

**Comments from Public Meeting
Concept Plans for Groff Park
April 24, 2017 at Crocker Farm Elementary School**

Concept A	Concept B	Concept C
where are the swings?? Good skill development	shaded seating areas around 2.5-5 playground for nursing	Shade structure easily accessible to multiple play/splash areas is great
least favorite of the 3 options	love the dynamic plan of concept b	shade structure also will be useful for families using the ball fields behind it
shade trellis is lost behind the existing park building	rain garden with educational info is a great idea	don't like the full separation of playground
would love wheelchair swing; accessible picnic tables	pavilion should be near 'play areas' for easier child supervision	the illustration of the fish design of a spray park would be ideal for Groff
like that the 2 playgrounds (both ages) are combined into 1 area	add a zipline as part of the play structure (agreed by 2 people)	too much climbing items; not enough variety in structures
more shade options with some play structures	shade next to spray pad where family members can site and supervise	linear arrangement seems to constrict foot traffic
like the slide uses the hill	I like the separate play areas for different ages	have you considered a junk park space?
like the variety of items--rope climbing structures, metal structures, slide, swings, etc.	I like the triangular arrangement of play areas and water park	if splash pad is centralized, seating should surround it
like that different age play structures are on the same pad	for families with different aged kids, nice to have 2 age appropriate playgrounds, but close to each other (agreed by multiple people)	missing swings and slide
like that splash pad is toward back--better connects parking to playground in winter when splash pad isn't used	have a handicap mini park for kids in wheelchair and good access to them	love all the climbing, but I think it goes overboard
like the pavilion structure up top (with places to eat near play area)	like the swing, including multi-age	don't separate the play areas--too hard to watch multiple kids and kids will track dirt into splash pad
like this slide the best	roller slides slow as they age and 'break' easily (rollers stop rolling due to rocks getting stuck between them)	like the amount of seating, would be good if wall sitting had shade
like the location of splash pad the better here	like that the slide uses the hill	love the fish themed splash pad
sit spinners	this concept has the most younger age play areas. The design needs to include more younger age items as well	love the blue and yellow climbing structure; is great
like the climbing/playing structures with slides, especially for younger kids	do not like the water park closest to parking because all kids will get wet coming and going from play area	concerned a bit about separating the playgrounds so far apart, since most of the year families will only be using those and not the spray pad. Families with different age kids might prefer them closer.
no spinner toys--large circle--too many injuries happen at the one at Fort River	love the spider climber structure	Concept C has the best shade options of the three
I like the water park separate	love the large pavilion with open seating	fantastic futuristic swings/spinning rope cone
2-5 equipment?	do not want a roller slide	rope-based playground ideas very popular at other parks I've visited
missing swings!???	love the 2 person swing (friendship swing)	large rain garden looks to be very attractive and functional
love the embankment slide! Much better than the roller slide for kids with physical impairments	don't like walking into the water park first	best design of the three, but having spray park in center will be odd during fall/spring when it is off
like the shade structure is in the middle	don't like the separate playgrounds--too hard to watch multiple age groups	dislike this concept and would not want it used.
we love the sand box! Not sure if there's and equivalent toddler exploration space that could be included	spray park is used many fewer months than the rest of the park, so it seems weird that it is closest to the parking. A lot of times the splash park will be empty	better to have two age group playgrounds adjacent rather than separated by spray pad
love the 'natural' look of the large slide concept. Natural entrance via slide to the lower level encourages exploring all the free space down there	good that the two playgrounds are close to each other--my toddler uses both, but not when lots of big kids are around	yes to group swing!
overall design looks slightly cramped compared to other two	shade by spray pad is important	can you fit picnic tables under the structure?
like the rectangular aspect of the spray park as many in Amherst who were surveyed by LSSE wanted something more unique to our town and more in keeping with the river aspect of the park	odd position of rain garden--won't collect runoff	spider rope is a fun piece
recommend rectangular spray pad. 2nd choice would be oval. Not round.	large roller slide looks very interesting in concept	concept C is my favorite
like idea of embankment slide if it can work with grade and be fun enough. Don't need safety surface on side of embankment slide.	great idea having two playgrounds on different grades.	we like the rain garden!
like water play at end of line	central shade/sitting area seems too large	more environmental education
supernova needs too big of a fall zone, now 9' not 6'	2nd favorite concept	climbing structures in Concept C are awesome!
will there be a wading pool?	note on spray pad elements--LSSE survey found people wanted fewer 'fancy' elements and more ground spray elements. Again, this would be more in keeping with the sense of rustic river park	team spray--Yes!
we love the moving/climbing structures	roller slides can be problematic--also not enough slope to be fun	water jelly--yes!
I like the spray pad off to the side, as the park is enjoyed all year round, winter included.	like this layout but switch spray pad with 2nd playground	leaf--yes!
great idea to have separation of play areas 2-5 yr olds and 5-12 yr olds.	omnispinners are no so fun.	I love the creative structures
we would much rather have real trees than tents/shade sails	add swings, please	please keep two playgrounds closer (one parent with 2 or 3 kids needs to keep eyes on all)
rocks can be tripping hazard when children are running	the slide that goes between levels is nice.	I like the tunnel in concept c
the natural elements and the rock slide and boulders are great	move the splash park toward the back	I like the idea of a waterfall that would attract birds, add to the beauty the teen area is quite welcome. Not much in Amherst. Skateboarding, etc.