

*Additions and
Improvements to*
Scheve Park
Mascoutah, Illinois



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Master Plan

- The mission of this Master Plan is to review and analyze the current use of Scheve Park, revisit and consider the parks:
 - History
 - Users
 - Utilization
 - Service to the community
 - Ability to meet future needs of community
 - Areas of limitations or constraints
 - Areas of potential development and/or expansion
- The park has served the community of Mascoutah with great success over the years. The Master Plan recognizes this achievement and outlines opportunities to build upon and expand its success.



The Mascoutah Station provides a historic and educational feature uncommon in many municipal parks.



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History

The story of a community is revealed in the history which it treasures.

The station and cabooses are wonderful examples of preserving the past for the future generations.



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Recreation Facilities



The mature trees and pavilions provide a very friendly environment



Play equipment is placed for good interaction for family activities. Newer equipment with more safety equipment should be planned for.



Planting areas provide for pleasant landscaped areas. These areas could be enhanced with deciduous and evergreen flowering plant materials to enhance the park.



The pavilions are well placed and are adequately balanced with the green space.



The play ground area, fenced and well maintained, is ideally located near the pavilion area and parking area.



The horse shoe area is centrally located in the park. It's location is also a prime spot for a future band shell or amphitheatre.

Existing Sports Facilities



Pavilion at Baseball fields



Baseball fields



Baseball fields



Soccer fields

Fitness and Fun



The pool provides for community recreation. Development of competitive facilities could provide for additional uses.

The walking trail is a feature used year round and nearly around the clock



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Goals for park

- Improved Baseball / softball fields
- New soccer fields
- Exhibition Hall
- Indoor equestrian center
- 4H fair activities
- Upgrade existing playground equipment
- New Football fields
- Complete Aquatic Center
- Expand Park Area
- Enhance utilization of park area
- Develop facilities for multiple user / multiple activities
- Expand on-site parking
- Develop non-traditional sports areas
- Maintain / enhance family area
- Dog walk area
- Bike Trails
- Fitness Walk / track
- Potential Skateboard location



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Existing constraints

- Tennis courts require renovation or replacement
- Pool requires repair and maintenance
- Storm drainage issues
- Utilization of existing park area
- Limited area for parking on-site
- Need for Security Systems
- Need for light control if additional lighting is added to sports fields or courts.
- Development of effective park use policies
- Effective enforcement of park use policies
 - Law enforcement
- Inadequate space for expanded facilities
- Limited access across the storm water ditch



The road through the park is convenient for neighbors, but requires gates to be closed during events for safety. The road also occupies area which could be used for green space, pavilions, structures or seasonal events.



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Issues

- Environment for users.
 - Should Sheve Park be designated as sports / activities location with St. Clair Lake and Prairie Lake be quiet natural environments?
- Areas for pets?
- Areas to educate about nature and the environment
- Harnett to be upgraded in summer of 2005. new paving curbs, gutters.
- Ball fields should comply with Illinois High School Athletic Association standards.
- 4H/Agricultural/ Livestock participation.
 - Where would it be located?
 - Initially?
 - Ultimately?
- 4-6 Ball fields will be required.



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Planning Process

Planning Participation

Community
interaction

Representative
interests

Determine
goals for project

Determine the
anticipated
outcome

Determine
options,
alternatives,

Approval
process



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User groups – *stake holders*

- Evening Lions
- Noon day Lions
- Moose Club
- Mascoutah Improvement Association
- Tuesday Women's Club
- Mascoutah School District
- Zonta Club
- Main Street / Welcome Center
- Khoury League
- Chamber of Commerce
- Senior Center
- Surface Water District
- Historical Society
- Leu Civic Center (Soccer / Football)
- Parks and Recreation Commission

- Soccer Teams
- American Legion / VFW
- Booster Club
- Beta Club
- Community Children
- Bicycle Club
- Masonic Lodge
- Knights of Columbus
- Mascoutah Students
- Horseshoe Association
- 4H during fair
- Autism Center
- Ministerial Alliance
- Holy Childhood School
- Garden Club
- Mascoutah Trails Committee



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Planning Process

- Existing park
- Constraints of site
 - Setbacks,
 - Utilities,
 - Easements,
 - Topography,
 - Access,
 - Vehicle traffic,
 - Parking
 - Schedule,
 - conflicts in use,
 - Public Safety,
 - Neighboring interests
 - Sacred features
- Proposed improvements
- Expansion
- Connection with existing park
- Improvements
 - Sports
 - Health
 - Recreation
- Interface with neighborhood, streets
- Budgets
- Funding sources, local, state, grants, donation, sponsorship
- Phasing of future development
 - Added Areas
 - Timing
 - Funding
 - Flexibility
 - Parking
- Schedules

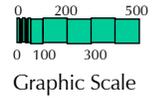
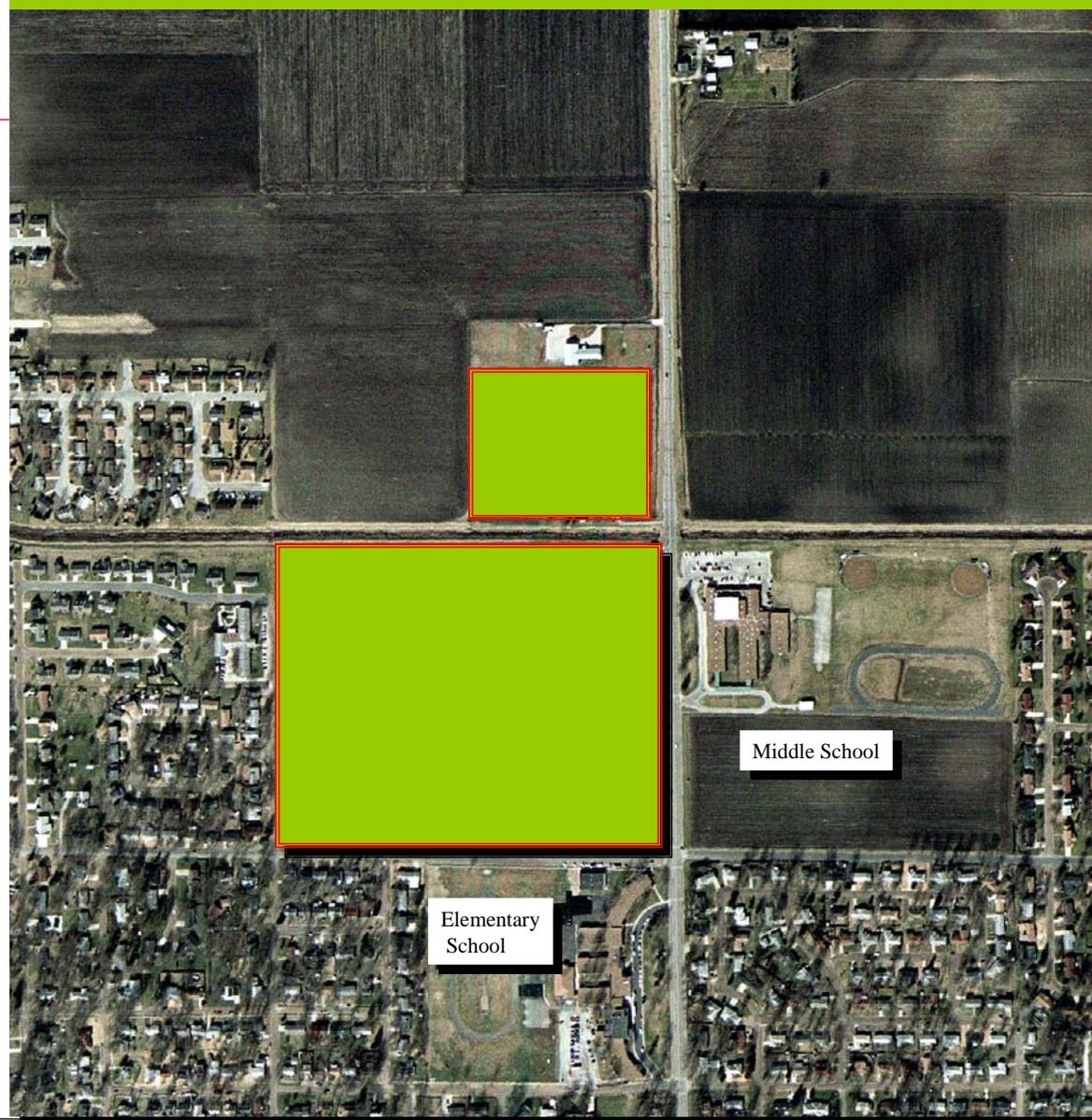


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Existing

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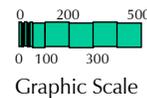


Alternate 1

Addition of
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Property



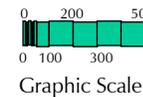
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Alternate 2

Addition of
North East
Property

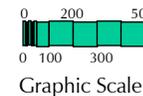
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Alternate 3

Addition of
North and
East Property

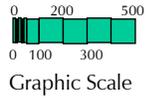
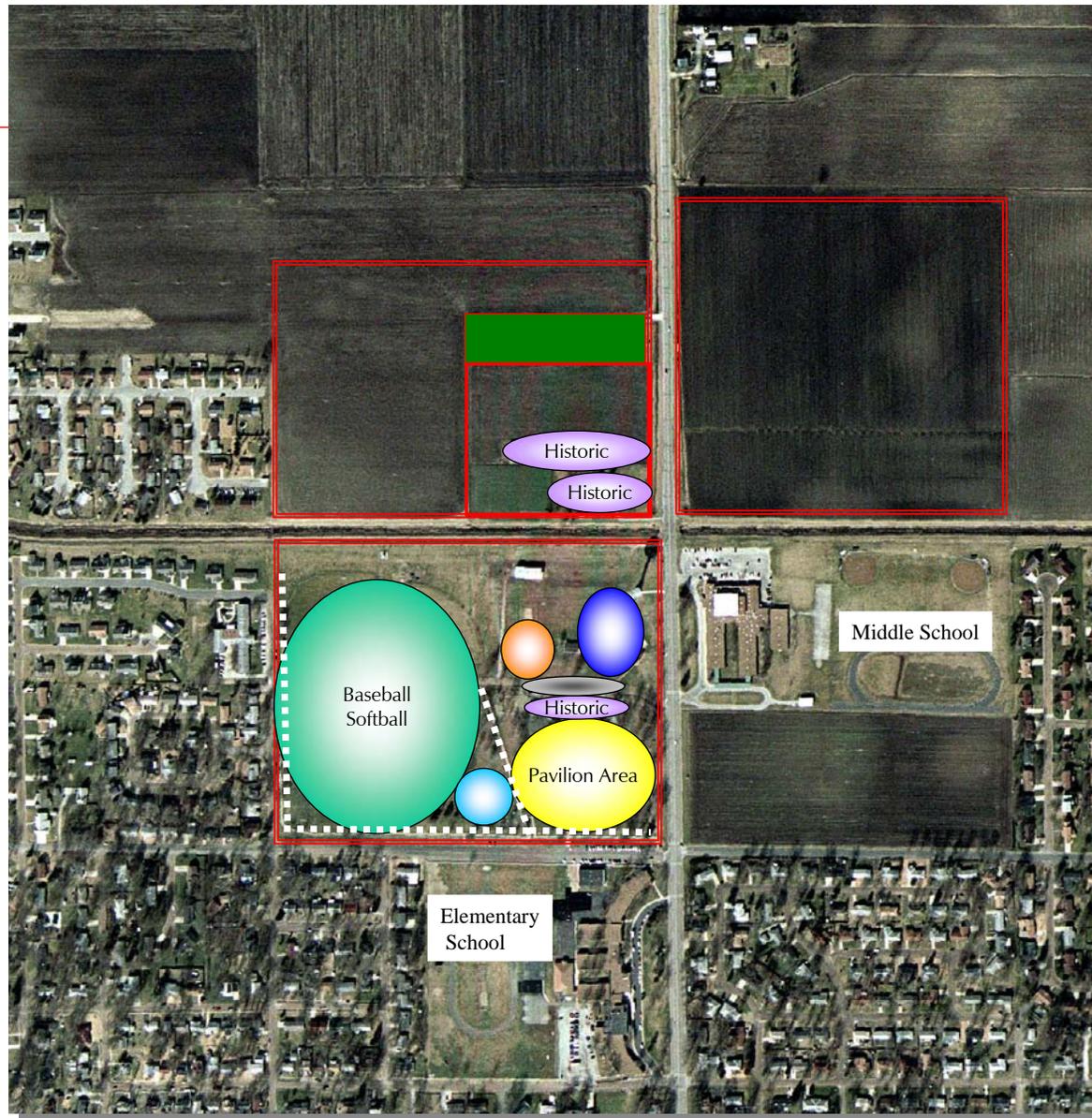
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Existing

Current Space Utilization

-  Ball Fields
-  Playground
-  Pavilion Area
-  Historic features
-  Aquatic Center
-  Tennis Courts
-  Parking
-  Walking trail



Planning for the future

- Seek to acquire available land north of existing park.
- Seek to acquire available land north of Mascoutah Middle School.
- Demolish existing tennis courts. Construct new courts North of Harnett Street.
- Construct new sand volleyball courts North of Harnett Street.
- Construct new basketball courts North of Harnett Street.
- Discontinue vehicle traffic through park. This will enhance safety and usable area of park.
- Add parking areas to the west side of the park. Add parking areas north of the baseball fields. Redesign and construct additional parking at existing entrance. Add additional entrance and parking area north of water tower.
- Remove outdated playground equipment. Upgrade existing play equipment and safety features at ply equipment.
- Enhance existing planter areas with flowering and visually interesting flora.
- If Sports Complex is planned, consider reduction of baseball/ softball fields at existing park area to 2. This will open up additional park area for picnic / homecoming events and seasonal uses.
- Convert green space around historic areas to Turf grasses. This will accommodate use as play fields and seasonal events.
- Consider construction of a future Aquatic Center on property adjacent to the existing park.
- Enhance interaction of park with Mascoutah School District.



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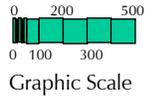
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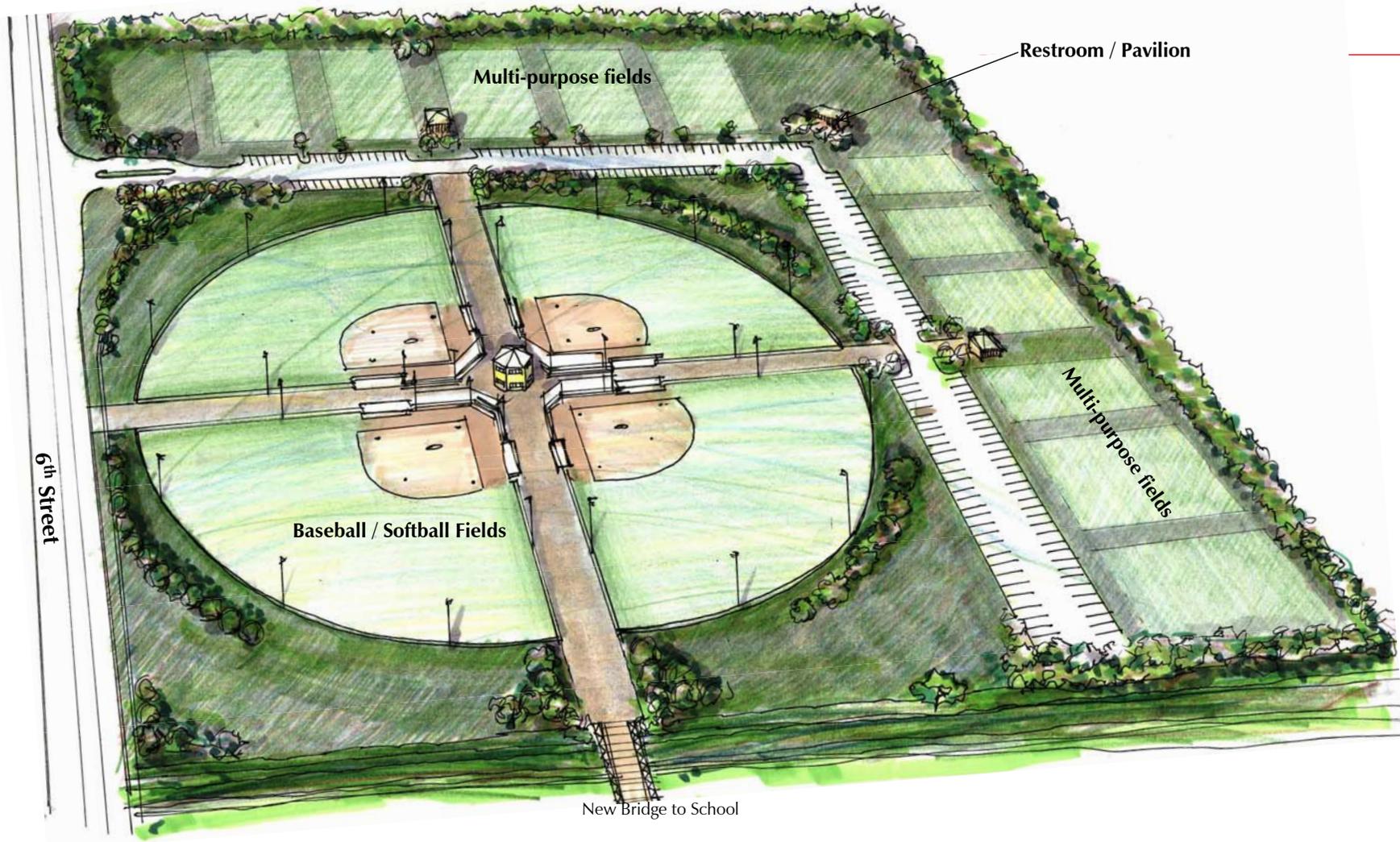
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Proposed Space Utilization

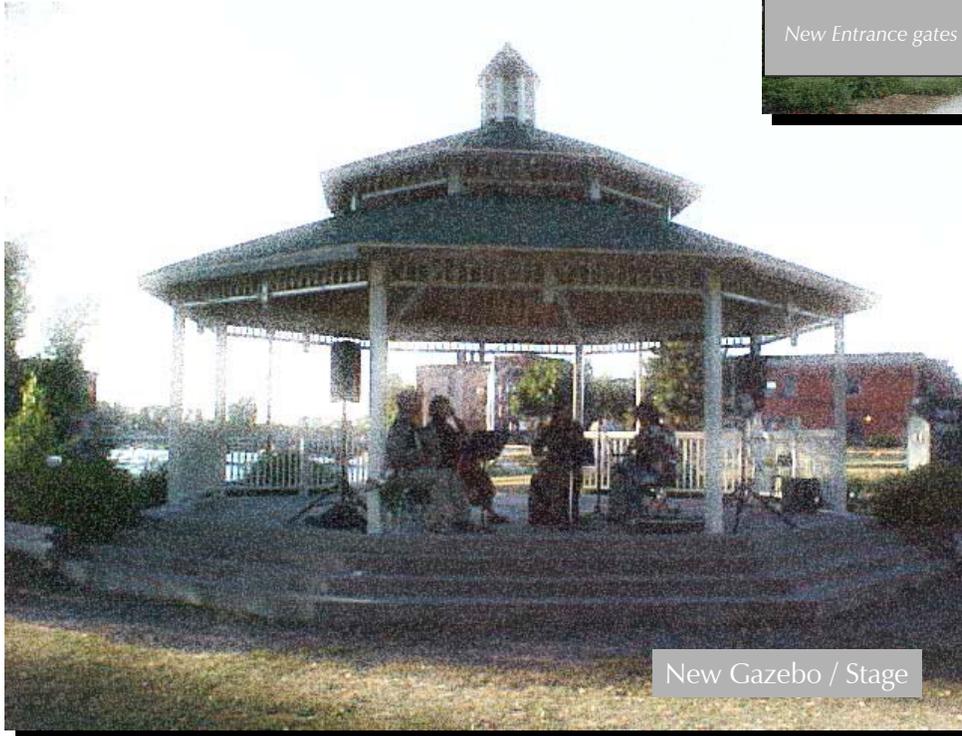
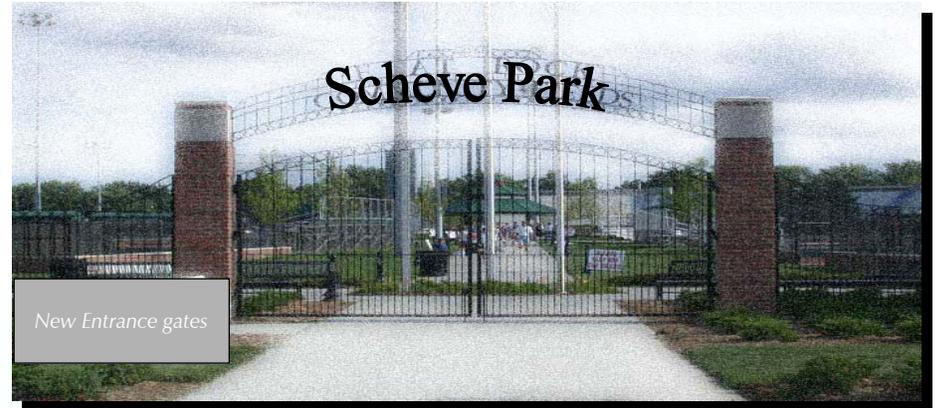
-  Ball Fields
-  Playground
-  Pavilion Area
-  Historic features
-  Aquatic Center
-  Tennis Courts
-  Parking
-  Football/Soccer
-  Equestrian Center
-  Bike trail
-  New road



Sports Park
expansion
concept



Possible Site features



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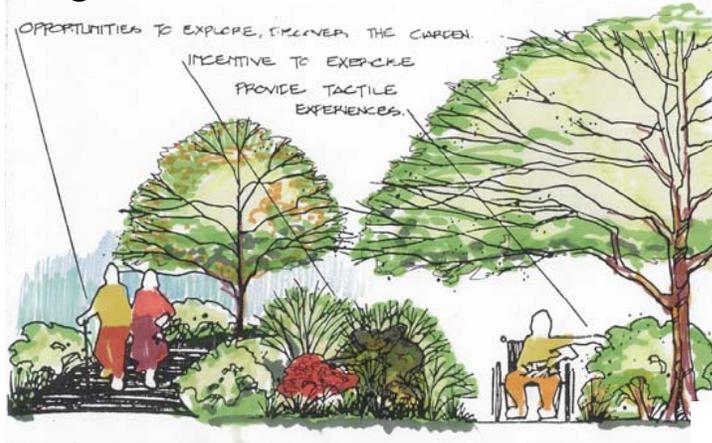
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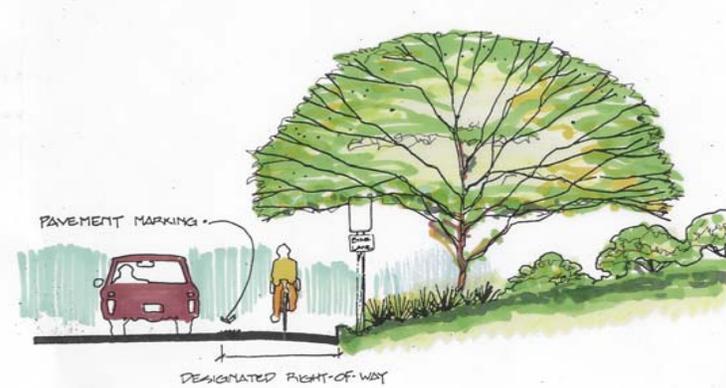
Green space / Berm areas provide areas for education and neighborhood use



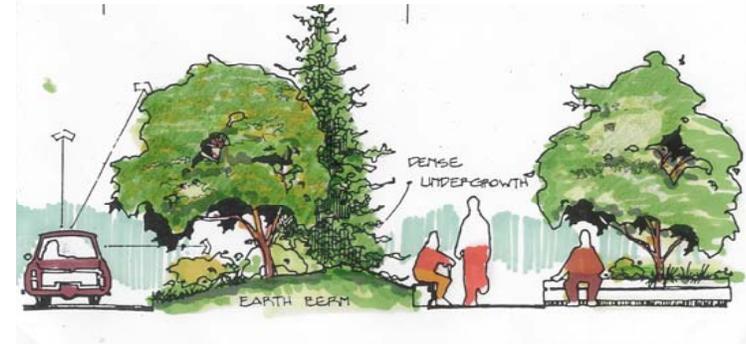
On Site, landscaping can be used to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety



Roadway shoulders can be improved to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic



Berm / Landscaping separates Vehicles from pedestrian areas





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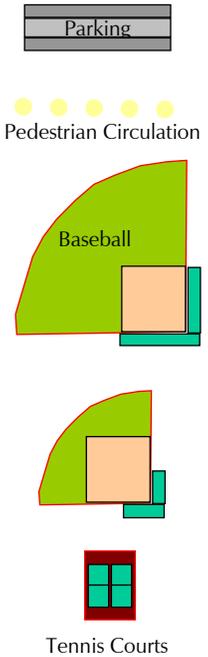
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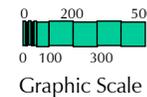
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