

# Montgomery Park

## Improvement Recommendations

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### 1 Renovate and move playground

The existing playground is outdated and its location does not efficiently use the park space. This plan recommends shifting the playground closer to Royal Street where there are currently under utilized pathways and benches. This would allow a longer play space with an entrance accessible from both the north and south sides of the park. It would also provide space in the center of the park for an open lawn, as shown in recommendation #5.

### 2 Improve plantings along Royal Street

Perennial plantings and trees along Royal Street will create a softer edge to the park. It will also help create a more natural feel and shade in the adjacent playground. The historic canal marker will be incorporated into the landscape plan.

### 3 Install pathway to connect the south side of the Park

The park currently feels disjointed because there is no connection between the park features. A new path, connected to an interior loop, would create a walking system and encourage greater use of the park.

### 4 Grade the center of the Park and create a passive lawn

This park has a number of programmed park features including the playground, dog park, and tennis courts, yet the passive areas have not been well designed or used. This plan recommends devoting attention to a high quality open lawn that can be used for passive play, picnicking, and community events. The lawn is adjacent to the park shelter, allowing greater possibilities for the shelter to be used as a small rental space. Benches would surround the center lawn.

### 5 Renovate the parking lot to include green infrastructure

This plan recommends replacing the parking lot surface with a pervious surface to allow water to flow through and reduce the environmental impacts of a parking lot in city open space. Plantings along the tennis court and tree islands will provide aesthetic improvement to the Park. Bike racks will also be added.

### 6 Fix drainage issues along Fairfax Street

Seepage of water down this embankment currently causes water to pond on the sidewalk. Installation of an underdrain system and repair of the sidewalk will help resolve the problem.

### 7 Install backboard at the tennis court for solo play

There is community support to add a backboard to this already popular tennis court to allow for solo practice.

