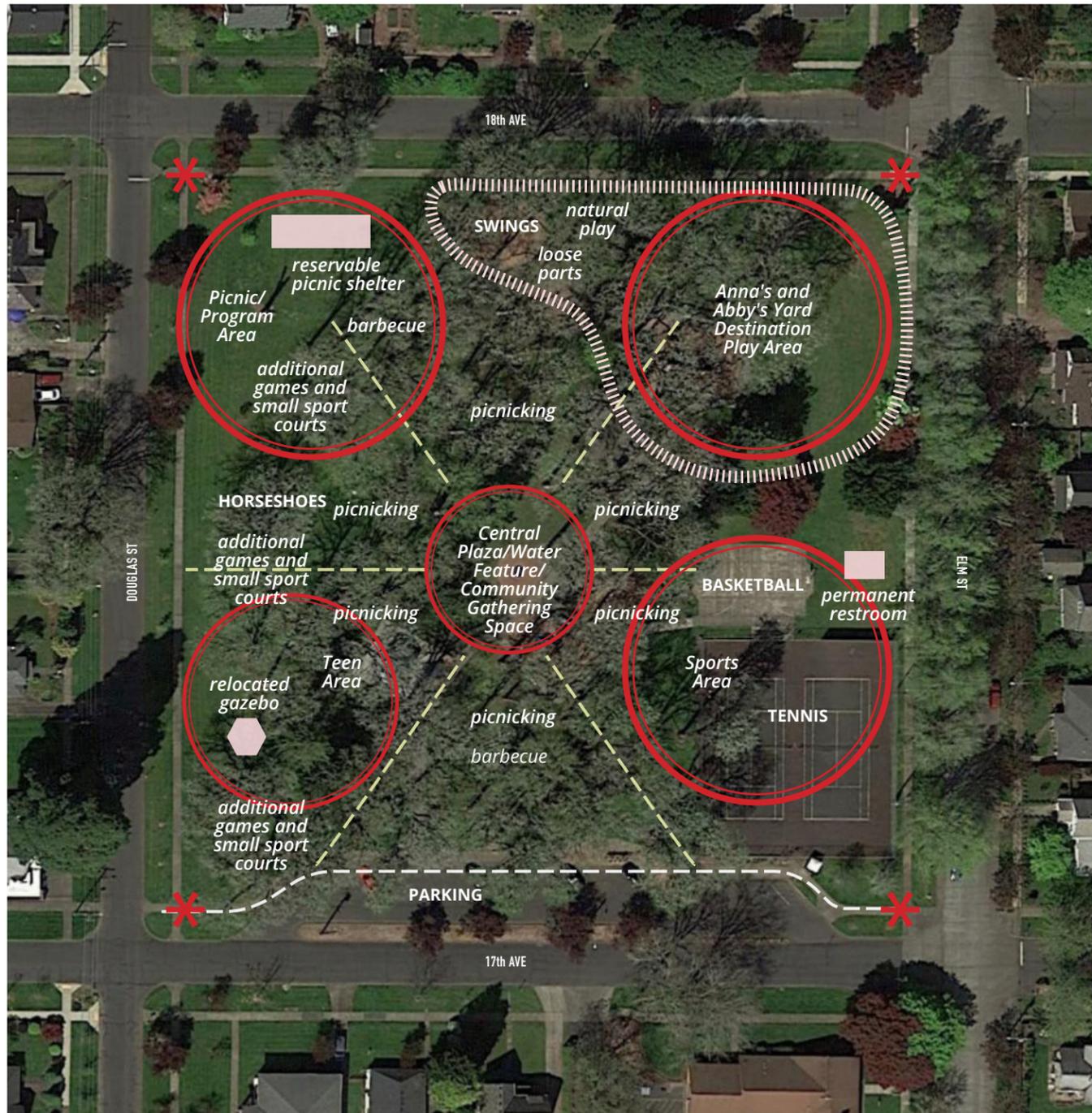


POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Tree Preservation Organizations
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Volunteers

# ROGERS PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
3.7 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Rogers Park is neighborhood park located in Downtown Forest Grove between 17th and 18th Avenues and by Elm and Douglas Streets. The park is surrounded by single-family residences and several churches, and sidewalks are provided along all four frontage streets. The park's main access point is along 17th Avenue, where a small parking lot with angle-in parking is provided.

This park is characterized by a mature tree canopy and has two tennis courts, a basketball court, a portable restroom, lawn areas, two small play structures, horseshoe pits, paved pathways, covered gazebo, picnic tables, and barbecues. Many people consider Rogers Park their favorite park in the system, and on hot, sunny days it is filled with people playing sports and games, picnicking, listening to music, and enjoying the cooler temperatures under the park's Oregon White Oak trees.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**
- Improved restroom facilities
  - Social gathering spaces for adults

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Water play
  - Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
  - Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities (game tables, group seating, etc)
  - Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
  - Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
  - Increased recreation programming (summer camps, after-school, health and fitness, community events, concerts, and movies in the park)
  - Revenue generating opportunities through facility rentals and programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

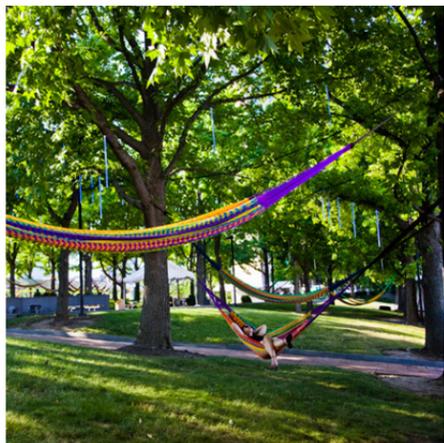
An exciting new addition is already planned for the northeast quadrant of Rogers Park. Anna and Abby's Yard will be a memorial play area built to honor two sisters—Anna Dieter and Abby Robinson—who loved to run, skip, laugh, climb, swing, jump, explore, and dream in the parks and yards of Forest Grove. The play area will include a custom-designed play structure, hills and mounds, large boulders, flowers, and places for children and adults to get lost in their imagination.

In addition to Anna and Abby's Yard, there are several opportunities that could make this park even more dynamic and engaging and help it meet a wider range of community needs. By adding a central hardscape plaza with seatwalls and spray jets for intermittent water play, a permanent restroom, a reservable picnic shelter, waterwise plantings, natural play features, additional games and small sport courts, and seating options, this park could become a destination for the entire community.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Anna and Abby's Yard Play Area
  - Natural Play Features
  - Central Plaza w/ Water Spray Ground
  - Permanent Restroom
  - Reservable Picnic Shelter
  - Additional Picnic Tables and Seating Options
  - Additional Games and Small Sport Courts
  - Waterwise Plantings

- PROGRAMS**
- Health and Wellness Classes (park yoga, walking clubs, boot camp)
  - Summer Camps
  - Pop-Up Play (outdoor games, mobile playground van, loose parts, musical instruments)
  - Small Recurring Events (small concerts, dances, play or performance art)
  - Everyday Events

**DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES**

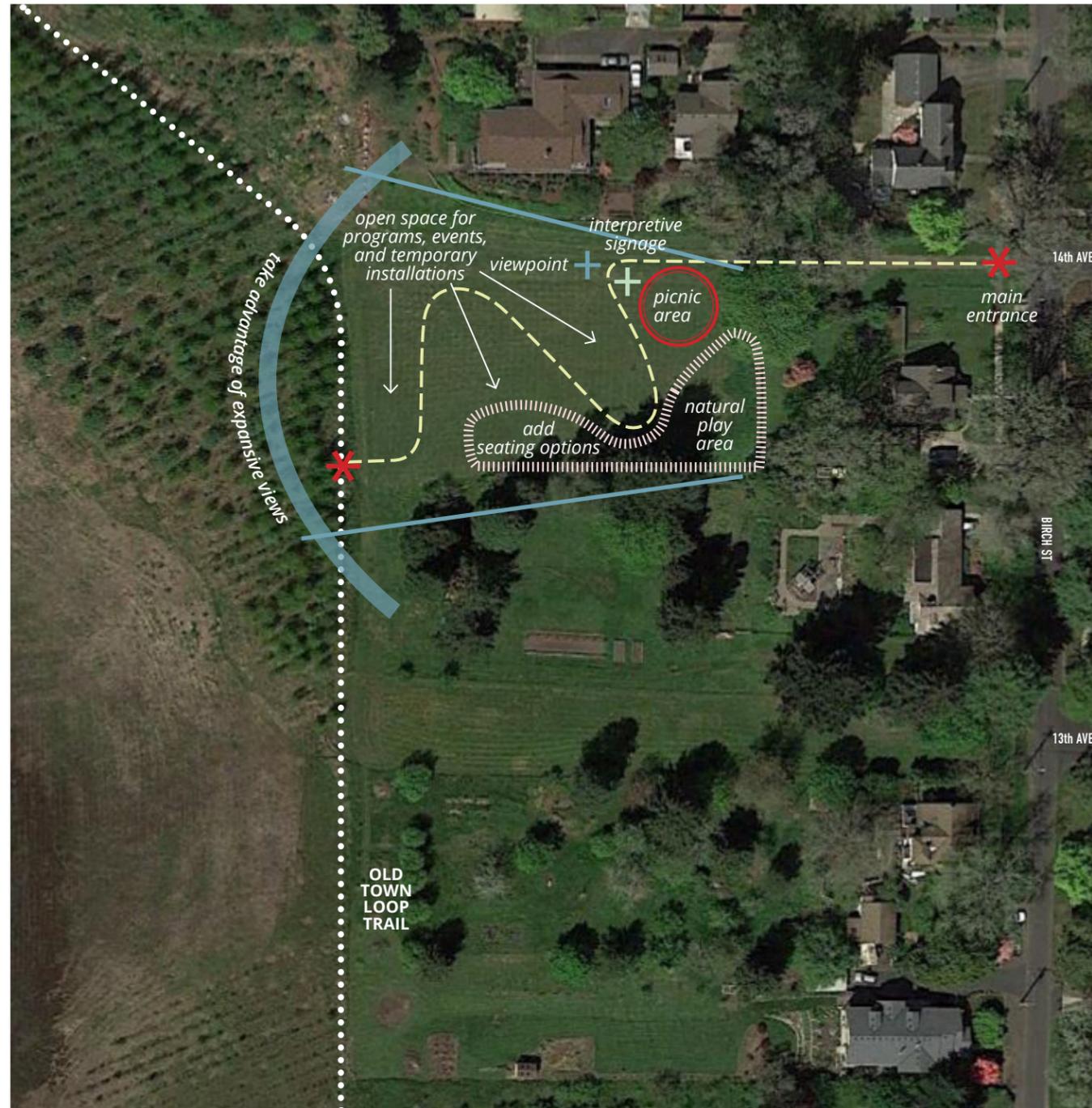


**POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Anna and Abby's Yard Foundation
- Local Businesses
- Health and Wellness Organizations
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Local Neighborhood Groups
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Volunteers

# SAUCY PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
0.5 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Saucy Park is a very small, undeveloped site at the intersection of 14th Avenue and Birch Street in the historic district of Painter's Woods. Situated between a residential lot and the Metro-owned natural area, this park is a sloped piece of property that connects the neighborhood to both existing and proposed bike and pedestrian trails, including the planned Emerald Necklace.

The park is characterized by open lawn and extensive, west-facing views, as well as the borrowed shade from the adjacent residence's tree canopy.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
  - More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Saucy Park will provide an important connection along the bike and pedestrian trails that will run throughout the city. It could also be the place where neighbors gather to enjoy a picnic, take in the view, and watch the sunset. It could also be the place where kids come to climb on logs, run through a meadow, and learn about the natural resources below. By adding in picnic tables, seating options, interpretive features, a natural play area, natural plantings, and rotating art installations that bring awareness to the natural surroundings, Saucy Park could become a well-used and well-loved site.

### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Picnic Tables
- Seating Options
- Natural Play Features
- Natural Plantings
- Interpretive Signage and Features
- Temporary Art Installations

### PROGRAMS

- Environmental Education
- Rotating Art Installation Program
- Neighborhood Summer Camp
- Health and Wellness Classes
- Small Recurring Events
- Stargazing/Full Moon Walks

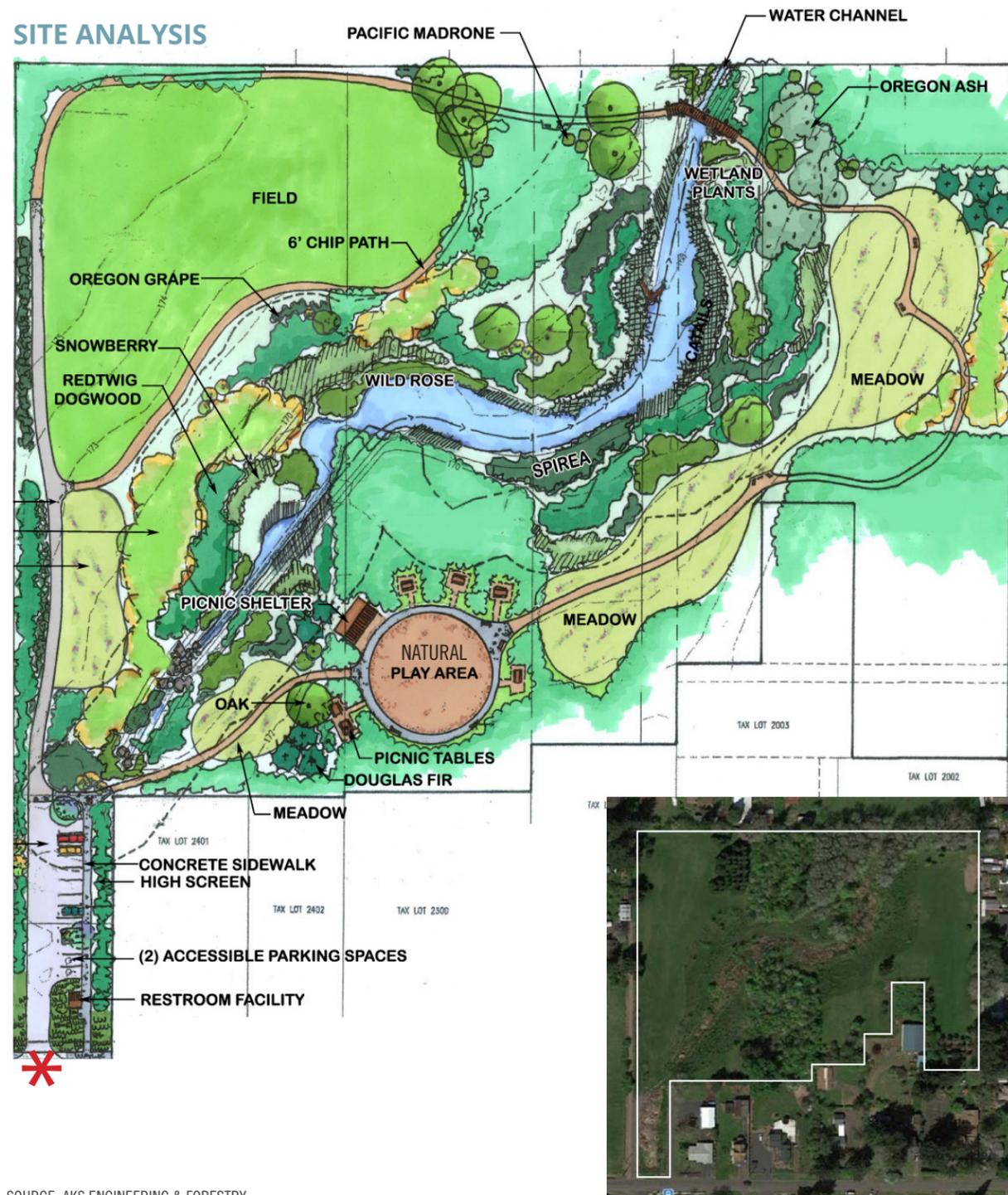
## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Environmental Education Organizations
- Art Organizations
- Forest Grove School District
- Volunteers

# STITES NATURE PARK



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
10.9 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Stites Nature Park is currently a large, undeveloped piece of land set behind the residential properties that border 26th Avenue, Firwood Lane, and Willamina Avenue. The site is characterized by an intermittent water channel, open lawn areas, and stands of deciduous trees. At this time, the only way to access the site from public property is at its southwest corner along 26th Avenue.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**
- This park could be developed to address unmet needs in nearby underserved areas
  - Group covered shelter
  - Space for overnight for outdoor science education camp
  - Interpretive flora/fauna signage

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
  - Better coordination with School District on park use for educational opportunities
  - Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
  - More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature
  - Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
  - Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
  - Revenue generating opportunities through facility rentals and programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The City has developed a master plan for the Stites site, which takes advantage of the sites natural feature and bolsters it with some essential park amenities.

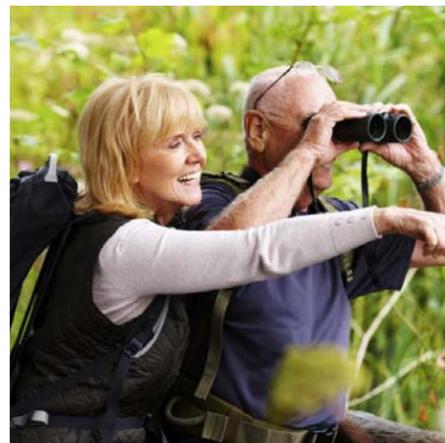
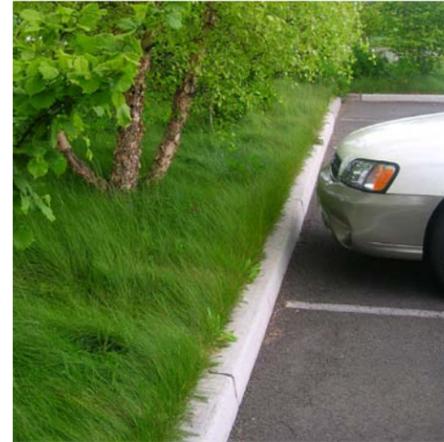
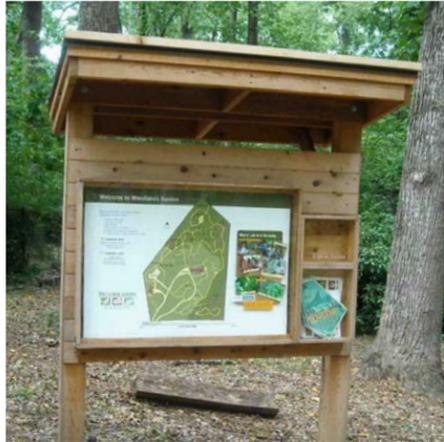
The new plan (shown to the left) includes a 12-stall parking area at the park's main entrance with a permanent restroom and an informational kiosk. The larger park is divided into two main sections, one on the east side of the water channel and one on the west side. The east side is more developed and consists of walking paths, a reservable picnic shelter, picnic areas, a natural play area, open swaths of meadow, plants from an ash forest wetland plant community, viewpoints and overlooks, and interpretive signage. The west side of the park contains walking paths, fields of open grass, plants from an oak woodland plant community, riparian habitat, rock outcroppings, and views to the water. The two sides of the park are connected by a raised boardwalk and bridge that cross the water and provide places to sit and learn about the natural resources on the site.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Parking Area
  - Informational Kiosk
  - Restroom
  - Reservable Picnic Shelter
  - Natural Play Area
  - Walking Paths
  - Native Plantings
  - Open Field
  - Interpretive Features

- PROGRAMS**
- Environmental Education
  - Outdoor Skills
  - Plant Identification
  - Summer Camps

SOURCE: AKS ENGINEERING & FORESTRY

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

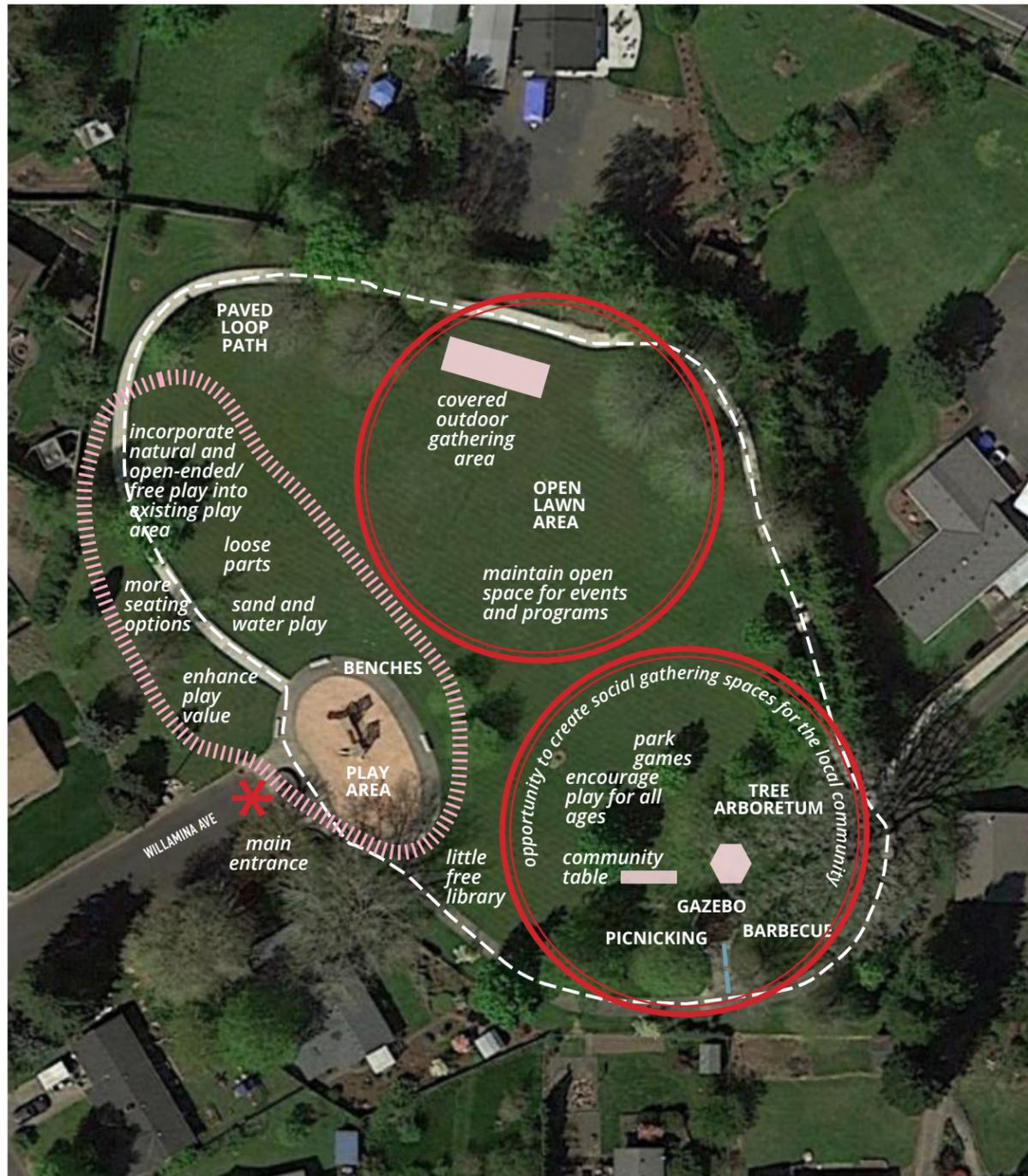


## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Forest Grove School District
- Environmental Education Organizations
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Local Neighborhood Organizations

# TALISMAN PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
2.3 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Talisman Park is small neighborhood park located where Willamina Avenue dead-ends after crossing Magnolia Way. The park is surrounded by single-family residences and its main access point is along Willamina Avenue, where on street parking is allowed. A paved trail along Gales Creek Road also provides pedestrian access to the park.

The park is characterized by a central open green lawn, a play structure, and existing perimeter trees. The park has a small picnic shelter, barbecues, picnic tables, a loop walking path, and a stand of trees that are marked and labeled in the style of an arboretum. On many days, the park is full of parents bringing their children to climb on the play equipment and bike around the loop path.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

**SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**

- Opportunities to increase usage

**COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**

- Improvements for parking, pedestrians, and bicycles
- Water play
- Non-reservable community gathering spaces for families and informal activities (game tables, group seating, etc)
- Enhanced play areas and play structures, especially for younger children
- Greater variety of programs and facilities to serve all ages
- Increased recreation programming

## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

With a few additions, Talisman Park could offer even more than it already does to the surrounding neighborhood. By enhancing the play area with more open-ended, free play features, the quality of the play value in this park would increase. With updated tree identification information, people would become more familiar with the tree species in the surrounding neighborhood. And with a picnic shelter and large community table for people to rest, talk, play games, and eat, Talisman Park could serve a wider audience and provide more amenities for community gathering and events.

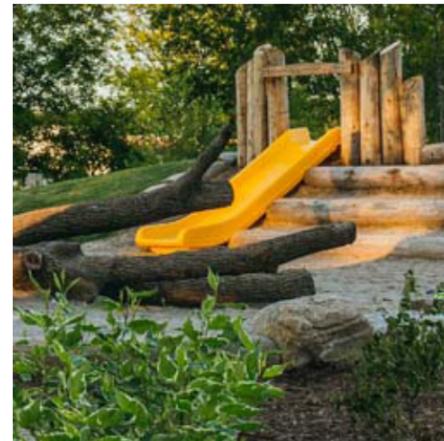
### NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES

- Picnic Shelter
- Community Table
- Picnic Tables
- Seating Options
- Natural Play Area
- Sand and Water Play
- Loose Parts (materials that can be moved, combined, redesigned, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways)
- Free Library
- Updated Tree Identification Signage

### PROGRAMS

- Plant Identification
- Health and Wellness Classes
- Pop-Up Play
- Small Recurring Events
- Everyday Events

## DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES



## POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Local Neighborhood Organizations
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Volunteers

# THATCHER PARK

## SITE ANALYSIS



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

**SIZE**  
25.5 acres

**SITE DESCRIPTION**  
Thatcher Park is a community park located in west Forest Grove at the corner NW David Hill Road and NW Thatcher Road. Its main access point is a driveway at NW David Hill Road, and the driveway terminates along a central parking spine with approximately five accessible spaces and 65 regular spaces.

The park is characterized by an off-leash dog area, baseball/softball fields, a soccer field, a playground, and a small woodland with walking trails. There is also a picnic shelter, picnic tables, barbecues, and restroom facilities.

## NEEDS AND OUTREACH FEEDBACK

- SITE-SPECIFIC IDEAS**
- The site provides access to community-scale recreation facilities in north and west forest grove
  - The site should provide parking, pedestrian, and bike access as residential development occurs
  - Splash pad
  - Trees in dog park
  - Shelter/covered picnic facilities
  - Trail connections to Forest Gale Heights
  - Viewpoint on David Hill
  - Improved field maintenance and drainage
  - Music/Concerts
  - More parking
  - Improved restroom facilities

- COMMUNITY-WIDE IDEAS**
- Better coordination with School District for sports field scheduling
  - Better coordination with School District on park use for educational opportunities
  - Reservable community gathering spaces for cultural/social/special activities and events
  - More multi-use trails that connect community destinations and nature
  - Increased recreation programming

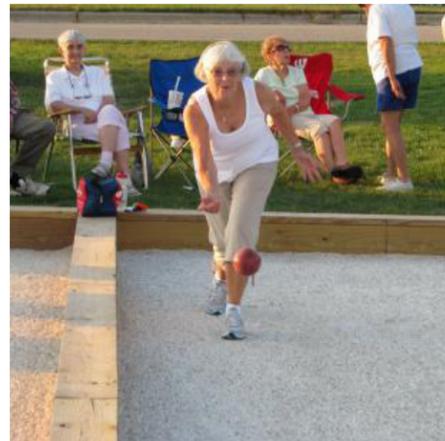
## PROPOSED PARK DESIGN APPROACH

The City has developed a master plan for Phase II of Thatcher Park's design, and this design approach recommends a similar direction for the park's additional features, which includes: an entry plaza/water feature, a small parking area with a one-way exit road, a new destination play area, natural play opportunities, a reservable picnic shelter, small sport courts (bocce, tennis, or basketball), hillside plantings for shade and interest, and soft surface trails that extend throughout the forest at the south end of the site. These additional amenities are meant to increase the recreation opportunities at the site and facilitate both everyday and special events.

- NEW FACILITIES + FEATURES**
- Additional Parking
  - Reservable Picnic Shelter
  - Seatwalls/Benches
  - Picnic Tables
  - Small Court Sports (bocce, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, pickleball)
  - Community Gardens
  - New Play Area (sand and water play)
  - Natural Play Features
  - Loose Parts (materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways)
  - Soft Surface Woodland Trails
  - Interpretive Signage
  - Self-Guided Nature Trail Tour
  - Story Circle Gathering Area

- PROGRAMS**
- Sports Programs
  - Social Groups and Gathering Events
  - Health and Wellness Classes
  - Community Gardening
  - Environmental Education
  - Outdoor Skills Plant Identification
  - Summer Camps
  - Pop-Up Play
  - Small Recurring Events
  - Everyday Events

**DESIGN + PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES**



**POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- Pacific University
- Community Garden Organizations
- Sports Leagues
- Boy Scouts
- Local Businesses
- Local Summer Camp Organizations
- Health and Wellness Organizations
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Volunteers

**REVENUE GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Picnic Shelter Rental
- Recreation Program Fees (tournament and private operator fees)
- Sports Field Use Fees