

# Lockett Ballfield & Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skate Park

Improvement Recommendations  
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## 1 Route a bike path through the parking lot to Quaker Lane

The existing bike route from the city's east to west goes from Colvin St. up to Duke St. and down Wheeler Ave. By installing a bike path through the City-owned parking lot and parcel south of the ballfield, cyclists would be able to avoid the busy and dangerous section of Duke St.

## 2 Extend pathway and provide ADA access to dugouts and seating

There are currently no paths connecting the dugouts, bleachers and ballfield entrance. A new path will connect these features and be accessible from the parking lot.

## 3 Upgrade ballfield facilities

This ballfield needs upgraded dugouts, first base field access, bleachers, and a press box. There is also space to build batting cages to help meet a citywide need for this recreational feature.

## 4 Re-grade the ballfield and improve drainage

Following rain events there is often standing water in the outfield due to poor drainage. With standing water, games and practices are forced to be canceled. Re-grading the field and improving drainage will greatly improve the maintenance and usage of the park.

## 5 Replace the modular skate park features with a concrete design

The skate park was built in 2002 with modular features. These features have a life span of 15-20 years and will need replacement in the upcoming years. This plan recommends replacing the site with a the new industry standard of a concrete skate park, as shown in the image below. While more expensive to construct, concrete requires less maintenance and replacement overtime and is preferred by skate boarders. Concrete provides smoother and safer surfaces, seamless transitions, and design flexibility. The current site is 12,000 sq. ft. and there is room to expand up to 18,000 sq. ft.

## 6 Install new pathway from the east corner of the Park

Many skateboarders take the Duke St. bus to the Park, using the bus stop on the corner of Duke St. and South Quaker Lane. Yet, the entrance to the park is on the West side. There is a clear desire line from this pathway to the Skate Park, indicating where a pathway is needed for easier access.

## 7 Improve Plantings along Duke Street

The original plan for the site in 2002 intended for the Photinia plantings to be maintained at a height of 3'-4' ft. in order to maintain visibility into the park. A new planting plan and maintenance will help improve the attractiveness and surveillance of the site from Duke St.



QUAKER LANE

QUAKER

WHEELER

DUKE

COLVIN

QUAKER



- Park Boundary
- - - Proposed bike path
- - - Existing bike path

0 100 200 400 Feet