

**Individual Park Plans and Details**

This master plan report section provides additional insight into the improvement recommendations that have been created for each of the city's parks. The plans are presented in the following order, first with a brief discussion of their proposed improvements and design intent, followed by a graphic plan. Five of the parks also have a second plan showing details for improved and expanded play areas.

- **Bennett Park**
- **Brenizer Park** – *No plan included*
- **Franklin Park (2 plans)**
- **Harmon/Santa Fe Parks (2 plans)**
- **McCrum Park**
- **Meadowlake Park (2 plans)**
- **Porter Park (2 plans)**
- **Prairie Park**
- **Schliffke Park**
- **Weltner Park**
- **Windsor Park (2 plans)**
- **Park Entry Sign Concepts (4 concept drawings)**

**All Parks**

There are a few recommendations which are not feasible to show on the individual plans, but nonetheless are important to record as desirable improvements for the long-term. They are as follows:

1. Each park should have trail maps mounted on vertical panels to clearly show walking paths and distances within the park (and possibly designated neighborhood walking routes on improved sidewalks).
2. All parks should be tied to Prairie Village's community identity through the incorporation of new, standardized park entry signs with styles and materials derived from the new city entry monument signs. Concepts for how these signs might look are included in the final portion of this report section.
3. Development and implementation of an on-going tree replacement plan will help to maintain the urban forest, character, and shade benefits found within the parks.
4. Many of the parks would benefit from additional lighting, particularly along walking paths. New lighting should be done with quality cut-off fixtures to avoid light spill to neighboring residences.

**The following pages begin the review of individual park improvements**

**BENNETT PARK**

This small neighborhood park is generally in very good condition and many of the features are relatively new. However, the following improvements are recommended or suggested to address a few noted issues and opportunities:

1. Create 2-3 new parallel parking stalls along 77<sup>th</sup> St. to serve this park.
  - Inset curb 8-9' to get cars out of driving lane and construct new curbside sidewalk.
  - This will greatly improve safety for families and children getting in and out of vehicles at the park and for those entering the park from across the street. The current situation of parking cars in the street creates blind spots when children are running or cycling (usually on tricycles) ahead of parents. As well, the entry to the park is adjacent to a landscape island feature, which creates some unpredictability with children trying to anticipate car movements.
2. Install a new tricycle (tryke) path between climbers and swings.
  - This adds a very simple, but useful feature for the toddlers who frequent this park.
3. Install a new 8' wide perimeter walking path.
  - Approximate length: 700' around the perimeter.
  - This park is large enough to make a useable loop along the perimeter, and can become a favorite, safe place to walk and learn to ride bikes.
4. Park entry sign should be turned around so that park rules face the street.
5. Provide ADA access to sand box by swings and elevated sand table (or move box to a place adjacent to a path).



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**BRENIZER PARK**

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This small “pocket” park on Tomahawk Road is very nice as a sitting and resting area, and serves as a valued aesthetic enhancement to the Village Shops area. The only recommended improvement is:

- Consider adding a small water fountain/feature, creating “white noise” to mask the sounds of the vehicular traffic.

*No plan graphic of this park is included in the report*

**FRANKLIN PARK**

1. Add nine new parking stalls to the west side of the existing parking lot to maximize the usefulness of this parking area.
  - This addition should not adversely affect the open field/practice area to the west.
2. Convert Roe Blvd. on-street parallel parking to angle parking.
  - The parking count increase would be substantial, with no impact on the internal functions of the park.
  - May need to build a short wall (in some places) to extend the curb line 6-8' and raise the grade on east side of the creek channel.
3. Renovate the drainage channel/creek along the east edge of the park to a "naturalized" channel with vegetated banks and trees.
  - This will serve to improve the look of the park and also improve the storm water quality by filtering water as it moves down the creek.
4. Widen walking trails to 8', especially perimeter trails.
  - Approximate total length: 4,200', including perimeter and interior trails.
5. Install new large shelter, permanent restrooms, patio area, and grill to the east end of the play area.
  - This will greatly enhance the usefulness of the park for family and group gatherings and provide a useable area on rainier days.
  - Consider a pre-cast, pit-type facility for the restroom.
6. Develop a new play stream and nature play area between ball field and existing play equipment within the "north woods".
  - The play stream can be push button activated to provide water from a water source at the south pedestrian "roundabout" (south of rose garden).
7. Install a new gazebo at the south pedestrian "roundabout".
8. Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> sidewalk "roundabout" where rose garden path intersects the perimeter trail.
9. Move toddler/bucket swings closer to toddler play area (farthest east play structure). Add two more belt swings where existing buckets are, then move bucket swings to east side of play area.
10. Add two more drinking fountains in the central area of the park.
11. Shift the existing ball field about 15-20' west to maximize open play area and re-grade some areas for improved drainage.
12. Install drain system for low, wet spot @ far SE corner of park, inside walking trail.
13. Widen sidewalk coming into southwest corner of park and curve walk, in lieu of square corner.
14. Tuck-point the stone walls/columns at rose garden, especially tops.
15. Install an irrigation system for roses, and consider irrigation for open play areas to help with turf maintenance. The open play areas are under constant stress from heavy use.
16. Additional parking area possible at Somerset and 87<sup>th</sup>. A small lot would not interfere with open play areas.
17. Add more perimeter trail benches in south areas of the park to complement the new benches along the north sections of the trail.



EXISTING OPEN SPACE

(15) ADDITIONAL PARKING STALLS

NATURALIZED STREAM CHANNEL

EXISTING PLAY AREA AND SWINGS

(9) ADDITIONAL PARKING STALLS

NEW GAZEBO

NEW SIDEWALK "ROUNDBOUT"

INFIELD SHIFTED WEST

NEW NATURE PLAY

8' WIDE TRAILS  
TOTAL 4,200 LF (+/- .8 MILES)  
PERIMETER AND INTERIOR TRAILS

NEW SHELTER, RESTROOMS,  
PATIO & GRILL

PRACTICE FIELDS -  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
AND IRRIGATION

ROE AVE.

NEW PARK SIGN

ON-STREET PARKING  
CONVERTED TO ANGLE  
PARKING (TYP.)

87TH ST.

SOMERSET



PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN **FRANKLIN PARK**



**NEW FEATURES KEY**

- A- NEW SHELTER W/  
GRILL AND SEAT WALLS
- B- NEW RESTROOMS
- C- PLAY STREAM SOURCE
- D- PLAY STREAM END
- E- BALANCE LOGS
- F- BALANCE POSTS
- G- SAND PLAY W/ DIGGERS
- H- MINI-EVERGREEN FOREST
- I- SHRUB MAZE
- J- LOG SEATING CIRCLE
- K- SEE-SAW
- L- NEW 8' TRAIL
- M- NEW PARK SIGN
- N- NEW GAZEBO
- O- RELOCATED INFIELD AND  
BACKSTOP

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**FRANKLIN PARK  
PLAY AREA DETAIL**

EXISTING PARKING LOT

EXISTING SWINGS

EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT

EXISTING PLAY EQUIPMENT

TO ROSE GARDEN

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**HARMON & SANTA FE PARKS**

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1. Fully develop the amphitheater area, creating a more formal amphitheater facility.
  - Skate park area is designed to serve as a stage, and hill is sloped well for this purpose.
  - Install some casual seating in the form of stone ledges, leaving ample space for blankets and lawn chairs.
  - Add tree plantings along the edges to better define the space and screen parking lot.
  - Add suitable electric service and conduits for sound and lighting control near back-center of seating area.
2. Relocate and expand the play area as a Santa Fe Trail-themed destination playground with play village, themed play areas, nature play environments, and a craft shack.
  - This play environment can complement the historic trail ruts and Santa Fe Shelter and add much needed visitors to this part of the park.
  - Locate between the Harmon Shelter and Santa Fe Shelter, in the area now used for the existing park drive and parking. (See next item for additional recommendations on new parking).
3. Construct a new loop park drive and parking around water tower enclosure.
  - Can gain more parking in this area of the park to serve the many proposed uses, and will also increase casual surveillance of the Santa Fe shelter area.
  - This will mean relocating the practice tennis courts to another location, possibly in the space vacated by the existing play area.
4. Renovate (or replace) large shelter, patio area, restrooms, and grills.
  - Open view to pool complex by removing stone wall on north end.
  - Add seat walls (designed to be “unskateable”) to help define the shelter and add seating options.
  - New restrooms should be larger than the existing facilities to accommodate the large groups and anticipated increase in use of this park.
5. Add new 8’-wide trails around the perimeter of the park and through the interior.
  - Approximate total length: 6,300’, including perimeter and interior trails.
  - Perimeter trail should extend around the municipal complex to Mission Road and along the north border, adjacent to S.M. East High School.
  - The section along Mission Road can be moved farther from the street, among the trees in front of City Hall.
6. Implement improvements to the Pool Complex, including:
  - New bathhouse and concessions.
  - A renovated 50-meter pool, with some consideration to providing an enclosure that can be opened or closed to allow for year-round use.
  - Save space for new features in the future, such as a small lazy river and/or Flo-rider.
7. Enhance the experience of the historic Santa Fe Trail ruts by incorporating prairie areas along the edges in sweeping bands of grasses.
  - Move maple trees to another setting (around amphitheater) to expose area to more sun for benefit of prairie grasses (or similar-looking ornamental grasses).

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8. Consider an expansion of the existing Community Center or a construction of a new facility. If the existing center is expanded, consider connecting to the corridor by the Safety Center/City Hall with enclosed walkway over drive, or re-align entry drive between Community Center and Mission Rd.
9. Tennis Area: Replace the existing small structure in the middle of the tennis complex with an open shelter to benefit tournament administration.
10. Install new climbing walls near the skate park (on the walls below the pool) to create additional activities for teens and skate park users.
11. Skate Park improvements:
  - Address cut-through problem from large shelter to skate park, by reconfiguring walks and allowing removal of the chain-link fence.
12. Expand the sculpture garden concept, utilizing the trail system to create a sequence of sculptures throughout the park.
13. Add small ornamental trees along Delmar to increase sense of enclosure on west side.



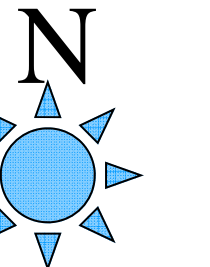
PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN **HARMON & SANTA FE PARKS**



EXISTING TENNIS COURTS

EXISTING SKATE PARK

STAGE AREA



**NEW FEATURES KEY**

- A- SHELTER COMPLEX W/ GRILLS & SEAT WALLS
- B- STONE AMPHITHEATER SEATING & ADA ACCESS
- C- DECORATIVE PAVER ACCESS/TURNAROUND & CENTRAL WALK
- D- VEHICULAR DROP-OFF & PLAY AREA ENTRY
- E- NEW PARKING AREAS & DRIVES
- F- FORT WITH HILLSIDE SLIDES & "OUTPOST"
- G- BALANCE BEAMS & POSTS
- H- SPRAY PARK
- I- CLIMBERS, SLIDES, & SWINGS
- J- "TRADING POST" PLAY VILLAGE
- K- SANTA FE TRAIL SIGNAGE (EXISTING), MINI- EVERGREEN FOREST, CRAFT SHACK, & ART AREA
- L- PLAY STREAM, CRAWL-THRU LOGS, & SHRUB MAZE
- M- LOG SEATING CIRCLES & SAND PLAY W/DIGGERS
- N- NEW 8'-WIDE PERIMETER PARK TRAIL
- O- "PRAIRIE GRASS" PLANTINGS AT TRAIL RUTS

PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN  
**HARMON/SANTA FE PARK**  
**PLAY AREA DETAIL**

**McCRUM PARK**

1. Create 2-3 new parallel parking stalls along along 70<sup>th</sup> Street (and also 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace) to serve this park.
  - Inset curb 8-9' to get cars out of driving lane and construct new curbside sidewalk.
  - This will greatly improve safety for families and children getting in and out of vehicles at the park and for those entering the park from across the street.
2. Install new play equipment and reorganize to put swings on the back side of the play area.
3. Install a new small spray park in the location of the water tower, which is anticipated to be removed in the next couple of years. (Perhaps theme the spray park as a very small water tower to have fun with the site's history).
4. Install a new tricycle (tryke) path around the proposed new play area.
  - This adds a very simple, but useful feature for the toddlers who frequent this park.
5. Install a new 6'-8' wide perimeter walking path.
  - Approximate total length: 1,000', including perimeter and interior trails.
  - This park is large enough to make a useable loop along the perimeter, and can become a favorite, safe place to walk.
6. Add a new small shelter near the middle of the park, with good visibility to all play areas.
7. Park entry sign should be turned around so that park rules face the street.
8. Study the possibility of a mid-block crossing with a pedestrian activated light on Roe Ave., at the crest of hill between 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace and 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Crossing at these two street intersections is dangerous for those with children, due to limited sight distances.
9. Install decorative fence along Roe from tennis courts to 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace so that this area becomes more useable as a play space for small children.
10. When it is time for fence replacement on the tennis court, use black fence to minimize visual impact.

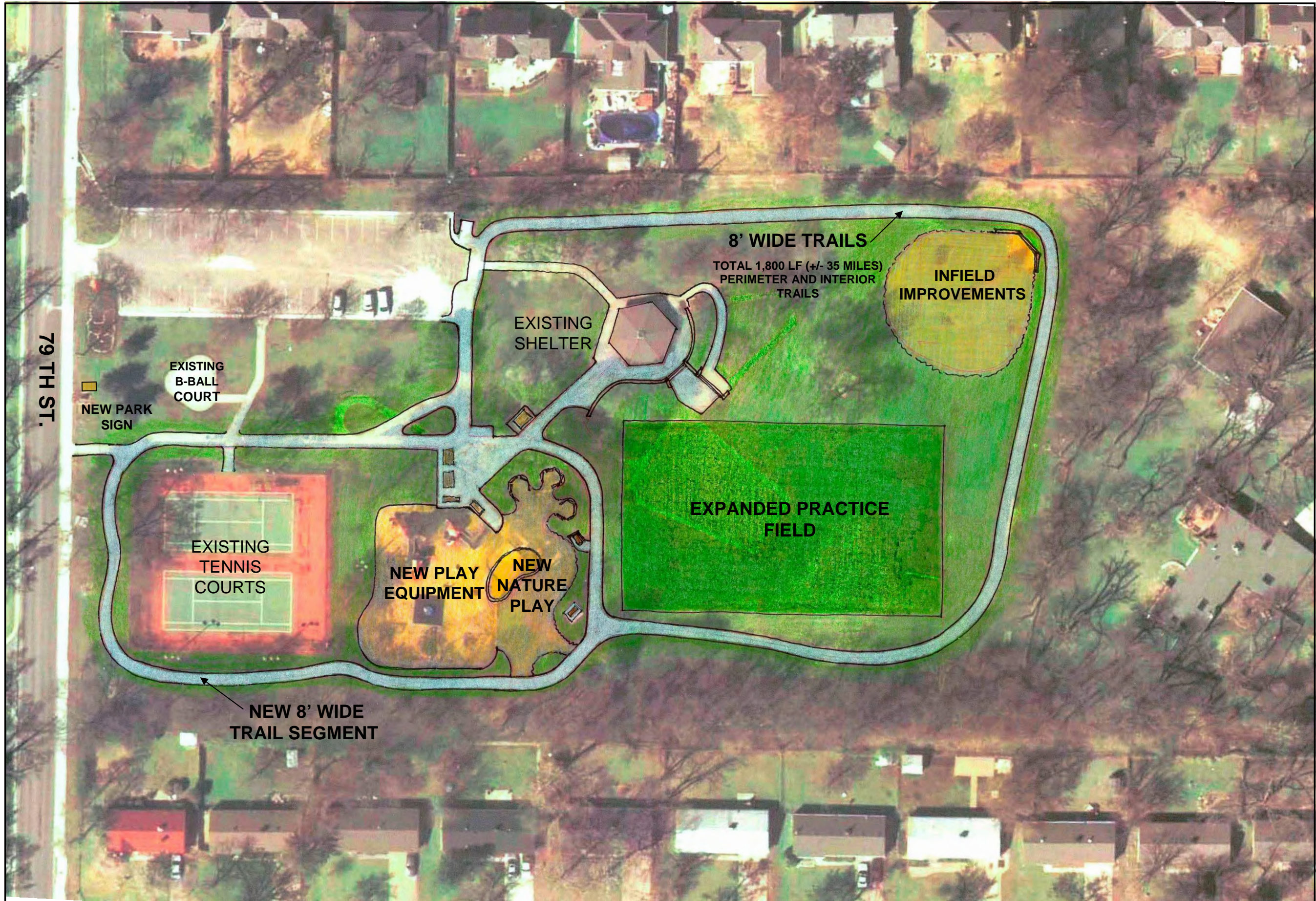


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**MEADOWLAKE PARK**

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1. Widen all walking paths to minimum of 8' and extend the trail around the tennis courts.
  - Approximate total length: 1,800', including perimeter and interior trails.
2. Install new play equipment and surfacing in the next 3-5 years, particularly the 2-5 and 5-12 age climbers.
3. Add a new nature play area to the north of the existing play area to enhance the play experience and options.
  - This will require the relocation of a portion of the existing walking path on the north side of the existing play area.
4. Re-grade and improve the sports practice fields. This will require removal of the large sand "box".
5. Install concrete pad for the bike rack.





**NEW FEATURES KEY**

- A- LOG SEATING CIRCLES W/ WOOD BLOCKS FOR BUILDING/STACKING
- B- BALANCE BEAMS
- C- MINI-EVERGREEN FOREST
- D- SHRUB MAZE
- E- SAND PLAY W/ DIGGERS
- F- NEW SPRING BOUNCERS
- G- CRAWL-THRU LOGS
- H- GRASS HIDE&SEEK
- I- BALANCE POSTS
- J- NEW 8'-WIDE PERIMETER PARK TRAIL
- K- RELOCATED INTERIOR TRAIL
- L- EXPANDED PRACTICE FIELD

PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN  
**MEADOWLAKE PARK  
 PLAY AREA DETAIL**



**PORTER PARK**

1. Widen walking paths to 8', especially perimeter trails.
  - Approximate total length: 3,100', including perimeter and interior trails.
2. Add a new nature play area to the south and west of the existing play area to enhance the play experience and options.
  - This will require the relocation of a portion of the existing walking path on the west side of the existing picnic tables.
3. Other improvements to the existing play area:
  - Add two toddler swings.
  - Add 4' ht. decorative fence between parking and play area.
  - Expand shelter area to south to gain more covered picnic tables.
  - Relocate and incorporate sand play into the new nature play area, along with more adult seating.
  - Add seesaw in NW corner of toddler play area with expanded fall zone.
4. Widen the 6' wide asphalt trail through south portion of the park to 8':
  - Generally fine now, but will need replacement in 4-5 years, and can be widened to 8' at that time.
  - Section along fence should be 8' wide with a new trail segment continuing along the fence to the SW corner of the park.
5. Open up views of Brush Creek by installing 4' ht. decorative fence or black chain link, in lieu of galvanized chain link, along with planting of vegetation on south side bank to soften look of stone gabions.
6. Improve drainage associated with the SW ball field
  - May need more area inlets on north side of field.
7. Provide new parallel parking stalls (inset from existing curb) along Roe Blvd. to provide parking that serves the west shelter and practice field.
8. Create an "entry" to park at the SW corner by removing excess fence beyond the pump station gate, then adding plantings and signage.
9. Explore ways to widen sidewalk on east side Brush Creek bridge (Roe Ave).
10. Provide ADA access to at least one of the picnic tables placed on open areas near the west shelter. Extend route from shelter pad with short 5' sidewalk.
11. SW Shelter/Play area: Relocate tire swing adjacent to two belt swings so support zones can overlap.
  - Provide accessible path to swings
12. Re-grade to push water to inlet at SE corner of soccer field (primarily two wet locations).
13. Add more shade trees on SW and west sides of parking lot.
14. Modify SW corner parking lot to improve drainage.



ROE AVE

TOMAHAWK

NEW PARK SIGN

EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT

8' WIDE TRAILS  
TOTAL 3,100 LF (+/- .6 MILES)  
PERIMETER AND INTERIOR TRAILS

NEW NATURE PLAY AREA, W/ ENLARGED SHELTER

SWING AREA IMPROVEMENTS

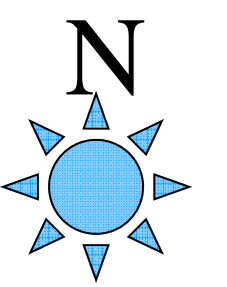
NEW DECORATIVE FENCE AND PLANTINGS ON FAR BANK

EXISTING SHELTER

ADD PARALLEL PARKING ALONG ROE

NEW ENTRY FEATURE





**NEW FEATURES KEY**

- A- SHADE COVER EXPANSION ON EXISTING SHELTER W/ MORE PICNIC TABLES
- B- SEATING AREA BEHIND STONE MEMORIAL
- C- LOG SEATING CIRCLES W WOOD BLOCKS FOR BUILDING
- D- BALANCE BEAMS, POSTS, AND WEEPING MULBERRY TREES
- E- MINI-EVERGREEN FOREST
- F- CRAWL-THRU LOGS
- G- SAND PLAY W/ DIGGERS, SMALL TRYKE TRACK
- H- NEW FENCE TO SEPERATE FROM PARKING AREA
- I- NEW SEE-SAW
- J- EXPANDED SWING SET
- K- NEW 8'-WIDE PERIMETER PARK TRAIL
- L- RELOCATED INTERIOR TRAIL

PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN

**PORTER PARK  
PLAY AREA DETAIL**

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**PRAIRIE PARK**

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1. Add toddler swings near climbing boulder to increase play options for toddlers.
  - This may require the relocation of a picnic table.
2. Add a 4'ht. decorative fence between climbing boulder and street to help keep children away from street edge.
3. Add one evergreen tree on north edge to help screen a driveway and house.
4. Consider adding a small fountain for “white noise” similar to that suggested for Brenizer Park, especially near the seating/picnic areas, as a means to mask vehicle traffic.
5. Move one bench to north side of park, facing back into park (southeasterly orientation), to provide seating and viewing variety.
6. Add another small tree to soften view of Roe from picnic tables and benches.

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**SCHLIFFKE PARK**

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1. Remove parking lot and convert this park space to a trail corridor.
  - Approximate total length: 700'
2. Add benches along the trail.
3. Install a scenic overlook by cantilevering deck over creek bank at north end creek bend near Presbyterian church, allowing for views to the south and northeast.



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**WELTNER PARK**

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1. Combine two halves of the park by re-aligning Cambridge Street around the west and north side of the park. This will allow the bisecting street to be vacated into green space and make the park land significantly more useable and accessible.
2. Once the park is consolidated, move the shelter to a location closer to the parking and other park features, which will increase its use.
3. Then, install a small play area, including some nature play features, near the shelter.
4. Install a new 8' wide perimeter trail around the new, combined park site.
  - Approximate total length: 1,100' for perimeter trail.



PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN **WELTNER PARK**



**WINDSOR PARK**

1. Widen all walking paths to 8' and expand the trail system within and beyond the park.
  - Approximate total length: 2,700', including perimeter and interior trails.
  - Extend the trail around the tennis courts.
  - Extend the trail to the northwest along the creek channel and connect to the Village Shops area.
  - Explore possibility of expanding a trail around St. Ann's Church ball fields to the south, including a trail connection to Mission Road.
2. Add a new nature play area to the west of the existing play area to enhance the play experience and options.
  - This will require the removal of the sand volleyball court.
3. Install new play equipment in the next 5-10 years, particularly the 2-5 and 5-12 age climbers.
4. Replace shelter with new open shelter that maintains good views of all play areas, including the swing areas near the creek.
5. Plant more trees within the play environment to help shade the existing play equipment area during the mid-day hours.
6. Install a removable bollard in lieu of the chain at the middle park entry (from Windsor Street) so visitors do not have to walk around the end pipe and off of the trail.
7. Add a new park sign and landscaping at the middle park entry, also, to enhance its look and perception as a primary entry.
8. Provide new paved entry at west end of park (connection to St. Ann's school site). Move rules sign to edge of new path to assure visibility.
9. Replace at least one bridge to widen the deck to 6'.
10. Perform minor grading to improve drainage along 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base lines of ball field.



PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN **WINDSOR PARK**



**NEW FEATURES KEY**

- A- NEW SHELTER
- B- LOG SEATING CIRCLE
- C- BALANCE POSTS
- D- SAND PLAY W/ DIGGERS
- E- CRAWL-THRU LOGS & SHRUB MAZE
- F- BALANCE BEAMS
- G- MINI-EVERGREEN FOREST & CLIMBING BOULDERS
- H- PLAY STREAM W/ BRIDGES
- I- LOG SEATING CIRCLE W/ WOOD BLOCKS FOR BUILDING
- J- NEW BENCHES
- K- FUTURE PERIMETER PARK TRAIL AROUND TENNIS COURTS

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**WINDSOR PARK  
PLAY AREA DETAIL**

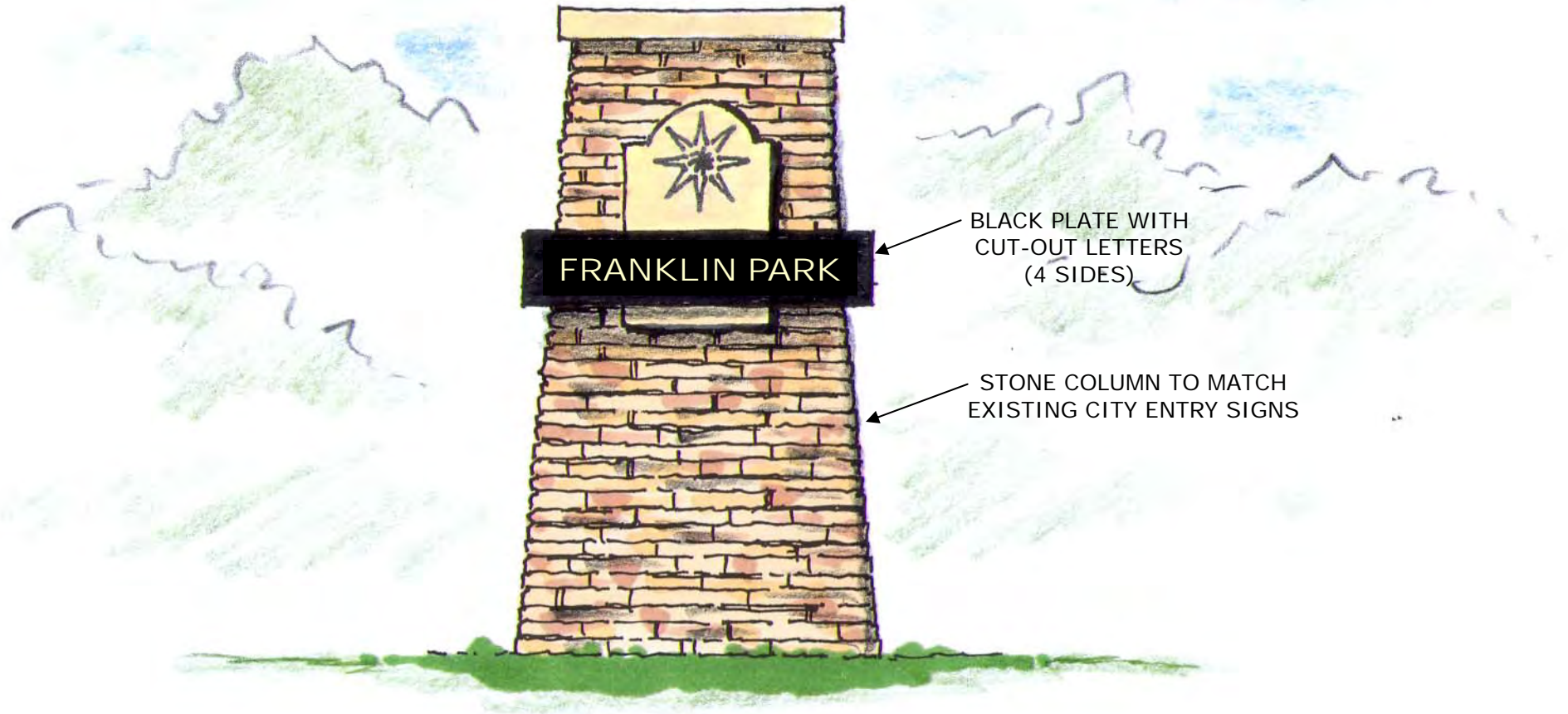
**PARK ENTRY SIGN CONCEPTS**

The following four pages include concepts developed as options for consideration when the city moves forward with the recommendation to install new, standardized signage at each park site. These concepts all have in common the use of styles and materials derived from the new city entry monument signs, with the goal of reinforcing Prairie Village’s community identity and “branding”.

Concept A - The simplest version, most closely resembling the city entry monuments.

Concept B - Extends the use of stone with a short wall and adds more mass to the sign.

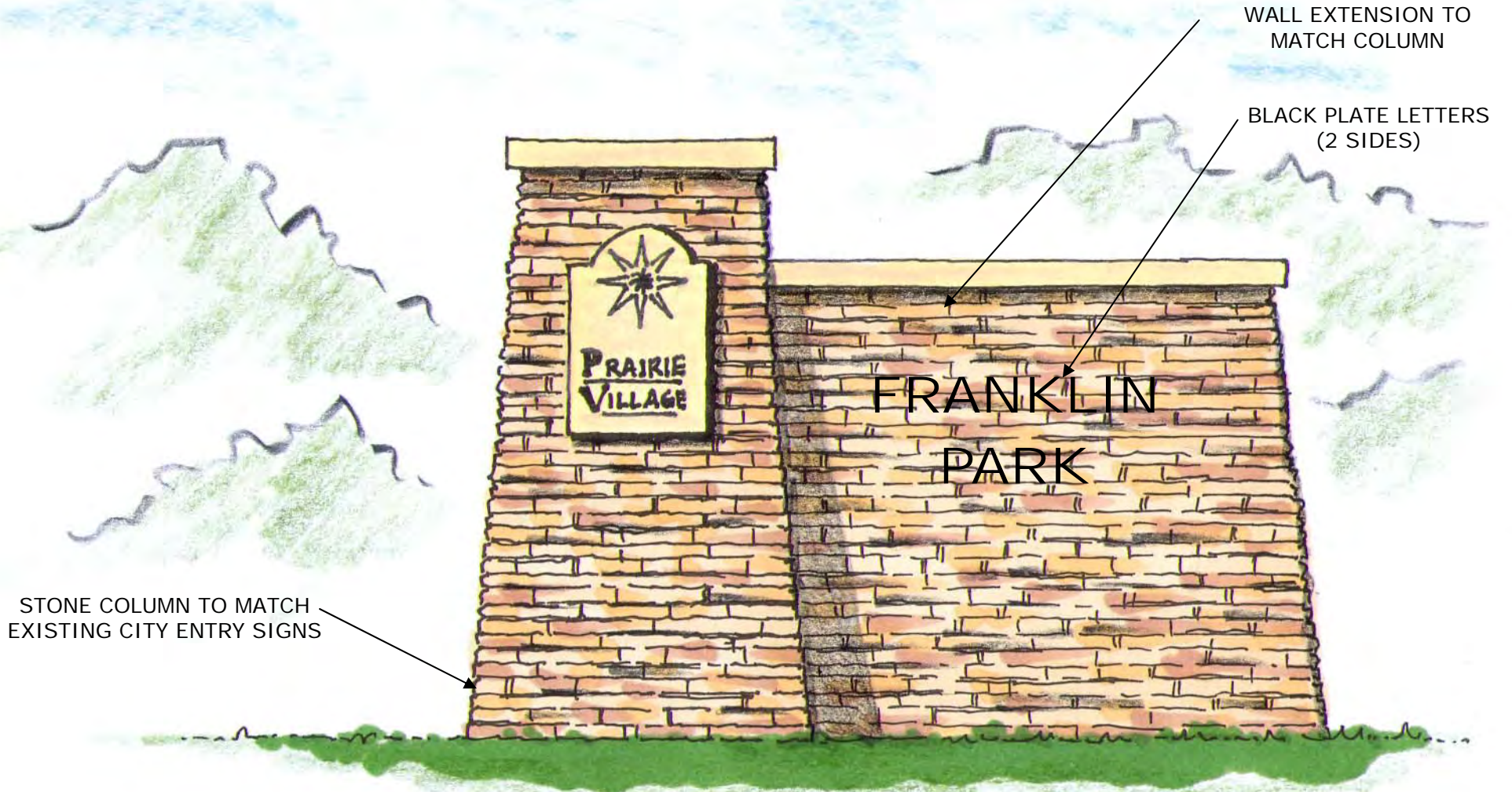
Concept C – Suggests the possible incorporation of nature-themed art at each park, providing uniqueness to each site and allowing some uniform structure for adding the visual arts to each park site. The art is set on a short stone wall, which is mirrored on the other side and used as a base for the text panel.



BLACK PLATE WITH  
CUT-OUT LETTERS  
(4 SIDES)

STONE COLUMN TO MATCH  
EXISTING CITY ENTRY SIGNS

**PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN  
ENTRY SIGN CONCEPTS  
CONCEPT A**



**PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN  
ENTRY SIGN CONCEPTS  
CONCEPT B**



**PRAIRIE VILLAGE PARKS MASTER PLAN  
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