Parks and Schools

Lake Forest Community Center Kinderhaven Playground Lake Forest, Illinois



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Centennial Plaza

Centennial Plaza is the focus of downtown Arlington Heights and is used by commuters

and shoppers alike. LDC designed its circular shape which is created by a low cut limestone wall which surrounds a brick paved plaza. A classical styled clock tower graces its center. James Gamble worked closely with Joseph Burlini, a local sculptor who was commission to design a clock tower. LDC worked with the sculptor to establish the final height of the clock and its placement in the park to provide views of the clock face from passing cars and commuters. LDC prepared construction documents for the plaza. A full scale wooden mock up clock was constructed on site for fund raising since the clock tower was paid for by donations.



North Campus "Upwells" Sculpture, University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, Illinois





North Campus "Upwells" Sculpture, University of Illinois

The North Campus Sculpture Plaza is the core of the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign engineering campus. The plaza forms the base for a granite, bronze and water celestial sculpture designed by sculptor Steven Leukin. A 40 foot granite spire casts shadows at the seasonal equinoxes onto bronze water domes. LDC was selected to develop the landscape design plans for the entire north campus area to work with the artist to provide technical oversight, construction details, and integrate his sculpture into the quadrangle's design. A strong bond with the artist formed during design and to show his appreciation he presented LDC with a small bronze sculpture for their office.





City Hall Campus Design and Plaza Sculpture St. Charles, Illnois



City Hall Campus Design and Plaza Sculpture

LDC developed conceptual designs to assist the City in guiding the design of IDOT improvements to Route 64 (Main Street) as it passes through St. Charles. As part of their Urban design Plan LDC developed a park and plaza at the City Hall along the river." the St. Charles Project received a President's Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. As part of the plan a small plaza was designed with a central focal point for a sculpture/fountain. A number of years later LDC was partnered with a local engineering firm and artist to develop final construction plans for the plaza and sculpture area.





Bluff Stairway Improvements St. Joseph, Michigan







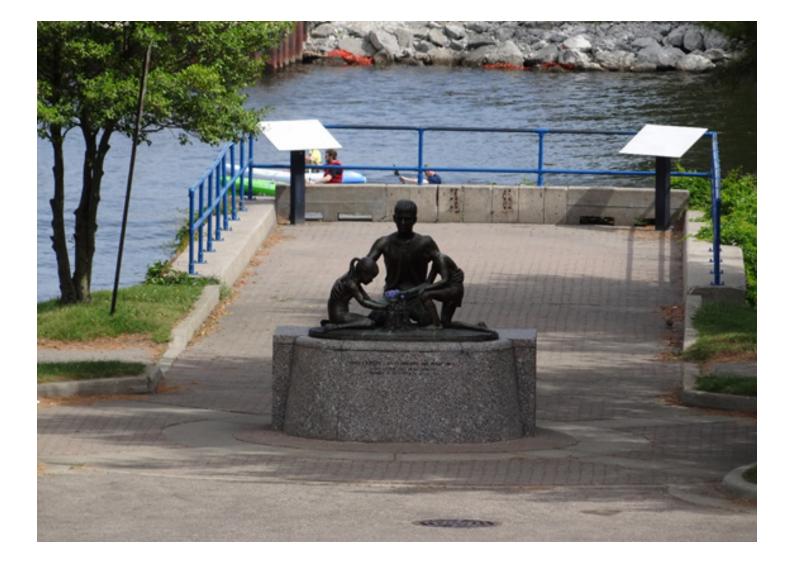
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Sand Castles Plaza St. Joseph, Michigan





Sand Castles Plaza

The City had been asked by the donor of the "Sand Castles" sculpture to move to a more prominent location in the arboretum. LDC, James Gamble, developed a small plaza at the end of State Street where the sculpture would be seen from downtown and also be a part of the walkways in the Arboretum.







The Town of Dyer Park Board engaged Land Design Collaborative and Robinson Engineering to complete the Central Park Master Plan and implementation design.

The Central Park design is based on a strong activity core and a strong north/ south axis through the center of the park giving patrons easy access from parking to activities. No one sport or activity dominates the park, appealing to a wide range of users. Its facilities include soccor, baseball, a dog park, nature walking trails, tennis, amphitheater, play area, picnic area and Veteran's Memorial. A pedestrian and bicycle pathway system provides internal circulation and a connection to a regional bikeway system.

Three Park Board directives drove this community park's design:

- 1. Central Park is a park for everyone.
- 2. The Park's design is cohesive.
- 3. The Park is respectful of its neighbors.





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Five Year Plan

The Dyer Park Board felt it was in the best interest of the residents of Dyer to do the Master Plan update utilizing LDC as consultant to provide direction for prioritization of projects and to identify sources of funding from public and private sources.

The primary goal of this plan is to enhance the Town of Dyer by providing additional recreational programs and developing current recreational programs for all ages. This plan identifies achievable goals over the next 5 years and places the Town of Dyer Parks and Recreation Department in a position where the department can grow at a continuous rate.

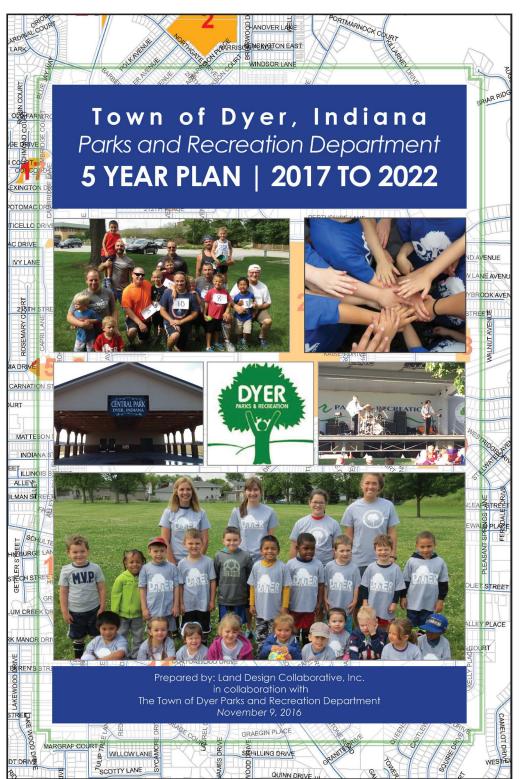
The three goal statements that were generated for the process were as followed:

- 1. Develop efficient communication with surrounding community organizations to work together to better serve the Town of Dyer.
- 2. To enhance the overall quality of life for residents through recreation.
- 3. Further expand and develop recreational opportunities to provide quality experiences to attract more participants.

The Town of Dyer has grown in size and with growth comes greater expectation of recreational services and acceptable parks appearance. Within this plan, the Parks and Recreation lays out a path of how to reach each goal and be prepared for continuous growth.

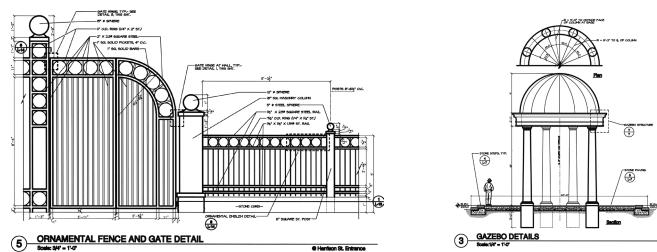


Comprehensive Park Plan Dyer, Indiana



Veterans' Memorial Park Chicago, Illinois





Veterans' Memorial Park

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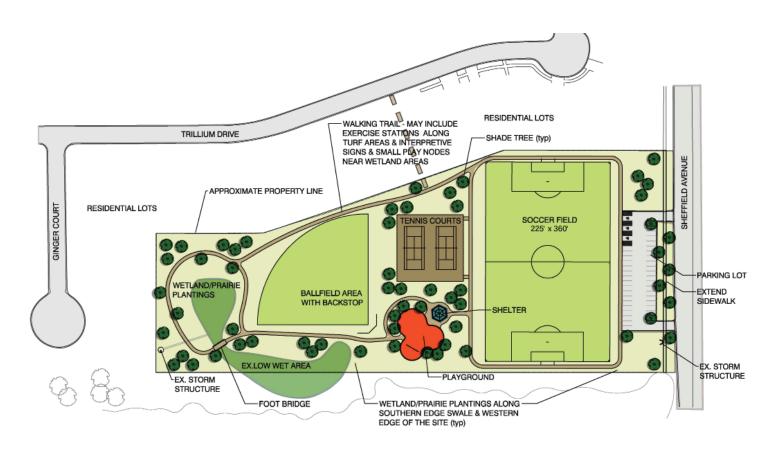
incorporated

Following a design competition, Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was selected by the Public Building Commission of Chicago to develop the Veterans' Memorial Park at Jones School, under the Chicago School Campus Parks Program. Located on the east (State Street) portion of the block between Jones School and the Harold Washington Library, this important site was designed to provide places for quiet reflection in the gazebo, waterwall, and eternal flame "white room," and a place for play on the turf of the "parade ground." Tall iron gates secured the "white room" from the street, and Twin structures, patterned after the Chicago River Bridge tenders buildings, stood as sentries at the north entry.

A double row of flowering trees surrounded the "parade ground" and special commemorative plaques were planned for the iron fences. Limestone and granite were to be used on the walks. A special steam fountain was planned as a Veteran Memorial with block granite standing behind. Water was planned throughout the park in different styles of fountains. The project was designed by LDC through construction plans but not implemented.







Eberly Park

Eberly Park is approximately 10 acres and is located on the south boundary of Dyer. This neighborhood park is adjacent to a single-family development which is in the process of being completed. After an extensive public input process, it was determined the park would be developed with baseball, soccer, natural areas, and a playground and multipurpose area with a small shelter. On-site parking is provided with a new parking lot. Pedestrian/bicycle paths ring the park and connect to off-site bike routes. The park will be developed in phases.









Hearthstone Park

Hearthstone Park is approximately 9 acres and is located in the mid-portion of Dyer. This neighborhood park is adjacent to an established single-family neighborhood with current new development completing the planned unit development. After an extensive public input process, it was determined the park would be developed with baseball, soccer, natural areas, and a playground and multipurpose area with a small shelter. On-site parking is provided with a new parking lot. Pedestrian/ bicycle paths ring the park and connect to off-site bike routes. The park will be developed in phases.







Oldberg Park

At the north entry to downtown Evanston Oldberg Park is an integral link between Northwestern University campus and downtown constantly used by students who "short cut" through the park. The park's design was revised by LDC as part of the Downtown Redevelopment Project they were leading as prime consultant. James Gamble with his wife Donna worked closely with then NU Block Gallery Museum Director David H. Mickenberg, to find an appropriate sculpture and placement in this park. As executor's of a close friends estate they selected Debra Butterfield's piece which she named "Duna" to symbolize the Kentucky home of their friend. LDC provided site placement and installation details to install the piece.









Evanston Lakefront Parks

The City of Evanston has over 40 acres of public parks along the lakefront of Lake Michigan. James Gamble, president of Land Design Collaborative (LDC), was the principal designer of award-winning improvements to these parks that spanned his employment with two Evanston design firms and LDC. His designs included the preparation of a reforestation plan for shade trees to replace mature elms, bike path improvements, the design of the lagoon, shelter area, and boat ramp access and parking.

Mr. Gamble also conducted an on-site user attitude and interest survey and created conceptual designs for park and beach improvements for Dempster and South Boulevard beach areas. The lagoon improvements received the Midge Perkins design award.





Lincolnwood Village Hall Promenade Lincolnwood, Illinois





Lincolnwood Village Hall Promenade

Before its renovation, Lincolnwood Village Hall's pedestrian entry had deteriorated sidewalks, outdated lighting, and suffering plant material. There were also safety concerns as the boundaries of the parking lot and the pedestrian walkway was often ignored, causing unsafe pedestrian and vehicular interactions. In order to correct these problems, LDC developed a landscape design plan that reflected the village's commitment to developing spaces that "promotes the health, safety, welfare and pleasure of all the residents (Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Mission Statement).





Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Evanston, Illinois



Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was selected by the City of Evanston to assist the Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department in developing a Strategic Master Plan.

The comprehensive plan includes:

- open space and park standards
- an inventory of resources
- a policy framework

- park improvements & recommendations
- an implementation plan

The comprehensive plan serves as a guideline for the improvement of park and recreation facilities over the next ten years. It identifies specific projects to be implemented, sets priorities and schedules, and defines expected costs.





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State Street Improvements St. Joseph, Michigan



State Street Improvements

State Street is the main retail street in St. Joseph, attracting people, particularly tourist, to stroll the sidewalks and shop in the various stores and restaurants. In the 1970's James Gamble, then with Barton Aschman Associates from Evanston, IL worked as project designer to enhance the pedestrian areas while retaining the brick street as directed by the City. To accomplish this the sidewalk was widened, angle parking was introduced on one side so that no spaces were lost even though the walkway was widened. The wider sidewalks made more room for people and removed a small portion of the brick roadway along the curbs that had rutted. The angle parking created larger gathering spaces at Pleasant Street and Broad Street. At Pleasant Street a place was created for James Russell's sculpture "Nimbus Flight". The street lighting, walkways, and brick streets have stood the test of time and continue today after 30 years of use.





Washington Park Veterans' Memorial

The Washington Park Veterans' Memorial plaza functions as a gateway to downtown, while providing a memorial for all veterans of war. The design allows for various uses - dignified space to contemplate and pay tribute to the sacrifices of heroes, ceremonial congregations, or simply a place to sit.

The design utilizes the natural topography of the site (i.e., a dramatic drop in grade at the east toward the ravine) to create distinct areas of usage without conflicts. A spiral wall separates the active area of the plaza from the more solemn part. Visitors can walk along a wall inscribed with a timeline of various wars and the names of fallen heroes and leave mementos on the memory shelves along the wall. The ever-spinning spherical water feature at the inner end of the spiral signifies the renewal of life and global democracy and freedom.



Parks and Schools

Archives

Client

Arlington Heights Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings master plan cost estimates implementation planning design & construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

pathways lighted softball fields soccer fields automated irrigation system bicycle path system parking roadway site furniture playground building/restroom sand volleyball courts site utilities

Construction Budget \$1.8 million







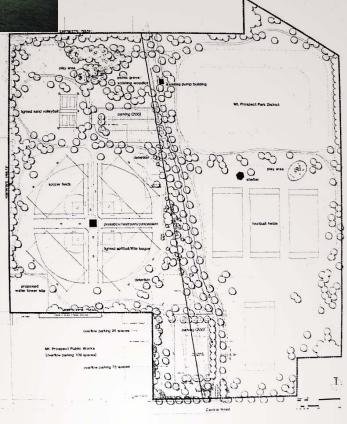
Melas Park is a 70 acre community park with half maintained/operated by the Arlington Heights Park District and half by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

The land is owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and is leased to the Village of Mt. Prospect, which sub-leases the land to the two park districts. MWRD maintains a 15 acre detention basin for storm water runoff storage.

LDC was contracted by the Arlington Heights Park District to plan and develop its 35 acre portion of the land. Planning had to be coordinated with the Mt. Prospect Park District and both MWRD and the Village of Mt. Prospect.

Parking and access roadways were designed for both park district sites. A lighted softball field and soccer complex with a central restroom/concession building was developed. A lighted sand volleyball court complex was provided.

The project was implemented in three phases with matching OSLAD grants for two of the phases.



Client

Arlington Heights Park District

Service Provided

- program development alternative concepts public participation meetings master plan cost estimates implementation planning design & construction documents construction administration
 - pathways athletic field automated irrigation system bicycle path system parking lot 9 hole par 3 golf course site furniture entrance roadway site utilities landscape development

Construction Budget \$3.1 million





Nichol Knoll Golf Course Arlington Heights, Illinois

Nichol Knoll Golf Course has a unique history. Formerly a landfill, the 52 acre site was the repository for material excavated off-site to create stormwater management facilities. The filling operations created a landform towering over 75 feet, and was used by football legend Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears as a training/exercise course. The fill was reused to sculpt the hills, fairways, and greens for the new nine-hole par 3 golf course.

The site, which had severe aesthetic and environmental constraints, was transformed into a valuable and attractive recreational resource for the community, as well as a revenue generating facility.

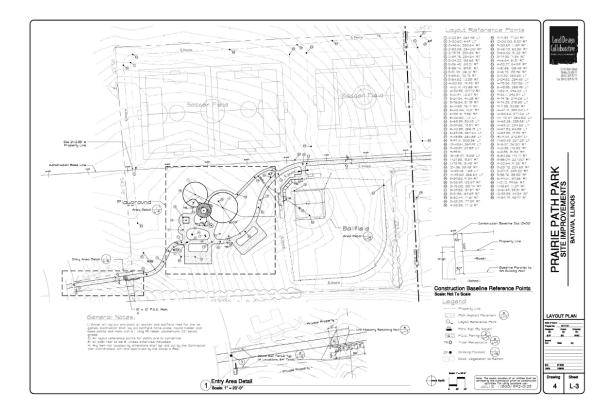
In 1998, the project received an IPRA Outstanding Facilities Award.

In honor of Walter Payton, the District has memorialized the hill in his name.





Prairie Path Park Batavia, Illinois



Client Batavia Park District

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

Batavia, Illinois

Service Provided

design construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

ballfield soccer fields skate park tot playground school-age playground pathways landscape planting

> Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was retained by the Batavia Park District to design and develop construction documents for park site improvements and to coordinate the various public and private entities involved in the construction process.

> The park provides various sports and recreation facilities to serve the needs of the surrounding neighborhood and adjacent middle school. The sport facilities include a ballfield, three soccer fields, a skate park, and tot and school-age playgrounds.

The park also has an interior path system for walking and biking and at its north end connects to the Illinois Prairie Path, a regionally significant hiking/bicycling trail.

Trees and shrubs plantings are to be phased in over a number of years. An arboretum component utilizing lowland and upland trees is planned for use in conjunction with the school's environmental education program.





Client

Belvidere Park District

Service Provided

project initiation and review

site investigation/ data collection/ review and analysis

public input meetings

user survey and analysis

alternative concepts

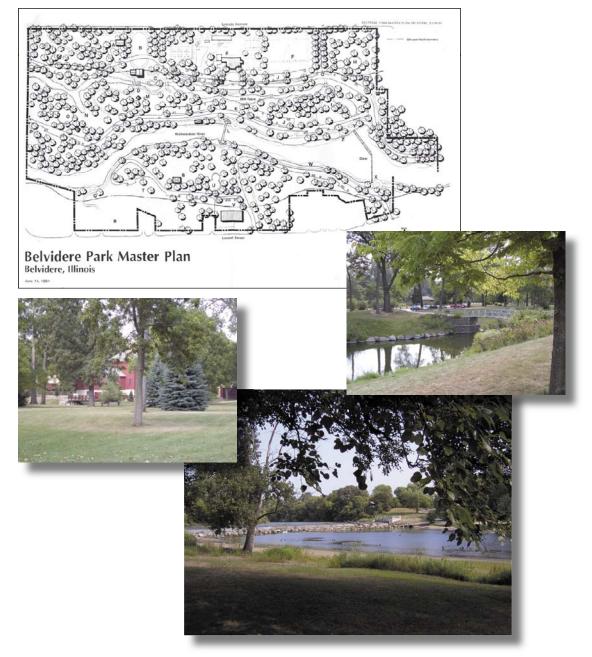
cost estimating

master plan

implementation phasing

Design Elements

landscape planting roadways /parking community center maintenance building pedestrian circulation playground athletic fields swimming pool festival/events areas picnic facilities shoreline treatment



Belvidere Park is the largest and most actively developed park in the Belvidere Park system. Kishwaukee River bisects this 105 acre park with existing facilities including a swimming pool, maintenance center, administrative headquarters, Old Mill House, playground, picnic area and an extensive roadway system. Land Design Collaborative, Inc. conducted a study of the park, including a site survey and analysis, user survey analysis and prepared alternative redevelopment concepts for preservation and recreation. The district adopted a master plan including plans for redevelopment of the Old Mill House and race waterway, upgrading the pool, a new playground, renovation of the roadway system, and a new community center building.

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Belvidere Park Master Plan Belvidere, Illinois

Stone Quarry Recreation Area Byron, Illinois



LDC assisted the Byron Forest Preserve District in developing a masterplan for the Stone Quarry Recreation Park that is programmed for teens in the community. The primary features of the park include a skate park and miniature golf course, which were the first elements to be constructed and are an integral part of the teen activity programs. Other elements included in the Master Plan are a farm themed playground, batting cages, sand volleyball courts, spray water park, and an outdoor amphitheater.

Valuable insight and assistance from the skating community helped LDC design the 12,000 s.f. skate park that consists of half pipes, quarter pipes, pyramids, boxes, and grinding rails. An existing quonset hut was utilized to provide for indoor skating during inclement weather. An existing barn was renovated for group teen activities, and a new building constructed for a variety of indoor activities and events.



Client

Byron Forest Preserve District

Service Provided

conceptual site design skate park design cost estimate

Design Elements

skate park miniature golf farm theme playground batting cages sand volleyball water sprayground teen facility parking & vehicular circulation amphitheater with stage





Client Cary Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan implementation planning

Design Elements

pathways softball and baseball fields football fields soccer fields community center building aquatics center bicycle path system roads and parking site furniture shelter storm drainage site lighting site utilities landscape development



Cary Community Park Cary, Illinois

The proposed development of a site for a new community park was an outgrowth of the Comprehensive Park and Facilities Plan prepared by Land Design Collaborative, Inc. for the Park District.

LDC was contracted by the District to explore the feasibility of an 80–acre site adjacent to Cary– Grove High School that would accommodate facilities for organized sports, an aquatics center and a community center.

Public participation by district residents and sports organizations was a critical factor in development of the Master Plan.

LDC assisted the District in the passage of a successful bond referendum for acquisition of the site for park development.





Client

Cary Park District

Service Provided

park site and facilities inventory

park analysis

demographic evaluation

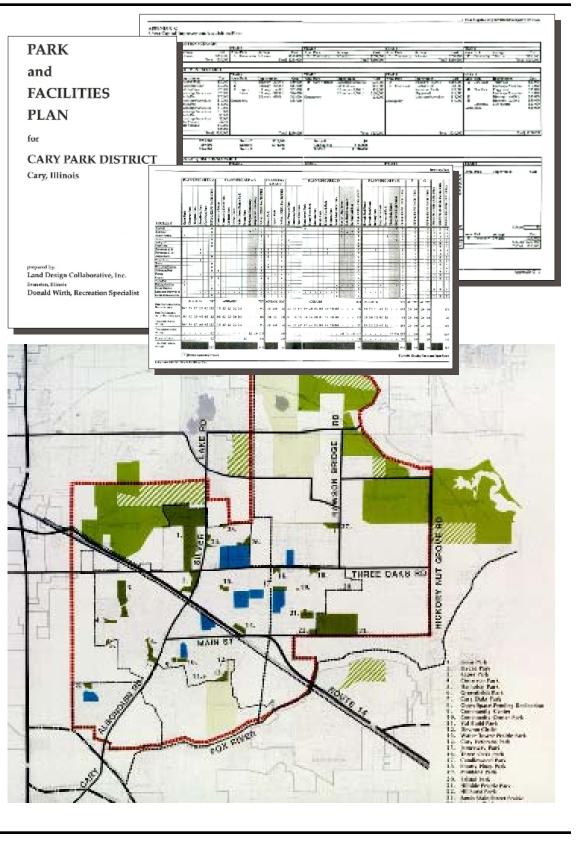
administration & management assessment

recreation program assessment

park acquisition recommendations

bike trail system

implementation recommendations



Comprehensive Master Plan _{Cary,} Illinois

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Jaycee Park Cary, Illinois

Client Cary Park District

Service Provided

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

alternative concepts master plan cost estimate OSLAD grant assistance construction design documents construciton administration services

Design Elements

pathways bicycle path system parking native prairie plantings site furniture pedestrian bridges shelter/restroom site utilities landscape development fishing pier





Jaycee Park was an existing 8 acre park with a 3 acre pond. The park was under-utilized and the pond was in a deteriorating condition. LDC analyzed the potential use of the park and its location in linking with other parks and a new bike trail system.

The pond was developed for fishing and ice skating with parking and a restroom/shelter provided to accommodate user needs. A path/bikeway was developed through the park linking activity areas and connecting with a community bike trail.

Renovation of the existing pond included wetland plantings to stabilize and improve appearance of the shoreline, and improve the water quality and fish habitat. Bioswales and settling basins were developed at inlets to the pond to reduce contaminants. Landscape plantings were installed throughout the park to provide buffer areas and reduce maintenance.

The project recieved an OSLAD grant and also awarded an outstanding site development award from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.





Land Design Collaborative incorporated

Client

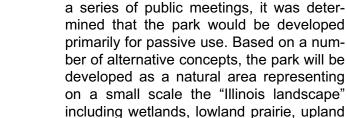
Champaign Park District Champaign, Illinois

Service Provided

site evaluation program development alternative concepts public consensusprocess master plan cost estimating and phasing **OSLAD** Grant assistance

Design Elements

pathways bicycle trail parking picnic area Interpretive signage wetlands pond prairie and woodland plantings site amenities



flood-retention

Robert C. Porter Family Park Champaign, Illinois



With an OSLAD grant from Illinois Department of Natural Resources and land along donations from the Porter Family and the Copper the Champaign-Urbana Sanitary District, Slough as the Champaign Park District was able to well as proacquire 38 acres on the rapidly developing viding natural habitats. A shelter and future fringe area of southwest Champaign. The nature center are planned overlooking the site is flat and open with the Copper Slough pond with an open space amphitheater Drainage Channel at the southern boundfor special events and unstructured recreary, with sanitary mains to the Sanitary Disational use. A two mile bike/pedestrian trail trict Plant located directly south. system throughout the park and connecting to a community wide trail will be developed

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prairie, savannah, and woodlands. A three

acre pond will be constructed to serve as

with interpretive signage provided. The porject was awarded an OSLAD Grant for ddevelopment of the first phase.







Client

Chicago Park District

Service Provided

project initiation and review

site investigation/ data collection/ review and analysis

design development

construction documentation

cost estimating

bidding and negotiations construction administration

Desian Elements

landscape plantings paving lighting



The landscape design for the 12th Street Beach project at Northerly Island complements beach activities and supports the natural habitat, while preserving the magnificent views to the City. In addition to being an important part of the Lakefront Park system, the park is also an important component of the Museum Campus and Solidarity Drive.

The design provides for a pedestrian plaza, sidewalks, lighting, floral display garden, shade/ornamental trees, and evergreen and deciduous shrubs. At the west side of the site, a double formal row of trees serves to buffer the parking area from the beachfront. Other double rows of trees flank the interior walkways. The spaces between the trees open onto lawn areas punctuated with ornamental trees and other plantings. Perennial gardens highlight the new entry walks from the parking lot to the beach and the beach house.

12th Street Beach/Northerly Island

Chicago, Illinois

Located between Adler Planetarium and Meigs Field, this project serves as an important link between these two Chicago landmarks. The design also takes into account future park development at Meigs Field.





Cleveland Elementary School Campus Park Chicago, Illinois



Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was retained by the Public Building Commission to design and develop construction documents for the site improvements of Cleveland Elementary School campus park, as well as to coordinate with various entities involved in the construction process.

The new campus park provides improved parking, playground, pedestrian circulations, plaza, and plantings.

Client

Public Building Commission Chicago, Illinois

Service Provided

site design construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

playground parking lot planting lawn



Client

Public Building Commission of Chicago

Service Provided

schematic design design development construction design cost estimates construction administration

Design Elements

walkways site lighting playgrounds gardens site furniture fencing landscape development

Construction Budget

\$0.6 million





Gray School Campus Park Chicago, Illinois

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Client

La Rabida Children's Hospital & Research Center

Service Provided

program development site analysis alternative concepts master plan cost estimates design development construction design construction administration

Design Elements

landscape development special playground equipment fountain special paving systems site furniture site lighting site utilities fencing

Construction Budget

\$500,000

La Rabida Children's Hospital Play Environment Chicago, Illinois





La Rabida Hospital is situated in Chicago's historic Jackson Park, on the former site of the 1893 Colombian Exposition's Spanish Pavilion.

In collaboration with the Hospital and building architect, LDC developed site planning concepts for integrating a therapeutic play environment, where children relying on ventilators, mobility equipment or alarm systems could be outdoors and play. The site improvements provide outdoor rehabilitation, recreation and passive spaces for patients, family and hospital staff.

Overall development of the play environment required special integration of lighting, walkways and plantings with the Chicago Park District's plans for recreational use development of the lakefront.

La Rabida Playground received a President's Award from the Illinois Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects.





Museum Campus Chicago, Illinois



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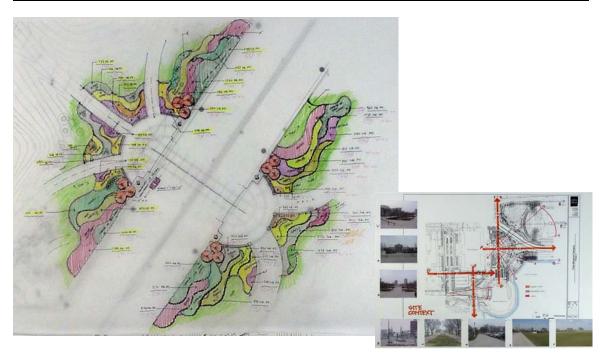
Chicago Park District

Service Provided

program development site analysis alternative concepts master plan implementation planning

Design Elements

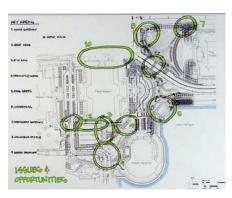
planting design landscape development



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Key areas throughout the Museum Campus were studied. These areas included: the south gateway from the parking lot at Soldier Field leading to the Museum Campus, the walks along the east and west sides of the Field Museum, the east-west axis at the western terminus of Solidarity Way, the terminus at the Shedd Aquarium, the oval green at the southwest corner of Monroe Harbor, the pedestrian underpass at Lake Shore Drive, the northwest gateway at Columbus Avenue and the Columbus statue area at Columbus Drive.

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Museum Campus Chicago, Illinois

Client

Chicago Park District

Land Design Collaborative

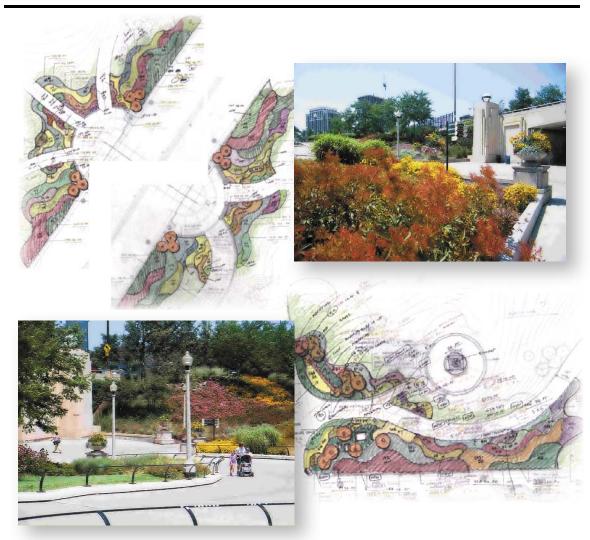
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Public Building Commission of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Service Provided

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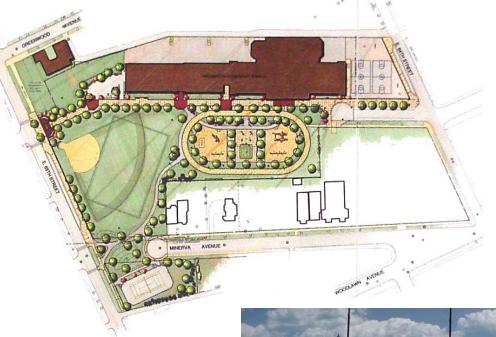
Design Elements

walkways site lighting playgrounds site furniture fencing parking lot gardens tennis court softball field basketball courts automated irrigation system landscape development

Construction Budget

\$1.3 million

Wadsworth School Campus Park Chicago, Illinois



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Wadsworth Elementary School, located on the south side of City, acquired additional land east of the existing school building and reclaimed, for pedestrian use, the existing street in front of the building. With the additional land, new site improvements were developed, which consisted of playground facilities, walkways, lawn areas, athletic fields, fencing and site furniture.







Client

Public Building Commission of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Service Provided

schematic design design development construction design cost estimates construction administration

Design Elements

walkways site lighting playground site furniture fencing landscape development

Construction Budget

\$0.6 million

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Walsh Elementary School, located on the south side of the city, recently added a new school building. Land was acquired south of the building for the development of play and recreational facilities. New playground facilities were designed with walkways, lawn areas, landscape, fencing, gardens and site furniture. Parking was added with a new service area provided.

Walsh School Campus Park Chicago, Illinois

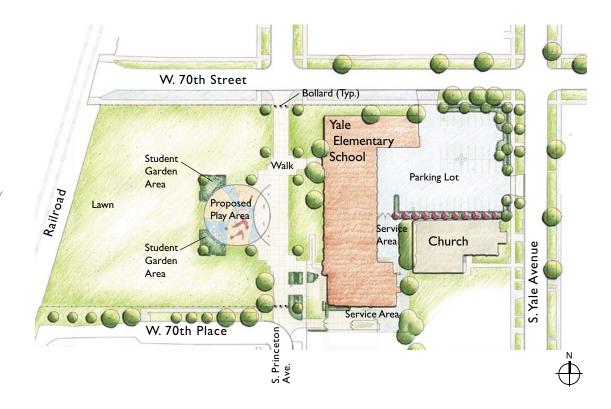






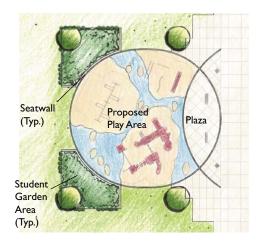


Yale School Campus Park Chicago, Illinois



LDC was retained by the City of Chicago's Public Building Commision to produce construction documents, make appropriate design adjustments and coordinate with the various public and private bodies involved in construction of the project. The project re-claimed the existing north-south street between W. 70th Street and W. 70th Place and the west lawn area for a playfield and multi-purpose pedestrian use. Expansion of the school site allowed the creation of improved parking facilities on the east side of the building.

The new plaza creatively utilizes sidewalk paving joints to create pattern and define the seating area between the playground and school. Additionally, the use of different colors of playground rubber surfacing creates an extra opportunity for play. The blue and beige colors are used to denote the sea and a series of islands. Seatwalls separate the play area from the student garden areas abutting it. Other improvements include new plantings, a drinking fountain and ornamental pathway lighting.



Client

Public Building Commission of Chicago Chicago, Illinois

Land Design

incorporated

Service Provided

site design construction documents construction administration

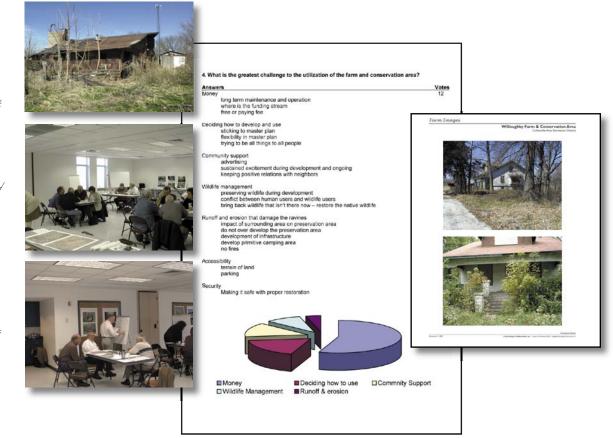
Design Elements

playground pathways parking fencing irrigation lighting





Willoughby Farm and Conservation Area Collinsville, Illinois



Willoughby Farm has been a community fixture in the Collinsville area since the early 1900's. Recognizing the significance of the interactive educational value and to preserve what may be the last significant tract of open space along the Collinsville bluff line, the Collinsville Area Recreation District purchased the forty acres of land from the Trust for Public Land with an IDNR Conservation 2000 Grant.

Land Design Collaborative (LDC) and its team of consultants were selected by the Park District to work with the Steering Committee as well as the numerous planning partners to facilitate the development of a Master Plan. The constraints of the site were clearly evident by the condition of the farm and the nature of the conservation easement. A consensus building process was established to provide interactive discussion with the general public, as well as within the Steering Committee and the three Sub-Committees. Through the public process, the Steering Committee was able to refine the Willoughby Farm vision, thus defining the program requirements and the issues to be considered in the planning of the Willoughby Farm and Conservation Area.



Client

Collinsville Area Recreation District Collinsville, Illinois

Service Provided

public process master plan alternative concepts program development consensus building

Design Elements

interpretive center conservation area historic farm preservation gardens croplands parking



Client

Deerfield Park District Deerfield, Illinois

Service Provided

site inventory master planning management planning funding sources analysis implementation planning

Design Elements

habitat restoration woodland management

river channel restoration

interpretive features

low-impact trails

BMP parking

Briarwood Trail/Tree Park Nature Preserve Master Plan Deerfield, Illinois



LDC was commissioned to create a master plan for an approximately 15-acre underutilized wooded area of Briarwood Park and Trail Tree Park, located in the flood plain of the Middle Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. The aim of the project was to produce clear goals for developing the site as a Park District resource for conservation, education and passive uses.

With input from Park District staff, LDC reviewed previous scientific studies of the ecology of the site; carried out an inventory of existing conditions; identified issues; examined possible improvements, and compiled alternate design approaches. This process resulted in the production of a finalized master plan, natual resource management proposals and a detailed multi-stage budget and implementation plan. Features of the final plan include proposals to enhance and restore existing habitat types-including savanna woodland, oak/ ash/hickory woodland, climax mesic woodland and wet/mesic riparian woodlandusing a series of management and design techniques; to restore existing river banks and floodplain to a more natural condition with wetland areas; to improve access within the park and linkage to surrounding areas, develop interpretation and wildlife observation facilities; to provide access and interpretation for the Trail Tree, a significant historical feature; and provide parking using best management practice storm water design; and to clearly delineate site boundaries.





Client

Deerfield Park District

Service Provided

playground design construction documents bidding construction administration

Design Elements

shelter building pathways play area picnic areas activity areas parking lot kandscaping



Jewett Park

Deerfield, Illionis

Jewett Park is approximately 20 areas in size and is located in the heart of downtown Deerfield. The site is adjacent to Village Hall, the Library, Commuter Train Station and the Park District Headquarters and Community Center. The Park has lighted baseball, soccer, skateboarding, winter outdoor hockey and skating rinks and tot lot facilities. The park also has landmark quality stands of oak trees.

It became the responsibility of Land Design Collaborative, Inc., to develop a long range Master Plan for this important park and implement construction of an immediate action project. The park was updated with a new shelter building which replaced the closed senior center, a new play area, picnic and activity areas, a new skating rink, vehicle entry and parking lot. This approximately \$1.5 million dollar refurbished park has become a favorite place for community events and neighborhood families. The Fourth of July brings thousands of visitors to dine, enter their dogs in the dog show, visit vendor booths and meet and greet folks and have fun.





Client

Des Plaines Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan implementation planning design & construction documents construction administration Design Elements item pathways athletic fields bicycle path system parking lots playground site furniture miniature golf course

retention ponds site lighting

site utilities

landscape development

Construction Budget \$2.4 million

atting



After acquiring one of the largest remaining undeveloped parcels in the City ó 39 acres ó the Park District commenced on the development of a community park to serve the recreational needs of the entire City.

Critical to the development of the site was the location of four major program components: community center/theater/senior citizen center; miniature golf course; playgrounds; and athletic fields.

Unique to the project was the cooperative agreement with the City of Des Plaines in the joint development of four retention ponds for flood control. The ponds also serve as aesthetic elements at the two entrances to the park.







Land Design Collaborative incorporated

Central Park Master Plan Dyer, Indiana

The Central Park Master Plan for the Town of Dyer has evolved over the last four years. After the purchase of 77 acres and the implementation of basic site improvements the Park Board engaged Robinson Engineering and Land Design Collaborative to complete the Park's Master Plan and implementation design process.

Three Park Board directives drove this community park's design:

Town of Dyer, Indiana

Client

Service Provided

alternative concepts master plan phasing options construction drawings

Design Elements

center core community center picnic shelter soccor field baseball fields dog park walking trails tennis courts ampitheater play and picnic area Veteran's Memorial common plaza links to bikeways and pathways

- 1. Central Park is a park for everyone.
- The Park's design is cohesive. 2.
- 3. The Park is respectful of its neighbors.

The Central Park design is based on a strong activity core and a strong north/south axis through the center of the park giving patrons easy access from parking to activities. No one sport or activity dominates the park, its facilities include soccer, baseball, a dog park, nature walking trails, tennis, amphitheater, play area, picnic area and Veteran's Memorial appealing to a wide range of users. A pedestrian and bicycle pathway system provides internal circulation and a connection to a regional bikeway system.









Client

Elmhurst Park District Elmhust, Illinois

Service Provided

alternative concepts master plan phasing options construction drawings

Design Elements

micro golf course spray ground baseball fields soccer fields parking lots recreation building shelter batting cages wetland preservation slide park sand volleyball basketball





Berens Park Redevelopment Plan Elmhurst, Illinois

Bordered by residential neighborhoods to the east, west and south and by a commercial development to the north, Berens Park is one of the largest parks within the Elmhurst Park District. Working with a team of consultants, Land Design Collaborative, Inc. created a master plan for redevelopment of the park, a budget and a strategy to construct the 60-acre park in two phases.

Phase one construction documents consisted of a micro golf course, spray ground, cross country path, recreation building, two parking lots, four baseball fields, soccer fields, and batting cages. In phase one, all of the infrastructure needed to support the above activities was also constructed. The first phase cost approximately four million dollars.

Phase two construction of the playground, volleyball and basketball courts, skate park and a shelter building will complete the master plan. This phase is scheduled to start soon after the completion of phase one.

Elmhurst Park District was recognized as a 2004 Illinois Park and Recreation Association "Site Facilities Renovation" Award Winner.





Evanston Lakefront Parks Evanston, Illinois



Land Design Collaborative

Client

City of Evanston, Illinois

Service Provided

tree inventory user survey reforestation plan construction plans construction administration public meetings consensus building

> The City of Evanston has over 40 acres of public parks along the lakefront of Lake Michigan. James Gamble, president of Land Design Collaborative (LDC), was the principal designer of award-winning improvements to these parks that spanned his employment with two Evanston design firms and LDC. His designs included the preparation of a reforestation plan for shade trees to replace mature elms, bike

path improvements, the design of the lagoon, shelter area, and boat ramp access and parking. Mr. Gamble also conducted an on-site user attitude and interest survey and created conceptual designs for park and beach improvements for Dempster and South Boulevard beach areas.

The lagoon improvements received the Midge Perkins design award.





Client

City of Evanston, Illinois EVMark

Service Provided

cost estimates streetscape revitalization plans alternative concepts design & construction

documents prime consultant & project management

construction administration

Design Elements

brick & paver walk planters increased street parking public art sidewalks traffic signals landscape development street & ornamental lighting



Land Design Collaborative contributed to the design effort of Olberg Park, working with the Northwestern University landscape architect and a private donor for the sculpture by Debra Butterfield. The park was also upgraded with new walkways and special paving. Installation of the sculpture was coordinated and detailed as part of the overall Downtown Redevelopment Project for which LDC was Prime Consultant.



Oldberg Park Evanston, Illinois









Client

Glencoe Park District Glencoe, Illinois

Service Provided

community needs assessment

inventory & analysis of resources

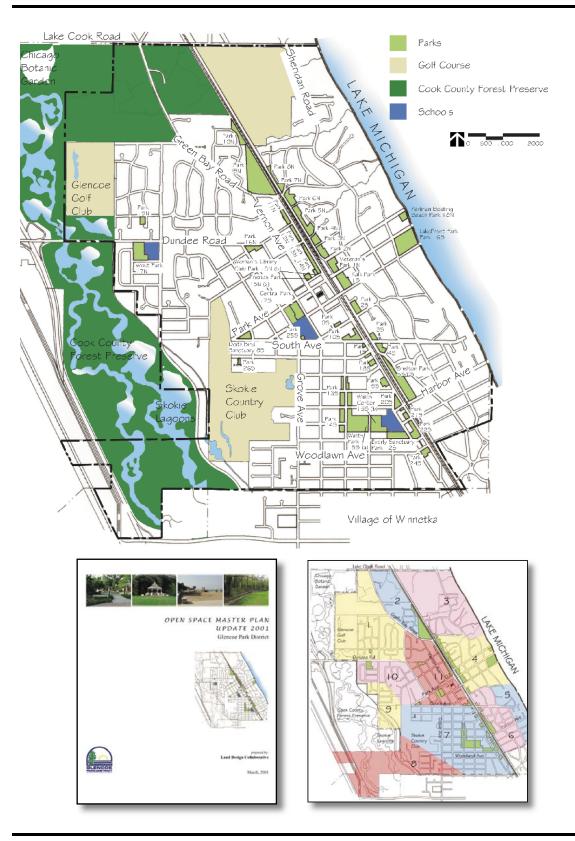
policy framework

program evaluation future park & trail system plan

park improvement recommendation & cost estimates

implementation plan

Glencoe Open Space Master Plan Glencoe, Illinois





Client Glencoe Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings master plan cost estimates implementation planning phase I design & construction documents

construction administration

Desian Elements

pathways pier redevelopment playgrounds site furniture scenic overlooks terrace and trellis picnic areas swimming beach site utilities signage

Construction Budget \$0.7 million



an OSLAD grant for this phase of work, which consisted of the beach house renovation, pier surfacing and fencing, new playground, boardwalks, picnic trellis, lighting, site furniture and stone terrace paving

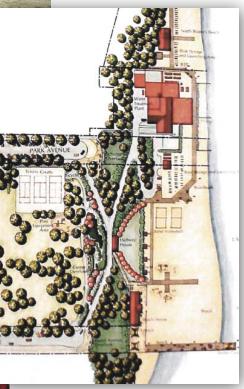
The Phase I Beachfront development received an Outstanding Project award from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association.



Lakefront Park Phase I Beachfront Glencoe, Illinois

Lakefront Park, located on Lake Michigan, consists of 8 acres which provide park users with a number of recreational opportunities. Land Design Collaborative, Inc. completed a Master Plan for the renovation of the Park.

Phase I of the Master Plan was implemented with the renovation of the beachfront. The Park District received





Shelton Park Glencoe, Illinois



Client

Glencoe Park District Glencoe, Illinois

Service Provided

site evaluation program development alternative concepts public consensusprocess master plan cost estimating OSLAD Grant assistance construction design documents bidding construction administration

services

Design Elements

gazebo pathways bicycle trail playground picnic area tennis courts landscape plantings park sineage



Based on the Park District's comprehensive Open Space plan as prepared by Land Design Collaborative (LDC), it was recommended that a Master Plan be prepared for Shelton Park incorporating a number of site improvements. The existing park encompasses an area of approximately 7 acres, and is long and narrow with a maximum width of 250 feet. The park is bordered by the metro railroad on the west and single family residential along the south and east.

LDC prepared the Master Plan which included an extensive public input process to gain consensus from the neighbor-

hood. Issues addressed in the Master Plan included; (a) separation of pedestrian paths and the Green Bay Bike Trail for safety of park users; (b) renovation of existing playground to meet current ADA and CPSC guidelines; (c) renovation of existing tennis courts to improve playing conditions; (d) improve drainage conditions to prevent ponding; and (e) create native plant buffer along adjacent railroad tracks. Critical to the renovation of the park was the preservation of numerous large oak trees.

LDC assisted the Park District in obtaining an OSLAD Grant for development, and prepared construction design documents and provided construction administration during the implementation of site improvements. Park improvements were completed in the fall of 2005.





Wagner Farm Glenview, Illinois

Client

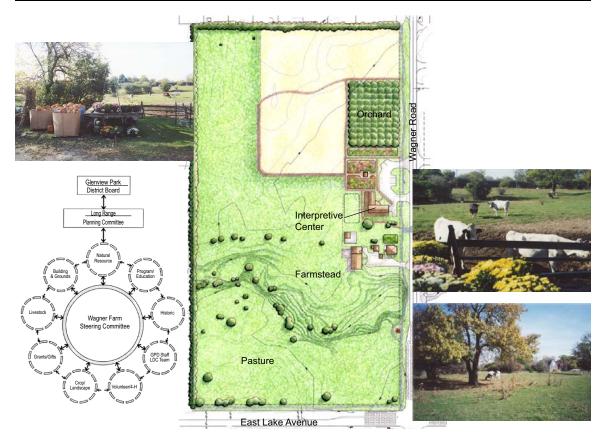
Glenview Park District Glenview, Illinois

Service Provided

master plan program development alternative concepts concensus building

Design Elements

pathways roads & parking fencing scenic overlooks pasture croplands gardens



Wagner Farm has been a community fixture since the late 1830s. Today it is particularly valued for its ability to provide a window to the past. The residents of the Glenview Park District saw purpose in keeping the 18-acre farm and passed a Farm and Fields Referendum to purchase the farm in July of 2000.

Shortly thereafter, the Park Board solicited volunteers for an eighteen member Steering Committee and eight Sub-Committees, whose purpose was to develop a Master Plan recommendation for Wagner Farm. At the same time Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) and its team of consultants was selected to work with the Steering Committee and Park District to facilitate the development of the Master Plan.

A consensus process was structured to provide hands-on involvement of the Steering Committee, gain public input, identify and prioritize the significant issues related to the enhancement of the farm.

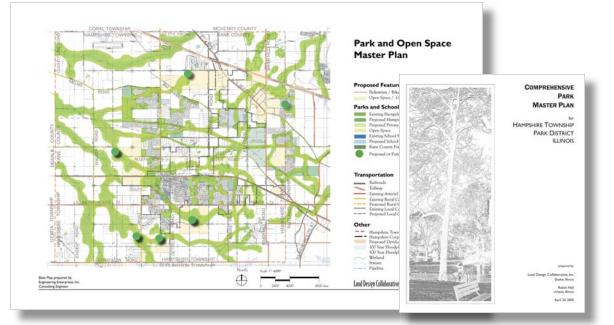
Through input from public listening sessions, work shops, and Sub-Committees' work, the

Steering Committee arrived at a mission and vision statement and program uses for the farm. Concept plans were prepared by the consultant team to investigate alternatives. The approved Master Plan for Wagner Farm allocates land for crops, orchard, gardens, pasture and buildings, including a new Interpretive Center.





Comprehensive Park Master Plan Hampshire, Illinois



Land Design Collabotarive, Inc. was selected by the Hampshire Township Park District to prepare a Comprehensive Park Master Plan. Based on proposed and future developments within the District's boundaries, it is projected that the population over the next ten years will grow from 6,500 people to over 20,000, with an additional 350 acres of new park land donated to the District.

In order to meet the challenges related to growth, the Comprehensive Plan includes:

- · Inventory of resources
- · Demographics and recreation trends
- Development of park classification system and standards
- Policy framework including goals and objectives
- Evaluation of recreation programs
- Park service area analysis for existing and proposed parks
- Park and Open Space Master Plan
- Evaluation of maintenance practices and program
- Comprehensive pedestrian and bikeway system

The Park and Open Space Master Plan identifies the need for new neighborhood and community parks, and delineates an Open Space/Greenways System that conserves and protects natural resources and links parks, schools and community facilities with residential developments throughout the District. Over 6,000 acres are identified for open space and greenways.

Implementation of the Plan identifies over fifty recommendations in the following categories:

- Financial and referendum
- Inter-agency cooperation
- · Operations and policy
- Recreation programs
- · Park land donation and acquisition
- Maintenance
- Land and facilities
- New facilities

The Comprehensive Park Master Plan for the park district will serve as a compass to guide the board of commissioners in making decisions and achieving its mission.





Hampshire Township Park District

Service Provided

inventory of resources

demographics and trends

open space and park standards

policy framework/ goals and objectives

park improvement and acquisition recommendations

recreational program evaluation and recommendations

capital improvement program

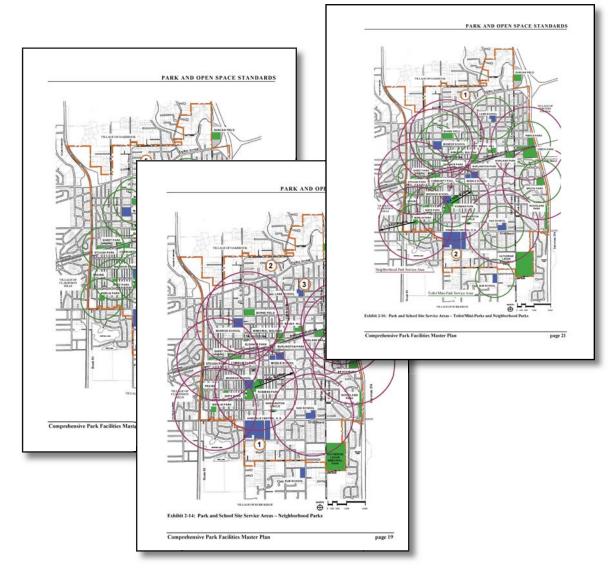
Design Elements

open space/greenways park system

bicycle/pedestrian trail



Comprehensive Park Facilities Master Plan Hinsdale, Illinois



Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was selected by the Village of Hinsdale to asssist the Hinsdale Park and Recreation Commission in developing a Comprehensive Park Facilities Master Plan.

The comprehensive plan includes:

- · open space and park standards
- · a community needs assessment
- an inventory of resources
- · a policy framework
- park improvements & recommendations
- an implementation plan.

The comprehensive plan will serve as a guideline for the improvement of park and recreation facilities over the next ten years. It identifies specific projects to be implemented, sets priorities and schedules, and defines expected costs.

In addition to improvement recommendations for the existing parks, the comprehensive plan also includes suggestions for the location of parkland acquisitions, skate parks, pedestrian connections between parks, band shell, community recreation center and other special facilities.



Client

Village of Hinsdale Hinsdale, Illinois

Service Provided

open space & park standards

community needs assessment

inventory of resources

policy framework

park improvement recommendations

acquisition recommendation

implementation plan

Client

City of Lake Forest

Service Provided

park site and facilities inventory

park analysis

demographic evaluation

programs evaluation

park acquisition recommendations

implementation recommendations

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Comprehensive Park Facilities Plan

Lake Forest, Illinois





Client

City of Lake Forest, Ilinois

Service Provided

site masterplan site analysis alternative concepts concensus building pedestrian facilities recreation facilities traffic circulation parking sports field design



Deerpath Park

Lake Forest, Illinois

LDC developed a master site plan to integrate a number of existing facilities that occupied the site. These uses include a police and fire safety building, an elementary/middle school, a recreation center, playground and lighted baseball fields. LDC's assignment was to enhance the uses of the site while minimizing conflicts and promoting safe pedestrian access for students and park users. Key plan elements include:

- · Park access for school children who use the facilities in their school programs;
- · Safe vehicular drop-off and parking locations for school bus and parents;
- · Access to the recreation center for members;
- Potential recreation center building expansion.

LDC led the development of construction plans for sports field renovation and lighting of the four ball fields, which included improved drainage and repositioning of certain fields to more efficiently use the limited available space. The lighting of the ball fields has extended the hours of play and has helped meet the immediate demand for additional ball fields.



Elawa Farm Park Lake Forest, Illinois



Client

The City of Lake Forest, Illinois

Service Provided

public process master plan alternative concepts program development grant assistance construction drawings construction observation

Design Elements

multi-use field native planting play areas pathways fencing shelter picnic area



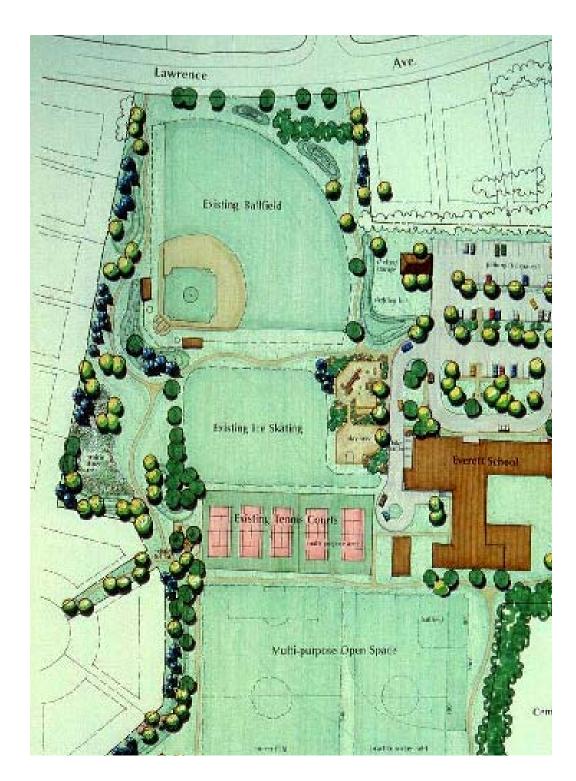
The historic Elawa Farm in Lake Forest was developed in 1917 for A. Watson Armour, a member of one of Chicago's oldest and most distinguished families as a "gentleman's farm." The character of Elawa Farm Park draws on the beauty of the savanna and open fields that surround the property and its characteristic early 20th century redbrick architecture.

Through a series of public hearings, Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) developed a program statement to assist the City in establishing the goals and objectives for the Elawa Farm Park. Using the information gathered through the public process and during site inventory and analysis, LDC developed two preliminary concepts to address the functional and aesthetic aspects of the site. Through public comments and direction from the Board and staff, a final concept and cost estimate were developed.

On receipt of an OSLAD grant for construction the City of Lake Forest retained LDC to prepare construction drawings and provide construction observation services. The design or the park and the selection of plants and construction materials makes refernence to the historical and natural resources of its surroundings. Native savanna plants were used, together with crushed sandstone trails and are complemented by a shelter based on a contemporary interpretation of a barn. The park also incorporates tot and school-age play areas, basketball court, trails and horseshoe courts.



Everett Park and School Lake Forest, Illinois





Client

City of Lake Forest

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan implementation planning

Design Elements

pathways multi-purpose athletic fields tennis courts playgrounds bicycle path system roads and parking storm drainage site lighting landscape development





Client City of Lake Forest

Service Provided

cost estimates master plan implementation planning design & construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

parking lot site lighting retaining walls entrance drive playground tennis courts site furniture ice skating area bicycle trail warming house and community center athletic fields landscape development

Construction Budget

\$1.0 million





Northcroft Park Lake Forest, Illinois

Land Design Collaborative, Inc. was selected to develop the Master Plan and Construction Documents and provide Construction Phase Services for the development of Northcroft Park.

The site is a unique balance of open space and heavily wooded areas, which required special sensitivity in the design of facilities. Large stands of oak trees were preserved while meeting the recreation program for sportsfelds, ice skating, playground and tennis courts. Topography was a unique natural feature of the site and was utilized by LDC to accent a graceful entry roadway and parking lots. Recreation facilities were located stragegically to work with the topography. A pedestrian / bike way was developed within the park and linked to regional bike ways passing nearby.





Client

Adlai E. Stevenson High School District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts cost estimates master plan implementation phasing planning design and construction documents

construction administration

Design Elements

walkways

- baseball fields
- softball fields soccer fields
- football fields
- tennis courts
- automated irrigation system

roadway

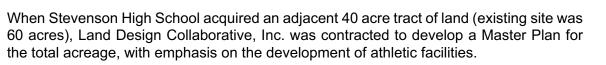
site utilities

storm water management facilities

landscape development

Construction Budget

\$2.4 million





The Master Plan had to take into account future school building expansion and the development of athletic facilities for both intramural sports and league competition sports.

A series of workshops were conducted by LDC with sports staff and coaches in the development of the Master Plan.

LDC was involved in the construction design for the new and renovated sports facilities, which was implemented in five Phases.





Stevenson High School Lincolnshire, Illinois

Client

Village of Lincolnwood Lincolnwood, Illinois

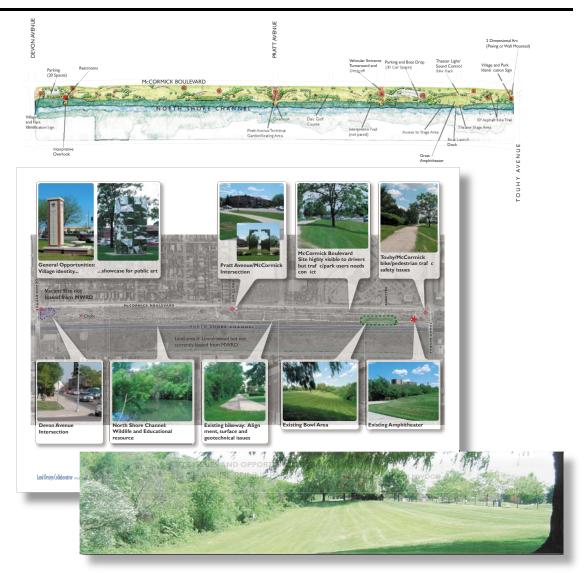
Service Provided

site inventory public art inventory alternative concepts master planning public process funding sources analysis implementation planning

Design Elements

bike trail public art amphitheater boat access parking overlooks interpretive trails

Channel Runne Park Master Plan Lincolnwood, Illinois



LDC was commissioned to create a master plan for this largely passive-use, 20-acre site adjacent to the North Shore Channel in Lincolnwood. The goal was to create a series of realistic park improvement projects that respect the tranquil, passive nature of the site while maximizing grant funding potential.

With input from the Village Staff, Park Board and the public, LDC carried out an inventory of existing conditions, examined possible improvements, and compiled alternate design approaches. This process culminated in the production of a final master plan and a detailed multi-stage budget and implementation plan.

Features of the Final Master Plan include an improved bike trail system; grass amphitheater adjacent to the channel; water access with small boat launch facilities; improved locations for public art; improved views and access to the North Shore Channel, including overlooks and nature trails; parking facilities; and public gardens. The plan was approved in September 2005 with a goal to implement the first trail improvement project in 2006-7.

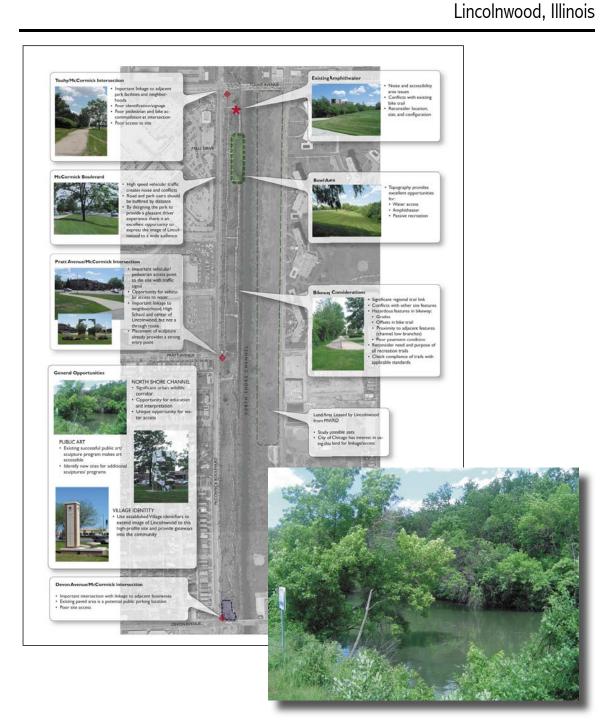


Client

Village of Lincolnwood Lincolnwood, Illinois

Service Provided site inventory

conceptual deisgn public impact master planning



Channel Runne Park

The Lincolnwood Channel Runne Park is located between McCormick Boulevard and the MWRD Canal from Devon to Touhy Avenue. Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) prepared a park master plan that addressed bikeway path improvements, sculpture locations, landscape, and boat launch facilities in the canal. Special pedestrian plazas, ornamental plant beds and pedestrian crossings at McCormick Boulevard were also addressed by the plan. An implementation and funding strategy plan was developed to dovetail implementation phases with grant funding programs.



Client

Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois

Service Provided

develop garden design resolve drainage issues improve growing conditions

conservation design

Design Elements

safer pedestrian circulation

landscape restoration

native plants

attractive and welcoming promenade

plaza and large lawn areas

alcoves and shade trees for seating and walkways











Lincolnwood Village Hall Promenade Lincolnwood, Illinois

A landscape design plan was developed, providing the community with a village hall that reflected the Village's commitment to developing spaces that "promotes the health, safety, welfare and pleasure of all the residents (Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Mission Statement);" and that "preserves, protects and enhances the natural environment of the Village (Lincolnwood Beautification Commission)."

To meet the goals, a plan was developed to replace deteriorated entry concrete walks and planters missing shade trees to achieve an attractive entry suitable to the importance of the Village administration buildings. An attractive linear bermed "garden" to the Village's offices was developed to soften the impact of parking and eliminate vehicular cross-access for safer pedestrian circulation.

The landscape architect was responsible for developing a beautiful garden design, solving drainage and poor growing conditions, while creating safe pedestrian walks and seating in an area surrounded by vehicles. Starting in the beginning planning stages and through to completion the landscape architect worked with the Village, Beautification Committee, and community members in order to ensure that their vision and needs were being fully met.

The Village Hall Promenade site provided an excellent opportunity to introduce native and natural landscapes to the community. To this end, the Promenade incorporates native perennial plants. The large lawn areas in front of Village Hall offered opportunities for native landscapes containing prairie plantings. The smaller formal beds adjacent to the building and in the plaza use traditional landscape plants including shrubs, perennials and annuals for accent purposes.

- The landscape plants are planted in a 42 inch high landscape berm surrounded with a 6 inch concrete curb
- Shade trees, light bollards, barrier bollards, are aligned the length of the walk
- Small alcoves are created along the peninsula with natural stone seat walls
- The alcoves have elevated plantings for access for the physically challenged
- The primary concrete sidewalks are 8 feet wide with brick accent areas
- Existing pedestrian scale lights were replaced with bollard lights



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With the help of state grants, Mount Prospect Park District purchased this 4.5-acre former plant nursery site to be developed as a nature center. LDC was commissioned to create a master plan illustrating possible development of the site, focusing on largely passive recreational uses and its educational potential.

Although structural and accessibility problems prevented the existing farmhouse from being retained, much of the original plant material was considered a valuable resource and was carefully incorporated into the site plan: Existing stands of evergreens form a natural buffer from the adjacent neighborhood and an existing depression forms a central wetland area traversed by a boardwalk The site also incorporates a playground, parking to accommodate school buses, team building course and a stone council ring for use as an outdoor classroom.

After the receipt of an OSLAD grant for development, LDC was retained to prepare construction documents and subsequently provided construction administration services. The project was completed in the summer of 2006.



Client

Mt. Prospect Park District Mt. Prospect, Illinois

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts master plan cost estimate construction design bidding construction administration

Design Elements

shelter with interpretive panels pathways parking playground wetlands boardwalk team building activity course picnic area native plantings



Land Design Collaborative incorporated

Meadowhill Park Northbrook, Illinois

Meadowhill Park Addition provided for the acquisition of 45 acres adjacent to the existing Meadowhill Park, which was developed extensively with active recreational facilities.

A portion of the new park site was a 15 acre detention basin managed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The Basin was developed with native prairie plants to reduce maintenance and provide a unique natural educational resource. In addition, the

north branch of the Chicago River bisected the site and required special design considerations relative to access and overall circulation for pedestrians and bicycle users.







Northbrook Park District

Service Provided

Client

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings master plan cost estimates implementation planning design & construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

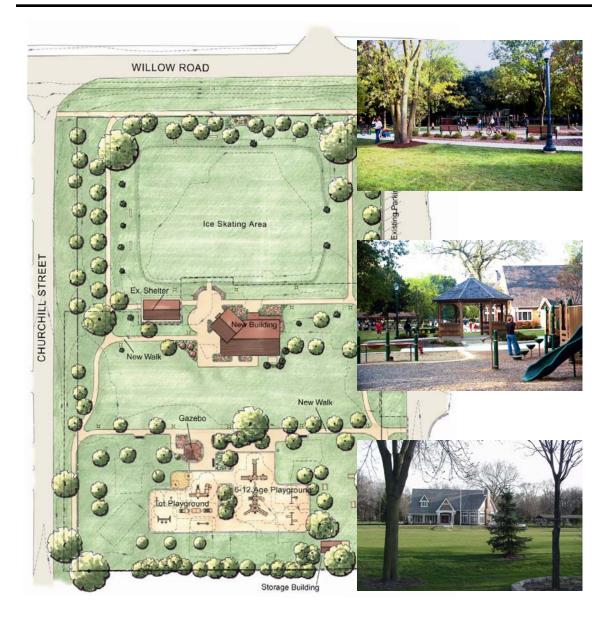
pathways athletic fields sport field lighting automated irrigation system bicycle path system parking native prairie plantings site furniture pedestrian bridge shelter sledding hill site utilities landscape development

Construction Budget

\$1.6 million



Clarkson Park Northfield, IL



Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was retained to design the renovation of Clarkson Park, and assist in obtaining state grants and fund raising efforts.

The design proposed a consolidation of the individual play areas into a single playground with a planting island as a buffer between the tot and elementary-age play areas. This consolidation created more open space area for free play, a picnic area and facilitates for adult supervision. A gazebo was added to the northwest corner of the playground to provide a seating area for caretakers.

New plantings, plaza area, and pathways were developed to accommodate the needs of the new building. New lighting was also added along the walkway to enhance safety and encourage night-time use.

Client

Northfield Park District Northfield, Illinois

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

Service Provided

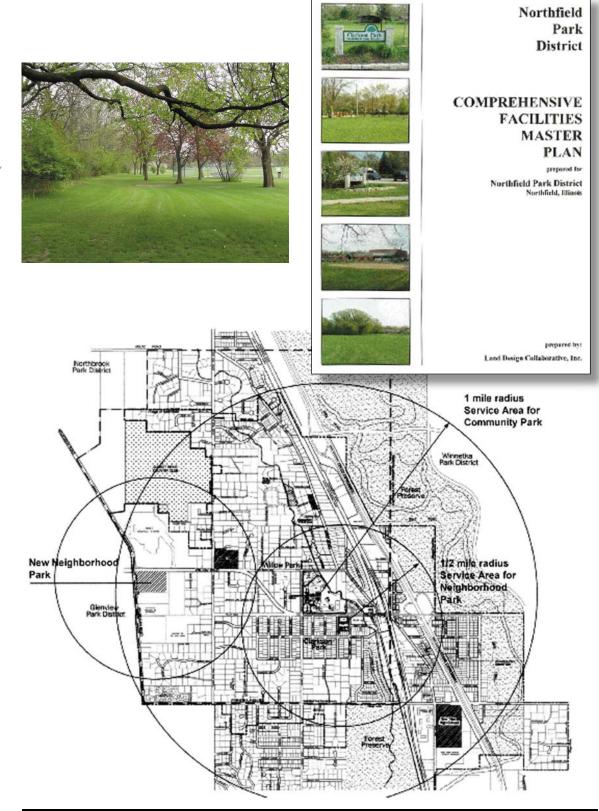
site analysis public process alternative concepts master plan OSLAD grant application construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

gazebo tot playground school-age playground ice-skating area community buildings pathways



Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan Northfield, Illinois





Client

Northfield Park District Northfield, Illinois

Service Provided

park site and facilities inventory

park analysis

demographic evaluation

community needs survey

park acquisition recommendations

bike trail system

implementation recommendations



Barrie Center Park Oak Park, Illinois



Client Park District of Oak Park

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

Service Provided

public process master plan alternative concepts program development cost estimate construction documents

Design Elements

tennis/volleyball courts half-court basketball in-line hockey tot playground art wall entrance feature pathways fencing seatwall drop-off area

Following an Oak Park tradition of naming parks after renowned authors, Barrie Center Park was named after J.M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan".

The park is located on a corner, abutting a residential area on the south with streets bordering the three remaining sides. An evergreen hedge serves as a buffer between the park and the side of an existing residence, while shade and ornamental trees serve as frontage for the three other sides of the park.

Tennis/volleyball, in-line hockey and two half-court basketball courts are proposed

on an existing concrete deck atop a raised water tank. The concrete decking currently shows signs of wear and tear. A modular rubber sports field surface is proposed as a cover, offering a smooth and economical surface for various sports activities.

To minimize disruption to traffic flow, a passenger drop-off/pick-up area is proposed on Lombard Avenue.

In honor of Sir Barrie, the tot playground is designed with a "Peter Pan" theme and a "Peter Pan" art wall is proposed for the facade of the adjacent pump building.



Rehm Park Playground Oak Park, Illinois

Client

Park District of Oak Park Oak Park, Illinois

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

Service Provided

master plan public listening sessions construction drawings construction administration

Design Elements

walkways playground landscape plantings seating area

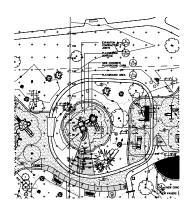


Rehm Park Playground, built around a custom model train, is a well used playground in Oak Park, Illinois. LDC designed the playground to include multiple play experiences—

> physical, social and imaginary encouraging the development of physical and cognitive abilities and the development of social skills. Additionally, a new pathway system was created to better connect different areas of the playground, facilitating smooth transitions between various pieces of play equipment.

> Following ADA guidelines, the playground is accessible to children of all ages with separate areas for tot and school-age chil-

dren. To further diversify play experiences, LDC provided a variety of play surfaces that include wood fiber, and sand.





Client

Peoria Park District City of Peoria Heartland Riverfront Commission

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan implementation drawings construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

riverfront promenade walks festival event facilities restrooms bicycle path system parking lot sculpture & fountains site furniture site utilities landscape development River walk promenade with public art, benches, lighting, and special utility (water and electric) service distribution boxes for special events



River walk promenade with special railing over steel sheet-piling wall





Concert/Festival Event Controlled Entrance Area

Client

Peoria Park District City of Peoria Heartland Riverfront Commission

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan design & construction documents construction administration

Design Elements

riverfront promenade walks festival event facilities bike path system parking lot sculpture and fountains site utilities landscape development





Heartland Riverfront Festival Park Peoria, Illinois

The development of its Illinois River riverfront has been the goal of the City of Peoria and Park District of Peoria for the last 20 years. Heartland Riverfront Festival Park encompasses approximately 28 acres bordering the Illinois River and the downtown. Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) worked with the Park District and the City in the joint development of a Master Plan for the park, which is part of the overall riverfront development effort.

The project received a merit award from the Illinois Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects and an Outstanding Project Award from the Illinois Council of Engineers.









This Oslad Grant project is a 1.3 acre, neighborhood park located in historic Riverside. Patriots' Park was designed to fit within the context of Frederick Law Olmsted's plan for the community. Land Design Collaborative, Inc. (LDC) was retained to further develop the original program and concept, produce construction documents, and oversee the construction process.

LDC reconfigured the program elements to utilize the space more efficiently. The new design places the playground at the widest part of this elongated park, which is also the new entrance to the park. The tot and school-age playgrounds are separated by a cir-



cular paved plaza. A long, flowing berm separates and screens the park from a busy thoroughfare directly north of the park. Plantings in the park consist of predominantly native plants, including a butterfly and sensory garden. Long, verdant meadows and graciously sculpted earth forms adhere to Olmstedian design principles.



Client

Village of Riverside, Illinois

Land Design Collaborative

incorporated

Service Provided

public process master plan alternative concepts program development construction drawings construction administration

Design Elements

walkways plaza playgrounds native plantings feature gardens stone seatwalls handicapped parking





Client

Urbana Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings

master plan

cost estimates

implementation planning design & construction documents

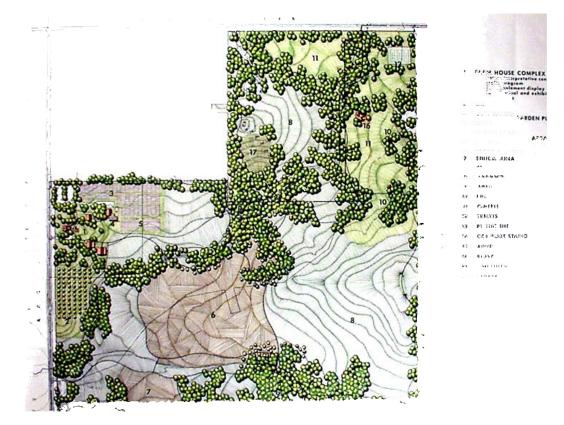
Design Elements

pathways playgrounds bicycle path system parking native prairie plantings site furniture pedestrian bridges shelter community gardens site utilities landscape development farm house complex



Farm Complex Meadowbrook Park Urbana, Illinois

Meadowbrook Park is a unique educational and recreational facility developed by the Urbana Park District. Formerly 115 acres of farm land typical of central Illinois, this park has been transformed into a blend of historical/educational facilities with active and passive recreational activities for the entire community. A major focus of the park is the recreation of a historical farm complex with educational exhibits and operating facilities. In contrast to the farm complex, a portion of the park has recreated the historical landscape of the prairie (60 acres) and native woodlands that dominated the landscape prior to settlement and farming. Subsequently, Land Design Collaborative has been requested to update its original Master Plan, and recently completed alternative concept plans for the acquisition of an additional 80 acres adjacent to the Park.







Client

Waukegan, Illinois

Service Provided

master plan alternative concepts

Design Elements

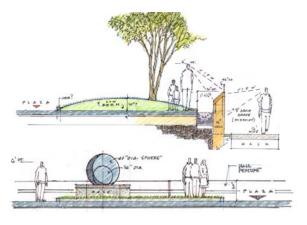
memorial wall pathways plaza sculpture mural spherical water feature retaining wall

Washington Park Veterans' Memorial Waukegan, Illinois



The proposed Washington Park Veterans' Memorial plaza functions as a gateway to downtown, while providing a memorial for all veterans of war. The design allows for various uses - dignifed space to contemplate and pay tribute to the sacrifices of heroes, ceremonial congregations, or simply a place to sit.

The design utilizes the natural topography of the site (i.e., a dramatic drop in grade at the east toward the ravine) to create distinct areas of usage without conflicts. A spiral wall separates the active area of the plaza from the more solemn part. Visitors can walk along a wall inscribed with a timeline of various wars and the names of fallen heroes and leave mementos on the memory shelves along the wall. The everspinning spherical water feature at the inner end of the spiral signifies the renewal of life and global democracy and freedom.





Community Playfields Park Wilmette, Illinois



Community Playfields Park is an existing 40acre community park that provides a wide range of recreational facilities to Wilmette residents and serves as a joint facility for a Middle School. One of the District's community center buildings (formerly an elementary school) is also located within the park.

LDC developed a Master Plan for the Park to provide for the renovation of existing facilities and the development of new facilities. Athletic fields, including softball, baseball and soccer fields, were redesigned to improve orientation, drainage, safety, and efficiency. Additional features include a concession stand, restroom, storage building, new playgrounds with a water play facility, and paths that connect the facilities. An amphitheater was also added for outdoor educational activities, concerts and plays.

Client

Wilmette Park District

Land Design

incorporated

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings master plan cost estimates implementation planning

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design & construction

documents

pathways athletic fields automated irrigation system bicycle path system parking site furniture playgrounds amphitheater shelter and restroom building site utilities landscape development

Construction Budget

\$1.8 million



Community Playfields Park Wilmette, Illinois









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Client

Wilmette Park District

Service Provided

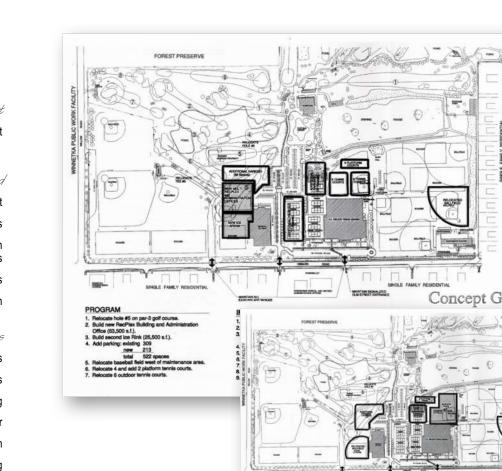
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Design Elements

pathways athletic fields automated irrigation system bicycle path system parking site furniture playgrounds amphitheater shelter and restroom building site utilities landscape development *Construction Budget* \$1.8 million



Skokie Playfields Winnetka, Illinois



Skokie Playfields is an existing 180 acre park with an 18-hole golf course, 9-hole par 3 golf course, driving range, tennis center, athletic fields, platform tennis courts, and an indoor ice rink. Land Design Collaborative (LDC) was hired by Winnetka Park District to evaluate the existing facilities and to assess the potential to add one or more of the following facilities: Rec Plex Center, second ice rink, aquatic center, and an

indoor pool. LDC analyzed the existing site conditions, including the 100-year floodplain, access, traffic, pedestrian circulation, and surrounding land use. LDC developed and evaluated nine alternative concept plans for new facilities and was responsible for conducting public input meetings. A report was prepared documenting the process and final recommendations.

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Park



Client

Winnetka Park District

Service Provided

program development alternative concepts public participation meetings cost estimates master plan

Design Elements

pathways softball and baseball fields community center building aquatics center bicycle path system roads and parking



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