

Taney Avenue Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan

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Wildflower Meadow / Low Mow Grasses

Underbrush and invasive plants will be cleared beneath the grouping of existing trees. Low mow grasses and wildflowers will be established. These low plantings will improve sightlines into the northeast corner of the park, which is currently hidden from view.



Soft Trail Loop Pathway

A semi-formal trail constructed from soft materials, such as wood chips and stone dust, should follow existing dirt paths, creating a small network of looping paths around the grass areas.



Open Grass

Play Areas

New play areas include a pre-school area with stepping columns, platforms, and small pieces of spring and rocking equipment. The pre-school area will be defined by a stone boulder wall and low green berm, and incorporate shade trees. The play areas will be surfaced with engineered wood fiber.



Stepping column



Spinning Plate



Stepping columns and platforms



Climbing equipment for school age children will be located within the tree grove.



The natural play areas will consist of informal boulders, uprooted logs and other natural materials.

Seating

City standard park benches will be located along the existing sidewalk and will include a swing bench.



Grill Area

The existing grill and picnic tables will be relocated to improve access for maintenance and for persons with disabilities, and will be situated away from mature trees and play areas.

Native Tree Grove

Many of the trees in this area are in decline. Establishing a new grove of diverse native species will ensure tree canopy is sustained.

Low Berm

Boulder Seat Wall

Park Sign and Welcome Kiosk

Park Entry Plaza

The entry plaza will provide a formalized park entrance with a park sign, kiosk, water fountain, bollards and bike racks. The surface will be hardstone, and also function as a park maintenance vehicle access point.

Pre-School Play Area

Family Picnic Area

Existing picnic tables will be re-located to be closer to the pre-school play area to support family-oriented activity.

School-Age Climbing Equipment

Natural Play

Secondary Park Entry

A pedestrian connection from neighborhoods to the east can be provided through a secondary park entry and pathway up the existing slope. The pathway would consist of steps leading to the soft trail pathways. Underbrush and invasive plants will be removed to improve sightlines into the park from the bike path.

Realigned and Widened Bike Path

A new 10' wide trail would permit bicycles and pedestrians to safely pass through. The trail would create a new east-west pedestrian-cycling link that runs parallel to Duke Street. The new trail will also serve as access for park maintenance operations.



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