

Community Park Development at Bluewater Lands

Preliminary Park Concepts

Concept 1: Circuit Park

The park is organized as a series of connected activity zones linked by a continuous loop of walkways that provides clear, intuitive circulation throughout the site. Along the outer loop, outdoor exercise stations are spaced at regular intervals to form a fitness circuit, encouraging active movement and informal recreation. At the centre of the park, large open green spaces serve as the primary gathering areas, offering flexible space for play, relaxation, and community use. The gathering areas are connected by a main pathway that runs from Ridge Street to Bruce Street along the existing line of mature trees, establishing a strong and legible spine. Naturalized planting areas frame the park along its edges, softening transitions to surrounding streets, enhancing habitat, and reinforcing a sense of immersion in a natural setting.

Legend

1. Existing forested windbreak of mature trees
2. Perimeter naturalized pollinator meadow and/or rain garden zones
3. Stormwater pond (exact size and location TBD)
4. Shaded tree-lined walkways
5. Exercise circuit (250 m loop with 6 exercise stations)
6. Playground
7. Centralized open green spaces and shaded picnic areas
8. Washroom and maintenance building
9. Two flexible hardscape spaces (multi-use sport courts, pop-up markets, festivals, etc.)

Proposed Municipal Park boundary

Additional green space to be provided outside of park development



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Concept 2: Naturalized Park

A naturalized pollinator meadow weaves through the park from Ridge Street to Bruce Street, creating a continuous ecological corridor and an immersive, nature-rich experience. This meadow forms the backbone of the park, with planting and landform strategies used to enclose and buffer all program elements, fostering a sense of refuge and separation from surrounding streets and development. A hierarchy of pathways, varying in length, width, and character, supports a range of user experiences, from leisurely strolls to more active circulation routes, while reinforcing connections across the site. Two smaller stormwater ponds are integrated into the landscape, enabling more flexible and ecologically driven design approaches, and providing opportunities to enhance habitat, manage runoff, and enrich the overall natural character of the park.

Legend

1. Existing forested windbreak of mature trees
2. Continuous naturalized pollinator meadow zones
3. Stormwater pond and rain garden zones (exact sizes and locations TBD)
4. Shaded tree-lined walkways
5. Exercise equipment
6. Playground
7. Open green spaces and shaded picnic area
8. Flexible hardscape spaces (multi-use sport courts, pop-up markets, festivals, etc.)

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Concept 3: Activity Hub Park

A central activity hub anchors the middle of the park, featuring a flexible hardscape space supported by an adjacent pavilion and picnic areas to accommodate a range of gatherings and community uses. Surrounding this hub, open green spaces frame the core and provide adaptable areas for both passive relaxation and active programming as needs evolve. Two distinct play areas introduce varied play opportunities and experiences, catering to different age groups and types of activity. Along the park edges, a large naturalized meadow integrated with stormwater features creates a buffer to nearby properties, enhancing privacy while supporting ecological function. The meadow is also strategically located alongside the existing windbreak of mature trees, forming a transitional landscape that bridges the forested grove and the maintained lawn areas, and strengthens the overall sense of continuity and immersion in nature.

Legend

1. Existing forested windbreak of mature trees
2. Naturalized pollinator meadow zones
3. Stormwater pond and rain garden zones (exact sizes and locations TBD)
4. Shaded tree-lined walkways
5. Playground
6. Natural play zone
7. Open green spaces and shaded picnic area
8. Flexible hardscape spaces (multi-use sport courts, pop-up markets, festivals, etc.)
9. Washroom and maintenance building
10. Central shaded pavillion and gathering space

Proposed Municipal Park boundary

Additional green space to be provided outside of park development