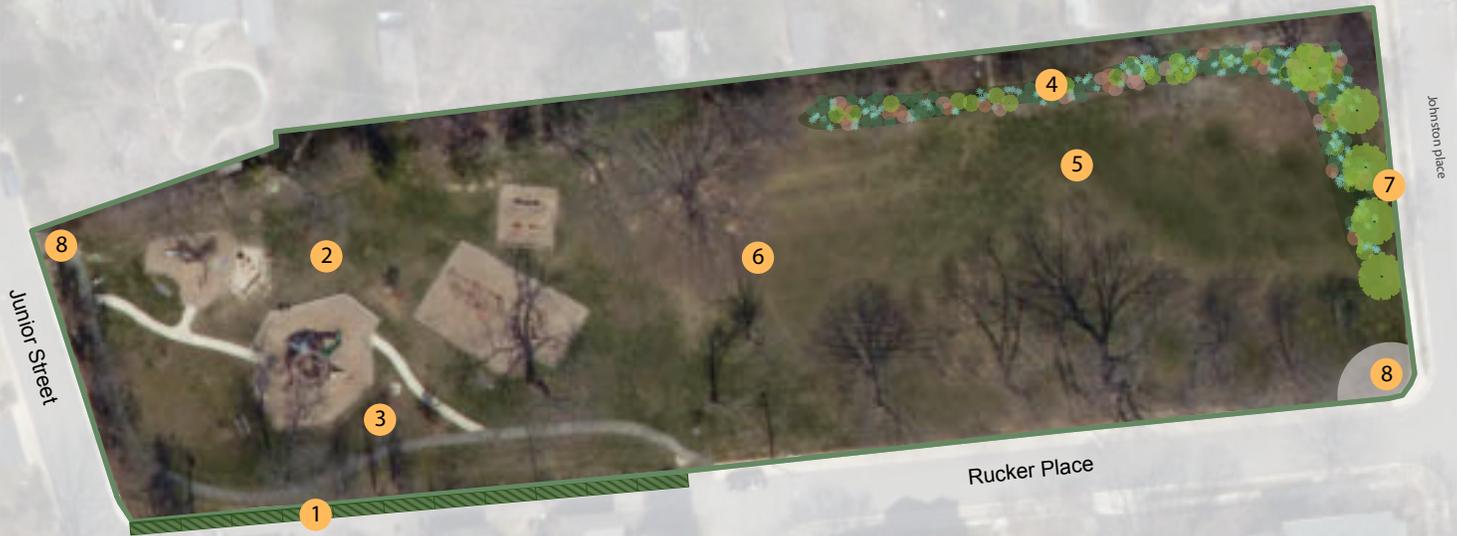


Beach Park

Improvement Recommendations

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W. Masonic View Ave



1 Retrofit alley with green systems

Alleys provide an opportunity for green stormwater infrastructure. Their lower vehicle volumes lend themselves well to pervious pavement options such as grass-pave or recycled materials. A green alley would also serve as a transition from the right-of-way to the park and capture some of the rainwater before it enters the park.

2 Update existing playground and provide more equipment geared towards older children and natural play features

The current playground is standard playground equipment, mainly focused on ages 2-5. Community feedback indicated that there is a need for additional structures that interest older children and promote more imaginative play.

3 Improve drainage by the playground

Rainwater often causes ponding east of the playground. In combination with the green alley, a small yard drain will resolve this problem.

4 Install rain garden to capture water draining through the Park

The park slopes to the north causing all rain water to move that direction and then pond along the northern edge and the center of the field. A rain garden will serve as a basin to capture and then absorb the water. A drain may also be used to direct a portion of the rainwater to an overflow location in the event of heavy rains.

5 Re-grade turf and install irrigation system

The turf is currently in poor condition. Re-grading and soil will help control the drainage issues by diverting water toward the rain garden. Irrigation will help sustain the grass.

6 Remove amphitheater stairs while maintaining slope

The amphitheater does not serve its intended purpose and is in poor condition. The community feedback indicated the desire to remove the stairs altogether and retain a hill for children to play on and sled down.

7 Remove wooden bollards and replace with trees

The existing wooden bollards prevent vehicles from entering the park but are in poor condition. Trees would serve the same purpose and also better absorb water in the existing swale.

8 Create entry plaza with park sign, trash can, benches, and bike racks

A new formalized entrance to the park would create a small space for a park sign, benches, and bike racks. The benches can become a social spot for all ages to relax. adjacent trees can add shade to the seating area.

Park Boundary

