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Learn About the Designs for Vermont's First **UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT OAKLEDGE PARK**

September 13th at 5:30 pm | 645 Pine Street



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Play and Engage in Accessible Spaces for Everyone

BURLINGTON PARKS, RECREATION & WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN

OCTOBER 2015



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PEOPLE

BPRW VALUES & GOALS

BPRW staff prides itself on our continued focus to maintain, improve, and grow resources for the Burlington community. Over the past few years - while maintaining steady awareness and support of community needs - the department also undertook extensive work on itself, looking internally to reestablish and understand the shared values that drive everything we do.

Through a series of staff functions which included dialogue, brainstorming and visioning, BPRW staff was able to align in identifying the aspects of our work that are truly important, supportive of growth and each other.

The identification of our shared values is sustaining a tremendous growth spurt, allowing staff members to unite to identify common goals and work towards them. Our goals include:

- 1 - Improve external & internal communication through community outreach, cultural competency training & awareness, and clear marketing tools (brand identity, web presence, wayfinding, etc.).
- 2 - Provide accountability to staff with accurate, attainable, and appropriate budget figures.
- 3- Increase accessibility of programming and park amenities through outreach, maintenance, and capital planning/investment.
- 4 - Increase conservation of land and resources providing both environmental and economic benefit to the community.

ACCESSIBILITY
Emphasis on universal design & financial sensitivity in all experiences.

INTEGRITY
Trust developed in doing our work in the public realm.

DEPENDABILITY
Service-oriented & responsive customer service.

HEALTH/WELLNESS
Focus on active, healthy & balanced lifestyles.

TEAMWORK/PARTNERSHIP
Commitment to collaboration and coordination with our community & colleagues.

INCLUSIVITY
Fostering cultures of all kinds.

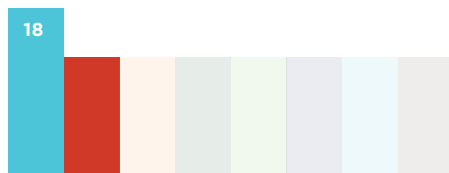
STEWARDSHIP
Of public service & a sustainable environment.

QUALITY
In everything we do.

LEFT
BPRW Values, redefined. Within the context of this master plan, staff took part in a uniform performance evaluation process that planned for individual & group work goals, professional development objectives, and highlighted areas needed for supervisory support.

BPRW also recently completed an in-depth cultural competency assessment that is informing changes to BPRW's internal, outreach and hiring processes.

FAR RIGHT
BPRW's recreation partners extend far beyond this list; the support of these key partners make many of our camps and programs possible.



This allows the great work of current friends and volunteer groups to continue to raise funds in support of their particular projects.

4 - Prides itself on being the fiscal agent for the proper stewardship of those funds while maintaining the relationship with the City to assure the money raised is spent on appropriate projects.

5 - Focuses on partnerships throughout the community to advance its mission.

SIGNATURE PROJECT

The signature project of the Parks Foundation is the Burlington Bike Path Rehabilitation. Other major initiatives include the development of a universally designed, accessible playground at Oakledge Park, the construction of the new waterfront skatepark, the redesign & reconstruction of City Hall Park, scholarship endowment, and other community initiatives.

BPRW SCHOLARSHIPS

All BPRW youth and senior programs are eligible for scholarship funding! Scholarships are awarded to Burlington residents only: youth ages 0-18 and senior adults 65+. Scholarships are awarded at 50% of the program cost with no per person or family limit. Additional funding is available at the discretion of BPRW's recreation staff. Applications must be completed annually and awards are valid for one fiscal year (July-June). No participant will be turned away due to inability to pay.

RIGHT
Kids win with recreation opportunities
and scholarship support!





Proposed Improvements to Pedestrian Beach Access and Wheel-In Water Access Point

Proposed Shoreline Stabilization and Limited Beach Access at Wetland Outlet

Proposed Improvements to Multi-Modal Circulation
at intersection of Flynn Avenue and Bike Path

Existing North Pavilion

North Pavilion Parking
Existing: 2 ADA
Proposed: 4 Standard Spaces / 8 ADA

Multi-Use Path Improvements (by others)

Proposed Stormwater Improvements

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Existing Forest Trail Network

LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Proposed Informal Picnic Areas
(scattered in forest on former cabin sites)

Proposed Paved Trail Reroute

Proposed Picnic Grove

Proposed Stormwater Improvements

Proposed Improved Beach Access

Proposed Reconfiguration of Vehicular Entry and Pavilion Dropoff

Proposed Stormwater Improvements and Stormwater Feature / Demonstration

Lower Parking Lot
Existing: 39 Spaces (unmarked)
Proposed: 45 Standard Spaces / 2 ADA

Existing Bocce Court

Proposed Softball Field
with new dugouts and bleachers

Existing Tennis Courts (2 to remain)

Proposed Sand Volleyball Courts

Existing South Pavilion

Proposed Picnic Grove

Existing Accessible Treehouse

Proposed Dog Play Area
(Offleash)

Proposed Paved Trail
Existing Forest with Proposed Expanded Trail System

Proposed Restoration Area
with Mowed Paths

Proposed Pedestrian Sidewalk

Proposed Stormwater Treatment Area

Upper Parking Lot
Existing: 90 Standard Spaces / 4 ADA
Proposed: 114 Standard Spaces / 6 ADA

Proposed Dog Play Area
(Fenced)

LEDGEWOOD CIRCLE

AUSTIN DRIVE

DUNDER DRIVE

SOUTH COVE ROAD



OAKLEDGE PARK SITING STUDY

ILLUSTRATIVE CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

REVISIONS

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SCALE 1" = 80'-0"

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Project History

GOALS & NEED for a regional, Universally Accessible (UA) playground in Burlington, Vermont

- Provide play opportunities for play for EVERYONE
- Support social, physical and cultural diversity
- Strengthen our community
- Replace the existing playground at Oakledge Park
- Provide access to a gorgeous natural setting & Lake Champlain, recreational resources, connection to the Burlington Bike Path
- Support a regional user base
- Establish 'barrier free' site design
- Offer a unique range of recreational play features, rehabilitation equipment, and nature-based experiences for children AND adults.
- Exceeds ADA standards and strive to achieve UA design principles.

Potential Program Elements

- Music garden
- Quiet space
- Accessible stage
- Raised sand bed
- Connection to water
- Large-scale slide or bowls built into land (if the opportunity exists)
- Early childhood area (natural components and dramatic play)
- Adult recreation & rehabilitation equipment
- Gardening opportunities
- Fitness equipment
- All accessible swings
- Accessible pathways

Comments from 5/11/2016 Workshop Attendees

- Play Elements
 - Spinner - prefer one that can be 'rolled onto'
 - Swings - basket swings are good
 - Trampoline – good
 - Slide – like large wide slide, one for smaller kids too?
 - Climber – short-cut to slide good
 - Water – prefer mister
 - Sand – good
 - Non-messy tactile option?
 - Stage – good
 - Quiet space?
- Seating
 - Plenty & variety of seating please! – especially on long path to big slide
- Color
 - Use color to designate active /quiet zones
 - What palette would be a good choice?

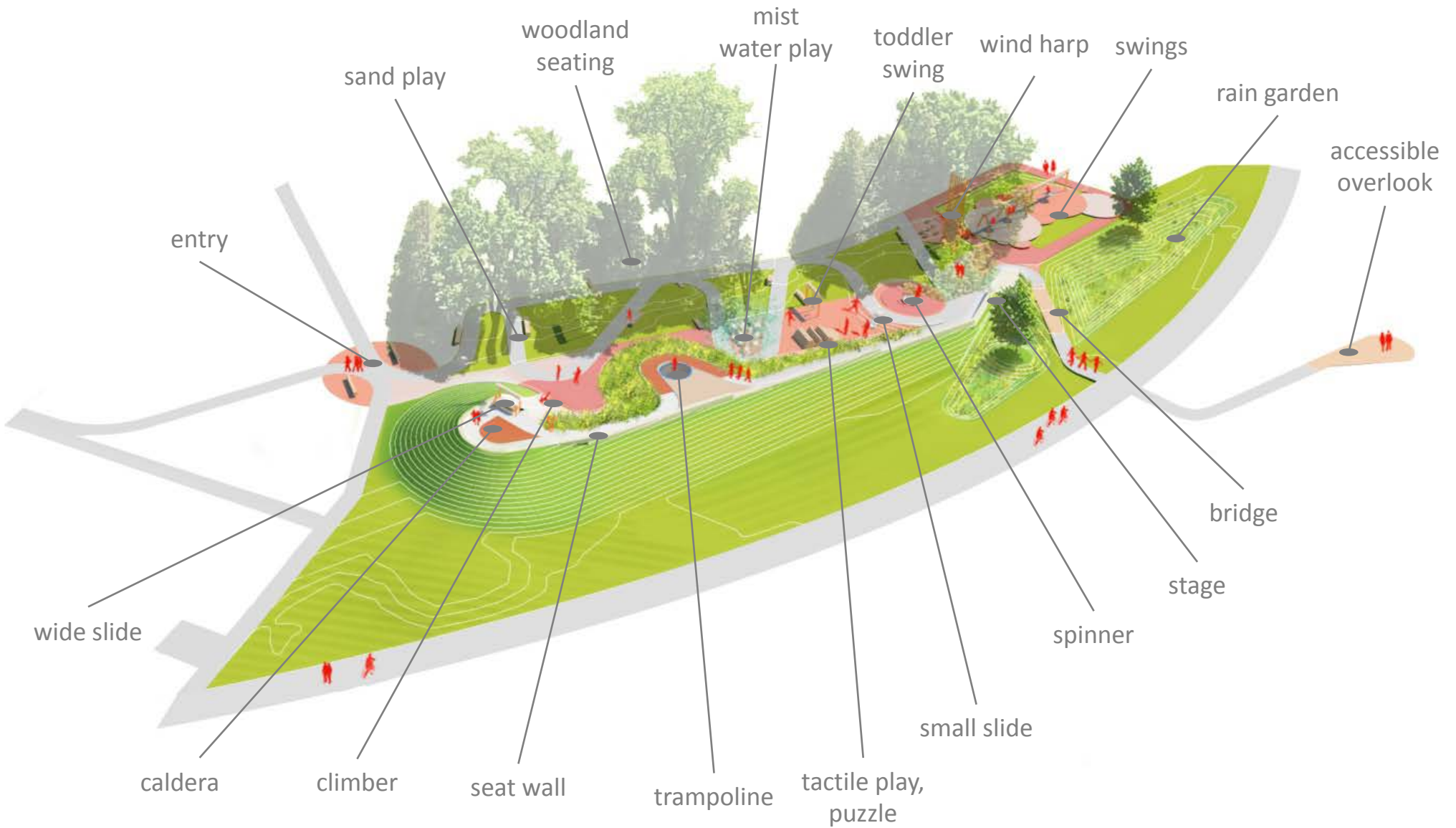
Refined Concept Design in Context



Refined Concept Design – Plan



Refined Concept Design – Elements



Refined Concept Design – View from Above



Refined Concept Design – View from Below



Refined Concept Design – View from Bikepath



Refined Concept Design – View at Dusk



Refined Concept Design in Context



Next Steps



Thanks for joining us! Stay tuned for announcements!