

## NTMP Playground Forums Feedback

### GENERAL

We showed a few styles of playgrounds including wood, modern and more traditional.

We also showed pics of Goodwill Park playground and by and large people really liked it a lot.

Here are the things they liked about it:

-neighborhood park like feel

-subtle colors

-landscaping

-shade

-brick paths

### EQUIPMENT

We asked whether there should be a piece of equipment that should really stand out as a centerpiece.

A really big slide was the common answer. We'd like to see multiple slides but one that is really big would be cool.

Subtle design similar to that used in Goodwill Park is preferred. Ultra Modern would not be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood

Other equipment:

-swings (traditional and tire/basket style)

-climbing wall / web

-tactile toys

-acoustic features (underground tube, acoustic dome, xylophone)

-motor skill toys

-zip line (metal equivalent)

-separate area and accommodations for toddlers

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VERY basic - maybe jets only. Maybe one above ground fixture. Needs to be activated by pressure or touch and must have timers to limit hours of use. We can use darker color for concrete and have a bin of chalk nearby. Splash pad could be used as chalk art board.

Design should be integrated with rest of playground while keeping it separate.

Other ways to make splash pad unique?

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### **LANDSCAPING:**

We don't want a playground dropped onto a lawn with a fence around it. The playground design goes well beyond the equipment. Landscaping is crucial.

We will need a way to water the landscaping. At the park next to the West Concord station they have hoses stashed underground in lock boxes. That would work here.

We talked about tiering the sloped sides of the playground so that we could have terraced seating for parents. This could be a really cool design feature. This slope may be too close to road.

Guessing we will use black chain link as we'd be afraid to use anything expensive with plows so close (although we really don't like chain link). We want to use landscaping to buffer the fencing and the edges of the playground. The local garden club is very active and willing to help.

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### **PARKING**

The parking area needs to be redone and the immediate area cleaned up.

Redo Flag pole and add garden at base.

### **SEATING AND SHADE AREAS**

Appropriate and nicely designed seating is crucial.

Shade must be provided either by trees or structures. I have had an initial conversation with someone at Select Horticulture and they are typically willing to make tree donations... especially in the Fall.

### **OTHER**

#### **Area between playground and wetland**

This is where the pump track is now. The dirt pump track is a maintenance issue. If we could raise the money, an artificial pump track would be very cool (see [progressivepumptracks.com](http://progressivepumptracks.com)). These would allow for use by bikes, skates and scooters and would require minimal maintenance.

In the meantime this could be a lawn or garden area? Picnic Area?

#### **Entry**

Would like to see a nice entry area to the playground. Bulletin board/kiosk type thing there so post local events and park news.

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### **Art**

It would be cool integrate some sort of art into the design... i.e. silhouettes of kids, hand painted tiles? A sculpture?

### **Drinking Fountain**