

A low-angle photograph of several tall sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers. The sunflowers are set against a clear, vibrant blue sky. In the background, the green foliage of trees is visible, creating a natural and sunny atmosphere.

# 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
- Bruce Thompson with GameTime spoke with Parks Board on the 7 Principles of Inclusive Design on June 13, 2024
- 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
- Application for the grant submitted on July 17, 2024







# 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
  - 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

# 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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



# 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.





# National Demonstration Site

## IMPLEMENT DESIGN BEST PRACTICES



Create high-quality environments.

## RECEIVE RECOGNITION



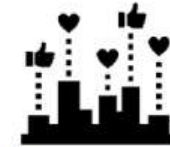
Celebrate your leadership and commitment to play and recreation.

## DEMONSTRATE IMPACT



Receive one-of-a-kind data services and site-specific reports that capture the impact and outcomes of your NDS.

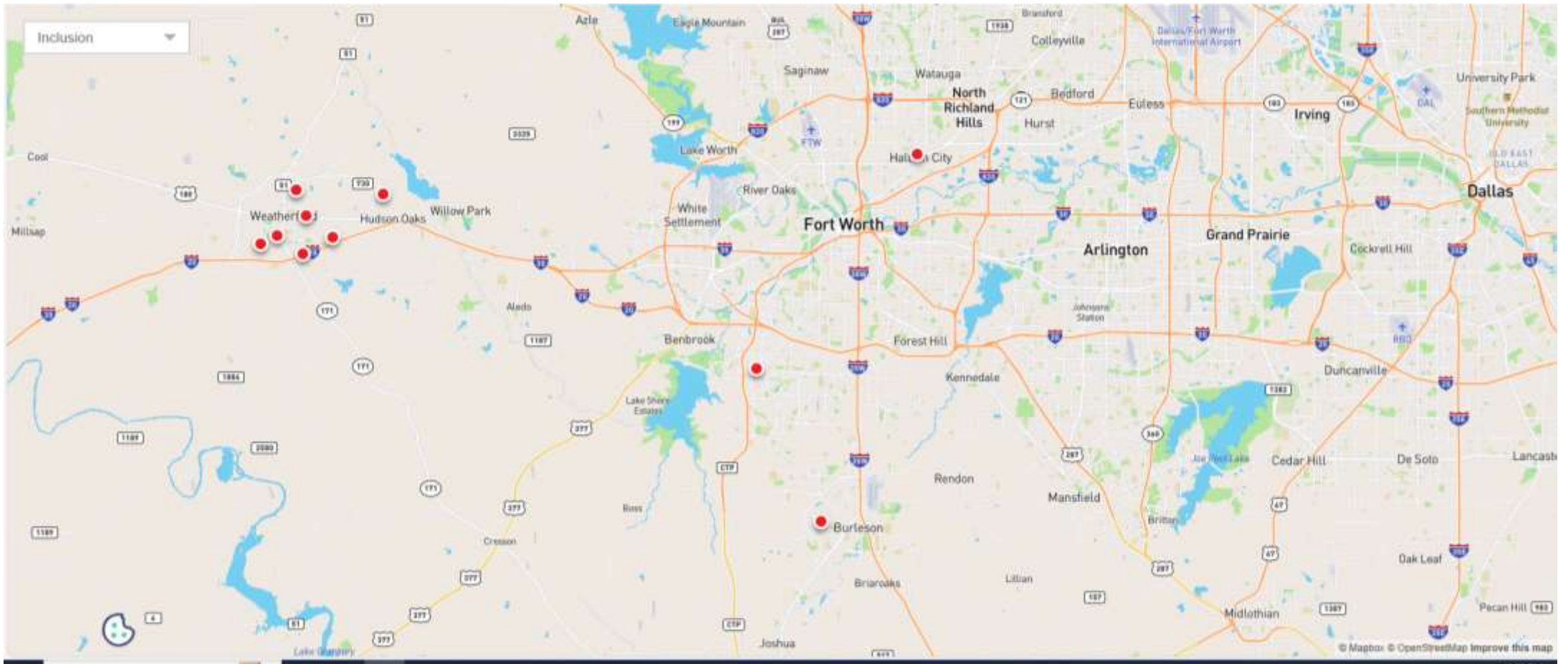
## SHARE & SHOWCASE



Advocate the positive impact high-quality destinations have on your community health and wellness.



National Demonstration Site







# Grant Information

- Application opened July 7, 2024
- Application closes October 18, 2024
- 100% matching funds towards play structure
  - Estimated \$250,000 for matching funds for this project
- Surfacing, shade, and stand alone features (example: swing set) are not included in the matching funds
- Order of equipment must be completed by October 31, 2024



# 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



# Timeline







# Questions, Feedback and Direction

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