



## Manzanita Ridge Neighborhood Park

### Summary from the third round of public outreach *(October 2023)*

This 3.5-acre site will provide a new neighborhood park for surrounding residents. The park neighbors district-owned natural area with soft-surface trail connections that will remain as undeveloped open space. In our last round of outreach, we learned more about the features and amenities residents would like to see. We used the feedback we received to inform three conceptual designs for the park.

#### **Concept 1: Enhanced Nature**

The concept for this design is an enhanced nature trail experience. The main activity in this park is exploring trails that highlight the natural beauty of the site. The existing site is protected and restored to blend with the natural environment. Along trails native plants will be added to increase the interest and add to the diversity. A few concentrated areas are designed to focus play, activity, and small neighborhood gatherings, while a large native grass turf area in the most disturbed section of the site provides flexible space for gathering or a picnic.

#### **Concept 2: Modern Stargazing**

The Modern Stargazing Park has an angular design layout that contrasts with the surrounding nature trails and open space. The paths are direct from one area to another and are decided by desire lines to viewpoints or other points of interest in the park. The sidewalks are wide and plaza like inviting the neighborhood into the park. Modern features fill the park play equipment with clean lines and straight forward color. The park also celebrates the views into the open space edge and star viewing at night. Follow the light inlaid path to a sky viewing plaza at night or have a picnic in the shady pines and play bocce during the day.

#### **Concept 3: Nature Discovery and Art**

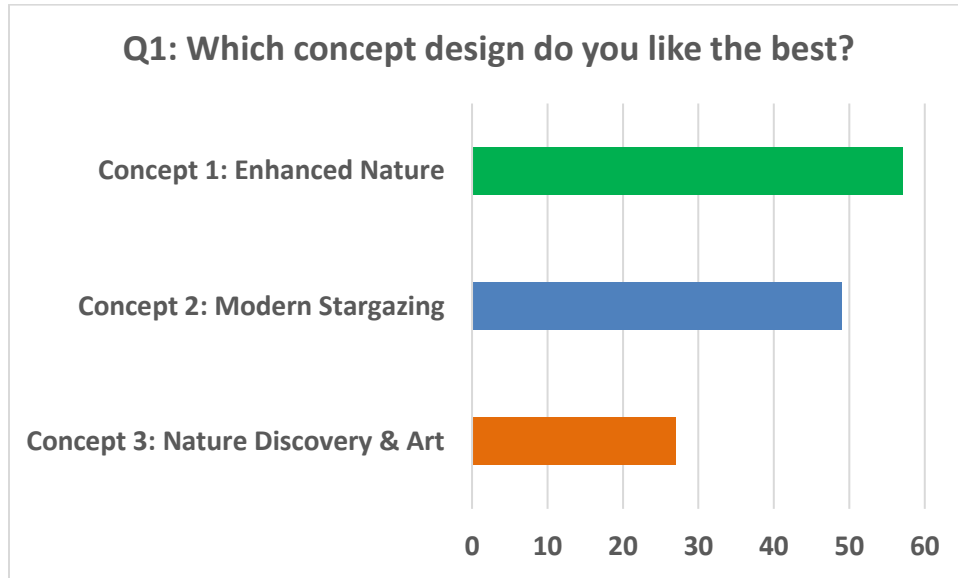
The Nature Discovery and Art Park is explored by pathways with activity nodes along that path, and larger gathering spaces where the paths come together. The park incorporates play, exercise, gathering plazas, shade, picnic, and learning nodes. Each node has a nature theme to discover. These themes show up artistically (sculptural, mural), thematically, or physically and tell a story about the place (Central Oregon, high desert, canyon bluff, urban edge) and its creatures.

The outreach consisted of an online survey and two open house meetings. The survey was open from October 9-20, 2023 and received 138 responses. It was emailed directly to HOA managers, the Summit West Neighborhood Association and to individuals on the project information list. It was also available on the project website. An onsite open house took place October 15, there were approximately 40 attendees. A second open house was held at the district office on October 18, and there were four attendees.

Below are the responses received from the survey, which was used to inform the development of the preferred concept design.



**Survey Responses**



**Q2: Briefly describe what you like about your preferred option.**

**Concept 1**

More natural
It appears to fit the site and the surrounding neighborhoods the best
Most natural
It most resembles the current natural landscape, is the least 'disruptive' visually and blends (the most) seamlessly into the existing forest lands to the west.
Flows naturally into surrounding area, creates opportunities for native species and nearby (human) families, has the least amount of impact and flora, fauna and conserves water resources and preserve nighttime darkness.
Most natural version.
Least intrusive and disruptive.
Focus on nature and uncluttered layout.
It retains the natural environment. I like the low water native desert grass lawn, preservation of native trees, and minimal addition of human built environment. Option 3 is far too built up; a maple grove does not belong amidst all of the beautiful natural pines that currently live there! Option 2's proposal for ground lighting is just not workable. The lights will be expensive, difficult to maintain, and will detract from the natural night sky and ability to stargaze.
Most natural
I love that it seamlessly blends with the natural landscape and is low water.
Large turf area, wildflower meadow, exercise equipment trail, that the area is kept very natural. And that there is No big play structure and No basketball court.



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We don't need a lot of fancy amenities, just quality usable space.
The overall aesthetic - more natural, and it fits well with the site.
More natural. Looks easier and less expensive to build.
It will stand the test of time. Im concerned that there options may not wear well over time.
This option seems the least intrusive to the landscape.
Low density use, emphasized natural features minimal water use
Best integrates visually with Park areas and natural landscaping within Shevlin Commons .
Its more fitting with the natural landscape.
I like how Concept 1 blends in with the existing natural area. I like the native desert grass lawn instead of turf. I like the soft surface nature trails and the wildflower meadows.
I like keeping the existing trees & shrubbery as much as possible. The restoration of "native desert landscape" on the south end where construction has destroyed so much, is fantastic.
I like the fact that this plan will protect and restore the native desert landscape, and it creates more of a buffer between the homes on the south end of the park. And I've always loved trees and wildflowers! ;-)
Natural play area for kids. We need much, much better playground options in Bend!
The area around Shevlin is known for its raw beauty. I think keeping the park as close to native as possible best celebrates the spirit of this area.
I like the multiple natural play areas for kids over animal themed park as it is more fun for all ages and leads to creative play
Exercise equipment, having picnics, playing on the park
1) Focuses on enhancing the natural beauty of the area we all live here to enjoy, without more unnecessary human-created impact from structures/lighting/non-native landscaping. Split rail fence vs. steel seems to follow the look/feel of the surrounding natural areas. 2) Lawn is noted to be "native desert grass" which is important given we live in a high desert and water availability is going to become increasingly difficult in the years to come. It would be very shortsighted to landscape with water-intensive plants/turf.
Consistent with natural environment. Other options have things like a basketball court which is concrete.
#1 is the most natural and least disturbing to the current land
lots of natural space
Less infrastructure, more nature.
Preserves the natural surroundings look and what draws people to Shelvin Park and to have purchased homes in the area. Best to have the park provide a comfortable setting that feels very natural and comfortable. Great to protect the existing tall pines and trees on the North end by Shevlin Commons. This Park design incorporates nature and heathy activity - which seems appropriate.
Enhanced nature to main peaceful reflective environs with plant and animal life. Avoid activities that create noise and disturbance with the surround and wildlife. Prohibit loud music, drones, screaming children (and adults) etc.
access point to manzanita trail is at the south end of park. Exercise equipment trail. Wildflowers
I prefer leaving things as close to natural with very little hard-scape. Also, not supportive of a bunch of kids toys as they don't get used as much as people thing and kids quickly age out of them. There are pocket parks in the area already that don't get much use at all.
Unfortunately, Bend leaders are allowing clearcutting of trees and nature, the most valuable aaset we jave that is not reproducible



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I think this aligns with the area and the multigenerational needs
It's more of a focus on the natural elements vs being overdeveloped.
Help protect/restore wooden land areas
I like that it is most natural, the low key exercise trail, and has something for everyone in a nonintrusive way. I am really bothered by option 2, which feels like it would ruin the entire feel of the area. This is a nice place to live and enjoy because it is very quiet, natural, and gives you space to breathe. A parkour course and over groomed area with big structures sounds like an eyesore and opportunity to create all sorts of problems. Trash, noise, loitering, the only thing that could make it worse would be a pickle ball court.
"Enhanced Nature" provides the least impact to the adjacent natural environment. The other two have playground structures, ugh, and lighting, which is ridiculous given the setting and the lifestyles of the woodland and migratory birds and animals in the area. Keep the wild wild!
I feel strongly that option 1 is the best option because it honors the Key Takeaway #1 from the survey: Nature Rules! It keeps play area for kids, but it is nature themed (so no colorful plastic, etc.). I appreciate the split rail fencing. I like that there are no evening/night lights.
#1 most in keeping w the natural surroundings & seems to prerequisite greatest # of existing trees. Definitely don't like #2; too stark w the angular lines.#3 gimmicky w animal themed playground.
Least complex, most nature forward, nothing that would cause unwelcome noise to neighbors
I like number 1 because if the wooden balance beams and working out with my Dad.
My preferred option is Option 1. It focuses on Soft Surface Walking, Observing Nature, Natural Areas, Shade, and Play for Children. I like many of the concepts of Option 3. A combination of the two is preferable.
The design integrates well with the natural areas bordering the park. I don't feel like a more traditional playground is needed here since there is a traditional playground at three pines park which is pretty close to this new park. The exercise equipment is something we don't have much of in town, and I love the addition.
I really really like the wildflower areas and the native grass lawn (vs normal lawn). I also like the natural play area (vs normal plastic play area)
People desperately need to connect with nature at this moment in human history. This option feels the most organic to me and the easiest way to make that connection. The only thing I would add to it is a horseshoe/bocce area for community building opportunities. I like keeping the children's play area as organic as possible. Oftentimes the simple natural ones are the most appealing and provide the most opportunity for imagination to flourish.
keeping the park as native and natural as possible will help it blend in with the natural surroundings. This area is not conducive to creating a city park with play equipment.
Keeping as many trees as possible and blending it to what is already lovely about the area. I like the prioritization of natives and less water grass.



## Concept 2

Options for all age groups. Play structure & basketball court.
I think it best fits the bill of blending with and enhancing nature. The other options seem more on the side of just "nature," which is available in acres and acres at Shevlin Park right next door).
This concept brings life to the community and strongly boasts an inviting space that begs for adventure and play!
activities since we have close by a park for a lot of nature, groves
The potential for more activities like bocce, basketball, playground, parkour
all age ninja course and traditional playground and bocce ball.
Basketball court, ninja course
Fosters a sense of community spirit and togetherness.
Lots of features good for young families. We are looking forward to bringing our 3 and 1 year old here for many years to come and this design gives us the best combination of natural space and features for the kids to enjoy. There are tons of trails and natural area nearby (Shevlin Park) so a neighborhood park with more play structures/features is most appealing.
Basketball Court
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The stargazing theme is a great example of infrastructure that can build community. By marketing it as a stargazing park I could imagine neighbors coming together to enjoy the night stars in a way which wouldn't happen organically without the park. I also really like the all ages parkour course. As a recent dad I want to show my kids that play is for all ages and role model it when I'm at the park. I much prefer this over the more formal exercise equipment of option 1.
I like the playground
There are active elements evenly distributed for adults and children.
Traditional playground, let's do toys like Blakely or Wildflower please.
I like the combination of natural areas and space for activities such as basketball.
Sunset viewing spot/shade, seating area, soft ground lighting, all ages parkour and traditional playground.
Love the area to stargaze and gather as well as the play area for children.
More options for a variety of activities. Star gazing activities and playground
Ninja course, wildflower meadow, playground with shade
Ninja course, horseshoe/bocce area, bball court, turf area, stargazing plan, and the overall aesthetic of the design. Seems like there are activities for all ages which was a key input received
I like the basketball court and the stargazing area
Nature is art- fantastic combination mixing the natural world with human designs. Love the animal themed play space, rain garden and diversity in vegetation.
Unique dual purpose preserving dark skies and nature
The course looks fun!
B-Ball, Astronomy, Bocce, Horseshoes
love all the different play options that are for all ages!
The play area for kids and basketball court. Love also the modern stargazing concept
Playground and benefit all ages



I like that there are so many things to do like play basketball, do horseshoe or the ninja course. That way there is something that sparks an interest in everyone.
Modern playground and tons of play areas for multigenerational use. Most of us in the area don't have backyards!
Soft glow, playground, and turf
I like the playground and basketball court and bocce ball/horseshoe. Ninja course too. I like having playground for the kids and sports/recreation activities available as well. Maybe add a pickle ball court too!
I like the half court basketball court which I think would get used a lot. Most of the area surrounding is hilly and not conducive. I also like the parkour and bocce court.
It would be a fun place for local kids and adults to play basketball, bocce etc. I do have a adult children but they and we would have loved an area like the one described.
Appears to meet expressed needs of community while emphasizing and enhancing the natural beauty of the area.
very little grass which will keep watering to a minimum
The combination of natural spaces with an emphasis on stargazing. Perfect for this area and unique.
Love the overall design because of the kids play structure, bocce and basketball court. I could see all of these getting used. I feel like the zones are distinct and well laid out.
It has a great variety of activity and landscapes for all ages. It keeps with the natural beauty of the area. It provides a community gathering place with both fun and relaxing activities.
Its works better with our family and 3 children
It maintains the natural landscape while providing fun and engaging activities for kids of all ages. This community is increasingly young with so many kids age 2-14+ and it would be great to have a place within our backyard to walk to where they can play and engage with nature. I also like the the bocce/horse shoe area as well for older kids/adults. With so many new folks to the neighborhood and Bend, it provides a fun way for neighbors to engage and connect.
i like how it has features for when its dark and the basketball court
Basketball court!!

### Concept 3

A mix of natural and activity - it's the perfect combo
We live across the street and would love for this to be kept as natural as possible but love that there's still activity!
I like it has stuff for my little brother and we can walk to it from home
options for most groups
The site has an actual playground
I like that this design is mostly native landscape along with some aspens and maples for fall color. Curvilinear paths are better than straight. Like the covered area by the play structure, and the animal themes there. Star-viewing area is a nice idea -- maybe set into the ground 1-2' with a stone wall around. Picnic Plaza could be attractive.
Large turf areas and shelter for gathering.
For me, the most important objective is to create an area containing elements that entices the local community to share this common space TOGETHER. I feel Concept 1 is a great start towards realizing this.



emphasis on naturalness with added amenities for children in a diverse landscape.
A variety of design and activity elements with a focus on nature and learning
Seems like a combo/blend of the other two options.
Shade and durable playground materials
It seems to include aspects of the other two options.
The option to do walks but also have activities along the way.
Most kid friendly / interactive
More room for kids to play!
Nature education opportunity Fence safely deters children from wandering
play area and turf for kids
The intersection of art, nature and play is phenomenal. This space would be welcome for all ages!
Access to open playing space (able to kick a soccer ball). The closest public open field/play area is over 1.5 miles away in Discovery Park.
Balance of nature and unique activities.
Incorporates areas and ideas for all ages. The space isn't large enough for meaningful trails, so using the space for more traditional park amenities seems fitting.
I like the combination of natural space and a fun playground. The geology themed picnic area is fun too. The maple and aspen tree additions help bring color to the site and will be beautiful for the neighbors through the seasons.

**Q3: Is there anything you do not like in your preferred concept design? If so, please describe.**

**Concept 1**

I don't like the added fence and weird connection to existing paths heading to Tumalo Creek. I don't love the exercise equipment pathway either.
Would like it to connect to the trails behind including Manzanita and the current "goat path" towards the neighborhood behind
I am not sure how many folks will use the exercise structures
Nothing, looks great!
No
Bathroom on street.
Seasonal toilet should be further from sidewalk and surrounded by vegetation.
I do not like that the large shelter and plaza are located right on the road. They should be moved west and south, so that they are tucked away from the road and existing houses along that road. It will give both picnickers and those living in the neighborhood privacy.
Seasonal toilet, if it must exist, move it away from the street and hide with plants.
I'm not sure that the exercise equipment will get a ton of use. Perhaps not worth the cost.
I'd prefer to have no shade trees added to the turf area or the south end of the park at all. I am very afraid of losing the mountain views. I'd prefer to have no play area at all. But if we have to have one, the nature play area would be my choice, and I would like to see it moved to the opposite side of



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<p>the wildflower meadow. With any play area, again if we have to have one, I'd like for it to be as far from the street side as possible for noise reduction.</p>
<p>We think the playground would be better with more traditional play equipment. It isn't clear how large the covered shelter will be - maybe it should be larger? (seating for 12-15 seems reasonable?)</p>
<p>Lack of seating options (benches or other seats scattered through the park)</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>I do not want playgrounds and exercise equipment in these designs. Thus, ideally these elements would be removed.</p>
<p>Nope, love it!</p>
<p>1) Consider a minimum buffer on the south side that's just "native desert landscape", perhaps 30-40 feet if that can be done. 2) I prefer Concept 3 that keeps the existing Manzanita trailhead and enhances it with "educational signage". I think "exercise equipment" is often unused. 3) Could the "seasonal toilet" be moved to the existing Manzanita trailhead area across from Jackwood Place, still close to Mt. Hood Drive? Many trails have a toilet located at their trailhead, and that provides more distance from existing homes.</p>
<p>I would prefer that the Manzanita Trail stay where it is now, at the north end of the park, and that the seasonal toilet also be moved to the north end of the park, away from homes, and by where the Manzanita trail is currently.</p>
<p>I really like it!</p>
<p>No. Looks great. I definitely do not like the option with the basketball court, primarily because of the basketball court. I think that would be a noise nuisance.</p>
<p>Lacks picnic area</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>1) The "exercise equipment trail through pines" seems unlikely to ever be widely used. This was not a priority in the previous outreach, and have rarely seen this concept widely used in other parks across the country that have tried. Also, the "large shelter/plaza" and "nature playground" areas should not be located directly on Mt Hood, in order to minimize potential nuisance/disturbance to residents living directly adjacent to the park. Smaller picnic/shelter areas tucked back away from the street create more privacy, and less likely to become a nuisance.</p>
<p>Bacci court might be nice as it could be decomposed granite.</p>
<p>Exercise equipment, shelter, fencing.</p>
<p>Worried about parking - this is a neighborhood and I see 2 handicap spots. Hoping on street/curb parking will not be allowed. The small Shevlin Park lot by the main road already overflows into 3 pines and Shelvin Commons. The view is great at night and hope the park does not have any lights to disturb this. "Seasonal Bathroom" presents concern about necessity (for all) and attracting homeless.</p>
<p>Do not support seasonal toilet and rain garden for a neighborhood park (this is NOT a public park); risks of misuse for both, not to mention waste of \$ and costly to maintain. The turf should be drought resistant if included.</p>
<p>No Bocce Ball court. No maple or aspen grove</p>
<p>I'm very disappointed in the omission of an off-leash dog park.</p>
<p>Would prefer more trees</p>
<p>Not really; overall, it's ok.</p>
<p>The option picked is pretty good. I can see wanting the items there for kids to senior and all in between, it looks like a good mix. A bench of two would be nice or small cafe sized table in a spot of shade to have a cup of coffee or snack, but not necessary.</p>





No, it is good.
I think it will be important to encourage walkers to stay on the existing path in the district owned area, and not create a lot of different paths zigzagging through the open space area heading towards Shevlin Park.
I think Concept 1 is fantastic, in its entirety!
Where the seasonal toilet is placed. I think the toilet should be placed in the NW Corner away from the streets and the homes. the NW Corner may be difficult to get to for cleaning, but with the Manzanita Trail there, I'm hoping that change can be made. Also, I don't think trees that take a lot of water are appropriate. Maples and Aspen groves are lovely but not in this location. Any trail should be as far away from the homes as possible. The Trail on Option 3 on the south side is too close to those homes.
Consider making the nature play area larger. Perhaps expand into the wildflower meadow.
Would prefer more seating. More art could be nice.
I like it all - would add a bocce/horseshoe area as mentioned above
I would like a permanent toilet vs. seasonal, and not sure about exercise equipment. Most people I see in that area are just walking in the area, not going to work out. With our smoky summers, few people choose to be outside to do exercise, so I wonder if that part is needed vs more landscaping of tree or nature exploration.

**Concept 2**

concrete paths do not need to be colored
Add bike parking
No
No
no
No
No toilet listed
Bocce ball or horseshoe.
Would prefer more than just tree shading for playground. So trees + shade
No
No
NA
N/a
I love it all!
Honestly, kudos to the LAs that mocked this up. It's great!!
Larger turf area
Seasonal toilet
My only suggestion is to add more trees along the south fence line to avoid staring at long fences from inside the park.
Larger turf area would be nice
I don't dislike this, but I do think having a lot of parking options could invite more traffic to the area. It is super residential and a place where kiddos can play together outside, so from a safety standpoint



just thinking of increased traffic. I think if there are really clear "no parking" areas and enforced low speed limits then it would be fine.

nope

### Concept 3

no

no

no

Don't like the fence extending into the Buffer Area on the west side or the Nature Exploration Area right at the edge of the park. Not sure a rain garden fits the theme of native planting.

Maple grove: use vine maples, native willows, aspen, larch or another 1-2 native tree species that provide fall color. paved paths: too many. Eliminate southern-most path and one short path in middle of park running E-W from the turf to an unnamed half-circle area with large pine and does not connect to other trails. Boulder retaining walls: try to use native dark lava of irregular sizes rather than just Knife River or there grey quarry stone. Picnic Plaza: reduce number of tables from seven to four. Seven tables will not get used at any one time, and turf provides picnic opportunities as well. "Activity Nodes Typical": I have no idea what these are but they seem superfluous. Astronomy viewing area with lounge chairs: nice idea but perhaps any area of park away from downlighting will provide the same opportunity and I cantle rationalize lounge chairs which I would replace with a bench long enough for 5-6 people (trio plus couple with space between). Shade trees: What species? Might take decades to grow and that's okay with me, but they should be native. Maybe black cottonwoods? They could be planted in excavated swales for wetness.

Turf area

No parking! Neighborhood parks provide variety for all, not just those who can afford to live in these wealthy areas.

No

I would love to see more fencing around play areas for young kids and kids with developmental disabilities in Bend. We do not have any playgrounds that are fully fenced in. This is a safety concern that the parks have not addressed.

I'm not sure how much the lounge chairs will be used. They may become more of a play structure for kids.



**Q4: If there are aspects of the other two options you would like to incorporate into your preferred option, please describe.**

Basketball court (could be extended to double for pickle ball?) Shelter Play structure
I do not want a basketball court incorporated here.
I like that there is shade and area for potential community gathering
The aspen grove in Option 3
Perhaps some of the features for little kids?
As much nature as possible and would like to keep the noise level to a minimum.
Play structure to include climbing wall
It would be fun to have native animal sculptures (cougars, fox, coyotes) similar to those in Nature Discovery and Art.
Nope
The seat wall in Concept 1 is very cool.
bike parking, parkour
Astronomy viewing plaza
I like the w shade options in concept 2
None - both are overkill to the idea of a small, natural vegetation park.
nature playground and astronomy viewing plaza
it would be cool if it had parkour / ninja stuff to
ninja / parkour my kids want this too
parkour / ninja course is cool not a lot of parks for kids this side of mt washington
Bigger grass area
2-3 picnic tables, wildflower area
I prefer the location of the plaza and large shelter in Option 2, it is more private and tucked back towards the ridge.
Areas of wildflowers would be attractive. Some low level lighting on path to star-viewing area would be good if done right.
Turf
The viewing plaza and picnic area.
No
The picnic plaza with geology theme would be a nice addition to the stargazing option.
None
No
We like the grove concept from option #3, with the concentrated deciduous trees and some fall color.
I would like to see at least part of the native desert grass area converted to turf.
Just a little more for the kids' play area
Consider "low water native desert grass lawn" from option 1 instead of turf. Let's move away from irrigated turf on public park lands except for dedicated recreational fields requiring it, which is not part of this park.
Incorporate more native plant/native turf grass for better water management/low-no water needed



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I like the idea of a basketball court and playground in option 2, however, per my initial comment, I've seen parks where those features fall into disrepair over time and become an unused eyesore.
I don't mind a hidden basketball court, again as long as the areas surrounding are natural
Couldn't the star gazing chairs be incorporated?
I like the rain garden in Concept 3
Bathroom
I like the sounds of some natural playground elements.
Shade on playground
I like the second option as well
Small play structure
Rain garden
Aspen and or maple grove
The built-in seating to the hillside. Any way to incorporate the design into the existing nature sounds great
I like that Concept 3 has a "split rail fence" along the west, south, and part of the east sides of the park. Adding chicken wire when the fence borders private property might keep out off-leash dogs.
I would like a split rail fence at the south end, similar to option 3, but maybe with chicken wire so animals aren't able to access homes.
I like the bocce court from concept 2.
The stargazing area would be a great addition to option 1.
Picnic area
Basketball court
picnic area in option 2
The picnic/shelter & playground areas are tucked back away from Mt Hood in Options 2 & 3. Would prefer to minimize any human structures, but if they must exist, ensure it's not a nuisance.
Wildflower meadow
Star gazing art or telescope
I love the shade option for the playground in option 3
If there is a way to combine a traditional and nature-play based playground, that would be wonderful!
N/a
I think the astronomy viewing plaza in #3 is a great idea, and should be added to #2. Could we please add soccer goals? It is hard to play soccer without goals.
Was there bench seating in design 2? Like around the turf or basketball court areas?
The nature playground from concept 1 would be cool to have in addition to the more traditional playground
Bocce Ball court. Maple and/or aspen grove
Dog park. Almost every household in this community has a dog. We need a grassy place where they can play and be safe.
Fewer structures,
I like some of the aspects of #3 but I think the large turf area will promote off-leash dog use.
A bocce ball/horseshoe pit would be nice for a minimal adult activity. It stays pretty close to "natural" as you can get.



I like the viewing area from #3, but perhaps not loungers. We have had an uptick of transient people coming through into Shevlin and rummaging in trashcans and I don't want to create a great spot to sleep.
The animal themed play for number two and the minimal visual foot print of number one.
I like the star gazing chairs. I also would like to see a bouldering wall. This can be all about nature and this is an active neighborhood.
No.
none. I really prefer Concept 1 as is.
I like the idea of an agility area
Bocce ball
As I indicated in my response to the Number 2 question, I'd incorporate the learning nodes and nature exploration for children from Option 3 into Option 1.
Larger grass turf area.
I like the wildflower meadows from the other two and think that should be added for more nature discovery.
The Nature Discovery Area from option 1 could be a really great addition, as a way to help kids not just engage with the play structure (which they will love), but also with the environment. The Rain Garden from concept 3 could also be beautiful as well.
The astronomy viewing area would be a nice addition and fit in well with this theme.
i do like how the grass area is a little bigger on the other two
I really like the aspen grove, maple grove and spruce grove from concept 3. I also think the plaza from concept 3 is in a better location (further from the road, so quieter/more peaceful), and that the astronomy viewing plaza is a good idea that should be included.
Just the bocce/horseshoe area. I am strongly opposed to there being lights, as I don't think it is fair to the neighborhood to attract folks there at night. Plus, it will attract kids/teens after hours too. Just keep it a daytime park please
I like the idea of astronomy viewing, or more just a place to have benches to view the sunsets.

**Q5: Please share any additional comments.**

Connect park to trailhead in Shevlin Commons with direct path along Bear Wallows lawn fence to trailhead at Park Commons.
I would love a mini disc putting area for disc golf. This is such a popular sport in the area and we don't have any disc golf courses nearby to our neighborhood.
Keeping the area as natural as possible while retaining access to trails like manzanita, western larch and railroad are the top priorities
We'd love to see signage/ placards noting the importance of preserving surrounding natural habitat areas and no lighting because of its impact on native species and star gazing.
Please keep nature scape in mind.
Shevlin West is a special nook that borders a ton of open space with existing soft surface trails for walkers and bikers. This community and multigenerational residents would greatly benefit from having so many activities to partake in this concept and would adhere to all takeaways. The basketball court was a huge highlight as many homes put individual hoops and squeeze them into driveways.



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<p>The pathway with lighting is the coolest thing I've ever seen and would be so great as Shevlin West is a dark Sky community - it would greatly enhance the effort and provide the outcome of being able to enjoy the views as a community.</p>
<p>With so much nature and walking paths abounding on the Manzanita Trail and in Shevlin Park, the activities of bocce ball, basketball, parkour, playground make this different than the surrounding area . It also builds community, promotes healthy living/fitness and family activities</p>
<p>Would be cool for a dog park element too</p>
<p>More natural areas less development.</p>
<p>is there a direct access path to shevlin park? That would be nice.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>It is important to minimize the noise and visual impacts this park will have on those who have moved to this area to be close to nature. Shevlin Park is a natural preserve, and this new park should enhance the natural environment by including minimal human additions, and a reliance on native plants (no green grass or turf lawns). This is a wealthy area of town. Those of us who live here do not need tax payer dollars to build us a park. Please spend as little as needed here so that these funds can be better spent in other parts of the city where those funds will yield greater benefits to more people. Please include a trash can and doggy bags for dog poop!</p>
<p>Basketball court, bocce ball, etc at the west edge of the park should be eliminated. The Buffer and Shevlin Commons neighborhood are quiet, natural areas that try to enhance wildlife and native vegetation. Keep uses is synch with that. Keep entries to Buffer Trail limited with good signage to direct users to Shevlin Park. Think about more benches and random seating along paths and Mt Hood Drive. They suggest places to relax and enjoy the area.</p>
<p>Keep it a quiet neighborhood park.</p>
<p>No basketball, too noisy.</p>
<p>The more play elements the better.</p>
<p>Excited for a new park</p>
<p>There is very little turf area allowed in the adjoining neighborhood area HOAs, so it would be nice to have an area for people and pets to gather. If you place all natural elements, it will simply be a place (although a nice one) to pass through as you go toward Shevlin Park.</p>
<p>Not wanted: basketball court, geology theme, toilet, typical kids plastic play structure. Highly desired: beautiful trees with great fall colors, plenty of open grass space for free play: frisbee, soccer ball, throwing a football. Also desired: a few park benches, basic parkour for adult exercise. If there is a kid's play area, make it simple and natural.</p>
<p>If possible, work to keep some open views to the mountains, especially to the North Sister.</p>
<p>I appreciate the options produced to-date, and the manner in which we can access them and provide these comments. I would like this to be a neighborhood park designed to meet the needs of people living within 1/2 mile. ADA parking for two cars makes sense. Parking for bikes or more cars does not make sense. Please do not try to accommodate the needs of other developments in construction or being planed, or try to meet the needs of overflow parking for Shevlin Park. Consider signage disallowing parking along the park-side of adjoining city streets. The design should take a 30-yr view (one generation of people) looking forward and utilize tree species and constructed amenities accordingly.</p>
<p>Thank you for the opporunity to be a part of the planning process!</p>
<p>There should be a small pump track or something for kids to ride their bikes.</p>



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<p>If there is any way to put a barrier around the playground area that would be so helpful for parents of young kids.</p>
<p>Reviewing the results of the outreach summary multiple times, I don't see the justification for Bocce ball, horseshoes, or basketball courts (in Concept 2). Few comments even mention wanting these. The top responses refer to natural, peace, quiet, and open lawn space. Sports courts do not fit the vast majority of respondent's preferences. Overall, thank you for all the work you're doing on this park. It is so important to the residents living nearby.</p>
<p>I've read all of the Outreach summary, and the overriding impression I'm left with is that my community wants nature, solitude, peace, and a place to gather. Out of the many comments in the summary, I think there were three that mentioned sports like tennis, pickleball, basketball, and bocce ball. Most wanted a place to escape the noise. I heard the need for a playground at the last Open House, and your #1 and #3 plans provided those in perfect alignment with this area. They, too, are in keeping with the nature we're asking for. Thank you for taking all of our many comments and opinions into consideration. That is quite a huge job and we appreciate you doing that!</p>
<p>Please have spaces for kids to play/explore!!</p>
<p>Great work! I do think the best thing about the Shevlin area is the access to peace, quiet, and a brilliant night sky. I hope the final option is able to honor that.</p>
<p>A basketball court would be loud and unpleasant in such a natural space and would take away from the relaxing atmosphere</p>
<p>thank you for this!</p>
<p>Need to consider costs of future maintenance/upkeep. The worst scenario is to build a park with lots of lighting/equipment/courts/etc, and not have the resources to keep it looking nice and functional for generations to come.</p>
<p>Thank you for the time and effort that goes into this planning. It's appreciated!</p>
<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Prefer minimal infrastructure, some trails, not sure about needing trails to be paved (unless part of a plan for ADA access), not looking for this park to be a draw that attracts lots of people.</p>
<p>Key concerns light pollution, noise pollution (basketball / night gathering), loitering at night (as per Star Gazing design option).</p>
<p>N/a</p>
<p>I love all the things in each park and think there all great designs.</p>
<p>Very much appreciate all the effort going in to this!!</p>
<p>1) Please keep dogs ON LEASH. Strongly oppose off leash dogs in the new neighborhood park. We already have a huge problem with off leash dogs on all Shevlin Park trails (not a good thing with both young and old, and for those on bikes). I've been spooked by off leash dogs running into the brush and surrounding nature without their owners in sight. Personally encountered off leash dog owner violators even with signs present (dogs intimidating my young grandkids while on their bicycles; some dog owners simple self centered and refuse to follow community rules). 2) Many violators (with and without dogs) are not staying on trails and deliberately crossing over onto buffer zone between Neighborhood Park and Shevlin Commons Community, which is not a good thing. PLEASE CONSIDER PLACEMENT OF continuous split rail fencing along the entire border to prevent the public taking short cuts and creating additional and unnecessary a "rat nest" of casual trails.</p>
<p>Bathroom and drinking fountain are ideal as well. Also, would appreciate having a dog poop trash station. Makes it easier for people to clean up after their pets if the receptacle with bags above are included in case they forget to bring their own.</p>



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I think both options 1 and 2 are very nice. I don't care for option 3, partly due to the "geology" theme
When this development began conception, the dog park was part of the conversation and we were told that this would be included. Hopefully I'm just not reading this correctly as the dog park will see much more use than kids activity structures.
Please make this less structured and more natural
You are doing a GREAT job. I really appreciate the efforts to support all potential users while not moving too far from the natural theme of the area. Please skip the basketball court, lots of opportunity for the other places.
It would be really nice to have a dog-run area, even just space that runs along the perimeter of the fence. I want to be clear here, not a true dog park, just some space that gives the ability to have our pups pump out their energy since Shevlin Park is an on-leash park and we 100% want to respect/encourage that. Also, a couple of managed trash cans would be great. The more attractive our park is, the more litter/dog poop bags that will stack up!
Option 2 can be found in many other city parks. Far distant 3rd choice.
Please do not do #2. Turf, basketball, parkour... sounds like a good way to ruin such a pretty place with what will look like nice junk. Please keep it natural and understated. A nice place for kids to explore nature, adults to relax and enjoy and engage in some fitness before setting off on the trails. This is not NW crossing and as tasteful as I'm sure it would be, natural it would not. I'm curious what the parking situation will be or is this for the neighborhoods? My house overlooks this area and I bought our house for the quiet, natural beauty, not a sanitized park with fake grass and colorful equipment marring the best view, the mountains and Shevlin.
Field for kids and dogs to play is needed. Comfortable seating for stars and mountain sunset viewing.
All too often in this end of town people complain about traffic and kids...this park should be for kids! There are plenty of walking opportunities in Shevlin Park.
The "Enhanced Nature" design rubric seems to also be the lowest cost, to my untrained eye at least. Our taxes are high enough already. There is a limit to Bend's spending...if you want a tax revolt, keep it up. Why this park is being paid for by property taxes on all of us and not from this ridiculous new dense development in a once bucolic and tranquil ranch setting (filled with megafauna, small woodland animals, and birds) is beyond me. Frugality is a virtue. Keep the wild, wild.
I think it will be important to encourage walkers to stay on the existing path in the district owned area, and not create a lot of different paths zigzagging through the open space area heading towards Shevlin Park.
Please, please no basketball court or pickleball court. These both will bring about unwelcome noise for neighbors.
I don't see it in any other area, but it would be nice to have a small grass amphitheater type space.
Clear any trees that might cause a fire hazard for our neighborhood.
Option Two does not incorporate what most who were surveyed indicate is important to them. A peaceful, Solitude and quality natural/nature experience. I like the shade areas. Option 2 has a light path, which makes little sense given it is a Stargazing Option. Dark skies preferred and the park should not encourage night time visitors.
These are beautiful. Thank you for your beautiful work.
Really excited as someone with a young child to have a place so close to explore nature and play!
none
I don't like concept 2 at all. Thanks for adding bike parking!!