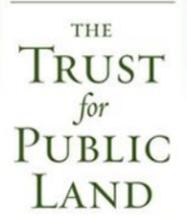




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community partner name: _____





What would you like to see in the new park?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Goals:

Create a fun, safe, and accessible place for the community

Maximize stormwater management opportunities

Create an inclusive park for children, adolescents, adults, the elderly, youth leagues, and area schools

Generate opportunities for community gardens, edible landscapes, wildlife enhancement, and renewable energy





Family Activity: List or sketch the ideas you have for a park theme. Can color seal art and signage be used to reinforce your theme?



Family Activity: Study the sun and shade.

In the morning, trace your shadow in chalk. In the afternoon, put your feet in the same spot trace it again.

1. How did it move?
2. Is there any part of the park that is always shady?
Always sunny?
3. What are the geographic directions in the park?



Helping to understand your park –
Seven “S’s” of Existing Site Conditions:

1. Size:
2. Shape:
3. Sun/Shade:
4. Slope:
5. Surroundings/Sounds:
6. Site History:
7. Stormwater Management:

Your notes, drawings, and site analysis:

The



Maintenance: How can we make sure the park is well maintained once it is built?

What can we do to protect the park?

List some important rules which should be posted in your park:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



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Equity in the playground: What different groups of people use the park?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Equity in the playground: How do different groups of people use the park?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Is this equitable? Are there opportunities for everyone?



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Family Activity: Draw a plan of your existing park. Use the aerial photo on the cover of your design workbook as a guide. Identify which direction is north, south, east, west. Include a Site Analysis of your playground which includes at least 5 Existing Site Conditions (you can use symbols and shapes like a sun for sunny areas...)



Green Infrastructure

Green Infrastructure includes designing and building parks so that they can not only be fun places to play, but also help protect the environment. One of the biggest environmental challenges facing Washington, DC is how to manage stormwater, which can flood our streams and rivers and impact water quality and wildlife habitat. Some examples of how a park can help manage stormwater include using pervious surfaces, trees and other plants, rain gardens, green roofs, and other methods.

List some items that you would like to see in the park that can help manage stormwater:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Family Activity: Draw the kind of natural area you would like to see in your playground, below. Will it include trees, rain gardens, reading areas, recycling, water capture, pervious paving, composting? Which green infrastructure elements could be included in your park?