



TRUMAN WILSON PARK MASTER PLAN

PROPOSED PARK PROGRAM LIST

The following list represents the consensus reached by the Town of Christiansburg following the programming effort with Gay and Neel, Wood + Partners, and PROS Consulting; this Park Program will serve as the guiding document to shape the Park Master Plan.

The Truman Wilson Park will incorporate the following elements:

- a. **Amphitheater:** Incorporate cultural attractions to meet desires for town events and an outdoor music venue. Amphitheater will be strategically designed so as to dedicate a limited amount of space exclusively towards the amphitheater element and to then flexibly blend into the surrounding passive use area in a manner that would allow the venue to tastefully adapt from small crowds (~100 people) up to very large crowds (~3000 people) on a select number of occasions each year. The dedicated amphitheater element will be an open-air stage element that is approximately 40' x 20' – having a concrete pad covered by a permanent pavilion structure; *this pavilion should be designed to serve as large picnic shelter for day-to-day use when there is no concert performance scheduled for the amphitheater.* The actual stage itself is anticipated to be a mobile staging system that can be used here or transported to other venues / activities in Town. The area immediately in front of the stage will be graded / constructed for more structured arrangement of seating (e.g. lawn chairs in rows) and may be grass or a hardscape. This area will then blend into the surrounding passive open space where people can spread out in a less structured manner – using lawn chairs, picnic blankets, or just strolling through the crowd. The venue will also be served by restrooms either incorporated into the *picnic pavilion (for day-to-day use)* or located adjacent to the venue (*i.e. portables for special events*).
- b. **Passive Recreation Space:** Dedicate approximately 50% of the property to passive recreation uses that do not include active ballfields. These spaces would not be structurally arranged for any particular active recreation sport but would instead provide attractive and inviting areas of lawns, open-spaces, rolling hills, well-chosen and thoughtfully-spaced trees, etc. Area provides opportunities for a wide range of un-programmed, flexible uses such as Frisbee, reading, walking, picnics, flying kites, playing tag, etc. for users of all ages. These passive areas could include some lawn areas, perhaps near picnic shelters, that would be suitable for croquet or bocce games.
- c. **Picnic Shelters:** Numerous picnic shelters of varying sizes (medium, small) scattered tastefully throughout the park - positioned around the passive use areas and perhaps some placed adjacent to the active recreation areas(s). These meet a program need for users as well as an opportunity for supplemental rental revenue. *All shelters will be provided with water, power, and lighting; however, provisions will be made to control the lighting so that the park can generally function as a dawn-to-dusk facility, with ability to provide lighting only when authorized by the Town.*
- d. **Active Recreation Priority 1 - Multipurpose Fields:** *Develop an artificial turf venue that is one large artificial turf facility with multiple active recreation uses. The turf field facility will be able to provide the following multipurpose field arrangements: 3 full-sized (360'x225') rectangular fields (or more fields of a smaller size) or 3 diamond fields (200'R). Multipurpose field complex to be supported by centrally located restroom / concession building(s).*
- e. **Active Recreation Priority 2- Softball Fields:** *Develop one game-day softball field in an enclosed park with ticket booth and concessions, similar to the Harkrader Complex but having only one field. Field will be developed with skinned infield. A two-story support facility will serve both the game-day softball field and the adjacent multipurpose field – providing restrooms, storage, and office space (tournament headquarters) on the ground floor and press-box functions on the upper floor – field observation, PA, scorekeepers, time-keepers, etc.*

- f. **All-Accessible Play Ground:** Develop a signature playground for children of all abilities; something substantial AND accessible to attract users from community and surrounding region. *Restrooms shall be provided in the immediate vicinity of this signature playground (in conjunction with the adjacent sprayground amenity). Provide an adjacent building that will*
- g. **Dog Park:** Incorporate a fenced dog park into the design of the site. Park to provide separate areas for large and small dogs, as well as appropriate provisions for water and shade.
- h. **Trails - External Connection:** Provide safe and prominent connection from the Huckleberry Trail to the Truman Wilson Park so as to provide interconnectivity of the TWP to all the other key assets within Christiansburg (and beyond).
- i. **Trails - Internal Connectivity:** Develop a loop trail to connect recreation assets; trail could be paved or possibly stone, depending upon costs, maintenance, needs, etc. Goal is to provide BOTH connectivity for the various recreational assets within the Truman Wilson Park as well as to have the trail network / loop to serve as its own asset - something folks will come specifically to walk, bike, and run.
- j. **Beach Volleyball Court:** Provide a *set of 4 sand volley ball courts* with proper nets, boundary-markers, etc. for casual recreational play as well as for occasional tournament and league play.
- k. **Splash Pad / Sprayground:** *Provide a "splash pad / sprayground" amenity within the park adjacent to the signature playground.* Splash pad would be a wonderful and fun feature for locals and would also be that critical differentiator about the Truman Wilson Park that would assist in attracting and retaining tournaments and travel games here for years to come.
- l. **Maintenance Buildings:** Park will be supported by two separate maintenance buildings, each a minimum of 1,100 square feet. One building will specifically support the active recreation areas, and the other building will serve the passive areas of the park. Each of the buildings will be placed near the targeted service area. *Additionally, an exterior equipment storage shed (pole barn style) will be incorporated into this area – whether as a stand along pole-barn or as an extended roof-structure beyond the enclosed building area; this will serve as a place to park large equipment under cover.*
- m. **Parking:** *Provide sufficient parking for the daily needs of the various program elements within the park. It is recommended that the plan provide 50-75 parking spaces per athletic field. In addition to that quantity of parking for the active recreation needs, the plan should provide parking for all other program elements (play areas, picnic shelters, passive recreation, etc.). However, parking for special events (i.e. large scale concerts at the amphitheater) will not be accommodated within the plan; those events will require off-site parking and shuttle service.*

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