



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda

Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Thursday, April 11, 2024

3:00 PM

Development Service Center

Special Called Meeting

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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After determining that a quorum is present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas, at which the following items will be considered:

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [CPD24-009](#) Consider approval of minutes for January 18, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. [CPD24-011](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - Presentation.pdf](#)

- C. [CPD24-012](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding disability and accessibility features on the City’s website.

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- D. [CPD24-014](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Librada “Lily” Cantu Inclusive Playground.

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- E. [CPD24-013](#) Staff General Update memo.

Attachments: [General Updates.pdf](#)

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

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AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of minutes for January 18, 2024.

City of Denton Committee on Persons with Disabilities

After determining that a quorum was present, the Committee on Persons with Disabilities of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3:02 p.m. in Training Rooms 3-5 at the Development Service Center, 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Joe Rivas, Vice-Chair Sally Austin, Alison Kelly, Daniel Clanton, and Heather Barahona

ABSENT: Member Isaiah Heck and Valda Morgan

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CPD24-004 Consider approval of minutes for November 16, 2023.

Chair Rivas moved to approve the minutes as present; motion seconded by Austin. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Chair Rivas, Vice-Chair Austin and Members Kelly and Clanton.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Members Heck, Barahona (late), and Morgan.

B. CPD24-001 Receive a report, provide an update, and hold a discussion regarding the City of Denton, Solid Waste and Recycling (SWR) Department's Service Assistance Program and associated solid waste services.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

C. CPD24-007 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding accessibility at Denton Public Libraries.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

D. CPD24-005 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give direction regarding Committee issue priorities for 2024.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Item will be brought back to next meeting for a vote.

E. CPD24-006 Staff General Update Memo.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Joe Rivas
Chair

Karisa Richards
Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Fire

ACM: Frank Dixon

DATE: April 11, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities.

BACKGROUND

The presentation by the City of Denton Emergency Management focuses on enhancing emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities. The agenda covers the importance of inclusivity, understanding the needs of individuals with disabilities, legal frameworks, and guidelines. It briefly delves into creating accessible emergency plans, community engagement, and collaboration with advocacy groups. The training for first responders and accessible information dissemination are highlighted, along with showcasing best practices and encouraging community input. The presentation aims to foster a more inclusive and resilient Denton by addressing the specific needs of persons with disabilities in emergency situations.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Alyssa Owen
Emergency Management Specialist



Empowering Persons with Disabilities

Alyssa Owen

Emergency Management Specialist

Fire Department

4.11.24



What is Emergency Management?

- Definition:
 - Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.



What is Emergency Management really?

- Emergency Management is here to help!
- Emergency Management Cycle
 - Prepare – Respond – Recover – Mitigate
- We find the “things”
- We help people work together



Prepare

- Preparedness Activities:
 - Developing emergency plans
 - Conducting risk assessments
 - Establishing communication protocols
 - Training emergency personnel
 - Public education campaigns
- Objective: Enhance the community's ability to respond effectively before an emergency occurs.



Respond

- Response Efforts:
 - Mobilizing emergency personnel
 - Deploying resources
 - Implementing emergency plans
 - Coordinating with agencies and organizations
- Objective: Save lives, protect property, and stabilize the situation during an emergency.



Recover

- Recovery Activities:
 - Conducting damage assessments
 - Providing assistance to affected individuals and businesses
 - Repairing infrastructure
 - Restoring essential services
- Objective: Restore affected communities to pre-disaster conditions or better.



Mitigate

- Mitigation Efforts:
 - Implementing building codes and zoning regulations
 - Investing in infrastructure improvements
 - Conducting hazard mitigation projects
 - Promoting community preparedness and education
- Objective: Reduce the risk and impact of future disasters.



How does EM help those with Disabilities?

- They hired an EM Specialist whose primary focus is Public Education and sheltering!



Educating the Public

- Help nursing homes and full-time care facilities with education and planning assumptions
- Presented at the Texas Advocates Conference in July 2023 at the Embassy Suites for around 120 people over two sessions
- Has worked with Denton State School with their Hazard Vulnerability Assessment



STEAR – State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

- What is STEAR?

- The STEAR program is a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community.

The City of Denton has around 208 persons registered with STEAR!

- Who Should Register?

- People with disabilities
- People who are medically fragile
- People with access and functional needs such as:
- People who have limited mobility
- People who have communication barriers
- People who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
- People who require transportation assistance
- People who require personal care assistance



TX SB968 | 2021-2022 | 87th Legislature

- Sec 418.304 Required Wellness Checks
 - Requires the local government to check on medically fragile persons who are registered with the Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) to ensure they have continuity of care and the ability to continue using electrically powered medical equipment
 - Events requiring welfare checks include:
 - Extended power, water, gas outage
 - Emergency Disaster Declaration
 - Anything else deemed necessary



Requirements for Wellness Checks

- Automated phone call and text
- Personalized phone call
- In Person wellness checks

All this must be done within 24 hours of the qualifying event



What is EM doing?

This plan is still in the works!

Step 1 – Using Alert Denton (Everbridge)

Step 2 – Using EM and Fire Admin to call anyone who did not answer Alert Denton notifications

Step 3 – Using Fire Staff to go check on the remaining persons not accounted for

EM has also partnered with DME and COSERV to ensure we are being notified anytime there is a power outage longer than 4 hours for anyone on the STEAR list or on their medically fragile list



Questions?

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Emergency Management Specialist

Fire Department

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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding disability and accessibility features on the City's website.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Marketing & Communications

CM: Sara Hensley

DATE: April 11, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding disability and accessibility features on the City's website.

BACKGROUND

In February, the City's website incorporated a disability and accessibility feature to ensure the public-facing platform is digitally inclusive. This feature was integrated to make the City's online content more accessible without sacrificing design or functionality. New features include reading aids, multi-language translations, and customizable screen readers.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Dustin Sternbeck
Chief Communications Officer



Website Integration: Recite Me

Marketing and Communications

Dustin Sternbeck
Kayla Herrod

MarComm Overview

- Organizational Structure

- **Year 1** – Establish a Foundation for Short and Long-Term Success (Build Momentum)
- **Year 2** – Progress the Denton Brand, Improve Stakeholder Engagement and Serve as a Trusted Source of Information (Reputation Enhancement)
- **Year 3** - Consistent, Strategic, Impactful Marketing and Communications Outputs (Industry Leader)

- FY23-24 Objectives

- Advisors to CMO and departments
- Develop MarComm team
- Build a recognized and reputable brand
- Implement clear processes that benefit all stakeholders
- Design quality control touchpoints to identify efficiencies
- Diversify communications outputs for all of community
- Ambassadors of Denton now and in the future

Technology Investments

- Recite Me | disability and accessibility website integration
- Click Up | project management tool
- Muck Rack | media database and news monitoring
- Sprout Social | social media management
- Rep'd | video messaging and engagement platform
- Zencity | community survey and trust/sentiment measurement
- Subtext | SMS marketing and text messaging



Recite Me

Accessibility Solutions

Digital Inclusivity

Features and capabilities

- Customized text size and font
- Color contrasts
- Reading aids
- Multi-language translation
- Screen readers
- Assistive toolbar
- Website demo





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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Librada “Lily” Cantu Inclusive Playground.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: April 11, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding Librada “Lily” Cantu Inclusive Playground.

BACKGROUND

In 2022, City Council approved an application to rename the playground within North Lakes Park, located at 2001 W. Windsor Drive Denton, TX 76201, to honor Librada “Lily” Rose Cantu. In the same year, the City Council also adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan. One of the priorities identified in this plan was the creation of an inclusive playground, which is a playground that is welcoming and accessible to people of all abilities. To bring this plan to life, the Parks and Recreation Department hired Mesa Design Company in 2023 to design the new Inclusive Playground. This project involves gathering input from the public, assessing the community's needs, creating design concepts, and developing construction plans and cost estimates.

Inclusive Playgrounds provide opportunities for individuals to develop physical, cognitive, sensory, and social skills. The new playground at North Lakes Park will be designed to be 'barrier-free', meaning it will be accessible to everyone regardless of their physical, intellectual, or sensory abilities.

The master plan officially began in May 2023. Throughout the summer, our team formed a Focus Group comprising representatives from various local and neighboring organizations, including Denton ISD, University of North Texas, Texas Women’s University, Denton County MHMR Center, Cook’s Children, Texas Health, Lewisville ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, and members from the Park Board and Committee with Persons on Disabilities. Additionally, staff met with the Cantu family to understand Lily’s life better and explore how the playground's design could honor her legacy.

In Fall 2023, the project paused temporarily due to a bond election, which included a proposition to fund the construction of the Inclusive Playground. In November 2023, Proposition C was approved, encompassing the Inclusive Playground and allocating \$3,450,000 for its construction. Since November, staff has been diligently finalizing initial design details with the Focus Group and the Cantu Family and has begun the public engagement phase.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
Christopher Escoto
Park Planning Manager

Librada “Lily” Cantú Inclusive Playground Master Plan

Committee on Persons with Disabilities
April 11, 2024



FOR ALL!



Agenda

- 1) Project Team
- 2) Project Information & Goals
- 3) Site Analysis
- 4) About Lily Cantú & Theme
- 5) Engagement & Project Timeline
- 6) Q/A

Meet Our Project Team

Focus Group

Denton County MHMR, UNT, TWU, Denton ISD, Lewisville ISD, Lake Dallas DISD, Cook's Children, Texas Health, United Way, Denton Park & Beautification Board Member, Denton Committee on Persons with Disabilities Board member, Occupational & Recreation Therapists

Librada "Lily Cantú Immediate Family (Siblings)



Project Consultant

in consultation with
STAR Institute for Sensory Processing



Parks & Recreation Staff

What is an Inclusive Playground?

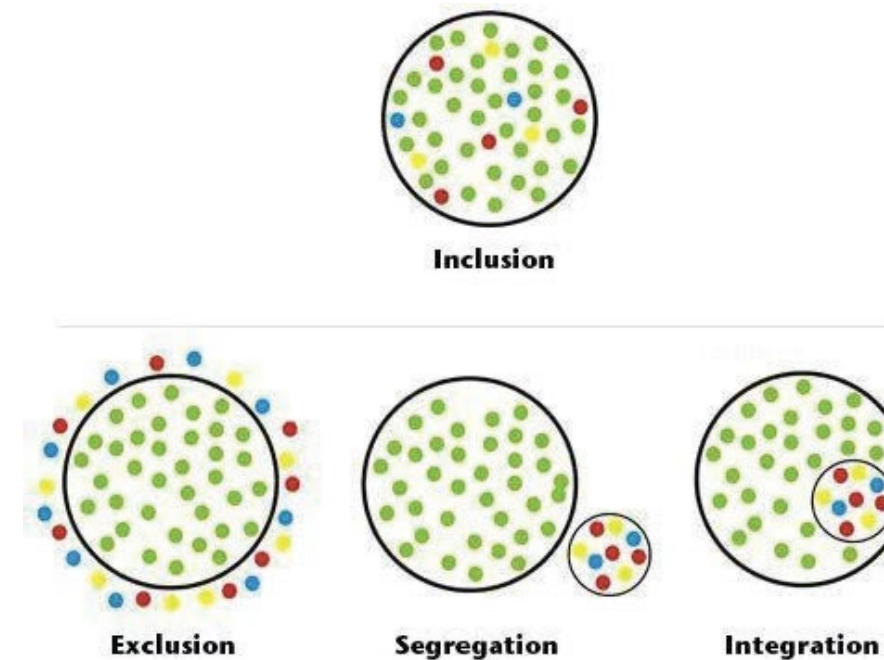
A UNIVERSALLY DESIGNED, SENSORY-RICH ENVIRONMENT THAT ENABLES ALL CHILDREN TO DEVELOP PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY IN THE SAME SPACE.

By law, all playgrounds must be ADA compliant, but they are all not necessarily Inclusive. An Inclusive playground takes into account physical, intellectual, and sensory disabilities.

1 in 6 children have one or more developmental disabilities (CDC)

1 in 4 adults live with a disability (CDC)

92% of disabilities are not visible (CDC)



INCLUSIVE MEANS EVERYONE



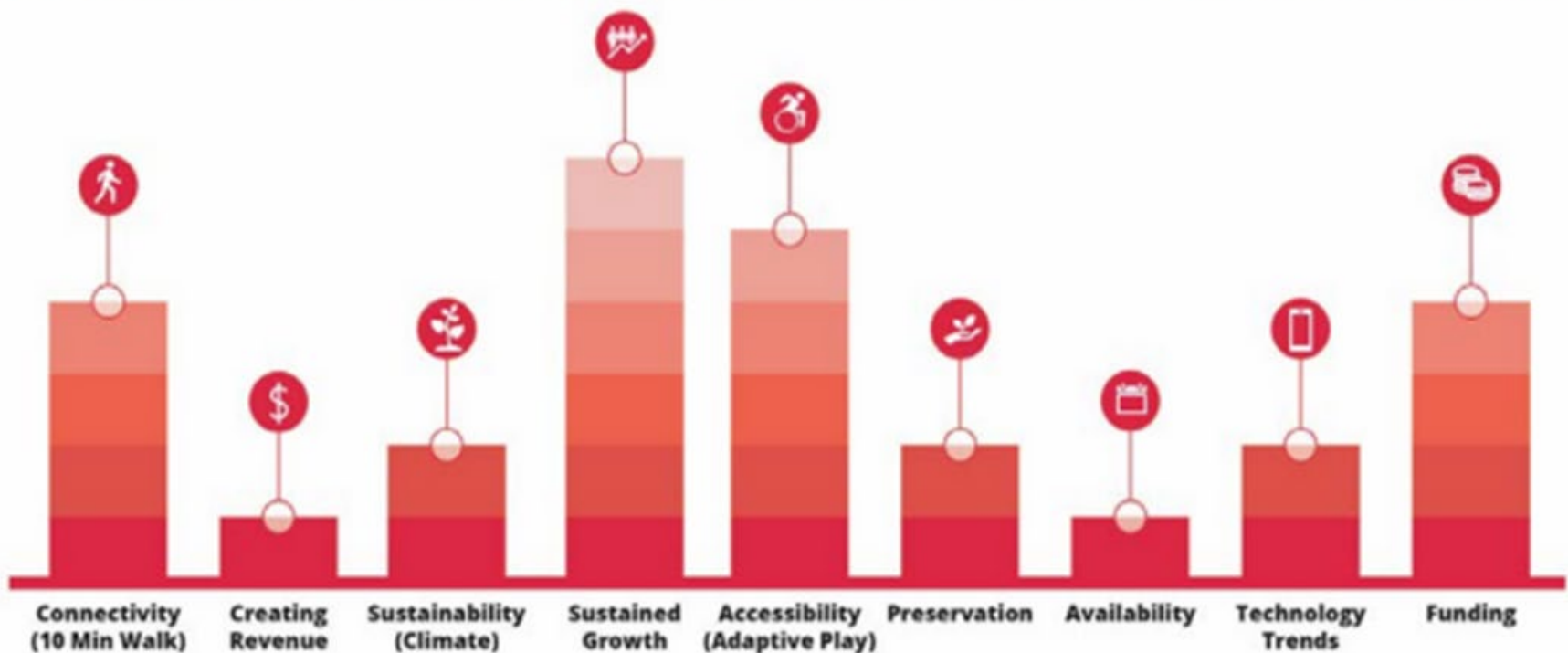
Community Engagement

January 2022	Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan
October 2022	Parks received funding to hire design consultant
Spring 2023	Design Consultant hired
November 2023	Bond Program Proposition C Passed
	<i>Issued 3.45M towards construction of Project</i>

What is one word you would use to describe how you envision the parks system in the future?



What are the biggest challenges denton faces now and in the future for parks and recreation?



MULTI-SENSORY PLAY

GOAL: PROVIDE COMFORTABLE AND SUPPORTIVE SENSORY STIMULATION THROUGH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FACILITATION OF SELF-REGULATION AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION.

DESCRIPTION:

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) is a framework first described by occupational therapist A. Jean Ayres, PhD, in the 1970's. It is a term that refers to the way the nervous system receives messages from the senses and turns them into appropriate motor and behavioral responses.

Clinical studies of children without various disabilities have estimated SPD affects between 5% and 10% of children. However, for children with various disabilities, estimated rates of those affected by SPD have been reported to be as high as 40% to 88%. (Ahn, Miller, Milberger, McIntosh, American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 2004).

Many children with autism also have some form of SPD. This is most often reflected in the hypo- or hyper-sensitivity to sensory stimuli including sound, sight, smells, tastes, and textures. This sensitivity to the senses, coupled with the inability to filter input from additional external stimuli, can become overwhelming and lead to tantrums and melt-downs. (Sachs, Vincenta, Implications, 2011).

In addition to the five far senses (auditory, visual, tactile, smell, and taste), Dr. Ayres identified three other senses commonly referred to as near senses. These internal senses include Vestibular, Proprioception, and Interoception and unlike the far senses, operate without conscious thought and can not be observed.

Consideration for sensory stimulation in playground design is imperative to developmental play and skill building in children. Through thoughtful sensory stimulation, nature-based play can assist in facilitating a satisfactory response to the natural environment and social settings for children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

NEAR SENSES

- OPERATE WITHOUT CONSCIOUS THOUGHT -

- VESTIBULAR INPUT
SENSE OF POSITION AND MOVEMENT
- PROPRIOCEPTIVE INPUT
JOINT AND MUSCLE SENSE
- INTEROCEPTION INPUT
SENSE OF INTERNAL ORGANS

FAR SENSES

- RESPOND TO EXTERNAL STIMULI FROM THE ENVIRONMENT -

- AUDITORY
- VISUAL
- TACTILE
- SMELL
- TASTE

SENSORY INTEGRATION
MANIPULATION OF INPUT INFORMATION FOR AN OUTPUT RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY

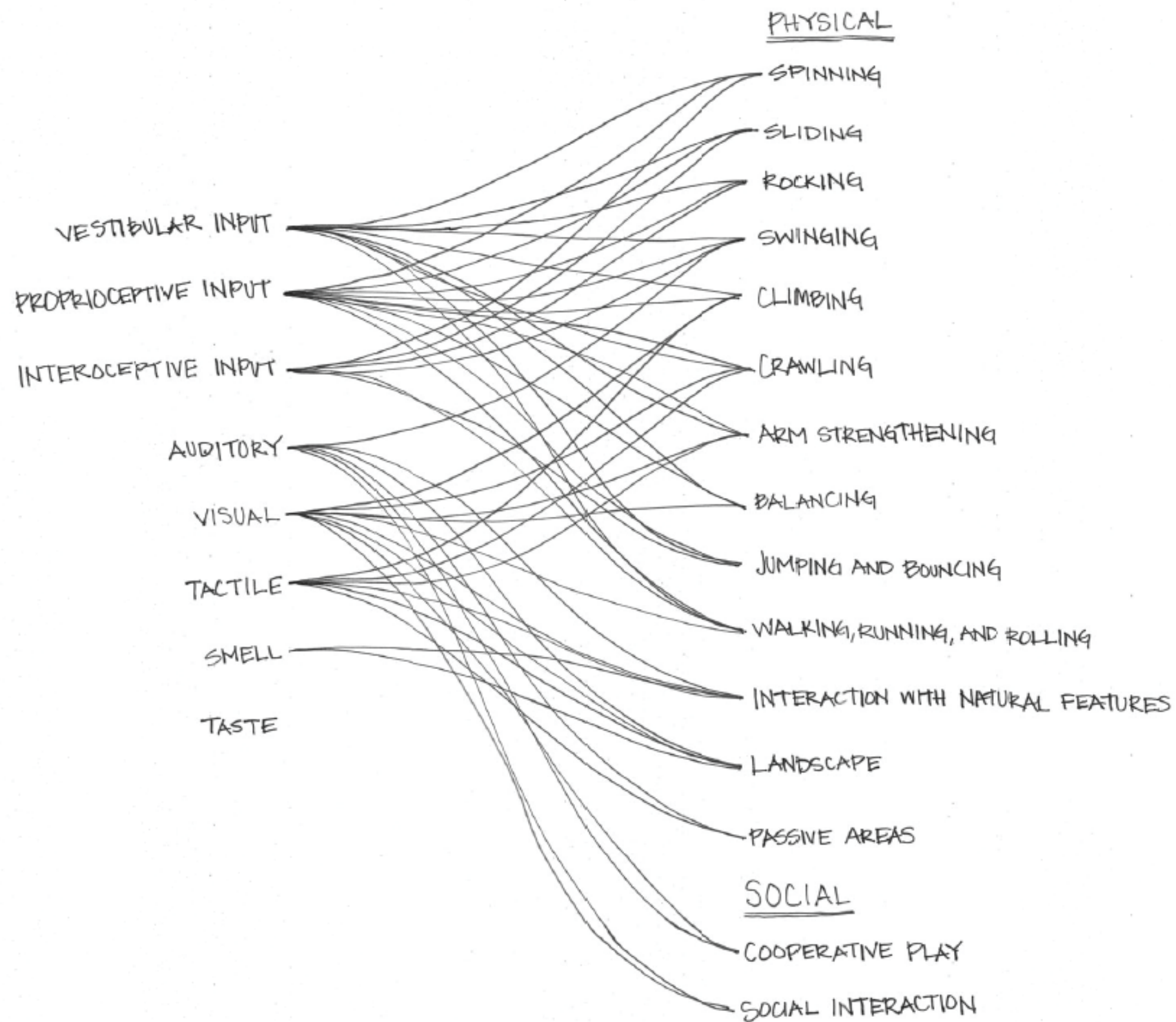
- ENCOURAGEMENT OF SKILL BUILDING -

- **MOTOR PLANNING**
· ALLOWS CHILDREN TO CONCEIVE, ORGANIZE, AND CARRY OUT UNFAMILIAR SEQUENCES OF MOVEMENT IN A COORDINATED MANNER.
- **SOCIAL & COOPERATIVE PLAY**
· OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMAGINATIVE PLAY, TAKING TURNS, AND CONVERSATION ARE VITAL TO A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS ASSISTING THEM IN NURTURING THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.

DESIGNING FOR MULTI-SENSORY PLAY

LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

EIGHT SENSES



PLAY EXPERIENCES

MULTI-SENSORY PLAY WEB DIAGRAM

LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

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Project Goals



1. Design for a **wide range of ages and abilities** allowing all visitors to participate in play
2. Incorporate **sensory-rich** play elements while remaining mindful of potentially overstimulating stimuli
3. Provide close proximity to **comforts and conveniences** (i.e. shade, bathrooms, drinking fountains)
4. Provide **sufficient accessible parking and pathway circulation**
5. **Engage local resources** to inform playground design decisions
6. Design with **project phasing** in mind
7. Craft a plan for adequate **site maintenance** and staffing

PROJECT LOCATION NORTH LAKES PARK

LEGEND



CITY PARKS

Larger parks that draws residents from across the city and is often used to host citywide events. 300-500 acres in size. Service area 0-10 miles.



PRESERVE

Protected area of land with varying size. Service area is city wide.



COMMUNITY PARKS

Larger park that serves multiple surrounding neighborhoods 20-50 acres in size. Service area 0-5 miles.



LINEAR PARKS

A greenway or stretch of open space that can vary in size but is typically longer than wide. Service area is city wide.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Small to medium sized parks within walking distance of the immediate service population. 3-20 acres in size. Service area 0-1 miles.



SPECIAL USE PARKS

Has a dedicated or unique use with varying size. Service area is city wide.

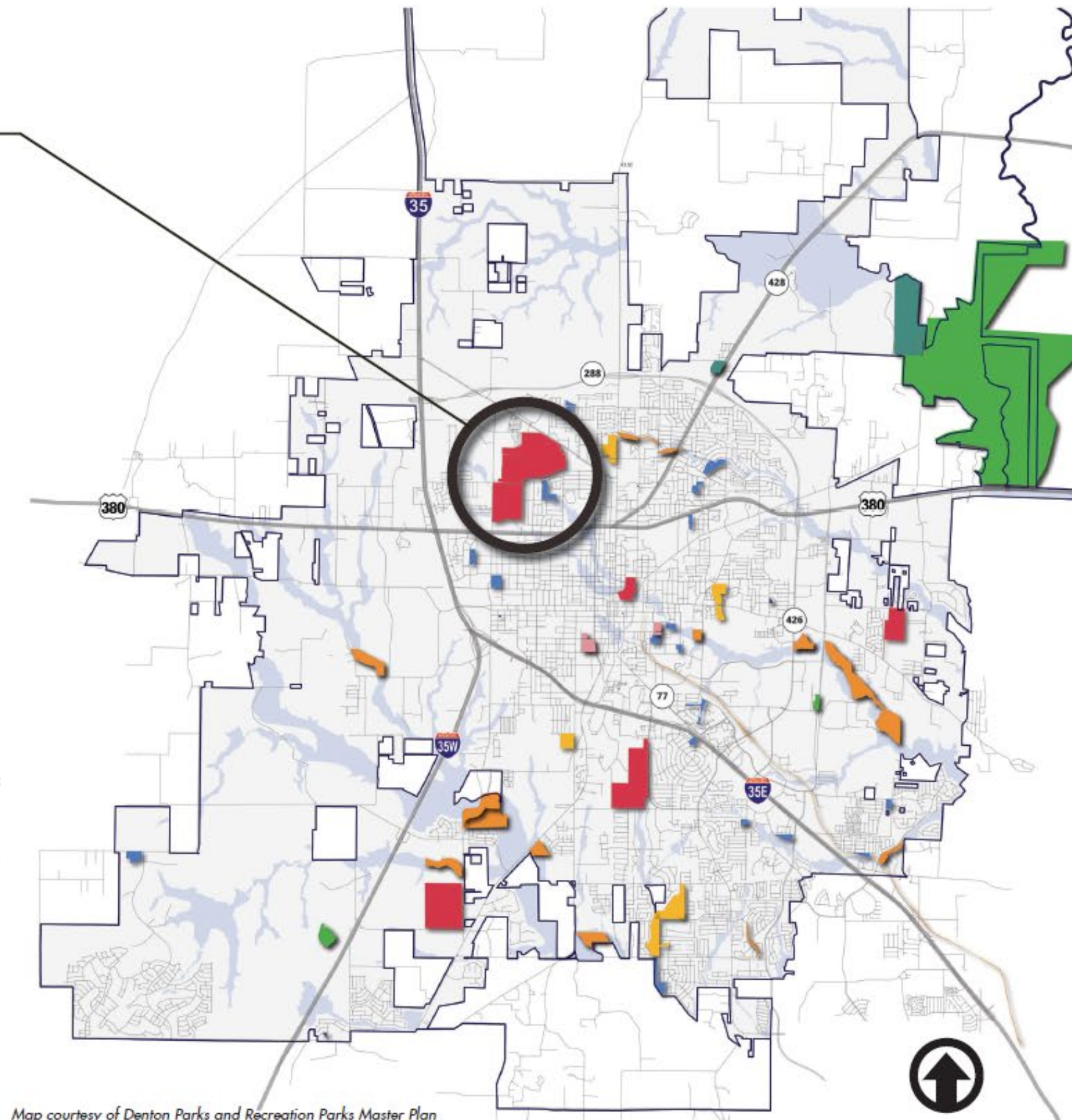


POCKET PARKS

Small park accessible to the public that often fills gaps in park coverage. 0-3 acres in size. Service area 0-0.5 miles.



CEMETERY



Map courtesy of Denton Parks and Recreation Parks Master Plan



EXISTING 5-12 AGE ZONE CONDITIONS



EXISTING 2-5 AGE ZONE CONDITIONS WITH MAIN PAVILION BEYOND



EXISTING PARKING LOT CONDITIONS



PROJECT LOCATION

LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

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ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT



FIELDS 5 & 6
RESTROOMS
270 - 277

LEGEND

- PARKING VIOLATION
- VERTICAL BARRIER
- EXCESSIVE SLOPE
- UNACCESSIBLE
- EQUIPMENT VIOLATION
- BARRIER # CORRESPONDING ##
TO ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION
REPORTS

MAPPED ASSESSMENT OF ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS
BASED UPON SITE ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION
REPORTS BY ACCESSOLOGY PREPARED ON
5/17/2021 AND 6/17/2021

0' 50' 100'
NORTH SCALE: 1"=50'-0"

ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

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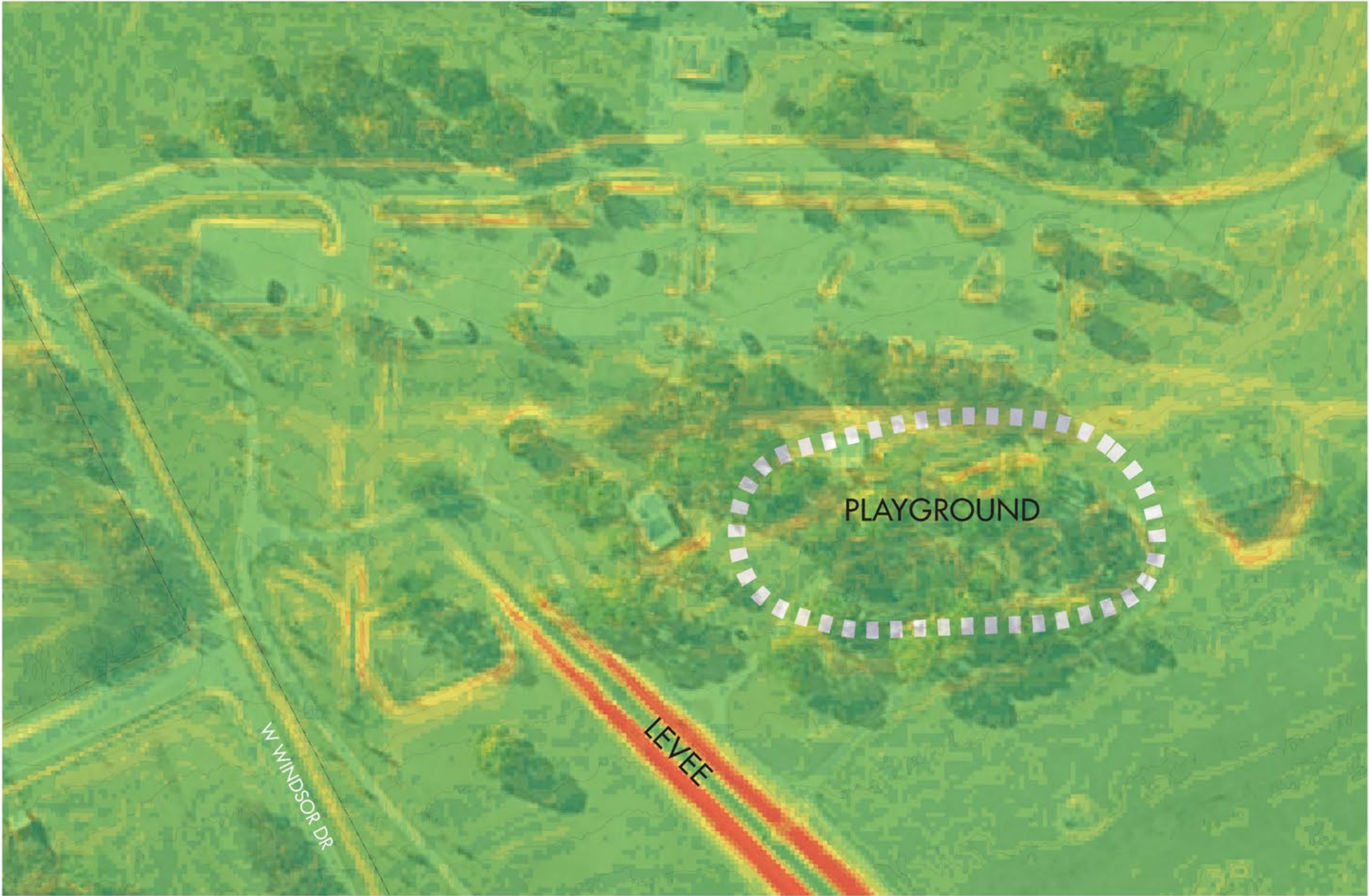
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PLAYGROUND SLOPE ANALYSIS

Future Librada “Lily” Cantú Playground shall not exceed 2% slope in all directions. Accessible routes to and from existing pavilions, restroom, and parking lot shall not exceed 5% running slope and 2% cross slope.

LEGEND

0-2% SLOPE	15-20% SLOPE
2-5% SLOPE	20-25% SLOPE
5-8% SLOPE	25-30% SLOPE
8-12% SLOPE	30-35% SLOPE
12-15% SLOPE	



LIBRADA “LILY” CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

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PLAYGROUND SLOPE & DRAINAGE



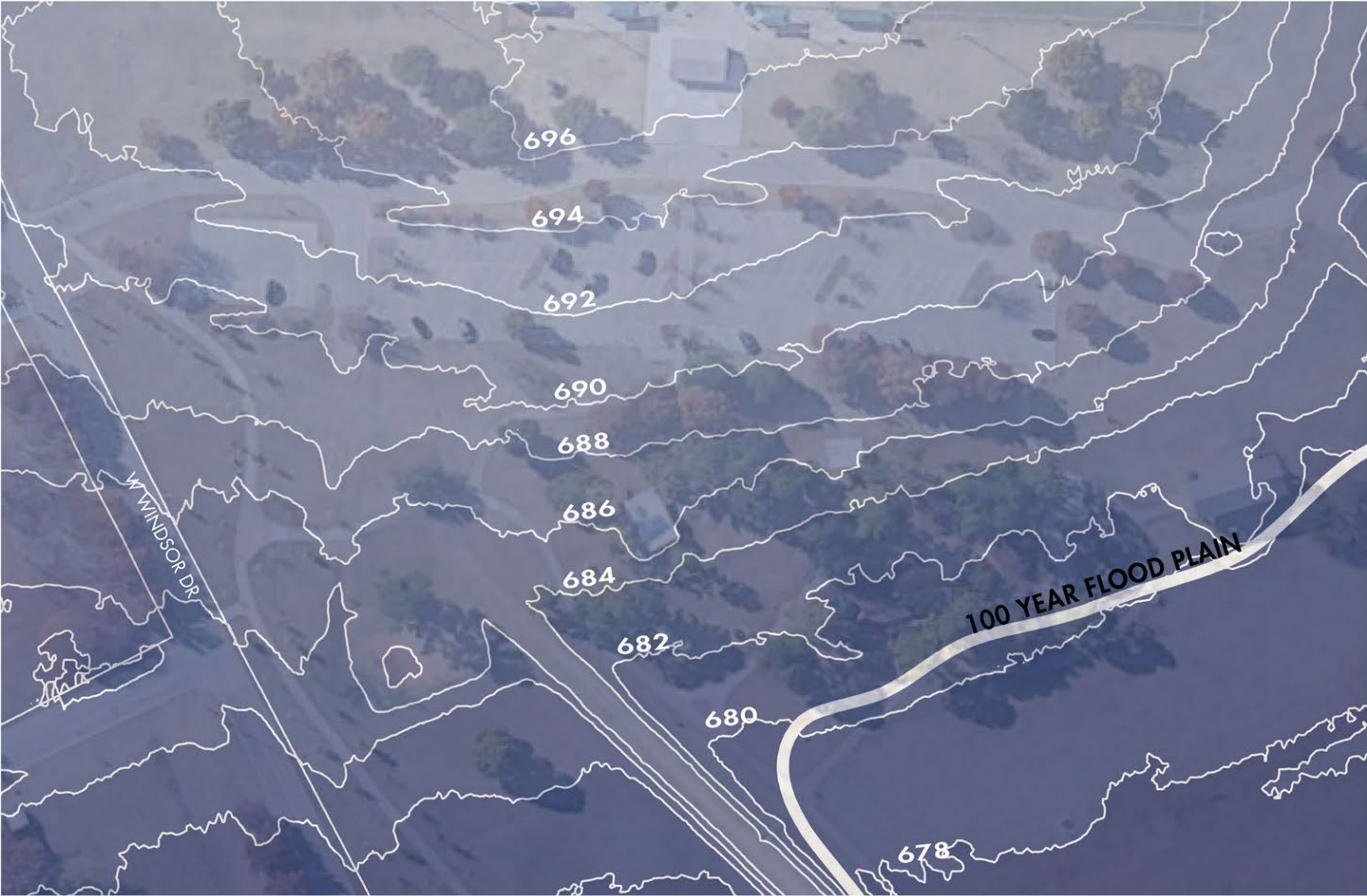
This image shows some of the major erosion directly off of the parking lot.



This image shows some erosion on the site due to the slope and the unmitigated water flow.

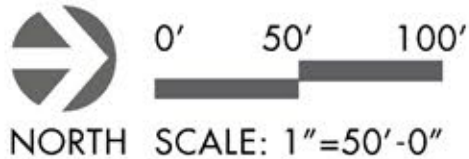


Exposed tree roots due to erosion from unmanaged water flow.



LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

DENTON, TX



About Librada “Lily” Rose Cantú

- The renaming of the playground was adopted by City Council in 2022
- Lily grew up in Denton, and spent much time out at the North Lakes Playground with her family
- Lily grew a passion for helping kids from all backgrounds, which led her to volunteer at a home for medically fragile children in Peru
- Lily’s family remembers her as someone with humility, open mind, and always willing to help



“Lily always walked with bravery, kindness, and love”- Mari Cantú

In Summer 2023, Mesa Design and Parks and Recreation met with the family to learn more about her story and ways to honor her legacy on the playground.

In Winter 2024, based on feedback received, Mesa Design & Parks and Recreation met with the family to introduce conceptual illustrations and feedback on a design. Ultimately, the family supported and felt the following theme represented Lily the best.

POLLINATOR'S PATCH



PROPOSED THEME APPROVED BY CANTÚ FAMILY

Lily's middle name and her love for flowers inspired this bumble bee themed concept which integrates environmental education elements into a themed play experience.

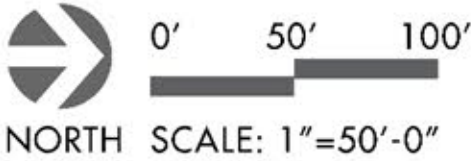
The different play zones, or "hives", incorporate various play experiences including an active 'worker bee' hive, a collaborative play 'social bee' hive, an educational passive play hive, and a 'young bee' hive which encourages imaginative play.

Lily's love for flowers and her commitment to a better world for children are celebrated in this themed concept.

CONCEPT MASTER PLAN



THIS PLAN AND THE DESIGNS DEPICTED ARE CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE AND ARE CONSIDERED PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



PLAYGROUND AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND

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THEMED ENTRY GATEWAY FEATURE



SPACIOUS AND FULLY ACCESSIBLE THEMED SHADE STRUCTURE



THEMED ENTRY GATEWAY FEATURE



THEMED ENTRY GATEWAY FEATURE



FAMILY STYLE ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM WITH EXTERIOR HAND WASHING STATIONS



INCORPORATION OF AMBIENT LIGHTING



MISTERS/FOGGER WITH INTEGRATED LIGHTING AND FANS

Project Timeline & Next Steps



Public Engagement Spring - Summer 2024

March 28 – Virtual Community Meeting

April 1 – Park Board Meeting

April 11 – Committee on Persons w/ Disabilities

May ? – Council Session

Attend Events & Issue Survey



Seek Final Adoption Fall 2024



Start Construction Documentation Fall 2024



Bid Project & Start Construction Spring/Summer 2025

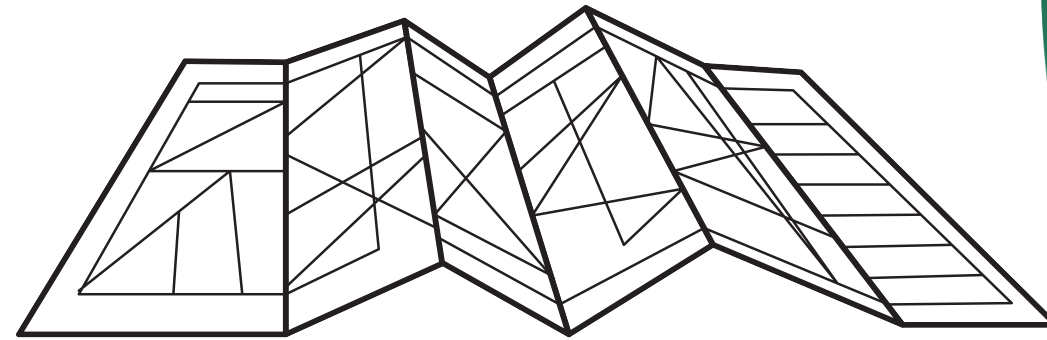


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LIBRADA "LILY" CANTÚ PLAYGROUND



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Staff General Update memo.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2024
TO: Committee on Persons with Disabilities
FROM: Carlotta Cowan, Committee Liaison
SUBJECT: General Updates from City of Denton Staff

This memo provides information and updates from City staff relating to updates, issues, and inquiries of interest to the Committee. The following is a listing and brief staff response to the matters brought forward.

- **Follow Up Information from Jan. 18, 2024, Libraries Presentation** – In the meeting, the Committee requested additional information regarding accessibility at South Branch Library and availability of additional hotspots. Planning for the new South Branch Library is expected to begin Q1 of 2027. As part of the design phase, staff will seek input from the COPWD in addition to hosting public input meetings. Additional funding has been requested for 30 more hotspots. If approved, staff expects to have more hotspots circulating in January of 2025 depending on supply.
- **Texas State Library and Archives Commission Special Projects Grant** – COPWD provided a letter of support to the Library department as part of their application for a Texas State Library and Archives Commission Special Projects Grant. The grant included plans for new furniture with accessibility features at North Branch Library and reading software with accessibility features for all libraries. Applications are currently being reviewed and recipients of the grant should be announced by the end of June 2024.
- **Follow up Information from Jan. 18, 2024, Solid Waste Presentation** – In the meeting, staff discussed the Solid Waste Service Assistance Program and mentioned adding a “permanent” box that can be checked by the resident’s doctor to bypass the form being filled out every 18 months. There is now a permanent box on the application, and requirements can be reevaluated every 24 months instead of 18 months for customers who have conditions that have been deemed permanent. If the “permanent” box is not checked, the resident will need to resubmit their application every 18 months. Staff’s mission is to provide this service to every qualified applicant and participant, however safeguards must remain in place to ensure that only those qualified receive the service.
- **Sidewalk Segment on University Drive** – Over the course of several meetings of the Committee on Persons with Disabilities, the Committee has discussed the existence of a sidewalk gap on University Drive (between Albertsons Supermarket and Heritage Trail).

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This sidewalk gap has been added to the City’s Sidewalk Plan and, as part of the plan, it will be prioritized with other sidewalk needs. Sidewalk construction will be completed when funding is available and any higher-priority projects throughout the City are completed. The existence of adjacent sidewalk infrastructure and proximity to a high-volume roadway will help this project be prioritized higher in the Sidewalk Plan.

- **Report on Grievances and Requests for Accommodations** – The City of Denton developed its ADA webpage (www.cityofdenton.com/ada) as a resource for persons with disabilities to request accommodations and file grievances through an established process. From Dec. 31, 2023 through Mar. 30, 2024, the following requests and grievances were submitted:

- Requests for Accommodation: 0
- Grievances Filed: 0

Staff requests that members of the Committee continue to assist in making sure the disability community are aware of this resource.

- **Next Committee Meeting** – Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 3 p.m.