

# Community Engagement

- Community Events
  - Back to School Bash
  - Backpack Giveaway (Westdale Neighborhood Association)
  - Festival Latino
  - AsianFest
  - County Fair at Old MacDonalds Farm
  - Beers in the Barnyard Event
  - City Open House
- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Hames Homes Food Pantry
- Online Survey
- Open Houses



# Survey

- Focused on understanding **preferred precedents** and **desired character** for various park features/amenities
- Open September 21 to October 12
- Promoted through:
  - City communication channels and facilities
  - Neighborhood Associations
  - Other community organizations / events
- **254 total responses**

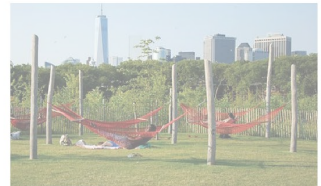




# Community Engagement Summary

## Preferred Precedents & Desired Character

### Reading Rooms



“It should be comfortable but allow multiple groups and individuals an enjoyable place to read in the outdoors and natural elements”



“It would be nice to have kid specific spaces...then other areas for adults”



### Discovery Garden

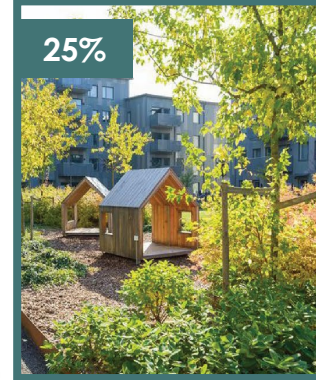


“Places to explore and accessible for all”

“Discovery areas should be messy and musical! Kids need room to dig in when they explore!”



### Nature + Art



“Use nature as art”

“I like the idea of art sculptures that would encourage kids to explore in nature”





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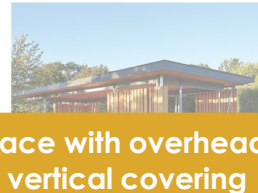
### Community Garden



“Accessibility and learning are key”



### Park Shelter



“A space with overhead and vertical covering allows for more versatility, bathrooms are a must, and a “prep or kitchen” area would be so useful for parties”



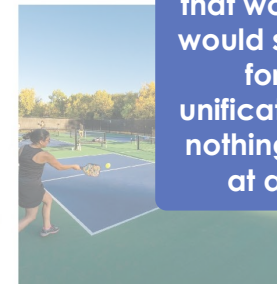
### Sports Courts



“Be mindful of sounds of bouncing basketballs, etc.”



“Soccer “courts” are a fantastic idea. There are a lot of immigrant populations in the area that would love this and it would serve as a platform for multi-cultural unification! Also, we have nothing like this currently at any other park.”

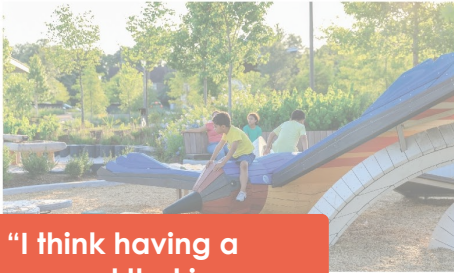




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### Playground



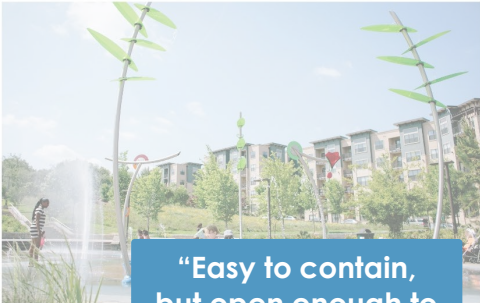
“I think having a playground that is more organic in style would be very unique...it would a great opportunity to do something different.”



“Playgrounds that are inclusive are the most important”



### Water Play



“A natural-looking water feature would be so cool!”



# Four Big Ideas

## Design Considerations

### #1 Support culturally relevant / responsive programming

Design spaces that reflect the cultural diversity of the community, provide opportunities for cultural events and activities, and allow for multi-cultural and inter-generational interaction through/such as:

- culturally significant art
  - public art installations by a local artist
  - cultural song/dance, music instruments throughout the park
- event space for cultural festivals and events
- stage for performing arts, music, etc.
- culturally relevant story walk
- multi-lingual signage

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### **#2 Promote learning, exploration & discovery for all**

Design accessible and inclusive spaces that support a variety of learning styles and encourage self-guided/self-initiated exploration and discovery such as:

- themed story walks
- natural areas
- educational/interpretive signage

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### **#3 Provide flexible, multi-functional spaces**

Design open spaces that support multiple, diverse uses and can adapt with the community over time and through various seasons such as:

- flex lawn / civic lawn for large gatherings, festivals, and other community events
- multi-use park shelters (large & intimate gatherings)
- seasonal programming
- multi-sport courts (basketball & futsal)
- winter ice rink (on sports courts)



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## #4 Leave room for nature

Design spaces where nature can flourish and thrive through:

- use of natural materials
- native plantings
- stormwater management
- sustainable design practices