

Ewald Park

Improvement Recommendations (Spring 2015)

- 1 Expand parking lot and create turnaround**
The current parking lot is small, unstriped and does not allow for turnaround space. This plan proposes expanding the lot and including a landscaped median to provide a turnaround. It would also include parking spaces for disabled park users.
- 2 Create pedestrian entrance plaza near Duke St./Jordan intersection**
A new formalized entrance to the park would create a small space for a park sign, benches, and bike racks. It would also provide park access close to the Duke Street and S. Jordan intersection, encouraging safer pedestrian access.
- 3 Install a second basketball court and maintenance path (alternatively, court may be area for fitness equipment)**
The existing basketball court is one of the most popular in the City. A second court would help meet the demand at this park.
- 4 Renovate the turf and install a walking path**
The park holds one of the largest and most popular unfenced turf areas in the City. This plan proposes adding irrigation and re-turfing the field to better sustain the active use. Steps from the futsal courts to the open turf area may also serve as spectator seating. A path around the field will create a location for running and walking. Walking the path seven times would equal a mile.
- 5 Replace the pool and poolhouse with two futsal courts**
The pool has been closed since 2011. When it was open there was low use as the site is not conducive to a high capacity aquatics facility. The current poolhouse blocks visibility from Duke Street creating an unsafe setting behind it. This plan recommends replacing the pool and poolhouse with futsal (soccer) courts to meet the increasing demand in the city.
- 6 Restore the existing playground to forest area**
This area is hidden from the street and difficult to access. Planting new trees in this site will help increase the tree canopy in the city, per the Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- 7 Remove the trees and re-grade to improve visibility from Duke Street**
The existing row of trees, in combination with the topography, cause a visual barrier from Duke St and make it seem unsafe. Removing the trees will increase visibility into the playground.
- 8 Move the playground to the former tennis court area**
Moving the playground to the former tennis court area will increase its visibility from Duke St and encourage greater use. It will also include new and modern equipment and may integrate water features.
- 9 Install shade structure and picnic area**
A shaded area with seating will provide a community gathering space.
- 10 Reserve space for community building**
A community building can provide space for civic meetings, restrooms, and recreation offices. The location of the building allows for sightlines throughout the park to increase surveillance. It is also located next to the picnic area to allow for joint uses.

