

# Welcome to

PARKS LOVE

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Co-Design Team Meeting #2  
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# Collective Definition of Accessibility and Inclusion in Parks

"health challenges" paired together

Health challenges - to replace it with a better term

Health, states of health, health status, health condition, or just...health

need to address physical and mental health

programs that call to other cultural practices and social constructs

Pathway Surfaces  
Friendly to wheels  
+ Mud free

Repair Paths  
Broken/bubbled by tree roots

Differently-abled vs. challenged in definition shared

Accessibility should extend to all parks rather than a special spotlight

Add accessibility info to the website? Symbology?

Language and technology accessibility needs to be improved to address gaps across cultures

Inclusivity is an abstract term that can mean different things to everyone based on how they enjoy the park and what they need to access it.

Open space for unstructured play.

Opportunity for Comm.  
Volunteers to have ownership of park

# Collective Definition of Equity in Parks

we can improve in restrooms and smoother pathways for seniors on walkers

signs in different languages

Spaces are used by lots of different groups, rental spaces, etc.

Rental processes that are simple and straightforward,

Go beyond physical accessibilities

Reflect differences in a neutral way

Goes beyond an accessible swing - why aren't ALL parks FULLY accessible?

All-accessible parks are truly inclusive for all, including able-bodied

Are there cost barriers to using these rentals? Family rates?

Close proximity to high density housing

Accessibility and Inclusion: Ensuring that all people no matter their race, ethnicity, income, age, location, gender identity, or

# What physical amenities or operational elements provide a more inclusive, accessible and equitable experience?

Emergency Alert Boxes

Solar panels for charging electronics

- Park maps at all entrances.
- QR code on map takes to an interactive map on mobile device.

Slip proof walking surfaces (Bridges esp.)

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waste & recycling bins along paths & at seating areas

Wider outreach to communities to take advantage of parks

Solar panel lights at picnic shelters for nighttime activities

Wider sidewalks next to parking lots w/ the slope that allows wheels to go on sidewalks

Interpretive signs to help foster learning (Multiple languages)

More money for maintenance

Concrete pad next to every bench for wheelchairs  
No wood chips

- Green space
- Rolling Hills
- 1/4 walking path to encourage distance walking

- Signage with large font
- Flat pathway where possible
- Looped walkways
- Clear walkways from street

Trail map @ parking lot

Easiness & inclusion, accessibility means simplicity walking through the park it should be easy for individuals of all mental capacities, ages, levels of mobility, etc to traverse  
- signs clear, repetition

Bike paths and walking paths

Equity costs money  
Accessibility

More parking

Get real Trail creators to place signage + trail length estimates

Park history signs  
[Why its here.](#)

ADA benches + Variable sizes



Increased accessibility to school dist. land/parks

Private partnerships for programming  
pacific \_\_\_\_ league district business?



Swings, Climbing  
Rock  
- Lily

## What are the pros and cons of acquiring a small park?

**Pro:**  
- immediate access within the neighborhood

**Cons:**  
- Limited access for folks who live outside of the neighborhood

**Pro:**  
- New space in the area that doesn't have other uses

**Cons:**  
- Ability to give to corner, which may be better used for other things

**Pro:**  
- Can give the corner a park that is an integral part of the neighborhood

**Cons:**  
Can affect more people by improving existing

**Pros:**  
Add to neighborhood that doesn't have access

**Questions:**  
Does some comm. need covered basketball court instead of lawn and playground?

**Pro:**  
better walkability to at least a greenspace

**Cons:**  
increased traffic previously not accounted for

**Pro:**  
Can serve more residents w/o adequate transportation

**Pros:**  
more outdoor space

**Cons:**  
just another small park that only ppl in the neighborhood would use

**Pro:**  
Tiny taste of nature/mini forest

**Pro:**  
Gathering place for community building

**Cons:**  
Fewer people benefit from park

**Questions:**  
Does some comm. need covered basketball court instead of lawn and playground?

**Pro:**  
- Green space  
- Accessibility for more people  
- more people w/in walking distance of a park

**Pro:**  
more parks

**Cons:**  
- Small Park iningle family neighborhood may exclude citizens who don't live in the neighborhood  
- transportation could be an obstacle.

**Cons:**  
Can increase maintenance costs, preventing other projects from being funded.

## What are the pros and cons of focusing on improving existing amenities and park connections?

**Pro:**  
affects more people than a 1-acre park

**Cons:**  
No progress made an equitable park distribution

**Pro:**  
improved condition + perception of parks

**Cons:**  
Would not get anybody closer to a park than they already are

**Investing in what we have**

**Pro:**  
- Bettering what we do have

**Cons:**  
- impacts more people  
- Less parks in Lynwood

**Pros:**  
more work can be done with less capital

**Cons:**  
Short term loss of use

**Pro:**  
Doesn't reduce Lynwood's housing inventory

**Pro:**  
Create a more multi-culture welcoming parks

**Cons:**  
- elevate the park experience that all feel welcome  
- No new park

**Pro:**  
- greater accessibility for all  
- more eggs for comm. building (build comm. trust)

**Cons:**  
- Need to hire more ppl full time  
- Covid + (provide transportation)

**Pros:**  
Potential for private investment in small elements

**Pro:**  
- Smaller scale parks and the gap zones provide spaces for people to walk/ride from their houses  
- transit can be time consuming/ difficult with children or dogs.

**Cons:**  
- doesn't increase access to parks for children who access existing parks

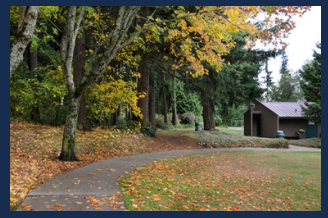
**Cons:**  
- if more people go to fixed up parks that means more air pollution if they drive there

## What would provide our communities more benefit? An added park or improving the existing ones?

Existing Park improvements - comms. already feel let down by existing parks & how they're not being maintained.

I would think better spent on the parks we have already

Improving existing parks



# Ways we engage with Community



**Fairs and Festivals:** in-person community outreach at local events



**Flyering:** handing out project brochures or flyers to help get walkers involved



**Listening Sessions:** facilitating discussions to gather information on a group experience



**Kids Activities:** coordinated activities to inspire youth participation



**Social Media Campaigns:** utilizing various digital platforms to promote engagement



**Open Houses:** allowing the public to see progress up close



**Fact Sheet:** providing to-the-point information about the issue at hand



**Briefings:** short meetings to provide information and instruction



**Tours:** guided excursion to view changes and updates made

# Where and how does your community gather, celebrate, learn?



-Group lunches  
- Volleyball  
- Frisbee

We celebrate at pubs or near food trucks

-BBQ  
- Music picnics  
-Music Parks  
- Afro America celebratory & cultural events  
- Fun, Laughter, Food, Conversation

My comm. celebrates by meeting @ 7-30 AM and walking through the park slowly w/ binoculars looking for birds to identify.

My comm. doesn't celebrate in parks due to safety, visibility, and cultural reasons

-Dancing  
- Laughing  
- BBQ  
- Multiple Families  
- Loud Music

I would love to use it for yoga, mindfulness, nature therapy, etc. I don't see flat and covered space to accommodate such activities.

# Are there events or meetings we should attend?

- Juneteenth  
- Mardi Gras  
- B-day Celebrations  
- Afro-American Celebrating events

Ecosystem restoration events- recovering -planting active spaces?