

2013 Park Planning & Design



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Executive Summary

The Williston Parks and Recreation District (WPRD) is dedicated to providing superior parks, facilities, and programs for all to enjoy an active life. The Williston Parks Master Plan, completed in 2011, provides the framework to achieve five specific goals: maximize implementation efforts, plan for park improvements and future development, organize development, formalize and maximize partnerships and pursue traditional and alternative funding. One strategy to address planning for park improvements and future development is to prepare new master plans for key parks and facilities. WPRD selected a new unnamed West End Park, Recreation Park, Dakota Park, Western Star Complex, Harmon Park, and Spring Lake Park to begin the process. Peaks to Plains Design was selected to develop the master plans for the six parks in the Williston community.

A community involved design process was used to solicit feedback on the current issues affecting parks. An initial meeting was held with WPRD to develop a preliminary design program for each park. Underserved populations were solicited through the use of focus groups. General public participation was achieved through a web-based survey sent to the current users of WPRD programs and was advertised in the *Williston Herald*. The information gathered from WPRD staff and the public survey contributed to conceptual plans for each of the parks. The concept plans were presented to the public at a town hall meeting. Attendees had an opportunity to provide input on the concepts. WPRD staff and board members contributed their intentions as well. All the comments were taken into consideration for final plan development.

An opinion of probable cost was prepared for each park. Peaks to Plains Design utilized a cost database of installed projects and industry standard pricing to formulate a unit cost for amenities in each park. The unit cost were then marked up by 25 percent to accommodate for the fluctuating cost of doing business in Williston and to adjust for inflation as the projects are installed over an extended period of time. Improvements to each park were broken out into three to ten phases. Improvements in each phase were combined to minimize disturbance to remaining park amenities and to minimize reconstruction of improvements in future phases. Phased installation does increase the overall cost versus constructing all the improvements at one time due to efficiencies in mobilization and coordination.

The designs, opinions of probable cost and phasing recommendations are intended to be integrated into the Williston Parks Master Plan. The District will need to prioritize the implementation of the master plans. The drawings produced as part of this effort are detailed to a 65 percent design development level and will require additional detailing and design efforts for use in construction document preparation for implementation.

Once a set of priorities is established by WPRD, those priorities should be further broken down between projects that can be completed by WPRD staff and what will require additional assistance from outside consultants. For projects WPRD determines will require additional design work; a consultant firm will need to be selected to finalize the design details. As projects move to the implementation phase, WPRD will need to evaluate if construction can take place utilizing in house staff or if an outside contractor will be required. Projects that will require an outside contractor will require a public bid process as per North Dakota Century Code. A full bid package should be prepared by WPRD or a hired consultant that includes drawings and specifications. Once a contractor is selected, WPRD will need to decide if they will appoint a staff member or hire an outside consultant to be the Owner's Representative for the project and oversee the installation. This process will need to be repeated for each project that WPRD is unable to install in house.

This master plan process was not tasked with evaluating the implications to operations and management, including equipment and human resources. As each phase is implemented, this will need to be addressed. The culmination of this master plan effort outlines approximately 12 million dollars worth of investment into existing parks. The improvements will allow WPRD to expand recreation programs, make safety improvements and address the needs of people of all abilities and their quest to enjoy an active life and have fun!

Community Involved Design





Peaks to Plains Design^{PC}

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE / PLANNING / ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT
FROM: JOLENE RIECK
SUBJECT: STAFF PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROGRAM
DATE: MARCH 23, 2013
CC:

Williston Parks and Recreation District staff provided to Peaks to Plains Design the following information regarding the preliminary design programs for Harmon Park, Recreation Park, Spring Lake Park, Western Star Complex, Dakota Park and a new West End Park.

Harmon Park

When the WARC opens, a decision will need to be made regarding the outdoor pool at Harmon Park. WPRD would like to see concepts that remove the pool and provide for other alternatives, perhaps a splash pad or multi-season hockey rink. A large shelter, west of the amphitheater, would benefit the users of the park. Currently, limited parking at Harmon Park creates difficulty during community events. A new parking lot could be created with the removal of the tennis courts.

Recreation Park

A large shelter is needed for business picnics and family reunions. Keep as much of the open space as possible.

Spring Lake Park

Spring Lake Park is full of opportunity. A winter park area with snowboarding or sledding is needed in the community. A concession area for canoe or bike rentals would work well at this location. The play equipment on the east side of the park needs to be upgraded. The beach area requires renovation. A mini golf area would be a nice addition to this park. The community has been asking to bring back the old Zoo Train for rides. To accomplish this task the main road will need to be paved.

Western Star Complex

A Play4all Playground will be developed on the southwest side of the parking lot. A large shelter can be placed on top of the hill for team or league gatherings. The rest of the area is open with the possibility of being used for more ball fields.

Dakota Park

This park could be a location for inline hockey. One item for concern is the existing tennis and basketball courts. Determine whether the courts will be kept and resurfaced or will be removed.

West End Park

Unprogrammed open space for fields is needed throughout the District. This park could be a good location for this amenity combined with a playground and restrooms. Trees are necessary to give the space a relaxing feel.



MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

FROM: JOLENE RIECK

SUBJECT: FOCUS GROUP KEY THEMES

DATE: JUNE 13, 2013

CC:

Three focus groups were facilitated on May 14, 2013. The meeting purpose was to collect data from potential park users who may be underrepresented in determining the needs of the current park system. The outcomes of the meetings are to help WPRD and the Peaks to Plains Design (PPD) team understand what motivates citizens to use the parks, identify elements in the current parks that are heavily embraced, need improvements or is missing, and help WPRD set the priorities for park improvements.

The three groups included people age 18 and younger, people age 55 and older and people with disabilities. Up to seven questions were asked in each meeting. Some groups did a better job answering the direct question than others; but several key themes are evident across all three user categories.

1. Large, unprogrammed open space with trees ranks high on a list of desires. This type of space allows for multiple activities that can be enjoyed by all age groups, family units and abilities.
2. Parks that are well maintained, clear of litter, graffiti and vagrancy contribute to a user's sense of security/safety in whether or not to use the park.
3. Walking is an activity enjoyed by all. There are several components that can enhance a user's walking experience: safety, availability of rest rooms, choices of routes (short and long distance), placement of benches, and accessibility needs, such as handrails.
4. Parks are used from sunrise to sunset.
5. Non-sports orientated programmed activities, such as band day or arts in the park contribute to a user's positive experience memory. Since most of this occurs currently in Harmon Park, it ranks high in a list of favorite parks along with Spring Lake Park. Moose Park and Davidson Park were mentioned as favorite parks as well.
6. Attendees requested that an outdoor pool is highly desirable, and even though the new recreation center has a pool, that an outdoor pool is still needed. It was suggested that the pool does not necessarily need to remain at Harmon Park, however.

7. The water quality at Spring Lake Park leaves a negative perception of the use of the lake(s). Users indicate a desire to participate more directly with the water bodies (fishing, swimming, non-motorized boats, etc.), but still desire an improvement of water quality.
8. Special destination features are desired. The “extra bonuses” in a park may distribute use from the most heavily used parks. Suggestions included miniature golf, sand volleyball courts, rentals of canoes, etc., concessions, 25 yard pool, winter activities.
9. Improvements in picnic shelters are desired. This includes the existing shelters and adding additional shelters, with having some large ones enough to have a large family reunion or company picnic, accommodating 200 people.
10. Visual enhancements such as flowering vegetation is important to the older population and affects their perception of a “cared for” park.
11. The younger demographic indicated a need for a women’s fast pitch softball field to call “home.”
12. Amenities that offer inclusive opportunities for all ages and abilities are highly desirable.
13. The skate park has mixed reviews about its placement and use. However, there is a desire to build a “mini-skate park” or skills course that is targeted towards an elementary and preschool demographic.
14. Users were well aware of the personal safety concerns and park usage. Many cited fear about leaving their homes to exercise or take advantage of park amenities. This changes how people experience the parks in terms of safety in numbers, supervision of children or no longer using the parks.
15. Teenagers are often a forgotten demographic when considering non-sport park amenities.
16. Participants indicated an overall satisfaction with WPRD and can sympathize with the challenges that they face.

MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT
FROM: JOLENE RIECK
SUBJECT: WPRD BOARD COMMENTS
DATE: AUGUST 09, 2013
CC:

WPRD Board Members were asked to respond to five questions regarding the existing conditions of park lands and how changes in the community are affecting the parks.

1. Which park in Williston is your favorite and why? What do you do there that makes it special? How often do you visit? Do you visit as an individual or with others?

Harmon Park, Davidson Park and Spring Lake Park were all mentioned as favorite parks. Harmon Park has parades, music at the band shell and the swimming pool is used frequently. Davidson Park provides a diverse range of family activities with the playground, splash pad, and sports amenities. The amount of trees reflects a positive aesthetic, and the shelters are used for functions. Spring Lake Park was chosen due to the lake for fishing, the playground behind keel boat, winter sledding on the hills and the use of the keel boat for civic and family gatherings.

2. What activities would you like to participate in at a park that you currently do not have access to?

Soccer, hockey, skating and boating or canoeing were options mentioned by multiple board members. Some other items for consideration are outdoor movies, the old zoo train, fishing rentals or concessions, sledding or tubing and nature walks in a prairie setting.

3. Name up to five opportunities and challenges that the District will face in the next five years?

The rapid growth of Williston and its increasing diverse population were seen as both challenges and opportunities. Park amenities will need to be evaluated as Williston continues to grow. The focus of this evaluation will be what facilities are required and where they will be located. Park staffing and finding ways to engage with the growing population is a major concern. Funding of park improvements and maintenance for facilities were mentioned as challenges as the District continues to grow.

4. How have the changes in the community in last 5 years affected your perceptions about the parks in Williston?

The quality of life issues that the District contributes to have been lacking. Parks need to exist to provide people a safe and friendly environment to spend time and relax. People from all over the world are starting to use the park facilities and that may change old traditions in Williston as the new people become more engaged in the community. The parks are being used more frequently, and staff is challenged to keep pace with maintenance requirements. The District had a hard time hiring staff to address this issue due to competition with the oil companies and the wages they provide.

5. If you had an opportunity to enact one new initiative for the District to focus on, what would it be and why?

A full operational evaluation should be conducted that looks into how the district makes decisions on finances, risk management, maintenance planning, human resources, and security to help develop a long term plan. The District needs to identify strength and weakness in the system and institute formalized plans to lessen major surprises down the road. An outdoor water park and pool for children needs to be addressed by the District.

WILLISTON CITIZEN SURVEY

Prepared by nVision Research, Inc.



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WILLISTON CITIZEN SURVEY

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY



Background

From preliminary meetings with the WPRD Board and staff, the PPD project team identified a number of amenities and programs under consideration for park improvements throughout the District. Since lists of potential improvements normally exceed the resources available for implementation, the Master Plan Update process included methods for prioritization of the options.

To assess community priorities, PPD and nVision Research, an independent marketing research firm, designed and administered a web-based sample survey of citizens in the Williston area. The survey was conducted between May 14 and May 27, 2013.



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Survey Objectives

The survey questionnaire was designed to:

1. Identify how citizens perceive the major parks in the District, and determine frequency of usage.
2. Assess citizen priorities across a large number of amenities and potential improvements.
3. Profile park users by demographic characteristics.

A copy of the questionnaire is provided in the appendix to this report. Detailed tables of survey findings are provided under separate cover.



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Survey Sample

The survey targeted individuals who have e-mail addresses in the WPRD RecTrac system. This list consisted of 1,056 e-mail addresses, after eliminating duplicate and incomplete entries.

An introductory announcement e-mail was sent from WPRD to all 1,056 unduplicated addresses. Following that, nVision sent invitations with individualized survey links to the full sample, followed by 2 reminder messages to non-respondents. A public link was made available via the WPRD website for interested citizens who were not part of the RecTrac sample.

288 individuals from the RecTrac sample completed the survey (for a 27.3% response rate). 34 respondents completed the survey from the public sample. Because of the small number of public participants, these results are not analyzed in this report.



OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

USAGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF PARKS



Frequency of Visits

Davidson is the most popular park destination, with about 33% of Williston residents expecting to visit once a week or more. On the other hand, more than 90% will not visit Railroad, Westlawn, Moose, or Pheasant Run parks more than twice during the entire summer – and almost all of those will never visit these parks.

Expected Visits to Williston Parks - Summer, 2013

Park	Frequently (13+ times)	Occasionally (3-12 times)	Never/Rarely (0-2 times)
Dakota	~10%	~10%	~80%
Davidson	~33%	~10%	~57%
Harmon	~10%	~10%	~80%
Moose	~0%	~0%	~100%
Pheasant Run	~0%	~0%	~100%
Railroad	~0%	~0%	~100%
Recreation	~0%	~0%	~100%
Spring Lake	~10%	~10%	~80%
Westlawn	~0%	~0%	~100%
Western Star	~0%	~0%	~100%

USAGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF PARKS

Participation in Recreational Activities

Many of the most common recreation activities of Williston residents are accommodated by existing park facilities. These activities reflect the interests of a wide variety of area household structures and age groups.

Recreational Activities Engaged In – Past Year

Activity	% of Households
Park playground	~85%
Run/walk/jog	~80%
Swim	~75%
Organized sports	~70%
Picnic in a park	~65%
Bicycle ride	~60%
Work out in a gym	~55%
Golf	~45%
Ski/snowboard	~25%
Snowmobile	~20%

USAGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF PARKS

Underserved Age Groups

Most Williston area residents perceive that recreational opportunities are adequate for younger children (12 or younger), but are lacking somewhat for older groups. The greatest perceived need is for recreational opportunities targeted to teens and young adults (ages 13-21).

Adequacy of Recreational Opportunities for Different Age Groups

Age Group	% Rating Current Services for Age Group 'Too Little'
Under 4	~45%
4 - 6	~30%
7 - 12	~40%
13 - 17	~65%
18 - 21	~60%
22 - 40	~55%
41 - 60	~50%
Over 60	~55%

USAGE AND PERCEPTIONS OF PARKS

Williston Residents' Favorite Parks

Not surprisingly, the three parks considered as favorites by the most residents in Williston are those that are most highly frequented. About half of all residents consider Davidson a favorite.

Parks Considered Favorites (Multiple mentions accepted)

Park	% of Households
Dakota	~10%
Davidson	~55%
Harmon	~25%
Moose	~5%
Pheasant Run	~5%
Railroad	~5%
Recreation	~5%
Spring Lake	~35%
Western Star	~5%
Westlawn	~5%
No favorite	~30%

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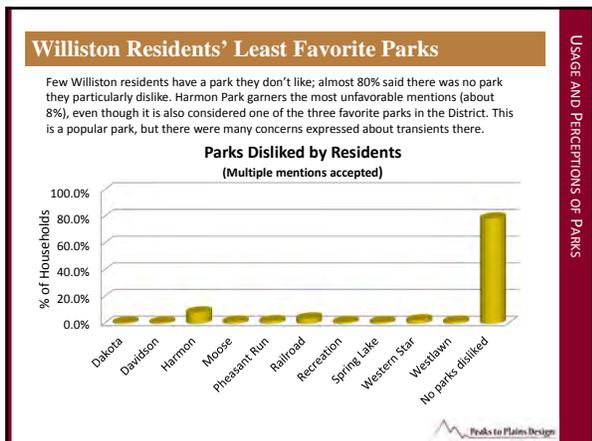
Example Reasons for Selecting Park as Favorite

Davidson:
There's lots for the kids to do at this park between the playground equipment and waterpark.
It has the largest playground, splash pad, tennis court, and plenty of parking. The bathrooms are a good asset.
It's got a range of great activities suitable for all of my children who range in ages 2-7 to play on. We also love the splash pad in the summer!
Davidson is nice to go to because so many people go there -- opportunity to meet other moms. Newest equipment.

Spring Lake:
Spring Lake is so big and open with plenty of room to run...not too crowded.
It's a nice setting with the lake. The kids love the play equipment, and we all enjoy the lake to look at things like the ducks, frogs - basically the natural setting is appealing.
I like the location and walking path and dog park
Have always enjoyed activities, Christmas drive thru, picnic area, walking path, playground & love Keel Boat
Just like the location, and the people around ... aren't too creepy

Harmon:
Has the summer concerts, band day and other activities that are part of a wonderful entertainment world.
Close to home, clean, open. It's not too secluded -- makes me feel better with all the new people in Williston.
Having a harder time enjoying Harmon because of safety issues and the bathrooms are always locked. Ever considered surveillance?
Harmon Park is fairly close to our house (within walking distance) and we use the outdoor pool in the summer which is right next door.

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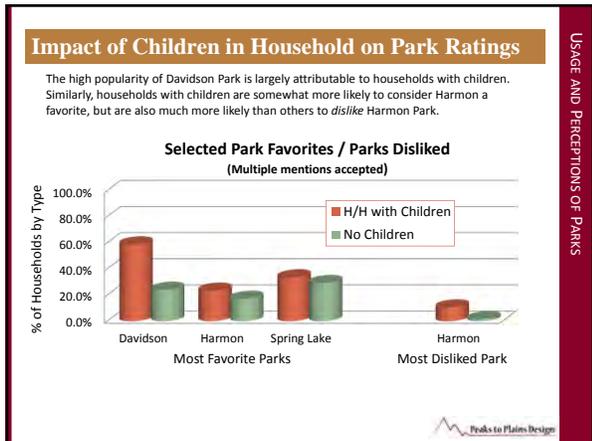
Example Reasons for Disliking Parks

Harmon:
It does not feel safe, even in the day time. Too many men walking and sitting around. Also homeless people hanging out. I do not feel safe going there with my kids unless we are with a large group of people.
There have been numerous people drinking, fighting, sleeping, loitering there that make me feel uncomfortable with my children there. In addition the "children" at the skate park misbehave and set a bad example for my children and I only go there for things such as band day.
The newer equipment doesn't hold the children's interest like the older equipment did. Not to mention the drug dealing that goes on there at the park...It no longer seems the safe park it once did.

Other parks:
The new equipment is worse then what you can buy for your yard. It's sad that we downgraded the parks with new equipment. (Moose)
We go there all the time because it is very close to our kids' grandparents' house, but our kids were very disappointed that the swings were taken out and not replaced. The equipment is ok but would be nice if there was a little more to it. (Pheasant Run)

I don't understand why we have it. There is nothing to play on/with there and no open green space for activity. (Railroad)
Nothing to do but watch sports. Needs trees and things for kids who are not playing to do. (Westlawn)

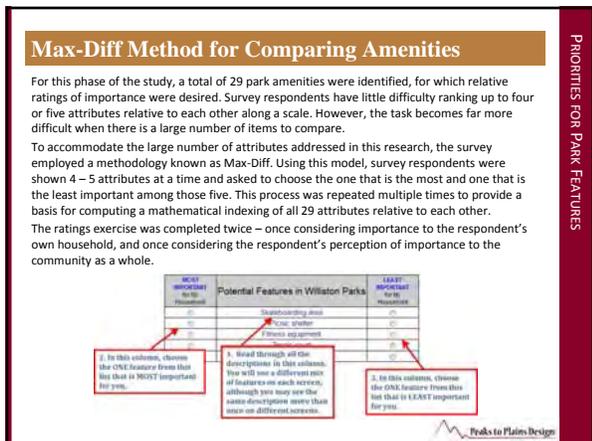
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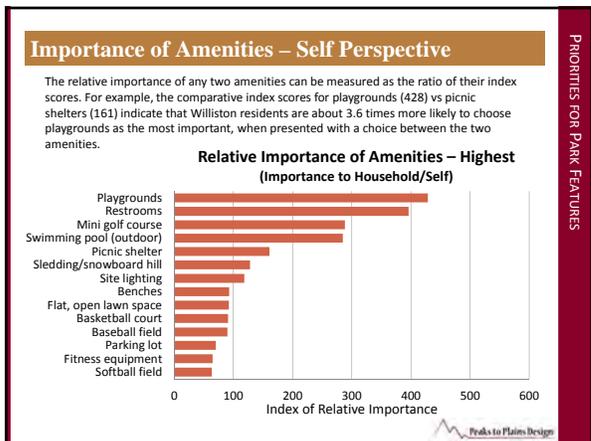
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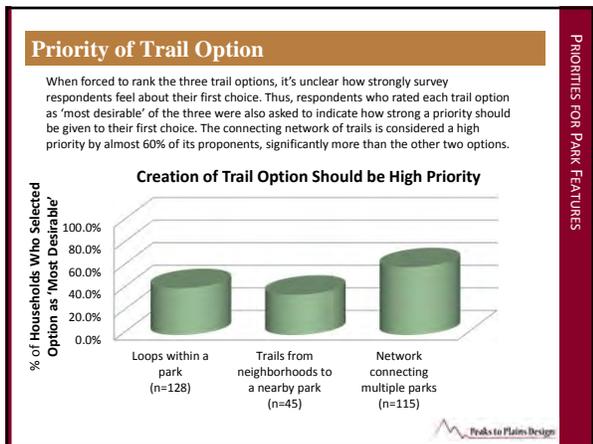
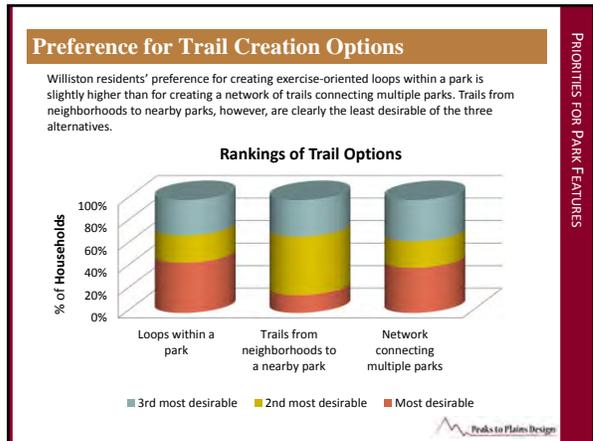
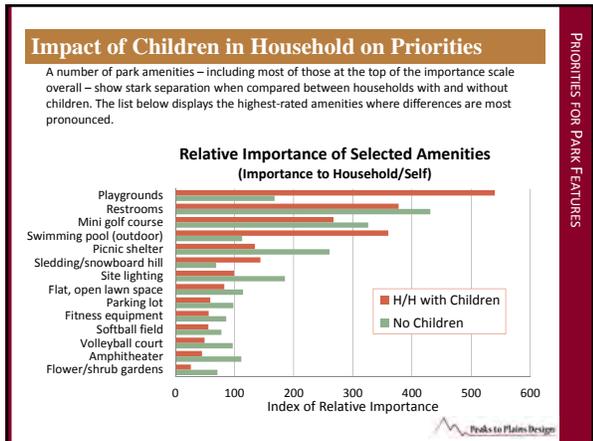
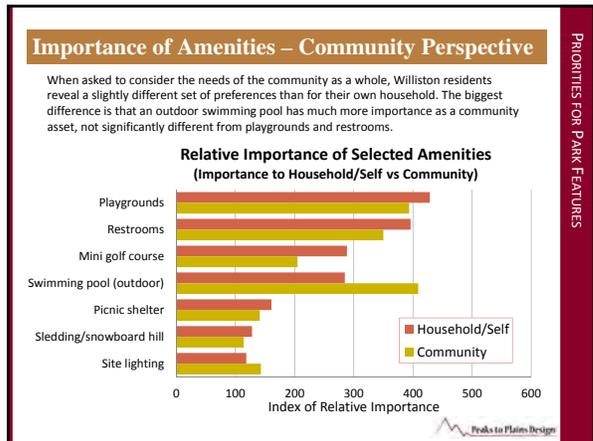
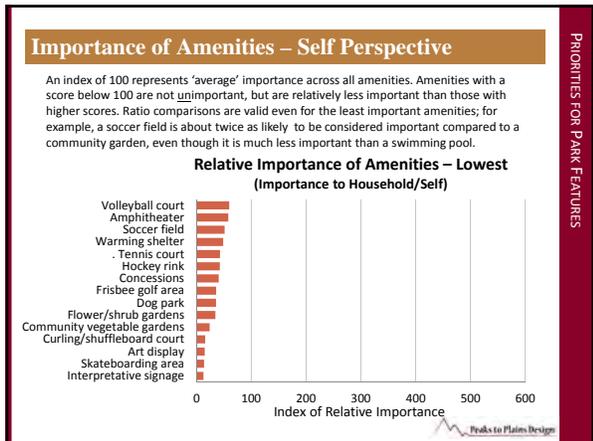
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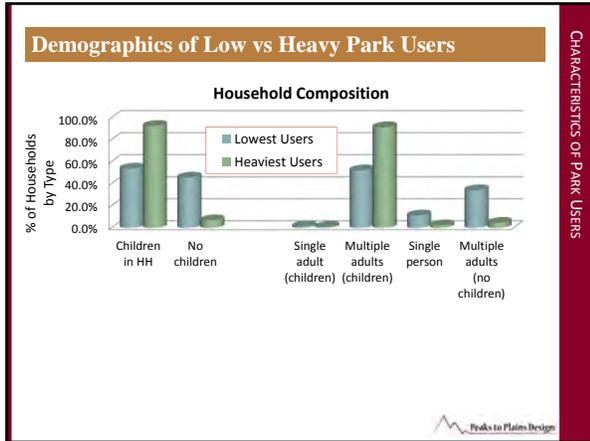
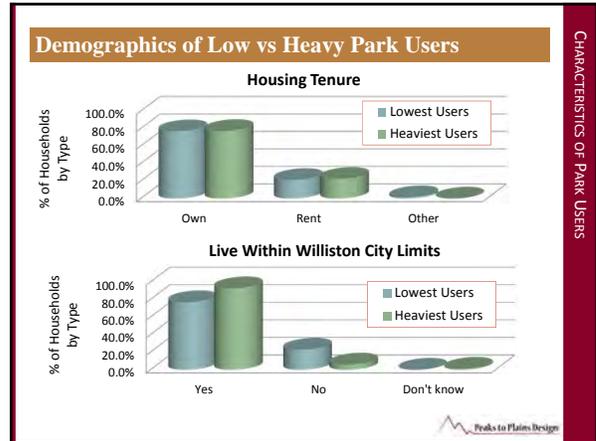
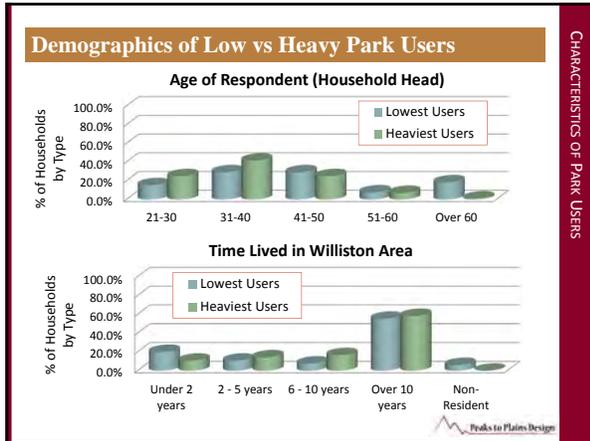
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CHARACTERISTICS OF PARK USERS



APPENDIX: SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Williston Parks Community Survey

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this public opinion survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. You can monitor your progress through the questionnaire by observing the "Progress Bar" in the upper right hand corner of the survey window.

The purpose of this survey is to understand what kinds of parks and recreation facilities Williston residents most want and need. You have been invited to participate in this survey because you have previously registered for one of the Park District's recreational activities. Because you are part of the small sample of Williston households selected for this survey, your participation is very important to us. The results of the survey will help guide the development of the District's Master Plan for parks development over the next decade.

Confidentiality and privacy: All of your responses to this survey are anonymous and confidential, responses from all respondents who participate in this study will be pooled with those of other respondents and reported in aggregate.

Please click "Continue" to begin the questionnaire.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

These first few questions about you and your household will be used for classification purposes only.

How old are you?

How long have you lived in the Williston area?

Less than 2 years
 2 - 5 years
 6 - 10 years
 More than 10 years
 Do not live in the Williston area

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QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Do you own or rent your current home?

Own
 Rent
 Other (Describe) _____

Is your home within the city limits of Williston?

Yes
 No
 Don't know/Not sure

Which best describes your home?

Single family detached home
 Townhome or duplex
 Apartment or condo in a 1-2 story building
 Apartment or condo in a 3+ story building
 Mobile home
 Dormitory (including man camps)
 Hotel or motel
 Other (Describe) _____

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QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Which of the following best describes your household?

- Single person household
- Single adult with children under 18 living at home
- Multiple adults (married or unmarried) with no children under 18 living at home
- Multiple adults (married or unmarried) with children under 18 living at home
- Other (Describe)

Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

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QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Including yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?
(Please include all members that are 17 years or younger)

Infants/toddlers, age 3 or younger _____

Preschoolers/young children, ages 4 - 6 _____

Children, ages 7 - 12 _____

Teens, ages 13 - 17 _____

Young adults, ages 18 - 21 _____

Adults, ages 22 - 40 _____

Older adults, ages 41 - 60 _____

Seniors, over age 60 _____

Total _____

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YOUR / YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Which of the following recreational activities have you or someone else who lives in your household participated in during the past year?
(Please check all that apply)

- Playing an organized sport (baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, etc.)
- Working out in a gym
- Picnicking in a park
- Skiing or snowboarding
- Snowmobiling
- Bicycling
- Using a park playground
- Swimming
- Running, jogging, walking, or skating
- Playing golf
- None of these / Don't know

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YOUR / YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please provide your best estimate of how often during the past 12 months you or other members of your household visited each of the parks shown.
(Please check an answer for each park shown, indicating "never" if you don't visit a particular park at all during the past year)

	Never	1-2	3-6	7-12	13-24	25 or more
Dakota (10th Ave. and 25th St. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Davidson (10th St. and 5th Ave. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Hammon (14th and 11th St. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Moose (7th Ave. and 24th St. East)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Pheasant Run (27th St. and 15th Ave. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Railroad (South Main)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Recreation (2nd Ave. West and 4th St. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Spring Lake (Highway 2 North)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Westlawn (7th St. West and 7th Ave. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Western Star (1802 15th Ave. West)	<input type="checkbox"/>					

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YOUR / YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Do you have a favorite among the parks in Williston?

Yes
 No

Which park or parks are your favorite(s)?
(Please check all that apply)

- Dakota (10th Ave. and 25th St. West)
- Davidson (10th St. and 5th Ave. West)
- Hammon (14th and 11th St. West)
- Moose (7th Ave. and 24th St. East)
- Pheasant Run (27th St. and 15th Ave. West)
- Railroad (South Main)
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If favorite(s) named:

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Please explain why this is your favorite park?

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YOUR / YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Is there a specific park in Williston that you don't like?

Yes
 No

Which park or parks do you not like?
(Please check all that apply)

- Dakota (10th Ave. and 25th St. West)
- Davidson (10th St. and 5th Ave. West)
- Hammon (14th and 11th St. West)
- Moose (7th Ave. and 24th St. East)
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If disliked park(s) named:

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Please explain why you don't like this park?

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YOUR PRIORITIES FOR FEATURES IN WILLISTON PARKS

In developing a master plan for park development in Williston, the Parks and Recreation District is looking at a number of features that could enhance the value of Williston's parks for our citizens and other park users. These next questions will help us understand how you evaluate the relative value of the various options that are being considered.

As you think about the options that are shown to you, please consider your own and your household's needs and interests. Based on your activities and interests, we want to know how important it is for you and your household that the parks in Williston provide the options shown.

Please click 'Continue' to see an example of the question structure for this section of the survey.

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Williston Parks Community Survey

YOUR PRIORITIES FOR FEATURES IN WILLISTON PARKS

- This section of the survey consists of 8 screens with different sets of features described. Each screen will present a different mix of descriptions, but you may see the same one listed more than once as you go through the entire exercise.
- On each screen you will choose the **one** feature that you feel is the **MOST** important for you and members of your household.
- Next, you will choose the **one** feature that you feel is the **LEAST** important for you and your household.

Note: Even if none of the features shown is very important to you, please select the ones from the set shown that are most and least important. Likewise, if all of the features shown are important, please focus on the ones on that screen that are most and least important.

EXAMPLE:
Instructions for Assessing Importance of Williston Parks Features

MOST IMPORTANT for my household	Potential Features in Williston Parks	LEAST IMPORTANT for my household
<input type="radio"/>	Swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Picnic shelter	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Fitness equipment	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Skateboarding area	<input type="radio"/>

2. In this column, choose the ONE feature from this list that is MOST important for you.

1. Read through all the descriptions in this column. You will see a different mix of features on each screen, although you may see the same descriptions more than once on different screens.

3. In this column, choose the ONE feature from this list that is LEAST important for you.

Please click 'Continue' to see the first set of features.

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The following amenities were evaluated on the following screens:

Tennis court Baseball field Softball field Volleyball court Soccer field Hockey rink Frisbee golf area Curling/shuffleboard court Basketball court Skateboarding area Mini golf course Restrooms Warming shelter Site lighting Parking lot	Picnic shelter Concessions Benches Interpretative signage Playgrounds Flat, open lawn space Sledding/snowboard hill Swimming pool (outdoor) Amphitheater Art display Fitness equipment Flower/shrub gardens Dog park Community vegetable gardens
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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Each respondent was shown 8 sets of 4-5 amenities in the format shown below. Arrangement and pairings of attributes followed a programmed design that guaranteed an appropriate representation of all attribute pairs to enable appropriate mathematical analysis.

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YOUR PRIORITIES FOR FEATURES IN WILLISTON PARKS

Set 1 of 8

MOST IMPORTANT for my household	Potential Features in Williston Parks	LEAST IMPORTANT for my household
<input type="radio"/>	Mini golf course	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Art display	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Sledding/snowboard hill	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Hockey rink	<input type="radio"/>

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Now, we would like you to think about some strategies for planning of park improvements.

As you may have noticed from the previous questions, park features can be developed to serve many different age groups in many different ways. Based on your own needs and experiences, please tell us below how well you feel the age groups shown are currently served by the existing parks in Williston.

For each age group below, please indicate whether you feel the current parks in Williston offer too little, just the right amount, or too much in the way of recreational opportunities. (Please select an answer for each age group shown, or click 'No opinion' if you don't know about one or more of the age groups shown.)

	Recreational opportunities in Williston parks are			
	You like just the right amount	Too much	No opinion	
Infants/toddlers, age 3 or younger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preschoolers/young children, ages 4 - 6	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children, ages 7 - 12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teens, ages 13 - 17	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young adults, ages 18 - 21	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults, ages 22 - 40	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Older adults, ages 41 - 60	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seniors, over age 60	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

One area of development being considered by the Parks & Recreation District is the creation of trails for walking and bicycling. These trails could be developed to serve any of several different functions. Based on your own and your household's interests and activities, please rank the following trail creation options.

	1st most desirable	2nd most desirable	3rd most desirable
Loops within a park, primarily for exercise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails from neighborhoods to a nearby park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails that form a network connecting multiple parks throughout the district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Williston Parks Community Survey

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Thinking of your own and your household's interests and activities, how strong a priority in Williston's parks plan do you feel should be given to creating walking/bicycling trails loops within a park?

Very high priority
 Somewhat high priority
 Somewhat low priority
 Very low priority

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

This question was asked for the one trail creation option the respondent selected as 'most desirable' on the previous screen:

Williston Parks Community Survey

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR FEATURES IN WILLISTON PARKS

For the final set of questions in this survey, we are going to show you sets of park features similar to what you saw earlier. For this task, however, we want you to think not of your own priorities, but of what you think the priorities should be for the Williston community, as a whole. In many cases, these may overlap, but in others there might be a difference.

As you think about the options that are shown to you, please consider how you would like to see the Parks and Recreation District Master Plan reflect the most important options for the community. As you did earlier, on each of the following screens:

- Choose the one feature that you feel is the MOST important for the Williston community as a whole
- Then choose the one feature that you feel is the LEAST important for the Williston community

Please click 'Continue' to see the first set of features.

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR FEATURES IN WILLISTON PARKS

Set 1 of 8

MOST IMPORTANT for the Community	Potential Features in Williston Parks	LEAST IMPORTANT for the Community
<input type="radio"/>	Community vegetable gardens	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Amphitheater	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Shading/covered walk	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Hockey rink	<input type="radio"/>

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Each respondent was shown 8 sets of 4-5 amenities in the format shown below. Arrangement and pairings of attributes followed a programmed design that guaranteed an appropriate representation of all attribute pairs to enable appropriate mathematical analysis. The arrangements of amenities shown for this section (for community importance) was different from the arrangement shown for importance to household/self.

Williston Parks Community Survey

Thank you for your participation! These are all the questions we have.

Your responses have been recorded, and your opinions will help us be responsive to the needs of the Williston community.

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SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Master Plans





West End
 Park

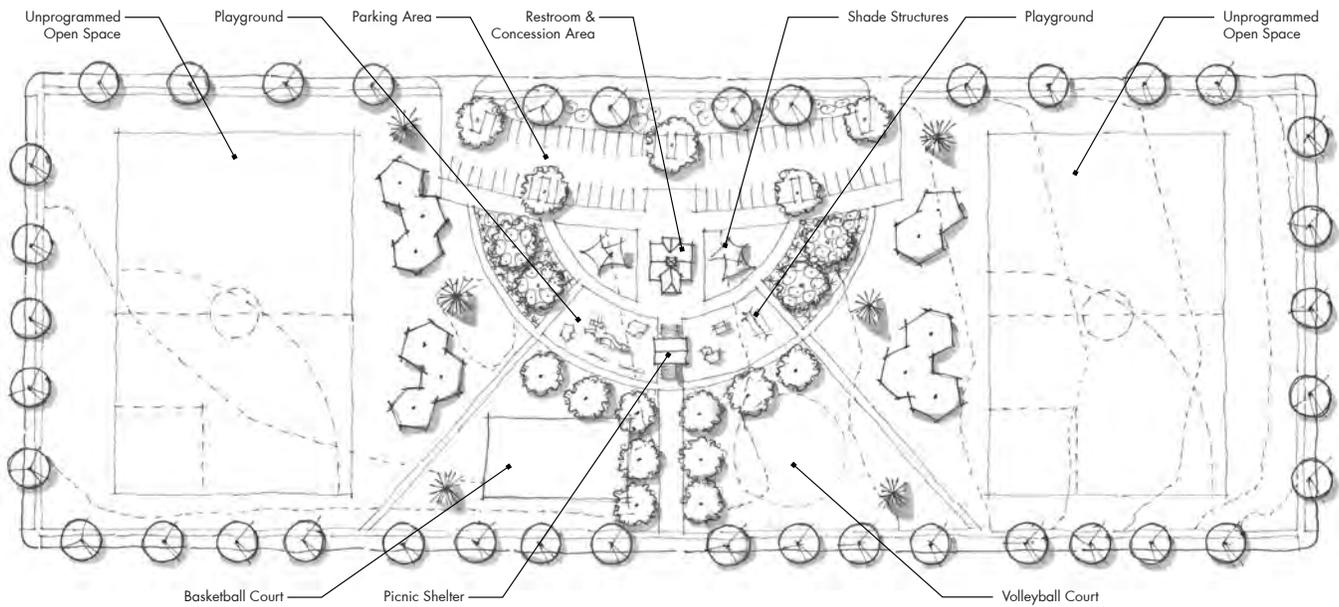


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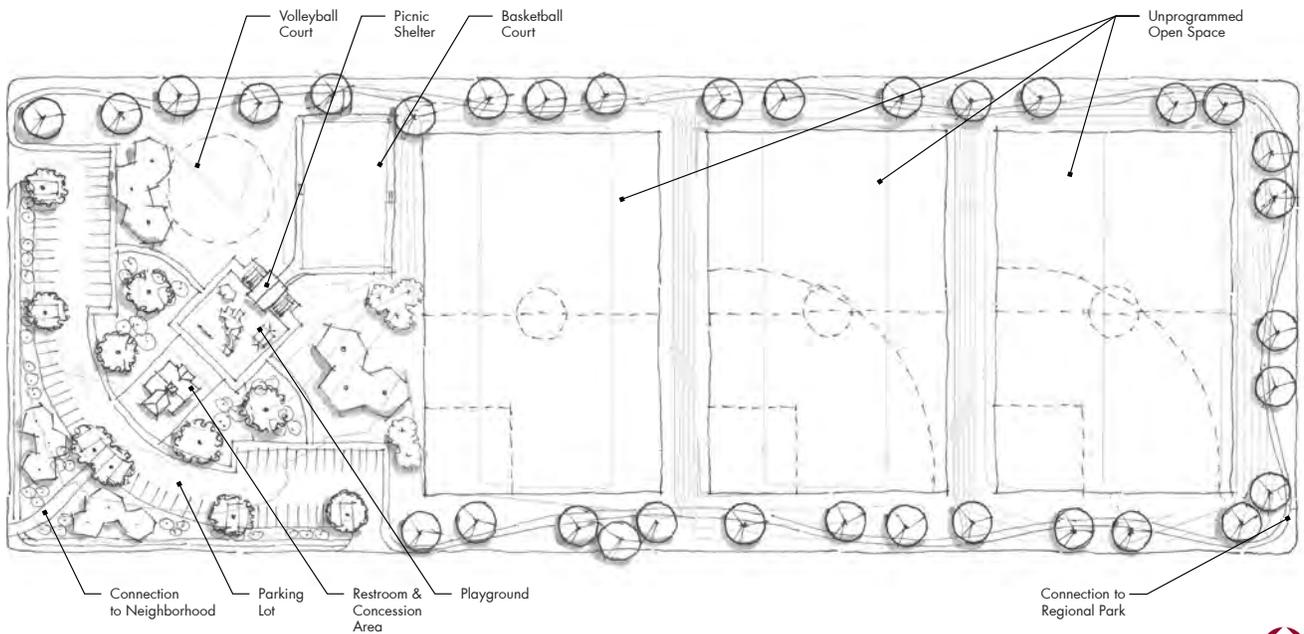
Project: *New West End Park* 9.01 Acres
Phase: Design Development
Date: August 27, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

Phase 1	\$ 342,183
Unprogrammed Open Space	
Fine Grading	
Irrigation	
Seeding	
Boulevard Trees	
Park Sign	
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Phase 2	\$ 446,377
Basketball Court	
Volleyball Court	
Playground	
Internal Sidewalks	
Curb & Gutter	
Stormwater Infrastructure	
Gravel Parking Lot	
Boulevard Trees	
Small Picnic Shelter	
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Phase 3	\$ 609,523
Restroom/Large Shelter	
Pave Parking Lot	
Remaining Landscaping	
Turf Grass	
Irrigation System	
Lighting	
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TOTAL	\$ 1,398,083
Cost/Acre	\$155,170.11

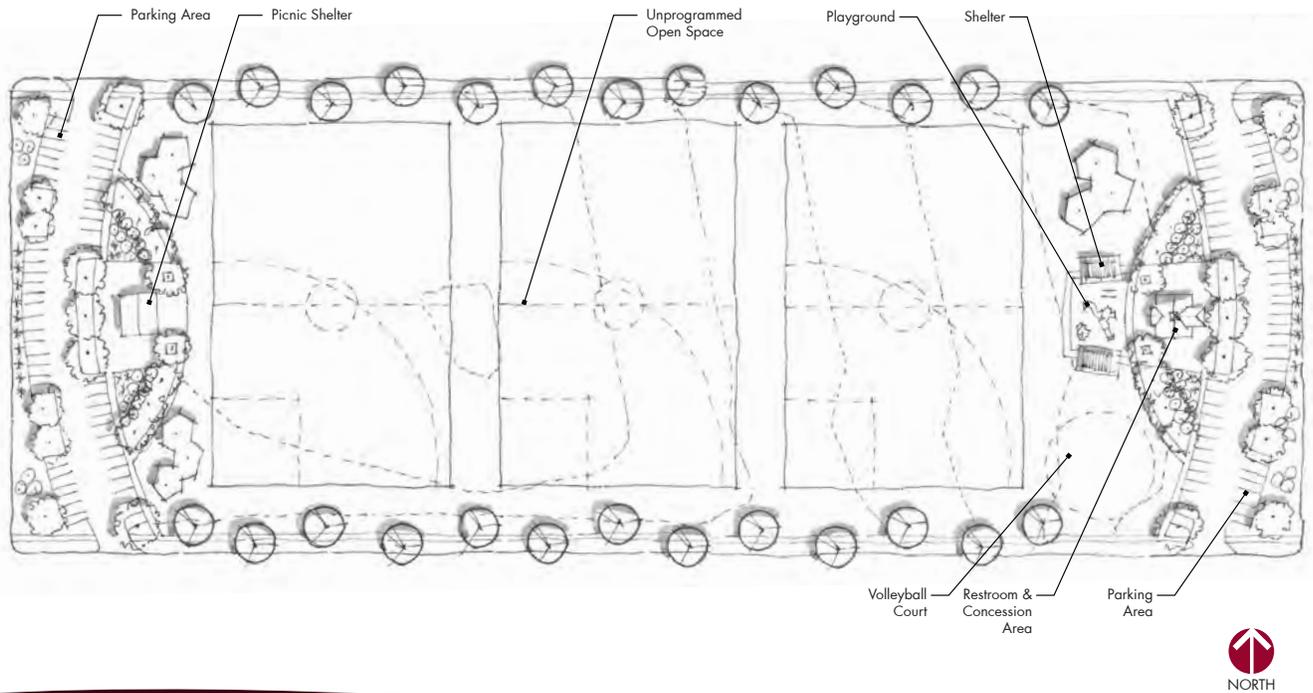
West End Park: Concept 1



West End Park: Concept 2



West End Park: Concept 3



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WEST END PARK WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

PROJECT NO. 1002
DATE: 10/2013
PROJECT FEE: 15000.00 USD
FILE NO. 1002

DESIGNED BY: CRW
DRAWN BY: JLF
CHECKED BY: RPK/LS
DATE: 10/2013

PROJECT TITLE: WEST END PARK
WILLISTON PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

SHEET TITLE: TITLE SHEET

SHEET: T1

DRAWING INDEX

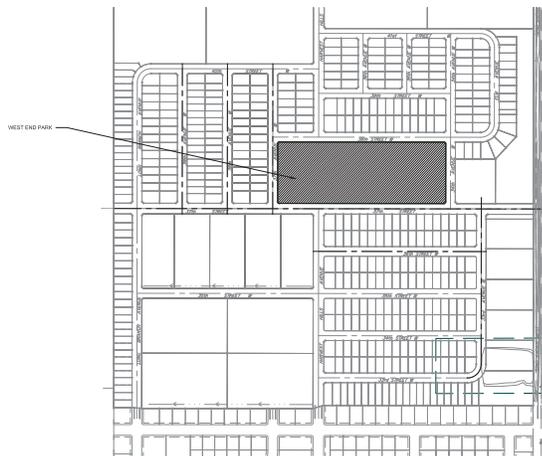
SITE DEVELOPMENT & LANDSCAPE PLANS

- T1 TITLE SHEET
- IR1 IRRIGATION DETAILS
- IR2 IRRIGATION PLAN

DESIGN TEAM

OWNER
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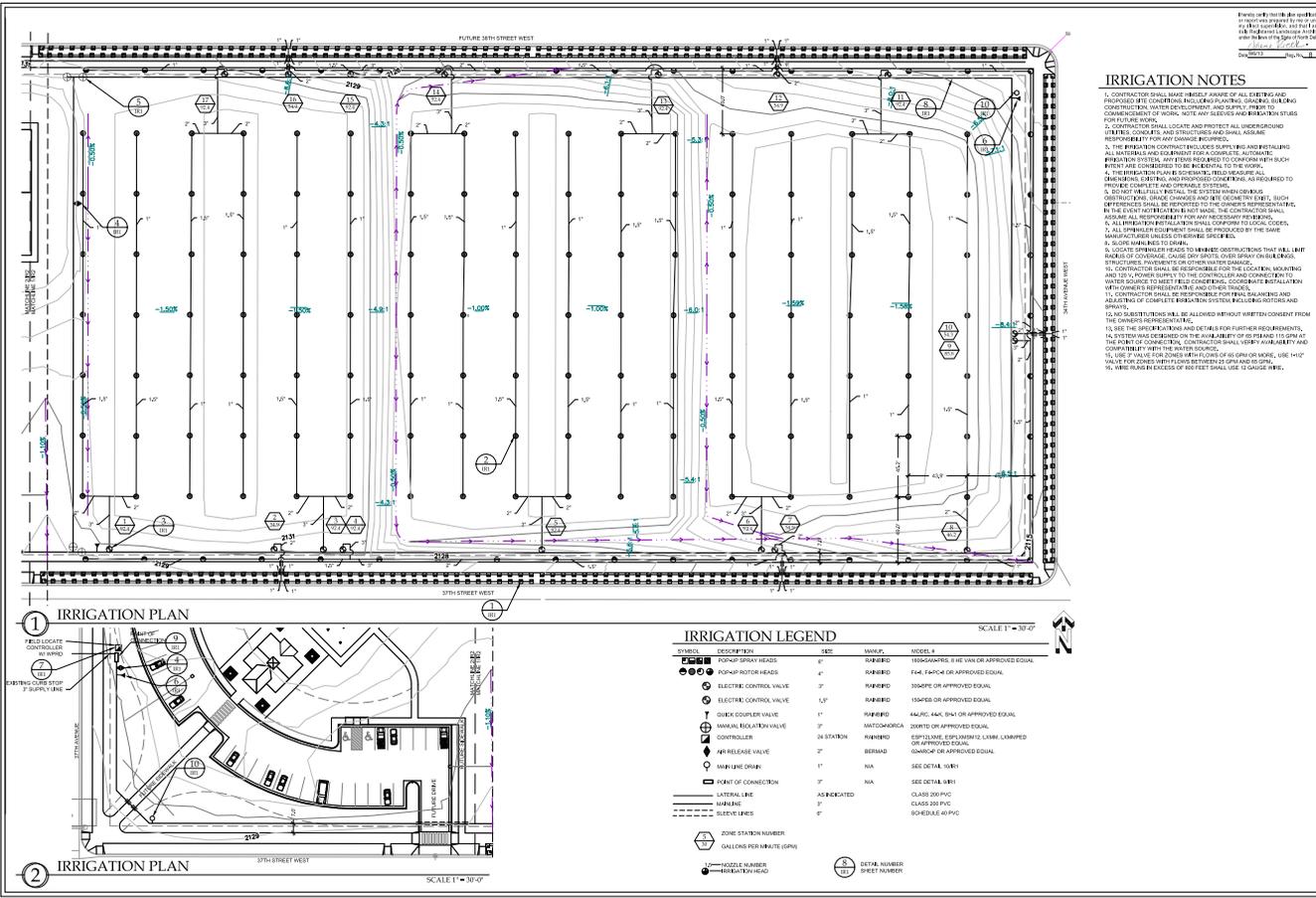
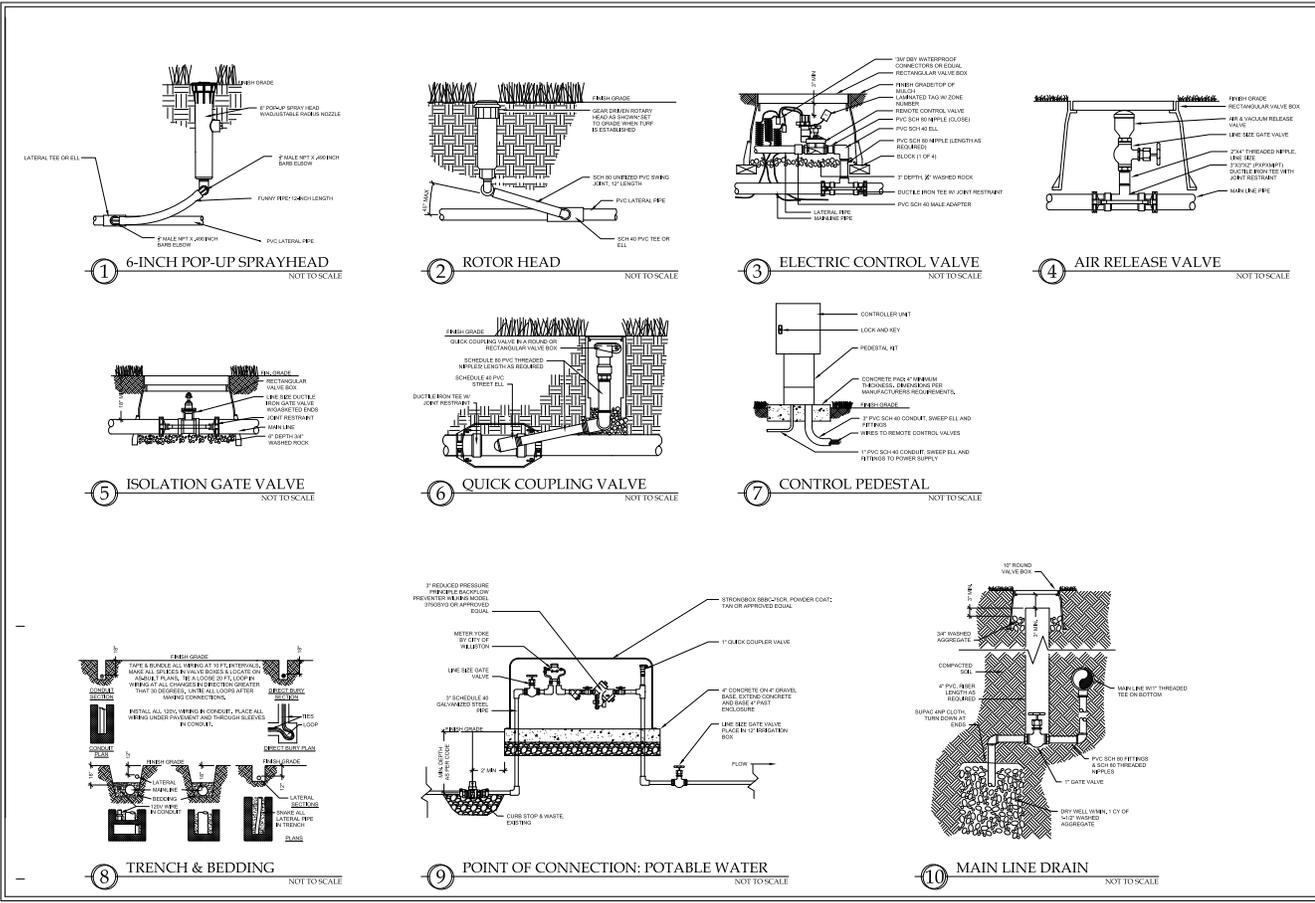
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
PEAKS TO PLAINS DESIGN, P.C.
404 NORTH 31ST STREET, STE. 405
BILLINGS, MT 59101
(406) 294-9499



1 PROJECT LOCATION MAP

NOT TO SCALE







Landscape Bed
 (Display Garden with
 Identification/Interpretation
 Local Ornamental Plants)

Raised Planter

Water Feature
 with Vertical Element

Metal Archway, with
 Plantings
 (see sketch)



2nd Avenue West

4th Street West

New Park Sign with
 Plantings

Accessibility
 Ramp

Gazebo
 (75 People)

Plaza (Concrete
 & Pavers)

New Sidewalk

5th Street West

Retain Unprogrammed
 Open Space
 (Turf Rehabilitation)

Expanded Playground

Picnic Table

New Bench, typ.

New Perimeter
 Sidewalk

Existing Sidewalk

Picnic Table
 with BBQ

Existing
 Restroom



3rd Avenue West

Picnic Table

Accessible Picnic
 Table with BBQ



Recreation
 Park

OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

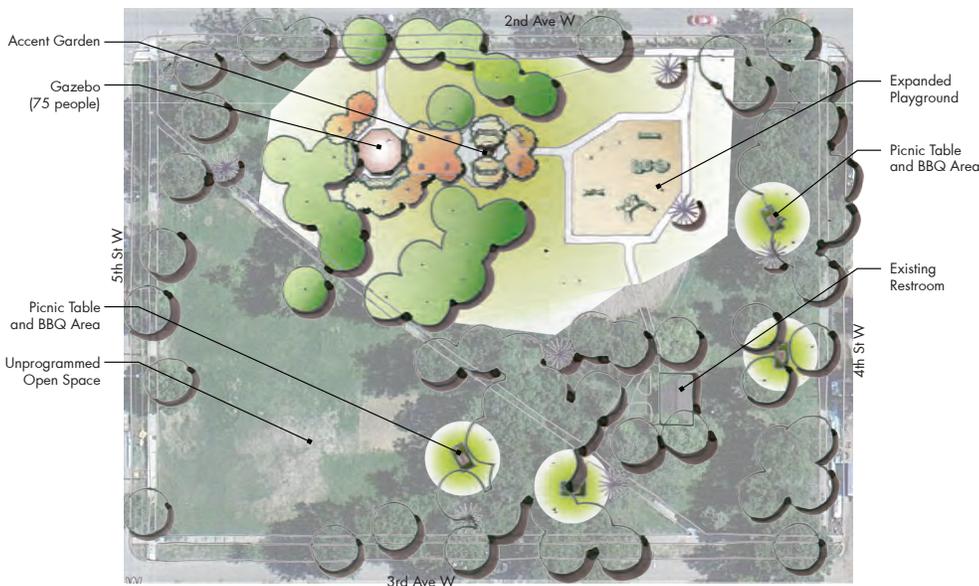
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Phase: Design Development
Date: August 27, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

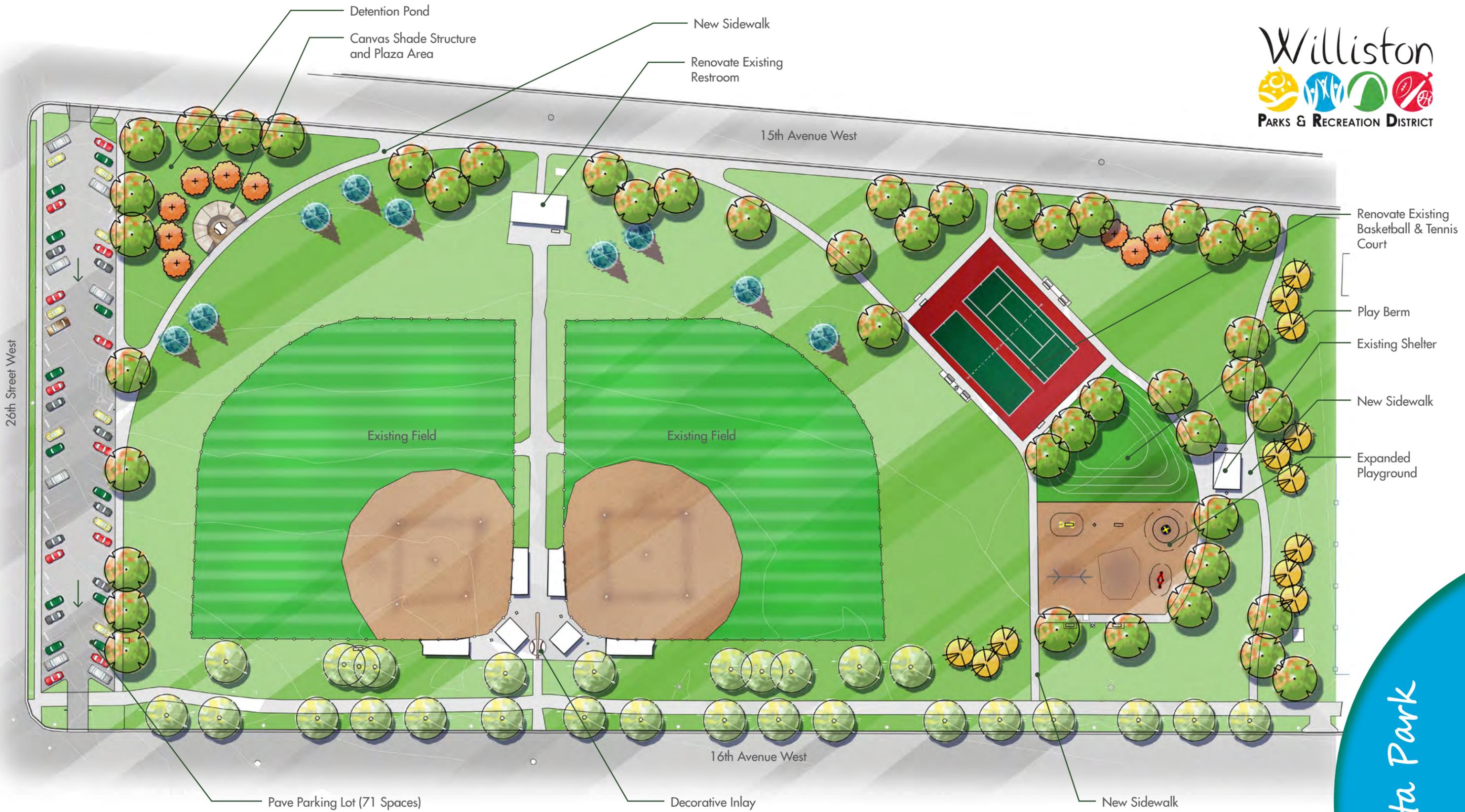
Phase 1	\$ 172,048
Gazebo	
Park Sign	
Plaza	
Landscaping	
Sidewalks	
Picnic Table	
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Phase 2	\$ 130,930
Fountain	
Plaza	
Raised Planter	
Landscaping	
Benches	
Accessible Picnic Table with Grill	
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Phase 3	\$ 94,081
Playground Expansion	
Metal Arch Sign	
Sidewalks	
2 Picnic Tables (1 grill)	
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TOTAL	\$ 397,059

Recreation Park - Site Analysis Plan



Recreation Park: Concept 1





Dakota Park

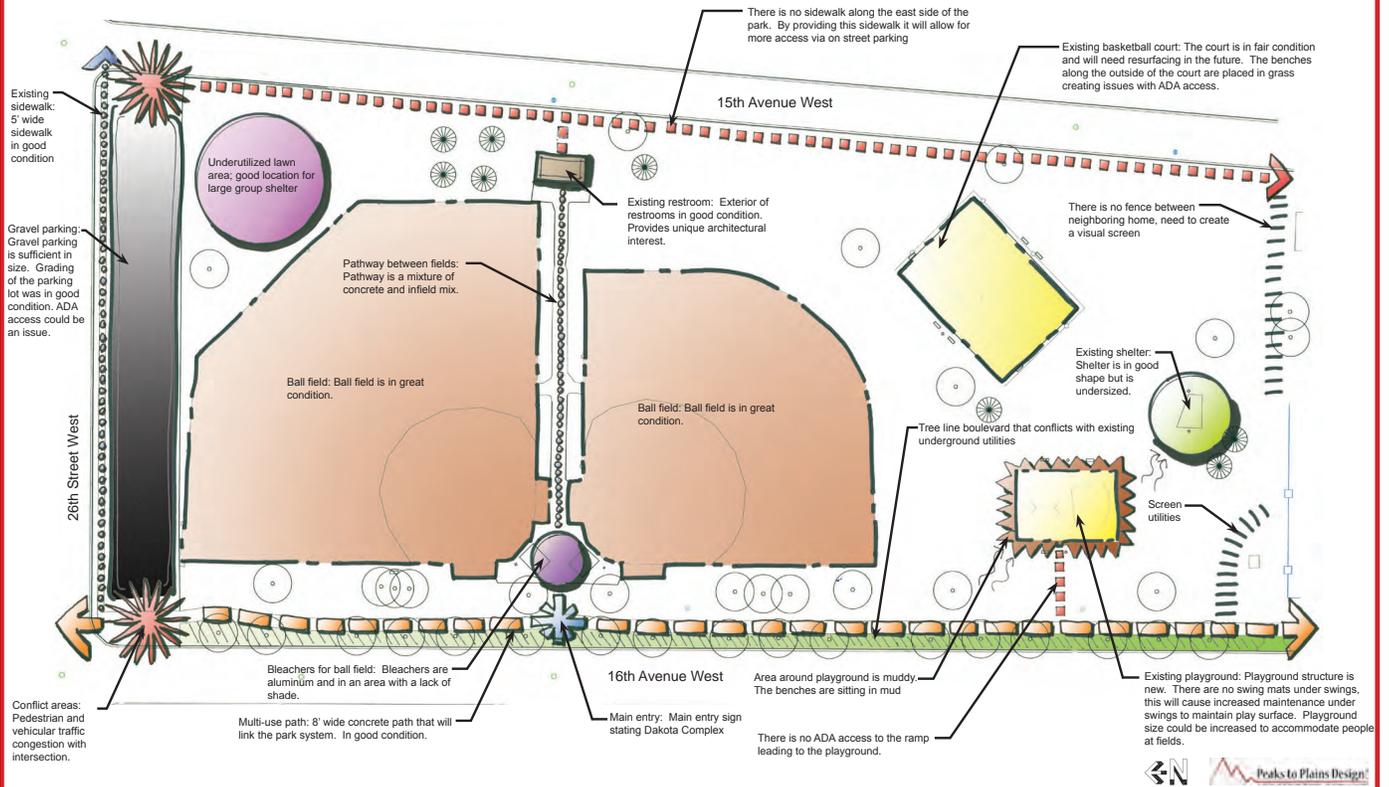


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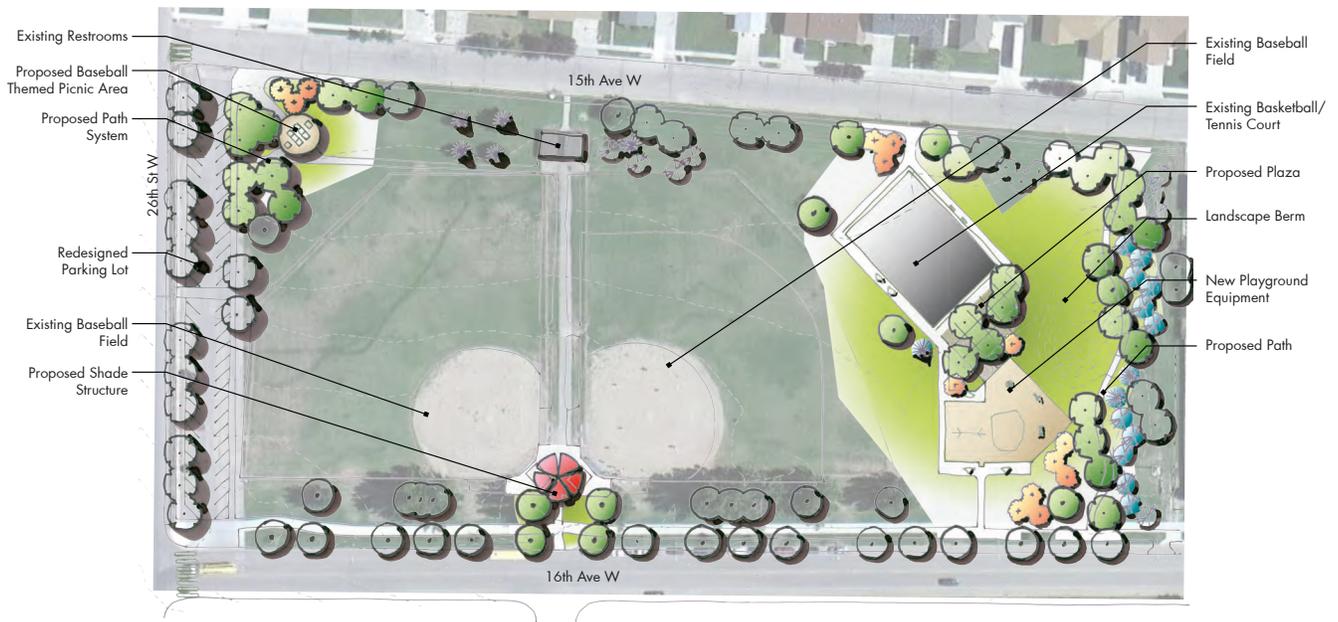
Project: *Dakota Park*
Phase: Design Development
Date: August 27, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

Phase 1	\$ 124,456
Rehabilitate Courts Perimeter Sidewalks - East & South	
Phase 2	\$ 421,145
South Internal Sidewalks New Restroom/Concession Building Trees Lawn/Irrigation Renovation	
Phase 3	\$ 404,966
Pave Parking Lot North Internal Sidewalks Team Plaza Cantilevered Shade Structure Picnic Tables Lawn/Irrigation Renovation Stormwater Infrastructure	
Phase 4	\$ 97,551
Playground Expansion Berm Construction Lawn/Irrigation Renovation	
TOTAL	\$ 1,048,118

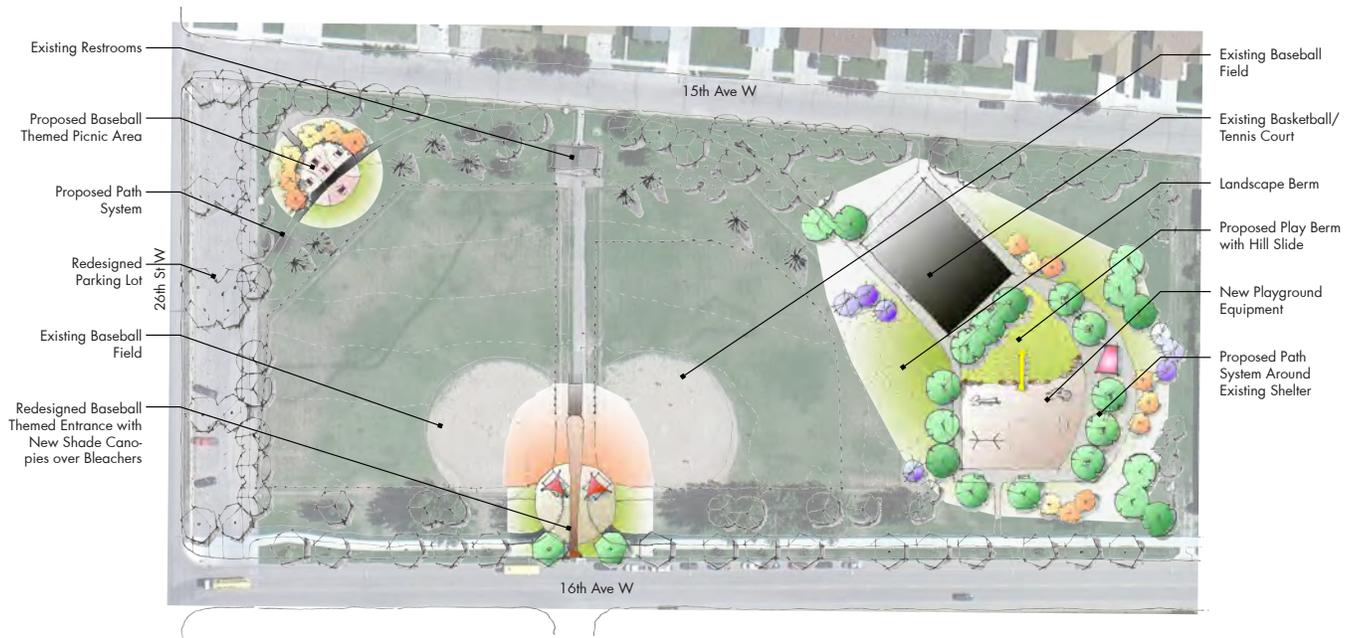
Dakota Park - Site Analysis Plan



Dakota Park: Concept 1



Dakota Park: Concept 2





Western Star
 Complex

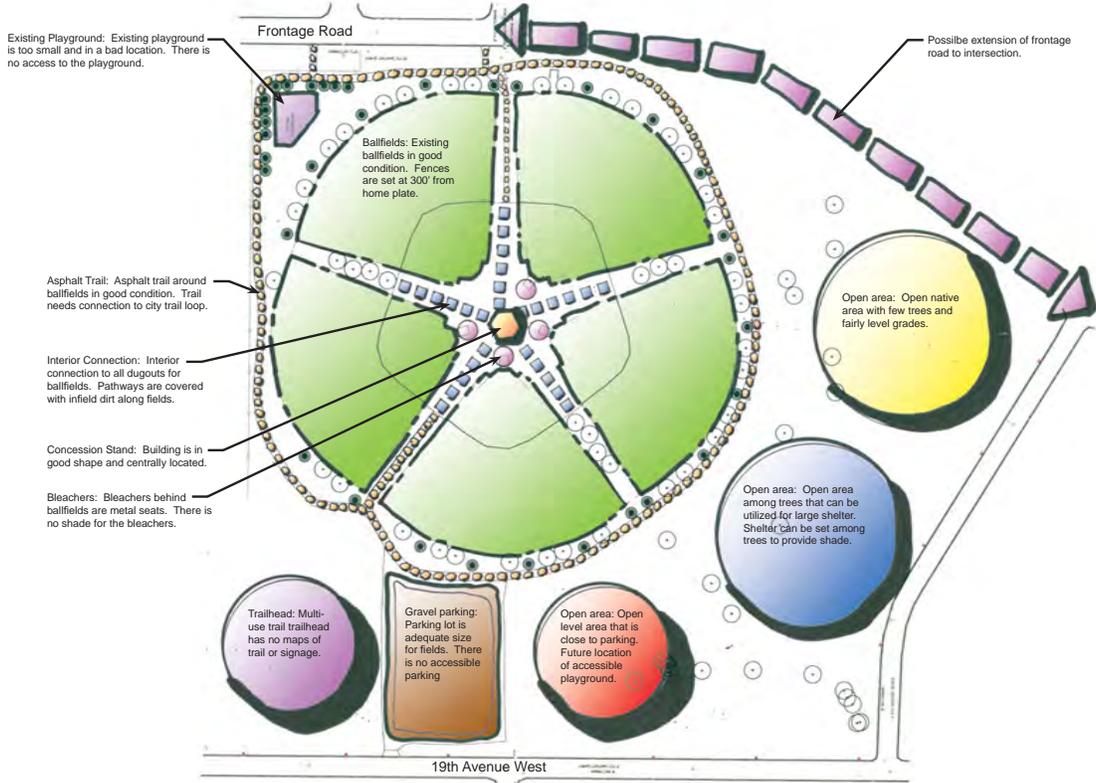
OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

Project: *Western Star Complex*
Phase: Design Development
Date: September 17, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

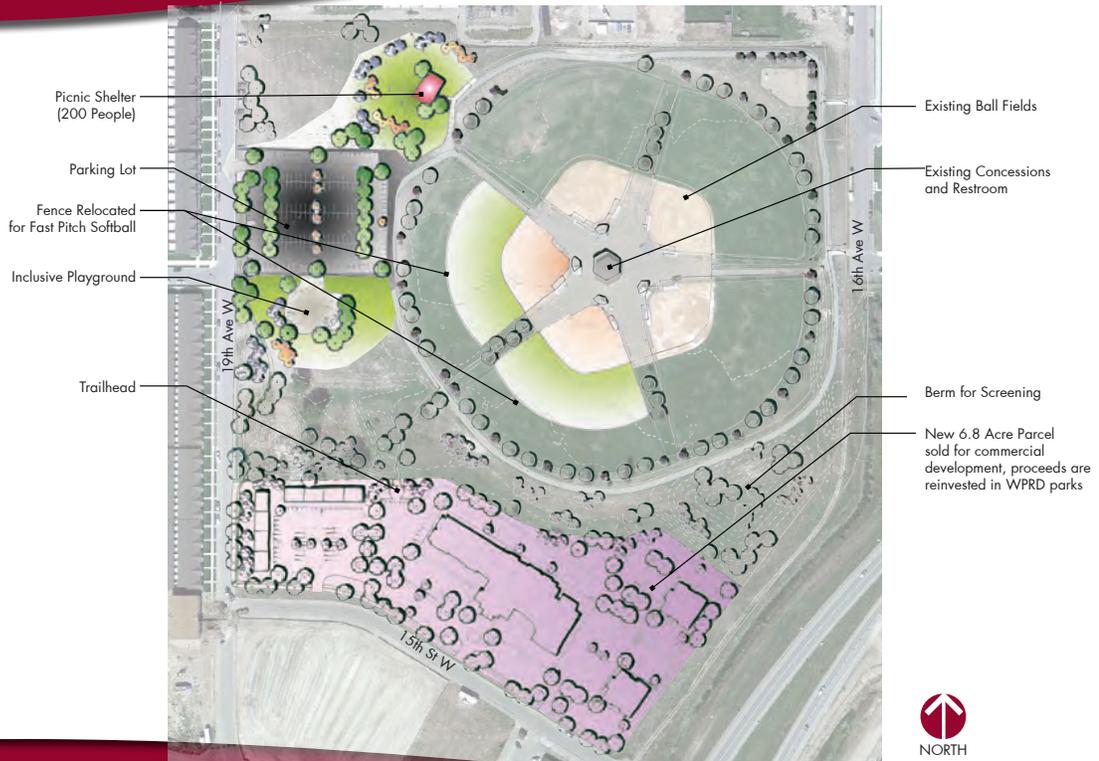
Phase 1	\$ 101,825
Additional Improvements Surrounding the Inclusive Playground Does not include Inclusive Playground Costs Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter, Grading, Irrigation, etc.	
Phase 2	\$ 1,589,120
Main Parking Lot: curb & gutter, pavement, lighting, storm water Sidewalks Entry Plaza Shade Structure	
Phase 3	\$ 70,440
Relocated Ball Field Fences Remove Old Playground	
Phase 4	\$ 658,819
Tennis Courts (3) Skate Park Sidewalks	
Phase 5	\$ 882,423
Hockey Rink Parking Lot & Storm Detention Warming Building & Concessions Lighting	
TOTAL	\$ 3,302,627

Potentially \$350,000 - \$450,000 could be generated from a 5.5 acre sale of park land.
 (Has not been appraised)

Western Star Park - Site Analysis Plan



Western Star Park: Concept 1



Western Star Park: Concept 2





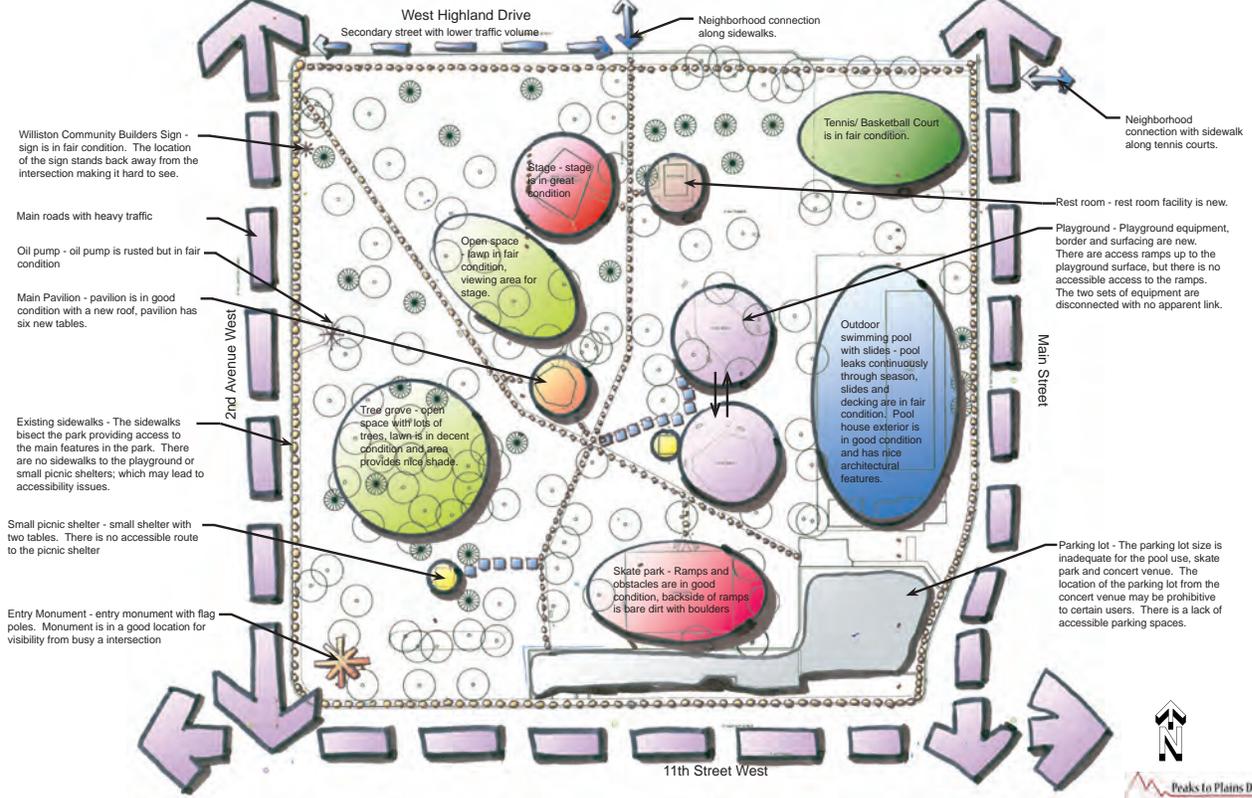
Harmon
 Park

OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

Project: *Harmon Park*
Phase: Design Development
Date: September 17, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

Phase 1	\$	598,494
Parking Lot: Lighting, Pavement, Storm Water Park Sign & Planting Bed Outdoor Pool Demolition Wading Pool Demolition		
Phase 2	\$	290,709
Perimeter Sidewalks at Playground Plaza Picnic Shelter		
Phase 3	\$	899,193
Splash Pad New Building or Renovation Picnic Shelter		
TOTAL	\$	1,788,396

Harmon Park - Site Analysis Plan



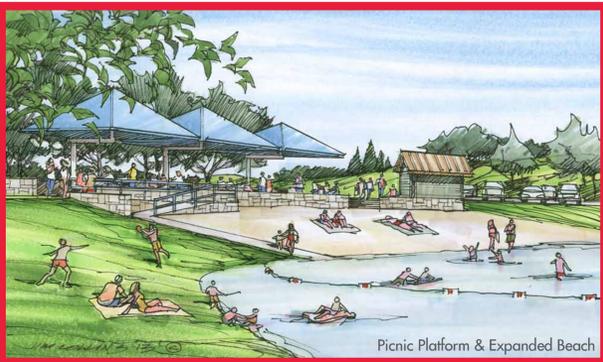
Harmon Park: Concept 1



Harmon Park: Concept 2



- New Entry Road
- 18-Hole Mini Golf Course, 49 Stall Off-Street Parking Lot, Concessions & Restroom Building
- Reconfigured, 18-hole, Par 3 Frisbee Golf Course
- Remove Existing Access Road or Close to the Public



- Expanded Beach Area with Picnic Platform, Restrooms & 27 Stall Off-Street Parking Lot
- Retain West Lawn Hillside for Passive Recreation
- New Zoo-Themed Playground
- Retain Existing Buildings for Maintenance Facilities
- New Fishing Pier and Looped Lake Trail
- New Group Picnic Shelters (Capacity: 200 people)
- Retain Electrical Runs For Holiday Displays
- Retain Open Space (possible future campground)
- Pave Existing Access Drive, Extend Pavement to Include 54 On-Street Parking Spaces

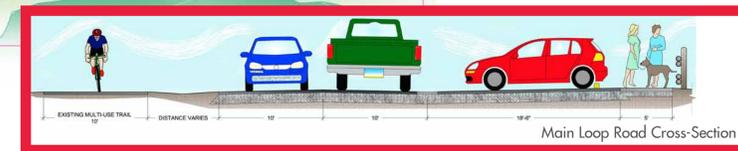


- 6-Run Tubing Hill & Rope Tow
- 31 On-Street Parking Spaces
- Remove Existing House
- Retain Dog Park

- Keel Boat Facility: Maintain as a Special-Use Area
- Pave existing off-street parking lot (41 spaces)



- New Parking Lot (47 spaces)
- (3) New Sand Volleyball Courts
- New Sidewalk & 11 On-Street Parking Spaces
- Retain Playground, Connect with Sidewalks
- Renovated Boat Launch
- Paddleboat, Canoe & Bicycle Rental Concession Facility with 39 On-Street Parking Spaces
- New Picnic Shelter (Capacity: 50 people)
- Existing Loop Trail



Spring Lake Park

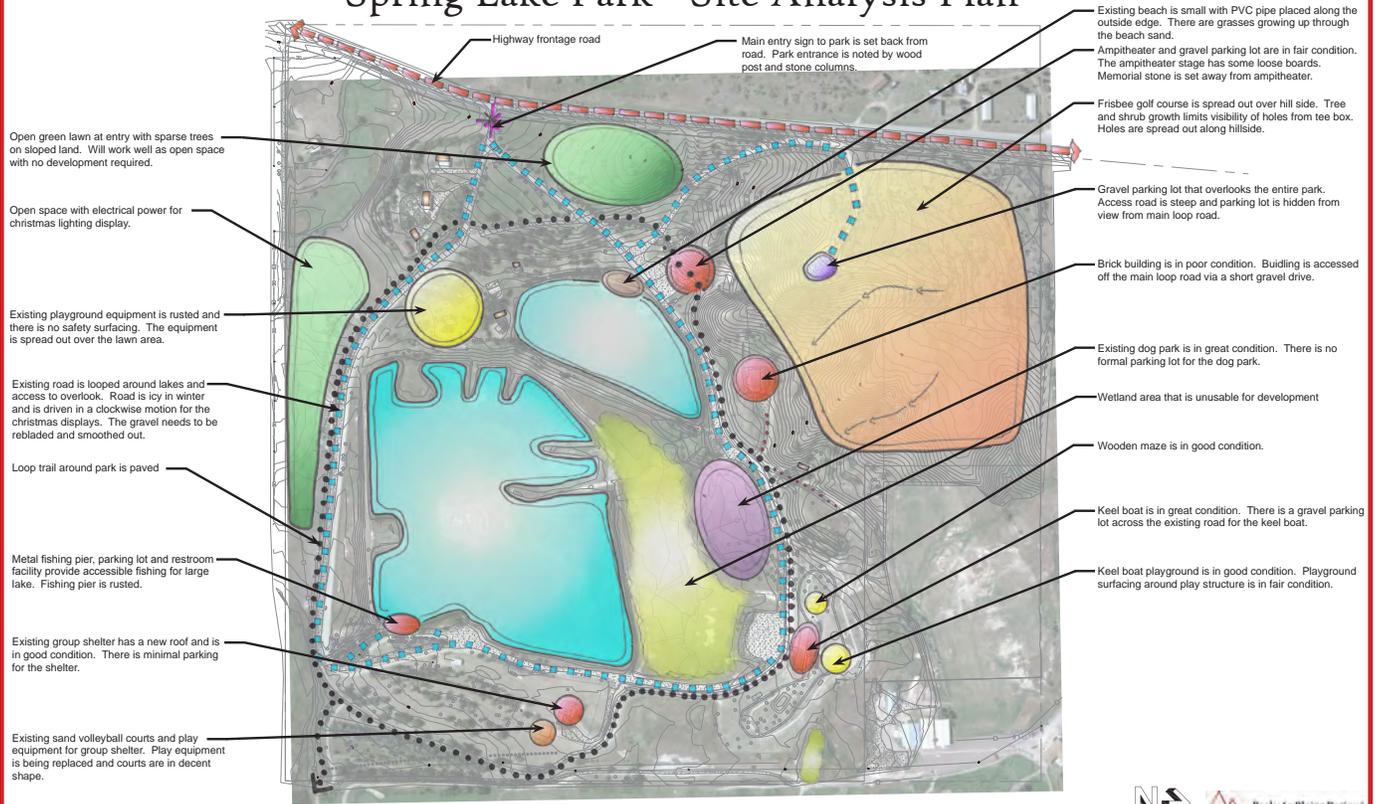
OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

Project: *Spring Lake Park*
Phase: Design Development
Date: October 15, 2013
Prepared By: **Peaks to Plains Design, PC**

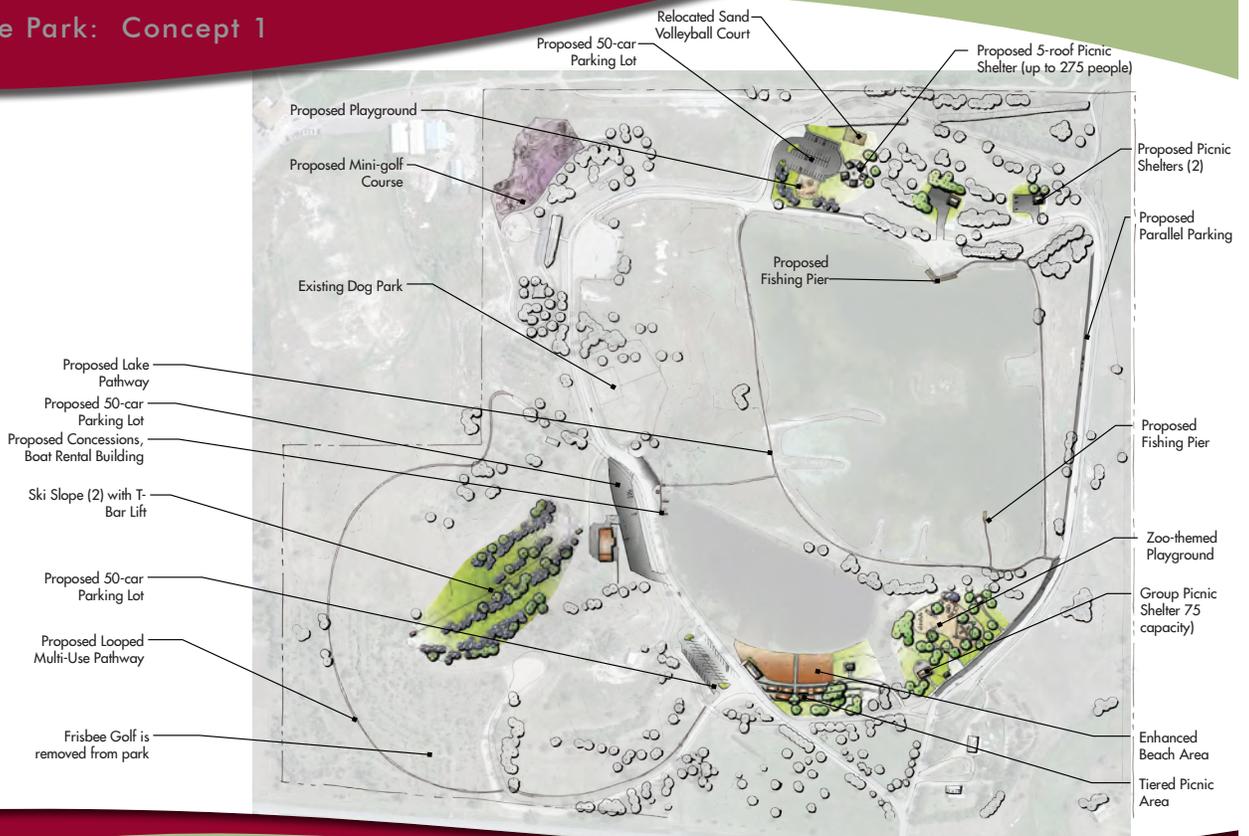
Phase		\$	
Phase 1			876,973
	Pave Existing Loop Road Building Removal On-street Parking 1 - 54 On-street Parking 2 - 39 On-street Parking 3 - 11 On-street Parking 4 - 41		
Phase 2			248,071
	Off-street Parking Lot - 47 Volleyball Courts - 3 New, 1 Renovate Sidewalks		
Phase 3			86,370
	Keel Boat Off-street Parking Lot - 41 Sidewalk		
Phase 4			117,579
	Gravel Trail Around Lake Fishing Pier		
Phase 5			807,707
	Zoo Themed Playground Group Picnic Shelters Sidewalks Planting Bed Remove Old Playground Equipment		
Phase 6			459,232
	Expanded Beach Area Picnic Platform Off-street Parking Lot - 27 New Restroom		
Phase 7			467,222
	Boat Launch New Fishing Pier Rental and Concessions Building Sidewalks		

Phase 8	\$	237,468
Snow Making Machines - 2 Rope Tow Alpine Fencing Rental Tubes Groomer Grading of Tubing Hill		
Phase 9	\$	783,281
New Entry Road Multi-use Trail		
Phase 10	\$	24,637
Redesigned Frisbee Golf Course - 18 Hole, 3 Par		
Phase 11	\$	769,250
Mini Golf Course - 18 Holes Off-street Parking Lot - 49 Concessions and Restroom Building		
TOTAL	\$	4,877,789

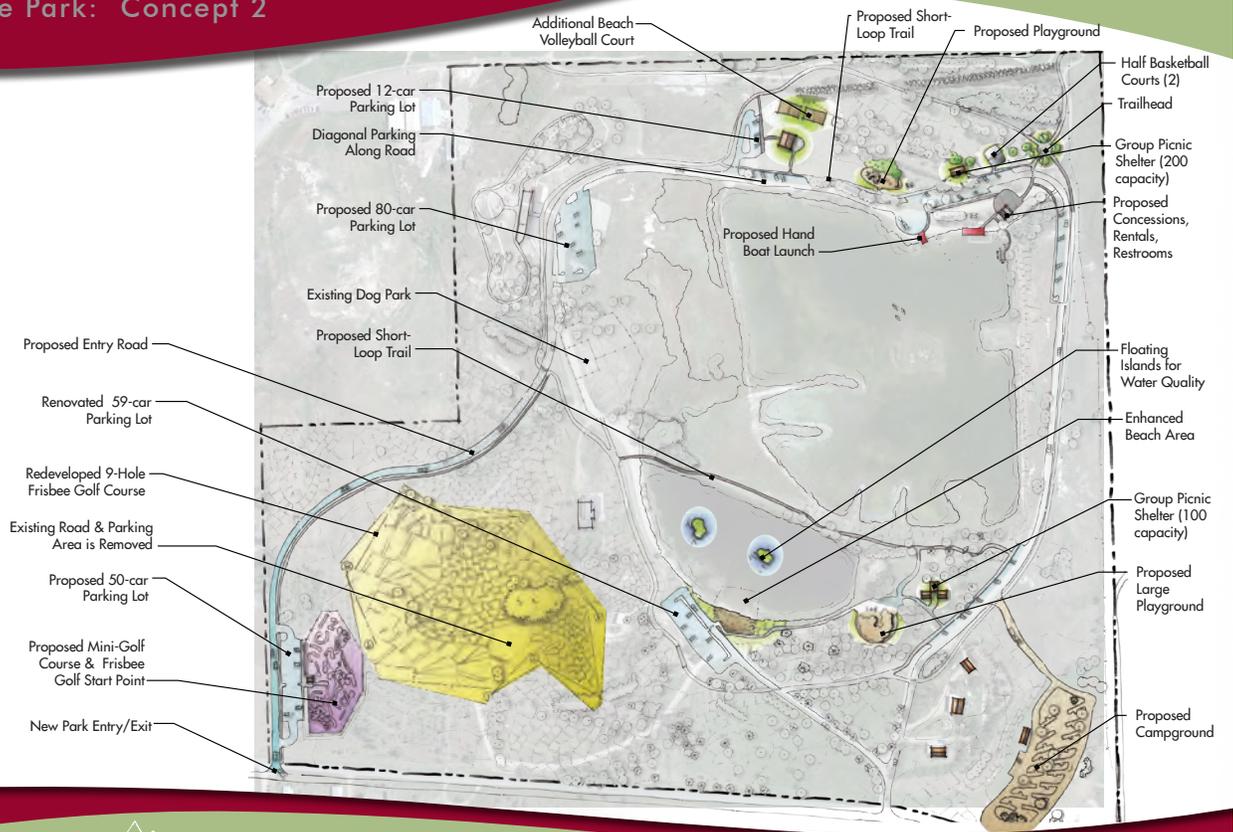
Spring Lake Park - Site Analysis Plan



Spring Lake Park: Concept 1



Spring Lake Park: Concept 2



NORTH