

Cates Creek Park Master Plan Recommendations and Priorities

Recommendations

- Maintain the existing playground equipment and park amenities in safe and working order **(On going)**
- Utilize universal design principles for all new park features **(On going)**
- ~~Add landscaping to the entrance of the park (ex: Magnolia Stellata, Crape Myrtles)~~
- ~~Add trees and landscaping around the play area (ex: Magnolia, Itea, Fothergilla, Oakleaf Hydrangea)~~
- ~~Cease mowing operations on the slopes at the entrance of the park and plant native grasses or groundcovers~~
- ~~Cease mowing operations on the slope beside the soccer field and plant native grasses or groundcovers~~
- Protect Cates Creek and the wetland areas **(On going)**
- Create a safe access to view the wetland area
- Add a trail system in the wooded area of the park. The main trail should have firm and stable surfacing. **(On going)**
- Add benches along the trail system
- ~~Remove stone in stormwater swale and plant a pollinator friendly rain garden~~
- ~~Expand pollinator habitat through gardens and native bee hotels~~
- Provide additional picnic tables in appropriate locations
- Add recycling containers **(FY25)**
- ~~Add interpretive signs with topics such as pollinator gardens, wetland conservation, wildlife and habitat protection~~
- Add a paved pedestrian entrance from Cates Creek Parkway, east of the roundabout **(FY25)**
- Add a paved trail around the multi-use field
- Add a community dog park (with shade and two fenced-in areas)
- Consider adding a large picnic pavilion or several picnic areas throughout park
- Consider adding natural play features in appropriate locations
- Consider opportunities for educational partnerships
- Consider adding public art to the park

Priorities

- Add recycling containers **(FY25)**
- ~~Stabilize eroding soil on slopes by ceasing mowing operations and planting native grasses and groundcovers~~
- Add a community dog park
- Add a paved pedestrian entrance from Cates Creek Parkway to the dog park **(FY25)**
- Add large picnic shelter
- Add a trail system in the wooded area of the park

If at some point in the future the town determines that the size of the field can be reduced, the following facilities should be considered for the field area:

- Short disc golf practice baskets
- Volleyball court (sand)
- Basketball court
- Community garden

PRB FY25 Priorities: Estimates

Add recycling containers TPP, MSP, HHP, CCP (2), GP (2)

Skate Park sidewalk to roundabout (\$20,000)

Skate Park Amenities (\$4,000 ea. bench, \$4,000 ea. picnic tables, \$20,000-\$40,000 shelter)

Wi-Fi at Gold Park and Cates Creek Park (Beth Yurchisin will provide schedule)