

**General Comments from Public Meeting  
April 24, 2017 at Crocker Farm Elementary School**

poured in place surface better than tiles
use light colors, please--the dark colors get too hot and can burn feet
bike racks are a must
water fountain that works year round (non-freeze) with bottle filler and dog bowl
keep sand box and lower playground
swings!--single, double, multi-age, tire, infant/toddler, etc.
year round bathrooms
love rope climbing structures!--but don't go with only them
bright primary colors
seating wall
accessibility toys and swing for wheelchair
light colored surfaces
rainbow water element is good for wheelchair access
water play: important to have a piece you can push a wheelchair through
we use the trail by the river, so accessing that from would be great
spray park--concrete sounds a bit hazardous for little kids, but not sure what the alternatives are
will parking be increased? I expect the spray pad to be a big draw, and sometimes the parking lot gets filled due to ball games
will there be other opportunities for public input? Online survey? Other than attending a meeting.
could you provide better/different renderings? Hard for me to visualize with the overhead-view renderings. Maybe 3D renderings or overlay onto existing aerial photograph of the park
I don't particularly prefer one concept over the other
please keep the traditional swings and traditional monkey bars
better pavilion flooring and BBQ's
pavilion near play structures for easier child supervision
shade options over some play areas
comfortable sitting structures (benches) near play areas, sand box, etc.
people caring for different age groups would appreciate a contained playground vs. age separation
clear leashed dog policy
color/theme--more naturalistic is better
park is beautiful without gaudy colors detracting from it
colors--mix and match. Bright and bold but also some subdued color areas
can the town's Art Committee play a role in signage and some design elements?
poured surfaces--yes!
consider a wheelchair swing
now can the spray pad be designed for year round play through paving design
what about vortex water journey? Nice parallel to adjacent, real river.
spray pad features need to not be an eyesore, overly colorful, fake flowers, etc. focus on ground jets to that the space can be a run around, gentle ball play in off-season
fort river desing in surfacing
what about third option to use splash pad water to irrigate fields and plantings?
what about synthetic turf playground surfacing?
is there enough of a steep grade for a good embankment slide?
the 'companion swing' is not fun. Makes adults feel like they want to throw up
solar phone charging station!
message kiosk
yes to solar panels! Or at least solar ready
as a grandparent I want seating at all play areas, with shade, not shade as a separate structure. Shade the equipment too.
also, priority is to see an area reserved for a possible future wading pool (not financially possible now but does whole other thing than spray park--was told this would be included in the park plan but it is not!)
think about having a public meeting at the park for comments--can have a tent and offer some refreshments and have childcare!
seasonal shade sails are a good idea
why not spread the playground out as much as possible? This would help with different age groups
are there ways to use the hill for play (other than just rolling?)
swings are important!
it would be great to think about how to use the lower level near the river in a more playful way that won't conflict with the river 'resource area'
consistently shaded area for nursing around the 2-5 year playground
team spray!!
cooperative structure elements are excellent
rubberized surfaces!
spring for integral stain on splash park surface
all must be free in order to be equitable access
keep the sandboxes!
handicap accessible structure elements
seating within randomn circlces
walkway around the whole building
clear boundaries = safe zones for children
splash park fenced a la look park?
make all stairs ramps (ramps are accessible to everyone)
love the separate play areas for children
love the shades at mill river; they look nice and are purposeful
keep splash pad in the back! High volume away from parking lot
like when structures meld with surrounding nature
need safe access on streets/sidewalks to park
trees please!--please keep the old big trees.
trails--good access to river trail
metal slide on lover level is super dangerous! Children are getting burned from metal slides.
bike racks please
solar panels--yes, great idea
more subdued quiet earthy colors preferred than bright colors
the natural beauty of Groff Park has to do with the quiet, huge beautiful trees and open grassland
please keep the splash pad farthest away from the parking lot as we use the park all year round. Park will feel abandoned if splash pad is first during fall, winter, spring months.
please include shade in each play area
swings for toddlers and older kids
earth tones and blues (avoid primary colors)
since the park is on the river edge, water/earth color scheme would work
teen area with stretching or pull up bar
avoid rocking pieces that knock toddlers in the head
welcome sign in multiple languages
Groff is gorgeous natural space. Seats that get the far off view of fields, etc. would be great.
Also, shade where parents can sit and watch is important. But maximize the naturalistic elements!