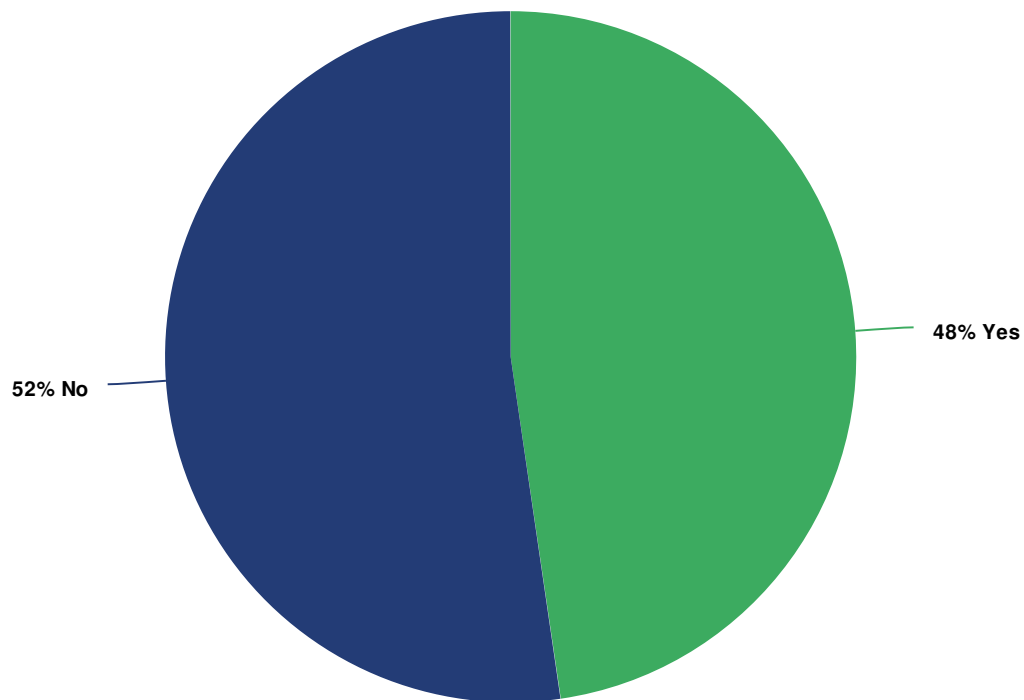




Report for Highland Bridge Parks Community Feedback

1. Does your household include child/children?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		47.7%	71
No		52.3%	78

Totals: 149

2. Age of child/children:

ResponseID	Response
14	8
18	1) 12yr old
21	all teens
25	3
60	Will have children in 3-5 years
76	1.5
96	13-19
106	12
109	12
121	9
132	15
133	9, 7, 3
138	1-4
144	currently 2 and 5
149	8
165	2, 4
177	8, 5, and 2
178	7
182	12
197	3 and 7
203	3yrs, 9 mo.
205	12
210	3, 6

ResponseID	Response
226	4
227	4
240	2 and 3
253	9 and 11
268	11 and 13
272	0, 2
283	2/4
307	4,6
311	7, 3
340	3,5
358	infant
365	14, 16
366	17, 16
383	8, 5, 2
391	1,5,7
399	4
410	4
412	14
415	13
419	2 and 7
431	1
435	1
443	3
452	5 an 9

ResponseID	Response
469	8, 5, 9 mon
477	1.5
481	4.5
491	9
492	1, 3
498	2,5,5,8
501	16 months
513	8
516	3, 5
520	9
541	1.5
546	2, 5
562	2 year old twins
570	8,11
571	8, 4
574	15 and 17
581	2 and 4
582	4 and 6
584	1, 1, and 4.5
585	4
590	15 and 13

3. Which play features are preferred by your child/children?

First

ResponseID	Response
14	PIP Play surfaces (8, 9 K)
21	Skate park
25	1
96	Skate path
106	Skate park
121	Skatepark
132	Skatepark
133	All love the PIP play surface, with mounds, den, and hill
138	Spinner
144	monkey bars
149	K
165	Space to run, bike
177	Hill with climbing structures (this is unique and different than any other park in the area and the kids saw that right away)
178	1
182	Skatepark
197	Nature play area
203	LG play area
205	hamoks
210	5-12 play feature, concept 1
222	Play Fort
226	Swing

ResponseID Response

227	swing
240	1
253	Climbing Play Feature
268	a
283	5-12 Play Feature
307	Slides
311	Ages 5-12 playset
340	Your survey is not clear. — Overall prefer Concept 2 for Park B
354	When children, safety is most desired, along with lawnspace
365	Skateboard terrain
383	Park B concept 1
391	1
399	5-12 concept 2
410	H
412	shaded areas
415	Basketball court
419	Anything climbing or monkey bars like
431	1
435	The same as previously listed
452	Water play
469	Concept 2 a
477	Swing
481	Concept 1 Play Feature #3
491	Zip Line

ResponseID Response

492	2
498	Concept 2 K 8-9
501	Climbing
513	Climbing equipment.
541	Swing
546	Slides
562	Swings
570	A
571	A
581	T all climbing structures
582	Concept 2
584	Concept 2 8 and K are cool (and not seen elsewhere)
585	Swings
590	climbing

Second

ResponseID Response

14	5-12 play feature
21	Dog park
25	2
96	Skate bowl
106	Pools and waterfalls
121	Water access
133	We're all excited about the tennis courts on the map!

ResponseID	Response
138	Swing
144	climbing walls
149	8
165	Things to climb
177	Water table
178	A
182	Skatepark
197	Climbing play area
203	Natural play area
205	nature play area
210	2-5 play feature, concept 1 or 2
222	Swings
226	Slide
227	slide
240	K
253	Spinner Play Feature
268	b
283	2-5 Play Feature 2
307	Variable Climbing surfaces
311	climbing features
340	Your survey is not clear. — Overall prefer Concept 2 for Park B
365	Hammocking space
383	Park Concept B 2 E
391	2

ResponseID	Response
399	PIP 8,9, K
410	8
431	2
452	swings
469	Concept 1 1
477	Spinner
481	Concept 1 Play Feature #4
491	Splash Pad
492	1
498	Concept 2 A
501	Water play
513	Hard surfaces for basketball, riding a bike, and just running around.
541	Spinner
546	Water play
562	Slides
570	D
571	K
581	Natural play areas, water, streams
584	please no sand everywhere. Sandbox/area okay
585	Smaller slides (she is cautious)
590	sliding

Third

ResponseID Response

21	Hunt for frogs and wildlife in the water feature -- so make accessible and safe
106	Plaza
121	Playground
133	Climbers, like 3, D, and concept 2's 5-12 area
138	Water
144	slides
149	A
165	Slides
177	Large climbing structure with slides
178	3
182	Skatepark
197	Swings
203	Swings
205	PIP Playground
210	net climb play feature, concept 2
222	Monkey bars
226	Climbing area
227	2-5 play feature
240	2
253	Play Feature/Structure
268	d
307	Sand box area
311	spinner play features

ResponseID Response

340	Your survey is not clear. — Overall prefer Concept 2 for Park B
383	Park B Concept 1 6
391	3
399	Netting
410	K
431	4
452	Climbing mounds
469	Concept 1 3
477	2-5 Play Sturcture
481	Concept 1 Play Feature #7
491	Concept 1, Number 4
492	6
498	Concept 1 6, much more involved water pad/feature
501	Slides
513	Swings
541	2-5 Play Sturcture
546	Climbing
562	Towers
570	K
571	3
581	Zip lines
584	Shade/coverage
585	Splash pad
590	swinging

Fourth

ResponseID Response

21 No tennis courts - they don't play and there are already a lot of choices for tennis - courts are all cement - waste of green space

121 Bike trails

133 Spinner, like 7 and F

138 Sensory

144 swings

149 2

165 Water fun/Splash pads

177 Natural play areas

178 B

182 Skatepark

197 Water Play area

203 Biking

210 swing play feature, concept 1

222 Slides

226 Water feature

227 climbing area

240 D

268 f

307 Swings

311 Swing (picture #5)

340 Your survey is not clear. — Overall prefer Concept 2 for Park B

383 Park B Concept 1 3

ResponseID Response

391 k

410 D

431 Zz

452 slides

469 Concept 3 d

477 Climbing Feature

481 Concept 2 Play Feature H

491 Concept 1, Number 3

492 8

498 Concept 2 B

501 Swings

513 Water features

541 Climbing Feature

546 Swings

562 Excavators/diggers

570 3

571 6

581 Hills

584 swings, slides, balance challenges, new terrain

590 bouncing

Fifth

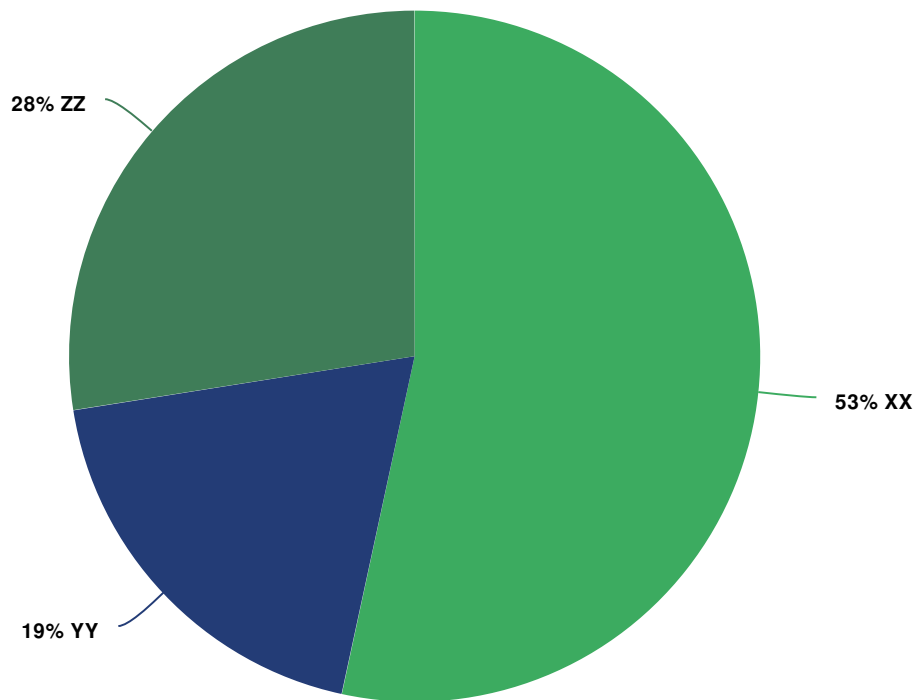
ResponseID Response

121 Green space

ResponseID	Response
133	9-year-old wants regular, individual swings!
138	Climbing
149	3
165	Terrain that doesn't end up IN their shoes (sand/pebbles)
178	8
182	Skatepark
197	spinner
203	Hammocking
210	spinner play features, either
222	Merry-go-round
226	Sensory loop trail
240	4
268	e
307	Pretend places- like little "cars" or "stores" underneath structure
311	Walking on ropes/balancing
340	Your survey is not clear. — Overall prefer Concept 2 for Park B
383	Park B Pip Surface K
391	7
410	A
431	8
452	spinning featers
469	Concept 2 c
477	Sensory Features
481	Pip play surface option C1

ResponseID	Response
491	Concept 2, E
492	3
498	Sensory loop trail, though no photos shown
501	Shade/places to hide
513	Spinning/merry go round
541	Sensory Features
546	Green space
562	Climbing walls
570	1
571	D
590	run around

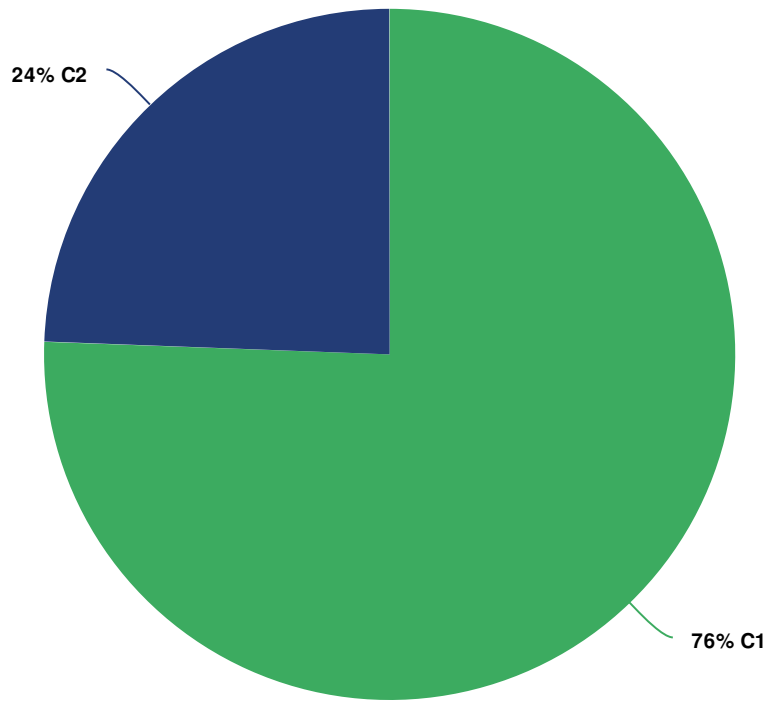
4. Select the color palette option you prefer for Park B. Refer to page 15 of the Highland Bridge Park Concepts document for more details.





Value	Percent	Responses
XX	53.4%	70
YY	19.1%	25
ZZ	27.5%	36

Totals: 131

5. Select the color palette option you prefer for play equipment.
Refer to page 24 of the Highland Bridge Park Concepts document for more details.



Value		Percent	Responses
C1		75.6%	90
C2		24.4%	29

Totals: 119

6. Please include any additional comments about Park B.

ResponseID	Response
14	I think the 5-12 play area is very important.
21	Try to blend with the nearby architecture - more naturalistic earth tones
83	Love the pickle ball courts and full court basketball.
106	I think that you should make a skatepark instead of boulders and a skate trail
121	Please include skate features but do not focus on the mini bowls. Include small ledges and rails. These will be enjoyed by both beginners and experts. I am a skateboarder of 10 years so please take my word for it. Thanks!
132	If you build a skatepark, please hire a company that just builds skateparks for a living. Use the same company who did the St. Cloud skate plaza redesign
133	Shade would be appreciated. Also, will there be restrooms?
138	it would be nice if it was fenced in
144	I love the play surface options on page 23. I think interesting hills/slopes/valleys to run around and climb on are fun and engaging for kids of all ages.
165	That last question is confusing it says "color palette for equipment" but is it about the color of the ground? The pattern of the ground? I like the idea of a "water"-like pattern. I also want plenty of benches etc in *shady* areas for parents to sit and watch their kids and kids to take a break out of the sun. Mainly looking for a place for my kids to be active safely away from the street, ideally somewhere that is easy and safe for them to bike to (designated bike/ped paths in every direction from from Cleveland and Ford and river road. I'm frankly scared to get my kids out on bikes right now, so I'd absolutely love to see true bike paths like they have around Lake Harriet and such. Love how there is lots of equipment here that I haven't seen elsewhere in highland (or any park for a couple items).

ResponseID Response

177	<p>Please consider making this park more unique or contrasting to other parks in the area. Many of these structures are the same that have been put in to updated playgrounds in the area (ie library, Horace Mann, ect). Kids want variety and they look forward to going to places that are different. Minneapolis does a good job of this. Almost every new park has a feature that distinguishes it from others. What about a long zip line (there's one in Minneapolis that you sit on and use)? Also, what about a feature that makes this a destination or makes it a tourist/visitor site? In other cities there's often a feature in the park that makes it a site to see. Sometimes its a sculpture (best ones are ones kids can play on that also correlate to the local area) or a water feature that you can interact with (ie pineapple fountain in SC).</p>
195	<p>you don't include page numbers on these slides - poorly designed process here</p>
210	<p>like/appreciate the variety of choices in playground equipment</p>
226	<p>Please consider as many accessible options as possible. These are lacking in other city parks. Use a firm surface below equipment like that seen in picture "B" of concept 2.</p>
227	<p>Please include a firm/level surface below the equipment and in the play area to make it accessible to children with special needs</p>
235	<p>Too many terrain changes make it difficult for people in wheelchairs or grandparents to get at the play equipment. Would prefer a flatter terrain. Also--no swings? :(</p>
240	<p>We love concept 2! More engaging features, open ended play structures, and opportunities for kids of many ages.</p>
243	<p>It's important to consider grandparents visiting the park with children. Are there benches nearby for watching the children while seated? Easy to watch / supervise children while they play?</p>
249	<p>I think this park needs public restrooms to be functional as a children's play area. It also needs a lot of public seating for parents to watch their kids.</p>
258	<p>Prefer the curves of C1 and the circular path</p>
261	<p>Please consider making handicap accessible and opportunities for handicap play.</p>
283	<p>blend in with natural surroundings, NO FAKE GROUND SURFACES, keep it natural and classy. The most popular park in Highland Park and mac groveland, by far, is Mattocks Park. this is due to the structures, the natural ground, and the shade provided by trees.</p>

ResponseID Response

294	Think about adding two pickleball courts instead of B-Ball and moving them to center as much as possible to allow for noise buffer. It is a very popular and loud activity that needs noise/visual dampening. If you need B-Ball court find a spot in open lawn area near center
295	The more natural the materials and natural the colors the better, in my opinion.
302	Less is better
303	I don't really have an opinion about colors
307	Please plant trees around the area to give some shade in summer. If the structure is 100% in the sun, it gets too hot for kids to touch June-August. Mattocks park and the new playground at como are good examples.
340	zz Again, your survey, it's mark ups, and toggling back and forth to your content is confusing and lacks clarity. So not sure my actual preferences will be entered.
349	I like that there's a large age range of equipment from 5-12.
354	Tennis court rather than pickleball. Or, Tennis court somewhere, anywhere, on the development. No safe bike access from development to a tennis court, or quick walk. There may be bike lanes to Minneapolis or many blocks away, but after being hit by a cab, my safety parameters for regular biking are more conservative. Tennis is such a popular sport, and there is not one in the neighborhood. Most people will think those pickleball courts are tennis courts, I only noticed after reading fine print. Please do not assume everyone wants only pickleball and are not assuming there is tennis, because the documents do not jump out and say: these are not tennis court, we have no plan for tennis to be conveniently located.
358	Please consultant disability specialist, consider color blindness when choosing final colors. Given this is a space for kids it should be fun and inspiring not necessarily a serene pretty adult preference lead choice.
365	Be sure to pick colors that don't get too hot in the summer.
366	Anything that blends in better is better. Llke green.
369	xx C1 preferable

ResponseID Response

383	I really like the idea of this park being unique from the other parks in the area, please pick different features from Horrace Mann and Hillcrest. Would be nice to see a zip line option, those are LOVED by kids. Water features would be such a valuable addition. So many Mpls parks have wading pools and St Paul has nearly no engagement opportunities for kids and water. I'd especially love something that could be both an art feature fountain style and also play oriented. Charleston has a pineapple fountain that kids kid wade into, how cool would it be to have a fountain with a Ford Model T or something reflecting the history of the site, beautiful for all to enjoy, and also kids to play in the water? Wins on so many levels and could apply for art based grants...
389	You are by the river. The river has water. Blue is a color associated with water.
412	neutral colors, tasteful and blending into the surroundings
415	One basketball court is not enough. The play features are great for young children, but you are missing space for teenagers and adults to play. Please add more court space!!!
419	This all looks really fun and like a destination park we would head to
428	bathrooms needed!
431	Park B needs a bathroom. This survey was difficult to engage with. Without better explanation of the park designs within the survey it was difficult to give thoughtful feedback.
443	Splash pad and shade
452	Need for shade - man made or natural/trees. Parents seek out parks with shade. There are few in this area of Saint Paul. Also, inclusion of water play here (model after the Children's Museum water play room but larger and for all ages!). Nearby bathrooms and drinking fountains for easy child access.
469	Needs Shade built in until trees mature - especially if a water play feature is included where kids will stay stationary. Needs bathrooms, more accessibility play structures should be prioritized, a splash pad would be great! A shaded picnic pavilions for birthday parties would be a great addition.
470	all are ugly
473	Who is going to maintain these areas "long term"? City has no money and can barely maintain current system of parks. This will become an eye sore in 5 years if no commitment by city is made for long term funding.

ResponseID Response

480	Tennis courts, basketball courts are great for older kids, please keep in mind older kids
481	Will there be public restroom and hand washing station available? Seating for parents and guardians? Shade?
485	I would like to see pollinator gardens of native plants in areas adjacent to the playground. This will foster curiosity and knowledge about Monarch butterflies near where the children are playing.
489	water features? What safety tests are you doing (dirt, plants, construction dust, long term exposure)? How are you communicating information from those tests to the public? Do you really want another Love Canal? Why aren't we hearing about your testing and study plans to make sure the parks and the entire Highland Bridge community is safe now AND into the future?
491	Lots of shade and natural elements please!
496	Please select colors that blend in with environment vs. stand-out.
498	I love the climbing spaces with PIP play surface. Also please find a way to incorporate water play, fountains, something into Park B if chosen
501	Please consider kids with disabilities
513	Parks that have a fence between the play equipment and the road, bike area, etc. create a much stronger sense of safety (does not need to be entirely fenced in). Lots of seating is key for caregivers and children taking breaks. Shade is also one of the top things we look for at playgrounds - with a new development, trees will be young, so any structures with awnings would be great. Or, use budget to purchase more mature trees near seating/play areas. The Boyd park playground near the Selby and Western intersection is ideal in terms of seating and also has wonderful play equipment - children play there for hours and hours, and it is also wonderful to have picnic tables nearby where lots of people come to eat. Well shaded.
548	C1
558	The playground structures are atrociously ugly.
562	These colors are really ugly, especially for the ground surface. A more natural palette would be better for this once industrial site turned "green" redevelopment. I'm having a seizure looking at the images.

ResponseID Response

570 It would be wonderful to have elements in the playground that support imaginative play and the creation of games by children. For example, large areas of connected structures allow for inventive games of tag/hot lava. A summer "sledding hill" would also be nice, where kids can slide down while sitting on cardboard (my kids loved playing on one made of artificial grass). Also, shaded areas with seating near the playground are a must.

571 I like the layout of C1 better. It looks more dynamic and interesting. The angled PIP play surface is great. Both my kids like the features in K. Will there be shade? Maybe a shade canopy over the 2-5 play structure or another part of the playground. Restrooms at the park are important. My kids and I would love to see a splash pad included at this park.

582 Blend with the environment

584 C1?

590 we have no clear preference on diff style of apparatus or colors, but more important, glad there are spaces appropriate for diff age groups offering variety of things to do, as well as adjacent green space to run around and do whatever else -- tag, play catch, kick a ball, etc. think you absolutely need a bathroom at this park (as indicated in park bldg in one of the photos). kids out for a day of play absolutely need that. giant chess would be wonderful.

7. Please provide comments specific to Park A, pages 4-7 of the Highland Bridge Park Concepts document.

ResponseID Response

14 I would love to see a soccer field or soccer complex incorporated into the plan, with both indoor and outdoor capabilities. It may live at Park A, maybe not...

21 I'm confused - some of the illustrated ponds are green (assume will be left more naturalistic) and others are colored blue -- maybe some water features will be kept filtered/cleaned for a wade pool or for toy boats? Overall, just plain open green space with turf / grass is best for all to enjoy - - don't feel the need to overdo the water features

27 Don't love the skate park.

29 I don't love the skate park. Isn't there some thing else teens can do?

62 I am not in favor of the skateboard attraction at all. Love the walking platforms, nature feel. The concrete round seating looks like brutalism- not attractive or comfortable. More trees, plants and greenery needed.

83 Applaud the inclusion of skateboarding, an equity activity that will bring all day multi-generational activity to this visible area. BUT the "bowls" need to be re-conceived/designed. As a skateboard feature the bowls will not be a draw, thus money wasted. Hard to tell by images but "Skate Trail" may need better spacing of skate elements. Has the skateboard community been consulted? Would you consider a full skatepark located in bowl corner location vs. this trail and bowls concept?

ResponseID Response

96 Hi there! To be clear, I'm just reaching out solely as a MN skateboarder, here only to refer to the skate path and bowl section of the plan. Personally I find the the lack of (quality) public skateparks in the area is alarming and far worse than many smaller cities.. While I am in 100% support of you guys helping and leading the way in getting new skateparks, I do not think that's these paths and bowls are cost effective, nor desired by skateboarders. Part of what makes a skatepark so fun, is the feeling of community and being surrounded by others with a like interest. With the "park" dispersed through a long path, it will not have a designated spot for users to gather and socialize, defeating that aspect of the park. While the bowls may make for a common meeting ground, bowl skating typically appeals to a very niche type of skater and while everyone can still have fun with it, it is unlikely people will hang around all day to skate some little bowls.. I'd Also like to touch on the images with the big concrete rollers.. cool, fun and all, but really? The amount of other (far more functional) skate obstacles that could be made for the price and labor of that thing is ridiculous! Things like ledges, many pads, rails, quarter pipes, etc. Honestly, the reason I'm writing this message is to offer the idea of actually creating a small skatepark rather than this obscure skate spot. This skatepark wouldn't have to be big, and could be modeled similarly to "Ojibway Skatepark" in Woodbury, MN. A small concrete plaza style park. A park like this rather than the skate spot would allow for gathering and the sense of community that plays such a huge role in skating. Also here with a variety of obstacles, skaters would be able to progress in multiple aspects of skating which would ensure they keep coming back. Other skaters would also be drawn to this park to for its unique obstacles and design, while it's hard for me to see skaters driving from out of town to just pull up to a "park" with only a trail and small bowl section.. anyways I have no idea if anyone is actually reading this, but there's my input.. My email is jackalanjohnson@gmail.com, if there is any way to get more involved I would love to!!

106 You should make a skatepark in a waterfall in pools

121 Skate features will be amazing for the area. Love the water access!

132 The skate bowls could be good if their design is tweaked a little. A skateable volcano feature would be cool if there is space. Please add some skateable ledges with plenty of runway somewhere in the park

133 Kids are excited about skate park, and we love the trails and community game spaces.

144 Really excited for an aesthetically pleasing skate and bike park and I love the way the nature and the elements of the park could be combined in a beautiful way and less of an eye-sore over time.

156 Bocce courts are a nice addition Nice amount of walkways Skate park could be a detractor to residents

ResponseID Response

165	I LOVE the marshland boardwalk idea. I also like the bocce courts (used to be in a league a decade ago). Since I don't know anyone who would use a skate park it's not something I'm personally excited about but i'm not opposed to it.
170	Do not like the skateboard/bike concrete feature. Too much hardscape. May attract rowdy crowd.
177	I would recommend finding a sculpture or something unique that provides the part with character. Looks like a good overall open space.
178	We like the bocce ball and boardwalks.
182	Skatepark
197	Absolutely LOVE the idea of a skate park. We have a little skateboarder and currently drive to Minneapolis for places to skate.
198	More trees and trash cans near skate trail, please. Also, how is the skate trail going to be maintained and not an icy safety hazard in the winter? I'm not sure what the sunken area is supposed to be on the diagram.
203	Needs some benches on the East side also some seating facing the river as well
205	The skateboard features are in a terrible location on the corner of Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Blvd. THOSE SHOULD NOT BE THE FIRST THING IN THE PROJECT THAT YOU SEE!!!!
208	Less skate and Bike. More water, less marsh (mosquitos). More Bocce Ball and other inclusive family games, pickle ball or others.
209	Where is the public restroom? skatepark good. seating good also. but seniors might need access to restrooms, and we can't assume they all live near in senior housing.
210	seems ok, unsure that i would personally use the skate park component that much. like the lawn space and water fountain/pond.
222	Restrooms need to be accessible in order for this park to be useful to the community at large.
223	NEEDS PUBLIC RESTROOMS. Absolutely LOVE the elevated walkway/bridge; Also love the skate trail
226	Is there a way to include an outdoor ice rink?

ResponseID Response

227	Include an ice rink. This is Minnesota after all and that would be a great use of the park in the winter
233	Keep the paths and decks wide for social distancing. Include seating with shade.
235	Might be nice to see some bathrooms, a pavilion/shade option, and/or some grills. Also, for all the water fountains, please include a water bottle filler- it takes forever waiting for people to fill a bottle from the normal mouth spigot.
240	Love the skate trails, walkways and seating areas! Bocce ball we could do without.
243	Are there clearly demarcated access paths to the bike and skateboard features so that eager skateboarders and bikers don't run into other people (especially children) using the same paths?
249	I like the inclusion of activities for multiple interests and age groups. I think this area would need a fair amount of public seating for parents, spectators, and hanging out between games.
253	I love the skate park and bocce ball concepts
258	Love the bocce courts
261	Not sure what some of the structures are in the drawing.
273	Really like the skate trails/bowls and bocce courts - more unique Boardwalk/platform over wetlands would be a great feature
283	are skate parks really still a thing? seems very 1990s.
290	Like it
294	Park A seems like it should be passive and inviting. I would isolate skate park feature to SW pocket of park not front and center as shown
295	I like the skateboard park. I am concerned that the ponds might look like an open water treatment area if the water is as small as it is shown in this more recent "concept" drawing. This looks like a water containment system. If the park looks simply like a water run-off containment system it will be a disaster as a "park".
302	Too much ... you're trying too hard...no skate board course ...way too much for children and not enough for adults and seniors
303	I simply cannot judge one design over another.

ResponseID Response

307	Concept 1 looks like kids have more options to play and be creative
311	Like the focus on water and nature, including lookout points and bridges. Having a skate park as part of this feels incongruent; I like the idea of a skate park, but wonder if it would belong better in one of the other park areas.
319	Public Art, where is it? Bathrooms, where are they? How many benches? I know there will be some, but how plentiful?
349	I think it's great that there is space for skateboards and bikes. That's needed around here.
354	Don't care for skate park, at all
358	please add more bocce courts. consider adding disk golf course.
365	I really like the gently rolling terrain that would be useful for bikes, skateboards, rollerblades and others.
369	like the bridge over marsh/reeds for walking benches high qualities Trees
370	I like the mix of things visitors can do, the sight lines, and the mix of open space and more shaded areas.
380	Open up space to the riverfront.
381	Needs restrooms
383	I think it'd be cool if this space was more artsy. What interesting artwork pieces could be incorporated? Maybe partner with Friends of Highland Arts or other local artists? Is there an opportunity to highlight the history of the land? I think this would be the ideal spot for the fountain I just mentioned in my previous comments. Creating something that catches people's eyes from the street, creates a draw for people, has artistic beauty, but also has play opportunities for kids to get wet and cool off. I think on a hot day anyone would enjoy dipping their toes in. See Charleston Pineapple fountain or City Garden in St Louis as examples of interactive water/art pieces. If funding wasn't possible now, perhaps holding space/water infrastructure and fundraising drive/grant writing could be done with Highland District Council. Maybe Ford would contribute if it honored their history in some way.
389	A change in plans from the original concept of the view from the Highland traffic bridge. Retail was originally viewed from that location. How safe will this area be to the adjacent to roadways? Oh, that's right St Paul has a 20 mph speed limit and no one will get hurt.
391	Is there water fountain access?

ResponseID Response

397	<p>Is a skate trail that popular? Will it be plowed? The parking areas on MRB are not plowed so I suspect this feature is just for three seasons. The downside is skaters from the entire Twin Cities will be attracted to this feature. Is that the intent? Would a fitness trail be more beneficial? A fitness trail would have various exercise stops along the trail. This space and equipment could be used all four seasons. Also, a much larger percentage of the population would use a fitness trail vs skate trail. I would like to see the skate trail plan removed the park design.</p>
403	<p>The position of the skating bowl is dangerous! Too close to Ford Parkway and bridge; too close to walkway - especially one that slopes down to river road. The entire area including sidewalks along Ford Parkway etc will be turned into a skateboard park. And this from someone who has decided she doesn't mind skateboarders because unlike electric scooters one can actually hear them approaching from behind.</p>
410	<p>Love the water and walkways. Minneapolis has a neat kids bike park to consider.</p>
412	<p>it needs more shade, especially trees</p>
414	<p>Overall, this is a strong design. However, it fails to connect to the Mississippi River trail at the northwestern corner. Access to this park from the Mississippi River trail is especially important for those who want to use this park who are arriving by bike, especially children. It would be much safer to access this park from the north by going underneath Ford Parkway than crossing this busy street.</p>
415	<p>Is a bocce court actually something of interest to our community? That is not something I would ever use. But I really appreciate the open green space.</p>
417	<p>This design seems to be very inward focused relative to the site. It would be helpful to better integrate it with the assets around the park.</p>
419	<p>My 7 year old would love a skate trail- he skates- scooters and bikes. A pump track for kid sized bikes would be amazing. We have a lot of bike lovers in Saint Paul.</p>
425	<p>I don't care for the skate ramps but depends on noise mediation.</p>
428	<p>need bathrooms, more colorful</p>
431	<p>I like the design of Park A, specifically the looping trails.</p>
435	<p>I like the skate park.</p>

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452	Some multi-function space that had an ampatheater would give more use options. Shelters with the intent of the water turning into an ice skating rink in the winter. Only skating rink in the area is always full, all winter.
470	uninspiring
473	Looks wonderful on drawing. But, again, long term maintenance and funding is required. This is public space and will become eye sore within 5 years!
474	Love the bocce court idea! Skate trail is a fantastic addition as well.
475	I really like the skate park! I think that it will get a lot of use from the community
477	The greener the better!
481	Greater diversity in seating options to encourage people to actually spend time there, and not just serve as a thoroughfare. Small bistro tables, chess tables for diverse uses and demographics? To encourage greater foot traffic and crowd, especially for elderly and those with small children (serve an "eyes on the street" function). Parasols for shade, particularly where no trees (or until they grow in). Table tennis (concrete and metal, byo padles)?
485	More small patches of pollinator gardens rather than turf.
489	Love the boardwalks! Who will maintain the bocce courts and will they actually be used? Why the concrete tables? Not visually appealing and hot in the summer! (Not to mention the carbon footprint of concrete!) Make sure all the impervious surfaces you add actually NEED to be there! Any locations where woodchips, gravel, or patio pavers would allow for greater percolation?
490	I like the piers/walkways. And I think the City could use another skate park. What about a splash pad? Or a splash pad could go in Park B?
491	There are never enough benches, tables, and shade. A Bocce court would be wonderful for all of the families in the area, as well as older kids.
496	I love the skate trail! Please consider how to ensure that skaters are not using non-skate trails. It is an issue on the campuses at St. Thomas, etc.
498	Bike and skating spaces look awesome; nothing like that nearby! Bocce courts are cool and unique.
500	The skate park portion

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513	Looks great! Love the bench and walkway railing aesthetic. Add more seating. Consider areas that provide shade. Not a need for a full dog park, but identifying areas where dogs should relieve themselves can help a lot with not killing the grass/shrubs/or general messes.
534	It is concerning that there is no public restroom facility in Park A or anywhere. Restroom facilities must be integrated.
540	Love it!
541	The picnic benches look like they're from a McDonalds in 1995
548	Bocce Ball courts Walkways
562	What are the white dashed lines in the sunken areas? (and what is the purpose of those areas?) This is a much more natural look then some of the playground suggestions which is nice in a site with very high densities projected.
567	Fantastic idea to incorporate bocce courts. Skate trail idea is nice to be inclusive and allow for activity, but also blend into surroundings.
571	Overall design looks nice. I like the boardwalk over the water feature.
574	The skate park is awesome!
579	I have read that when the question was asked about public bathrooms, the answer was there will be none, due to the expense and that merchants near by will have bathrooms. Parents will be scrambling to find bathrooms for their children, and will need to somehow run home ! Is it fair for merchants to have to put up signs that state there is no public bathroom. And that is what they will have to do. Please spend the money.
581	Would love mature trees, art installations, walking paths, water features, and ample seating.
584	Looks fine
585	Would prefer it had a playground
587	Really like the boardwalk features. The skateboard seems like a nice option for youth. The bocce ball courts for the elders. I like this intergenerational approach. As this area is adjacent to the senior housing, and may seniors also are likely to meet here - hoping there is enough seating provided and I do not see a public restroom. This is a must, especially for seniors :)

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have to admit surprise at the skate park, but i guess that offers something for everyone. also surprise there are no tennis courts (kudos on pickleball) or winter sport planning beyond ice skating -- how about hockey, too, and curling? seems that could dovetail w/ the bocce ball space. what about bathrooms? seems like a missed feature.

8. Please provide comments specific to Park C, pages 25-34 of the Highland Bridge Park Concepts document.

ResponseID	Response
14	I love the pet-friendly areas, the more refined and nature-oriented look of Park C
20	Love the dog park!!!
21	No community gardens - consumes too much green space that only a few can enjoy and they are hard to police who gets garden space
29	Looks great!
60	I love the dog park- can you do a small dog and large dog area?
62	The ravine look may be really hard edged and cold looking. Love the nature play areas. I like the bridge. Keep the round open space- a round open space. We need more space for people to picnic, play.
76	Love the natural style play equipment!
83	Like the natural vibe of park C.
92	I'm interested in kayaking/ canoe area. Wondering how long the water feature is and how deep. Will there be rentals? Where will they be stored? Where will the kayakers park? It sounds like a great idea but need to know more details
121	Enjoy this color palate
132	It is a cool design, but I would like to see some skateable obstacles mixed in. Some ledges and embankments
133	We're excited about C, including the ravine, nature play area, and sand volleyball.
144	The nature play area is the one we'd most frequent, I think, if done well. As a family, we love the nature play area at Tamarack Nature center because it seems the most intentionally built for kids. A water feature for kids to play in is essential. I also like the idea of part nature (wood, stone, streams, sand), and part constructed with a metal slide, soft surfaces.
156	Really like ravine character of this park. Don't like the dividers/benches splitting up the green space Bridge is nice Volleyball courts are nice. Would prefer more of them vs the adult outdoor workout area.

ResponseID Response

165	Love pretty much everything about this plan. The nature playground is fantastic. Definitely a need for a walkable dog park in Highland. The ravine looks gorgeous. The adult outdoor exercise space could be interesting. Can't say I've ever seen one of these out in the world and not sure I'd be comfortable using it myself, so I worry a bit that it might be a riskier venture in that it might be expensive to install and not get much use.
170	Keep dog park at south end of area with buffer plantings along edge adjacent to residences
177	Love the natural play area. Would recommend a unique water feature that is easily accessible and one kids can play in. Would be great to tie it to something local or unique to MN. How about a Peanuts related feature or a "Juicy Lucy"/giant hamburger water fountain near the stream? Something that we can become known for in the future or as a destination.
178	We liked the upper left photos on slide 31 and slide 34
182	Skatepark
197	The dog park would be hugely valuable to this community. Especially with more dogs than ever being brought home during 2020, I think the need will become even greater.
198	Love the natural play area, stepping stones/trees, etc. Need lighting/security cameras under the bridge near the steps going down to the creek. More picnic tables in grassy areas with trees would be great.
205	This park design looks amazing. Really like the nature play elements and the ravine.
208	All of this looks great. Not much to change. Is Sand volley ball the best use of the park? What about other areas/games.
210	like the mini-playground, slide/play area, and nature play area for kids. anticipate more work/cost to maintain volleyball courts esp since outdoor sport would only be playable for ~4mo out of the year given MN weather
222	Restrooms need to be accessible in order for the park to be used by the community at large.
223	NEED PUBLIC RESTROOMS. Love the elevated bridge and natural aspect. Love the swampy/meadow rock walk
226	I love the natural feel of the ravine and also thanks for including the dog park

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227	This is my favorite of the parks. I love natural feel of the ravine and the nature play area. Also excited to see the addition of a dog park. This is very necessary given the high percentage of pet ownership in the City so please consider maximizing it's potential size.
233	Very excited for the dog park. I would like the following included in the dog park: -Grass -Separate area for small dogs -Lighting for nighttime play
235	Love the doggie water fountain. It appears like you're planning on it, but a larger area for large dogs and a smaller area for small dogs is really helpful. I like all the natural elements in this part. Be mindful about topography again, though--harder for older folks or people in wheel chairs to navigate when there's constantly a large, unpaved slope. I like the idea of the workout space, but I've literally never seen people using ones at other parks they exist at. Might be nice to have one regulation soccer net for shooting/goalie practice.
240	Love the volleyball court, natural play areas and ravine.
243	Where are the performance spaces? Spaces that serve as a focal point for a theatrical, musical, etc., performances (formal and informal) are amenities that are important in creating community. Such spaces need electrical connections, some should be covered. Any restrooms available? Essential for access, use by everyone, but especially children, older people and folks with disabilities.
249	I like the chill vibes. I really want one of the parks to be usable for public concerts and other events, and Park C seems suited. If this one is the best candidate for events, having utilities for that like a pavilion and electricity would be important.
253	I love the outdoor exercise options and the natural climbing structures
258	Love it all
261	Beautiful! I like how you incorporated nature into the design.
273	Volleyball courts are a must have! No other outdoor courts nearby in St. Paul. Dog park would be fun to have nearby Hammocking space would be great I like the idea of the bedrock ravine and pedestrian bridge picnicking areas would be awesome too
283	This is your best concept compared to the others.
290	Need more area where activity/play/games is minimized or absent.

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294	Love nature play- kids seem to gravitate to challenge courses and connected play, ala 'ninja warrior' type play on a kid level. Pulling in Hidden falls as inspiration for water feature with terraced rock ledges, seating very nice.
295	Again, a similar comment. If the "river" is as small as shown in this more recent "concept" drawing, it resembles an open sewer system I imagine for the 1800's. In all other drawings that I have seen this "river" is full and looks like a water FEATURE. The cement walls on one side, and possible fake cement rocks makes this "park" look like a storm wash system to contain storm water run off. If the water in it is this small and the and walls and some "stone" are cement, it will be a disaster of a "park". Will the water really be that low except when there is a storm??!!?? Will this be a clearly man-made built form? I think it must be softened with trees and real stone and boulders and nature. Was this tiny water feature explained to people?
302	Like this concept the best if all the highly structured play areas
303	I am hoping they can preserve as many trees as possible. Already they have chopped down a beautiful grove of mature pines.
307	Play ground doesn't look very functional. Too much concrete and hard surfaces, but they may be that engineered rubber, hard to tell from picture
311	Like the ravine character. I think people would appreciate the dog park. Glad to see this park would also have a playground, and that it will blend in with the nature/ravine theme. Like the log-walking feature. Like the bridges. Will all this be handicap accessible?
319	Where is the Public Art? Is that the Interpretive features referenced? What amount of seating for those watching those who are into the activities or needing a break when walking around? Is there space for a gathered group, post covid?
349	I've been a dog park advocate for the past few years, and am thrilled to see that there will be space for that. I hope there is an area for large dogs to play separately from the smaller dogs.
354	Route design for bikes and walks is important, flexible routes are virtuous. Lawnspace is valued in our area where, thinks to winters, lawns can be much more enjoyed without crawlers, and on long summer days.

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358 I love the addition of a shaded seating spot. And, water fountains with the dog fountain at the bottom. Please consider adding those throughout all parks. As a resident of highland park, my main neighborhood activity is walking with my family and my dog. I hope there is a walking path that connects throughout all of the neighborhood. A periodic stop in the shade and access to a water fountain with the dog fountain would greatly increase the use. Plus garbage cans throughout are helpful to keep everything clean. From the look on the picture, the dog park looks quite small. If size can be increased to allow for running for large dogs that would be ideal then wouldn't get too crowded in a small space. I really like rocks/water feature. I hope the kids play structure can be wildly different from park b. Options for kids are exciting. I love the sand volleyball. Park B should be a kids paradise. A play for learning, exercise, creativity and fun. Park C should be a draw for families, and older teens/adults fun and exercise. These two spots look like the major draw to the area.

365 I really like the rugged ravine detailed on page 27 (Park C ravine character). I think having some terrain that is a bit less manicured is valuable for the human spirit. There is a natural wading pool in Minnehaha Falls that is packed every summer. This is very popular.

366 Anything that leaves as much for trees and bushes is better. Please use non-invasive natives instead of non-natives, even for trees, since they support insect life for birds. And are more hardy.

369 What is missing is a lack of shade: trees, overhead shelter windbreaks Natural borders/ Hedges so it doesn't resemble one giant shopping mall courtyard.

370 This will likely be my favorite park. It will attract people of all ages, especially the ravine. I'm lukewarm on the adult play area, I'm not sure these ever get used, at least in my experience. When I was younger I tried them but grew bored quickly. And with COVID the kind of exercise they provide is going on in homes and backyards. I'm not the demo for this but I'd find out from 20somethings if this is really something they want. Volleyball will be a big hit, no question, as will hammock areas.

380 Open up space to the river front.

381 need restrooms

383 The nature play area seems very basic. Just having raised areas but with no equipment seems odd. If it's supposed to be more nature play, I would think this would be more true nature based, logs, sticks, gardens, not that foamy playground stuff. Sand box? I don't think I saw that at the last play area. The stones across the marsh look fun. I like the adult exercise equipment and volleyball. Nice to have shaded pavilion area and hammock spots. Will the access to the storm water feature allow for kids to wade in and play in the water? Will it always be full of water or just when it rains?

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389	Like the rugged stone look. Are there still plans for winter skating?
391	Is there infrastructure for Larger festivals/concerts anywhere?
393	Need Benches for elderly, parents and those with disabilities. Need bike stations and paths separate from walking paths. The separation is really not good today.
397	Park C Nature Play Amenities are very appropriate for this area.
399	Like the ravine character and nature play and climbing structures
403	Just make sure the dog parks are fenced in. Keep as much natural area as possible
410	Love the natural aspect.
412	it needs more shade, gazebos and trees
414	Excellent, creative design. The Ravine feature helps connect this park with Hidden Falls. Unfortunately, the design seems to be cut off from the terminus of Montreal Avenue. Please consider the gateway elements and access for people walking or rolling to this park from Montreal Avenue.
415	Park C looks great. Please keep as much natural elements as you can.
417	This park has many great features. One concern, this park practically will be the main access for Highland Bridge for people riding bikes to the south on Mississippi River Boulevard. Direct and efficient access for people on bikes should be considered to avoid conflicts with people using this park. Also, people on bikes prefer not to have gratuitous elevation changes. The tunnel is not a good substitute for street level access.
419	My family personally would use the nature play concept the most.
425	I like the ravine and nature park area. Why all the space to be utilized by a dog park?
428	bathrooms needed. more benches, places to rest
431	I love the natural aspect of Park C
435	I like the waterfalls and pedestrian bridge.
452	Intent of all water becoming usable for ice skating in the winter - warming house shelters etc. Centennial Lakes in Edina is a great example of this -- interconnecting water features being a magical ice rink in the winter keeps people in the parks all year!

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470	uninspiring
473	Again long term funding and maintenance is required. Concept is marvelous but w/o daily maint. It will fill with liter. Who maintains these park and what is their commitment, for decades to come.
475	I really like how natural elements are being used in this park- how nature is a big part of it. Would love to see more raingardens or natural prairie type of gardens
477	Love the Nature Play; Need the dog park
481	Very excited about all this, especially the nature play area. Still wondering about restrooms...
485	Is another playground with equipment really needed? Expand the nature play area with more natural features. Have one area that is a large pollinator garden with educational features about native bees and butterflies, Monarch butterfly migration, and plant ID. Minimize turf in this park to enhance the natural plants and trees that will benefit birds and other animals. Consider eliminating the dog park in Park C or relocating it to another park area. Again, to foster the wildness of this park area.
489	You are putting the dog park next to the water park? Nutrient runoff/pollution?!?! What are your plans for erosion control? Currently looks like you have next to none - that's a disaster waiting to happen.
490	I like the natural terrain and places to explore. I also like the dog park and the covered pavilion. I like the adult fitness equipment but I wonder how much it will actually get used? Some sort of Ninja Warrior obstacle course may be a better option vs just the single jungle gym (the photo on top left on page 34) Some sort of event space in any of the parks would be nice. Could you build an amphitheater into the natural terrain of the crater? That would be lovely for Music in the Park events or outdoor theatre productions or weddings.
491	Nature play amenities, sculpture garden, lots of shady trees and benches. A rose garden or Japanese garden with room for picnicking would be very popular.
498	Nature-style playground equipment looks fantastic, same with walking logs
503	Really like the natural spaces and garden concepts.
513	Love it, we will go there.
534	Again, the lack of public restrooms is a big issue; restrooms should be required for the project to move forward.

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540	Love it! Can the dogs play in the water? I hope so!
541	One or two additional volleyball courts would help if there are going to be organized leagues.
546	Basketball courts anywhere?
548	Natural landscape
558	I want long level walking areas, shade, restrooms, and comfortable seating to allow me to take long walks.
562	Is there some type of fence/ledge on the taller ravine walls? Dog park and nature play area look nice. Bench swings for adults would be nice.
567	Adult fitness area is fantastic and much needed for Saint Paul - especially the adult "jungle gym" of fitness. I love the idea for the cargo net and over/under beams as well. I'm almost as excited about the dog park, nature play, and volleyball courts! Please ensure water and restroom facilities are nearby the fitness areas!
571	Besides the play spaces at park B, I'm most excited for this park. The natural features and connection to Hidden Falls are great. There are also many amenities of interest in this park. Can children interact with the water? I would really like to see a splash pad at either park B or C. I'd also like to see natural materials for play in the natural play space, for example logs and large sticks for building and a sand area. How about leaving some of the large trunks of the many trees that were taken down recently for climbing?
574	LOVE the dog park, the ravine, the nature play area, the sand volleyball court and the spot to hook up hammocks.
579	Public bathrooms please.
581	The natural space and natural play area is what my family is most excited about. I drive my kids to find play areas like this in the metro. Please seriously invest in this section! I do not think an outdoor adult workout space is necessary or will be utilized.
584	I love the idea of the river stones and more "natural" inspired play zones
585	Love the dog park and the nature play area. Dog park looks to be a bit small.

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The nature trails, natural landscape and playscape are very impressive. Stunning beautiful site. And there are many options for activities for all ages in this park, thank you! But once again we do not see a bathroom for the public. We don't want youngsters, and those not so young, relieving themselves in the trees. This park is not adjacent to businesses or restaurants so you can't "run in somewhere" in case there is an emergency. There needs to be public restrooms in this park. And now a comment about planning for future activities and events in this park, and readiness with infrastructure (power and water) established. This is a unique, beautiful natural environment and people will want to gather here in community for "place-making" events such as music performances, poetry readings, plein air painting, iron pours, theater, think "Shakespeare in the Park". Please plan now so we can have these activities in the future. Thinking about a future "Highland Fest" where Highland Bridge might have several venues; this area would be an attractive option for an activity. Will the infrastructure be here for electrical requirements of sound systems and lighting. It will be less expensive to bring power and water in now, versus pay to have installed later. Please plan for the future, do not think short-term but allow for the full use of this amazing property. I realize there is a performance place planned in the urban, civic plaza on this site. Some events may not be suitable to that type of environment, lets keep all options open for the community.

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such a wonderful emphasis on the natural world opposed to just a park. seems like a great place to have a mountain bike skills trails here or park d. again, public bathrooms here or nearby feel better. they will be needed.

9. Please provide comments specific to Park D, pages 35-38 of the Highland Bridge Park Concepts document.

ResponseID Response

14	I would prefer a soccer field/complex to a community garden and Park D seems like it would be a good place for that.
21	I like the naturalistic stream with rock stepping stones for crossing -- hopefully they will be safe -- kids can't fall and risk drowning and what about potential for flash flood risk after a heavy T-storm? Don't line the water-feature stream with ugly gray cement to look like typical aqueducts, canals, spillways, levees you see in California to transport water from reservoirs
29	Great!
60	Love community garden idea - could also do a Rose Garden/Japanese Garden like around Lake Harriet in Minneapolis.
62	See my previous comment on keeping it wide open- preferred.
76	Community gardens are great!
83	Like the flexibility to add gardens as desired.
92	I'm very interested in community garden and would like to participate in getting it set up. The garden would benefit the community and I support making the garden more of a priority.
121	Least favorite one
132	Add skateable ledges around the outside of the circle to make it a space for all
133	Like option for gardens.
144	I love the open area. Add more seating around the edges?
151	This is not specific to Park D, but I would like to see many picnic tables of various sizes throughout Highland Bridge. Thank you.
156	Phasing seems like a smart progression
165	I like the idea of leaving it an open green space if there isn't a budget for further development right away. I'd be on board with a community garden if that's the plan. I'm also open to other ideas like a walking garden (japanese, sculptures, etc.) but understand that's even more expensive to create.

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177	I like incorporating a community garden. Connecting all the parks via a walking/running path would be nice.
178	We liked the idea of a field for casual soccer
182	Skatepark
197	It would be great to have wide open grassy spaces for kids to run and play and have picnics
198	Would love to see a sensory garden here if the middle section was developed. The 2nd concept with no garden in the middle, but fencing, doesn't make a lot of sense to me without project space in the middle being used. It seems inaccessible feeling. I also don't quite understand the renderings here as it doesn't match up with the shape of the park outlined earlier in the doc.
205	Like the community gardens
208	All of this looks great.
210	not much planned here in terms of attractions, mostly open lawn space which is fine
222	Restrooms need to be accessible in order for the park to be used by the community at large.
223	LOVE the community garden idea and open space
227	A community garden is a fantastic and necessary element for a sustainable community of the future. Hopefully this will be realized as seen in phase 3.
235	Include plans for running water so it can more easily become a community garden. Proper place for composting weeds, other debris. Would prefer true sun shade vs. the glass pavilion in the phase 3 model.
240	Love the open lawn and trails, eager to see the community garden come to fruition!
241	Love it as designed
243	A community garden with raised beds is an excellent addition. And frequently mentioned in many surveys we've done in Highland over the years (Highland Community Initiative).
249	I like the idea of a community garden, it should have hook ups for hoses and maybe a tool storage shed.

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253	I strongly prefer open green space rather than additional structures
258	Hoping for community garden funding!
261	Wow! That would be great to have a community garden in the area.
273	More hammocking space here would be nice
283	probably popular with old people. very unsightly though.
290	Keep uncluttered
294	Build as open lawn and future design will materialize or something new will emerge. If it feels like public space people will use it how they want.
295	People gravitate to nature, I think. Okay for an open lawn... okay and good for community gardens. Built form is never as charming as nature or real trees, however.
302	Love this concept . More natural and accommodates both children and adults ..much more pleasing to the eye and natural
303	No comment
307	I like the green, but not at the expense of playgrounds
311	Love love love the community garden, and with all the housing think people would like to have plots in phase 1 rather than wait years. Love the paved walking trails.
319	Public Art where will it be located ? Also, when water fountains are listed, we mean drinking from, instead of a fountain we view. right? We would love a water feature with a fountain which keeps the water circulated, pretty to see and fresh to smell...
349	I think a community garden is a wonderful idea. Happy to see that.
354	Route design for bikes and walks is important, as is areas of lawnspace to enjoy.
358	Consider a flower garden/nature walk.
365	I like the hammock space so that hammockers don't use actual trees for this ever increasingly popular activity.
369	These features: gardening, natural water flow, will be critical to making the area a desirable place to leave and grow up as a community.

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370	I'm fine with a simple, open park that can be transformed later based on input from neighbors. The idea of a community garden resonates, especially since almost no one will have a yard in HB for growing edibles, or flowers, etc.
380	Open up space to the river front.
381	need restrooms
383	Great to plan for community gardens down the line.
389	This area should be one that has priority over the others. Why? As of this time there is no demographics as to what your population is going to be -- will there be children, will there be empty nesters? A common area where people can use the area makes more sense right now than play areas.
391	I would rather have more open space than a community garden.
393	Whatever allows for most open space.
397	Part D seems to be the space for concerts and gatherings. It should have a stage at one side or in a depression in the middle with ascending seats around it.
403	Need some restrooms somewhere!!!!!!
410	Can it be decentralized so that clusters of people could be sitting in the circle and be able to face each other, rather than a park bench format.
412	again, it needs more shade and mature trees otherwise it will be unbearable in the summer to enjoy it
414	This document is confusing. The design shows a square enclosing a round garden, but Page 2 shows Park D on 6, which is on a complex lot shape. This seems to reflect a site area with some slope and oak savannah remnant. Accordingly, this seems to be more suited for restoring the natural park-like oak savannah that historically covered much of this site, rather than being an empty lot or even a community garden. Connecting trails under oak trees would be an excellent terminus to Finn Street.
415	Include a soccer field! That seems to be missing from all the plans. Also, a larger picnic area would be good. Please make sure all walking paths are well lit for safety.
417	Perhaps this could have some low cost amenities initially? Or could it be more natural? A giant circle is especially inspiring.

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419	A community garden would be great if people are interested. Frog town farms is a great example of what that can look like and what people can accomplish.
425	Beautiful nature and garden vision
428	the more open the better. trees to Read under. butterfly garden. meditation sites?
431	I like the open space in Park D. I appreciate the difference between the parks at the site.
435	I like the open lawn concept.
452	Intentional place for music/theater etc - small ampatheater would give even more options for open grass spaces.
470	uninspiring
473	This is a community run property right? The concept for shared gardens and flower beds is wonderful. What happens when it is no longer vogue and it is run wild and over grown? The city needs to commit to decades long funding or it will become an eye sore once the glow of new has past!
475	Community garden would be awesome! again, would love to see natural plants being used
477	I think using this space as a community garden is a great idea if funding can be secured
481	more outdoor fitness equipment for adults: stationary rower elliptical dipping bar leg press etc.
489	The approved option is lazy and pointless. And where is the mitigation for the nutrient and sediment runoff that you will get from a "perfect" lawn like this? Again - if there's a proposed community garden, who is doing the soil tests and safety tests? Not just the first year, but the first 10 years? And the next 20? And finally - WHO IS DOING THE SAFETY TESTS! Get your priorities straight - Find that money before you spend a single cent on a fancy playground!
490	So if the funding doesn't go through for a community garden, is it just an open grass space? Maybe put in some small nets for pick-up soccer? Or some trees/benches around the perimeter for shade? Otherwise it would be really hot to picnic out in the open on a hot and sunny summer day.

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491	<p>Any kind of garden would be very popular. The Muriel Sahlin Arboretum (with community garden) is my favorite place in all of the Twin Cities. Highland would be so lucky to have something like this. http://www.cityofroseville.com/191/Muriel-Sahlin-Arboretum</p>
498	<p>On one hand, nice to have open space; on the other hand needs a purpose - organized sports, community garden, dedicated picnic space with tables and umbrellas, entertainment venue....? I think one or two should be chosen.</p>
513	<p>We have heard neighbors in Saint Paul are looking for spaces for community gardening, so this would meet a big need. Also, glad to see natural areas.</p>
534	<p>See same comments on public restrooms.</p>
540	<p>pretty unclear</p>
548	<p>Open lawn</p>
558	<p>Same as C.</p>
562	<p>The community garden idea is nice - but will it be maintained? Alternate 2 shows a fence - that seems unnecessary unless the garden happens for sure.</p>
571	<p>Lovely design, would be great to get community involvement for a community garden.</p>
574	<p>A community garden would be fabulous here.</p>
584	<p>I couldn't really understand what was being shown in the second design? Some sort of amphitheater? I liked the open field.</p>
585	<p>I love community gardens but would love a more publicly-available option. Often community gardens get walled off.</p>
587	<p>I hope the Community Garden is realized. I like the idea of having some "unprogrammed space" available at this site. Endless Future Possibilities. I have same comments as in Park C, a public restroom is needed (unless there is one at the ball fields?). And please have power and water ready for when someone want to develop this area for Community Garden or something else.</p>

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another nice space. hope the community garden idea can take off. seems there would be more than enough interested in the development. love the slide that looks like a sculpture garden. again, what about winter sports -- ice skate, hockey/broomball or curling? what about "giant chess" or jenga here or another park? again, overall not seeing public bathrooms in park or have a sense bathroom is available nearby. please have at least two public bathrooms in the city or civic parks. park b would be the biggest priority w/ the kid play space.