Spring Garden Park Playground Improvements



Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

Spring Garden Park is a small park located at 32 Meadow Crest Road, west of Mimico Creek in the Sunnylea neighbourhood. The playground can be accessed by Springbrook Gardens to the north and Meadow Crest Road to the south. The playground currently includes:

- One swing set
- One small slide
- One domed climber
- One bench

The playground will be redesigned using feedback from the community. The redesigned playground is proposed to include:

- A full playground redevelopment including accessible play equipment
- An accessible pathway connecting to the new playground area
- New accessible playground safety surfacing
- New accessible seating

Survey Overview

An online survey was available from April 22 to May 8, 2022. The survey asked the community for feedback on four design options for the playground improvements. The survey also included questions on the playground colours, playground surface and seating. An open ended question allowed respondents to provide general and specific feedback about the playground improvements.

The survey received a **total of 396 submissions**. Some submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total, **897 people** of various ages participated in the survey responses collected.

The feedback collected will help the project team identify priorities for the playground design.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- toronto.ca/SpringGardenPlayground
- On-site signage
- Councillor newsletter

Key Feedback Highlights

Visit Appendix A for a full summary of all of the quantitative data collected in the survey.

- When asked to rank the playground design options
 - o 35% preferred Design A
 - o 27% preferred Design B
 - 21% preferred Design D
 - o 17% preferred Design C
- The three most important features to include in the playground are:
 - Climbing structure (54%)
 - Senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 (53%)
 - Other comments (27%) such as climbing structures, adding softscape, adding waterplay and having equipment suitable for older children/teens.
- The three least important features to include in the playground are:
 - Play panels (42%)
 - Spring toys (32%)
 - Slide with bump features (30%)
- Budget permitting, the top three features respondents would like more are:
 - Climbing structures (47%)
 - Senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 (35%)
 - Belt swings (22%)
- 58% of respondents prefer earthy colours like green, brown and grey for the playground equipment
- 44% of respondents prefer a rubber playground surface

Additional comments on the playground improvements

When asked if they had any additional comments or suggestions on the improvements coming to Spring Garden Park, 165 respondents provided additional feedback. The top comments and suggestions are below, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- No playground (44)
- Other (33)
- General positive (20)
- Not applicable (19)
- Add dog park (17)

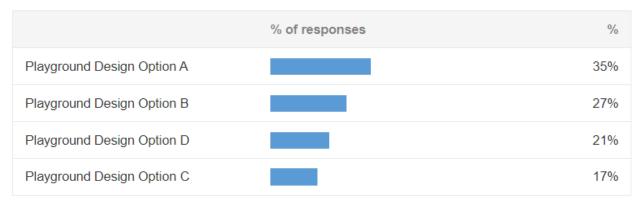
- Add splash pad (13)
- Play for youth/teens (11)
- Add more seating (9)
- Add adult fitness (3)
- Add naturalized planting (3)
- Add ice rink (2)

About Survey Respondents

- Just over half of respondents (55%) proving feedback are a parent/guardian/caregiver(s) of a playground user
 - o 24% are a community member(s) who do not use the playground
 - 18% are a playground user(s) age 6 to 12
 - o 14% are playground user(s) age 5 or younger
 - o 8% are a playground user(s) age 13 or older
- The majority of respondents (79%) have access to private outdoor space like a yard
 - o 10% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - o 6% of respondents only have access to public spaces like parks
 - o 5% of respondents have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space
- A majority of respondents (81%) identified as homeowners
 - 7% of respondents prefer not to answer
 - 6% of respondents are renters
 - 6% of respondents are permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)
 - 1% of respondents selected other
- 8% of respondents identified as a person with a disability
 - o 70% of respondents did not identify as a person with a disability
 - o 19% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - 2% of respondents don't know
- Almost half of respondents (47%) live between 0 to 0.5 km from the park location
 - o 36% of respondents live 0.5 to 1 km from the park
 - 11% of respondents live more than 1 km from the park
 - 1% of respondents live more than 5 km from the park
 - 4% of respondents have never been to the park

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Rank the playground designs in order from your favourite (1) to your least favourite (4)



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44 respondents were not in favour of a playground, their response to this request has been removed and reflected in the statistics below.

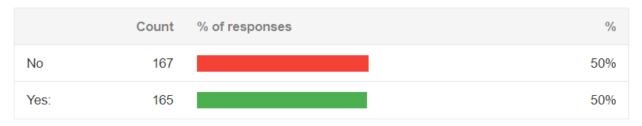
Playground Design Option A – 37%

Playground Design Option B – 27%

Playground Design Option C – 18%

Playground Design Option D – 18%

Do you have any additional feedback about the improvements coming to Spring Garden Park?



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What are the 3 most important features to include in the new playground?

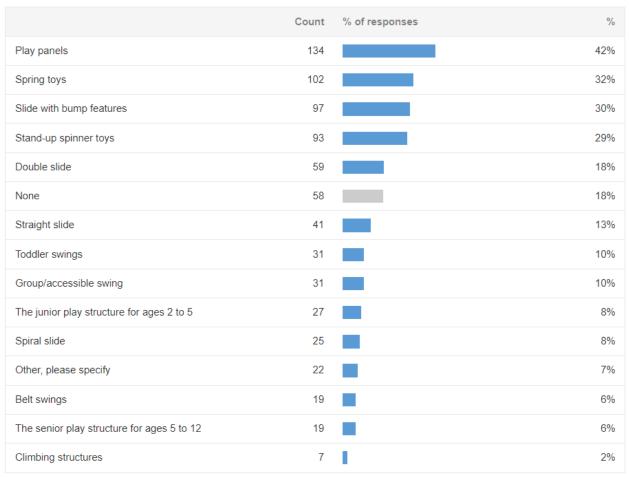
	Count	% of responses	%
Climbing structures	172		54%
The senior play structure for ages 5 to 12	168		53%
Other, please specify	87		27%
The junior play structure for ages 2 to 5	83		26%
Belt swings	68		21%
Spiral slide	61		19%
Toddler swings	50		16%
Group/accessible swing	47		15%
Double slide	25		8%
Straight slide	22		7%
Stand-up spinner toys	21		7%
Play panels	10	I control	3%
Slide with bump features	9	I .	3%
Spring toys	7	L	2%

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87 respondents selected *other, please specify*. The comments are below organized by theme, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- Not applicable (55)
- Climbing structures (7)
- Planting (5)
- Water play/splash pad (4)
- Other (3)
- Play elements for youth/teens (3)
- Basketball (2)
- Fitness circuit (2)
- Shade (2)
- Zip lines (2)
- Swings (1)
- Springers (1)
- Activities for seniors (1)
- Natural play and surfaces (1)

What are the 3 least important features to include in the improved playground?



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22 respondents selected *other, please specify*. The comments are below organized by theme, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- Not applicable (21)
- Climbers (1)

If budget permits, what features would you like more of? Select up to 3 features.

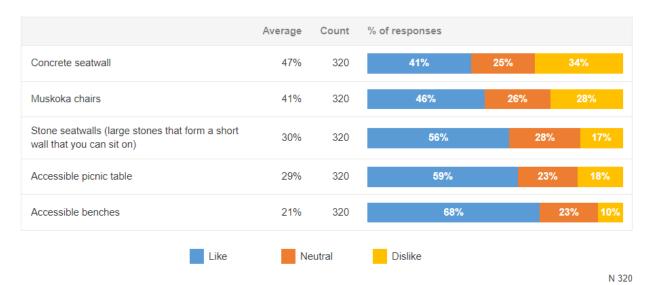
	Count	% of responses	%
Climbing structures	150		47%
The senior play structure for ages 5 to 12	111		35%
Belt swings	69		22%
Other, please specify	56		18%
None	55		17%
Spiral slide	52		16%
Group/accessible swing	39		12%
The junior play structure for ages 2 to 5	37		12%
Toddler swings	33		10%
Stand-up spinner toys	22		7%
Double slide	20	-	6%
Spring toys	20	-	6%
Slide with bump features	16	•	5%
Straight slide	14	•	4%
Play panels	12	•	4%

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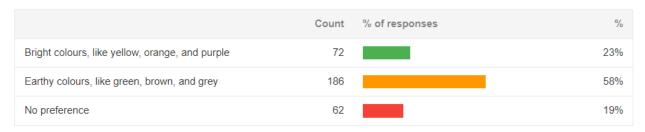
56 respondents selected *other, please specify*. The comments are below organized by theme, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- Add More play equipment (17)
- Not applicable (13)
- Add fitness equipment (7)
- Add splash pad (5)
- Add more planting (4)
- Add a dog park (3)
- Add a BMX and bike park (3)
- Add more seating (2)
- Add natural play (2)

Which seating type(s) do you like/dislike for the improvements? The amount of seating provided is limited based on budget.

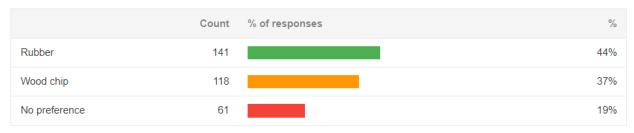


What types of colours do you like best for the new playground?



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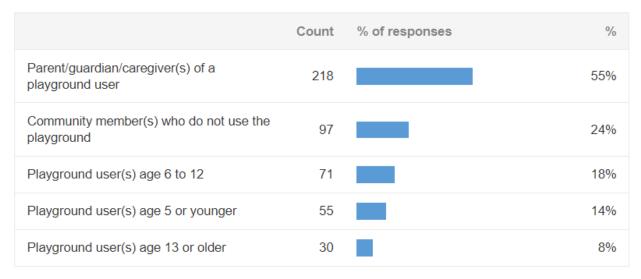
What types of playground surface do you prefer?



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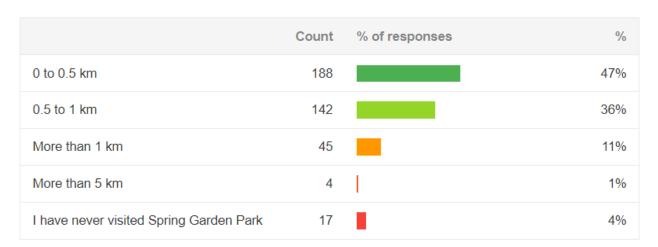
Demographics

Who is giving their feedback through this survey? (select all that apply)



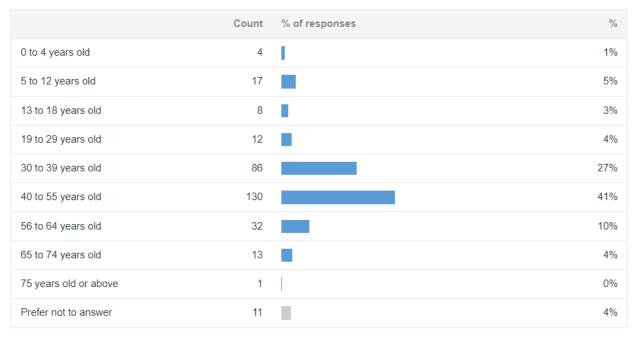
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Approximately how far do you live from Spring Garden Park?



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What is the age of the person filling out this survey?



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Excluding yourself, how many people of each age group participated in this survey?

- 0 to 4 years old = 117
- 5 to 12 years old = 173
- 13 to 18 years old = 41
- 19 to 29 years old = 28
- 30 to 39 years old = 63
- 40 to 55 years old = 109
- 56 to 64 years old = 32
- 65 to 74 years old = 18
- 75 years old or above = 2

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes the gender for the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	178		57%
Man	80		25%
Prefer not to answer	56		18%
Not listed, please describe.	3	T	1%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	2	T	1%
Two-Spirit	1		0%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		

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Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes the sexual orientation of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	208		66%
Prefer not to answer	87		28%
Not listed, please describe	6	I and the second	2%
Bisexual	5	I and the second	2%
Gay	3		1%
Don't know	3	I and the second second	1%
Queer	2		1%
Lesbian	0		
Two-Spirit	0		

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People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes the person filling out this survey? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	173		55%
Prefer not to answer	86		27%
More than one race category or mixed race	19		6%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)	15		5%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	9	I .	3%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	9	To the second	3%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo- Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	8	L	3%
Other, please describe	7	T	2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	5	I	2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	3		1%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	3	I	1%

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What language do you prefer speaking?

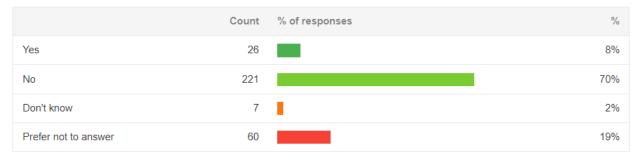
- English = 302 responses = 96%
- French = 2 responses = 1%
- Ukrainian = 2 responses = 1%
- Prefer not to answer = 2 responses = %
- Bengali = 1 response = 0%
- Italian = 1 responses = 0%
- Polish = 1 response = 0%
- Portuguese = 1 response = 0%
- Spanish = 1 response = 0%
- Not listed, please describe = 1 response = 0%

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, nonstatus, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does the person filling out this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



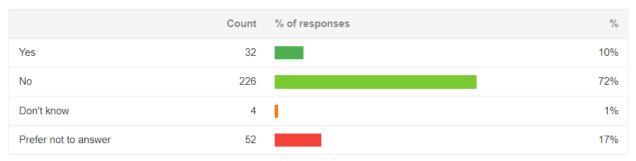
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Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does the person filling out this survey have a disability?



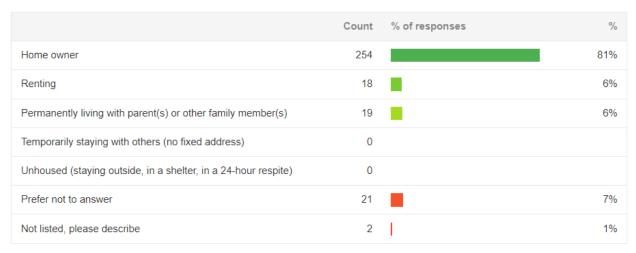
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Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?



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What best describes your current housing situation?



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What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?



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Appendix B: Proposed Layout and Design Options

The Park Layout Today

The existing playground is located at the south end of Spring Garden Park. Sightlines to the playground from the street are limited, which impacts safety. Existing grass slopes and swale (shallow marshy ditch-like areas) means that there currently is no accessible route to the playground.



- 1. Grass slope
- 2. Swale
- 3. Playground location
- 4. Informal path

Proposed Playground Layout

The new playground will be relocated closer to Springbrook Gardens and connectivity will be improved through an accessible ramp, stairs and walkway from Springbrook Gardens. The layout also includes:

- New native trees along the walkway from Springbrook Gardens to the playground area
- Preservation of existing trees and natural buffer around playground
- New seating areas beside the playground area



- 1. Playground
- 2. Accessible ramp
- 3. Stair access
- 4. Seating areas
- 5. Enhanced naturalized edge
- 6. Existing playground

Playground Design Options

There are four playground designs to choose from below. All four designs:

- Are accessible. This means people of different abilities can play and have fun at the new playground
- Have about the same number of play features like swings, slides, etc.
- Cost the same amount

The colours in each design option is for reference only. You can share your colour preferences at the end of the survey.









Option A includes:

- A swing set with:
 - One toddler swing
 - o One accessible swing
 - o One accessible basket swing
- One junior play structure for ages 2 to 5 with:
 - o One double slide
 - o Three climbing options
 - One straight climbing pole
 - Two activity panels
 - o One play window at ground level
- One senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 with:
 - o One curved slide
 - One spiral slide
 - o Seven climbing options
 - o One bridge
 - Roof element
- Swaying play element
- One sliding pole, monkey lean-out seat and arched bridge
- Multiple play panels
- One spinner chair
- One accessible spinner chair

Design B







Option B includes:

- A swing set with:
 - Two belt swings
 - o One toddler swing
 - o One accessible swing
 - o One accessible basket swing
- One junior play structure for ages 2 to 5 with:
 - One double slide
 - One curved slide
 - Three climbing options
 - Roof element
- One senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 with:
 - o One straight slide with bump features
 - Three climbing options
 - Roof element
- Balance pod route
- Wood stumps and balance log
- One wood structure with climbing net for ages 5 to 12
- One spinner chair
- One spring toy
- One accessible play panel

Design C







Option C includes:

- A swing set with:
 - Two belt swings
 - o One toddler swing
 - o One accessible swing
 - One accessible basket swing
- One wood junior play structure for ages 2 to 5 with:
 - o One single slide
 - o Three climbing options
 - Two roof elements
 - Small foot bridge feature
 - One wheel panel
- One wood senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 with:
 - o One single slide
 - Three climbing options
 - o Roof element
- One springer toy
- One balance spinner toy for multiple children
- Four play panels

Design D







Option D includes:

- A swing set with:
 - One belt swings
 - Two toddler swings
 - o One accessible swing
 - o One accessible basket swing
- One junior play structure for ages 2 to 5 with:
 - o One double slide
 - One climbing options
 - o One suspension climbing panel
 - Wood balance pods
- One senior play structure for ages 5 to 12 with:
 - One single slide with bump features
 - o One suspension bridge
 - One suspension climbing panel
 - One climbing option
- One senior monkey bar and balance beam for ages 5 to 12
- One accessible spinner chair
- One spring toy
- Four play panels

Appendix C: Text Responses

Do you have any additional feedback about the improvements coming to Spring Garden Park?

- Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts. As homeowners of we are the closest homeowners by proximity to the park. We are aware of the petition against all development but it's important to note that the creator and bulk of signatories are dog owners who use the park as leash-free space for which it is not designated. I can also confirm that a number of the signatories no longer or never did live here. Our colour preference is green, brown, neutral tones.
- Looks good and makes sense to move it closer to the street. I would want the
 little bushland to the south and the rough bank of the creek retained. The kids
 love to 'explore', yet it's easy to keep track of them.
- Formalize access from Meadowcrest road and address the daily coyote sightings in that area as well as provide access to van Dusen bridge along the creek
- Thank you for reviving this park. The current play set has been neglected and the location of the existing structure lends itself to being used as a place to drink. We routinely find broken glass at this structure. It would be great to include a bridge / path over the marsh for those that want to walk and explore the nature.
- I strongly oppose and playground structure. The natural green space as is is
 wonderful for praceful enjoyment of nature and wild life (deer, coyotes, fox...)
 would love to leave this park left undeveloped. Waste of taxpayers dollars to
 build another elaborate playground when there are several playgrounds in the
 area that are under utilized. Please do not build a play structure, just remove the
 outdated equipment that never gets used. People of all ages enjoy this natural
 setting.
- I do not want a playground across the street from my home. There is already too
 much congestion. There is no where for cars to park except on the road, which
 they end up blocking access to our driveways, Please keep the area as is minus
 the existing play set. It is nice to have a natural wooded area in this. part of the
 neighbourhood. There is land across the creek where you can put a
 playground. Please leave nature, as is. Thank you for your time.
- Wooden structures, like in Humbertown park or June Rowland's park are very good for kids. I also think you should consider musical instruments like xylophones to be added. Parks with musical features strike me as educationally effective for both older and younger children.
- We do not want a playground! The residents of Springbrook do not want a
 playground or an upgraded playground. Remove the structures completely and
 keep the natural greenspace. There is only 1 person who requested this change.
 No one else wants it and its bias to put in your survey no option for us to click
 that we do not want the playground. You're aware there is a petition circulating
 that we are all against the upgrades to the park and we will fight this legally if we
 have to.

- What a total waste of money and ignorance of what the community wants or needs! There are already 2 beautiful, fully accessible playgrounds located within a 3 min walk of this location. The area is unbearably mosquito-infested in the summer, and unfortunately inhabited by partying teenagers at night who will deface and destroy whatever you put up within a matter of minutes. The area would be far better served as an off- leash dog park or a pickleball court. *I'm forced to rank, in order to continue survey
- Not sure about the spinner chairs in option A as they have been vandalized at Fairfield Park in the past. Could there be any motion lighting? Will the paths and stairs be accessible in winter to get to the playground?
- No playground is needed in this park! We need to preserve the rapidly disappearing green space instead.
- No Playground preserve the greenspace. For reasons outlined in the petition (change.org/SpringGardenPark) already shared with Mark Grimes and the City (Tonya Crawford and Mark Goulart) signed by over 150 residents and growing. We would like to preserve this greenspace and do NOT want a playground. There are two large modern playgrounds within a 5min walk of this location (Fairfield Park and Lorahill Park) as well as a few other playgrounds within 1 km of this location (including Tom Riley and Norseman).
- Please have lots of benches and seating areas.
- Zip line
- I live on this street. I do not want a park and the foot traffic / garbage it will bring. There are other parks very close by this should instead be maintained as a green space and the city should plant flowers and more trees to replace those cut down due to the nettle infestation. Shouldn't the city be required to follow its own tree ratio rules when a tree is removed?? Isn't it 7 trees per one removed?. I think another play structure is a huge waste of funds. Plant trees instead.
- A sandbox is always very popular with kids 1-6 years
- No playground is needed. There are other playgrounds VERY close. Waste of taxpayer money!
- Less equipment, more nature. Add benches to enjoy the nature
- We do NOT want a playground structure. Please disregard my design selection as I was not able to provide comments without a selection. My kids and I have always appreciated this natural park. When the kids want to go to a playground we go to Lorahill or Fairfield another playground is NOT needed. Love this natural park, it's like a bit of cottage country in the city. Kids enjoy the open space, exploring and using their imagination. City should NOT use taxpayers dollars for an unneeded playground.
- Strong preference is No playground. I love the natural green space and do not want to see a new play structure. Removal of the old play structure would be great but please maintain the current fabulous unique wilderness in the park. I love this hidden gem in the city and would hate to see a playground take away from our enjoyment of this space.
- Appreciate the improvements and like the new plan

- I believe the current informal path to the south is blocked off so if it's possible to make more formal paths along the river to walk that would be nice. Same comment/desire to the north but obviously not in the scope of this project.
- don't put a playground, leave it natural
- As a 20 year resident in the neighbourhod with 3 children, what we love about
 this space is the discovery of a natural setting along the creek. I vote to leave the
 space and only add native species trees and any other natural habitat. The area
 has 2 great playgrounds which the residents fought so hard to preserve and
 build. Give the money to another park in an area of need.
- No playground preserve the green space. Why is there not an option to choose no designh
- This park is very isolated, it needs to have safely features
- Love all the ideas. It will make the space more usable and attract families.
- this is 'the secret park' and kids enjoy the wild aspect of this hidden park. I don't
 actually want any of the generic plastic designs that are in every other park,
 including 2 that are VERY close to this one. Why not do something creative and
 unique?
- With two parks nearby, the city could better invest this money into rejuvenating the area, leaving it natural, and creating a space for dogs to be able to run and play.
- I am glad to see an accessible playground option being planned in our neighbourhood. I'm frustrated with the community members who are lobbying to keep the space 'as is,' because it shows no consideration for the fact that it currently cannot be used/enjoyed by people with disabilities, who have as much right to this space as anyone else.
- The best option is NO PLAYGROUND. Do not waste anymore money on something we do not need nor want
- There are 2 extensive playgrounds less than 5 minutes walk away from this park plus one scheduled for upgrades in Tom Riley park. It is important to leave some areas wild and unbuilt so children can explore and use their imagination to create games. In this particular area, children and their parents/grandparents have easy access to 3 plagrounds AND they have sizeable backyards. How about using these funds to create playgrounds and parks in parts of the city where there are none.
- Please preserve this green space and do not build this playground. There are plenty literally five mins away.
- Since this park is so close to Mimico Creek, was there a consideration of leaving it as simply a natural area without equipment? I have lived in the area for 13 years and I have rarely seen anyone using the park.
- There are 3 other lovely play structures within .5 km if this space. Why not create a nature reserve space? Or an off-leash dog space? Neither exist anywhere nearby.
- I do NOT want to see a playground built here. (Option selected only because unable to provide feedback without a selection). I've enjoyed this parkland as is my entire life. The equipment there can be removed but leave the rest of the park as is. Wildlife can frequently be spotted here including deer and lots of coyotes.

- Great place to expire nature, play in the open space (soccer, volleyball, tag...) The city needs more nature not another playground especially with Fairfield, Lora Hill, Norseman, Tom Riley.
- Spring garden is a great space. Why not develop it with the whole community in mind. a place for senior to go, possibly an off lease dog park, a play ground, seating by the creek..
- It is enjoyed as a park by far more families in the area. There are already several playgrouds in the area. The nature setting in the park is really nice, for short hikes, and walks with dogs. I would prefer that it be designed as a nature park with improved yrails and relandscaped for better use. The slopi g entrance to park from road is really steep for strollers. We need more natural trails in our areas, specially simce we have the creek running through this area. Why destroy this park and turn i
- It would be nice if the park was left as a natural park with many of the lost trees replanted.
- No playground wanted (ignore design selection only way to provide feedback). I walk my dog to this park every day. It is a wonderful open space to play away from the kids playgrounds at Lara Hill and Fairfield park. The area doesn't need another playground there are lots of playgrounds around. We need more open natural parks. I would love to see this park designated an off leash area. Investing in yet another playground is a waste of taxpayers dollars that could be directed to a neighborhood in need of p/g.
- We are very supportive of this park. Please consider the addition of pickleball courts for summer and an ice rink for winter.
- No playground, instead, a walking trail connecting Tom Riley park all the way to, ideally the lake front, but in a first step to the Mimico creek path
- Please disregard this design selection, I do NOT want to see a playground built in this wonderful park. My kids love running and enjoying nature at this park. The existing playground equipment should be removed but NOT replaced. Kids need more open space and parkland to use their imaginations and develop a appreciation for nature and the wild life often spotted at this park. There are two fabulous playgrounds only a few minute walk from this park so no need to build more.
- NB: My rankings are meaningless as my vote is for no built playground. There
 are 2 great built playgrounds very close to this park (Fairfield and Lora Hill) the
 wonderful thing about the spring garden park is the naturalness of it my kids call
 it the hide-away park and love going there for a change from the urban
 structures. Please save our taxpayers money for something in another area of
 the city and leave this park alone!
- No playground needed! Preserve green space. Use money elsewhere!
- I cannot believe the city is wasting taxpayers money on another playground. This
 area does not need another playground. There are numerous playgrounds within
 1km of this park. Although design selected I had no other way to voice my
 objection to buildine a playground here. Just take down to old outdated
 equipment and let us users of this parkland continue to enjoy the small piece of
 nature.

- A playground should not be built here. Leave the natural green space and take down existing equipment if it is a safety concern. It is inequitable to direct taxpayers money to another playground in this neighbourhood as there are already 2 great playgrounds. The money would be better spent on a playground on the east side of the creek. Although design selected my vote is NO PLAYGROUND HERE.
- Space for pickleball and ice rink would be great.
- I do not want a playground here but preservation and potential enhancement of the natural green space. We do not need another playground in this area but I love taking my kids here to enjoy nature and use the open green space for running and playing. No playground preserve the green space.
- No playground is needed. Leave this park as a natural space. We have 2 other playgrounds nearby.
- a couple of adult swings would be good, you could have a sign 'release your inner child', also things like hopscotch, snakes and ladders etc would look lovely painted on the ground, is there rest rooms close? also a trampoline would be cool (one that is ground level)
- No playground equipment please. Leave it as a free land as kids enjoy playing balls and sliding during the winter. There have been parks with equipment in the neighborhood.
- We don't want playground. Leave natural green space. In need remove existing playground. My family enjoys park as is especially the nature and wild life. Spot many unique birds, deer and even white fox. Too many coyotes for playground. Do not build new playground.
- I walk to this park everyday and enjoy the quiet nature and wild life. I would hate to see a new playground built here. Remove old if it is a hazard. Maintain the natural setting and quiet space. There are other playgrounds very close no need for another. Leave some parkland of families and people without children to enjoy.
- Do not build playground. It is a waste of our tax dollars. There are two large playgrounds already in the area. We need green space and not another playground.
- I am against the playground development. The green space should be preserved. I enjoy the park as is. Great spot to walk my dog and play spike all and other sports.
- I am very happy that something is finally being done to beautify this space and
 make it safe however we already have several children's playgrounds within
 walking distance of thus one but we sorely lacking off leash areas for the many
 dogs that live in this neighborhood. This is a common sentiment among my
 neighbours who are dog owners.
- Please use environmentally sustainable building materials. Ensure trees are added.
- Park at dead end street next to river not first choice for parents of kids under 12, other better located parks close by. Neighbourhood needs item fir older kids 12+ like half basketball court or another tennis court or walking trails along creeks.
 These structures are focused on the very young and we have enough of these in

- our neighborhood at lora hill and fairfield. Focus on older kids. Ive never seen one of the accessible swings used by snyone in need, usually teens piling on till breaking poi
- Can you build a small pedestrian bridge across the creek from Orchard so I do t have to walk all the way around the block? Going the two green spaces?
- The more natural the playground the better. Reduce the use of plastic play equipment. Try and pick playground equipment which encourages children to be creative.
- Lots of families in the neighborhood- great to have more parks
- Make sure it is not as hidden. Put lights in for dusk use
- The structures are far too easy for 5+. This happens on every city of Toronto park survey I answer. We don't want the structure stuck in the middle of the open space. Then the park is not as versatile,
- Please make signage very clear that it is not an off leash dog area.
- Hi Parks People, I would really like it if you made the structure, slides and other frames higher because this does not seem like the kind of park that's for 5-12 year old kids. My one request is that you add a zip line. Kids love to play on it and it is always the main attraction at all the parks for kids that have zip lines. I live very close to this park and I know that there is a lot of room for a zip line. People also need dog parks. There are not enough enclosed areas for dogs to run free off leash.
- Option A looks great but could use more swings
- Would love to see outdoor ping pong tables added. We recently moved Bathurst/ St Clair and loved the access to them there - now that this neighborhood is seeing more condos and towers it would be a great addition for people who don't have them at home.
- it should fit to the park now, it should not be too big
- Ignore design selection. Survey did not allow for comments without a selection being made. We do not want a playground built. You can remove the old equipment but no need to replace. We would like the open green land left untouched. It is a beautiful touch of wilderness in the city. This park is appreciated and enjoyed by users of all ages. There are 2 large playgrounds a very short walk from this park, we do not want or need another playground.
- Splash pad
- I am losing sleep over the prospect of this development. Please do not build this huge proposed playground. Take down the old playground if necessary. Right now many people of all ages frequent this park regularly and enjoy the tranquility of this rare piece of nature in the city. A playground would takeaway from all of our regular enjoyment of this park. There are nearby playgrounds that are always pretty empty so please do not build another in this spot at the detriment to the regular park visitors.
- A basketball court would be nice, all the teens in the neighborhood have no where to play.
- I would love if there was a splash pad attached to this.
- Tween/Teen girls need somewhere to be. Swings are a great option physical, safe activity for girls to hang with their friends and chat, but you need more than

- 2 or 3. Please consider creating this park as a place for older children. We already have Lora Hill and Fairfield with equipment for younger children. And while it says up to age 12, we know that the climbers really aren't interesting for anyone over about age 10.
- Create more seating and possible eating or picnic area to have outdoor gatherings
- Id like to see a dog off leash area fenced in.
- Some walking paths for elderly residents to do walking exercise through the park
- Splash pad
- Please consider a splash pad!
- Fenced off dog park area
- Please include an outdoor tap so a community rink can be established in the winter
- I like the design Option A but I do feel that >2 swings are needed and could be accommodated in that space as per options B,C and D. I also like the idea of a climbing element like in B or C (the climbing wall component of the playground at Fairfield Park is a big hit with young kids!)
- We actually do not want a playground and do not like any of the designs
 presented. If the city has money to invest in this playground, the only thing that it
 needs is a bridge over the dip. But really the money would be better spent on a
 playground in a community that needs it. We have 2 gorgeous playgrounds only
 minutes walk from here. We would much prefer to have the natural green park.
- Toddler swings are very popular and there should be at least 2 in any design.
 The playground at Cloverdale Park in Etobicoke (Shaver and Dundas) is a very
 nice playground that can serve as a model. Hoping that the new playground at
 Spring Garden has a similar cushioned floor.
- Work out bars would be excellent for adults to promote physical activity
- Currently the park is being used by dog owners to let their dogs roam leash free. How will this be prevented?
- These designs look great but because this playground is hidden it sure to get ruined by people hanging out in it at night.
- great idea, really nice location along the creek
- Is there a potential for a splash pad?
- Splashpad
- This is a dangerous coyote infested area of the neighbourhood. Why would you let children play here?
- If possible a small dog park!
- Would love to see a leash free area in this park as we have always used this with our pets as a play area over the past 20+ years we have lived here. There are a lot of dogs in the neighborhood now it it would be nice to have a leash free option for them
- These are not improvements—Fairfield PArk and Lora Hill are all within walking distance of this park. PLEASE LEAVE NATURAL SPACES —for unstructured, open space for all to enjoy.

- We have playgrounds in the neighbourhood do not need a duplicate of same.
 What else can we have?
- Are you building a bridge to said playgrounds to account for the water-logged, soggy drainage in the field emptying into Mimico Creek?
- Prefer it in or closer to old site
- Enough spaces sitting for parents in shade. When my kids were young we would bring snacks/drinks and no food place to have them
- No playground. Leave as green space. There are numerous parks already
- What about the coyote homes just behind? More interesting climbing options is great, something different than Fairfield
- Please make the slides light colored, dark colored slides get extremely hot to the touch in the warm weather months
- Consider adding elements adults can use such as chin up bars etc. A fit circuit loop?
- There needs to be picnic tables with shade, preferably from trees, but could also be roof. Shade is essential in a playground.
- It would be useful to have a wide, paved path that encircles the proposed playground and the location of the 'old' playground a giant 'loop' around the perimeter of the whole park area that could serve as a walking, running, biking, scootering etc. track for people of all ages and abilities.
- No playground. We do not need another playground in the area there are already lots nearby. We need nature and green space for our kids to play. More nature is needed not mother playground.
- Splash pad
- Bridge over creek
- High swings
- A splash pad would be greatly appreciated!
- NO PLAYGROUND Please preserve nature area, there are 2 other playground structure nearby. No one will use this playground and will be a waste of money
- More slides, more fun ways to get down and more net climbing structures make the playgrounds the BEST fun.
- Please keep it as natural as it can be / no plastic / wood structures as for example playground by St Joseph Hospital also keep it for small kids use not teenagers who will gather (and already do) to smoke and drink beer / has to be as close to road as possible and well lit / visible not hidden in the woods
- Splash pad would be so nice. And worth a smaller play structure for it to happen. Our neighbourhood needs it.
- The ground gets very muddy after rain. I imagine the synthetic turf will help manage that. How does it impact the ecosystem in that area? Also, we're always concerned with safety around the creek. What can be done to enhance safety around the creek?
- Should also have a fenced in leash free dog area to keep the dogs away from the children. Big issues with off leash animals here and at Lora Hill park.
- I won't take my children to the new park because of many reasons: there are a lot of coyotes that roam around in this park and many off leash dogs during all

- times of the day. I'm afraid for my children. Also at night many teenagers gather and drink alcohol and set up tents and have bonfires. The police and fire departments have been called and sent over to this park. It is too secluded and this attracts unruly teenagers. In my opinion these teenagers may vandalize the park because of their past behaviours.
- The location of the original park is much more ideal. There is no need to move it closer. Many people bring both their kids and dogs to enjoy the open space to run around. Also, the accessible ramp should be re-located or redesigned as it takes up too much of the hill. Many of the kids use the hill in the winter to toboggan in a safe area close to home. We would also love to see some seating covered or uncovered close to the playground equipment. We are so excited to see this re-developed!
- Cork flooring
- Please provide more seating for children with disabilities to sit and rest during play as it may be difficult to sit on the ground.
- This park needs an off leash dog area. Neighbourhood residents already use this
 park for letting their dogs run off leash. I was attacked by two dogs in this park
 who were off leash. The City invested my call. The dog owners were people who
 live across the street from the park. PLEASE INCLUDE OFF LEASH AREA FOR
 DOGS.
- There are excellent existing parks in the area including Fairfield and Lorahill Park. The current space is appealing because it is natural. Kids don't go there to play with the equipment, they go there to roam wildly and feel like they're in nature. It's a very special place. The options above will totally change the character of the park. I suggest investigating natural place spaces for kids. Rather than prefab park structures that tell kids how to play, let them explore.
- An off leash dog park would be great too. And a splash pad or water feature.
- Delighted about upcoming improvements. Having a water sprinkler would be a welcome bonus. Also a bike path around the playground (for littles learning to ride) would be great, please.
- Fenced in dog park no play structures parents don't bring up here kids next to a a stream to play
- Save this green space and do not put a playground in this park. There are many playgrounds in the area that are minimally used why add another?
- please use the money to acquire NEW PARKLAND. These playground improvements are nice but costly and the funds would be better served buying new land for parks. Etobicoke is planned to become substantially denser and people will need more parkland.
- To preserve the natural setting would be the nicest option. the park equipment and setting are functioning fine. If an equipment update is necessary then update the existing. It is not a high volume park. Fairfield has plenary of oaths and updated play structures
- Please keep the grass slope. This is a great tobogganing hill for little kids in the winter. Please create shade to help protect kids from the sun.
- Kennedy-Margdon Parkette Playground is great
- Incorporate seated areas with shade.

- A zip line playground equipment would be nice. None of the parks in the area have that.
- None
- Finally! Can't wait for it to be completed
- Is there going to be seat for parents & caregivers
- We are super excited!!!
- Surrounding safety, close to open creek with no current guardrails is concerning for little kids. Especially in the pathway right beside the park very high cliffs.
- Banana slide and more shaded areas please.
- Growing up in the neighbourhood, Spring Garden Park has always been a great
 place for walks and sports. It would be unfortunate to lose the green space where
 this park is proposed to be built. This space is fantastic for catch, volleyball,
 tobogganing and more! Additionally, growing up without a dog it has been lovely
 to be able to meet all the dogs and neighbours on walks in the park! My
 preference as a resident would be keeping that open green space and attending
 Laura Hill or Fairfield when needed..
- My own opinion is there should be some sort of small splash pad for the kids in the summer, no one wants their kids jumping in the river knowing how dirty it is, also a sand pit for toddlers would be nice for some sensory play
- With creek so close it would be cool to have some Caneo planter boxes. Dirt for BMX trail and ramps.
- Access to the water river. Maybe by climbing some rocks first to slow down small kids. It'll make it more interesting for older kids. Or, create an easy bike track or scooter path around the playground/in the park as there's only street cycling nearby.
- Combining a few designs would be best ex. 2-4 belt swings added to opt. A or
 D. Monkey bars are a must for any design that gets approved. Esp ones that are
 good for smaller kids. 4 year olds want to reach the high bars but can't. Also..
 we'll the ground be wood chips or rubber? The rubber is preferred since erosion
 often impacts the usability of playgrounds.
- Thank you!
- I'm not in favour of building a new park on this property. The community already has 3 great parks within walking distance (Farfield, Lora Hill and Tom Reilly) which are great! What makes this community extra special is the natural land we have access to next to mimico creek. I have taken my children on "nature walks" though the park and the trails and they absolutely love it and think it is such a novelty. We've seen deer, fox, rabbits and that would all go away with the construction of this park.
- So glad for our community!
- More shade and benches
- It would be nice to have some picnic tables and benches. Also artificial turf or wood chips instead of sand in the play area
- I had no choice but to rank, however, here should be NO playground in this park. Leave it naturalized. There are 2 perfectly good and fully equipped playgrounds within less than 5 minute walking distance

- Dog park
- I think that all of these designs have too large of a footprint. Would like something comparable to what is there in the same location or no playground at all. I would love to see the open green park maintained. It is great for kids and park users of all ages as it is. Also this park it not safe for playground with the ticks, coyotes and creek that runs very fast after rain. There is no parking available and not fair to residents that face this park as they won't be able to get
- Please leave the area as green space.
- A multi use path should connect Spring Garden and Meadowcrest.
- Is there potential to add water park activities (sprinklers)
- An off leash dog are is needed in this neighbourhood and this park is the perfect option for it. The space where the old play structure is would work well.
- Ther is no need to provide a cover or roof. This encourages teens and others to congregate at night and get involved in drinking drugs and playing loud music.expecting residents nearby to deal with this by calling police is useless.
- There is very limited parking, should only have a small upgraded playground as there are bigger parks near by like Fairfield with ample parking. Leave this area more natural and enhance the walking path NOT attract crowds
- Chained ping pong table would be nice
- We do not support a new playground. The area is currently used by community members as a safe and natural off leash dog park. Building a development here would completely ruin the environment and vibe of the area. The smaller the changes, the better.
- I don't support adding any new playground features. There are already 2 great playgrounds within a short distance. This should stay a natural for walkers, dogs and indigenous animals.
- We don't want this. This is the only green space left in this community
- Those wood log parks suck and are popping up all over the place. They are so dangerous and just ask for injuries to happen
- I do not want to see a new playground AT ALL at this park, there are two already in the area and this is better used as greenspace the way it is
- Water fountain for dogs please
- I would prefer a minimal play ground or none at all, in keeping with current natural surroundings. We already have 2 playgrounds in walking distance

What are the 3 most important features to include in the improved playground?

Respondents who selected other, please specify (87 total)

- As little as possible
- NOTHING. Add more natural buffer but do not add more playground features
- Grass
- None. Leave it natural!
- None

- Keep it small, very limited, people can go to nearby big parks if.they want other features
- N/A
- I would prefer no playground.
- Fire pole
- None
- Wood chip underneath
- Shade or water area
- Monkey bars climbers
- Voicing opinion in favor of different park location.
- Monkey bars
- kids could continue to use the existing equipment, which is metal. The new plastic items you are considering won't last as long because of UV exposure.
- No park
- Dog park
- Do not create a generic park in this special space. Create an intuitive, naturebased space for kids to explore.
- Off leash dog area
- various slides
- Rope nets to climb that are not flat more 3D structures so they can weave in and out of the ropes while climbing.
- Rocking frog on springs
- No playground.
- Trees for shade
- No playground
- The most important is eco-friendly, followed by NO additional playground is needed in this community
- None of the above
- Please remove the older playground and naturalize the area for a cleaner, greener environmentally conscious choice. Use TAX DOLLARS where it can be better utilized.
- Leash free pet area
- Zip lines
- Would like to see a more nature playgroud. i.e. logs, wooden climbing structures
- Work out bars
- No playground is wanted. If necessary simply remove outdated equipment.
- Monkey Bars are a must
- Off leash area for dogs.
- Water feature/splash pad
- Basket ball courts
- Do not build a playground if a safety hazard remove existing small equipment that are never used.
- Do not want a playground.
- Basket swing

- Public ping pong!
- Zip lines are always a must.
- Splash pad
- Focus on kids 12+. They too need outdoor activities like basketball or tennis or soccer fields. These features are for everyone
- Can you ask add a basketball court? Or tennis backboard or something?
- No play equipment at all.
- · No playground.
- No play equipment.
- Do not build playground.
- No equipment. Leave it as ball playing playground.
- No playground
- No playground.
- Nothing should be built.
- No playground. Use the taxpayers money for preservation of the parkland or build a playground for a community that needs it.
- Nothing leave the park alone! The most important features are its 'remoteness, trees, and grass.
- Please do not build a playground here and feel free to remove the old play structures. Maybe add a bridge across the gully only.
- Climbing wall, a basket ball half court should be added to Laura hill park, next to tennis courts to benefit from the lighting at night, there is nothing for teenagers in the neighbourhood
- Strength exercises, half basketball court, seniors/adult swings
- Nothing is needed just remove the old playground structure.
- No preferemce
- No playground please. Build a nature trail and improve landscape to be more user friendly
- Nothing is needed or wanted
- Nature ID placards
- The less equipment the better
- no playground in this park
- Please leave the area as green space, many small animals make their homes there. Don't change it!
- Please leave a natural area
- natural options for risky play for older kids, age 10+
- Obstacle course
- Green space
- Native species plants
- leave the area natural
- Prefer no playground
- Nothing needed. Just remove old play equipment.
- No playground

- NO PLAYGROUND NEEDED. WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY. THIS IS THE LAST GREENSPACE IN THE AREA WITHOUT A PLAYGROUND.
- No park. Replace the trees you cut down and plant veg that encourages bumble bees and butterflies instead
- Something for senior adults
- No playground or structure
- We do not need a playground, instead we need to renovate the park and preserve the green space
- monkey bars
- Offleash dog park, pickleball court
- We don't want a playground
- Musical instrument toys
- Green space
- Splash pad or wadding pool

What are the 3 least important features to include in the improved playground?

Respondents who selected other, please specify (22 total)

- All! Leave it natural, don't add any ugly structures to the green space
- All are least important. This should stay a natural area. The less changes the better
- Big splashy designs, leave it as natural as possible
- Toddler park at Fairfield. With the creek so close a senior playground makes more sense
- Voicing opinion in favor of different park location
- buy new land. Our communities could fundraise to buy individual play equipment over time.
- None of these features are valuable. They are all supplied by other area parks. Again, take inspiration from natural parks.
- Climbers that are too difficult or that require you to go upside down
- A playground must be eco-friendly and naturalized.
- more eco-friendly options please
- ALL THE ABOVE not needed our community does not need another playground.
- Zip lines
- No preference
- There are 3 other excellent parks nearby.
- no playground
- WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY. KEEP MY TAXES DOWN
- No park. Replace the trees you cut down and plant veg that encourages bumble bees and butterflies instead
- No playground or structure
- Everything you have planned
- We don't want a playground

- Since the nearby Laura Hill park is very toddler-oriented, this one should address the needs of older children.
- Green space

If budget permits, what features would you like more of? Select up to 3 features.

Respondents who selected other, please specify (56 total)

- Grass
- Cleaned up walking path
- Interactive musical feature like at Jeff Healey Park
- Water area and benches
- The tread wheel. There are none close by. It would be something different for the kitty.
- Trampoline and bike dirt track with some small bumps
- Monkey bars and balancing beams
- Dirt for BMX ramps and trails
- Voicing opinion in favor of different park location.
- A zip line structure
- Banana slide
- Zip line, see West Zwick's Island Park in Belleville
- Balance structure
- Zip line your structure, sand box,
- Natural elements for play boulders, logs etc.
- your developer funds will run out and the opportunity to buy new land will disappear. If you bought an old bugalow in a dense area, that small space could become an important community playground.
- Running space
- Off leash dog area
- Rubber flooring
- slides
- Rocks or stumps that they can balance and walk/jump on
- Adult fitness options
- No thanks, this area is a migratory path for coyotes and foxes. WHY Are you putting a playground here???????
- Leash free area
- Bike park
- climbing ropes / zipline
- Zip lines
- Work out bars
- Monkey Bars
- Dog off leash area.
- Seating
- Basketball court

- Splash pad
- Ping pong
- Separate rope climber
- Splash pad
- Features for older kuds, basketball court, tennis court, soccer field or social gathering areas like in old nice, france. All ages gathered daily
- Splash pad
- Zip line and see saw
- Climbing wall, basketball half court, a trail along Mimico creek
- zip line
- No preference
- no playground
- Green space
- Native species trees
- leave area natural
- Benches and trees
- NOT NEEDED
- No park. Replace the trees you cut down and plant veg that encourages bumble bees and butterflies instead
- Something for adults to excerise
- There are far too many playground in the area. Instead of building a playground, we need to preserve and improve the green space
- Spend the money more wisely somewhere else
- We don't want a playground.
- Green space
- Splash pad / wadding pool
- Ropes and balance beams