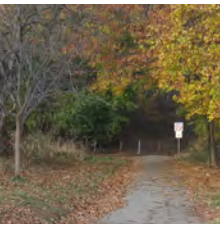
CHURCHILL PARK

Management Plan



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APPROVAL STATEMENT

Description

Churchill Park is located in West Hamilton on land owned by the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) within the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS). The park is operated by the City of Hamilton as a developed, recreation park and comprises two parcels totalling 19.12 hectares (47.24 acres). The larger parcel comprising athletic fields and other recreation amenities occupies approximately 14.56 hectares (35.98 acres) and is bounded by Cootes Paradise, Parkside Drive and Parkview Drive, and Cline Avenue North. The second parcel is the RBG Teaching Gardens with frontage on Oak Knoll Drive which comprise 4.56 hectares (11.27 acres) in size. Both parcels of land abut a natural forest and ravine lands associated with Cootes Paradise, also owned by the RBG.

Approval

I am pleased to approve the Churchill Park Management Plan and Park Master Plan as the policy for the management and development of this park. The plan reflects the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG), and City of Hamilton's intent to protect the natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment and the natural and cultural features of Churchill Park and to maintain and develop high-quality opportunities for natural and cultural interpretation, recreation and enjoyment of the Niagara Escarpment by Ontario residents and visitors.

Director [or Manager], **City of Hamilton:** _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____

I am pleased to confirm that this park management plan is in conformity with the general intent and purpose of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Director, **Niagara Escarpment Commission:** _____

Date: _____

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Study Background

Churchill Park is located in Ward 1 in west Hamilton in the Westdale Neighbourhood. It is situated on a plateau of land owned by the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) and operated by the City of Hamilton. Churchill Park is a community park and is comprised of two parcels of property that total 19.12 hectares (47.24 acres) in size. The athletic fields are 14.56 hectares (35.98 acres) and bounded by Parkside Drive and Parkview Drive on the east, Cline Avenue North on the south and Marion Avenue North on the west. The other parcel located beside Oak Knoll Drive is the RBG Teaching Garden that is 4.56 hectares (11.27 acres) in size. This parcel currently is used to hold an aviary and community allotment gardens and passive park uses.

The park abuts a natural forest and ravine lands associated with Cootes Paradise Nature Sanctuary which is also owned by the RBG. The lands that comprise the Royal Botanical Gardens and Churchill Park are within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area and part of the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS).

Key Plan

The Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) requires that all park agencies prepare a management plan for each park in the NEPOSS. The purpose of the management plan is to establish direction for the long-term protection, development and management of the park or open space. As well, from the perspective of RBG as land owner of Churchill Park and the City of Hamilton as operator, there are a number of site specific park issues that necessitated the preparation of a Management Plan at this time.

In the NEP (June 2017), Appendix 1- NEPOSS, Churchill Park is identified as a Recreation Park and it is not listed as a Nodal Park as per 3.1.3 of the NEP. It is adjacent to the Cootes Paradise Sanctuary that is listed as a Nodal Park in Part 3.1.3 of the NEP (2017).

The Key Management issues for Churchill Park identified through the study process are:

- maintenance of the current sports activities;
- water management (adjacent lands effect), including ponding in the park, direct runoff eroding ravine slopes as well runoff to the combined system contributing to sewer overflows into Cootes Paradise Marsh;
- fragmented forest edge limiting interior forest habitat which is currently less than 0.5 hectares, despite the 90 hectares of nature reserve;
- forest/habitat decline as a result of visitor off-trail activities damaging the ground cover and soil compaction;
- off leash dogs damaging the forest understory and disturbing wildlife;
- dumping of litter and yard waste around the park perimeter;
- increasing visitors and visitor impacts, a result of the growing regional population;
- fragmented visitor experience associated with a lack of defined destinations/entrances for the five connecting forest trail entrances;
- total absence of accessibility appropriate paths; and
- general park focus is unique to a community recreational park and requires special management treatment to protect the adjacent Cootes Paradise Nature Reserve.

The Churchill Park Management Plan process included an extensive consultation with the general public, a Public Stakeholder Advisory Group, a Staff Stakeholder Advisory Group, comprised of City of Hamilton and Royal Botanical Gardens personnel. In addition to public meetings, hundreds of comments received from residents were reviewed and considered in the preparation of the plan.

A separate parallel study was undertaken to review stormwater management in Churchill Park and basement flooding issues in specific areas of the Westdale Neighbourhood (Churchill Park Stormwater Management Plan and Basement Flooding Analysis, June 2012). The findings and recommendations of this study informed the conceptual design of drainage and stormwater management facilities in the park development concept.

Vision for Churchill Park

The Churchill Park Management Plan contains the features and management directions obtained through an extensive public and staff consultation process. During the master planning process, many issues were raised that required compromise and consensus amongst the public and staff stakeholders. All points of view were heard and seriously considered.

The proposed master plan represents the results of this process and addresses key management issues for the park that were identified by City of Hamilton and RBG staff.

The Vision and Goal developed for Churchill Park through the consultation process are:

VISION

Churchill Park is a unique, open and strikingly beautiful space that embraces the natural heritage of Cootes Paradise. Central to the community, the park enhances the health and well-being of everyone in all seasons.

GOAL

Preserve our existing open space and encourage an adaptable, inviting, safe, beautiful and sustainable environment that reflects the community's values, provides a community gathering place, and facilitates participation in activities for everyone.

Key Actions and Recommendations

Key actions and recommendations in the implementation of this plan include:

1. The 2014 version of this management plan recommended changes to the NEPOSS classification for Churchill Park from Natural Environment Park to Recreation Park under the NEP, and to separate Churchill Park from the designation of the adjacent Cootes Paradise Sanctuary. This was achieved in the NEP approved on June 1, 2017.
2. Undertake general improvements to existing recreation infrastructure (community gardens, existing parking lot, sports fields, support buildings and their surrounding landscape) to enhance their usability and for maintenance and upkeep purposes.
3. Develop a granular surfaced park pathway system to connect the recreation facilities and RBG trails and provide universal access within the park.
4. Maintain the (former) lawn bowling clubhouse as a seasonal facility for summer community use (washrooms and programmable / social space), and winter support for skating (washroom use only).
5. Maintain the existing cricket / Ultimate Frisbee field in the short term and maintain as a multi-purpose field space if cricket is relocated.
6. Add a play structure for older youth, e.g. a climbing net or climbing 'wall'.
7. Add an informal outdoor teaching area for use by local schools, e.g. granular surface, seating and shade trees.
8. Incorporate measures to redirect and infiltrate on-site drainage to reduce ponding in the park and run-off that is contributing to erosion of the forested slope. These include development of 'rain gardens' as recommended by the Stormwater Management Plan and Basement Flooding Analysis study and the incorporation of other low-impact design measures into new park development, e.g. permeable pavement surfaces.
9. Install additional park benches along the new pathways near shade trees, amenities, sports fields and views. Plant additional shade trees in selective locations in the park landscape using only native Carolinian Zone species.
10. Formalize and mark RBG trailheads in Churchill Park to better direct access to the Cootes Paradise trails.
11. Maintain the Community Gardens and current uses in the former Teaching Gardens and, following relocation of the aviary, determine repurposing and upgrading needs for the buildings in consultation with the user groups.

12. Expand the forest edge of Cootes Paradise to develop interior forest and improve the buffer, using reduced mowing and reforestation planting. Remove invasive, non-native species along the forest edge within the park boundaries.
13. Remove existing westerly soccer field to accommodate reforestation.

Plan Implementation

The Churchill Park Management Plan reflects the City of Hamilton's and Royal Botanical Garden's intent to protect the natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment and the natural and cultural features of Churchill Park and to maintain and develop high-quality opportunities for natural and cultural interpretation, sustainable recreation and enjoyment of the Park, Cootes Paradise Nature Sanctuary, and the Niagara Escarpment by Hamilton residents and visitors.

Following approval of the Churchill Park Management Plan, an implementation strategy will be developed and each improvement/project will be subject to approval of a capital budget through the normal city capital budget process.

As the park operator, the City is responsible for obtaining internal and external approvals prior to proceeding with any planned improvements to Churchill Park.

Legend

- Existing Vegetation
- Existing Forested Edge
- Proposed Reforestation Areas
- Existing Tree
- Proposed Tree
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Granular Walkway
- Proposed Rain Garden
- Existing and Proposed Benches & Picnic Tables

Key Plan

Cootes Paradise

Churchill Park

Cootes Paradise

Caleb's Walk Trail

Oak Knoll Rd

Proposed expansion of forest edge

Existing parking

Proposed rain garden

Existing trees in RBG arboretum to remain
- interplant with new trees to support arboretum concept

Area for Monuments and Markers for Commemoration

Potential walkway gated entry to remain

Existing Churchill Community Gardens to remain
- allotment gardens / teaching gardens
- improvements to be determined in consultation with user groups

Proposed rain garden

Dromore Cres

Regrade and resurface access to RBG trails

Create entrance, information and seating node for trail entrance

Westdale Ravine Trail

Proposed 2.5m wide granular surface walkway

Marion Ave N

Proposed rain garden to address drainage issues

Improve entrance area and shelters

Proposed reforestation of existing soccer field

Proposed expansion of forest edge

Gateway entrance

Park entrance sign

Ginger Valley Trail

Former lawn bowling
- maintain and upgrade lawns for mini soccer and skating

Trailhead
- seating
- signage

Maintain existing clubhouse
- summer community use
- winter support for skating
- upgrade landscaping and walkways

Existing baseball diamonds to remain

Proposed 1.5m granular walkway along forest edge

PROJECT BOUNDARY

Shade structure and picnic area

Proposed climbing structure for older children

Existing junior soccer and multi-use fields

Proposed rain gardens

Improved, consolidated storage/ mechanical support

Proposed shade structure for water play area

Existing multi-use sports fields

Existing senior soccer and multi-use field

Existing cricket pitch and ultimate frisbee field (future multi-use open space and frisbee field)

Retain/ repair existing fence (extend/ add to north side)

Cline Ave N

Temple Anshe Sholom

Proposed rain garden

Proposed rain gardens

Proposed 2.5m granular walkway

Parkside Dr

PROJECT BOUNDARY

Existing field house to remain and interior and landscaping to be upgraded

Parkview Dr

Proposed informal teaching area

Existing play structure, swings, and splash pad to remain

Accessible route

Princess Point Trail

Proposed 2.5m granular walkway

George Allan School

Glen Rd

Park entrance sign

Devon Pl

Kipling Rd

Norwood Rd

Uplands Ave

Franklin Ave

Parkview Dr

Churchill Park Master Plan

Scale

September 2017

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of the Churchill Park Management Plan (the Plan) is to provide a guide for the long term redevelopment of Churchill Park in keeping with the principles, policies and guidelines for land management in the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS). The Plan lays out the goals and objectives, and guides the protection and management of natural heritage features and cultural heritage features, and activities in parks and open space areas. This Plan is required as it is the mandate of the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to ensure the Plan will establish effective policy guidelines for long term protection, development and management of the park related to the natural heritage features and functions of the natural space.

This Churchill Park Management Plan balances the athletic, horticultural, and playground functions of the park with the natural heritage resources and competing interests on the site through the preparation of an overall site improvement plan.

The Management Plan reflects the City's Strategic Plan through several objectives that include: intent to protect the natural features of this natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment, to maintain and develop high quality opportunities for natural heritage interpretation, recreation, discovery and enjoyment of the Niagara Escarpment by Ontario's residents and visitors to the City. The goal then of this Management Plan is to protect, conserve, interpret and present the site to a wide range of users.

The Churchill Park Management Plan contains the features and management directions obtained through an extensive public and staff consultation process. During the master planning process, many issues were raised and required compromise and consensus amongst the public and staff stakeholders. All points of view were heard and seriously considered. The proposed master plan represents the results of this process and addresses key management issues for the park that were identified by City of Hamilton and RBG staff.

As part of the larger Royal Botanical Garden landholdings, the Churchill Park Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Niagara Escarpment Plan to assist in addressing the management of the RBG lands together with a number of park specific site issues.

Specific objectives that were outlined at the outset of the study and through consultation and which are addressed in the Management Plan are:

1. Undertake a general assessment of existing recreation facilities and recommended improvements.
2. Identify future park facilities recognizing trends and the recommendations of the Outdoor Recreation Facilities & Sports Field Provision Plan (November 2011), including integration of the conversion of an existing ball diamond to two mini soccer fields (completed 2012).
3. Identify mitigation measures on the plateau to protect the adjacent natural lands and reduce run-off and erosion that is affecting bank stability.
4. Identify measures to control public access to RBG trails.
5. Determine the future use of the former lawn bowling clubhouse and grounds.
6. Determine the future use of the buildings located in the RBG Teaching Garden area following the planned relocation of the aviary functions to Gage Park (as planned for in the Gage Park Master Plan).
7. Improve accessibility in the park.
8. Improve drainage issues in the park and address future management of stormwater to meet new low-impact development requirements (through separate study).
9. Recommend phasing and an implementation strategy for the final Master Plan.
10. Install educational & interpretive signage panels and trail maps.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Site Location and Description

Churchill Park is located within the Westdale Village area of Hamilton, Ontario and is part of the larger Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) lands that surround Cootes Paradise. Refer to **Figure 1:** Location in the City of Hamilton to see where Churchill Park is situated on the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Map 2.

Churchill Park comprises two parcels of land that total 19.12 hectares (47.24 acres) in size. The larger parcel, comprising athletic fields and other recreation amenities, occupies approximately 14.56 hectares (35.98 acres) and is bounded by Cootes Paradise, Parkside Drive, Parkview Drive, Cline Avenue North and Marion Avenue North. This parcel is shown on a survey plan provided in **Appendix G**.

The second parcel is the RBG Teaching Garden that is currently used to hold an aviary and community allotment, comprising 4.56 hectares (11.27 acres) in size. These lands are located with frontage on Oak Knoll Drive and are physically connected to the larger park parcel by a narrow area of tableland at the juncture of Oak Knoll Drive and Marion Avenue. The Churchill Park Management Plan addresses only the plateau lands that are operated by the City of Hamilton. Refer to **Figure 2**: Churchill Park and Westdale Village for the study area.

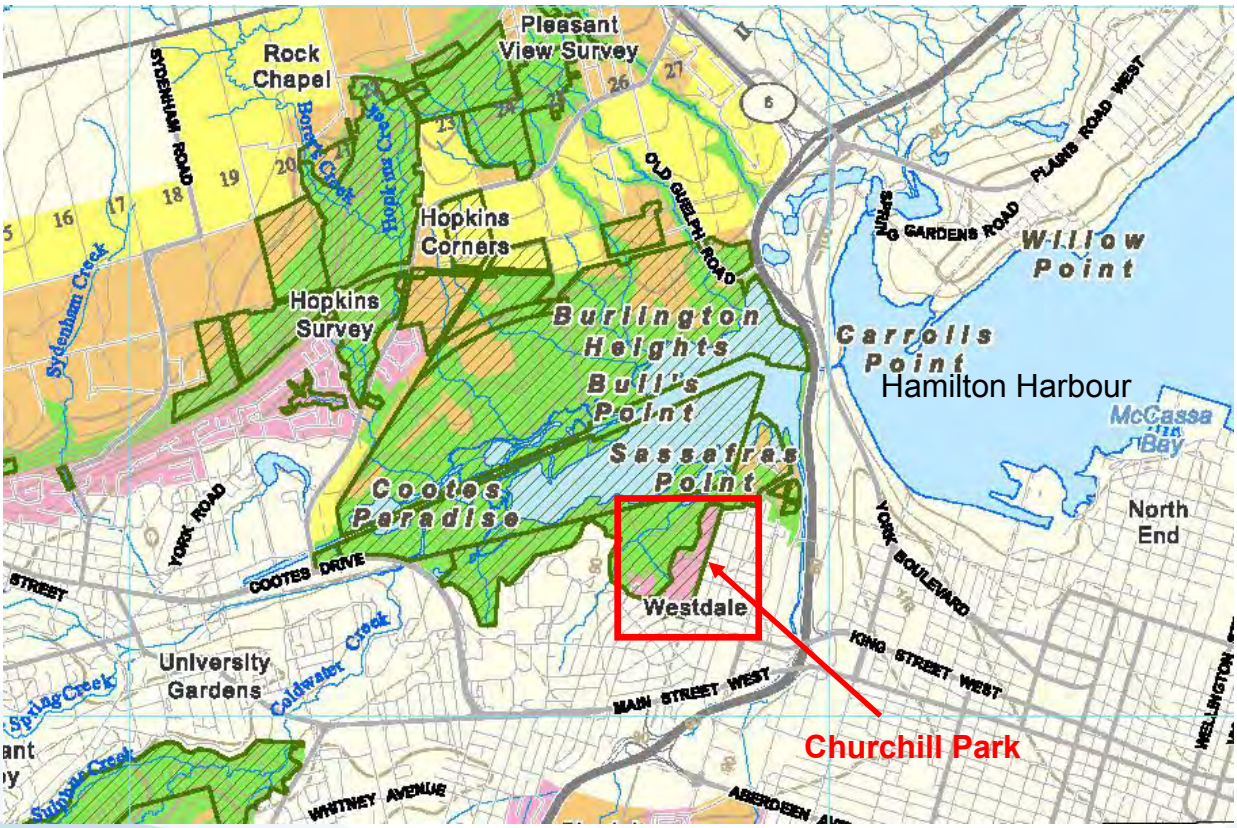


Figure 1: Location in City of Hamilton (Credit: Niagara Escarpment Plan, Map 2, June 1, 2017)

Churchill Park is situated within the NEC's Development Control Area and is designated "Urban Area" in the Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017). The adjacent Cootes Paradise Sanctuary is designated "Natural Environment" in the NEP.

In the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System (NEPOSS), Churchill Park is identified as a "Recreation" Park. Churchill Park is not listed as a Nodal Park in the NEP (2017).

The adjacent Cootes Paradise Sanctuary is listed as a Nodal Park in Part 3.1.3 of the NEP, which identifies that the area serves an important administrative role in the System by providing opportunities for information dissemination, interpretation and education related to the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Other designations associated with the larger RBG property and in particular the adjacent Cootes Paradise, include:

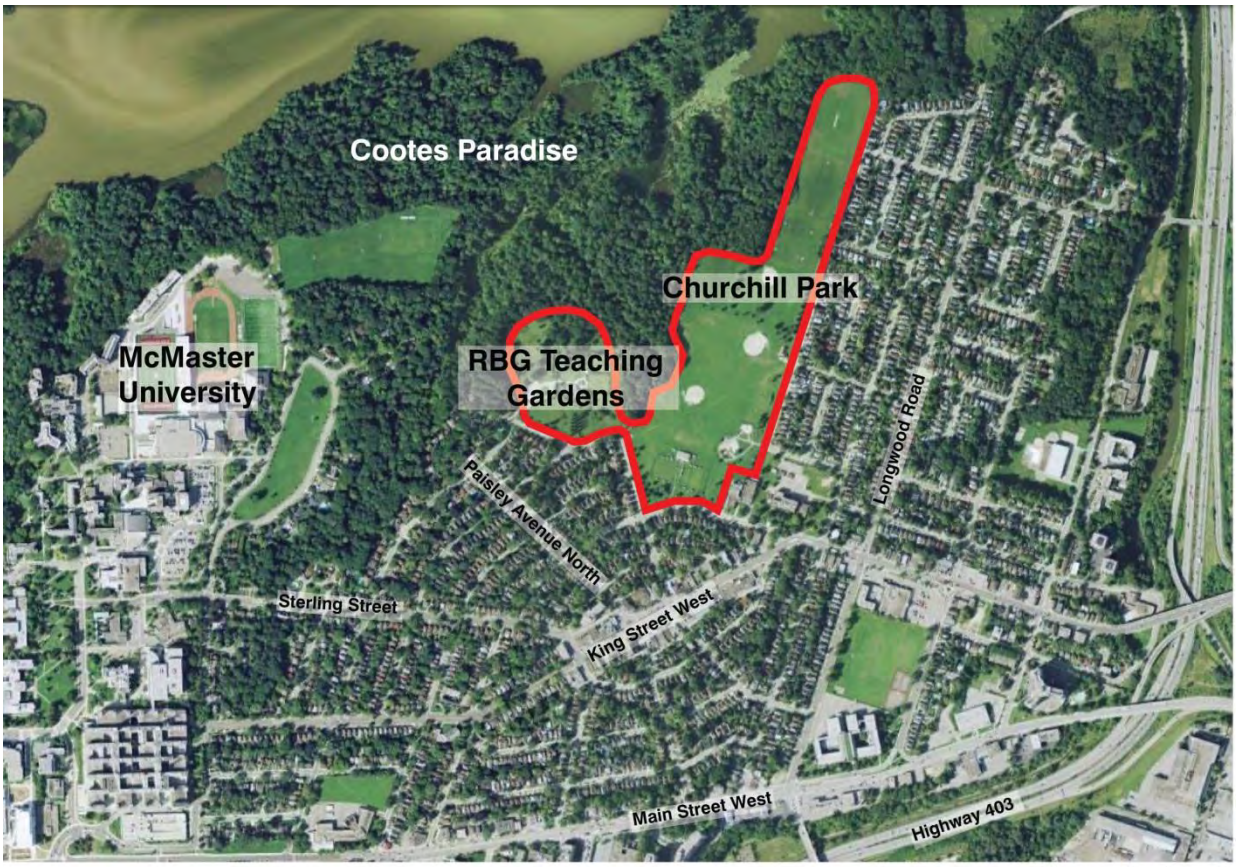
- National Historic Site;
- Nature Sanctuary;
- IBA (Nationally Important Bird Area);
- IMPARA (Important Reptile and Amphibian Area);
- ANSI (Provincially Significant Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest);
- PSW (Provincially Significant Wetland);
- ESA (Municipal Environmentally Significant Area); and
- Part of the Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark.

Cootes Paradise has been identified in the Urban Hamilton Official Plan as: Significant Woodland, Environmentally Significant Area, Provincial Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI), and Provincially Significant Wetland. The municipality is also responsible for identifying Significant Woodlands and ESAs. The remainder of the above features are identified by the Province (MNRF).

The Important Reptile and Amphibian Area (IMPARA) is identified by the Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network. Important Amphibian and Reptile Areas are areas that have special worth and significance for the conservation of amphibian

and reptile biodiversity and endangered species. These areas have immediate relative conservation importance, because if they were lost (e.g., through habitat destruction), Canada's natural heritage of amphibians and reptiles would be substantially degraded. While all areas harbouring amphibians and reptiles have some conservation importance, the Important Amphibian and Reptile Areas identify the most valuable and consequential areas. Important Bird Areas are identified by Important Bird Areas in Canada, a network of government and NGO conservation organizations. They include areas that provide essential habitat for Canada's bird populations.

The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is a collaborative initiative by ten government and non-profit organizations, including the City of Hamilton and RBG. Its purpose is to protect, restore and connect almost 1,900 hectares (4,700 acres) of natural lands at the western end of Lake Ontario, one of the most biologically rich areas of Canada. It is also the last intact ecological connection between Lake Ontario wetlands and the Niagara Escarpment.



(Credit to: Google Earth)

Figure 2: Churchill Park and Westdale Village

2.2 History and Evolution of the Site

The community of Westdale was founded in the 1920s as one of Canada's first planned communities. Westdale Park, later to become Churchill Park, was established as part of a grand beautification scheme for the north-west area of Hamilton that encompassed lands that now include Cootes Paradise, the Royal Botanical Gardens, and McMaster University.

Cootes Paradise was initiated as a nature reserve in 1927 through an Act in parliament. The initial boundary of Cootes Paradise Nature Reserve did not include Churchill Park. Upon the formation of Royal Botanical Gardens in 1941 the park was included in the Cootes Paradise Property. The park itself was one of several elements put together by the Hamilton Parks Board led by T.B. McQuesten during the formation of the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Prior to European colonization the park area would likely have appeared as an oak savannah connected with the Princess Pont culture inhabiting the area, and may even have been used for agriculture by the native people. Early surveyor maps prepared by Augustus Jones indicate this likely was the case, although at the time of European settlement in the 1790s native people did not inhabit the site. The site was used for agriculture throughout the 1800's, listed as the Buttrum farm on the 1875 Wentworth County Atlas (Part of Ancaster). A portion of the park was stripped for clay to make bricks during the early 1900s.

In 1927, the City of Hamilton Parks Board purchased 152.57 hectares (377 acres) of land comprising 53.83 hectares (133 acres) of water lots, 52.61 hectares (130 acres) of hillside, and 46.14 hectares (114 acres) of developable land. A portion of these lands was donated to McMaster University to establish a new campus in Hamilton.

In 1931 a land use agreement was signed between the Parks Board and McMaster University to address a "General Scheme of Building and Landscape Improvement and Planting".

An accompanying plan to this historic agreement denotes the area in yellow to be developed as a "playing field or fields" (Refer to **Figure 3**). The lands coloured in purple and orange on Figure 3 were established by the agreement to be used "for the purposes of botanical gardens". Churchill Park is located within the orange area on the map.

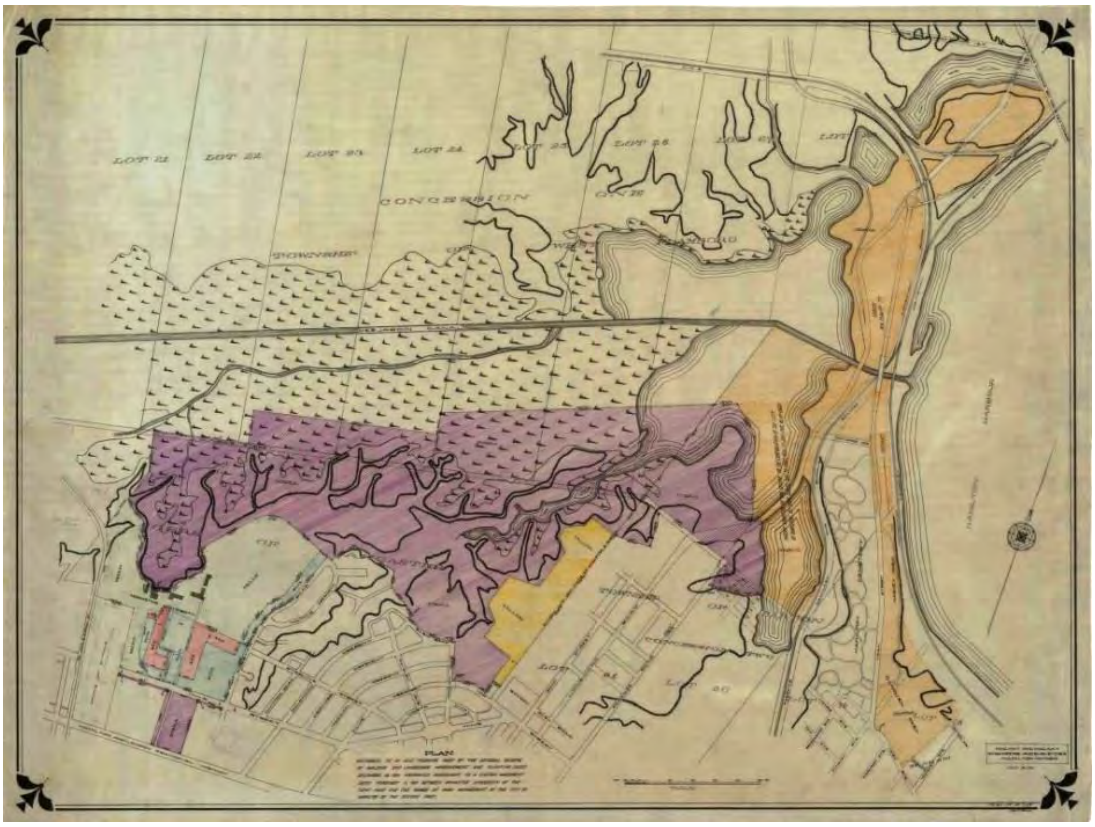


Figure 3: Map Accompanying 1931 Agreement between the Hamilton Parks Board and McMaster University

Initial work began in 1934 by the Hamilton Parks Board. Churchill Park was then designed as a park in the 1940's by K. Matthew Broman, Landscape Architect, with construction occurring in 1945. The park, while in ownership of the RBG, was maintained by the Hamilton Parks Board until incorporated into the City of Hamilton, with the exception of the Teaching Garden property which was maintained by RBG until 1996. The Teaching Garden area is currently managed by the City of Hamilton and present uses are an aviary and community allotment gardens.

In 1945, Westdale Park was renamed Churchill Park in honour of Sir Winston S. Churchill. Lawn bowling greens and a clubhouse were developed in between 1958 and 1960 and operated as the Churchill Fields Lawn Bowling Club until 2008

In June 1996, the City took over operations of the Teaching Gardens (sometimes called the Children's Gardens) from the Royal Botanical Gardens and established community garden plots which are rented seasonally. The greenhouses and ancillary buildings of the Teaching Gardens were redeployed as an aviary with the relocation of birds from the Dundurn Park Aviary. The aviary is operated by a volunteer organization called 'The Friends of the Aviary'.

A creative playground was installed in 1996 and the splash pad was constructed in 2006.

Various attempts at buffering forest edges were made by City staff and local residents through the 2000's. Starting in 2008, forest edge buffering and naturalization with site appropriate native species was initiated to the north west of the Teaching Garden as part of RBG/Earth Day Hamilton Earth Day Event activities.

In 2008, the Churchill Fields Lawn Bowling Club ceased operations. In 2010, the City began plans to convert baseball field No. 3 into a soccer field. The conversion to two mini-soccer fields was approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) in 2011 and constructed in 2012. As separate, but integrated processes, the City also initiated work on the Churchill Park Master Plan; geotechnical investigations to inform the stormwater management plan for the park; and the Churchill Park Stormwater Management Plan and Basement Flooding Analysis.

2.3 Existing Built Form

Churchill Park currently contains the following facilities. Refer to **Figure 4:** Churchill Park Site Plan, following**.**

Teaching Gardens (Churchill Allotment Gardens and Aviary)

- Community Gardens and Aviary:
  - Herb garden, 75 community garden plots available for seasonal rental.
  - Aviary, comprising main building (approx. 400 sq. m (4,000 sq. ft.) of brick and wood, smaller outbuilding and outdoor cages, housing approx. 700 birds from 57 species, and operated by a community organization called ‘The Friends of the Aviary’.
  - Entrance walkway (unit pavers).

- Entrance road, asphalt paved parking lot (approx. 20 cars) and drop-off area.
- Collection of specimen trees (former RGB arboretum), open lawn and reforestation area.
- Two trailheads to access the RBG Caleb's Walk and Westdale Ravine Trails

Athletic Field Parcel

- The former lawn bowling facility and clubhouse, with two greens used in the summer for mini-soccer. The east field is flooded in the winter time for ice skating. Following closure of the Churchill Fields Lawn Bowling Club, renovations were undertaken to improve the washrooms in the building.
- 2 baseball fields. Diamond #3 was converted to two mini-soccer fields in 2012.
- 5 soccer pitches – 2 junior fields, 1 undersized senior field, 2 mini-soccer fields.
- 1 cricket pitch, also used for Ultimate Frisbee.
- 1 brick fieldhouse located adjacent to the baseball diamonds with frontage on Parkside Drive.
- Children's splash pad and playground area with associated walkway and seating area.
- Trail access for the RBG Ginger Valley and Princess Point trails

Figure 4: Churchill Park Site Plan

6.0 PARK PROGRAMME

6.1 Existing Park Programme vs. Proposed Programme

A number of ideas were generated for Churchill Park through consultation sessions with City staff and the public. The ideas and comments received generally reflected a low-key approach with opinions about the future of the park ranging from 'do nothing' to a need for modest improvements and enhancements to support existing uses, community interests, and community-level recreation facility needs. The programme elements were carried forward into several park concepts, and refined through further dialogue with stakeholders and the public. **Table 3** following outlines key elements of the existing and proposed park programme which are further discussed in the sections following.

Table 3: Summary of Existing and Proposed Park Programme

	Park Feature	Existing Park Programme	Proposed Park Programme
Passive Recreation	Park Pathways	Limited	Expanded
	Access to RBG trails	Yes	Improved
	Interpretive Signs	No	Yes
	Community Gardens	Yes	Improved
	Picnic Area / Shelter	No	Yes
	Informal Outdoor Teaching Area (to support school use)	No	Yes
	Memorials and Monuments	Yes	Yes
	Soccer Fields	6 (with conversion of Ball Diamond #3 to 2 mini-fields)	5 (with proposed elimination and reforestation of the westerly junior field).
Active Recreation	Ball Diamonds	2	2
	Cricket Pitch / Ultimate Frisbee (informal)	Yes	Yes
	Mini-soccer / winter skating (former lawn bowling green)	Yes	Improved
	Splash Pad	Yes	Yes
	Play Area	Yes	Youth climbing structure added
	Fieldhouse	Yes	Improved
Buildings and Facilities	Washrooms	Yes	Yes
	Summer program space (former Lawn Bowling Clubhouse)	No	Yes
	Parking Lot	Yes	Yes (no new parking)

A Summary of Consultation Activities, the park development concepts and responses received is provided as **Appendix E.**

6.2 Active Recreation

6.2.1 Overview

From an active recreation perspective the focus of the Churchill Park Master Plan remains on the retention of existing facilities and features with some modifications and enhancements to reflect current recreation trends and needs. Since its initial inception the park has been centred on sports fields, with additional facilities such as the RBG Teaching Gardens (now the Community Gardens), the former lawn bowling club, the playground and the splash pad added over time as a reflection of community interests.

Park and programme enhancements put forward by staff and the surrounding community, and appropriate to a Community Park were considered during the Master Plan process. The following sections describe key discussions and decisions regarding the active recreation features.

6.2.2 Sports Fields

Baseball Diamonds

Prior to and throughout the study process there was dialogue with baseball clubs that use Churchill Park about the ongoing need to retain the existing diamonds. The conversion of Baseball Diamond #3 to a soccer facility was determined prior to the initiation of the Churchill Park Master Plan and was approved as a parallel process. The decision was based on research of levels of use on the field, overall baseball field provision in the City, and forecasted growth. The public and sports groups were engaged during a number of separate meetings over the course of a year. Research undertaken as part of the 2011 Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Sports Fields Provision Study identified that participation in soccer is on the increase and the City of Hamilton is deficient in 79 fields. The study concluded that participation in baseball has leveled off and that the ratio of available field time to users was high in comparison to other sports. Although continued use of the Churchill Park field for baseball field was supported by the baseball club, it was determined that the conversion was warranted due to the significant undersupply in soccer.

Ball Diamond #1 and #2 are recommended to remain over the long-term and have been incorporated into the park master plan. During the study process there was discussion about the potential reorientation of the two remaining diamonds, however it was agreed that they will remain in their current configuration. It was determined that there is a more urgent need to resolve field drainage in conjunction with improving overall park drainage, and to address the informal diagonal path that conflicts with the ball diamonds use.

Soccer Fields

With the conversion of Ball Diamond #3 to two mini-soccer fields laid out in the space of a senior field, there are six soccer fields currently in Churchill Park. It was determined through the park master plan process that five of the existing soccer fields would remain over the long term. The junior soccer field to the west of the park closest to Cootes Paradise is proposed to be gradually phased out and reforested to expand the forest buffer in that location. Improvements to the drainage of the all playing fields are recommended together with realignment of existing fields and goals to meet current standards of the soccer leagues and to provide adequate buffer spaces. Formalization of an internal park pathway system is also recommended which will improve access to the fields.

Cricket Pitch / Ultimate Frisbee Field

Although used by local organizations, the cricket pitch is not regulation size and suffers from poor drainage. The proximity of the pitch to residential homes results in balls going into yards and disturbing the neighborhood. To alleviate these problems the City is planning to construct a Class A (regulation size) pitch at a different park at some future time. The current pitch is also used by an Ultimate Frisbee league whose members wish to remain in the park. The future use of this space was discussed during the Master Plan process and it was concluded that the area should be maintained as flexible multi-use open space to allow continuation of Ultimate Frisbee and other informal field uses.

6.2.3 Tennis

Prior to the initiation of the Churchill Park Master Plan, it had been suggested that tennis courts be developed at Churchill Park. During public consultation sessions the City indicated that user demand did not support the development of new courts. Through discussion with the school board it was concluded that tennis courts will be developed at Westdale High School to support both school and community use.

6.2.4 Recreation for Youth

The need to enhance opportunities for youth to play in Churchill Park was a key message received through public consultation and in discussion with local schools. With the exception of the field areas there are no opportunities in the park for unstructured recreation activities for older youth. Facilities to meet current trends and the interests of youth were discussed in the Master Plan and extended to climbing structures (e.g. net or free-standing climbing rocks) and a skateboard facility (see Section 6.2.5 following). Space for a youth-oriented play structure has been provided in the master plan.

6.2.5 Skateboard Facility

A proposal to include a skateboard facility in Churchill Park was put forward during the preparation of the Draft Master Plan in response to a request by some members of the community. The concept suggested was one of a short skate ‘path’, with integrated

skateboard features and an adjacent seating area, rather than a large skate 'plaza'. The proposed addition of this facility, which is consistent with the types of facilities found in a Community Park, generated considerable discussion within the community, both for and against the proposal. At the conclusion of the study it was determined that further evaluation on where to locate the skateboard facility was needed through a broadly-based site selection study focused on the Westdale neighbourhood, with Churchill Park to be one of the sites considered. At this time the facility has been removed from the long-term Master Plan for Churchill Park.

6.3 Passive Recreation

6.3.1 Overview

Churchill Park is ideally suited to support passive, unstructured recreation activities, with its generous open space lands and proximity to the Cootes Paradise nature trails. A number of programme enhancements were put forward by staff and the surrounding community to enhance passive recreation opportunities in the park. The following sections describe key discussions and decisions regarding passive recreation features.

6.3.2 Park Pathways

A key design consideration that was identified during the conditions assessment and discussed extensively during consultation sessions was the establishment of a proper path system within the park to improve connectivity, accessibility and safety in the park. Specific issues and areas for pathways that were discussed with the public were: (i) the need for a properly constructed pathway system to improve connectivity and accessibility, link recreation facilities, improve safety, and resolve conflicts between pedestrians and field users; (ii) the need for formalization or elimination of the forest edge pathway to increase the setback from the top of bank and sensitive forest areas, and allow for expansion and a buffer to the forest.

A properly designed and maintainable pathway system that provides accessible linkages and directs park users to safe routes is a typical component of a community park, particularly one with the level of facility development as found in Churchill Park. The potential development of a formal pathway system was the subject of considerable discussion with the local community. Comments were provided both in support of, and against a new park pathway system. Many residents supported pathways for the reasons cited above, while those in opposition preferred to retain the open, unfettered green space and limit the introduction of additional hard surfaces. Through the Master Plan process a number of options were discussed with respect to pathway locations, widths, and surfacing, to address both sets of opinions.

6.3.3 Access to RBG Trails

At Churchill Park there are several access points to the trails that form part of the Cootes Paradise nature trail system. These include: the Westdale Ravine Trail entrance located at the terminus of Marion Avenue North; a western access point to Caleb's Walk Trail; a central access point to Ravine Road Trail; a north-west access point to Ginger Valley Trail; and, a north access to Princess Point Trail. These trail entrances are not well-marked and would benefit from improvements consistent with a trailhead, including trail marking signage, seating, and an information sign board.

There are also a number of informal access points to these trails which are contributing to random trail development, vegetation trampling and slope erosion within Cootes Paradise. Discussions with RBG staff determined that formalization of pathways within Churchill Park (as described in Section 6.3.2 above) together with the establishment of a trailhead and connection to the Princess Point Trail and a connection to the Ginger Valley Trail in the vicinity of the cricket pitch would assist in alleviating these issues.

6.3.4 Leash-free Dog Area

Churchill Park is a popular dog-walking area and requests were made through the public consultation process to develop an off-leash area in the park. Through separate study, the City has evaluated suitable locations for leash-free areas based on a reasonable distribution. Churchill Park is not identified as a potential site at this time. By-Law 01-219 Leash Free Parks provides criteria for site selection of leash free zones and Churchill Park does not meet the requirements of the By-law.

6.4 Parking

Churchill Park is serviced by one parking lot which is located on the Oak Knoll Drive parcel at the former Teaching Garden site. Presently, parking for sports field activities in the athletic field parcel is largely accommodated by on-street parking which creates a nuisance for adjacent residents when field sports are on, particularly when multiple fields are in use. The issue was discussed at-length with the public, and options to increase parking were considered including the potential for expanded and shared parking on the adjacent school property. However it was determined that there would be no expansion of on-site parking although street parking during organized sports was identified as a problem that would need to be addressed through enforcement of parking regulations which is not in the mandate of this Plan. The addition of a formal pathway system would help to alleviate the parking issues to some extent by creating a direct connection between the sports fields and the existing parking lot.

6.5 Support Facilities

Existing support facilities at Churchill Park include: a parking lot adjacent to the community gardens; the former lawn bowling clubhouse; and the fieldhouse.

During the programme development for Churchill Park there was support for maintaining, improving and extending the operating hours of the fieldhouse washroom to better support park users.

There were mixed views regarding use of the former lawn bowling clubhouse during the staff and public consultation sessions. A number of requests were made for more access to the former clubhouse for community activities, including opportunities for year round uses. Opportunities put forward for consideration were: (i) stripping it down to its structural shell and updating it to code; (ii) preserving it as a heritage building and improving it; (iii) replacing the building with a new one; or removing the building and reclaiming the green space. There was general concurrence that the grounds of the building including the fencing, walkways and patio surrounding the building needed repair and improvement to better support existing and potential uses.

Other support facilities and amenities that were proposed for Churchill Park and considered for the Master Plan include: (i) a shade structure in association with the play area and splash pad; and, (ii) a picnic area with shade structure. Several locations were considered for a shade structure and picnic area with the preferred location adjacent to the former lawn bowling clubhouse as part of an expanded patio.

6.6 Natural Environment

The location of Churchill Park in close proximity to the significant and rare Carolinian Forest area of Cootes Paradise is an important consideration for the Churchill Park Management Plan and Park Master Plan. Reforestation planting and encouragement of natural succession by limiting mowing has been undertaken in the Oak Knoll Drive parcel, adjacent to the parking lot. Some attempts at reforestation along the forest edge that borders the sports fields was also noted during the site assessment although the plants were not thriving, and weedy vegetation have overtaken the plantings.

RBG staff identified the following key issues to be considered and addressed through mitigative measures in the preparation of the master plan for Churchill Park.

1. There is a need for on-site water management to pre-construction conditions to reduce run-off and erosion of valley side slopes.
2. There is presently too much edge to interior forest ratio in the forest adjacent to Churchill Park.
3. There is a need for a buffer adjacent to the forest edge.
4. There is a lack of defined entrances to the Cootes Paradise trail system. Redefinition of the Westdale Valley Trail entrance is needed, along with clear access to and marking of, the Ginger Valley and Princess Point trail entrances.
5. There is a need to manage random trail development, litter and dumping, within and adjacent to sensitive areas.
6. There is a need to manage off-leash dogs on the trails and in the park.
7. General park focus is unique to a community recreational park and requires special management treatment to protect the adjacent Cootes Paradise Nature Reserve.

7.0 NEPOSS CLASSIFICATION AND PARK MANAGEMENT ZONES

7.1 Current and Proposed NEPOSS Designations

The RBG lands that comprise the Cootes Paradise Sanctuary are classified as a Natural Environment zone in the NEPOSS. In the 2014 Churchill Park Management Plan, The City of Hamilton and the Royal Botanical Gardens had identified that Churchill Park will have its own management plan, separate from the remaining RBG lands, due to the athletic nature of this parcel. It was recommended that Churchill Park be classified separately from the Cootes Paradise Sanctuary as a separate "Recreation" park with its own park description in of the NEP. This was confirmed in Appendix 1 of the revised NEP (2017).

In Recreation Parks, management and development of resources is appropriate in order to provide the recreational environment and facilities required to support a wide variety of activities. Historic uses of Churchill Park as an 'athletic field' and the existing and proposed park redevelopment opportunities align with the objectives of Recreation class parks.

A proposed park description for Churchill Park for inclusion in **Appendix 1** of the Niagara Escarpment Plan was provided below.

> **Churchill Park** (Recreation)
>
> This 14 hectare park, located in the historic Westdale area in the City of Hamilton, is operated by the City and owned by the Royal Botanical Gardens.
>
> Churchill Park provides a number of active recreational facilities such as athletic fields and related amenities as well as connections to adjacent natural areas. The property abuts the Cootes Paradise Provincially Significant Life Science ANSI. It is part of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System.

7.2 Proposed Park Management Zones

Public use of recreation parks may be more intensive in Recreation Parks than in any other NEPOSS parks; however these activities will be suited to the natural character of the particular park. Development of facilities must be designed and undertaken in a way that will minimize the environmental impact of the development, guided by a Management Plan. As directed by the NEPOSS Planning Manual, park management zones have been established for Churchill Park to guide orderly and effective planning.

The three (3) management zones proposed for Churchill Park, which are consistent with those recommended in the NEP, comprise:

Development Zone - includes the developed and recreational areas of the park, comprising: the former lawn bowling lawns; baseball diamonds; multi-use fields (soccer fields, and the cricket pitch/ Ultimate Frisbee field); the splash pad and playground areas; general open space areas between recreation facilities; together with the existing buildings and surrounding developed area needed to support park activities, i.e.: the former lawn bowling clubhouse, associated service buildings, the fieldhouse, and the buildings associated with the former Teaching Garden.

Access Zone – includes the parking lot and entrance road in the Oak Knoll Drive park parcel, park pathways, and trailheads through the park;

Natural Zone – includes the proposed vegetation expansion of the forest edge.

These NEPOSS management zones are distinct and separate from the City of Hamilton Community Park category, or the NEP Urban Area designation. An overlay of the proposed Park Management Zones is presented as **Figure 11,** following.

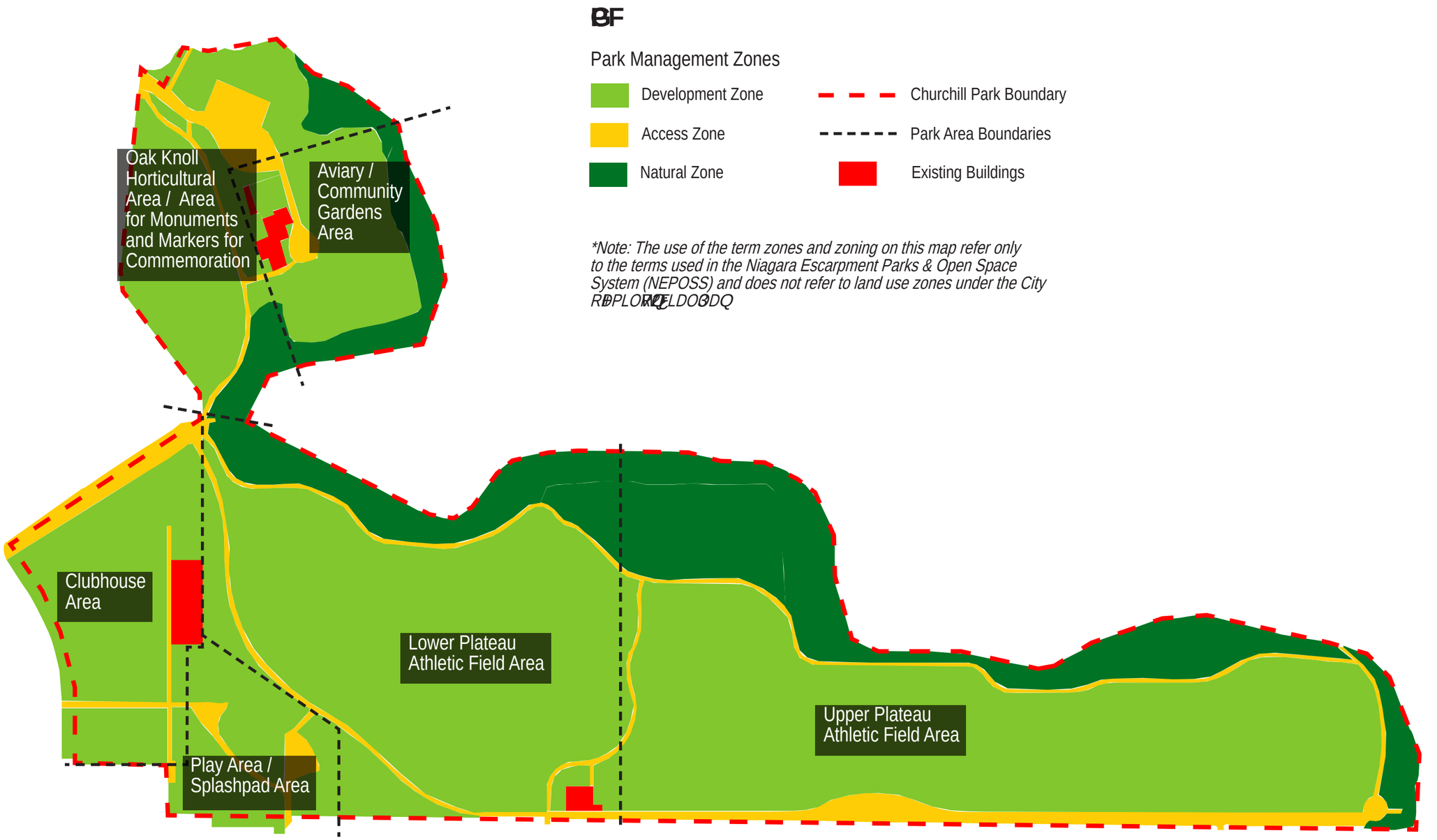


Figure 11: NEPOSS Park Management Zones

Scale

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- ü As part of all park improvement activities ensure that grading directs and infiltrates on-site drainage to reduce run-off that is contributing to erosion of the forested slope.
- ü Consider incorporating other appropriate low-impact development measures, such as permeable pavement, vegetated filter strips (See Section 8.4, following) during detailed design for park features (e.g. landscape improvements to the clubhouse and fieldhouse).

Baseball Diamonds

- ü Retain and revitalize Ball Diamonds #1 and #2 with new infield granular and sub-drainage.
- ü Diamond #3 has been replaced with 2 mini-soccer fields in 2012.

Fieldhouse

- ü Retain/protect the existing fieldhouse as an historic feature.
- ü Upgrade fieldhouse for use as washrooms and storage.
- ü Improve walkways and landscaping around the building, including accessibility.
- ü Replace the fieldhouse stairs.

Figure 14: Lower Plateau Athletic Field Area (Baseball Diamonds and Fieldhouse)

Soccer Fields

- ü New mini-soccer fields to remain.
- ü Retain and revitalize existing junior soccer fields along Parkview Drive with new turf and sub-drainage.
- ü Retain and revitalize senior soccer field along Parkview Drive with new turf and sub-drainage.
- ü Reline and reposition goal areas as required to meet current regulation dimensions and buffer spaces.
- ü In the near term, redevelop existing west soccer field to a mini-soccer field to facilitate the expansion of the forest buffer. The long term goal will be to convert the mini soccer field to a Carolinian Forest to accommodate reforestation.

Cricket Pitch / Ultimate Frisbee Field

- ü Retain cricket field in short term, to become a multi-purpose open space / field when cricket functions relocate with continued opportunities for use for Ultimate Frisbee.

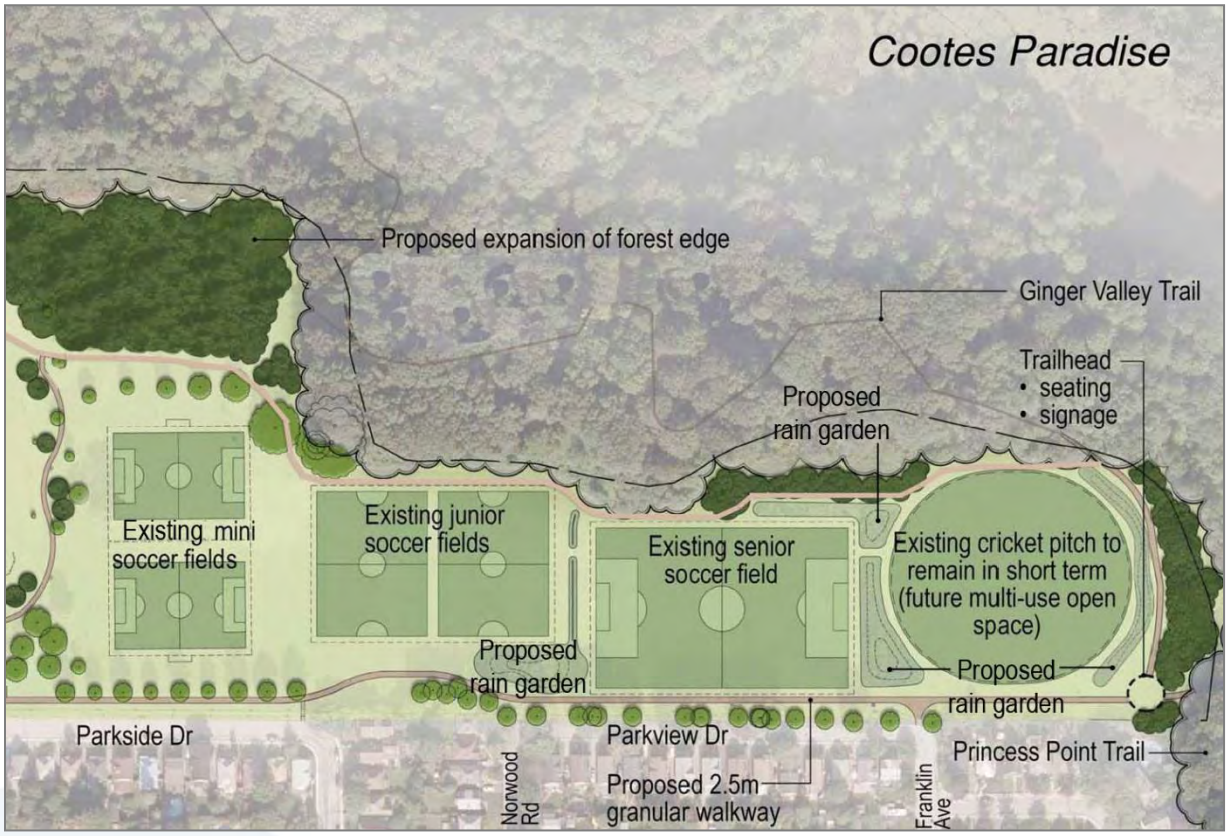


Figure 15: Upper Plateau Athletic Field Area (Soccer Fields and Cricket Pitch)

Existing Play Area and Splash Pad

- ü Retain existing splash pad, playground and swings.
- ü Add a small shade structure and benches beside the splash pad.

Youth Play Structure

- ü Add a youth-oriented play structure north of existing playground, with safety surfacing and path system connecting to the other play facilities.
- ü Suggested youth-oriented play elements include a climbing net, climbing rocks or similar type of component.

Example of a climbing net

Informal Outdoor Teaching Area

- ü Develop an informal outdoor teaching area for use by schools south of the clubhouse, with access from Cline Avenue North and the park pathway system.
- ü Landscaping of the teaching garden to be determined in discussion with the local schools. For example, granular surfacing, flat rocks or log benches for seating and shade trees are suggested elements.
- ü Develop a program of interpretive signage at key locations throughout the park that supports outdoor education functions.

Example of an outdoor teaching area

Example of interpretive signage

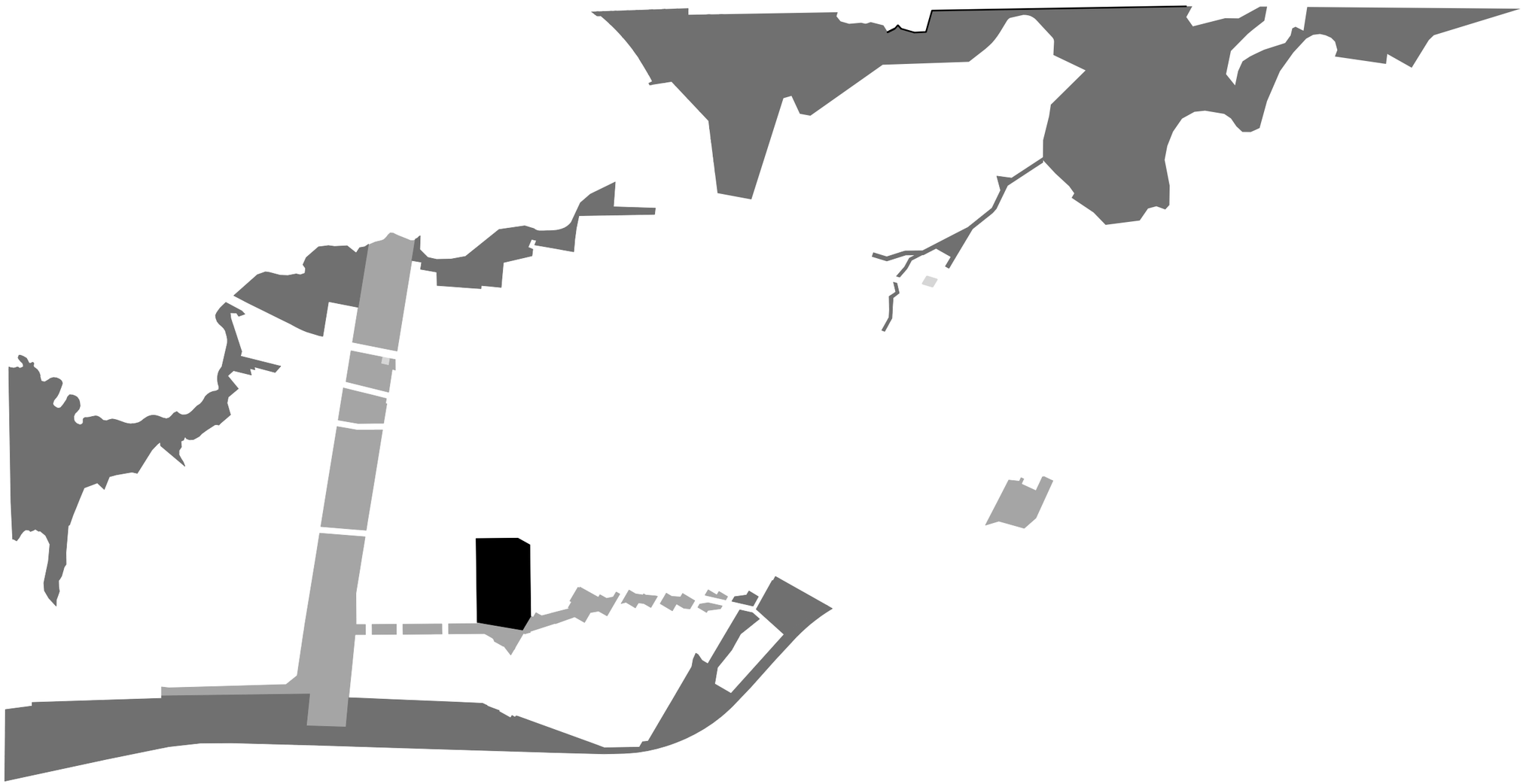
Figure 16: Play Area / Splash Pad

Former Lawn Bowling Clubhouse and Grounds

- ü Retain the clubhouse as a seasonal facility for summer community use (washrooms and programmable/social space), and winter support for skating (washroom use only).
- ü In consultation with the community, determine an appropriate name for the facility (e.g. Churchill Park Clubhouse).
- ü Improve the entrance walkway and shelters.
- ü Improve the walkways and landscaping around the building.
- ü Retain/repair the existing iron rail fence.

Example of a shade structure

APPENDIX B



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OBJECTIVE	Improved / Expanded Facility Use					Greenspace / Park Design							Features or Amenities				Environment					Community Character	Inclusiveness			Maintenance	Accessibility			Parking		History / Heritage	Social Service Programs		
CRITERIA	1.1 Open the lawn bowling club to community uses	1.2 Sun protection for the splash pad and other gathering areas	1.3 Washrooms	1.4 Ice rink improvements or other winter recreation facilities	1.5 Multiple uses for field areas	2.1 Maintain open space	2.2 Do not cluster built forms	2.3 Define entrances	2.4 Incorporate leading edge park design	2.5 Include a focal point	2.6 Design entrance to Westdale trail off Marion North	2.7 Use of natural materials	3.1 Control public access to RBG trails	3.2 Multiple gathering places (e.g. benches)	3.3 Natural safety boundary for the baseball diamond	3.4 Places for dogs (off-leash)	4.1 On-site storm water management to correct drainage issues	4.2 Define walking paths (e.g. natural material)	4.3 Park tree management plan (plateau lands only)	4.4 Protect natural lands and bank stability mitigation measures	4.5 Remove invasive species from edges of park	5.1 Ensure that all facilities, amenities and activities are in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood	6.1 Space for people of all ages	6.2 Pedestrian focus	6.3 Space for families & no-cost amenities and activities	7.1 Use of species that are native to the area and require little maintenance	8.1 Barrier-free access to park amenities	8.2 Maintain and/or incorporate Urban Braille	8.3 Provide active use facilities, such as bike racks, to facilitate accessibility by active modes of transportation	9.1 Consider off street parking for active use (programmed) activities	9.2 Re-examine parking on Parkside Dr.	10.1 Respectful treatment / interpretation of park heritage with plaques at various locations	11.1 Provisions for animation of park space	11.2 Design amenities to make the space a destination for desirable activity	11.3 Involve Police Services – implement CPTED principles
KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS / STRATEGIES																																			
Former Lawn Bowling Clubhouse																																			
Improve entrance area and shelters	P			P				P						P																					
Retain / repair existing iron rail fence																						P										P			
Play Areas																																			
Maintain existing splash pad and playground																							P		P				P				P	P	
Add youth play structure north of existing playground									P					P									P		P				P				P	P	P
Consider small scale skate park with access from Marion Ave. N and park pathway									P					P									P		P				P				P	P	P
Add informal outdoor teaching area for use by schools with access from Marion Ave. and park pathway									P					P									P		P								P	P	P

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Park Access and Pathways																																		
Develop 2.5 m wide granular surface pathway along Marion Ave.(north side of Temple Anshe Shalom)												P						P					P	P			P						P	P	P
Develop 2.5 m wide granular surface pathway between Marion Ave. and Parkside Dr. entrances								P				P						P					P	P			P						P	P	P
Develop 2.5 m wide granular along Parkside Dr. / Parkview Dr.								P				P						P					P	P			P						P	P	P
Improve Marion Ave. entrance to RBG trails as trailhead with wayfinding / interpretive signage, bike racks								P			P		P					P										P	P			P			P
Develop trailhead with wayfinding / interpretive signage at east end of park to access RBG trails								P					P					P										P				P			P

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Playing Fields																																		
Maintain Ball Diamonds #1,2						P																P	P									P	P	
Diamond 3 to be replaced with 2 mini soccer fields						P																P	P									P	P	
Maintain existing junior soccer fields along Parkview Dr.						P																P	P									P	P	
Reduce existing north soccer field to mini soccer field																				P		P	P									P	P	
Maintain cricket field in short term; to become multi purpose open space / field when field relocates					P	P																P	P									P	P	
Park Amenities																																		
Existing fieldhouse to remain and be upgraded for washrooms and storage; Improve accessibility			P			P	P															P					P		P					
Add small shade structure beside splash pad		P					P			P				P								P												

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Park Amenities (cont'd)																																			
Add shade structure and picnic area on northeast side of clubhouse		P				P	P			P				P								P	P											P	P
Install park benches along pathways														P								P	P										P	P	P
Environment																																			
Expand forest edge through reduced mowing, reforestation, management																			P	P	P					P									
Develop rain gardens to address drainage issues																	P			P						P									
Plant only native species																										P									
Maintain existing trees. Limit new trees to areas where buffer / shade is needed						P									P							P				P						P			P
Parking																																			
Maintain existing parking lot at Aviary																						P								P					
No new parking lots to be developed						P																P								P					
Existing on-street parking to remain																															P				

APPENDIX D

Figure 2-2: Churchill Park Existing Drainage

Figure 2-9: Churchill Park Proposed Facilities

APPENDIX E

Organized by Objectives	Public Meeting – PIC #1	Staff Stakeholder Advisory Group (S.S.A.G.) Meeting #1	Public Stakeholder Advisory Group (P.S.A.G) Meeting #1
1. Improved/ Expanded Facility Use	**Meeting** Á Reprogramming the lawn bowling structure to be used as a youth drop in centre Á Lawn bowling facility could be used as a seniors centre Á Reprogramming of the lawn bowling building as teenage drop-in centre, as well as a place programmed for musicians, artists and interest groups Á Use the building as a multi-purpose space Á Reprogramming sports fields to meet changing demands Á Angle baseball diamonds properly Á Fence down the first base line to rectify conflict between cyclists and park users. Á Concern for removal of baseball diamonds; separation between trails and fields; support for properly set up multi-use park Á Some organized sport is good, but passive use is good too Á Sports fields should be kept **Comment Sheets** Á Resident suggested that the Aviary could be turned into a large garden/picnic area with a gazebo structure and free parking. Á Resident ranked having no more sports than currently in the park as second in their top 5 changes; second highest priority. Á Resident ranked removing the lawn bowling field and building, and repurposing the area 4th in their top 5 changes, 4th highest priority. They go on to suggest establishing a picnic area there, or to replace the area with a couple of tennis courts. It would also be a good idea to add more trees along Cline Ave. N to screen the use from the neighbours. Á Participant would like to see no change in the park with the exception of repurposing the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse as an indoor gym/play space to	Á Looking to decommission one ball diamond to soccer in the park. Á What to do with cricket? Cricket users would like a better field and a different location. Á Before removing cricket at Churchill Park, will need to consider what the alternate is elsewhere in the City. Á Same issue with ball (slo-pitch). Á It has been 25 yrs-ongoing trend to get adult leagues out of Community Parks and into tournament parks. Involves lengthy discussions with adult user groups, and there is usually resistance to relocating, but they can drive and ultimately will move to other locations provided. Á Overall need for more soccer fields – 65 in total city wide. Á Would it be possible to re-purpose the cricket as soccer? Yes, demand is there. Á What is the viability of a tennis facility? City wide, less overall interest but locally there is interest – tennis was formally at high school. It could be there again. The Hamilton Tennis Club is nearby. Tennis was not identified in Outdoor Facilities Study for Westdale. Á Some budget set aside to review issue i.e. tennis at high school (2 courts plus a multi-purpose court shared with school). Á Summary of city-wide Recreation Master Plan and outdoor facilities study. Á Indicates tremendous growth in Soccer. This is expected to continue. Additional fields are needed city-wide. Á Participation in Adult Slo-pitch is stable and leveling off. To maintain current levels will need to upgrade some diamonds citywide, e.g. adding lights. Á Cricket is a growth sport. Churchill Park continues to be used, but teams would prefer a better pitch elsewhere. The	Á The cricket field is also used for Ultimate Frisbee and the continuation of that use should be considered in the park plans. Á Participant noted that the presentation made by Ian Dance (Site Condition) hit on everything hey had been noticing in the park and it sounds like there are many improvements required. They are worried that there isn't enough budget to up-grade the park adequately. How is the City going pay for all this? Á Answer: Project will take place over several years to lessen the financial burden. Á Participant inquired about Ultimate Frisbee's involvement in the COH Recreation Study. Á I am concerned about the loss of another baseball diamond. Perhaps there is a need for more research into the existing participation rates/use of recreational space in the park? Or perhaps we can have more playing times on existing fields? Á Answer: Staff indicated that the public and sports groups were engaged and there was ample opportunity for public and sport group input. The natural turf field should not be programmed for more than 4 times a week due to increased stress placed on the turf and soils. Á What is the timeline for the development of the cricket field? Á Answer: this will be part of the Churchill Park Master Plan process but the goal is to have a Class A cricket field somewhere in the City in 3-5 years. Á One participant stated he felt that the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse should not just be preserved because it is there. This may not be the best option; in his view the money spent restoring it could go into further park upgrades.

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	be used during the wintertime. Á Resident would like to see improved washroom facilities as well as a skating facility/outdoor rink for ice skating, as well as improvements made to the Aviary. Á Individual commented that they would like to see the additional of small (>10 age) soccer fields. Á Individual would like to see Diamond #3 kept and restructuring it for multi-purpose use (baseball/soccer) Á Resident would like the lawn bowling club re-opened, or repurposed into tennis courts. Á Individual would like to see the cricket pitch, soccer fields, and skating rink maintained. Á Participant would like to see minor changes only, not huge changes. Would also like to see community space in the lawn bowling club. Á Would like the field house to be taken down or fixed up and used for tool storage only, lawn bowling building renovated with good washrooms and small area for a permanent tenant to avoid vandalism, suggest planting cedars beside the walls to prevent graffiti. **Emails / Correspondence** Á Resident would like to see the field house (toilet/drinking fountain building) utilized better, as well as opening the lawn bowling club field house for washroom use. Á Individual suggests that the lawn bowling clubhouse could be a space where people can book it and meet there (knitting club, musicians, youth centre etc.). Á Would like to see the community allotment gardens stay and the area behind the gardens should be naturalized. Also there should be a greater buffer zone between the park and the woodland.	Recreation Master Plan calls for an additional (1) properly sized and designed pitch; Churchill Park does not meet the standards. Á Community input has suggested that there is interest in redevelopment for a range of uses including: tennis, community centre, continued use as mini-soccer fields, outdoor skating (currently flooded for use). Á New uses at Lawn Bowling Facility will need to consider issues of parking, traffic impacts. Á Potential improvements to Lawn Bowling building, e.g. washrooms, warm up for outdoor skating rink (seasonal) that is established on south 'green'. Á Also there is interest / potential to retain "tiny tots" soccer use of the former greens. Á Community gardens are well-used and popular. Á Aviary functions are proposed to relocate to a new facility in Gage Park (pending approval of a capital budget). Á What to do with former Aviary buildings? RBG owned. Does City have any interest in taking them over? If so, for what type of uses? RBG Teaching Garden area included a medicinal plant and herb garden (across from Aviary Building); now rebuilt and redesigned by community volunteers with horticulture staff from the City and RBG. This area has been cleaned up, weeded, with more planting done this year. There is the possibility of a second similar garden if there is sufficient volunteer interest. Á Community is vibrant, interested but diametrically opposed with respect to potential uses for the Aviary.	Á Do we have demographic data and park use data to inform future programming? Á Answer: Yes, the Outdoor Recreation Facility Study has a lot of data and that it is available on line for review. The study utilized the 2006 Census for socio-demographic data.

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2. Greenspace /Park Design	**Meeting** Á Concern about the park becoming overdeveloped; would not like to see too many more buildings in the park. Á More opportunities for naturalized areas as well as a natural playground Á Park should be complementary to the Carolinian forest in the RGB lands, use of native species to the area Á Agrees with maintaining the Carolinian forest, but object to the introduction of new species (English Oak) Á Would very much like the park to be naturalized, return to natural state. Á More natural plantings Á Natural plantings are great as long as they are maintained Á Do not want to see any more asphalt, want more trees, gardens and trails Á Concern about the replacement of the trees that are proposed to be removed Á Would like to see the park completely unchanged Á Do not concentrate built structures in one area, space them out Á Concern about putting too much into the park Á Consider dog-walkers, they frequently use the park Á Question about an ice rink this year **Comment Sheets** Á Would like to see beautiful gardens. Á Resident ranked having further strategic plantings, benches, and points of interest third in their top 5 changes, 3rd highest priority. Á Participant would like to see a well used, clean, and beautiful park at the end of the process. (trees, grass, limited concrete). Á Resident would like to see an active park where individual sports and activity would share the park equally with organized sports. Á Individual stated that they would like to see the		Á Participant inquired about the conversion of the proposed baseball field into a soccer field, if it is part of the existing constraints/conditions during the design phase of the park? Á Answer: City staff indicated that yes, this will be a new condition that the project team and the PSAG members will need to consider moving forward. Á Question from a participant was if the cricket field is being moved, what will take its place? Á Answer: City staff indicated that this will be up to the stakeholders to decide. The RGB has expressed a desire to naturalize areas on the perimeter of the park, as well as bring the woodlot boundary line further into the park, and therefore this will present additional recreation constraints. The future use of this area will be based on public input, RBG input and future recreation studies.

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	park being used by a wide range of interest groups; that it is not just for soccer and kids; they would like to have all interest groups talking to each other so that the park improvements work for everyone. Á Participant would like the park to be natural (no concrete or asphalt). **Emails / Correspondence** Á Participant would like to see the name changed from Churchill Park to Westdale Community Park. Á Individual would like to see the park grow as an inclusive, valued, engaged, and engaging public space that is informed by its unique social and natural history. Á Would like to see more 'natural infrastructure', such as shrubs and trees. Á Resident is strongly opposed to any hard surfacing being introduced into the park as well as any re-contouring of the land for ecological reasons.		
3. Amenities	**Meeting** Á Would like to see tennis courts Á Interest in a map of the park that illustrates all park amenities (and trails?) for easier navigation. Á Trail system that encourages fitness, one that is narrow and is low impact on the environment Á Cycling trail through the park Á Narrow paved trail to encourage rollerblading Á Orientation signs could be used to direct people to all facilities Á Interest in putting in tennis courts. Á Need for shade (it gets hot there) and benches Á Active outdoor fitness area, winter fitness activities such as programs for cross country skiing in the park. Á Would like to see an 'active gym' in the park (using your own body weight for exercise) Á Provide bike racks to encourage active transportation to the park instead of driving. Á Possible introduction of shade structures to the		Á One participant asked when a decision regarding the tennis courts will happen.

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	park Á Dundas park is a good example of shade structures **Comment Sheets** Á Resident would like to see paved paths wide enough for strollers, cyclists and people rollerblading to use. Á Resident ranked paved pathways across the park as high priority and skating rinks (one for hockey and one for recreation) as a low priority in their top 5 changes. They explain further by suggesting adding pathways to formalize existing informal connections (asphalt, screenings). Also to consider a pathway along Parkside that would connect Cline Ave. N to Parkside Dr. (field house) and north towards Parkview Dr. They also state that it would be good if there was a pathway that was wheelchair accessible into the park, over towards and along the edge of the woods to allow for everyone to use. Á One resident stated that they would like to see an indoor play area for toddlers and young children for wintertime. Á Resident would like to see some paved areas for roller sports. Á Individual stated that it would be good to have a space to have a Farmers Market, a shade structure near the play areas is also a good idea for hot days. Á Resident would like to see fitness play equipment area for older children (ropes, climbers, balance challenges), as well as a rollerblading ring, and some sort of setting for cross country skiing. They would also like to see better signs for trail heads, and Frisbee golf stations. Á Resident would like to see changes/preventative measures made for bike paths through the ball fields, as well as restoration of trails and creation of bike paths in the wooded trails, they want the park to be multi-purposed and open to all ages and		

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	interest groups. Á Participant would like to see a paved outer trail, picnic tables, skating rink (like Dundas driving park) soccer fields, and the cricket pitch. Á Would like to see more shaded areas (structures) and gathering areas for parties, picnics, etc. and just more places to sit. As well as play area for older kids (logs, climbing, forts). Á Would like to see an artificial ice rink beside the lawn bowling clubhouse. **Emails / Correspondence** Á Resident would like to see an area for a statue and an area for displaying art, as well as conveniently placed chairs. Á Resident would like to see: tennis courts, perimeter dirt jogging trail, outdoor exercise area, concession stand with washroom (like Dundas Driving Park), large shade trees in the swing area, more benches constructed like the ones in the Aviary (made from old tree trunks). Á There is dire need for open access to public toilets; they say that people using the park for organized sports often use the bushes because the washrooms are locked. Á Interest made in a picnic pavilion to improve social gatherings in the park. Á Does not want to see an asphalt trail around the perimeter of the park, and is for a bike trail connecting Parkside Dr and Glen Rd to Dromore Crescent and Marion Ave on the other side. Á Individual expressed their opposition to a tennis club. Á Resident is in favour of a leash free area for dogs in the park.		

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4. Environment	**Meeting** Á Drainage in the park needs improvement Á A lot of active recreation activities were cancelled due to the poor drainage in the area. Á Concern about the drainage in the area, could the underground stream be restored and create a wetland Á The extreme north end of the park need improved drainage Á Resident of Parkside Drive commented on the drainage (their basement floods frequently) Á North end of the trail is wet all the time, this is where the drainage systems direct the water, the system needs to be redesigned Á There is an underground drainage system that takes water to the north end, the soil is clay based so there will always be standing water **Comment Sheets** Á Resident ranked improved drainage as their highest priority change in the park. Á Resident would like to see the design be proactive and strategic, as well as anticipate the life expectancy of existing trees and replant accordingly. Á All this park needs is improved drainage. Á Improved drainage in the sports fields. **Emails / Correspondence** Á Comment made that during the summer months the park is often unusable because of poor drainage. Á Drainage issues for sure are important to address, especially since it has been stated multiple times.	Á RBG has expressed concerns over sustainability of Cootes Paradise natural areas, vis a vis the development of informal pathways throughout the forested area.	Á Deer were not mentioned in the presentation, are they a problem for the natural area? They are a nuisance to homeowners in the neighbourhood. Á *Answer:* Cootes paradise is connected to a broader wildlife corridor and maintaining connectivity is important. Deer move through the area on a regular basis and only stay when they are being fed by people, which is a bad scenario for all wildlife. Á Flooding/Drainage seems to be a key issue, will there be a long-term solution? Á *Answer:* In parallel to the Churchill Park Master Plan Process, there will be experts retained to consider the flooding and drainage issues and that this will be addressed at a later time.
5. Community Character	No applicable comments	No applicable comments	No applicable comments

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6. Inclusiveness	**Meeting** Á Would like to see a more welcoming park, accessible to both the younger and older demographic Á Want the park to be a people place more welcoming and safe Á Park should be multi-use to accommodate a diversity of people and uses. Á Park should be inclusive of all age groups, the neighbourhood is dynamic and is composed of a range of age groups		
7. Maintenance	**Meeting** Á Need to maintain the playground and splash pad as they are used frequently **Comment Sheets** Á Resident commented that it is an embarrassment that lands owned by the RBG are so unkempt. The Park relies on volunteers to pull weeds at the Aviary. **Emails / Correspondence** Á Resident states that the shrubs and planting beds bordering the park from Parkside or Parkview are overgrown and obstruct views into the park, and should be maintained and tamed, so residents can enjoy the view and it will cut down on suspicious behaviour.		
8. Accessibility	**Meeting** Á Older population could get more use out of the park if benches and picnic tables were installed. Á Would like the park to be more accessible especially for the elderly Á Park should be accessible by all ages and mobility methods. **Comment Sheets** Á Resident ranked having better accessibility via pathways as their top priority.	Á Accessibility – There is an AODA mandate and commitment to accessibility. What is an acceptable amount of accessible area in a park? Currently very limited in Churchill Park. Some members of community want no paths at all.	

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	Á Participant would like to see paths, somehow for accessibility of all ages/mobility but controlled somehow to prohibit racing rollerblading and bikes.		
9. Parking	**Meeting** Á Too many cars parked at times. Á Work with the school to help solve the parking problem Á Prefer gravel to asphalt for additional parking Á No more parking, the park should be walked to or biked to. Á Parking is necessary if there are organized sports at the park. Á Working in conjunction with the School Board to extend the parking facilities **Emails / Correspondence** Á Resident suggests expanding parking lot at George Allen School, or behind the Anshe Shalom Temple to ease overflow parking on Parkside Dr. Or an arrangement made that park users can park in the school parking lot (out of school hours). Á One individual expressed their outright opposition in a parking lot being introduced. Á Resident expressed their enthusiasm for introducing a parking lot, perhaps located 'along the last section of Parkview'? They also express their interest in tennis courts on the old lawn bowling club grounds.	Á There is divided community opinion on the need for parking support facilities vs. leaving the green open character of the park.	
10. History/ Heritage	**Comment Sheets** Á Resident would like to see nature/outdoor education to support the wildlife and the natural heritage of the area.		Á It was noted in the presentation that the former Lawn Bowling Clubhouse had 8-10 years remaining. Could we still use the building beyond the 10 year lifespan identified if it was upgraded and maintained? It is a modernist building, designed by

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			Stanley Roscoe and might be worthy of consideration as a heritage building. Á *Answer:* Staff indicated that after the 10 years, the building would not be safe for public use.
11. Social Service Programs	**Meeting** Á Concern for late night uses such as drinking taking place after dark, policing is low Á Teenagers tend to loiter in the park, particularly on Friday and Saturday night. Á Possibility of posting by-law signs and policing activities at the park Á Possible production of an environmental safety plan? **Comment Sheets** Á Would it be worthwhile to involve service groups such as the rotary club? Á Comment made that policing has improved since they moved to the area 5 years ago, graffiti issues have lessened with the involvement of the University students.	Á Need to consider CPTED principles; will depend on community – where park plan goes. Á Play lot is not in the safest location, views from road are obscured by overgrown shrub beds. Limited 'Witness Potential". Á The park has some lighting which might invite people at night. Have had some complaints, issues. Some partying (bush parties) – enforcement is the only way to manage this. Á Consider whether paths are lit or not lit – open or closed at night? Á No crime study on park as yet. No major incidents reported.	

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Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
Summary of Comments Sheets (40 total)				
PATHWAYS				
Addition of Park Pathways (general)	ã			A pathway for elderly and disabled and more adult activity would be greatly appreciated.
	ã			I enjoy taking walks with my disabled husband, however I find it
	ã			Want to see pathways in the park.
	ã			Park should have various pathways.
	ã			Add walkway for elderly mothers and those with disabilities.
		ã		The material behing used for the pathway for the disabled and elderly should fit their needs to get around.
		ã		Too many defined pathways - this is a grassy park NOT a formal garden. Please reduce the number of pathways. 2.5 is a roadway not a trail, this will be an open invitation for vehicles to cross the
		ã		Commenter refers to missing key plan, 2 issues unable to understand where: c). This proposed path goes through a VERY wet section. It would be better at the top of the hill and only to the path into the clubhouse. e). This configuration will not work. People will cut through at the corner still.
		ã		We prefer the natural paths, but a compromise could be FEWER paths, preferably granular for better drainage and natural ambiance in a width of 1 to 1.5 preferably.Paths of 2.5 metres would enable vehicles to travel in the park.
	ã			I strongly support the paths around and through the park; my major priorities are for access into and around the park for all people,
		ã		No pathway should be wider than a sidewalk.
		ã		2.5 meter pathways should be 1.5.
		ã		2.5 meter wide main gravel path would be sufficient.
		ã		Personally I think 2.5 meters is too wide. Sidewalk width is good
		ã		Pave some trails.
		ã		Keep walkways to 6ft everywhere, please.
		ã		Please ensure that all trails heads to natural lands conform with RBG's plans to reduce the # of trails.
	ã			I fully support all the pathways and hope that the city will reconsider using hard pavement for the paths surroudning the playground. That would provide better access for pedestrians, cyclists and strollers, wider is better.
		ã		I am happy with the use of granular rather than impermeable material, I do agree with the comments on reducing path widths.
	ã			With the exception of a comment made about the pathway in the aviary, I love the paths through the rest of the park.
	8	**12**	**0**	
Main Connecting Pathway (i.e. diagonal path)		ã		I like the idea of a walkway from Dalewood Cres./Oak Knoll to Dromore/Marion. I'd prefer just one path and not circular. Choose either the sidewalk along Oak Knoll or the Pathway beside the community garden, but not both. I prefer to just see the sidewalk along Oak Knoll.
	ã	ã		I support one paved wide, multi-use trail as this is a large park. Some cyclists like to get off the road. Posts / gates can be placed
		ã		The main connecting path from the field house at Parkside/Devon to Marion/Dromore could be paved and wider (as proposed at 2.5m) to safely accommodate multi-use. There is a need to
		ã		2.5m path which cuts through park and along to parkview drive is too wide. Suggest 2m of less still allows for bikes and civilian passing.
	1	**4**	**0**	
Community Access Walk (in front of toboggan hill)		ã		Remove "community access walk" near tobaggan hill, but parallel
		ã		The "community access walk" by the tobaggan hill should run at the top of the hill or be removed.
		ã		Could the "community access walk" from Marion in front of the tobaggan hill be removed please?
Park Perimeter Trail	**0**	**3**	**0**	
	ã			Don't go less than 1.5m for the perimeter path, it has to accommodate safely all the runners, walkers, strollers etc. it should be granular as shown.
	ã			1.5 meter wide perimeter path ok, good compromise.
	2	**1**	**0**	

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DRAINAGE				
Resolving Drainage Issues (general)	ã			Poor Drainage in the park
	ã			Drainage is terrible.
	ã			Drainage needs serious attention.
	ã			Drainage needs to be improved
	ã			The drainage needs to be addressed
	ã			There is a problem with water drainage in the park.
	ã			activities
	ã			Want drainage on diamonds.
	ã			Want drainage on diamonds that exist
	ã			Very poor drainage fields are filled with puddles weeks after rain. Want better drainage.
	ã			Solve drainage problems in the outfield.
	11	**0**	**0**	
Proposed SWM / Wetland Areas		ã		The drainage ports that are being considered worry me as sitting water will make the park less desirable because of mosquitos and the potential for people to dump their garbage. I would prefer to see a pipeline below the surface.
	ã			Many wonderful ideas such as letting the wettest part of the park be converted/reverted to wetlands.
	ã			We are pleased with the drainage plans for the park.
	ã			Need SWM areas!
	ã			Let this area be naturalized back to the pond it used to be. This would be a great natural feature for the park.
	ã			Improve drainage; show concepts with drainage ports built under the grass, not visible to the eye.
	5	**1**	**0**	
VEGETATION				
Naturalization of Forest Edges	ã			This redevelopment is long overdue, I am pleased this will address our current issues - support usability of the park while maintaining / enhancing it's naturalized state.
	ã			The protection and enhancement of the environment (RBG Valley Lands) and water quality are very important to me.
	ã			Like forest edge expansion!
	ã			Like proposed vegetation areas (around the park).
	ã			I am particularly happy with the extension of the forest edge
	5	**0**	**0**	
Proposed Trees			ã	Keep green space for activities, don't add more trees or grasses.
			ã	No trees in middle of park. It destroys the magnificent North South expansive view.
			ã	Do not obstruct view of North end of park with new trees between soccer fields.
	ã			More trees are fine between soccer fields - we need the shade.
		ã		If trees are added between soccer fields, make them sparse/spaced widely so that the North South view remains open.
	1	**1**	3	
PARKING				
Addition of Parking / Resolving Parking Issues (general)	ã			Want better parking.
	ã			There is insufficient parking in the park.
	ã			Want better parking.
	3	0	0	
Potential Expansion of School Parking Lot (10,15 cars).		ã		The idea of additional parking consuming green space does not sit well with me. The existing school parking lot is sufficient during daytime hours. The school playground / concrete pad should be utilized during off hours such as evening weekends and summer.
	ã			The parking will be needed.
		ã		We are pleased that there is no parking in Churchill Park.
	1	**4**	**0**	

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SPORTS FIELDS				
Improve Playing Fields	ã			The baseball diamonds are in terrible shape, want better infield
	ã			Poor condition of fields and park area.
	ã			Field conditions need serious attention
	ã			Diamonds currently in terrible condition
	ã			Come up with ways to improve sports fields.
	5	**0**	0	
Maintain Existing Number of Baseball Diamonds	ã			Want more baseball diamonds
	ã			In need of a third baseball diamond.
	ã			Another diamond would be nice.
	ã			Would like to see a proposal for a third baseball diamond.
	ã			I would like to see more activities i.e. baseball diamond.
	ã			Woud like to see more baseball diamonds available for adult activities.
	ã			I would like more baseball diamonds available.
	ã			Want another diamond.
	ã			Need more diamonds at Churchill Park
	ã			The park should have a 3rd baseball diamond.
	ã			I'm currently playing in a baseball league and due to shortage of available diamond space, I'm not able to play every weekend
	ã			I am not able to play ball every weekend due to the fact that there is unavailable diamond space.
	ã			There is a shortage of playing fields for baseball that needs to be addressed.
	ã			Add third baseball by cricket area (old soccer field area)
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	ã			I am disappointed in the lack of an option for a 3rd baseball diamond.
	ã			I would like to see a 3rd baseball diamond by the cricket pitch area
	ã			I was disappointed when the 3rd diamond was removed, just to sit empy. I would like to see it replaced.
	18	**0**	0	
Re-organization of Playing Fields	ã			Shortage of playing fields.
	ã			Please provide more fields to play.
			ã	I question the need for additional soccer facilities at this park.
		ã		I would prefer the new field to have both the ability for a full field
				I wonder if the demographics support 5 mini soccer fields given that younger children play on the old lawn bowling & Dalewood Middle School. By the time these changes take place we may well see more demand for larger fields.
		ã		We are in favour of ultimate frisbee in the park.
	2	**2**	1	
PARK BUILDINGS				
Improvements to Lawn Bowling Clubhouse & Grounds	ã			Looks like a good future use for the lawn bowling area.
	ã			Could the clubhouse be winterized for year round use? This then could be rented out for community events (ex. Senior meetings, wedding showers, receptions etc.)
	ã			Really like the features of shade structures and picnic areas.
		ã		Need more garbage/recycling areas to picnic table areas.
		ã		The shade structure/picnic area seems squeezed into a limited space.
	3	**2**	**0**	
Existing Field House	ã			We are pleased to learn the fieldhouse will remain the same size and improved; also pleased to learn that the ugly railings and zigzag pavement ramp will be removed and a less noticeable gradual, possibly granular ramp designed. If railings are still necessary either use wood or paint them black.
		ã		Please open the field house bathrooms every weekend.
	ã			Improve bathroom facilities; show in concepts.
	1	**1**	0	
PARK AMENITIES				
Addition of Benches / Bleachers		ã		We are opposed to spectator benches and 28 player benches is
		ã		Plan shows 44+ benches in the park and of those approx. 28 as player benches where none exist today. If absolutely necessary maybe 2/field, or at most 10 total.
		ã		Too many benches in the middle of the field where soccer fields are. Parents bring their own seating usually, suggest locate
	0	**0**	**0**	

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Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
Addition of Signage and Public Art				Signage locations are not given (small natural preferred rather than ornate metal or cement)
				There is a suggestion of signage and public art, would like to know where it would be located. Perhaps south of the fieldhouse off of Parkside? Or at Marion Ave.
Proposed Outdoor Teaching Area		ã		Please make the teaching area modest and self sustaining.
	1	**0**	**0**	
General Comments / Additional Elements Suggested (Not included in Concept #4)				
Addition of a Concession Stand	ã			Want a concession stand
	1	**0**	**0**	
Addition of Sandbox	ã			Add sandboxes in the the playpark.
	1	**0**	**0**	
Adding/Improving Bathroom Facilities	ã			Improve bathroom facilities; show in concepts.
Adding a Skatepark			ã	We are NOT in favour of skateboarders in the park
	ã			Still no amenities for teens in the park. Include skate features. Inclusive means more than accessible.
	1	**0**	1	
Better Park	ã			Uncut grass in the Park.
	ã			Park Maintenance needs to be improved (cutting grass)
	ã			Bathrooms and pathways should be better maintained.
	ã			Improve maintenance of the baseball fields and overall park.
	4	0	0	
Master Plan and Process				There should be more of the Westdale area residents ideas shared on the concepts, more interests need to be covered.
				I would like to see more concepts.
				Have your planners actually set foot in all parts of the park for some of the ideas being proposed? This should be mandatory.
				I would like another chance for people to meet up to talk in more detail about 1) graves, 2)tobaggan hill path, 3) width of sidewalk, 4) Facilities for older children/seniors.
				Not enough public meetings - 8 months apart. A 2nd revision design should not be presented at a 2nd meeting.
				Thank you - unlike some people here tonight I appreciate the process and the opportunity to participate in the PSAG.
				Please add another public meeting with next concept available, with phases indicated.
				One more public meeting with next draft before it goes to the next planning stage.
				Public input 1-3 years after plan implementation to address ongoing concerns.
				I am happy to see the correct due diligence being done.
				Extend Master Plan into the maintenance period to make sure that maintenance respects concerns, currently 'now mow' lines are not being addressed.
Summary of Other Comments (IT IS UNKOWN IF THESE WERE ALSO RECORDED ON COMMENT SHEETS)				
PATHWAYS				
Addition of Park Pathways (general)	ã			I am in uncompromising agreement that we MUST have pathways in the park; I do believe that we need suitable paths. There must be formal path system to encourage exploration and deter damage to the ecosystem and create accessibility for all ranges of abilities.
	ã			I would love to see some pathways in the park.
	ã			I think the trails added to the park make the area much more user friendly.
	ã			I feel the paths are badly needed.
	ã			I think the plan looks wonderful - especially the granular paths surrounding the park and leading to heavy traffic areas.
	ã			Having granular walkways sounds like a good idea.
	ã			I love all the pathways and have no problems with the widths as proposed. If there must be a compromise I could live without the community access walk to the west of the Lawn Bowling club.
			ã	I have great concerns about paving any of this park.
	ã			The granular trails look good.
			ã	I am opposed to the building of any new pathways, gravel or paved.

Summary of PIC #2 Comments Related to Concept #4 (Draft Master Plan)

Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
			ã	I would like to say once again that we feel very strongly against having paths breaking up the park. We feel the paths (both 2.5 and 1.5) will really take away from the green space and from the feel of nature.
		ã		For Cootes Paradise to survive as a healthy wildlife habitat and ecosystem, pavement and other impervious surfaces must be kept to an absolute minimum.
			ã	Haven't the neighbourhood groups said over and over again for years now that Churchill Park should remain unpathed?
		ã		I have some uncertainty about the final plans. Did I hear correctly - is it proposed that there will be no paved pathways and all the granular apths will be 1.5 meters wide? Thank you if that is indeed
	ã			For those opposed to the pathways I have only to say that they have forgotten what it is like to push a stroller through the park, and they should be thankful that they are so able bodied as to never envision requiring more solid ground.
			ã	I am opposed to almost all of the proposed pathways in Concept 4. (*Parkview Drive path supported, see below*)
			ã	Why not keep the trails status quo? Pavement, wood chip, or other formal trails, including dirt will greatly take away from the open feel and natural area.
		ã		Please keep all paths no wider than a Westdale sidewalk. I'm concerned about the speed of cyclists, there needs to be a way to slow the cyclists down, perhaps by making the path more winding -- avoid straight lines on the path. I feel the following 4 paths are unnecessary: 1) From Marion N. crossing to the Main path ont he west side of the lawn bowling building, 2) behind the lawn bowling building 3) from Cline N. to the playground 4) the path entry to the play area from the main path.
	9	**3**	**6**	
Main Connecting Pathway (i.e. diagonal path)	ã			The one path that I would support is the path that runs diagonally beside the baseball diamonds from East to West.
		ã		The main trail that runs from the aviary to Parkside Drive to Devon Place should be paved. All others should be granular as proposed or left as is.
		ã		I am concerned about the number and width of pathways that are being proposed. By making the multi-use 2.5 m pathway, from the end of Dromore to the east side of the park, so wide if may become dangerous for children walking along it as cyclists and even
		ã		My preference is a path that cuts across directly rather than one that follows the forest edge, reasons are threefold: 1) Practicality for walkers/cyclists 2) Direct path provides protection of forest, also
	1	**3**	0	
Addition of Sidewalks			ã	I do not think sidewalks are necessary along the park side of quiet streets, when sidewalks exist a few meters away on the other side of the street.
	0	**0**	1	
Park Perimeter Trail		ã		For the perimeter trail, why not leave this path as is for now. Wait a few years, then propose adding gravel to it. This will give residents a chance to get used to the idea of all those trails and may reduce resistance.
	ã			I would love to see a narrow path through the buffer, like some of the examples you showed, and I'm sure that it would have a much lower impact on the forest.
	ã			We love the proposed pathway to be built around the circumference of the park.
			ã	The existing perimeter path is what runners use and like. If it replaced with a granular path, they likely won't use it and may run on the side of it, creating another dirt oat. Please don't'spend
	2	**1**	**1**	
Parkside / Parkview Path	ã			I am opposed to almost all of the proposed pathways in Concept 4. The one I wold support is the pathway running from Franklin to Devon (by the field house). This "proposed 2.5m granular path" along this field is drawn further away from the road (Parkview) than the existing desire line path. The proposed pathway could be lcoated at least as far east as the desire line path and could even be located further east. I ask that the pathway be minimal width
	1	**0**	0	
DRAINAGE				
Improving Drainage Issues	ã			The added plants in the drainage problem areas were a good idea.
	ã			I think I have heard there will be an attempt at improving the drainage for the soccer fields and that is also a good idea.
	ã			Please work on resolving the drainage issues; reconfigure the sportsfields if needed.
	3	**0**	0	

Summary of PIC #2 Comments Related to Concept #4 (Draft Master Plan)

Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
Proposed SWM / Wetland Areas		ã		Our family loves the multiple swim areas proposed throughout the park - (I think they confused SWM with swim)
				What are the SWM (Stormwater Management) areas proposed to look like? Are these simply landscaped depressions designed to collect water or are they 'naturalized wetland' areas with appropriate vegetation?
		ã		Can you change, enlarge and shape the proposed SWM area between the former lawn bowling and baseball field #1, to a regulation sized rectangular field?
	ã			I hope at least some of the SWMs will be swales like the examples we were shown. They are very attractive and provide much needed focal points in the space.
	ã			Please DO continue with the proposed SWM areas - the drainage
	2	**2**	0	
VEGETATION				
Naturalization of Forest Edges / Environmental Issues	ã			The health of the ecosystem must be carefully considered - specifically the situation with the ravine and water drainage.
	ã			It is of the utmost importance to renaturalize as much of the park abutting Cootes Paradise as possible; The "multi-use existing cricket pitch" should also be renaturalized as soon as possible; Please consider relocating the recreational fields to the east to allow for greater portion of the lands abutting Cootes Paradise to
	ã			The Plan should maximize the area to be renaturalized to help address the local extinction crisis in cootes paradise; If there is any question with respect to the reasons for maximizing renaturalization and minimizing vegetation loss, than an EIS should be undertaken and completed prior to any further action on the Master Plan.
	ã			Renaturalize most or all of the "short term cricket pitch" after a suitable alternative cricket field is made available, I asked the City to expedite this process. Where space permits also shift athletic
	ã			We should be thinking of naturalizing more of the park to try to stem the depletion of these species.
	ã			Please work on maintaining and improving the nature.
		ã		Any changes in the park must be aimed at slowing the current rate of species loss (0.5 species/year); One could easily argue that the habitat needs of many of the Species at Risk that live in Cootes are best met by renaturalizing the entire area of the park.
				What is mean by forest edge expansion? Does this mean that we will be losing part of the 'usable' park for forest space or is it the other way around (less forest and more usable park space)?
	6	**1**	**0**	
Proposed Vegetation			ã	Thank you if there will be much reduced plantings in the final plan. All whom I have asked for opinions over the winter have described the 'awesome open expanse' of the park. There is freedom to walk through it any place. That oppenness sets us apart from Gage Park.
	ã			What I like most about "Churchill Park Draft Concept 4" is that it is recognizes the need to enhance the ecological value of some of the nonnative greenspace with plantings of native species.
		ã		Keep the shrubbery inside the perimeter trail to a minimum so the trail is readily visible from many locations to allow people to feel safe when alone on the trail.
	ã			What better shade than from trees? More trees will just add to the beauty of the park.
	2	**1**	**1**	
PARKING				
Potential Expansion of School Parking Lot (10?15 cars).		ã		My only concern is the potential for increased street parking once the improvements are complete.
		ã		I do have some concerns around parking with the additiona of
			ã	Our parking suggestion is now starting to worry me.
	ã			We are not opposed to additional parking at the school.
			ã	I am particularly opposed to the destruction of greenspace to expand free parking ("expansion of school parking lot")
		ã		Regarding an expanded parking lot, I would prefer that we don't remove parkland and trees for a parking lot but if one has to be considered, *see my comments in #2 of the attached.*
			ã	I would like to reiterate my concern over the proposed additional parking that continues to appear on the conceptual drawings. Quite honestly I'd like to see this disappear altogether. As a resolution I would propose the use of the pavement directly behind George R. Allen (inside the grounds) as you will see has been done this evening.
	1	**3**	**3**	

Summary of PIC #2 Comments Related to Concept #4 (Draft Master Plan)

Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
SPORTS FIELDS				
Addition of Mini-soccer Fields	ã			The addition of mini soccer fields meet the needs of the current
		ã		Leave enough space around the mini soccer field next to the RBG lands so future generations have an option to revert to a larger field.
	1	**1**	**0**	
Proposed Mini Soccer Field (in vicinity of proposed naturalization)			ã	In my view the proposed mini soccer field in the soutwest portion of the Churchill Park Draft Concept 4 should be renaturalized due to its proximity to Cootes Paradise.
			ã	Renaturalize all of the area currently designated as the southwest "mini soccer field"
			ã	I strongly opposed the area designated as "opportunities for a mini soccer field" and feel this area should be naturalized as it cuts into the area that is designated as "Forest Edge Expansion" When I was a boy this area was an intermittent tadpole pond with water in
			ã	I would like to see the entire area that was proposed as a new soccer mini-field (the southwest one) renaturalized along the lines proposed by the scientists at the RBG. This could include reestablishing the pong that used to exist at the site (the pond that used to be known as "tadpole pond".
			ã	I like concept 4, the only thing that jumps out at me is the soccer field carved into the buffer zone. Really? We need another soccer field that much? It looks out of place, and I can't imaging it does wonder for the forest either.
	0	**0**	**5**	
Existing Cricket Pitch		ã		I would like to see the cricket pitch retained.
	0	**1**	**0**	
PARK BUILDINGS				
Improvements to Lawn Bowling Clubhouse & Grounds		ã		Keep one side for lawnbowling, divide the other side in two spaces, One for a basketball court, the other for two tennis courts.
		ã		I like the idea of using the lawn bowling clubhouse year round.
		ã		In what ways will be Clubhouse be upgraded/renovated? This is a tremendous asset for the park, but has been underutilized for years.
		ã		This is a great building that can be used as a café/snack shop on weekend, managed by the city through volunteers or newly created jobs.
		ã		I would like to see something for teens, including a space for them in the clubhouse.
	0	**5**	**0**	
Picnic Areas / Shelters			ã	I am opposed to building a patio area behind and around the clubhouse, because it involves loss of greenspace potentially pavement. I am opposed to the construction of a "shade structure and picnic area"
		ã		The shade structure adjacent to the bowling green building may not be necessary or in the right place. Most likely people will want to picnic closer to the playgrounds where they can see their kids. Maybe place this on the high ground between the playgrounds for the younger and older children.
	ã			The shaded areas and picnic spot look especially good.
	ã			Additional shade and benching/picnic areas would be really wonderful for everyone.
	ã			I think the patio areas added to the park make the area much more user friendly.
	ã			We do not feel the addition of pavilions would be an eyesore.
		ã		I would like to see (the Aviary) area have more picnic spots, and even be the designated picnic spot in the whole park.
	4	**2**	**1**	
Existing Field House	ã			Please care for the current building.
	1	**0**	**0**	
PARK AMENITIES				
Addition of Benches / Bleachers	ã			We do not feel the addition of park benches would be an eyesore.
		ã		I like the seating by the arboretum (I love the benches that have been installed).
		ã		I think the number of benches and tables portrayed is both excessive and unnecessary. A few tucked up discretely in the shade of large trees would be ok, but again not needed.
	ã			Bleachers for the baseball diamonds would be great.
	2	**2**	**0**	

Summary of PIC #2 Comments Related to Concept #4 (Draft Master Plan)

Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
Proposed Shade Structure for Play Area	ã			I like the plans to have shade by the splash pad.
			ã	I am opposed to the constructiion of a "new shade structure" because it involves the loss of greenspace.
	1	**0**	**1**	
PLAY AREAS				
Proposed Climbing Structure		ã		I think the climbing structure was a good start, but perhaps we need to really revisit what is available for older kids and what might be the best.
	ã			I like the planned play structure for older children.
	ã			We do not feel that the climbing structure would be an eyesore.
			ã	I am opposed to the "Climbing Structure for older children"
		ã		The play structure for older kids must be more difficult to climb. Older kids like imaginative play areas, where they can run, play tag or grounders without fear of knocking over little kids.
	2	**2**	**1**	
General Comments / Additional Elements Suggested (Not specific to Concept #4)				
Aviary Area Design				I was under the impression that the Aviary was tobe removed from the park. If the Aviary goes, what will that space, next to the Arboretum and Community Gardens be re-used for?
Addition/Improvement of Washrooms		ã		Please consider adding washroom facilities near the existing and new play structures. The existing facilities are substandard and too
	ã			The availability of washrooms would also limit the number of small children using the trees!
	ã			Washrooms would be a positive extra.
	2	**1**	**0**	
Addition of a Skate Park	ã			I would encourage the addition of a "skate-park" area to further address the needs of older children/young teens; I would like to see a skate park near the field house.
	ã			Our family lives two blocks from Churchill Park and when I heard there were plans to make a skateboard park here I was very excited.
	ã			Bring a skate plaza to Churchill Park in Westdale please.
	ã			If a skatepark in Churchill is to be built, this would give the youth in the community a place to belong make friends and be physcially active all at the same time.
	ã			I think it would be awesome to have a skate park in Churchill.
	ã			I would like to let you know of my support for the idea to bring a skate park to Churchill Park.
	ã			I think a skate park would be a great addition to the Park and would satisfy the recreational needs of the areas youth and other young people.
	ã			I think the addition of a skate park would be an asset to the community and a safe and healthy place for the older kids to go and practice their sport.
	ã			I would love to have a skate plaza nearby.
	ã			I think the idea of a skate park in Westdale is an excellent one!
	ã			I fully support the idea to have a skate plaza at Churchill Park. Our community sadly lacks recreational facilities for teenagers and young adults.
	ã			I support a skateboard facility for older youth at Churchill park for the reasons stated.
	ã			I think a larger skate park in that park would be a great asset to Hamilton.
	ã			Yes I would like to see a skate plaza to Churchill Park.
	ã			I personally think a skate park would be a great idea.
	ã			I would be supportive of a skate park at Churchill Park.
			ã	Before considering a skate park, talk to the police. A location like Churchill Park, adjacent to houses where residents already have
	ã			I would like to add my voice to the skatepark initiative. We also need to provide a way for teans to engage the park in a positive way, and the skate park examples Kristen has shown me answer any aesthetic concerns I might have.
	17	**0**	**1**	
Addition of a Cultural Gathering Area	ã			The only thing that might be lacking is a cultural/arts gathering spot; i.e. a bandshell type structure facing an inclined area for
	1	**0**	**0**	
Addition of Basketball/Tennis	ã			I would like to see a basketball or tennis area for teenagers and individuals of all ages.
	ã			It would be great to see a basketball area.
	2	**0**	**0**	
Addition of a Concession Stand			ã	We appreciate that there is NO proposed snack bar for the park. Hurray!
			ã	Concession stand please no!
	0	**0**	**1**	

Summary of PIC #2 Comments Related to Concept #4 (Draft Master Plan)

Comments on Elements in Concept #4	Support	Some Support	No Support	Comments
Addition of a Dog Run / Leash Free	ã			It occurs to me that one could do a lot with a dog-friendly section of a revamped Churchill Park. We could easily devote a long and relatively narrow band of the woodland border to dedicated trais in and out of woodland sections, discreetly fenced in along the forest
	1	**0**	**0**	
Addition of a BMX Park	ã			I was in Sarnia on the weekend, and they have just built a BMX track at Canatara park, Which appeared to be very popular with all ages.
	1	**0**	**0**	
Presence of Graves / Burial Site				Why is it called Churchill Park? Because there was a Church built on the hill in 1825 and torn down 1915. Would be better if the City of Hamilton told people. There are 401 graves buried North of where the church was. 1822-1932. There are 19 plots win a zig zag method, 17 of which have 23 graves. Why? I don't know. It would be a good idea if you were able to do some homework and communicate. I can tell you the age/gender/nationality and reason for death concerning most every grave in Churchill Park. That's dowsing abilities. I informed you on Thursday that I found similar about 8 years in St. Catharines at the request of the Niagara Region Historian. Perhaps you should get the Hamilton Historian involved. I'm available in person anytime.
General Park Master Plan Design				I believe the elements should be inviting, offer a nice transition from our residential streets to the green space.
		ã		I think the playground/splashpad/parking/school area needs a lot of thought to make sure that it does not simply become more concrete.
	ã			I am a resident in the park development area and would like to express my support for the changes in "Draft Concept 4", I believe that improving Churchill Park will benefit the community greatly.
	ã			Overall, I do support the plan. It will be a wonderful enhancement for the community.
		ã		In general I am in favour of several of the proposed changes to the park, I am concerned about the loss of 'general use open space'.
	ã			I think the plans look fabulous! Lots of playing fields, lots of trees, swimming areas?! My family would love this - *Another confusion with SWM and swim.*
			ã	Do not urbanize the park anymore than it already is. As far as I can see the city needs this place to stay natural.
		ã		The Plan should minimize loss of existing vegetation and should especially avoud the introduction of more pavement; The Master
			ã	I am not in favour of the plan provided. I am not in favour of any further development of the area of Churchill Park.
		ã		I am concerned about the cumulative footprint of all the wide "multi-use trails" as well as other structures (e.g. climbing equipment, gazebos, patios) that are being proposed.
				Anything that is added to the park needs to be something that won't
	ã			The "Churchill Park Concept 4 Plan" looks great.
	4	**4**	**2**	
Master Plan Process				I believe the plan should take into consideration severl demographics (sports participants, young children, adolescent children, families, seniors, adults).
				I would urge you to put your comment sheet into a survey format and ask the local schools to send it out to their communities by email.
				I would like to know more about the Churchill Park Master Plan process. 1) The current "deadline" for comments was given as of May 21st. This is only one week away, and I am currently busy with other problems. Is there a prospect for an extension of this deadline? 2) What is the final deadline for input into the process? Or to rephrase, at what point do the recommendations of the Master Plan Process become "final" and unalterable? 3) I did not hear a clear answer with respect to the decision making process for the "final" Master Plan. Who makes this decision? On what basis will that decision be made? How transparent will the reasons for the decision be? Will reasons be publicly released?

Summary of PIC#3 (Review of Draft Master Plan with Skateboard Circuit)

October 2012 (169 comments received)

Sheet #	Satisfaction with Draft Master Plan with Skateboard Circuit added			Skateboard Circuit Location						Material Clear			Improve Process			Comments
	Yes	No	Indiff.	A	B	C	D	No	Indiff.	Yes	No	Indiff.	Yes	No	Indiff.	
1			1						1	1					1	Put it (skatepark) in Kay Drage Park
2																Improve drainage, install drainage parts farther from diamonds, level the infield to outfield playing surface
3	1									1				1		Community concerns/wants have been well addressed. Plan looks great. Can't wait!
4	1			1								1				Definety (sic) older climbing gym & skateboard and path for all
5	1			1			1			1						Skateboarding is very noisy - keep away from houses. Could location D disturb the Temple? It probably would be well used! Much better than kids setting up a ramp in the road.
6	1			1						1				1		I am only worried about the skateboard path being too close to existing playground because of the possibility of skateboarding - preschooler interference.
7				1						1				1		Skateboarding
8	1							1		1				1		I am happy with the overall look of the master plan. I am very happy with the rain gardens and non-intensive lawn maintenance. I am opposed to the granular path along the forrest (sic) edge. It clearly defines the border of the park. I prefer a (sic) unclear border. I like the open view of the park. Please keep it!. The park is underused and empty, but also "wasteland" is needed in the City. It gives you peace and quiet and makes you reflect. Please don't define and build it up too much!
9	1							1								My concern is with a skateboard park - it will attract noise, etc. I would suggest that if a skate park is necessary, there should be no evening lighting - hopefully the users will go home at dark. I think that it will take away from the natural beauty. The water drainage is a major concern for houses bordering the park (Parkside, Kipling, Devon) - during heavy rains, basements are flooded - any drainage plans must ensure watershed is diverted from residential homes.
10	1			1						1				1		Very pleased with the process & the resulting plan. My priority is for creating a park that has greater accessibility for all - is inclusive & welcoming. The perimeter pathway & path connecting Marion & Parkside are <u>both critical</u> to ensuring a park that is well used & meets needs for both active (sports, play area, skatepark) & more passive (walking, seating benches), connecting to nature & connecting to RBG trails). I have observed first hand how many more individuals of all ages are now using Victoria Park since they added the perimeter walkway. Churchill Park is an absolute jewel - we specifically relocated to Westdale to be near it. We walk it everyday but realize that paths would greatly increase the use by others which would be fabulous. With an aging populaton, the City must recognize & plan for ways to encourage & facilitate more accessible use of the Park. This means providing options for use - shorts loops, long loops, seating, shade etc. - also AODA stabdards should be considered. City needs to set the example for creating inclusive, barrier free parks.
11	1			1						1					1	The play area currently attracts enough after hours activity that late night loitering is already an issue. A skateboard structure in this area would worsen the problem. The "A" proposal is the only good option.

Sheet #	Satisfaction with Draft Master Plan with Skateboard Circuit added			Skateboard Circuit Location						Material Clear			Improve Process			Comments
	Yes	No	Indiff.	A	B	C	D	No	Indiff.	Yes	No	Indiff.	Yes	No	Indiff.	
12	1						1									
13	1			1						1				1		Very pleased with draft plan, particularly the pathways and especially the perimeter path along the forest. The solution to standing water is innovative and hopefully will be effective. I also support the proposed reforestation as recommended by RBG. I support the shade structure and picnic area adjacent to the former lawn bowling clubhouse. Also it is good to see improvements proposed for the entrance to Ravine Road. It's a good process, however I was concerned at the final PSAG that changes had be (sic) made that had been in all prior 4 alternatives. I'm glad the pathways were put back in!
14	1			1						1					1	I love the overall plan. I am a little concerned that the skate park will attract teenagers at night (like the swings do) so I think it should be as far from houses as possible. It should <u>not</u> be lit for that reason. I love the planting of trees and the path around the park. My disabled brother-in-law will be able to wheel around the park. I hope though that no lighting will come to this path. Right now the deer come out at dusk and I think this should not be interfered with. I think this plan will bring more people to this park which in my opinion is underutilised at the moment. The teenagers partying in the park is an issue, so anything to discourage this will have my vote!! Love the path!!.
15	1									1					1	Looks great. Two things - 1) concession stand - ice cream for kids, 2) granular trail - should be paved for people with disabilities - increase accessibility. Great job!
16	1							1		1			1			Kay Drage Park. I attended all meetings & read all computer comments & feel consensus was for narrower granular paths. 2.5m is too wide (car size). I am pleased there is no parking on the park. I am also pleased the field house will remain the same size & ugly railings & concrete removed. Thank you for the excellent opportunity for input. I look forward to the results of the water study. Water main breaks in March - 2 within 2 weeks.
17	1				1	1	1			1				1		I think the plan looks great. I support the skate park, in any location. I am a member of the PSAG - thank you for doing your best to include the community in the process.
18	1						1			1					1	I am very happy with the final draft. I think it is a great compromise between keeping its natural character, and conecting it to an urban, walkable neighbourhood. The connecting pathways are crucial to making this space the welcoming, inclusive place that it should be. I like the consideration given to older kids with the skate path and the climbing structure - would love to see a sand pit as part of this. I also like the addition of the shelter next to the lawn bowling club - it helps better connect the clubhouse to the rest of the park. The swales & trees provide much needed focal points in the park - would like even more trees! Also glad to see the mini soccer field taken out of the buffer.
19		1						1					1			I like most aspects of the plan but I am very concerned about the skateboard circuit (particular locations A or B) which will be a complete eyesore for me - I am concerned about my view of the park, I am concerned about noise and older teens congregating there, drinking etc. I am concerned about the "unsightlyness", the garbage & graffitti (sic). I am concerned about what the skate park will do quite frankly to my property value. While I understand and appreciate why some people want this type of facility in the park, I think it is a somewhat incongruous use in an otherwise natural setting. Also, the corner of Dromore & Marion gets quite congested with traffic especially in the summer with people parking to dog walk, take their kids to soccer etc. I would be concerned that congestion in this area would become worse and potentially a safety issue. In summary, I could live with a skate park if deemed critical at site "D" which is located closer to the school parking lot and I think would be less intrusive.
20		1														Skate park should be located behind former lawn bowling clubhouse on the lower level field to have the building buffer noises from the park. It is furthest distance from houses.
21		1						1		1				1		There are baseball & soccer fields for older kids. Skateboarding parks are loud & will be a hang out spot at night for drinking. I was very disapointed that detailed results of the water study were not available at the meeting. When will the public be made aware of the results for implementation? Two water main breaks in March near the vicinity of the field house.
22		1						1			1					Put the skateboard park by Drage Park near 403. I do not feel perimeter paths are needed. I'd prefer the natural surface remains. The recent addition of suggested skateboard park is unsettling.

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23		1						1		1					1	Skate park should go in Kay Drage Park - far enough for noise not a bother to neighbours,close enough kids can get there, cops can easily cover it! Car parking - G.R. Allan School parking lot is underutilized (& too smal for their own staff!) Perhaps you should INSTRUCT all teams using the park to use the school lot INSTEAD of parking on roads so us residents can park in front of our own houses! (2 or 3 car families - driveway for 1 car = need to park on road!) Thank you!!
24		1						1		1					1	The skateboard park would be better sited at Kay Drage Park away from housing. I believe this would worsen the parking situation on Parkside Drive.
25		1						1		1				1		The residents of the northern blocks of Parkside Dr. and Kipling are always vigilant about issues relating to drainage. It is imperative that wastewater issues do not escalate as a result of the park development. The neighbourhood homeowners are also concerned about the skateboard circuit. The noise and late-night issues related to this activity would be hugely detrimental to residents. Finally, two watermain breaks within two weeks indicate other issuses particularly with water supply to the field house.
26		1						1		1				1		This activity attracts a negative element for many reasons. In the past we have witnessed graffiti which is a cultural reality with skate culture. The demographic of the skateboards is very young and being unsupervised, it will lead to many problems. Drinking, drug use after hours at this spot will detract from the beauty of the park. I currently see skaters in front of the field house on occassion (sic). It is always loud and disruptive to other residents and creates a negative feeling. Also the field house attracts negative elements after hours. Anywhere there is a structure will always attract drinking and drug use after park curfew.
27		1						1		1						Parking is a problem, very little, they park where it says No Parking. Skate board will be a problem, noise, hangout for older ones. Concrete takes away from green space.
28		1						1					1			I walk a dog in the park twice a day every day of the year for the past 40 years. I have lived in the area for 66 years and I want it left the way it is. You have given no thought to the seniors in the area and as we pay for a lot of this at least we deserve a few benches and a path thats (sic) safe to walk on. I have been hit by at least 3 different bikes in the last few years.
29		1						1		1			1			Very little parking and often people park illegally. Skateboard circuit is a definite NO - noise problem, hangout for older children, dangerous, and takes away from the green space. Granular walkway is a waste of money. Walking on grass is much better for your feet. RBG should cut down all the dead trees around Churchill Park and in the woods. Then plant new ones. Everything was displayed well but it seems that while we are debating about this plan, the large machinery is already in the park getting it ready for your master plan. My master plan is this - Fix up the school playgrounds (G.R. Allan, Dalewood, Prince Philip) and install soccer posts so the kids can get more use from them while at school. Also, check out Kay Drage Park (off Macklin St.) which was converted to soccer fields. Is it being used to it's full potential? My question - Why do we have to organize a child's playtime. Can't they use thier own imagination!!!
30		1						1		1			1			I am an avid in line skater. I am using the very accessible and safe Hamilton Harbor Waterfront Trail starting from Princess Point. I can fully recommend this trail to skaters and bikers of all ages. THERE IS NO NEED for an additional trail and no need to have any concrete trail in the nature of Churchill Park. Thank you.
31		1						1			1		1			The idea of paving natural green space to install a skate pad is ridiculous in today's setting. It should be located in an already paved area - underused parking lot eg.
32		1						1					1			The concrete circuit is not in keeping with the common understanding & vision for the park. Would be disruptive to the neighbourhood.
33		1						1		1			1			Perhaps have the skateboard circuit @ Princess Point - not close to residential area?
34		1						1		1			1			Concerns regarding "gateway entrance" to Churchill Park at Cline and Marion. Adding a sign, gazebo, arch, path, entrance or any distraction at this intersection is asking for a traffic fatality. Rarely do people stop at the sign. Commonly folks are distracted by getting somewhere on time and are speeding. Why put an entrance where you cannot park? Why not and (sic) "gateway entrance" by the aviary or the Parkside playground area. Why not a nice arch. (sic)
35	1						1			1					1	

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36		1						1		1						I think in general the plan for the park is excellent. I am not interested in the skate board park being a part of the upgrades to the park. This is my main and only concern with the current proposal.
37	1			1						1				1		I don't see any extra parking for the soccer fields and am wondering about that. Maybe some angled parking along Parkview?
38	1					1	1			1						While some residents may oppose the skateboard circuit, we believe the needs & interests of all members /residents of our neighbourhood need to be considered - especially teenagers. This circuit would provide a much safer alternative to longboarding/skateboarding on the roads. We believe the notion that a skateboard circuit would attract undesirable activities is an unfounded & unwarranted stereotype. We are definitely in support of the skateboard circuit.
39		1						1								Churchill Park is not the right location for skateboarding, particularly in the designated "C" area where young children usually play and enjoy themselves. I am surprised that anybody in his/her right mind would even dream of pacing such a large concrete structure in Churchill Park. However, I do agree that the waterfront park would be a more appropriate location for skate boarding activities.
40	1						1									We are in favour of the Skate Park in location D'. We believe in providing a safe and attractive outlet in our local community for preteens to exercise as a preventative approach to the escalation of childhood obesity. Please consider the addition of a Skate Park an investment in the future health of our youth.
41		1						1					1			The skate park would affect the "natural" green feel of the fields and park due to the concrete construct. The skate park would possibly create safety hazards for little children with teenagers incoming in the area. It may invite graffitti (sic) as well. A better use would be a volleyball court similar to the one in Dundas Drive-in (sic)Park. I often see that being used by children as a sand box and small groups of users who bbq and play games.
42		1					1									Except for one parent, there was universal disapproval of skateboarding in the park! There was a universal complaint about activity after dark in the park - loud unruly teenagers hanging out at the lawn bowling or the area of the children's playground. Yes, our park should be inclusive - but it does not have to have 'all' activities.
43		1					1									The skate park is too close to people's homes. A skate park is very noisy - day and night.
44		1					1						1			Paving over any part of the green space is a bad idea. The noise of a skate park a few hundred feet from homes is also a BAD idea.
45	1						1				1		1			We support the building of a skateboard circuit in the Westdale Community, but think it should not be built on greenspace. Would it be possible to build it at the bottom of Macklin Street,at the entrance to the waterfront trial? Otherwise the play area by the school where there are already structures built. We agree with the premise that the park is for everyone's use. However the views of those who live nearby and who will be most affected must be factored into the decision making process. The Marion Avenue locations are NOT SUITABLE.
46		1					1			1						
47		1						1		1			1			I do not support the skateboard circuit at Churchill Park. Having lived in the area for 20+ years, I prefer to see the greenspace and tranquility of the park maintained. As well, I continue to visit it with my new baby and have concerns about the safety of the area and noise level should a skatepark be built. I would think a skatepark is more suited to an indoor facility where it can be used year-round and near other facilities with youth of a similar age group. I would be disappointed to see the character of the park changed by so much concrete.
48		1						1		1			1			I believe that the park represents a natural green space and that this initiative reduces the space in an urban district. More suitable areas can be located that does not compromise Hamilton's Urban Green Spaces.
49		1						1			1		1			I do not support the idea of skateboard circuit as (1) a concrete circuit is a degration of a natural setting - in a time where there has been some good gains in viewing development from an evironmental standpoint - I find it alarming that this plan has reached such a point - it is not an environmentally progressive idea (2) there is already an existing "bottleneck" of traffic along that section of Marion leading to forseeable safety concerns and (3) while I do not live in the section that will be most impacted (Marion) - I do believe that residents there will be adversely impacted by a circuit that could attract late night gatherings + affect residents' pleasure in their homes / location

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50							1	1		1						I would not want a skateboard structure near my home and therefore feel [option D is the only suitable place for the structure, as it is not as close to people's homes on Parkside and Marion. I actually feel somewhere like Frid Street would be a better place for such a structure.
51										1			1			Overall, it looks like very positive step. As people who frequently walk in the park, we particularly like the additional walking paths around the perimeter, including the sidewalk/path along Marion in front of the (soon-to-be-ex) Aviary, and the paths across the park on the athletic field side. Doing something about the storm drainage is not sexy-looking but will make for a marked improvement, as those sections seem to turn into practically-impenetrable swamps for longer periods with each passing year. Our major problem with the plan is that it seems to have the expanded forest behind the Aviary come so close to it as to prevent its use for cross-country skiing, or even strolling. We also wonder why it is necessary to have the forest come so close to the cricket pitch, eating up walking space. Otherwise, well done, and let's get on with it as soon as possible.
52								1		1						Kay Drage Park (no houses near by). The path along parkside is **too wide** No more asphalt or concrete please
53		1		1						1					1	Generally I like the plan. I am very much in favour of the skateboard park, and most of the changes. I am not happy to see the loss of the cricket pitch, soccer field, and frisbee space. Too much space is taken up by the SWM ponds, which serve almost no other purpose. (to grow ragweed?) The RBG representative indicated there is no reason why trees can not be planted in the SWM ponds. (maybe on small islands?) Why not combine treed areas with the SWM ponds, and leave more space for frisbee, soccer or cricket.
54		1														Somewhere between A & D, perhaps behind the lawn bowling building. Stil easily accessible to police A & B are too close to the houses on Marion noise **will be** an issue.
55		1					1	1		1			1			We prefer not to have a Skateboard circuit because they are noisy. But if there has to be one, we prefer D for the location.
56		1						1				1			1	This park will attract loitering and disruptive behaviour. The noise at night will be disruptive.
57		1						1				1			1	It’s a family community - I'm concerned about the presence and influence of those using the skate park on young children that use the park - i.e. offensive language. How will a skate park be monitored to prevent unruly behaviour? My family is very familiar with the park. My mother works at the elementary school near the park; my siblings and I went to Westdale High School, and my brother and my father participated in soccer at the park. I think of Westdale as a nice quite, family-oriented community; adding a skate park would be totally disruptive to the area.
58		1						1		1			1			I do congratulate you on the proposal to add a rain garden, although I caution you that the plants planted so near the forest edge should be native plants and not ones that could become invasive and spread into the woodland. I am very strongly opposed to the skateboard pad and would prefer that the gravel paths be reduced in width from the proposed 2.5m to something narrower for the following reasons: [1] At a time when there is such a social emphasis in preserving and, if possible, expanding green space, the City of Hamilton regularly proposes paving over sections of Churchill Park. Every few years there seems to be another scheme to convert this wonderful natural area into paved bicycle paths or paved patios for pizza oven community gathering space. The skateboard pad is another of these paving proposals. The park and the Westdale Ravine are one of the largest and last green spaces in the western section of Hamilton. Every day people come to walk, regenerate and play in this beautiful park. I am therefore opposed to any form of paving. [2] The skateboard pad, like all other skateboard pads I have seen within the city, will be a place of graffiti, noise and vandalism. The police are not in favour of them and they
59		1						1				1	1			Churchill Park is a unique, long, open space. To build man made structures would impede that uniqueness. People can borrow this space and bring their chairs, bats balls, nets, frisbees and take these things away when they are finished. I have been a longtime user (over 55 years) and homeowner (30 years). Erecting a skateboard park for a few would cause many problems for alot of people. Noise pollution would be one of these problems. Perhaps a better location could be found near the Innovation Park Area.

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60		1						1		1			1			(1) I like the inclusion of the rain garden, teaching area and climbing structure. (2) I do not think realignment of the main trail entrances will work for RBG vehicles. (3) the proposed width of 2.5m for the walkways is too much, especially the main one into the park - this is an open invitation for vehicles to proceed into the park at Marion + Dromore, as already happens some nights! (4) Proposed concrete skate path - this was never raised at any of the public discussion meetings over the years: I have been to them all. None of the residents along the park were notified nor asked for their input before this concept appeared on the Mar. 2012 Plan draft. Police and other community groups do not recommend a skateboard feature be placed in a residential setting, due to noise, graffiti and behavioural problems. This proposed path may be designed for younger teens; but for certain, older teens will use it late at night. *Is this considered by the planning and proponents, who don't live on the park?* So many people in our neighbourhood are unaware of this cement feature being proposed for our green space and are upset when they have recently found out! (5) Please consider carefully the number of trees to be planted in the
61		1						1		1					1	I don't believe this plan is needed. Why meddle with a perk that is already great.
62		1						1		1			1			I am absolutely not in favour of a skateboard circuit anywhere in Churchill Park. Not only will it be a complete **eyesore** but it will be incredibly disruptive to homeowners and anyone enjoying the parks atmosphere. Hamilton only has a very few beautiful green spaces. Please don't destroy the little beauty that we have
63		1						1		1			1			A skateboarding circuit is **not** in keeping with neighbourhood. Essence of park will be lost. We need less concrete jungle and more natural space. The beautiful bird sounds will be drowned out. It will be very, very noisy continuously. Garbage will be strewn about. Once this is built and problems do arise - it will be almost impossible to undo what has already been built. I am not opposed to a skate park in the west end of Hamilton but **NOT** in Churchill Park.
64		1						1			1		1			Like the idea of path perimeter and additional plantings. Don't believe croncrete in "English Common" esthetic of this unique Greenspace in Hamilton is sensible or in keeping with chracter - bad choice!
65		1						1				1	1			We feel that the Churchill Park is an important natural asset to the people of Westdale, and that it should be preserved. Our house is located on Cline Ave N right across from the Park, and we spend lots of time in the park, as do others. We often see the existing park used by children and young adults, who benefit from its green space and natural beauty. A skateboard park would involve a huge cement structure, paving over our public park - We are concerned that this initiative, the Churchill Park Master Plan" has been pushed forward without proper due process and community involvement. We just heard about this today, April 14th, by a concerned resident. Why was the neighbourhood planning committee not informed? Why was the Ainsleywood (sic) Westdale neighbourhood Association not informed? Why were we not informed by the city? The majority of residents that would be impacted by this skateboard park have not been officially notified and we are not happy about this.
66		1						1		1			1			regarding Skateboard Park: 1. until very recently > this is the first that I'd (Wed) heard of this > it feels like you are trying to sneak it under our noses. 2. Parking on the streets willl increase as will congestion > concerns for safety for the very folks the park is designed for (forgive the dangling participle). 3. Paving a park - really > goes against what a park is designed to do! /4 Noise - This park is very close to residents - have you heard how noisy skateboard against concrete is? /5 location - that part of the park floods - re you planning a natural pool? - drainage will be a huge issue - upkeep cost will be ridiculous. /6 - a park is to be green and quiet and a Skateboard Park is the antithesis. /7- a good location because it can easily be accessed by police!! - I believe that comment covers it > we already have an issue with 'bush parties' - a skateboard park at the opening of the entrance will be further invitation /8 - lights and noise at night - excess of cars - danger to children - from folks who likely are not from the area. Other skateboard parks in this city are ***Not*** in residential close quarters - there are better places for this type of facility with better accessibility - and parking - (i.e. waterfront area as recommended by another writer)
67		1						1								We can't have a skate park in Churchill Park. It is peaceful and beautiful place. We need more trees not less. Kids run through that large open space, the cross country high school team, university team and sport camps use this space. It will look like one out of place big concrete mess - very noisy, out of control at night.
68		1					1	1		1			1			Why not put it in Coronation Park
69		1						1		1				1		I support the idea of a skatepark however not in Churchill Park. It is too close to homes and too loud. Perhaps a more suitable location would be Coronation Park.
70		1						1		1				1		Churchill Park is a green space enjoyed by many Hamiltonians beyond just Westdale. A skateboard park is not in keeping with the green environment of the park. Please don't replace green space with concrete.

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71		1						1								I support the idea of a skateboard circuit but do not want to sacrifice precious and used green space which should be preserved therefore not in Churchill Park.
72								1								It designates a very large area of the path to sport / group purposes & leaves very much less for unorganized enjoyment by others eg. Seniors, visitors to area. More concrete = less relaxing green space. A leash free dog space is much needed in Westdale.
73		1						1								I am concerned about a skateboard circuit in Churchill Park. I think it better to locate it near Coronation Arena on Macklin or in the waterfront park. I'd prefer the greenspace remain green. In addition, skateboards are noisy & potentially dangerous near toddlers & young children. I have lived 1 block from Churchill Park for 32 years and enjoy & appreciate the green space and existing facilities ie playground & splash pad
74		1						1					1			Skateboarding circuits are noisy, dangerous, attract gangs, will create competitions from outside neighbourhood resulting in fights, will require police presence. It's a waste of green space, not people friendly especially to elderly and young children. Another invasion of wild life environment.
75		1						1		1			1			We should value our precious green space not denegrate it. Cement structures in Westdale's gem?!? - absolutely not in keeping with a beautiful natural setting. The noise and disruption would be completely unfair to those who live all around the edges of the park. The site favoured by planners, is in closest proximity to police presence. They favour this site since police will have the best accessibility. Doesn't that speak volumes as to anticipated problems? Avoid problems. Do not build a skateboard circuit in such an inappropriate spot. Surely thare are other locations more suitable in West Hamilton. ... I realize that those who thought this be a great concept - a place for young teens to participate in active sport don't realize that these same teens are engaged in running, informal soccer.. everyday all the time. I have 10 plus reasons why a large unsightly cement structure in a beautiful green space - a gem in Westdale - would be absolutely horrible. I am astonished the idea was ever mentioned. Everyone who lives near the park is not in favour of it and they are the ones affected.
76		1						1		1						I am completely opposed to the building of this structure. It is aesthetically and environmentally unappealing. Skateboarding is extremely noisy and this activity will be going on in… nights at 2am and 3am. This is a peaceful neighbourhood, and this structure will change the area and the park completely.
77		1						1								Churchill Park is a **PARK** and should be maintained as such. **ANY** cement structure within the park would be inappropriate.
78								1		1			1			I have real concerns about parking in the neighbourhood. As well, it is well known that on weekends there are 'bush' parties within the wooded parts of this area, a skateboard park will only add to this issue as it is the similar age group. - a further concern is that we would be paving sections of the **GREEN** in order to build a skatepark - how would hours be controlled? lights or no lights there will be people there - who is liable when someone injures his/herself skateboarding in the dark? - noise will also be an issue, this park echoes + is close to the neighbourhood in ways that other parks are not!
79		1						1		1					1	Churchill Park is a beautiful, peaceful, and natural environment that is used by the whole community: We strongly oppose a skateboard park for the following reasons: Firstly, the development of a skateboard park will damage the aesthetics of the park and the green space. Secondly, the tranquility of the community might suffer not only from the noise but also from the lights needed to light the park at night time for safety reasons, the garbage, the graffiti, and negligence that might cause irreversible damage to our community. Finally, skateboarding as a sport is a non-inclusive activity that profits only a small segment of our society at large. It mainly fits one demographic: boys aged around ten to twenty years. The younger children, older people, senior citizens and females in general might feel excluded. For example, on the contrary, an outdoor gym park would be more beneficial for a wider range of ages, sexes and is significantly safer than a skateboard park. To conclude, we, and our neighbours, strongly opposed the development of a skateboard park.
80		1						1		1						The skate park will be a risk for under 12 children. Consider the area of the arena (Mackling St.) with full supervision when open
81		1						1		1						I am a resident of Dromore Cresent and Oak Knoll. I have 4 grown children, two of which skateboarded for years. They built wooden structures themselves and had great fun. Churchill Park is one of the reasons we moved to this area, paid top dollar for our very little property and continue to pay very high taxes. I would be willing to pay even higher taxes to have the structure built somewhere else or not at all. What about Pier 4, the new waterfront development? Lots of space, lots of parking, not much residential upheaval.

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82	1						1			1					1	
83								1		1			1			The skateboard circuit does not belong in the park, maybe place it at Coronation rink location - remove the hill or dip from the infield to outfields of Diamond #1&2 - level the grass area as there is dips & holes in the outfield on both Diamonds - Clean the bathrooms up - Fix infield of Diamond closest to the bathrooms. I call it Diamond #1 but I believe you have it as Diamond #2 - improve drainage issue - install pathways away from outfield of diamonds
84		1														The fields are not maintined thus, causing need to improve drainage! Being part of a baseball team, it is dangerous for players as the grass is not kept clean + cut. Therefore players get injured due to the lack of care for the infield and outfield conditions. The bathrooms are disgusting as they smell and are dirty. - open the buildings for residents and leagues to use. Would be nice to have parking by the school either on school grounds or perhaps the entrance to the park on the grass (by school parking lot) *Improve paths to include accessability for people with disabilities and/or elderly.
85		1						1		1				1		Level fields, improve drainage, refurbish bathrooms - put skateboard park by Coronation Rink / Pool - create path around diamond 2 outfield ASAP to prevent injury
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88		1						1		1						Level fields, improve drainage, refurbish bathrooms - skateboard park by Coronation / pool - create path around diamond 2 (outfield) ASAP to prevent injury
89		1						1								Improve the drainage of the fields
90		1						1		1					1	Improve Drainage - Level Infield - Irrigate Field - Don't Plan (sic) trees
91		1						1				1			1	Level in field - No skateboard
92		1						1				1			1	Leave the baseball diamonds - level the field - Homerun fences up to 300ft
93		1						1				1			1	Leave baseball Diamond no skate park
94		1						1				1			1	
95								1								Needs better drainage support - level the infield & outfields - no to circuit skateboard area - install pathways that will divert traffic from the ball fields - improve washroom conditions
96			1						1	1					1	Regardless of whether skate park is built, more care needs to be given to baseball diamonds. Fields need to be levelled and better irrigation
97		1						1								Baseball diamonds will get more use if properly taken care of. Skate park is not necessary.
98			1						1			1				improve drainage - install drainage ports farther away from the Diamonds - level the diamond in/outfield to avoid injuries - irrigate outfield - no skateboard circuit @Churchill - improve washroom conditions - don't plant trees by sports field unless consulted - possible re-alignment or design fix of Diamond #1
99	1								1	1			1			Improve Drainage - drainage ports farther from Diamonds - Level fields (infield and outfield) - relocate skateboard circuit - improve washroom conditions - no trees by sports fieldds - fix diamond #1
100			1						1			1				Improve drainage - Install the infield to outfield playing surface so there is no hill or dip from infield to out field - irrigate the outfield and level off the outfield playing area by adding Soil - NO to the skateboard circuit at churchill and locate it somewhere else ex. Coronation Rink location off of Macklin St. - Improve the washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart - don't plant trees by the sports field unless sports groups are consulted - possible realignment or design fix of diamond #1
101			1					1				1			1	Improve Drainage - Install drainage ports farther from the diamonds - level the infield to outfield playing surface - improve washroom conditions
102		1						1				1			1	Improve drainage - Install drainage ports farther away from the diamonds - don't plant trees by sports fields unless the sports groups are consulted - improve washroom conditions - NO skateboard circuit!!

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103			1					1		1				1		Improve Drainage - improve washrooms - don't (sic) plant trees by sports fields
104		1						1				1			1	Improve drainage - Improve washroom conditions - Install drainage farther from diamonds - No Skateboard Circuit!!
105		1						1		1					1	no skateboard park - cut grass - upgrade bathrooms - level outfield
106		1						1		1			1			No Skate park - Improve irrigation - washroom facility - fences in outfield
107		1						1		1					1	no skate park - cut grass - Upgrade bathrooms - Improve drainage - level out fields
108		1						1		1					1	cut grass - level fields - improve washroom - fix drainage
109								1		1					1	Drainage - level field off (outfield to infield) - Washrooms (Upgrade) - fountains - maintain fields - cut grass
110		1						1				1			1	Grass cutting - level infield + outfields - better drainage - need accessible bathrooms
111		1						1				1			1	grass cutting - Improved washrooms - Level infield to outfield - better drainage
112			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield Playing to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom Conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are Consulted.
113			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield Playing to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
114			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
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117			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
118			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
119								1								Improve Drainage - level the infield with the outfield of both diamonds - No to skateboard circuit area, find another location - install pathways to divert traffic from the ball fields - improve washroom conditions
120			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
121			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
122			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
123			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.

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124			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports filds unless sports groups are consulted.
125			1					1		1				1		Improve drainage, Install drainage ports farther away from diamonds, level infield to the outfield playing area by adding soil, Improve washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart, don't plant trees by sports fields unless sports groups are consulted.
126		1						1				1			1	Ball diamonds are not properly set up. They are high compare to infield.
127		1						1								Improve drainage - level infield and outfield - Irrigate the outfield - No skateboard park - Improve washrooms - Don't Plant trees - Reallign (sic) the Diamond
128		1						1								Level all fields - Irrigate the outfield - No Skateboard park - Realign diamonds - Fix the bathrooms - Someone is going to break a leg / ankle in the outfield!!! Smooth it out.
129		1						1								Improve Drainage - Install the infield to outfield playing Surface so there is no hill or dip - improve washrooms - No Skateboard Park
130		1						1		1				1		Improve drainage - landscaping - level infield - improve washroom - realign diamonds
131	1							1		1					1	Regarding Ball Diamonds at Churchill Park. Currently ball diamonds + outfield are not at the same height. Provides a dangerous playing area when leaving infield to outfield.
132		1						1				1			1	Ball diamonds are too high compared to outfield - Danger - can cause injuries
133		1						1		1					1	no skate park - maintain grounds - Improve drainage - level the playing fields
134		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
135		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
136		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
137		1						1								improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
138		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
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141								1		1				1		improve washrooms, improve the ball Diamonds, Drain water system
142		1						1		1				1		improve washroom, Drain water issue, the paths, parking. No skateboard park
143		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, Drain Water system, move the bike paths away from baseball Diamonds and No skateboard park.
144		1				1		1		1						improve washrooms, Drain Water system, move the bike paths away from ball parks and no skateboard park.
145		1						1		1				1		Improve washrooms, improve the fields, improve sewage system
146		1						1		1				1		improve washrooms, Drain Water system, move the bike paths away from ball Diamonds and No skateboard park.
147		1						1								I would like to see the washrooms improved - I would like to see the infield level
148		1						1								Improve drainage *possible re-alignment* - install drainage ports further - level in/outfield - irrigate outfield - improve washroom
149		1						1				1			1	Improve drainage - install ports away from the diamonds - irrigate outfield - Level off outfield to infield transition - improve washroom conditions - replenish toilet paper regularly! - realign diamond #1
150		1						1		1			1			Improve washrooms - improve drainage - level infield and outfield - do not plant any new trees unless sports teams consulted - irrigate outfield
151		1						1								Improve drainage - level infield to outfield playing area - no skateboard park - improve washroom facilities - don't plant trees near playing area
152		1						1								Improve drainage - level infield to outfield playing area - no skateboard park - improve washrooms
153								1								Do not support this path, it will be too loud for the area, and would detract from the look of the park, I would like to here (sic) of an alternative location, that would better suit the areas needs.
154		1						1								While I support the idea of the skateboard circuit, I think t should be located AWAY from the houses or not constructed at all.

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155		1						1								IMPROVE Park conditions, uneven land - Improve playing surfaces at Ball fields - maintain grass cutting - Improve washroom conditions, they smell & structure is crumbling - No Skateboard Path or circuit, to noisy & will create looting, find a better location - No more tree planting keep the park open - Improve Drainage
156		1						1		1			1			Improve facilities (washrooms) - Grass Conditions need to be improved - No Skateboard Circuit!
157		1						1								I think that improving the washroom conditions is important for a family park. Also improving the drainage would increase family use & improve conditions for sports teams. Having a skate park in this area would ruin the family atmosphere. How about Coronation as a possible alternative for the skate park?
158		1						1								Fix ball playing fields - washrooms are dirty - cut grass - No skateboarding path - more trees
159		1						1								ball field surfaces unsatisfactory, need fixing - washroom maintenance + upkeep required - more consistent landscaping (mowing lawn + grass) - land uneven + needs levelling - Skateboard path too loud and problematic - a different location would be better - drainage needs to be improved - reduce tree planting
160		1						1								I would like to see: improved Drainage; improved playing surfaces in the park; irrigate the outfield; improved washroom conditions/structure. - No Skateboard Circuit in this park, please. To (sic) loud, noisy, might cause loitering
161		1						1		1			1			Improve Drainage - better field maintenance - level grounds in the park by removing ruts - washroom structure needs to be fixed (building is falling apart and smells) - This park is not the best location for a skateboard circuit. Find another location possibly Coronation Park.
162		1						1								Overall drainage could be improved in order to improve quality of baseball diamonds - Skateboard circuit would be much better suited to a Coronation Rink location - The washrooms are in very poor conditon and should be fixed
163		1						1								No skateboard circuit at Churchill Park (maybe another location away from the home eg. Coronation Park) - Improve Sports Fields - Improve the condition of the washrooms - Cut the grass and level off areas of the park > certain spots of the park have dips and ruts
164		1						1				1			1	leave the baseball field which has multiple purpose
165																Improve drainage, install drainage ports farther away from diamonds - level infield to outfield playing surfaces so there is no hill or dip from the infield to outfield - irrigate the outfield and level off the outfield playing area by adding soil etc. - No to the skateboard park circuit at Churchill and locate it somewhere else example Coronation Rink location off Macklin Street - Improve the washroom conditions as the structure is falling apart - Don't plant trees by sports fields unless the sports groups are consulted - Possible realignment or design fix of diamond #1
166		1						1		1						
167																Drainage for soccer fields on west side of park also under pathway
168		1						1		1				1		I do not agree that a skateboard park will enhance Churchill Park and I strongly feel that it will detract from the park's natural environment. If tax dolars are to be spent on the park, they shall be spent on beautification and not noisy concrete.
169		1						1		1				1		Level fields, improve drainage, refurbish bathrooms. Skateboard park by Coronation Pool. Create path around diamond 2 outfield ASAP to prevent injury
	23	**112**	**18**	**10**	**1**	**3**	**16**	**133**	**5**	**100**	**5**	**20**	**35**	**44**	**35**	

Summary of Ward Meeting Comments on Skateboard Circuit

APPENDIX E-4

October 9, 2012 (45 comments received)

Skateboard Circuit Location*						Alternate Site Suggested	I Do Not Support the Skateboard Circuit	Comments
	Churchill Park				Other			
No Preference	A	B	C	D	E			
Summary of Comments Received (45 total)								
1								make sure skatepark isn't too difficult
1								
					1	any		putting a skatepark in the west is great
1								
1								
	1	1						
	1							
	1							
	1							
			1					
			1		1	Kay Drage		listen to all age groups and take a vote
				1				
							1	prefer C & D over A & B
							1	prefer Alexander Park, Westdale
							1	H.S over C & D
			1		1	Existing baseball diamonds	1	skateboard park not appropriate
							1	
							1	I don't want more concrete
						Tennis Court at westdale		
					1	H.S, Kay Park		
							1	no concrete, no noise
					1	Coranation Park, Kay Park	1	keep the green
					1	Alexander Park	1	
							1	concern over noise
							1	
					1	not Churchill Park		
					1	Coronation Park, Kay Park	1	
		1						
				1				
	1							
	1					keep it simple		
1					1	any location in Churchill Park		
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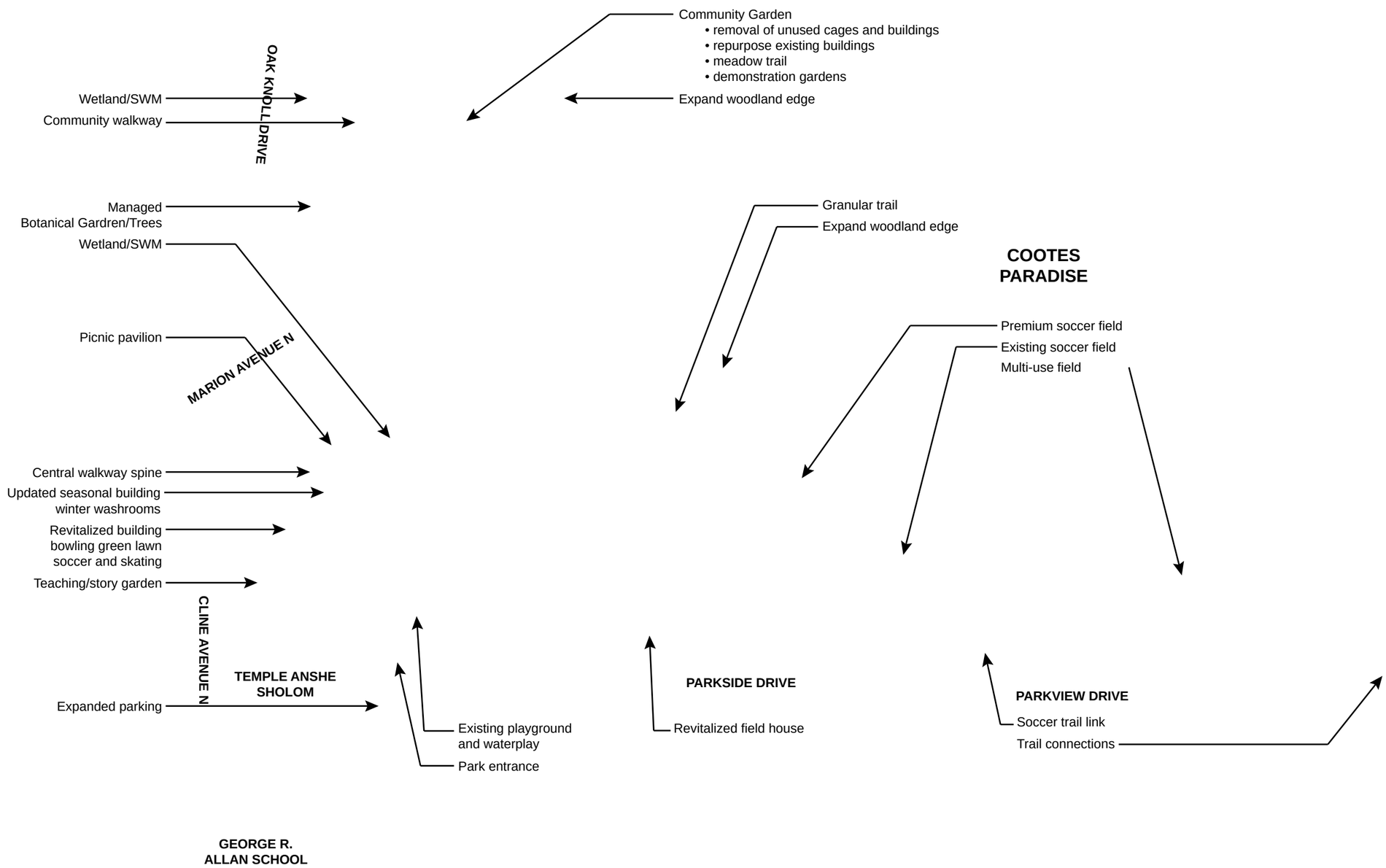
	1							
	1		1	1				
		1						
						need a skatepark in the west		
					1	end		
					1	Alexander Park		
				1				
								representatives of BMXers want to be included
5	**11**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**11**	**0**	**12**	



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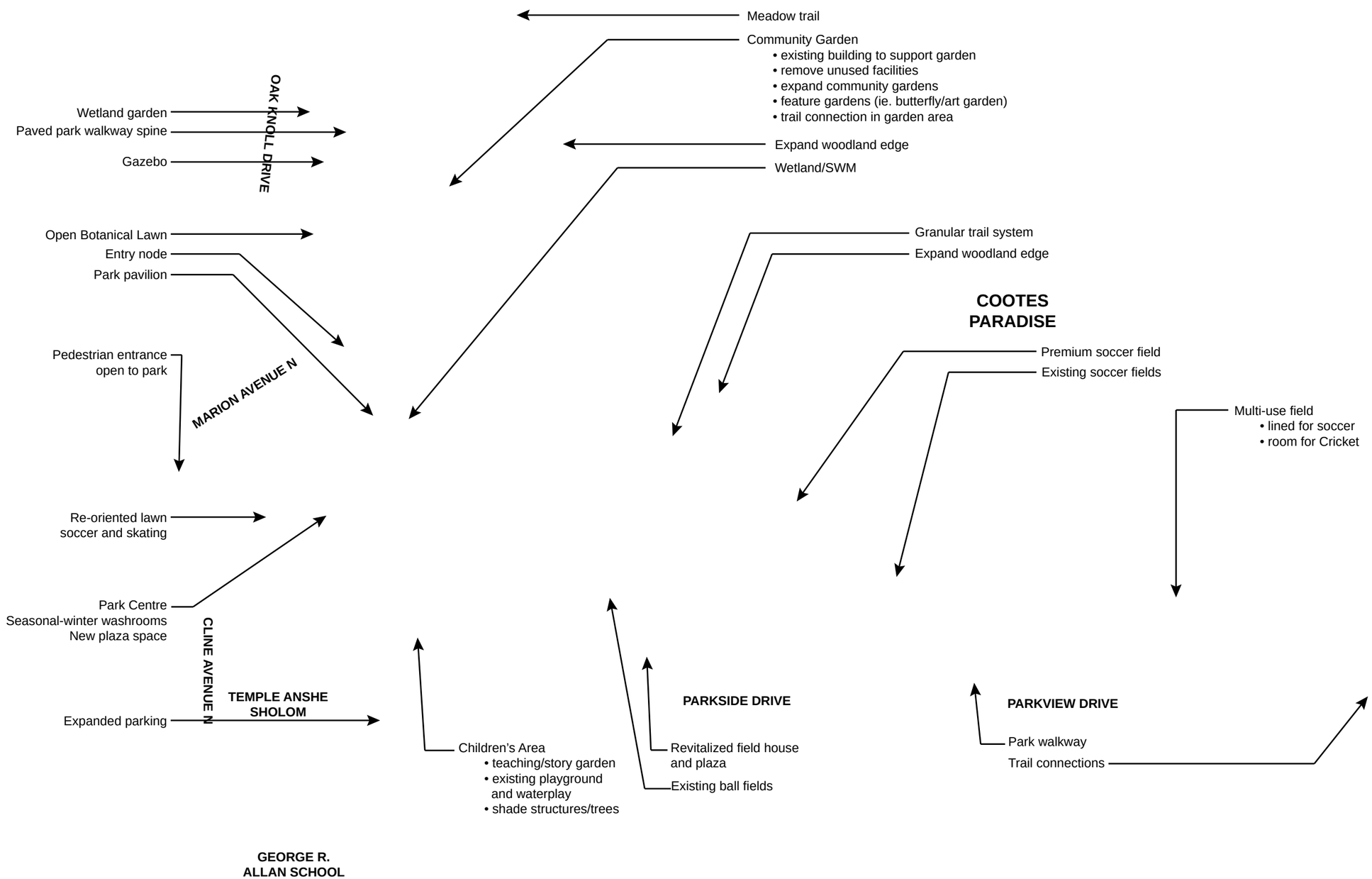

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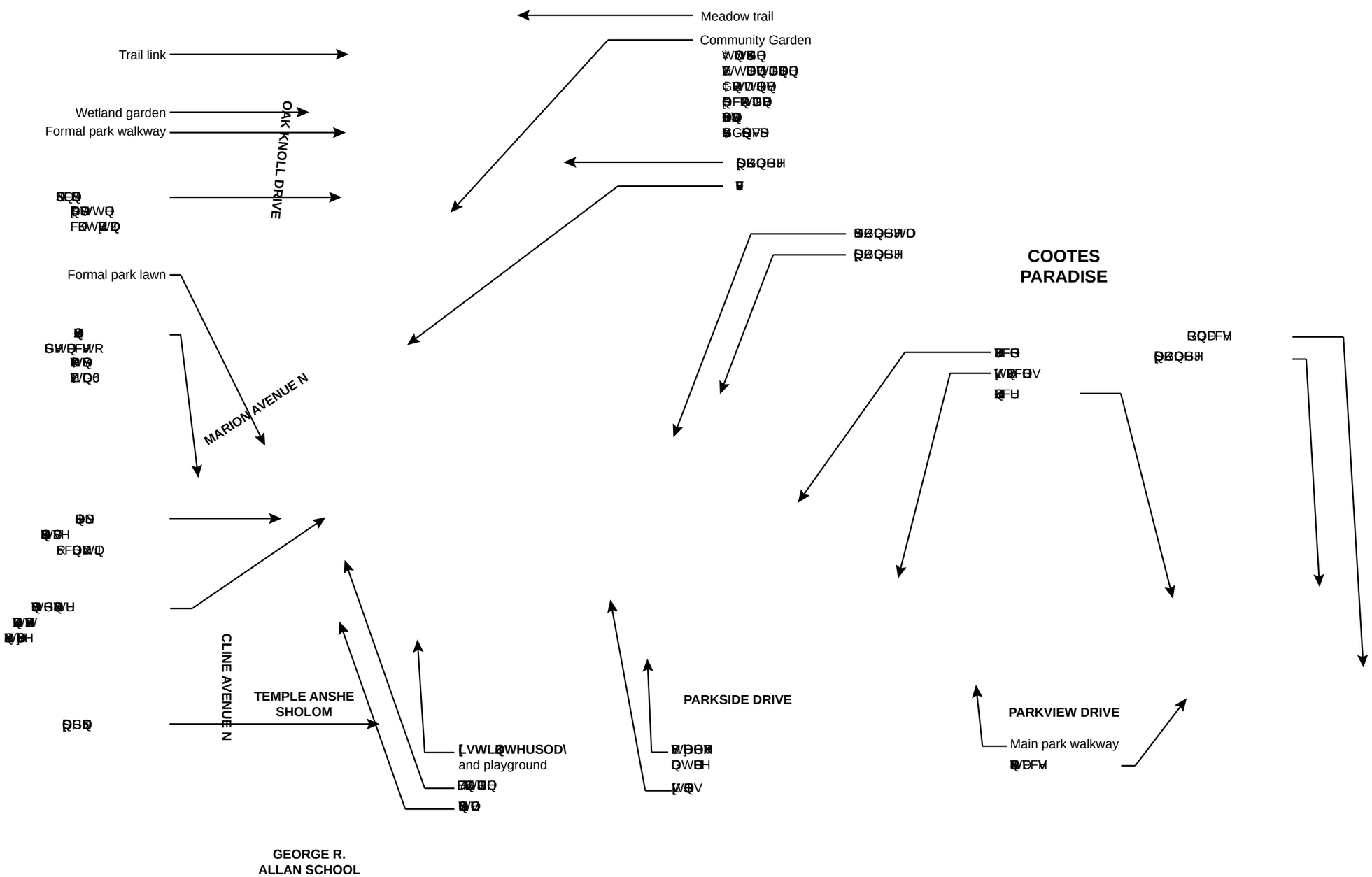

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APPENDIX F

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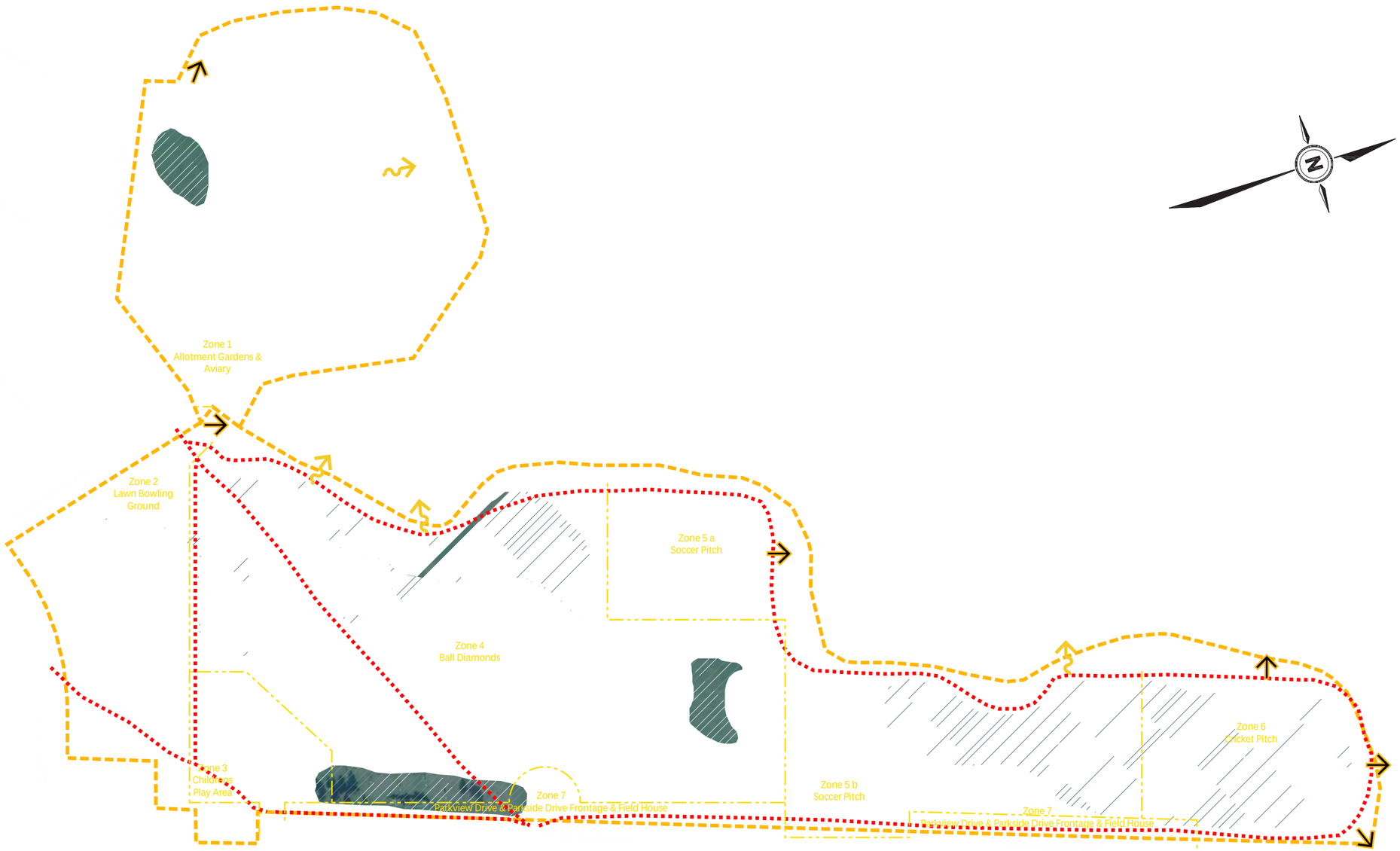

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- Zone Boundary
- Desire Line
- Poor Drainage Area
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Zone 3

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Zone 4

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7. Baseball Diamond #1

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10. Soccer Pitch #3
11. Soccer Pitch #4

Zone 6

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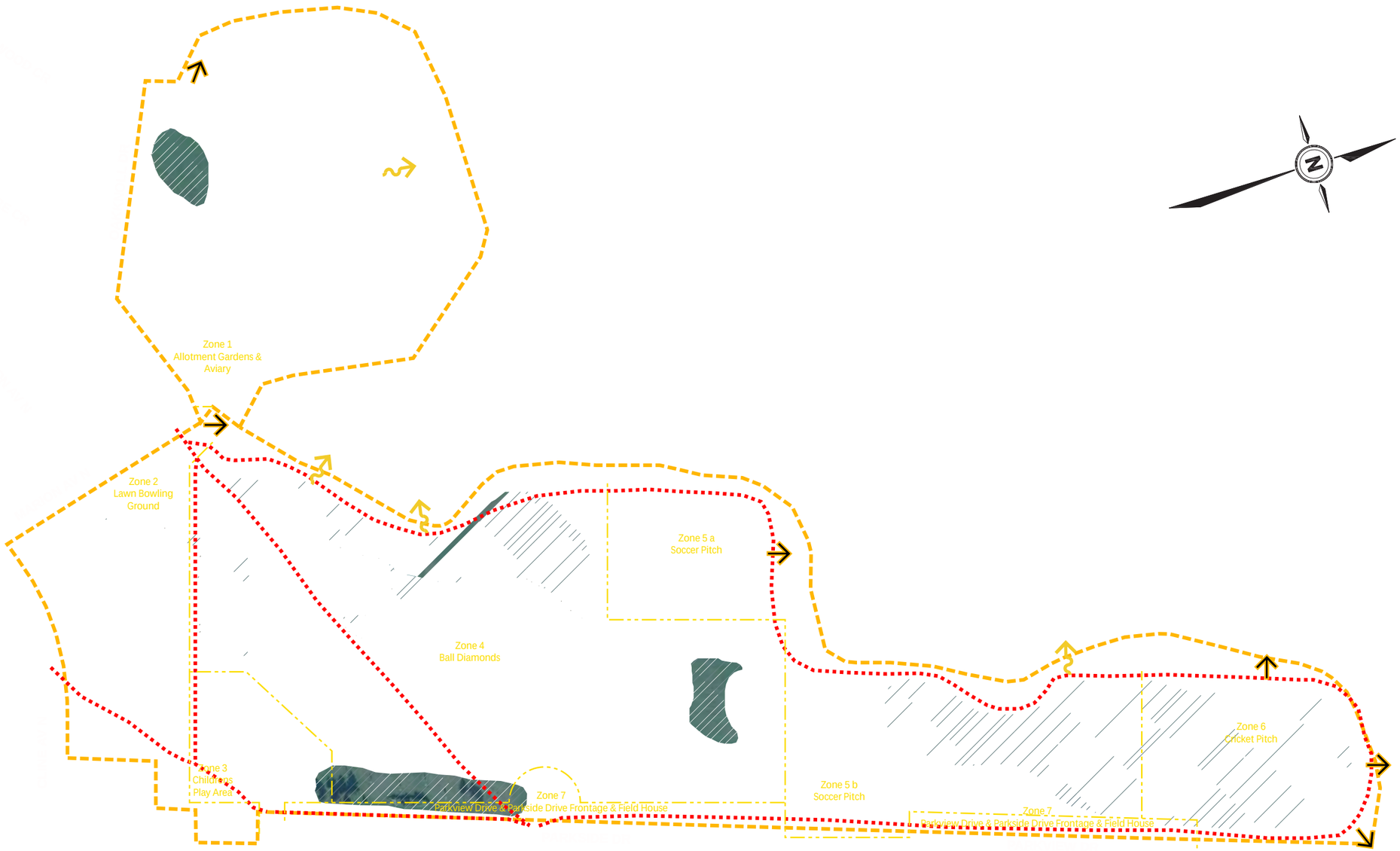

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CLINE AVENUE NORTH
(BY REGISTERED PLAN 684)
PIN 17470-0450(LT)
N18°15'00"E (P1)
N17°40'30"E (Meas)
56.693 (P1 & Set)
0.012
0.006
PIN 17470-0460(LT)
N18°15'00"E (P1)
N17°29'00"E (P1)
0.053
PIN 17470-0075(LT)
GLEN ROAD
PIN 17470-0446(LT)
PARKSIDE
(By REGISTERED PLAN 703)
PIN 17470-0449(LT)
DRIVE
(By REGISTERED PLAN 714)
PIN 17470-0449(LT)
KIPLING ROAD
PIN 17470-0450(LT)
NORWOOD ROAD
PIN 17470-0451(LT)
PARKVIEW DRIVE
(By REGISTERED PLAN 714)
FRANKLIN AVENUE
PIN 17470-0452(LT)
Block 1
PLAN 43R-35937
(Road Allowance between CONCESSIONS 2 & 3)