



PARKS BUILD COMMUNITY PROJECTS RED MAPLE PARK

DPR plans to make improvements to revitalize Red Maple Park, so it will become a place that local neighbors want to visit. We plan to: add a community garden, which will promote neighborhood involvement and ownership; upgrade the basketball courts; and add new interesting amenities that will promote free play.

This project will include improvements to Red Maple Park to make it an attractive destination for the neighborhood and surrounding community. The park currently has limited amenities, and over the years has become seen as a place to conduct illegal activity, rather than a safe place to recreate. A community meeting was held with neighbors around the park in August 2014. At this meeting, DPR learned that residents feel as if the park has been neglected and not properly maintained. Over 60 residents attended the meeting, and showed a strong desire to see the park restored to a more usable state.

We plan to work with the surrounding community to design and build a community garden. We will recruit volunteers to help with all stages of the garden: designing, building, planting, tending, and harvesting. Community involvement will create a sense of pride and ownership of the park. Throughout the season, DPR will offer programs about the garden stages, as well as other related topics such as nutrition, composting, and sustainable practices. The food grown in the garden will stay in the community. At the end of the summer growing season, a community harvest celebration will be held.

We will upgrade the existing basketball courts to make them safer and more user-friendly. There are two 84'x42' courts, which will be milled and an asphalt overlay will be installed. Courts will also be restriped.

We will add new park amenities that will promote free play to include a new ga-ga court and four square stripping on each basketball court surface.

Focus areas

- Connecting kids and nature
- Healthy living
- Access to sports

