

CAPAHA PARK

Capaha Park General Park Improvements

Capaha Park is approximately 40 acres and is one of the city’s oldest and best loved parks with quite a bit of history. The central location of the park to downtown Cape, Southeast Hospital and SEMO University makes Capaha a popular destination for residents and visitors. The park has abundant green space, large tree canopy, several pavilions, playgrounds, an Amphitheatre, a disc golf course, rose garden, a pond and is also home to Capaha Ballfield where the University Redhawks Baseball team, Capaha and American Legion teams play. A master plan has been designed for park improvements with six phases. Phase 1 has been completed and Phase 2 is in progress.

CURRENT ISSUES

Park Amenities

Park amenities need to be renovated and replaced including Rose Garden pavilion, access sidewalks, stairs and parking. Renovate disc golf course, shelters and playground.

Utilities

Aging utility infrastructure provides inadequate lighting throughout the park.

Parking

Current circulation and parking areas within the park are inadequate for usage, especially during special events, SEMO Baseball games, and concerts at the amphitheatre.

Amphitheatre

The amphitheatre is in need of renovation and the current venue is not ADA accessible and does not provide for adequate parking and seating for special events.

Pond Edge

Perimeter pond edge and sidewalk need to be replaced to improve accessibility and provide a more natural riparian pond bank.

Stormwater Drainage

Stormwater drainage pattern for the park causes low lying areas to flood and siltation from storm drains has filled the pond depth decreasing water quality and causing algae blooms. (Not included in project cost.)

PROJECT SCOPE

Master Plan phases 3-6:

- Re-design the stormwater flow with a fore bay to catch debris, renovate pond to include improved depth, pond water quality and improved natural riparian edge. Replace sidewalk around pond with wider and ADA accessible surface and access.
- Develop new circulation and parking plan for the heavily used park. Baseball games and events overcrowd existing designated parking making it difficult to provide not only adequate parking but safe pedestrian access.
- Develop a new utility and street lighting infrastructure with LED energy efficient lighting throughout the park.
- Develop Perryville entryway feature and new parking lot to service west side of park and amphitheatre
- Improve Amphitheatre accessibility/seating, restrooms, lighting, stage and electrical
- Replace pavilion and playground near Rose Garden
- Improve accessibility to Rose Garden, replace fencing, shelter and improve parking
- Renovate Disc Golf Course

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- ★ The pond is one of the most attractive features of the park; improving stormwater flow and water quality will result in healthier water quality and lagoon ecology.
- ★ Improving overall traffic circulation and parking will allow for safer access to park amenities, baseball games and special events.
- ★ Improving access to all areas of the park will provide easier pedestrian flow for park users, especially those with mobility issues.
- ★ Adding LED energy efficient security lighting throughout the park will provide for the safety of park users and help prevent vandalism.
- ★ Renovating and replacing aging structures will provide for the safe, secure and enjoyable use by all park patrons.
- ★ New shelters and playgrounds will provide updated amenities for all park users.

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE: \$1,500,000

Stormwater/Pond improvement costs are included in the Stormwater proposal.



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