

A low-angle photograph of a field of sunflowers. The sunflowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and bright yellow, and others as dark brown seed heads. The green leaves of the plants are prominent in the foreground. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds and the tops of other trees.

Centennial Park: GameTime Grant

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Overview

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Background

- Centennial Park is identified for playground replacement in 2025 capital improvement plan
- This project has been budgeted at \$500,000
- GameTime posted matching grant funds application on July 7, 2024
- Staff met with GameTime on application process and feasibility to adhere to specific deadlines for the application on July 16, 2024
- Staff submitted application for grant on July 17, 2024
- This playground will incorporate all 7 principles of inclusivity qualifying it as a national demonstration site



What is a national demonstration site?

- National Demonstration Sites (NDS) are playgrounds that showcase leadership in best practice design, support health-related initiatives, and collect data that stakeholders can use to understand the sites' impact on the community.



7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design

- Be Fair
 - The environment promotes equitable use and does not segregate individuals with disabilities
- Be Included
 - The environment offers flexibility use by supporting various types and forms of play that accommodate everyone's right to participate by being more usable, by more people, to the greatest extent possible.
- Be Smart
 - The design of the environment is simple and intuitive to ensure that individuals feel successful, can demonstrate what they know, and have opportunities to game confidence through meaningful play experiences.

7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design®

A Comprehensive Guide to Best Practice Design for the Whole Child, Whole Environment, And Whole Community



7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design

- Be Independent
 - The design communicates perceptible information and allows individuals to effectively explore, interact, and participate in sensory-rich play as independently as possible
- Be Safe
 - The play environment is tolerant of error by meeting current safety standards, considering unintentional actions, and promoting emotional security for personal growth and development

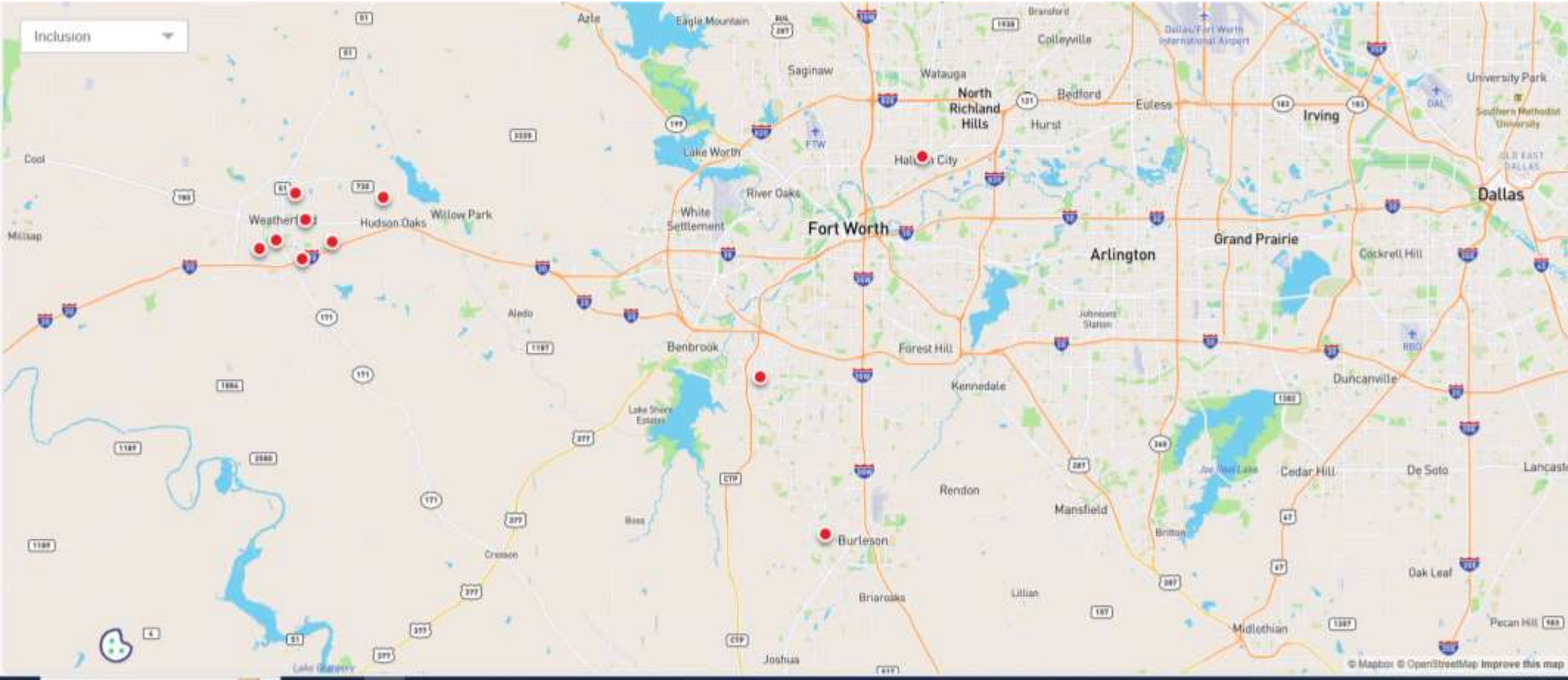


7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design

- Be Active
 - To play environment can be used efficiently, supporting diverse opportunities for individuals to engage in sustained, healthy physical activity with an emphasis on social participation and cooperation
- Be Comfortable
 - Appropriate size and space are provided for approach and use so that the play environment is comfortable for individuals with diverse sensory needs, body size, posture, mobility, environmental sensitivity, and motor control



Current National Demonstration Site locations for Inclusive play in North Texas



All sites shown are located within schools and are not available to the community. Burleson will be the first municipality in North Texas

Grant Application Terms and Conditions

- The list price of the qualifying playground system must exceed \$75,000 to qualify for up to a 100% matching grant, and payment in full must accompany your order. We anticipate up to \$250,000 in total award
 - Surfacing, shade, and stand alone features (example: swing set) are not included in the matching funds
- Grant applications must be submitted by October 18, 2024. The project administrator must validate all applications, and GameTime reserves the right to decline any application.
- The customer must be able to receive the shipment by December 31, 2024, subject to transportation availability.
- As listed in the 2024 GameTime Playground Design Guide, standard policies and warranties apply. Freight and applicable sales tax are extra and not included.



Grant Awarded

- On July 30, 2024 staff received notice of award for up to \$250,000 matching funds from GameTime for Centennial Park playground renovation.
- Gametime is currently creating three concepts for staff to review and ask the public for input
- Once a concept is selected the final award amount will be determined





Community Engagement: Process Change

- Standard Process

- Identify project through 5 year CIP
- Gather community feedback via survey on playground and park wants from the community
- Provide survey results and budget to 8-9 playground manufacturers to provide renderings
- Staff determines 3-4 designs to go to community vote via survey
- Staff presents survey data from both surveys to Parks Board for recommendation
- Staff presents survey data from both surveys to City Council for award of contract

- Modified Process

- Identify project through 5 year CIP
- Receive 3 renderings from Gametime that are National Demonstration Sites and meet the 7 Principles of Inclusive Design
- Provide 3 renderings for the community to vote on via survey
- Staff presents survey data from community engagement survey to Parks Board for recommendation
- Staff presents survey data from community engagement survey to City Council for award of contract

Timeline



A wooden figure is positioned at the bottom of the frame, holding a light blue speech bubble with a black question mark inside. The figure is made of light-colored wood and has a simple, rounded design. The speech bubble is tilted slightly to the right. The background is a solid, muted olive green color.

Questions, Feedback and Direction
