Lions Park

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Lions Park:
Current

- 1.94 acres
- Open play area
- Playground equipment
  - ADA accessible
- Picnic tables
- Community Garden
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<td>Small park—less importance?</td>
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<td>Small park—great for watching small children</td>
<td>Currently no lighting &amp; no electricity access—safety issue</td>
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<td>Pollinator draw from community garden</td>
<td>Only playground is ADA accessible</td>
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<td>Low-level of biodiversity</td>
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<td>Large, unused space—blank canvas</td>
<td>Adding light might lead to unwanted noise at night</td>
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<td>Road could be turned “bike-friendly”</td>
<td>Invasive species</td>
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<td>No current activities—no competition for programming</td>
<td>Added cost &amp; effort for ADA accessibility certification</td>
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Recommendations

Target Lions Park to the nearest residents (senior citizens and single-family homes). Promote ecological wellbeing, stormwater mitigation and local food growth. Allow access to the park by all people, regardless of physical ability. Encourage outdoor recreation and neighborhood interaction.
Place making and Community Engagement
Attract residents from the neighborhood to engage in outdoor recreation

Access and Linkage, Lighting and Safety
Allow access to the park by all people, regardless of physical ability.

Community Gathering Enhancements
Encourage interaction between residents of the neighborhood.

Ecological Functions
Prevent stormwater runoff and attract pollinators to the community garden
Access and Linkage, Lighting and Safety

Proposed Additions:

- ADA accessible walking path
  - Laps around open space (¼ mile)

- Small, solar-powered lights
  - Using small lights allows for added safety without adding excessive light pollution to the quiet neighborhood
Proposed Additions, continued:

- Portable toilets
  - Can be rented for months at a time
  - Summer only
  - It IS possible to not be an eyesore

- Expand sidewalk or add a bike lane to road

- Lights in gazebo

- Way-finding signs on County Road 42
  - Pointing out Lions Park

https://icetubes.files.wordpress.com/2010/12/nice-porta-potty-right-side.jpg
Bike Path

● "In 2011, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Rosemount as an Honorable Mention."

● Room for improvement

● More bike lanes mean more access to parks

● County Road 42 (150th St) is currently dangerous for bikers
Community Gathering Spaces

- Footpath provides greater access for the community
- Add gazebo on left side of park
  - Chess table
- Talk to Everleigh Park Association about programming
- Provide horseshoes and other yard games
- Expand/enhance community garden
  - Priority to nearest residents
- Add adult exercise equipment
Importance of the Footpath

- Seniors and even non-senior adults may prefer to walk on even paved surfaces.
- Footpath is both the most basic and productive improvement we suggest.
- Easy Access = Easy Engagement
- Currently very minimal ADA access in Lions Park
The Gazebo as a Community Hub

- Serves as a central point for the community to gather around.
- Provides protection from inclement weather that might otherwise cause cancellation of activities.
- Visual focal point for aesthetic design of the park. Draws new visitors in to investigate.
Gazebo Options

- Shapes by increasing cost: Rectangular, Hexagonal, Octagonal
- Material: Steel and fabric as alternate options.
Exercise Equipment

Suggested Installations:
- Bars
- Cardio workout equipment
- Leg press machine

These would all serve as an extension of the existing playground.
Enhancing Ecological Functions:
Proposed Additions

- Bat houses
  - Great pollinators
- Rain garden
  - Outside or inside of track
- Pollinator-friendly plants near garden
- Trees and shrubbery
  - Increase sequestration
- Butterfly garden
  - Great pollinators
POLLINATORS

Pollinators: bats, bees, beetles, birds, butterflies, flies and moths.

Plants that attract pollinators:
Trees & Shrubs - Maples, dogwoods and cranberry.
Perennial Flowers - Blazing star, cardinal flower etc
Vines - Trumpet creeper, virginia creeper etc..
POLLINATORS

Goals:
● Plant with pollinators in mind.
● Plant variety of pollinator friendly plant species to attract different pollinators
● Educational aspect, inform community of importance of pollinators.
● Bolster community’s diversity and resilience.
Placemaking and Community Engagement
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Sociability
- Gazebo, community gardens

Uses and Activities
- Walking path, exercise equipment, equipment rental

Access and Linkage
- Bike paths, walking paths, main entrance

Comfort and Image
- Gardens, seating, lighting
Placemaking and Community Engagement

- Have a **Vision** - Represent the community
- **Start Small** - Begin with cheaper, simpler improvements
- The **Community** is the Expert - The community is expert
- **Triangulate** - Create organic connections between facilities
- Create a **Place** - Effective relationship between landscape and people
- **You’re Never Done** - Communities evolve, seasons change
THANK YOU!