Winds Park

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Winds Park

- Built: 1984
- Named after Winds Crossing
- Very Windy Area
- 7.09 Acres
- Playground
- Basketball court
- Community Garden

SWOT Analysis of Winds Park

**STRENGTHS**
- Ample vehicle parking
- Playground
- Open space/ Large park
- Community garden

**WEAKNESSES**
- No shelter/gathering space
- Lack of adequate lighting in the park
- No interconnectedness of the sidewalks in the park

**OPPORTUNITIES**
- Permanent bike rack
- Movies in the park
- Build a shelter

**THREATS**
- Air/Noise Pollution from traffic near the park
- Opposition to change from the residents living near the park
- No safe crossing area at Chippendale
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Access and Linkage, Lighting, and Safety

- Crosswalk at Chippendale Ave
- Turn Walking Path into a Loop
- Increase the Lighting along the Walking Path
- Add trail connection between JC Park and Winds Park


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Placemaking and Community Engagement

- Placing benches and pet waste stations along the proposed trail
- Enhancing of Park Signage
- Recycling Bins
- Bike Racks
Community Gathering Enchantments

- We suggest adding a permanent roofed structure possibly like the one pictured
- Adds to the seating area for the sport fields, playground supervision, and a place for the residents to gather outdoors
- Would give the park exposure and make more use of the great parking space already there
- Placing benches and pet waste stations along the proposed trail

http://www.herndon-va.gov/Content/Parks_rec/Parks_Trails/Picnic_Shelter/default.aspx
Ecological Functions

- Expansion of the Community Garden
- Funding of the garden through a community project
- Add trees to the area

https://splashkokomo.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/stepping-stones.jpg
**Scenarios**

**Scenario 1**
Fixing of Trails and Lighting

- Increased Lighting in the Park and along Pathways
  - Looped Walking Path
  - Crosswalk at Chippendale

**Scenario 2**
New Amenities to Park

- Expansion of Community Garden
  - Shelters
  - More Trees
- Drinking fountain based on water access
  - Bike rack
Scenario 1 Trail Expansion

http://www.bowwowwaste.com/commercial-do

http://www.pollyproducts.com/park-benches-1.html
Scenario 2 New Amenities to Park

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http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bike_rack_on_229th_-_Hillsboro_-_Oregon.JPG

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Questions and Concerns?