



Pennsylvania's Park Place



Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation

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- Discuss Major Challenges and Trends for Allentown Parks & Recreation
- Allentown's Park and Recreation Master Plan Recommendations
- Outline the Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation Plan & Process



CHALLENGES & TRENDS



Lifestyle Changes



Increased Driving



Decreased Physical Activity



Reduced Use of Active Transportation



Televisions are on more than 7.5 hours a day in the typical home.

The average American spends over 6 hours per day with media.





Technology & Highly Stimulating Entertainment



Less Active Lifestyles

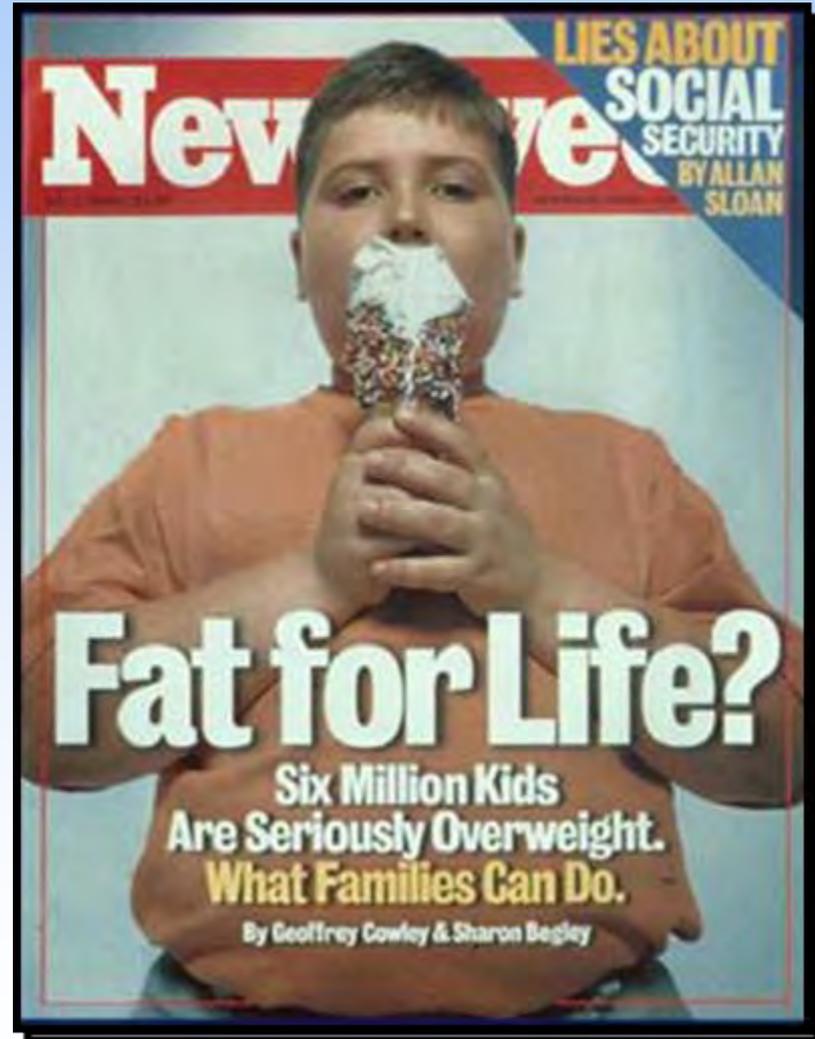


Adult & Childhood Obesity Epidemic



48% of Youth in Allentown are Considered Overweight or Obese.

January, 2009

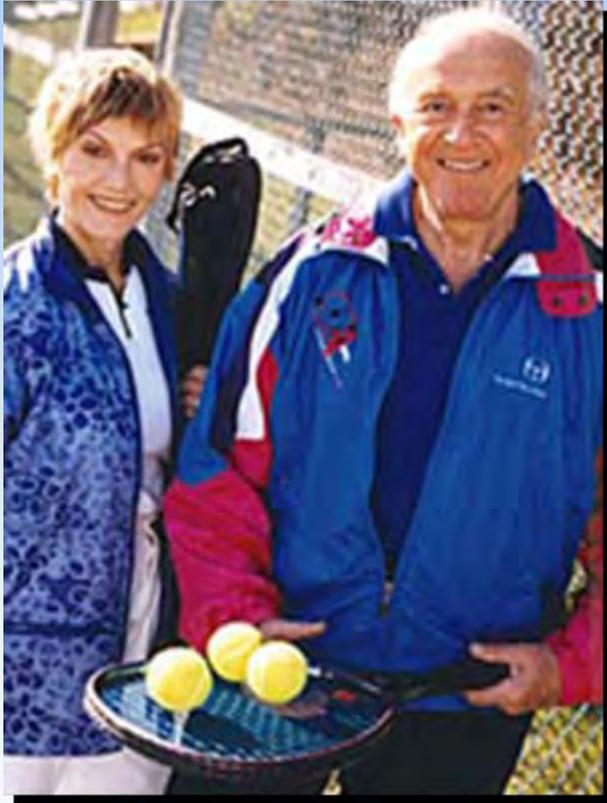


Increased Opportunities for Children

- Number of children (over 18,000) mandates the City develop plans to reach this demographic and create opportunities for more active lifestyles.
- Create new opportunities of recreation for all children.



Aging Population



Life Expectancy 1950 = 66.2 years
 2000 = 76.4 years

Create Intergenerational Parks



Creating parks
for people of all
ages and
abilities



Allentown Parks and Recreation 2006 Master Plan



Preserving our Greatest Asset

Master Plan Recommendations

Create a park and recreation system that...



Adapts to the challenges and changing trends in the community.

Master Plan Recommendations

Create a park and recreation system that...



Draws funding
and community
support.

Master Plan Recommendations

Create a park and recreation system that...



*Better Utilizes
the Waterfront
and Downtown.*

Master Plan Recommendations

Create a park and recreation system that...



*Expands Active
Recreation and
Indoor
Opportunities.*

Master Plan Recommendations

Create a park and recreation system that...



*Becomes a
World-Class
Destination...
Where People
Want to Live,
Work and Play.*

A New Competitive Platform

Today's Parks Need To Provide A Balance of Both

ACTIVE

(Physical)



(Restorative)

and **PASSIVE**
Recreational Activities
for all Ages

Today's Parks Need to Be Safe & Secure

- Allentown Police Department
- Allentown Police Reserves
- Security Cameras
- Security Lighting
- Safety by Design



Today's Parks Need to Address Improved Maintenance Management

- Regular & Routine
- Proactive vs. Reactive
- Facility Scheduling
- EZ Facility
- Work Order Request System
- Educate Public on Park Stewardship



Today's Parks Need to Address Environmental Concerns

- Leave No Trace
- Creating Sustainable Parks
- No Mow Policy
- Composting Restrooms
- Recycling in Parks
- Install Riparian Buffers
- Wildlife Management
- Urban Forestry Plan



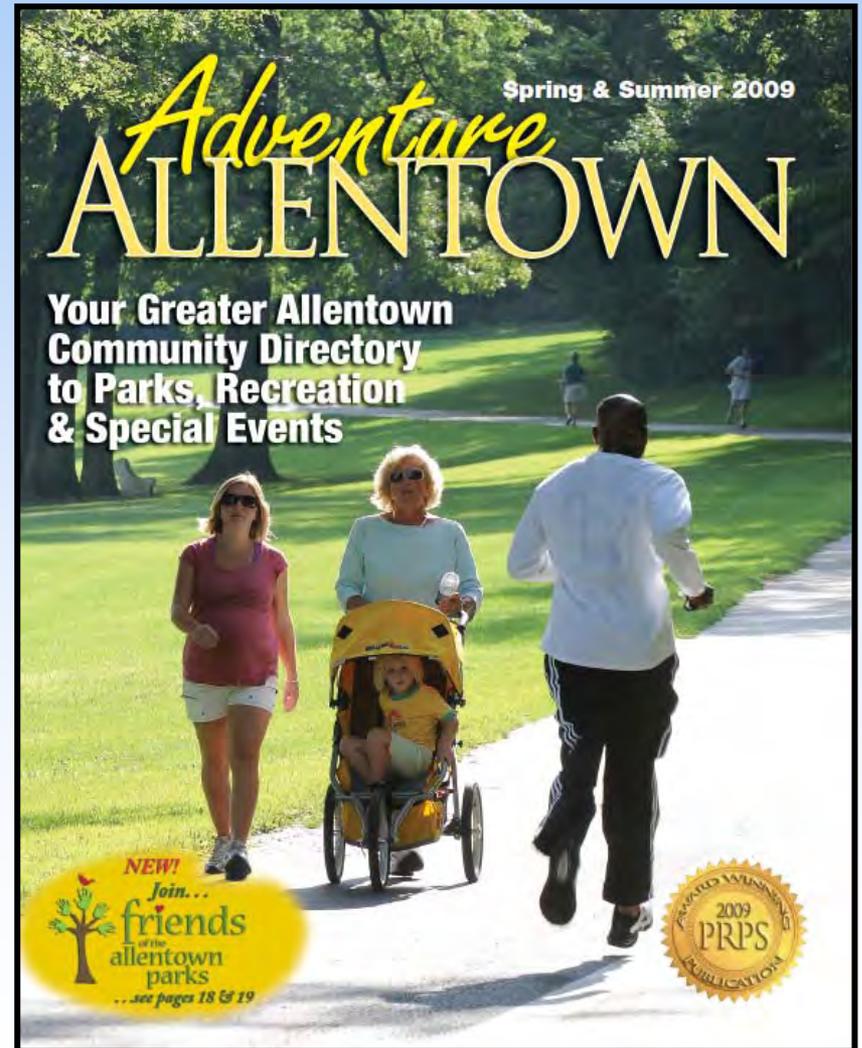
Today's Parks Need to Provide New Programs & Partnerships

- Help Rebuild Our Community
- Movies in the Parks
- New Youth Programming
- Adult & Senior Fitness
- Environmental Education



Develop a Marketing & Outreach Plan Adventure Allentown

- 80,000 Copies
- Distributed City-Wide
- Spring/Summer
- Fall/Winter
- Community Education & Support
- Website & Facebook



Capital Project Improvement Program



- To date, more than \$4 million dollars awarded from Federal, State, County & Local Grants for Park Improvement Projects
- Worked Closely with City Council to Renovate and Improve Parks Across the City

2007 - Arts Park



2008 - West Park 100th Anniversary

- Complete Park Renovation
- Band Shell Rehab
- Interpretative Signs
- New Landscaping & Tree Identification
- War Memorial Restoration
- Site Amenities



Field & Court Renovations



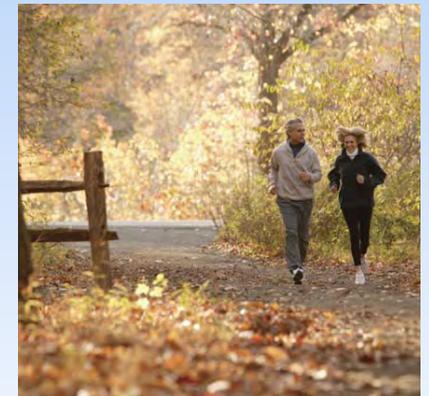
Before Renovation



After Renovation

2009 Arts Walk

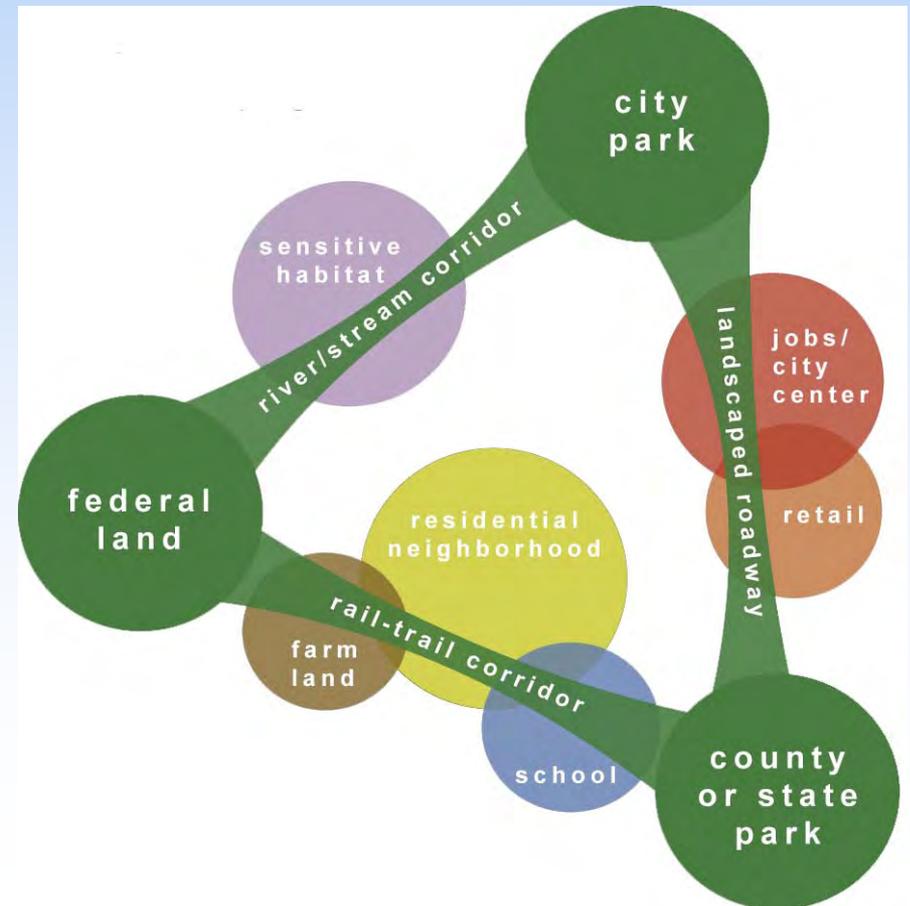
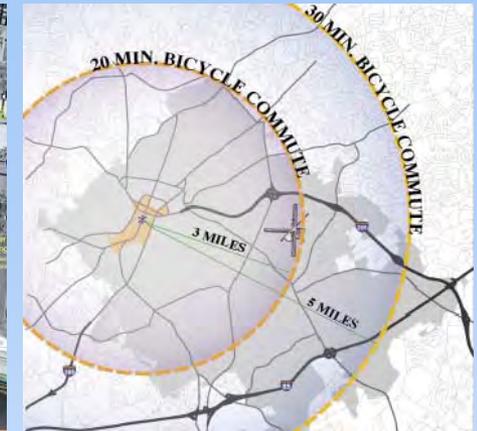




2009 COMPREHENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK STUDY

TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN

- Link neighborhoods, parks, downtown, schools
- Network is all about connections and linkages
- Ensure that the entire community is served by the trail network



TRAIL CONCEPT PLAN

Photo Renderings



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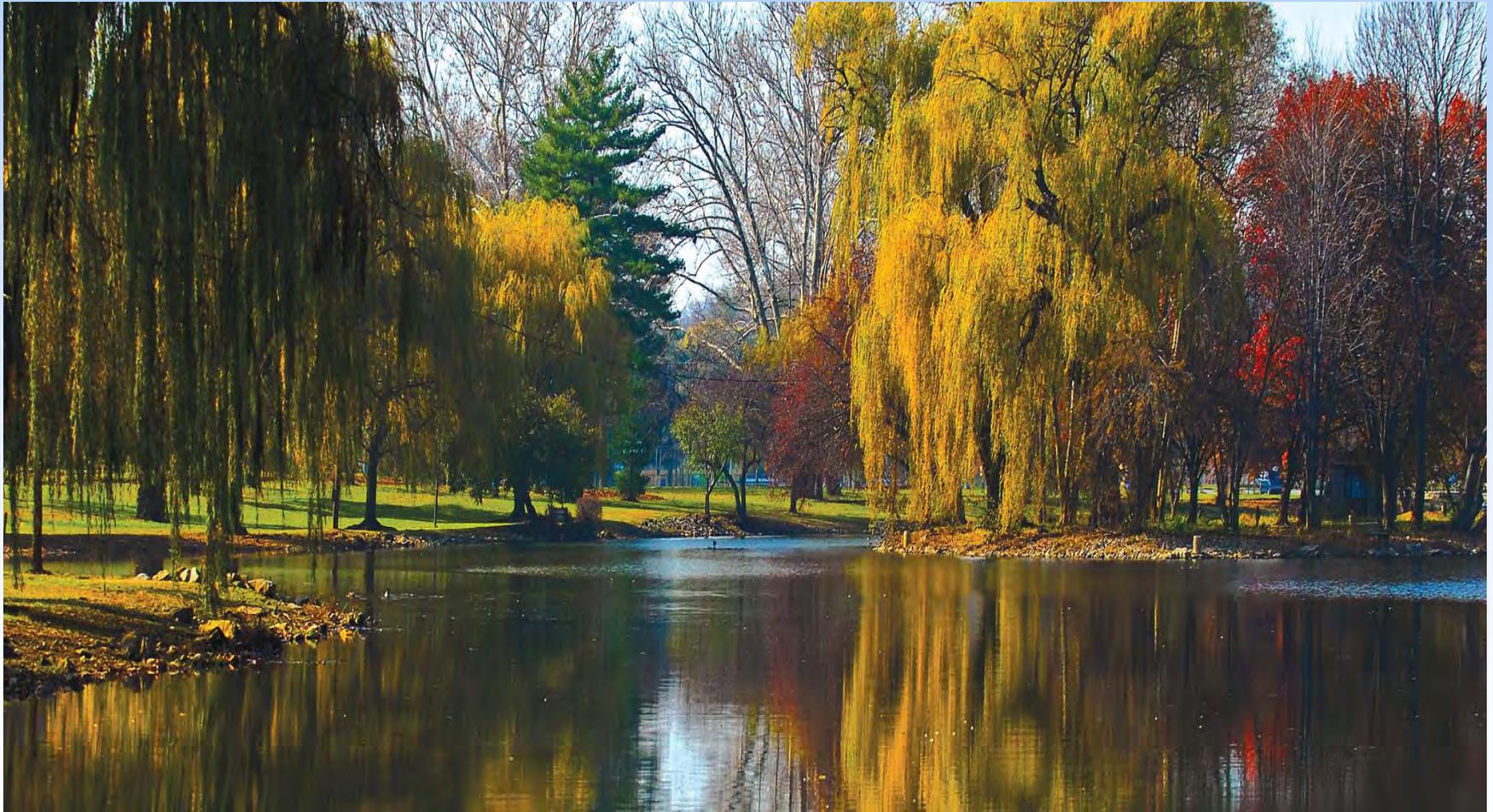
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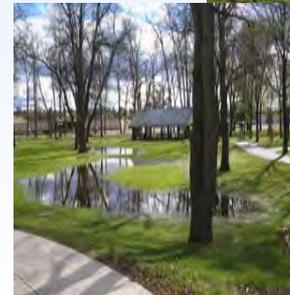
Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation Plan



2009 Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation

Why Renovate the Park?

- One of the City's most heavily used
- Park infrastructure has deteriorated, i.e. restrooms, pavilions
- ADA Compliance
- Cedar Creek & Lake Muhlenberg ecological health



Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation Summary of Park Planning Process

- June 2007 – Start of Master Plan
- Goal Setting
- Field Work & Site Analysis
- Key Person Interviews
- Preliminary Master Plan
- Public Meetings
- Cost Analysis
- **Final Development Plan**



PUBLIC MEETING FLYER & PRESS RELEASE

CEDAR CREEK PARKWAY

The City of Allentown is in the process of developing a Master Plan for Cedar Creek Parkway, the 127-acre park located along Parkway Boulevard in the City of Allentown. The Master Plan will provide a blueprint for the future development and renovation of the park.

You are invited and encouraged to attend an evening brainstorming session to voice your thoughts and ideas on the future plans for Cedar Creek Parkway. Park consultants will provide a brief background of summarize the findings of the work completed through the process and will help to define future park development.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Share with others. If unable to attend, please forward comments to Greg Weitzel, Director of Parks, Recreation and Trails for the City of Allentown. Weitzel@allentowncity.org



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Distributed City-Wide & Released to More than 40 Media Outlets

Posted in the Park, City Hall, City Website & Various Locations Throughout the City

Postcard mailed to over 300 individuals & organizations



Cedar Creek Parkway
Conceptual Alternative A
City of Allentown, PA
October 2007

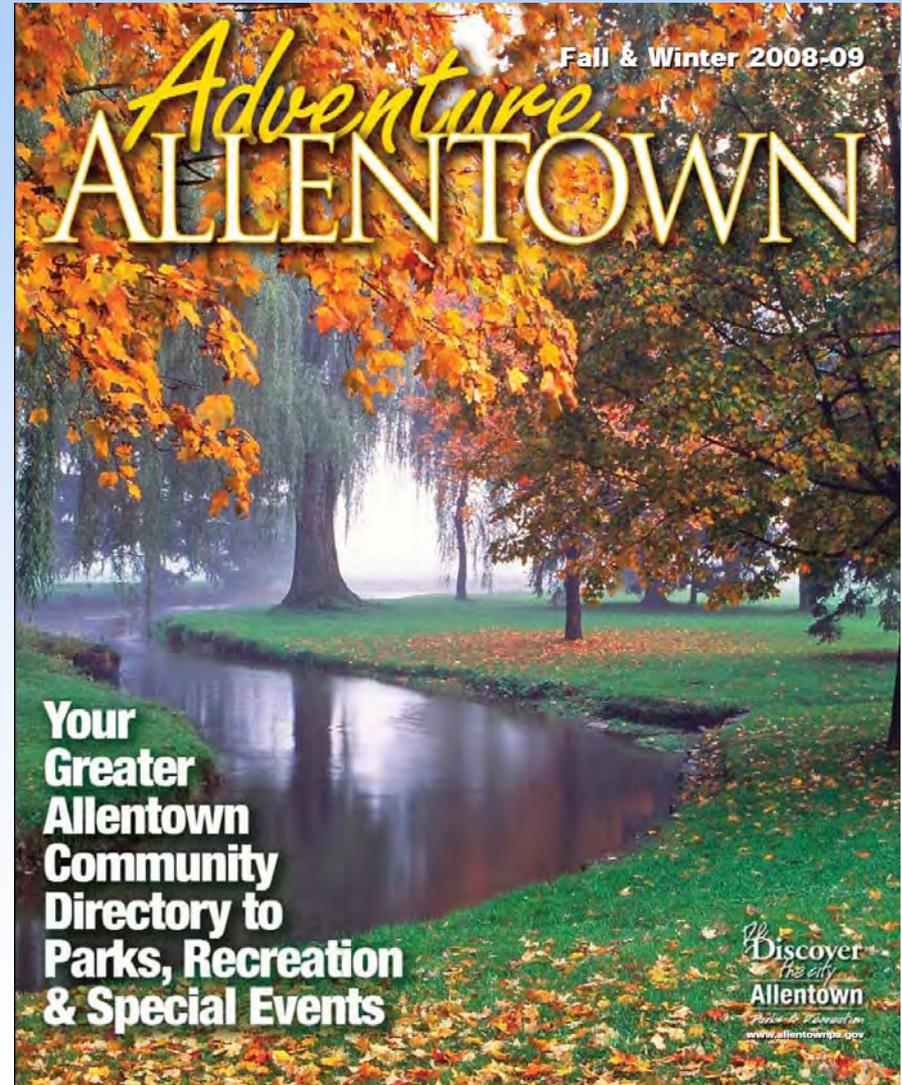
Key Person Interviews & Community Groups

- Project Team conducted more than 40 key person interviews
- More than 20 different organizations submitted comments or held meetings with the project team
- Numerous comments were received via walk-in, email and phone
- City-wide presentations by Director & Mayor
- Open Public Comment Period



Adventure Allentown

- 80,000 Copies
- Cedar Creek Parkway Master Plan & Phase I Renovation Was Centerfold
- Distributed City-Wide through Morning Call
- Sent home with more than 14,500 students
- Placed in more than 50 locations, including parks, libraries, county offices, etc.



CEDAR CREEK PARKWAY MASTER PLAN



The Cedar Creek Parkway Master Plan was developed with extensive input from the public through a process which included meeting with community groups, holding key person interviews, focus groups, insight from City leaders and on-site surveying.



Cedar Creek Parkway Renovations

Major renovations are planned for the 109-acre Cedar Creek Parkway. The park is used heavily by regular visitors and special events which often draw crowds of 20,000 people or more. This park's popularity has impacted its resources and facilities. The first phase of the project will get underway in 2009 and will address the following renovations:

- A "destination" playground will be built as a dynamic play area with expansive age-segregated play apparatuses that will promote active and creative forms of play. This playground earns the

"destination" distinction because it will be the largest playground with the greatest number of multi-use features within a 100 mile radius. The playground will also be accessible to children with disabilities and will go above and beyond current ADA standards.

- Renovations will address the park's infrastructure, which lacks the capabilities to handle current demands. The park will add electrical hook-ups for event vendors and picnic opportunities will be expanded with the construction of new picnic facilities.
- Trellises will be sensitively introduced and art restorations will take place at the Rose Garden to enhance weddings and other celebrations there, while still preserving the charm and beauty of the Rose Garden's current state. Improvements will also be made to enhance the water quality and to stop erosion around the ponds at the Rose Garden and to improve Cedar Creek's overall ecological and environmental health.
- The park's trail system will be enhanced and expanded to include lighting along the main trail for added safety and security. Additional exercise stations will be installed along the trail to promote self-directed exercises for people of all ages.



Future phases of Cedar Creek Parkway will include:

- Additional parking, amenities, and overall infrastructure improvements will be made throughout the park.
- A sculptured art walk and children's creek walk will be constructed to provide educational opportunities for park visitors.
- A riparian buffer zone will be planted alongside of Cedar Creek to enhance the water quality, prevent erosion and foster wildlife inside the park.
- The existing basketball courts and their surrounding landscape will be renovated and incorporated into a new sports complex. Five basketball courts will be developed.
- Skateboarding, rollerblading and BMX bicycling are popular activities for today's youth. To accommodate these park users, a skate park will be constructed with the utmost care being taken in the design and materials used to ensure the safety and satisfaction of park visitors.
- Lake Muhlenberg will be rehabilitated with the removal of the earthen causeway which will improve the overall water quality of the lake. A trail will then be built encircling the entire lake which will be incorporated into the existing trail system. Plazas and paddle boat concessions will be introduced to provide comfort and additional opportunities for park visitors.

All of these renovations at Cedar Creek Parkway are being done to meet the current recreation demand of the Allentown community and to provide additional opportunities in the park for citizens of all ages, interests, and abilities.



Capital Project Improvement Plan



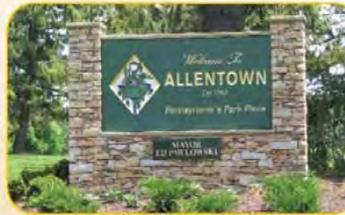
New!

Department to Begin Citywide Comprehensive Trail Network Plan

With today's obesity epidemic and the nation's rising gas prices, the time has come to put a comprehensive trail network plan into action. The Department of Parks and Recreation is creating a plan that will identify all of the missing links and opportunities for establishing new connections within the city's existing integrated trail system.

This upgraded trail network will link to other modes of the transportation system as well as connect to established trails located outside the city. A team of consultants will assist the department in terms of selecting the best locations and design for this trail network.

Informational public meetings will be held to discuss the progress of the project as well as address questions and concerns from residents. If you have any questions, please email Audrey Cashman at cashman@allentowncity.org or you may send written comments to the Department of Parks and Recreation.



Outdoor Restroom Renovations

Outdoor restroom renovations will take place throughout 2009 in Roosevelt Park, Cedar Creek Parkway, Canal Park, the Rose Garden and the Allentown Municipal Golf Course. A completely new and modern restroom is being constructed in Lehigh Parkway near Kline's Bridge. All restrooms will be renovated or constructed in compliance with current ADA standards.



West Park

West Park is Allentown's first park and is currently celebrating its 100th year anniversary. The park's site amenities, landscaping, band shell, and war memorials have been renovated. New construction includes interpretive signs and an informational gazebo. A new water fountain and security cameras have been added to the park for convenience and safety of park visitors.

Eastside Lehigh River Trail Development

A trail will be constructed along the eastside of the Lehigh River that will connect Canal Park to Kimmets Lock. This Lehigh River trail development is in direct correlation with the Citywide Trail Network Feasibility Study.

City Wide Park & Playground Improvements

The Department of Parks and Recreation plans to add security lighting and to upgrade general site amenities as needed at various playgrounds, picnic groves and picnic pavilions throughout the city's park system. Fountain Park, Buck Boyle, Jordan Meadow, and Trout Creek will all undergo field restorations which will create a more professional and athletic atmosphere.



Before



After

Keck Park

The City of Allentown has applied for a \$400,000 matching grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to restore Keck Park. Trail and field improvements, playground and skate park upgrades, general site amenities, a new irrigation system and additional lighting are planned.

Pool Renovation & Feasibility Study

A study will soon be underway to evaluate all five municipal pools and the two spray parks in the City of Allentown. A planning development period will follow the study to address the improvements that are needed at these various aquatic facilities, including concessions and maintenance renovations.



In Allentown, most plastic is not recycled into new plastic bottles but rather recycled into carpeting, clothing, toys, lumber, car parts, computer parts, etc.

Allentown Municipal Golf Course Improvements

If you haven't played a round at the Allentown Municipal Golf Course recently, now is the time to grab your clubs and head to the course! Renovations are underway which will improve the quality of the driving range and restrooms at the course. Add this to the already immaculate, well maintained 18 hole course and you have one of the most beautiful facilities in the area.

Arts Walk

An Arts Walk is currently under construction which will connect Allentown's Arts Park to Symphony Hall while running along various downtown businesses.

Trout Nursery Improvements

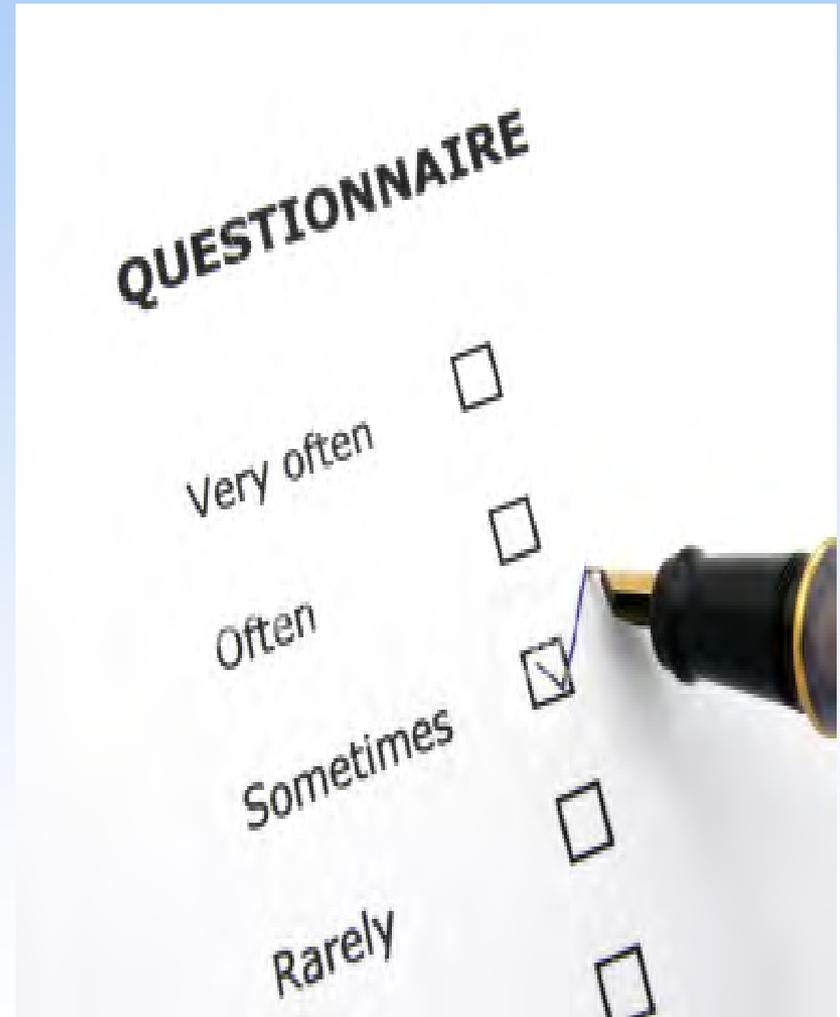
The Trout Nursery is currently being renovated to increase overall visitor satisfaction. The site is receiving electrical upgrades, new pond netting and new signage. Structural improvements will be made to connect the trail system to the nursery and beyond.

City Wide Park Master Plans

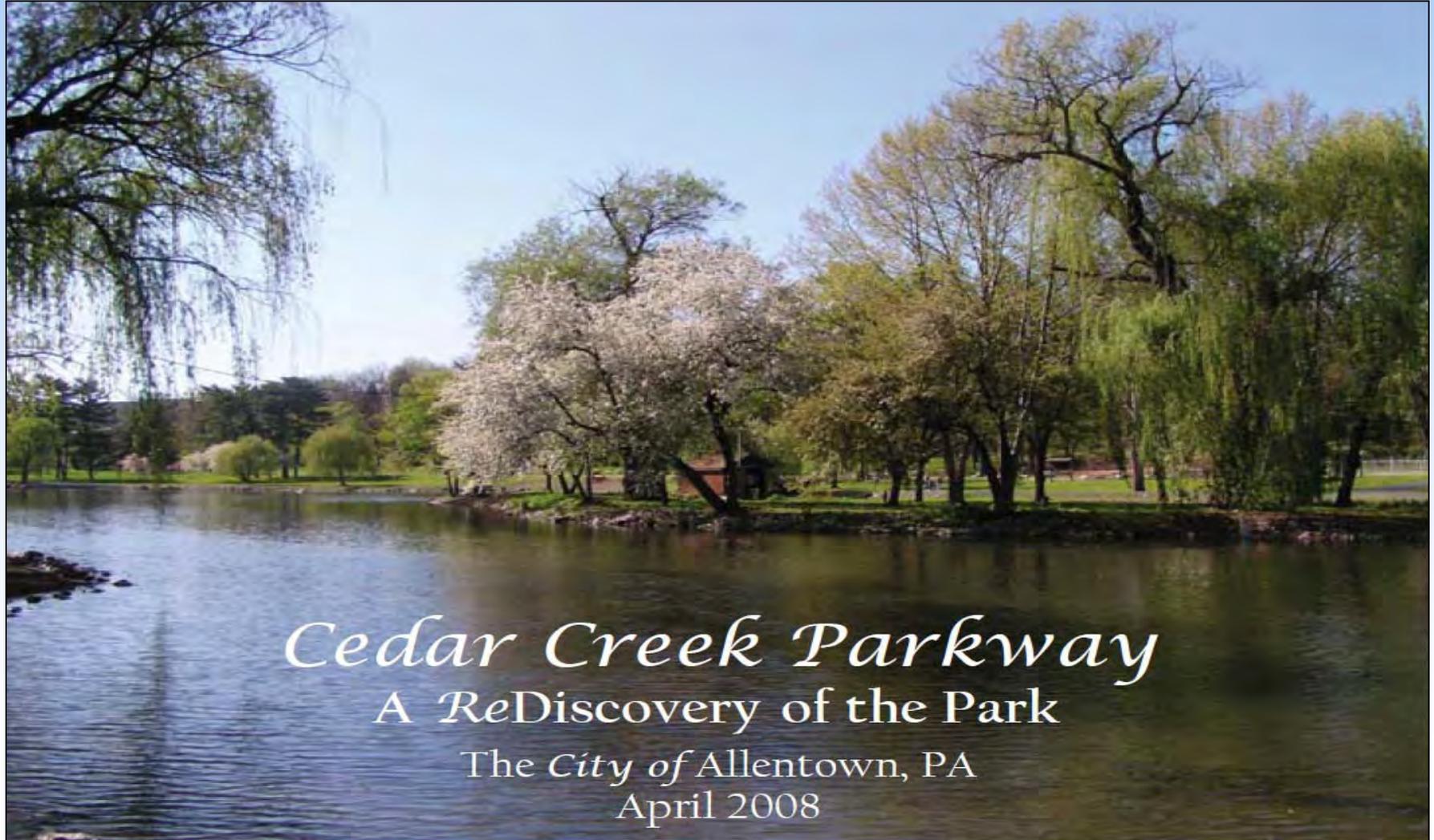
Jackson Street Park, Stevens Park, and Jordan Park will each have a master plan created in the near future that will analyze their current state and create a plan to enhance and modernize the facilities to increase overall visitor satisfaction. Thanks to the generosity of PPL, the city has acquired the parking lot at 9th and Turner streets to create a pocket park. Also, a Dog Park Steering Committee is being formed which will determine the best location, construction and management strategy for creating a dog park in Allentown.

Penn State Survey

- There is a need to evaluate the impact of park Renovations on Park Visitor Behaviors and Physical Activity
- Survey more than 400 park visitors
- Post Renovation survey will be conducted



A 'Rediscovery of the Park' Brochure was Created



Cedar Creek Parkway

A ReDiscovery of the Park

The City of Allentown, PA

April 2008

Approval Process

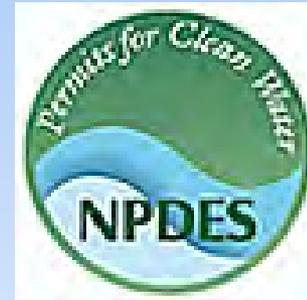
Approval Process w/ City Council

- Capital Project Improvement Program Approved
 - Dec. 2007, 2008, 2009
- Director attended 10 City Council Committee Meetings & Full Council Meetings
- City-Wide Parks Capital Project Improvement Program Developed with City Council Leadership
- March 2008 \$ 5,000
\$ 10,000
- June 2008 \$375,000
- Oct 2008 \$264,290
- June 2009 \$500,000
 - **All passed unanimously.**



Environmental Impact & Permitting Process

- Stormwater Design Complete
- Wetland Study found no Jurisdictional Wetlands
- Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan Complete
- NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities Complete
- DEP Joint Permit (small projects permit) (Per Federal Clean Water Act, Administratively Complete)



Innovative Stormwater Management

- Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been designed to meet all applicable requirements for peak discharge, runoff volume, and water quality.
- A subsurface infiltration bed is proposed for the playground area
- Other BMPs include
 - Protect/ Conserve/ Enhancement of Riparian Areas
 - Minimization of Total Disturbed Area
 - Grading Reduce Street Imperviousness
 - Reduce Parking Imperviousness
 - Disconnection from Storm Sewers
 - Vegetated Filter Strip
 - Soil Amendment/Restoration



The Plan

Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation

Guiding Principles

- Highlight and enhance the park's unique features: Cedar Creek, Muhlenberg Lake, the Rose Garden.
- Provide a diverse variety of recreation opportunities to serve people of differing ages, interests, and abilities.
- Protect and enhance the natural resources of the site.
- Provide trails for recreation and fitness throughout the park and beyond to link to nearby recreation sites.
- Consider and improve the park for special events.



Cedar Creek Parkway Preliminary Plan



Cedar Creek Parkway

Preliminary Plan
City of Allentown, PA
September 2007



DADDONA
LAKE AND
TERRACE

Cedar Creek Parkway Site Opportunities & Concerns



Site Opportunities and Concerns

Legend

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| ●●● Suburban Conversion | ➔ Drainage Area |
| ▨ Boundary | ▼ Vehicle Entrance |
| ➔ Viewshed | ○ Significant Intersection |
| ★ Isolation | |



Master Plan – A Vision for the Future of the Park



Phase I Improvements Plan



Cedar Creek Parkway

Phase 1 Improvements Plan

Legend

-  Lawn
-  Riparian Corridor Enhancements
-  Pedestrian Trails
-  Bicycle Trails
-  Sidewalks and Plaza Areas
-  Exercise Station



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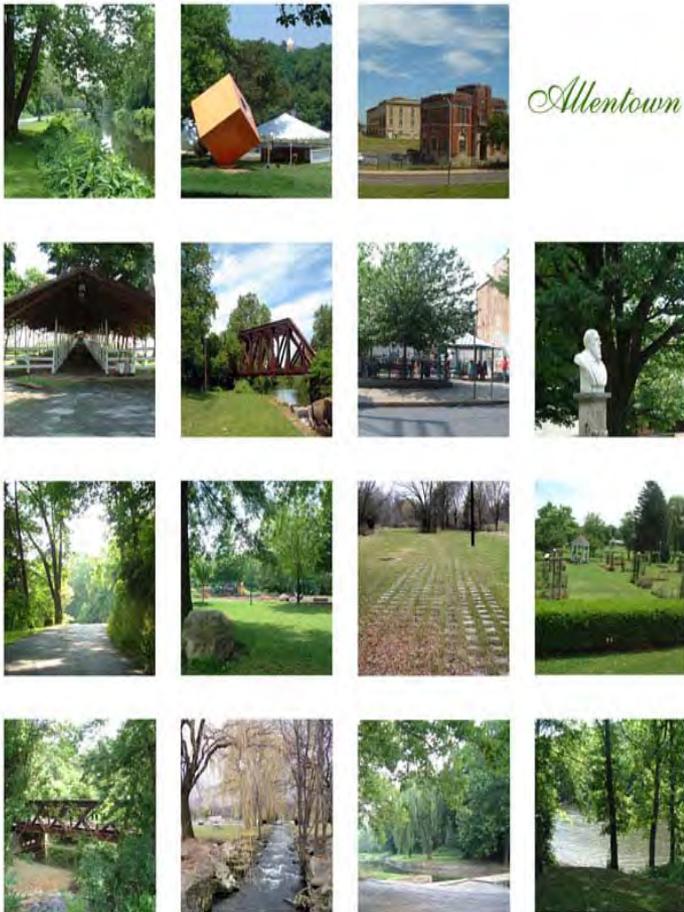
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Cedar Creek Parkway Renovation Summary of Phase I Renovations



- Replace Three (3) Deteriorated Pedestrian Bridges
- Picnic Pavilion Replacement
- Introduce Vegetative Buffer Along Cedar Creek
- Expand & Enhance Trail System
- Restore & Renovate Rose & Old Fashioned Gardens
- Install New Playground
- Upgrade Existing Parking Lots
- Renovate Four(4) Existing Restrooms & Install One(1) New Restroom
- Upgrade Electrical & Lighting
- Introduce New Signage & WayFinding System

Replace Three (3) Pedestrian Bridges

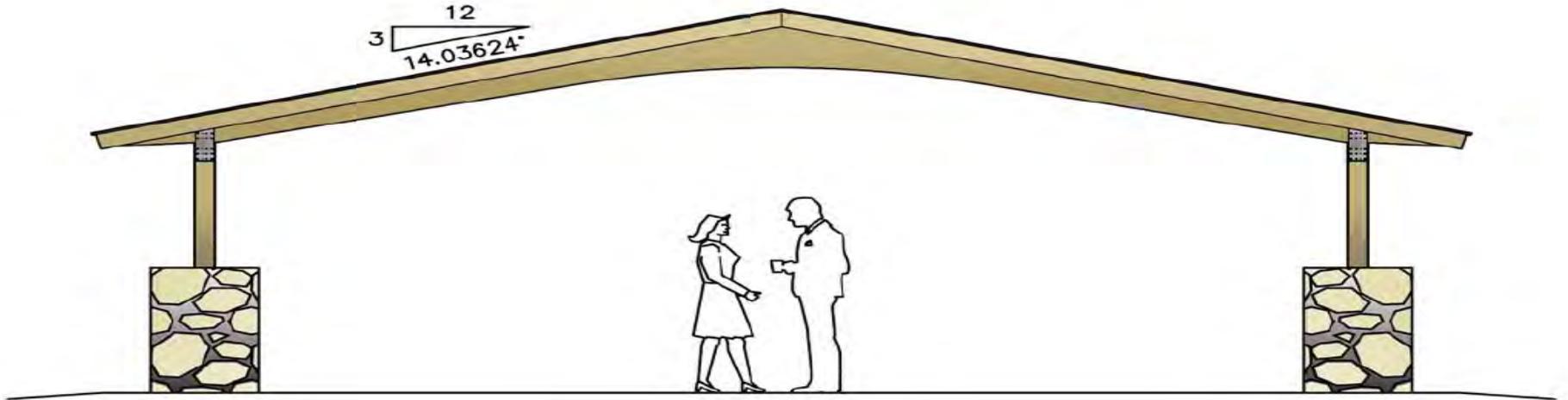




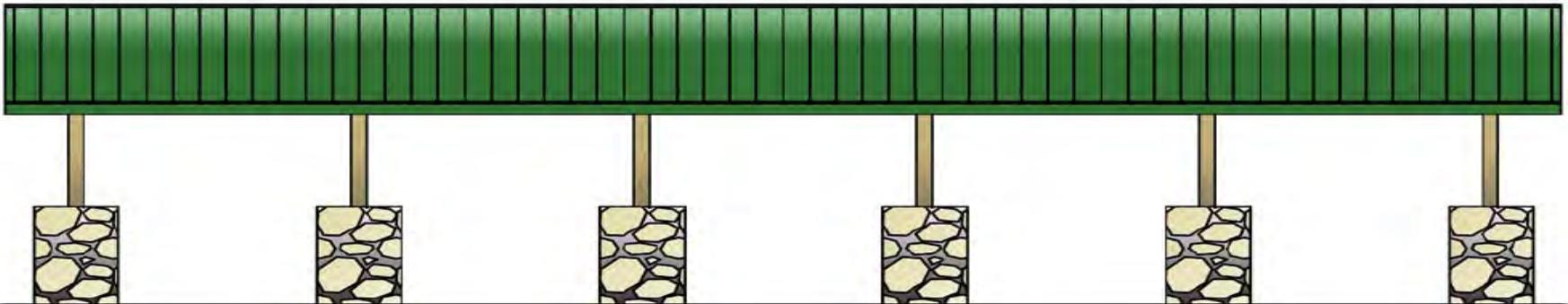
Renovate Picnic Area & Build Five(5) New Pavilions







END ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION

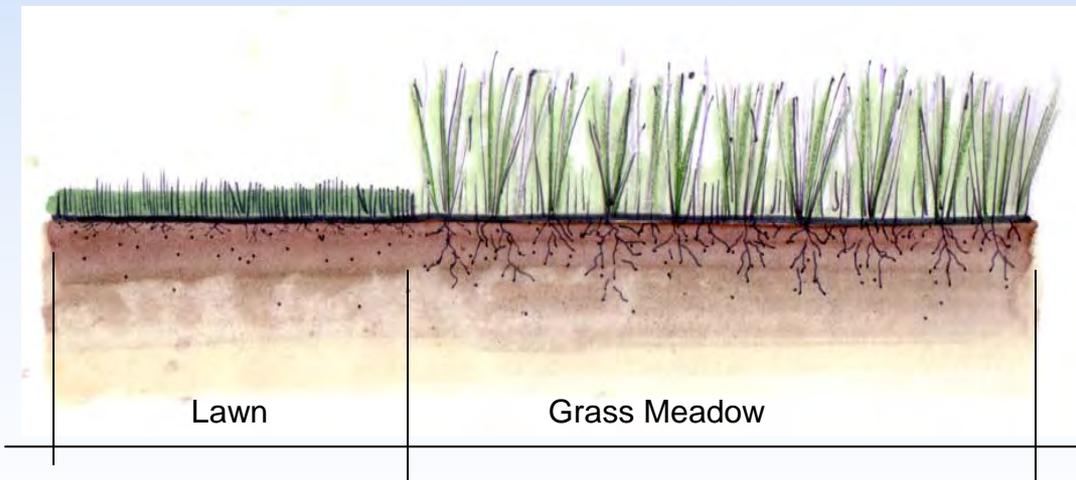


Introduce Vegetative Buffer Along Cedar Creek

Strategy 1:

Grass Meadow - Base Layer

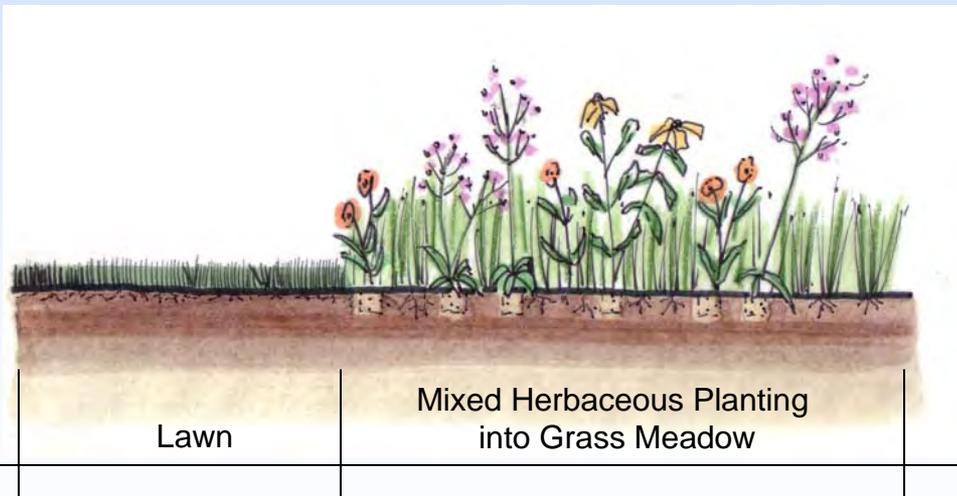
A low-maintenance, grasses only meadow is used as a base, stabilizing groundcover for planting. A broadleaf herbicide can be used to control invasive plants until the grass cover is well established.



Introduce Vegetative Buffer

Strategy 2: Along Cedar Creek Mixed Herbaceous Planting

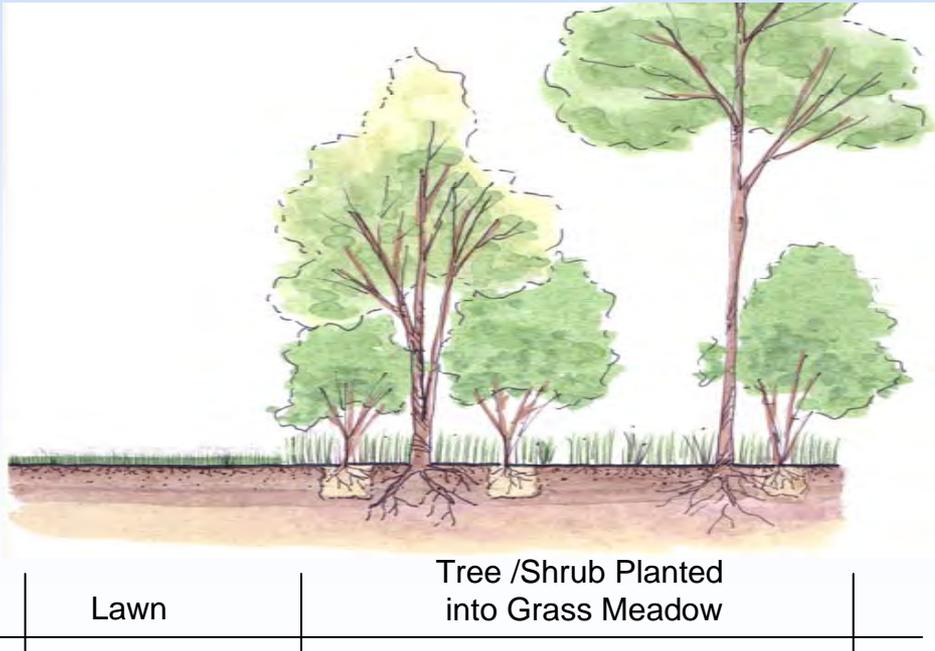
A variety of native herbaceous native perennials and grasses can be planted into the grass meadow in strategic locations. These plants add value through habitat and diversity along with seasonal interest to the meadow. The cost for applying this strategy depends on the size and spacing of the plants.



Introduce Vegetative Buffer Along Cedar Creek

Strategy 3: Tree / Shrub Planting

A variety of native tree and shrub species can be planted into either of the previous planting strategies. This strategy is suitable for riparian buffers, reforestation, and expanding existing forest stands. The cost for applying this strategy depends on the size and spacing of the plants.









Creating New Green Spaces



- Removal of One (1) Sand Volleyball Court in the Floodway
- Removal of Impervious Pavement North of Pool
- Removal of Unnecessary Stone Trail
- Rose Garden Pavilion Area Revamped

Expand & Enhance Trail System



Existing Cedar Creek Parkway Trail



Trexler Park Trail

LifeTrail®

The Pathway to Total Wellness™



- Walking is most common form of outdoor recreation for older adults
- Designed for adults aged 55 & older
- 10 Stations in Circuit
- Strength, Balance, Flexibility, Cardiovascular
- Create Lifetrail Club

Ott Street Bridge Renovation



EXISTING BRIDGE



OPTION 1A

Restore & Renovate Rose & Old Fashioned Gardens





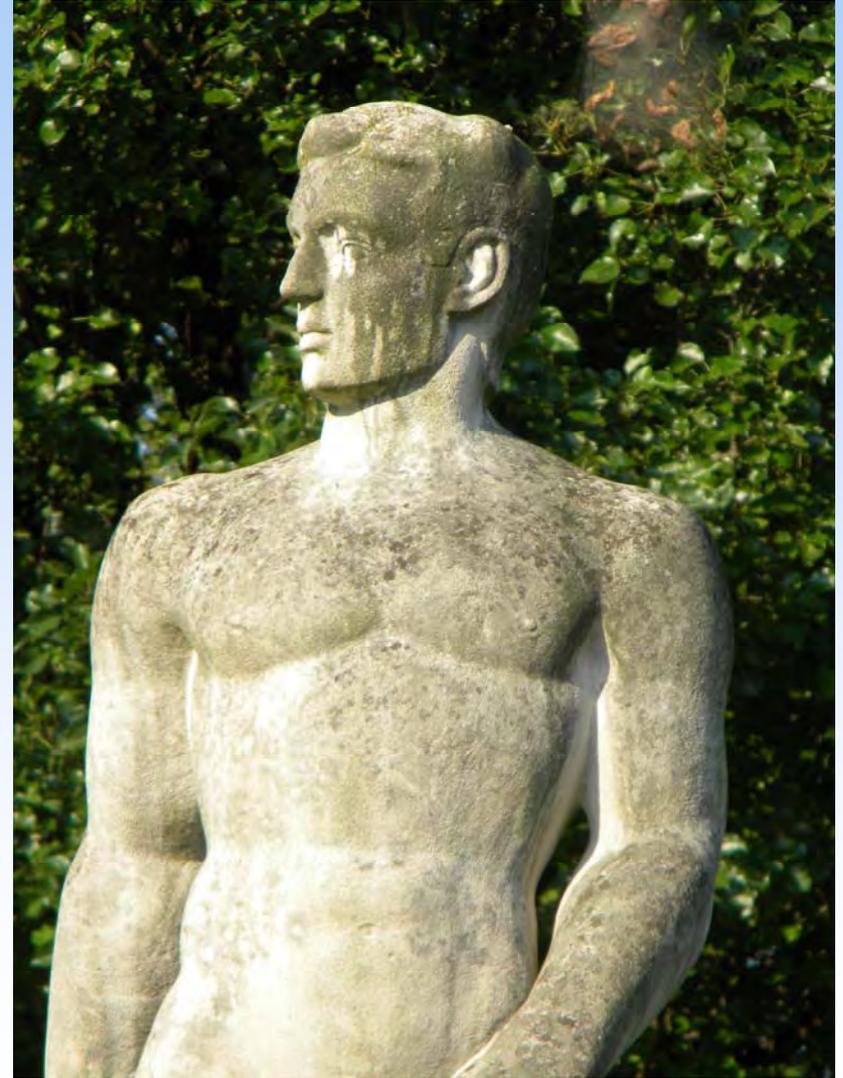


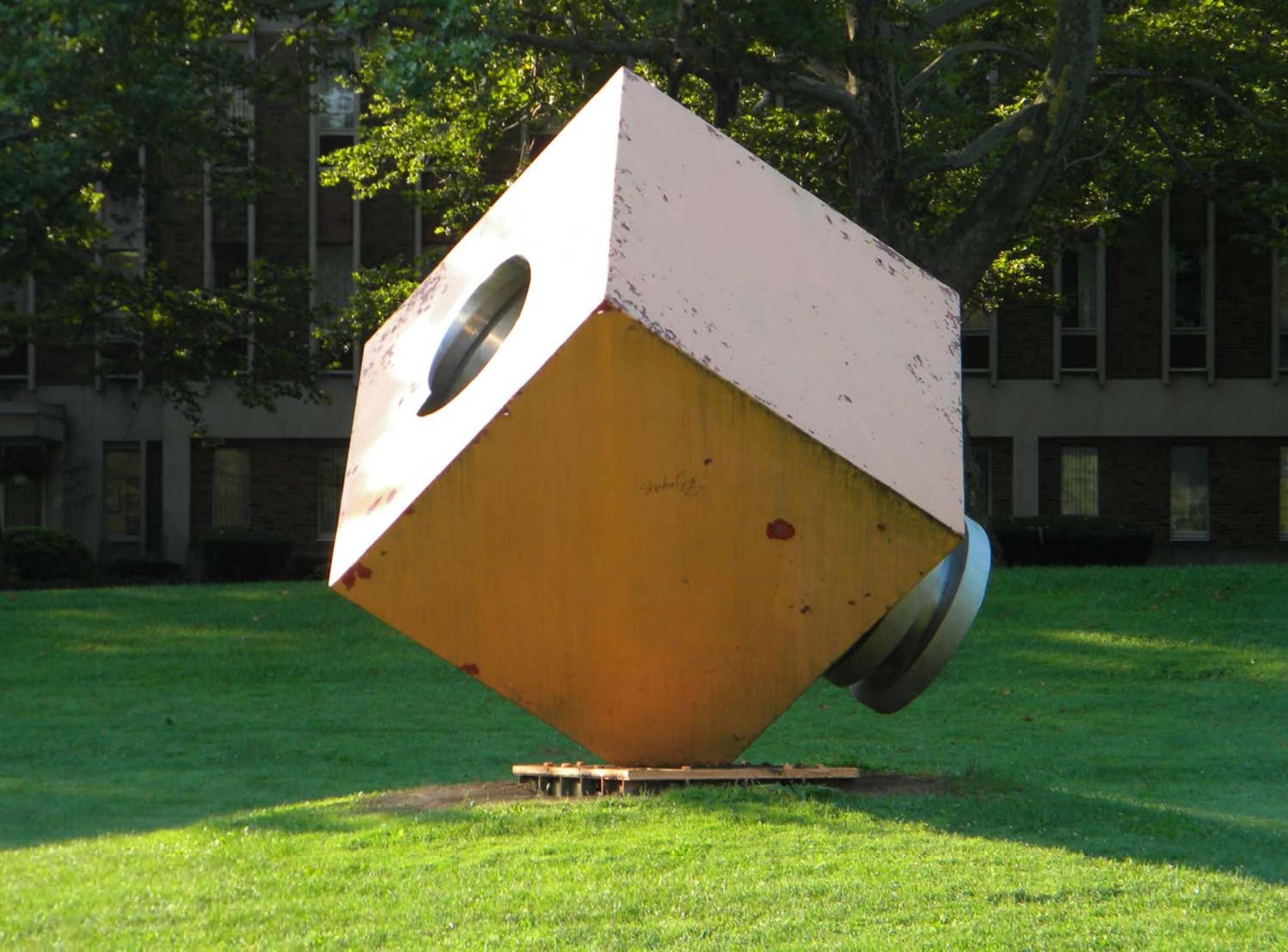




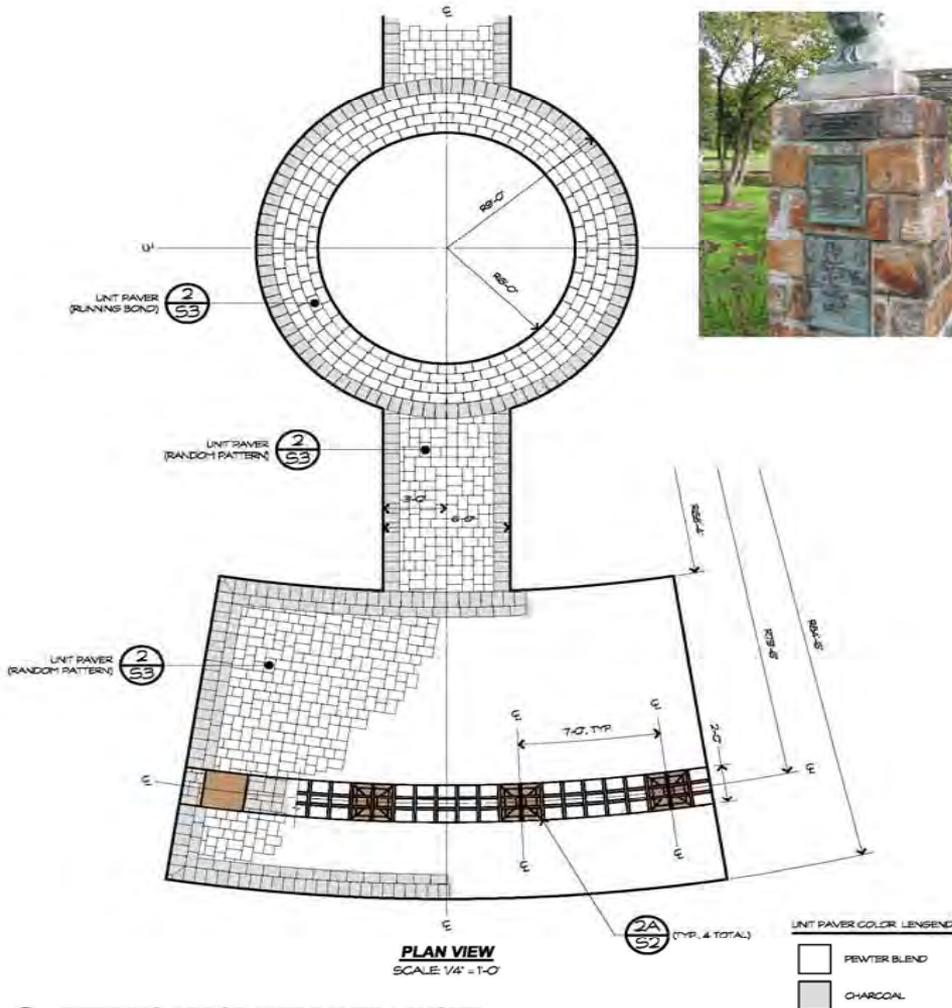


Restore Sculptures

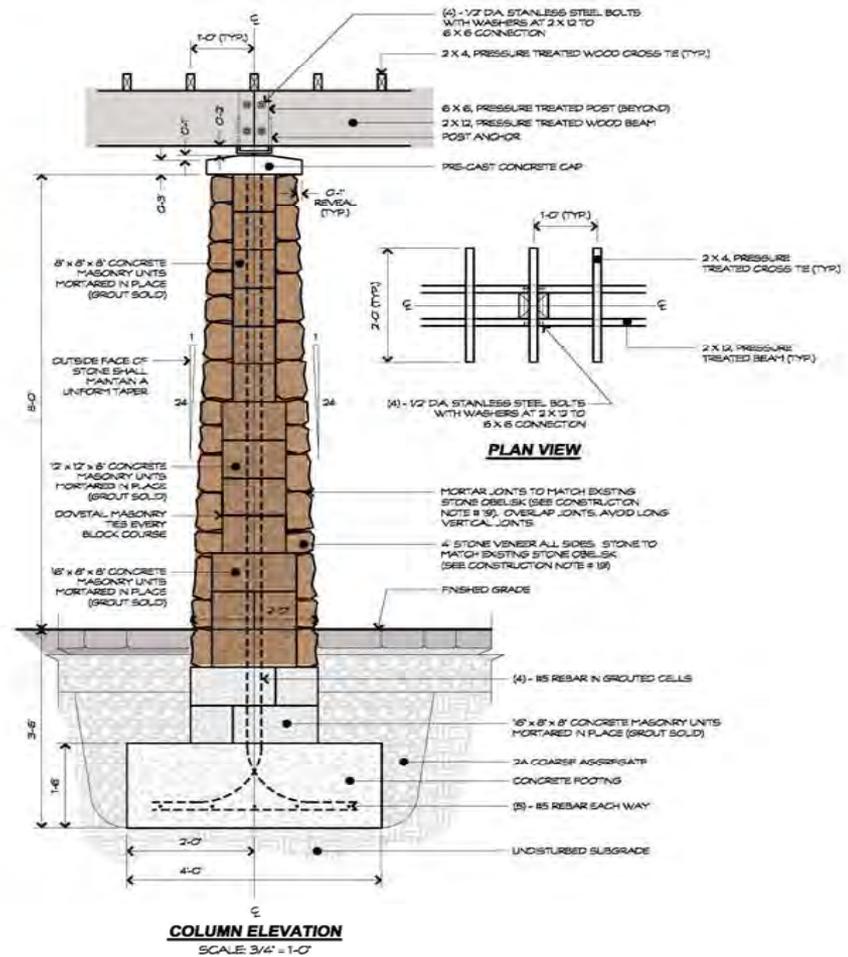




Create New Decorative Arbor

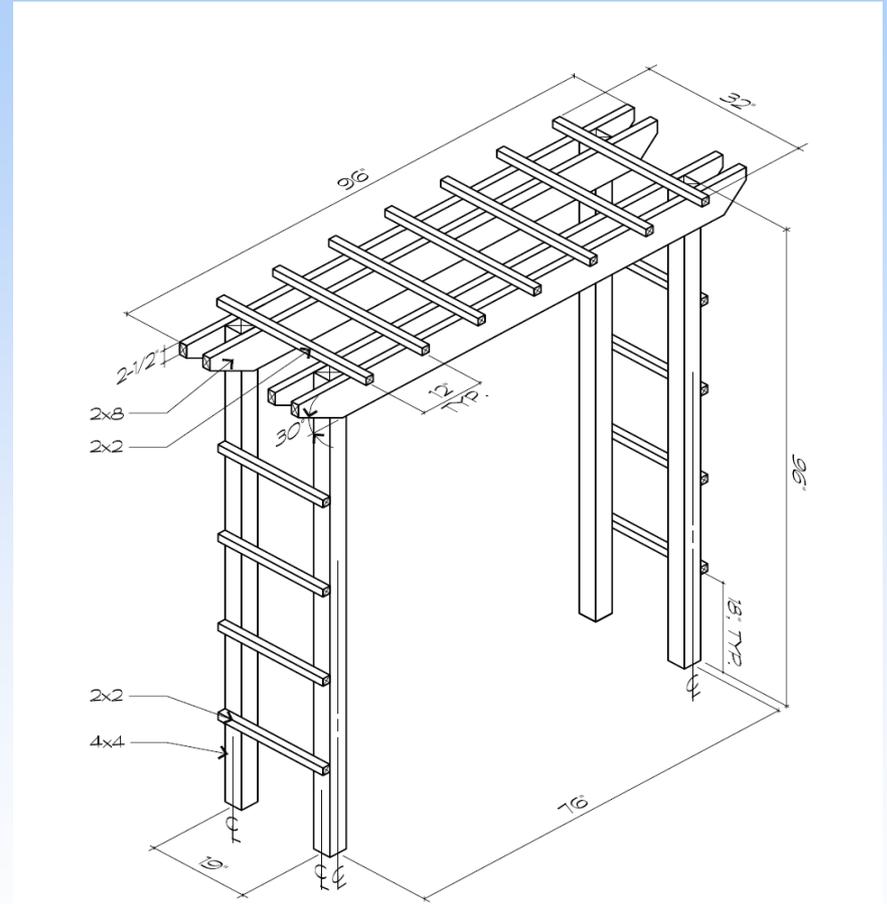
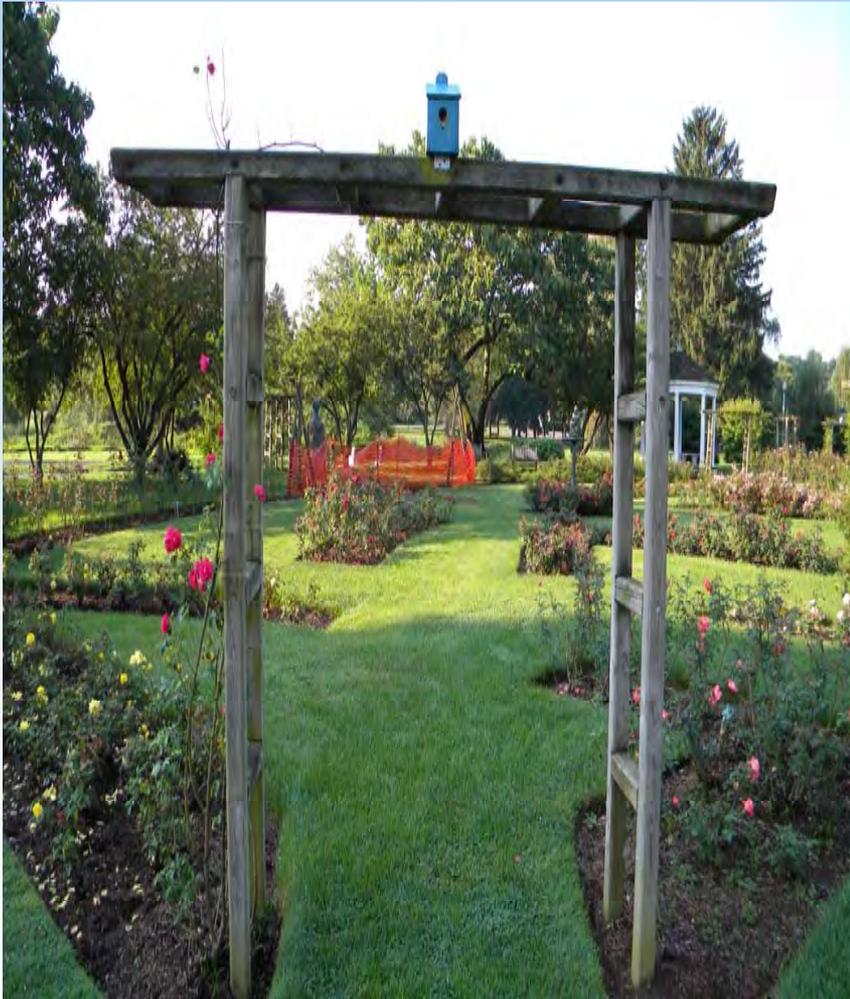


(2) (52) WEDDING ARBOR UNIT PAVER LAYOUT
SCALE: AS NOTED



(2A) (52) WEDDING ARBOR (DEDUCT ALTERNATE NO. 1)
SCALE: AS NOTED

Replace deteriorating trellises



TYPICAL ROSE GARDEN ARBOR

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

Install Handicapped Accessible Playground



Allentown's First Accessible
Playground

Newest Playground Technology

Youth Fitness Trail & Climbing
Boulders

Pavilion & Family Restroom

Decorative Fence & Stone Pillars

No Trees Being Removed

19,900 Sq. Ft. (Playground is Less
than Half an Acre)

Park is 109.62 Acres

Estimating Playground Capacity

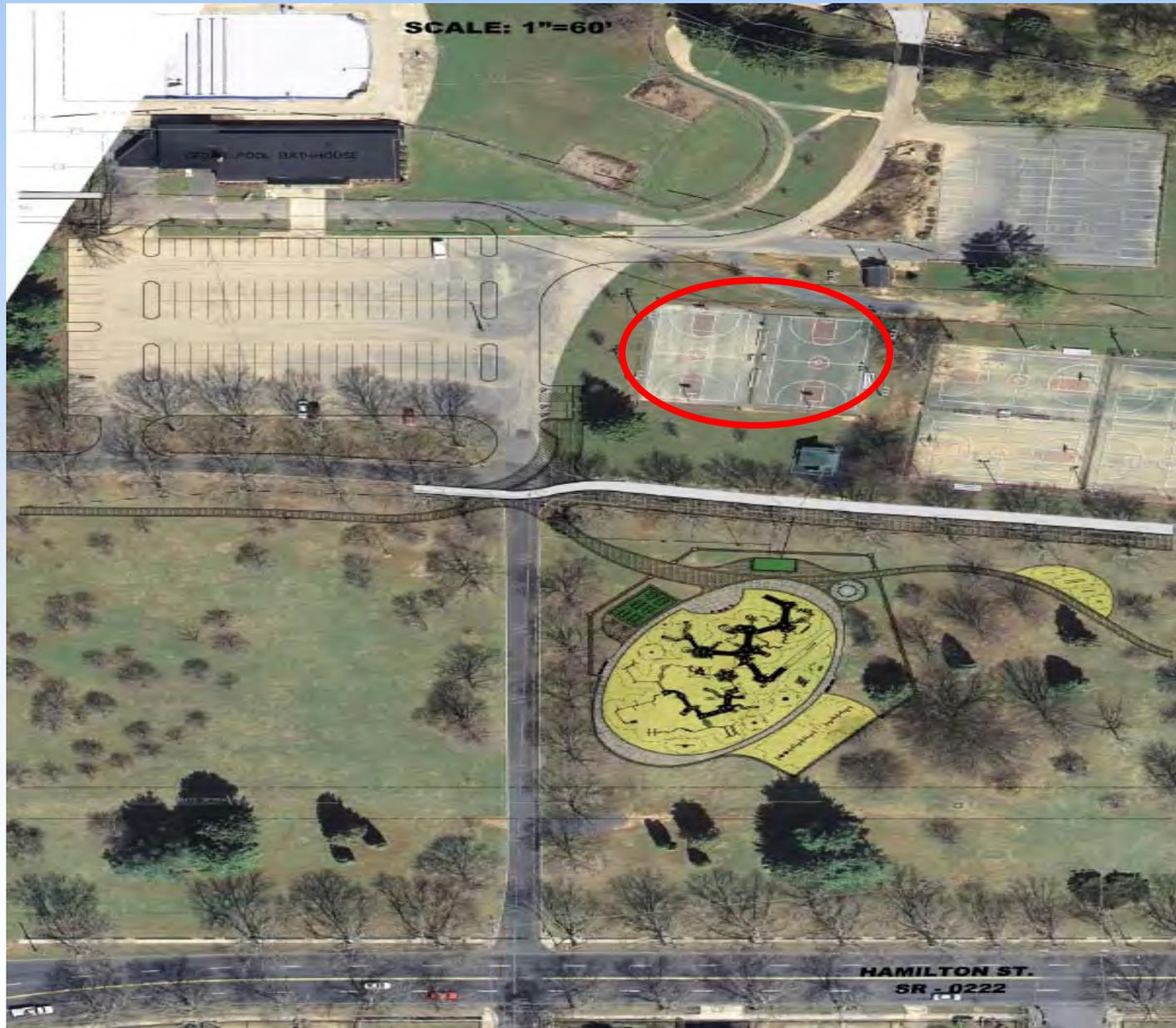
Research indicates that the greater the number of square feet allotted per child, there is a corresponding decrease in the number of injuries. (National Institute of Building Sciences)

- Substandard = 60 sq. ft / 19,900 = 331
- Good = 75 / 19,900 = 265
- Better = 100 / 19,900 = 199
- Best = 200 / 19,900 = 99

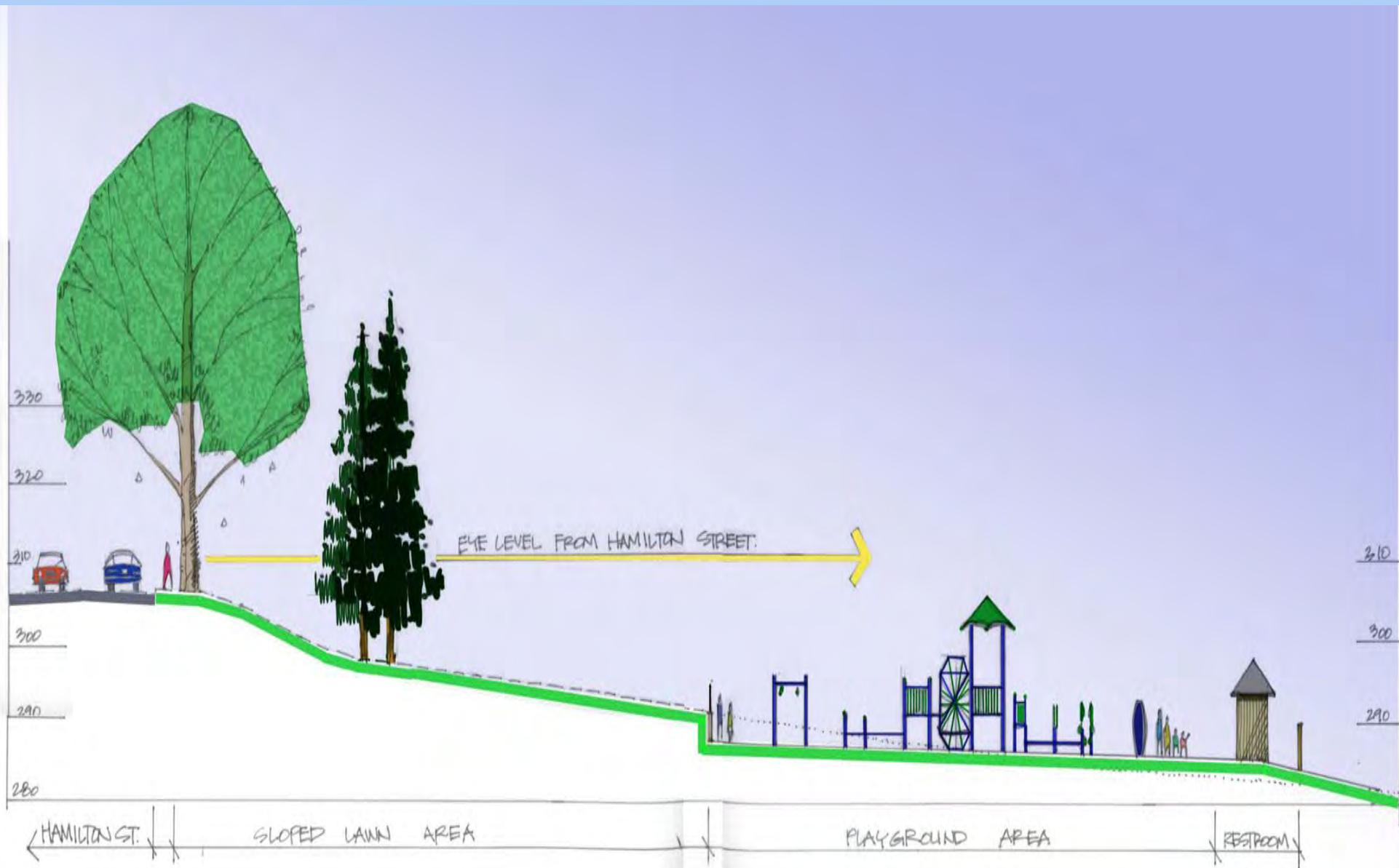
These square footages include the use zone that is strongly recommended around playground equipment for safety.



Size and location of Handicapped Accessible Playground



Eye Level View from Hamilton Street



Upgrade Existing Parking Lots



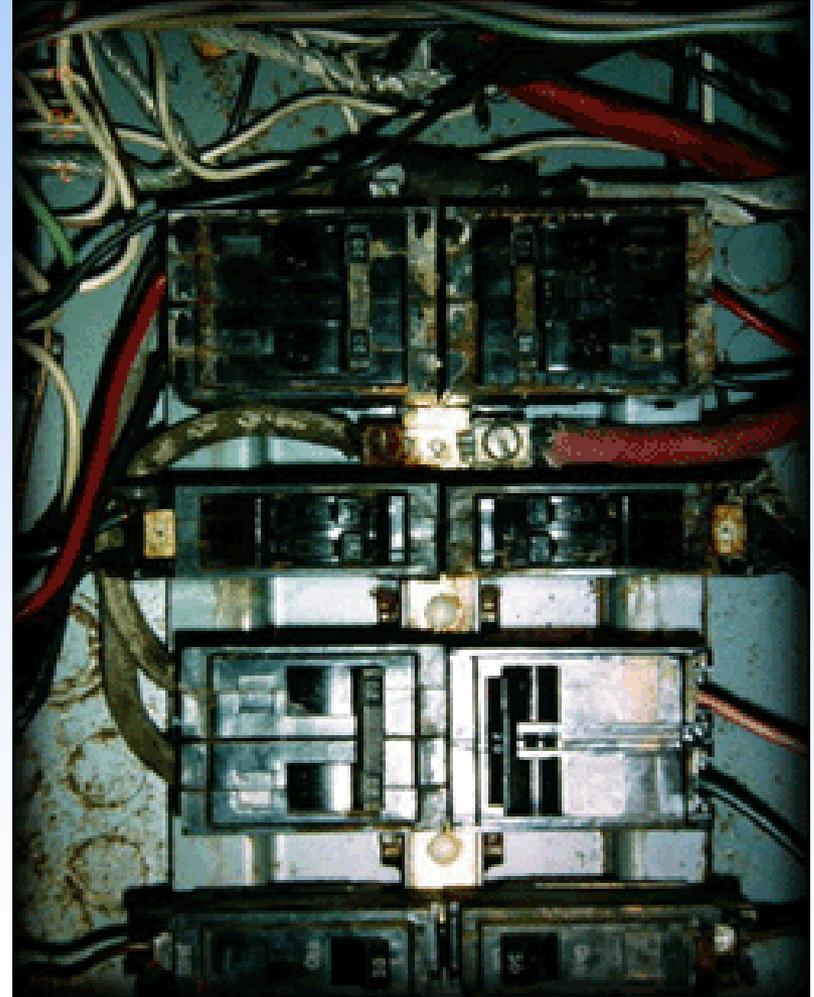
Reconfigure & Stripe
Existing Lots
120 Spaces at Pool &
Playground Area
60 Overflow Spaces
24 North of Pool
(Bake Oven Grove)
45 Spaces at Rose
Garden Pavilion Area
50 At Park & Rec
Office
Total = 299 Spaces

Renovate Existing Restrooms





Upgrade Lighting & Electrical System





Create New Signage & Wayfinding System



Commonly Asked Questions

The park is prone to flooding, what is the City doing to address this problem?



- The proposed improvements respect the existing flood prone areas within the park.
- New natural vegetation and flowers along Cedar Creek will help to reduce flood impacts.
- Improving park trails will lessen the damage to the trails and reduce sediment reaching Lake Muhlenberg.
- An innovative storm water management system will be incorporated into the design to address the proposed improvements, promote groundwater recharge, and reduce overall storm water flow to the creek.
- No new facilities are proposed within the park's floodplain.

How does the City plan to address increased trash, noise and other nuisance issues at the park?

- The City believes investment in the park will promote increased appreciation and stewardship.
- Proposed improvements such as renovation of the trails and providing a natural vegetative buffer along the creek will reduce long term maintenance and improve the appearance of the park.
- City crews will continue to operate and maintain the park in a first class manner.



Where is the funding coming from to renovate the park?



- Phase I is being funded through \$1.8 million in grants provided by the Harry C. Trexler Trust, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Lehigh County Green Futures Fund.
- No, city tax dollars will be used to complete any of the above mentioned park renovations.
- This funding is project specific and cannot be used for other city parks or operational expenses.

What are the new incremental ongoing costs to maintain the new facilities?

- The city anticipates NO new costs as a result of these renovations.
- Proposed improvements such as renovation of the trails and providing a natural vegetative buffer along the creek will reduce long term maintenance and improve the appearance of the park.
- City crews will continue to operate and maintain the park in a first class manner.



Parking is always an issue at the park, how does the City plan to address this problem?



- While routine, daily parking is generally accommodated within the park, special events and summer weekends can overburden the existing facilities.
- The Phase I plan does not include any new parking lots, but rather reconfigures and properly strips (no striping currently exists) the existing lots to allow for more parking spaces.
- **No additional surface lots will be added to the park.**
- **What are you going to do to slow down traffic?**
- In addition, a new crosswalk is being installed on Ott Street to connect the two portions of the park for safe bicyclists and pedestrian crossing. Finally the bridge on Ott Street is being renovated and the City is working to add pedestrian crosswalks on Hamilton Street and Parkway Boulevard in the near future.

Handicapped Accessible Playground



- How many children with disabilities are there are in Allentown or Lehigh County?
- Why can't you make all the parks more accessible for people with disabilities?
- How many trees is the City going to cut down to make room for the playground?
- What do you mean by destination park?
- Will the playground have noisy games, if so can you turn them off?

Park Security

- Who is going to protect the kids using this park?
- Who is going to monitor the park?
- How will the city ensure emergency medical services will be readily available?



Environmental Questions



- Will the riparian buffers cause poisonous snakes to take over the park?
- Will there be permanent lighting anywhere on the west side? If so, why?
- How are you going to connect Trexler Park and Union Terrace?

Additional Questions

NO

Is the west side of the park becoming an active park?

Are you going to allow MayFair to expand to the West Side of the Park?

Are you planning to build more parking lots in the park?

Are you removing the gazebos at the Rose Garden?

Are you going to build a skate park?

Are you building a wedding pavilion?

Are you trying to create a fee based park?

What is the timetable for completion of Phase I?



- The project will continue through the remainder of 2009 and into 2010.
- Depending on the weather, the City hopes to have Phase I improvements completed by May 2010.

How can I find out more information?

- The City created a project website at www.allentownpa.org.
- Once on the site, go to the Department of Parks & Recreation home page and click on the Cedar Creek Parkway logo.
- You can also sign up for email updates.
- Take a personal tour of the park and view improvements with the Parks and Recreation Director
- **Parks Office (610) 437-7628**



THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?

City Charter Sec.812

SECTION 812 CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON CAPITAL PLAN

~~A. Notice and Hearing. Council shall publish, in one (1) or more newspapers or general circulation in the municipality, the general summary of the Capital Plan with a notice stating:—~~

~~1. The times and places where copies of the Capital Plan message and Capital Program document are available for inspection by the public.—~~

~~2. The time, place and date, not less than fifteen (15) days or more than thirty (30) days after such publication, for a public hearing on the Capital Plan. The public hearing shall not be on the date of a regular Council meeting or on hearing date of the operating Budget.—~~

3. *A. Public Access to Capital Plan:* The proposed Capital Plan shall be available for public inspection at City Hall and copies shall be available for the public at a reasonable fee to be set by the Council. (11/6/01)

B. Adoption. Council must adopt an annual Capital Plan, with or without amendment, no later than December 15th of the fiscal year, currently ending. If Council fails to adopt a Capital Plan by December 15th then the Mayor's original Capital Plan shall become the official Capital Plan of the City for the ensuing fiscal year.