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MEMORANDUM

Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE: October 24, 2022
TO: Yocelyn Galiano, ICMA-CM, Village Manager
FROM: Robert C. Mattes, CPRE, CPSI, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Gary Matzner Park Conceptual Design

MKSK Design Studios has created two conceptual designs for the development of Gary Matzner Park. These designs were developed through a robust community outreach campaign, including an online survey, direct mailing, and a public meeting. Based on these findings, the design team created two designs that allow for a mix of passive and semi-active areas that balance the community's needs while respecting the neighborhood environment where the park is located.

Both design concepts allow for the inclusion or removal of pickleball courts. The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that these courts be included in this design. A total of eight courts were identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The design team has located three to four pickleball courts at the Gary Matzner Park location. Additional pickleball courts should be considered at another site if the opportunity arises.

The next step for this project is for Council to approve one of the design concepts if they so choose and then put that design out to bid for construction documents and building the park.



Gary Matzner Park

COUNCIL PRESENTATION

November 1, 2022

MKSK





CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

SURVEY TAKEAWAYS:

PROGRAM:

Respondents voiced that sport courts were important to have in the park.

63% of those respondents desired pickleball courts specifically.

SAFETY & SECURITY:

This park is located at a busy intersection. Participants are looking for a safe, non-motorized way to get to the park.

INFRASTRUCTURE & SUSTAINABILITY:

Some parking is preferred- it should be minimal and screened from view.

VILLAGE CHARACTER:

This site is at Pinecrest's entrance and should be a good representation of the community.

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

SITE HISTORY & CONTEXT

In 2021, Village Council approved the acquisition of the 3.76 acre two-parcel site located on the southeast corner of Kendall Drive between 67 Avenue and 65 Court. This site is slated to become the future Gary Matzner Park.

The size of the site and its location near the more densely populated multi-family district in northwest Pinecrest makes it an ideal site for additional green space. A planning and design process is underway to inform future development of the site.

REFERENCE PLANS:

- > Comprehensive Development Master Plan Update (2016)
- > Transportation Master Plan (2018)
- > Parks And Recreation Master Plan (2021)



SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

EXISTING CONNECTIONS

- Signalized intersection at SW 67th Ave and Kendall Ave
- Transit route along Kendall Ave and SW 67th Ave
- Future Greenway Trail planned along west side of park



SCALE: 1"=100'

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

EXISTING TREES & PALMS

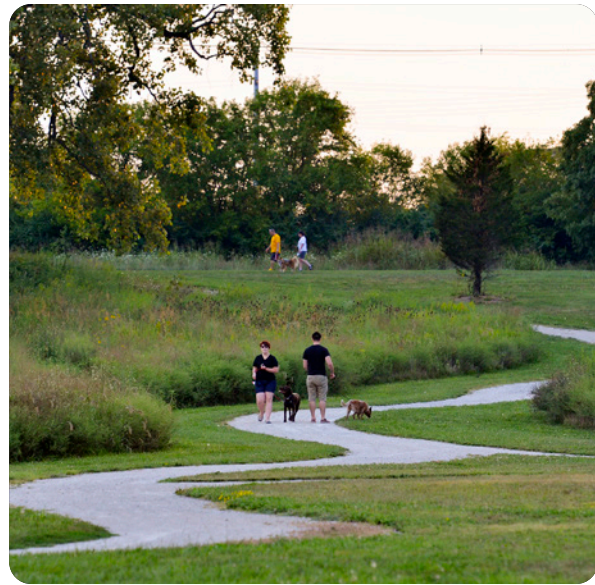
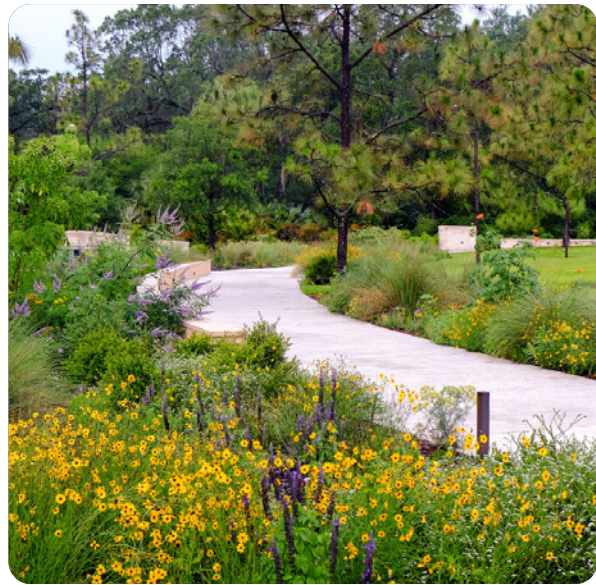
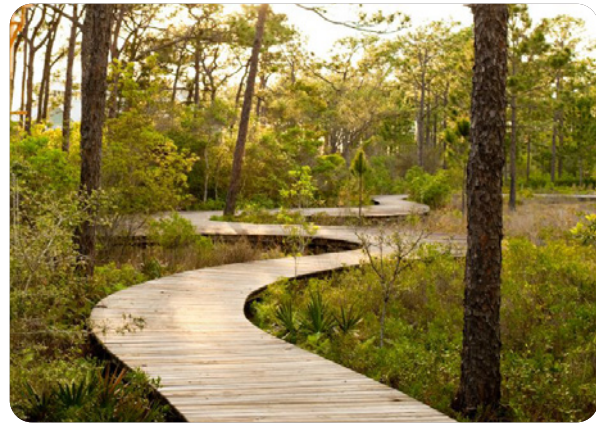
One of the greatest assets to the site is the existing tree canopy. These trees not only will create shade for future program, but help manage stormwater, prevent erosion, and provide habitat. The statement heritage Live Oak at the center of the site is of particular interest as the site is designed.

AVOCADO	6
ALMOND	7
BLACK OLIVE	2
COCONUT PALM	3
GUMBO LIMBO	1
MAHOGANY	3
MANGO	10
OAK	21
PINE	1
ROYAL PONCIANA	3
UMBRELLA	1
PALM (OTHER)	8
TREE (OTHER)	71



BENCHMARKING & BEST PRACTICES

KEY COMPONENTS



IDENTITY

- Preserve and enhance any unique characteristics of the site
- Use materials and products that reference the Village's history and character.
- Planting fits into local ecology.

ECOLOGY

- Native and climate adapted plants that support local ecosystems
- Limit impervious surfaces.
- Preserve existing canopy, including heritage Live Oak Tree

ACTIVATION

- Neighborhood park w/ local draw.
- Provide flexible infrastructure for programmed activities to take place.
- Connect to adjacent school and community center, provide opportunities for engagement.

ACCESS

- Create safe and intuitive connections to surrounding neighborhoods.
- Design for multi-modal use.
- Provide parking

MAINTENANCE

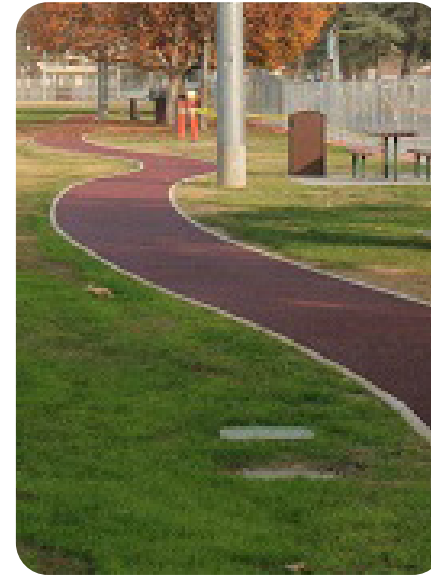
- Minimize lawn and irrigation.
- Use natural materials with lower maintenance requirements.



Climate-controlled shelter



Play structure



Rubberized surface trail



Pickleball courts



Mist water feature



Native & pollinator gardens



Passive lawn with shade trees



Multipurpose lawn



Passive features

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

CONCEPT 1A - "50/50"

PASSIVE



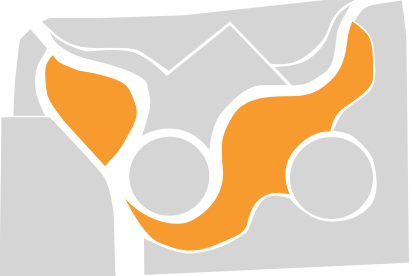
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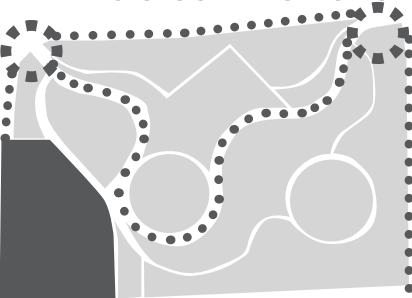
ACTIVE / PLAY



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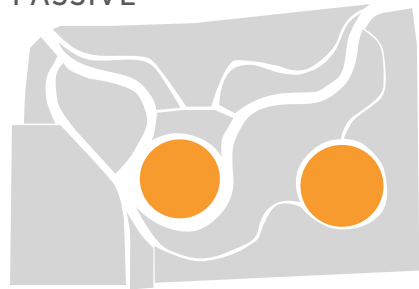
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CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

CONCEPT 1B - "POCKETS"

PASSIVE



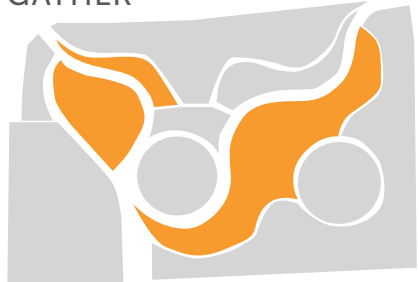
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ACTIVE / PLAY



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PROGRAM

CONCEPT 2 - "POCKETS"



Gazebo shelter with restrooms



Play structures



Nature walk



Paved paths with benches



Mist water feature



Renaturalized landscape



Multipurpose lawn



Pickleball courts

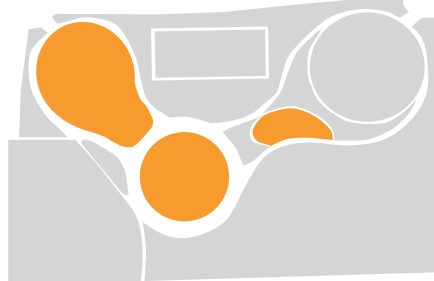


Passive features

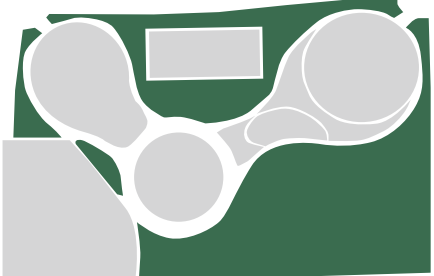
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CONCEPT 2A - "POCKETS"

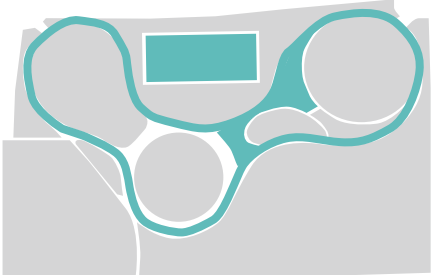
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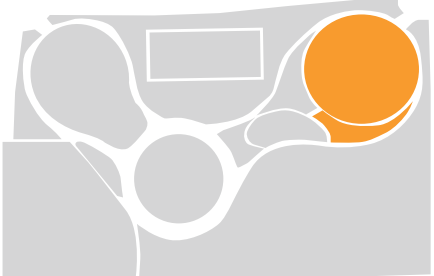
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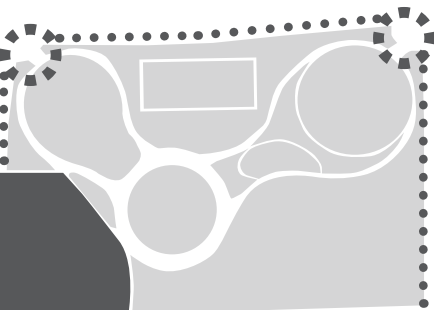
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CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

CONCEPT 2B - "POCKETS"

