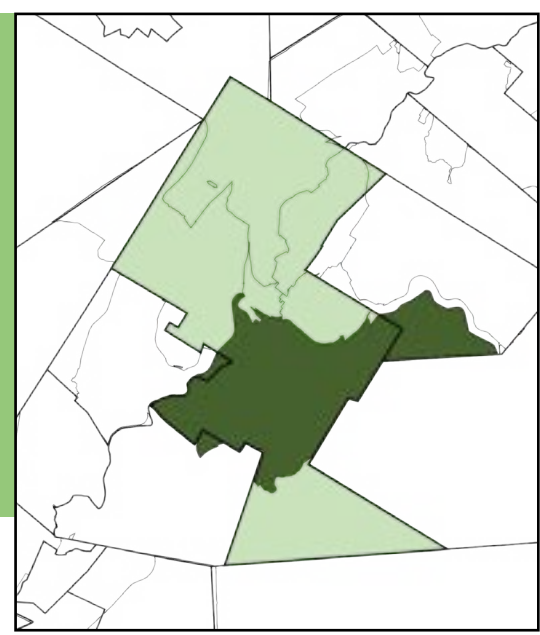


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ZIP CODE LOCATION





# BILLY BARRETT

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: 11 COLLIERY AVENUE

Neighborhood: MINOOKA

Size: 1.25 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Billy Barrett Park is located in the Minooka neighborhood of Scranton. This park was renovated in 2008 and remains in good condition. Currently, the park offers a playground and swings, two tennis courts, open lawn space, a small wellness loop, and a gazebo. The overall condition of the park is good, but there are small issues that, if not fixed, will begin to take the park into disrepair. The park is set within a hillside, where the hill surrounds about half the park. These hills are used for seating and for sledding in the winter by neighborhood children.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Although the park is in good overall condition, there are several key renovations that should be made to enhance the value and use of the park. Surrounding the play area are two raised landscape beds. One still remains fully intact, where plants should be replaced and maintained routinely to add aesthetic value to the park. The other bed has been partially removed, where the remainder of that bed should be removed for safety and better access to the play area. The tennis courts are used frequently, and require resurfacing and linestriping, as well as typical maintenance to increase their use. The play area would benefit from new added features; a stand-alone ADA feature would add to the inclusive play of the park, and adding hill slides on the adjacent hill would give park users a new opportunity within the park for recreation. The open lawn space in the middle of the park needs regrading, as it currently has awkward topography, leaving it seldom used. There is also a large stormwater channel near the tennis courts that should be converted into a step pool system. This would better collect and infiltration and stormwater runoff and provide an interactive learning experience for children who use the park.

## SITE PHOTOS



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Install new hill slides along McDonough Street
- Install new stand-alone ADA play feature(s) adjacent to existing playground for inclusive play opportunities
- Rehabilitate existing tennis courts with new surface, linestriping, and equipment for users; Paint lines for pickleball, or convert 1 tennis court into 2 pickleball courts.
- Redesign stormwater ditch with green infrastructure, such as a step pool system, to collect stormwater runoff and be used for MS4 credits
- Reestablish central lawn area for open and flexible recreation opportunities
- Redefine existing landscape beds throughout the park for better visual interest

### ADA PLAY EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES



### HILL SLIDES



Frontier Park, Erie PA

### STORMWATER STEP POOLS



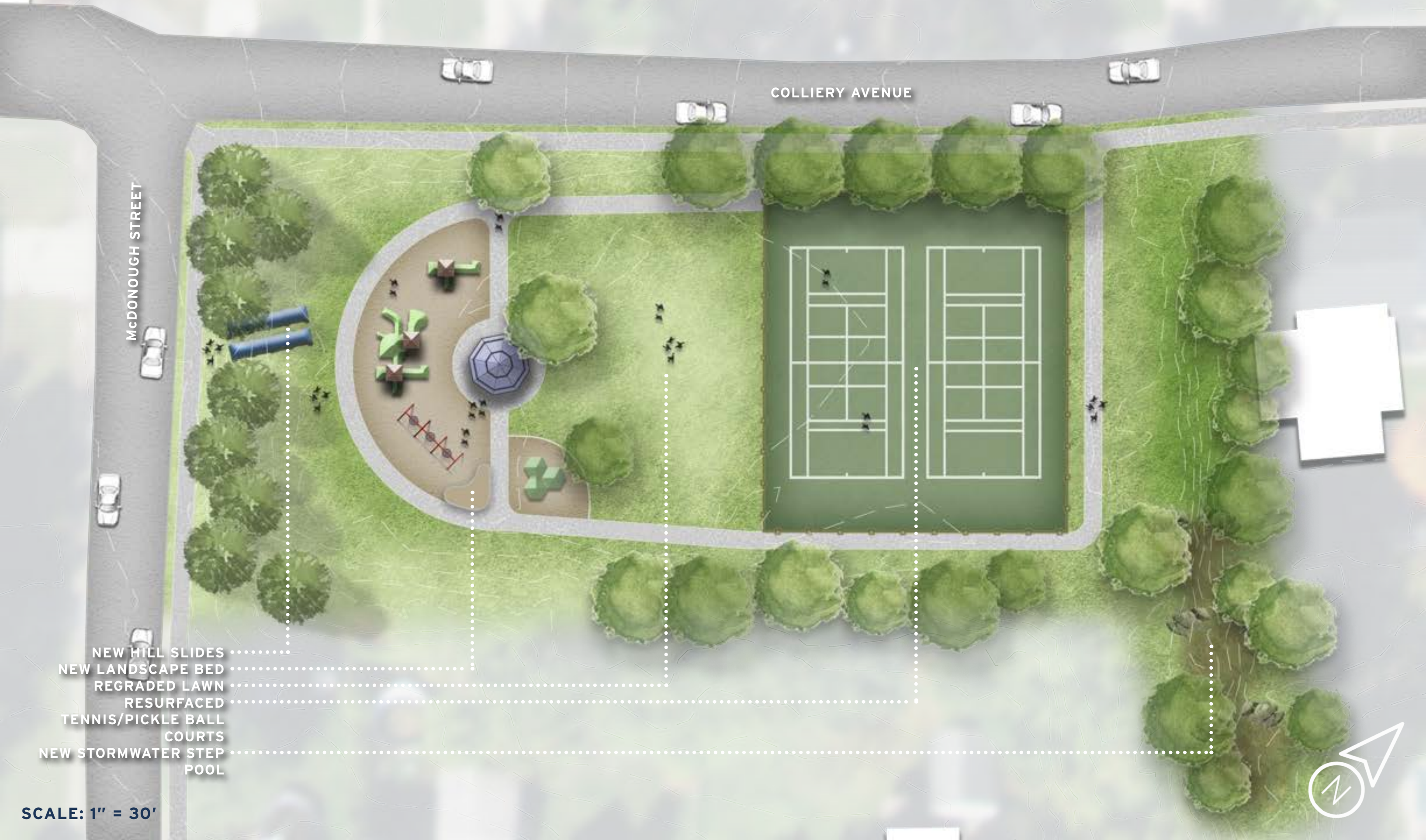
### TENNIS / PICKLEBALL



Master Systems Courts



# MASTERPLAN



McDONOUGH STREET

COLLIERY AVENUE

- NEW HILL SLIDES
- NEW LANDSCAPE BED
- REGRADED LAWN
- RESURFACED
- TENNIS/PICKLE BALL COURTS
- NEW STORMWATER STEP POOL

SCALE: 1" = 30'





# CONNELL PARK

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: 800 GIBBONS STREET

Neighborhood: SOUTH SIDE

Size: 20.4 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: YES

Classification: COMMUNITY PARK



FRIENDS OF THE POOR  
APARTMENTS

PERSERVATION MANAGEMENT  
APARTMENTS

WOODLOT

MULTI-SPORT FIELD/  
FIELD HOUSE & CONCESSIONS

POOL/POOL HOUSE

WOODLOT

WALKING TRAILS

PLAYGROUNDS

DOG PARK

PARKING LOT

S. WEBSTER AVENUE

GIBBONS STREET





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Connell Park is a large in the South Side section of Scranton. This complex hosts plenty of opportunity for recreation, including a large multi-use field, fenced dog park, multiple playground features, a pool, and walking loops and unofficial wooded trails. Although this park is expansive, it has major issues that limit the value and use of the park. The buildings on site are in disrepair and the lack of proper circulation limits access to certain features around the park. Although the dog park is used by the community, it lacks programming for dogs and their owners.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The park suffers from vandalism, rundown buildings, inadequate parking and minimal programming and community involvement. Infrastructure investments and better definition of lawn and conservation areas is needed to simplify and make maintenance tasks more efficient. Infrastructure investments and better definition of lawn and conservation areas is needed to simplify and make maintenance tasks more efficient. Several features need upgrades, such as the buildings in the park, new dog park obstacles, and defined woodland trails. The existing parking lot is awkwardly shaped, which limits parking and proper circulation. The park lacks ADA accessibility, so additions to the walkways and overall circulation must be a focus to add proper accessibility. More parking should be added of Gibson Street near the pool to add access to the pool and multi-use field, and new green infrastructure should be installed around the park, per NFWF plan.

## SITE PHOTOS



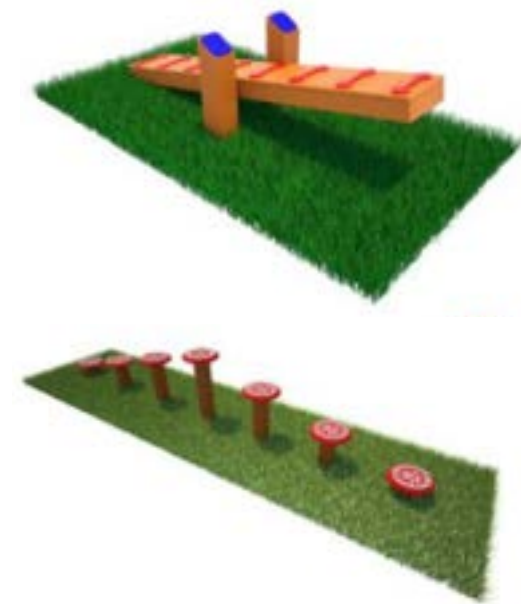
## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Eliminate playground safety hazards with new playground equipment for certain features
- Restrict vehicular to specified parking areas to eliminate vehicular-pedestrian conflicts along existing walkways
- Incorporate green infrastructure, conservation/restoration improvements and innovative storm water catchment and treatment (per the NFWF plan) in specific areas of the park
- Install better signage within the trail system
- Renovate existing dog park with new obstacles and patio area at the entrance
- Reestablish the Park's central core use area and help the City maximize the Park's potential by unifying the lake shore and the park building
- Create and install a new mountain bike trail network and pump track for urban mountain biking experiences
- Install new wellness loop around existing multi-use field for new recreation opportunities, such as cycling and walking
- Install new parking area above the pool area for additional parking and access to the pool and multi-use field
- Redesign existing parking lot for better vehicular flow and install new rain garden feature to capture stormwater runoff within the park
- Improve park programming and foster new partnerships (Electric City Shock Semi-Pro Soccer; Scranton Social Sports Club, Anthracite Bicycle Coalition) for better park usership

## BICYCLE PUMP TRACK AND RAIN GARDENS



## DOG PARK OBSTACLES





# MASTERPLAN

S. WEBSTER AVENUE

GIBBONS STREET

- ..... UPDATED DOG PARK
- ..... NEW TECH TRAILS
- ..... UPDATED PLAGROUNDS
- ..... REDESIGNED PARKING
- ..... NEW PUMP TRACK
- ..... GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
- ..... NEW WELLNESS LOOP
- ..... NEW PARKING LOT

SCALE: 1" = 100'





# CONNORS PARK

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: 800 GIBBONS STREET

Neighborhood: SOUTH SIDE

Size: 0.80 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Connors Park is located in the Lower Hill of South Scranton in walking distance to Downtown Scranton. The park contains a small playground and swing set, a central shelter, and trees dappled throughout the park. The park is used heavily by the local community for seasonal events, such as ice cream socials, craft and farmers markets, and holiday lights. The surrounding community is ethnically rich, which, in turn, has turned Connors Park into a hub of culture throughout the year.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Overall, the park is in good condition because of the active involvement from the community. However, the park would benefit from new ADA accessible play equipment and more swings. The storage sheds in the park should be relocated to create more useful space within the park. The perimeter fence is broken or damaged in many areas, so a new perimeter fence should be installed. The memorial and landscape bed near the entrance should be maintained and replanted to create a better memorial space in that location. Also, because of the extensive tree plantings in the park, it is important that the trees be examined and properly trimmed and pruned routinely.

## SITE PHOTOS



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Install new play structures that are more inclusive and create a core use area in the park. This will increase park vibrancy and excitement without doing a full park renovation, which is not currently needed.
- Redefine existing landscape areas for better maintenance and visual interest in the park
- Relocate existing storage units for better use of space within the park
- Install new fencing around the park for better safety and access
- Redesign existing monument and flagpole area for better visual interest and easier maintenance

## NEW FREE-STANDING & MORE INCLUSIVE PLAY FEATURES (EXAMPLES)





# MASTERPLAN



HAMM COURT

LAVELLE COURT

ORCHARD STREET

- RELOCATED STORAGE
- NEW ADA PLAYGROUND
- UPDATED MONUMENT
- NEW SWING SET

SCALE: 1" = 20'





# DUFFY PARK

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: HARRISON AVENUE

Neighborhood: SOUTH SIDE

Size: 0.58 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: POCKET PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Duffy Park is a small pocket park in South Side adjacent to the Harrison Avenue bridge. This park was recently completed in 2019 by PennDOT as part of an overall redesign of the Harrison Avenue bridge. This park contains passive recreation opportunities with a spacious central sitting area surrounding a memorial monument. The park also offers several walkways to connect to the surrounding major roadways, and interpretive signage explaining the history of the area and the bridge, with historic pieces of the bridge present as well. Duffy Park contains ADA access and parking for users.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Because of its recent completion, Duffy Park does not currently have any assessed needs. The park contains ample seating for users, as well as views to Downtown. Typical maintenance and tree trimming are performed, and trash clean up is common to preserve the beauty of the park.

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- No improvements are currently needed for this park
- Due to its recent completion, this park provides adequate facilities for passive recreation experiences

Frank J Duffy is buried or memorialized at Plot A Row 13 Grave 14, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France ([honorstates.org](http://honorstates.org)). He was a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. A statue of “The Spirit of the American Doughboy” was dedicated to Duffy in 1940. The statue was removed in 2016 during construction of the Harrison Avenue bridge; in 2018 Col. Francis J. Duffy Memorial Park was redesigned and a replica statue rededicated (Lackawanna Historical Society).



## SITE PHOTOS





# OAKMONT PARK

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: 11 COLLIERY AVENUE

Neighborhood: EAST MOUNTAIN

Size: 0.81 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Oakmont Park is a small neighborhood park on East Mountain within the Oakmont Garden Apartments neighborhood. This park is primarily asphalt with play equipment that is in disrepair. The neighborhood itself is wooded with older homes, but the park itself looks like it is an inner-city, urban park. The playground has been removed because of safety concerns, and the swings are outdated. There is a gazebo in the middle of the park that has fallen into disrepair. The basketball is not a regulation sized court, but it gets heavily used by the community. There is a wooded section of the park that is outside of the current perimeter fence, but due to steep slopes this portion is unusable as park space.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Because of the urban feel of the park, it is recommended that the majority of the existing asphalt be removed. The park would benefit from a new playground and reuse of the existing swing sets. The areas of removed asphalt could be redesigned to become a new tike bike loop for children in the neighborhood. A new shelter is proposed centrally within a new lawn space. Because of frequent use, the basketball court should be resurfaced and re-striped as a regulation sized court. The additional asphalt area should be striped for games, such as foursquare and hopscotch. Also, because of a lack of curb appeal and on-street parking, a new streetscape should be designed to add parking and provide safe access to the park.

## SITE PHOTOS



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Install new on-street parking and park entrance for better traffic flow and visual interest
- Install new playground structure and rehabilitate existing swing sets
- Install new shelter
- Install new tike trail around perimeter of the site for walking and cycling for small children
- Provide a new central lawn area between play features and basketball court to add green space to the park
- Resurface and rehabilitate existing basketball court for users
- Install new street trees for better curb appeal and shade for park users

## PLAY EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES



## BASKETBALL COURT



## GREEN THE PARK



## SHADE STRUCTURE





# MASTERPLAN

- ON-STREET PARKING
- NEW PLAYGROUND
- NEW STREET TREES
- CENTRAL LAWN SPACE
- NEW SHELTER
- RESURFACED COURT

DEBBIE DRIVE



SCALE: 1" = 20'



# ROBINSON PARK

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: 98 MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD

Neighborhood: EAST MOUNTAIN

Size: 30.42 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: NEIGHBORHOOD PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Robinson Park is a large park tucked within East Mountain. The park is split by Mountain Lake Road with Mountain Lake adjacent to the park. Currently, the park is in poor condition. The park has not seen updates in years, leaving the playground and swing sets in disrepair. The basketball court is in poor condition with old hoops and low spots where water pools. The landscaping around the A-frame building is old and overgrown, and the parking lot creates drainage issues in the adjacent lawn area. The park does offer plenty of woodland trails, some of which connect to Lake Scranton. Because of the large area of the park, there is plenty of potential for a new design for the park.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Because of the age of the park, there several major issues within the park that need to be addressed with a new design: ADA accessibility, drainage issues, and overall site access and safety. There is plenty of community involvement from the East Mountain Neighborhood Association, as they would help to spearhead future proposed improvements with the City of Scranton. Since Mountain Lake Road splits the park, new on-street parking and a traffic-calming speed table should be implemented to add parking, slow traffic, and provide access from the park to Mountain Lake. The parking lot should be redesigned to add double bay parking and sidewalks for access. New walkways should extend through the park to add access and provide better circulation. New stormwater management facilities should line the parking lot and follow the existing swale along Mountain Lake Road, where this infrastructure could become an educational feature. A new inclusive playground and swing set should be installed centrally, and the basketball court be relocated to create open lawn space for the core of the park. Around Mountain Lake, the existing footpath should be groomed and better defined for users, and a new ADA dock be installed for fishing and viewing.

## SITE PHOTOS



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Eliminate playground safety hazards and lessen vehicular/pedestrian conflicts along Mountain Lake Road
- Provide increased ADA Accessibility to a new play area and the existing pavilion
- Incorporate green infrastructure, conservation/restoration improvements and innovative storm water catchment and treatment (per the NFWF plan)
- Install better signage within the trail system
- Provide better access to Mountain Lake; Construct a dock
- Reestablish the Park's central core use area and help the City maximize the Park's potential by unifying the lake shore and the park building
- Improve park programming and foster new partnerships (East Mountain Neighborhood Association, Deutsch Institute, Howard Gardner School)

## PLAY EQUIPMENT EXAMPLES



## ADA FISHING DOCK



## SPEED TABLE CONCEPT





# MASTERPLAN

MOUNTAIN LAKE

YESU DRIVE

MOUNTAIN LAKE ROAD

- NEW DOCK
- NEW PARKING LOT
- NEW SPEED TABLE
- ON-STREET PARKING
- NEW PLAYGROUND
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
- NEW OPEN LAWN SPACE
- NEW WALKWAYS
- NEW BASKETBALL COURT
- NEW TECH TRAILS

SCALE: 1" = 60'





# THE LOOKOUT

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

Address: MOOSIC STREET (SR 307)

Neighborhood: EAST MOUNTAIN

Size: 0.13 ACRES

Low-Mod Income Area: NO

Classification: POCKET PARK





## EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Lookout is located along Moosic Street (SR 307) on East Mountain. The park is a scenic overlook of the City of Scranton and adjacent parts of the valley. The Lookout contains two elevated viewing platforms, historic stonework, and off-street parking from Moosic Street. The park is in overall good condition, and it gets plenty of daily use by users throughout most hours of the day.



## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Although the park is in overall good condition, it does suffer from trash, illegal dumping, and some deteriorating sections of stonework. Because of frequent use, the need for new signage and period lighting is crucial to reduce undesirable activities throughout the day. Also, there is a need for separation between the stone pedestrian walkway and asphalt parking lot. New curbs and planters would create separation and provide landscaping for the park. New line striping within the parking lot is needed to better define the space for more efficient parking. The stonework needs refacing and general maintenance to prevent further deterioration.

## SITE PHOTOS



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Install new lighting for site safety and visual interest
- Install new tourist kiosk for better user experience
- Install new historical signage
- Install new raised landscape beds and curbing to separate parking and pedestrian areas
- Re-point stonework to preserve integrity of the site and add

### PERIOD LIGHTING



### LANDSCAPE SEPARATION



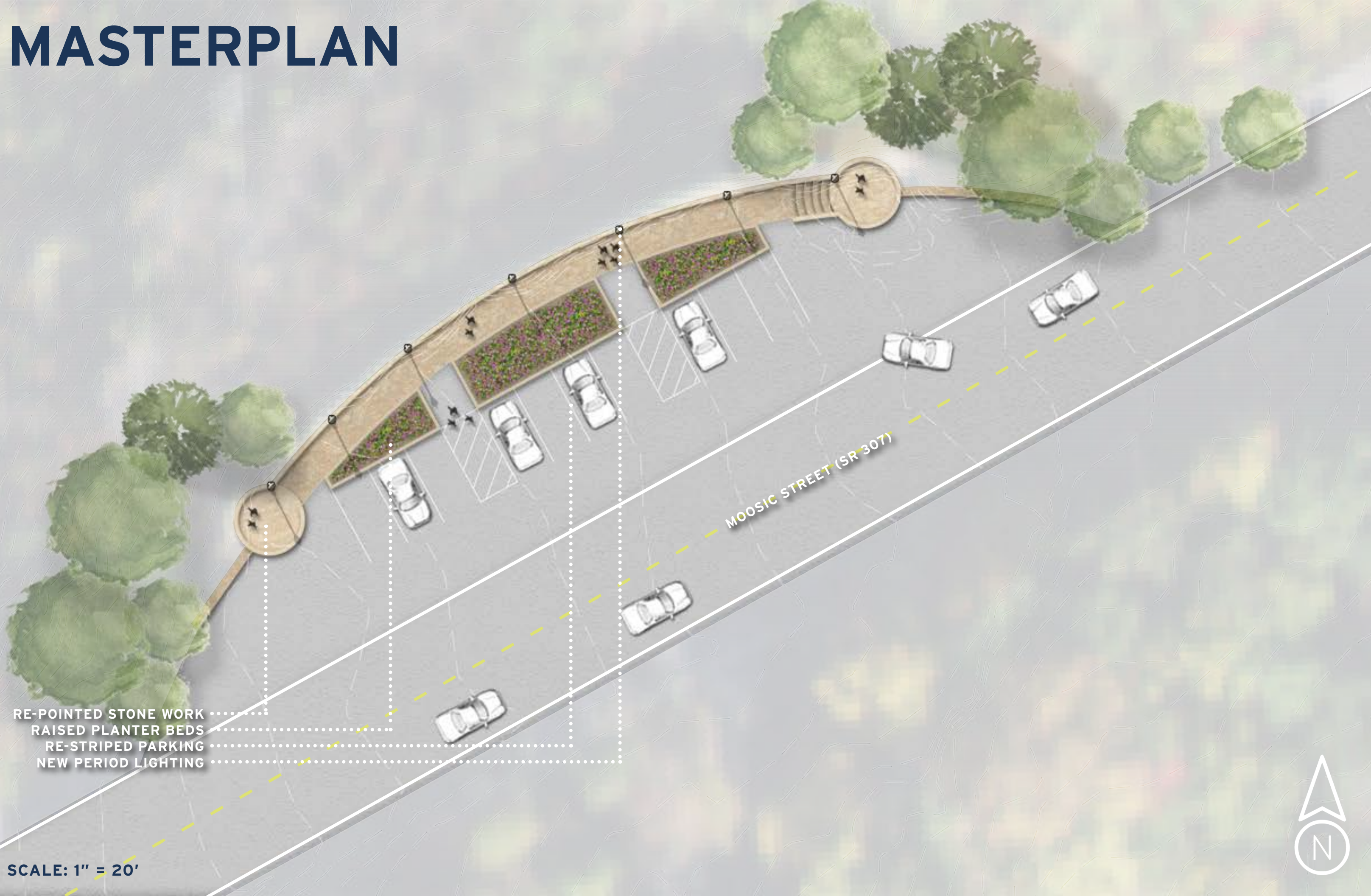
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# MASTERPLAN



- RE-POINTED STONE WORK
- RAISED PLANTER BEDS
- RE-STRIPED PARKING
- NEW PERIOD LIGHTING

SCALE: 1" = 20'

