

# JOHN R WATSON PARK

SUMMER 2024 CBO IMPROVEMENTS

Community Update  
December, 2023



General Services  
Department

# BACKGROUND and UPDATE

## JOHN R WATSON RENOVATION UPDATE

- 2017-22 - Several design concepts and funding strategies worked on my Brush Park, and City GSD
- 2021 - Additional parcels acquired and added to the park
- 2022 - City receives ARPA funding to officially begin the renovation
- 2022 - City develops construction plans based on community feedback, City crews demolish old park features.
- 2023-24 Renovation is underway with a contractor, Decima Inc.
- 2024 - Community Benefits Ordinance funding anticipated from Detroit Life Building project:

Within thirty (30) days of Developer closing on its construction financing for the renovation of the Detroit Life Building at 2210 Park Avenue, Developer will make a grant of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the City of Detroit to be used for renovations of the John R. Watson Park.

*This document outlines what is already funded at the park, and what additional features are proposed to be added with the CBO funds.*

### **APPROXIMATE COSTS FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS:**

ARTIFICIAL TURF IN DOG PARK -	\$95,000
ADDITIONAL SEATING AREAS -	\$35,000
ADDITIONAL PLAY AND SENSORY FEATURES -	\$60,000

*Remaining funds can go towards project overhead or additional ornamental plants.*

# PROPOSED SITE PLAN



# PROPOSED - DOG PARK SURFACING



**CURRENT SURFACING FOR DOG PARK:  
CRUSHED GRAVEL**



**PROPOSED SURFACING  
ARTIFICIAL TURF**

**APPROXIMATELY  
\$95,000 TO UPGRADE  
FROM STONE.**

# TABLES AND BENCHES



**CURRENTLY IN CONTRACT:**  
1 PATIO WITH 3 SURFACE MOUNTED TABLES  
1 PATIO WITH 8 MOVABLE TABLES/CHAIRS\*

**PROPOSED:**  
1 ADDITIONAL PATIO WITH 2 SURFACE MOUNTED TABLES

**APPROXIMATELY  
\$25,000 TO INSTALL  
ADDITIONAL PATIO AREA  
WITH 2 TABLES**



\*CURRENTLY IN CONTRACT. GSD WILL PLACE IN PARK DURING SUMMER MONTHS. IF TABLES ARE TOO EASILY VANDALIZED OR STOLED, GSD WILL DETERMINE IF REPLACEMENTS ARE POSSIBLE, OR TO USE A MORE SURFACE MOUNTED TABLES.



**CURRENTLY IN CONTRACT:**  
6 SURFACE MOUNTED BENCHES

**PROPOSED:**  
2 ADDITIONAL BENCHES

**APPROXIMATELY  
\$10,000 TO INSTALL  
2 ADDITIONAL BENCHES**

# ADDITIONAL PLAY AND SENSORY FEATURES - PROPOSED

ADDITIONAL PLAY AND SENSORY PIECES  
THESE SMALLER PIECES CAN GREATLY  
ENHANCE PLAY AREAS, WITHOUT  
DRAMATICALLY INCREASING THE OVERALL  
FOOTPRINT OF THE PLAYGROUND.

APPROXIMATELY  
\$60,000 TO INSTALL A VARIETY OF  
PLAY FEATURES



SOUND



MEMORY



SAND AND WATER PLAY

# PLAYGROUND - PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FEATURES



CONCRETE PLAY PIECES FROM  
FORMER BRUSH-ADELAIDE PARK

RESTORE AND INSTALL AT JOHN R WATSON  
AS SCULPTURAL ELEMENTS.



HAS BEEN DONE AT OTHER CITY PARKS,  
AND BECOME POPULAR PLAY AREAS.



REMAINDER OF  
FUNDS  
CAN BE USED TO  
FOR ADDITIONAL  
ORNAMENTAL  
PLANTS, OR BRICK  
PILLARS.

# PLAYGROUND PIECES - FUNDED



THE COLOR PALLET FOR THE PLAYGROUND WILL RELY HEAVILY ON THE NATURAL BRICK TONES FOUND THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



ELBOW SWING



COLOR FOR PROJECT "BRICK"



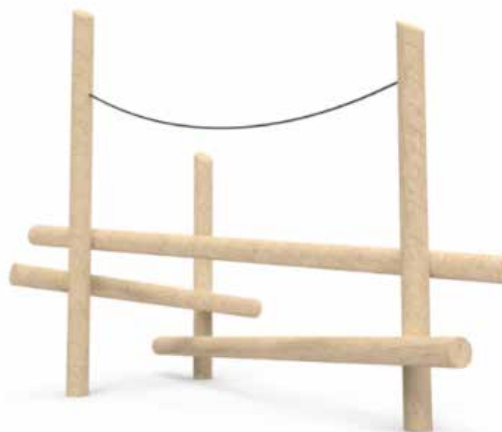
CURVA SPINNER



COLOR FOR PROJECT "PLUM"



LOGS AND BOULDERS - NATURE PLAY AND SENSORY AREA





# PLAYGROUND PIECES - FUNDED



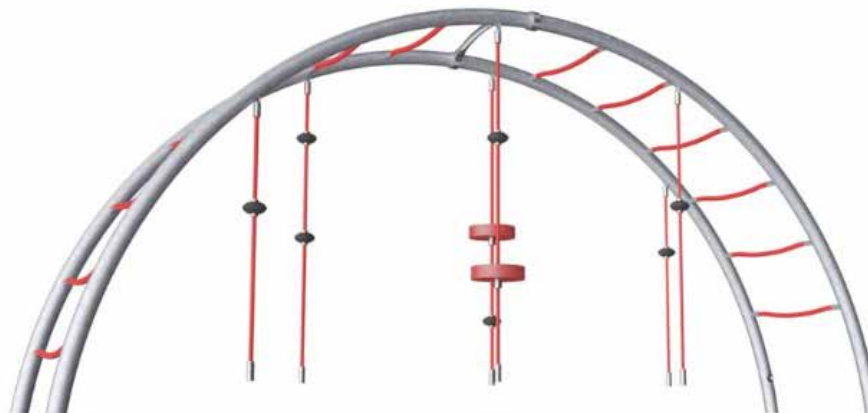
7' SLIDE



7' ARCH CLIMBER



GALVANIZED STEEL POSTS  
STAINLESS STEEL SLIDE  
RED ROPE



SKY CLIMBER



COLOR FOR PROJECT "LAGOON"



PICADILLY SPINNER



# MATERIALS - PERENNIALS & BRICK PIERS - FUNDED

**PLANT MATERIAL and BRICK PIERS** - The largest visible change to the park will be the installation of large ornamental planting beds along both John R. and Watson. These beds will be bordered by a series of brick piers, which will serve as a visual demarcation for the park and street, and also tie the design to the brick found throughout the district.



PERFECT STORM HIBISCUS



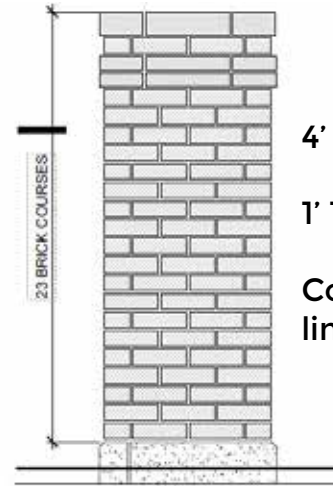
BLUE BELLS



LEUCANTHEMUM "BECKY"



CROCOSMIA "LUCIFER"



4' 3" Height

1' 11" Square

Common red brick with limestone cap.



Reference images of brick found throughout the district. These will be piers only, no fencing between piers.

# MATERIALS - PERENNIALS - FUNDED

## PLANT MATERIAL CONTINUED



FORSYTHIA



HYDRANGEA "VANILLA STRAWBERRY"



CORNELL RHODODENDRON



BRIDAL VEIL SPIREA



ROSE "WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL"



ROSE "AT LAST"



MOCK ORANGE



TIGER EYE SUMAC

# MATERIALS - TREES - FUNDED

## PLANT MATERIAL CONTINUED



CORNELIAN CHERRY (15'-20' W X 15' -20'H)



REDBUD (15'-20' W X 15' -20'H)



RED MAPLE (25'-30' W X 35' - 50'H)



GINGKO (20'-30' W X 35' -70' H)



AMERICAN ELM (75' W X 75' H)



MAGNOLIA LILIFLORA (10' - 15' W X 10' - 15' H)

# MATERIAL - SITE AMENITIES - FUNDED



**PLAYGROUND SURFACING - ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER  
KILN DRIED WOOD CHIPS - NO FINES. REPLENISHED YEARLY  
BY GSD.**

**LIGHT POLES  
18' PEDESTRIAN POLE IN SAME STYLE AS STREETLIGHTS  
THROUGHOUT BRUSH PARK.**

