

# Claret Park

## Review and Recommendations

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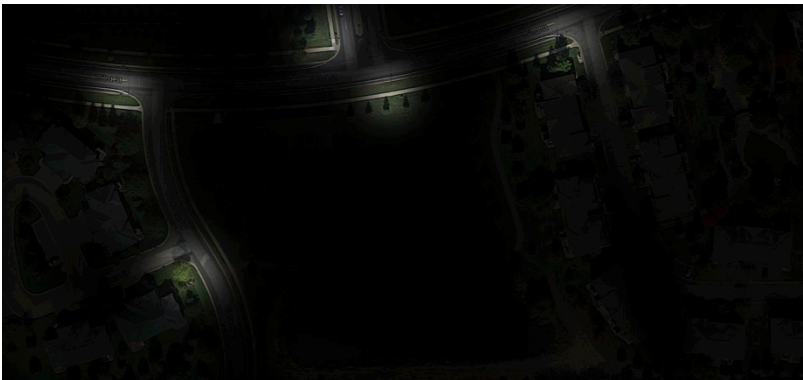
# SWOT Matrix

	<b>HELPFUL</b> (for your objective)	<b>HARMFUL</b> (for your objective)
<b>INTERNAL</b> (within organisation)	<b>S</b> <b>Strengths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Popular tennis courts</li><li>• High-traffic area</li><li>• On-street parking</li><li>• Several amenities included</li></ul>	<b>W</b> <b>Weaknesses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No power/water</li><li>• Limited space</li><li>• Little tree coverage</li></ul>
<b>EXTERNAL</b> (outside organisation)	<b>O</b> <b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Room for constructed shelter</li><li>• Room for community garden</li><li>• Increase usage of pond</li></ul>	<b>T</b> <b>Threats</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diminishing usage</li><li>• No on-site parking</li><li>• Environmental issues</li></ul>



# Lighting + Safety

- From March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to April 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 no crime has been reported in park.
- Claret Park is relatively safe.

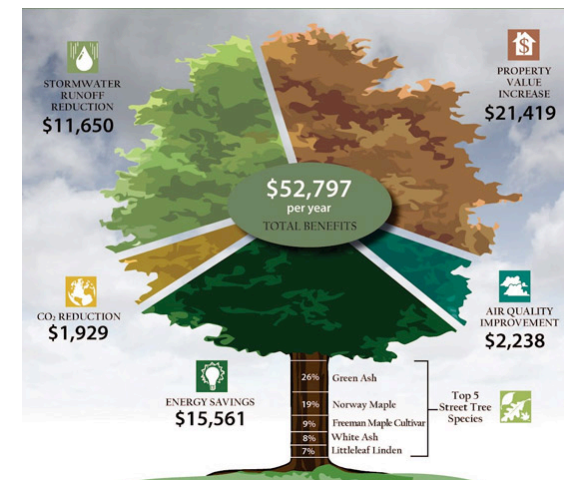


Above image demonstrates visibility in daytime and the nighttime lighting cast by streetlights is portrayed in the image on the left.

# Ecological Functions of Claret Park

Public parks provide valuable assets to surrounding community

- Trees are integral to parks' benefits
  - Purify water
  - Cool surrounding area
  - Fixate carbon
  - Reduce run-off and erosion
  - Improve air quality



# Phase One

- Initial improvements
- Changes able to be made over short period of time
- Diminished effect upon overall character of Claret Park

# Access (Phase One)



- Create better pedestrian/bike access through:
  - Clearly-marked bikeway on 151st St.
  - Visible crosswalks on adjacent streets
- Put wayfinding and signage in the commercial area leading to park
- Emphasize the multiple entrances to park (residential/commercial)



## Lighting (Phase One)

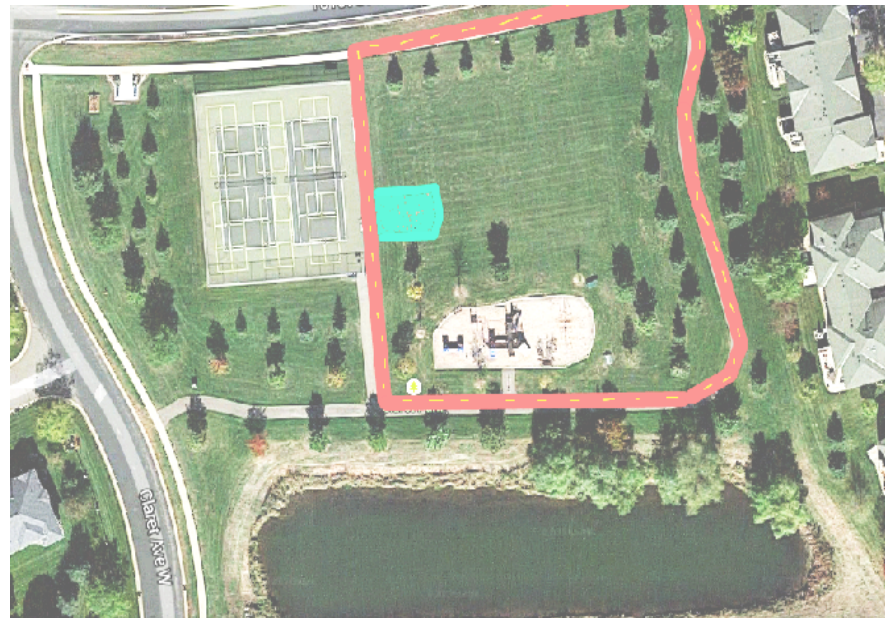
Summer Night Lights program reducing crime reports by almost half.

- Could implement LED's.
  - long lasting and use much less power than standard incandescent bulb.
- Could be powered by solar panels, meaning no connection to electrical grid.



# Community Gathering Spaces (Phase One)

- Connect the park to city water supply and build a hydration station with a water fountain & garden
- Upgrade and develop the path around the park to an exercise track.
- Create an exercise circuit with adult equipment
- Add bicycle parking, waste and recycling bins



# Ecological Functions (Phase One)

Place 2-3 bat houses around the pond

- Inexpensive
- Bats can carry diseases, and without proper shelter they will nest under the overhang of residential houses
- Bats eat mosquitoes, which have a breeding ground in the stagnant waters of the pond.
- Mosquitos can be a pest for people visiting the park, and potentially carry disease.

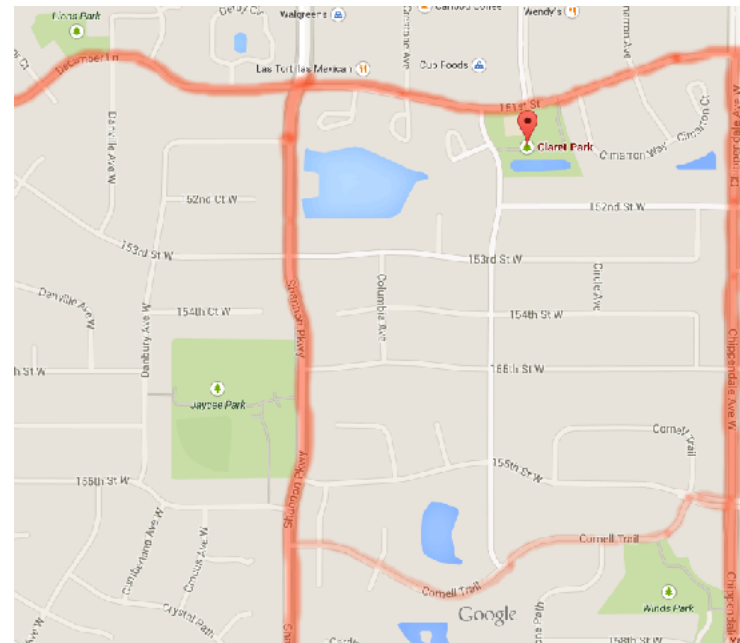


# Phase Two

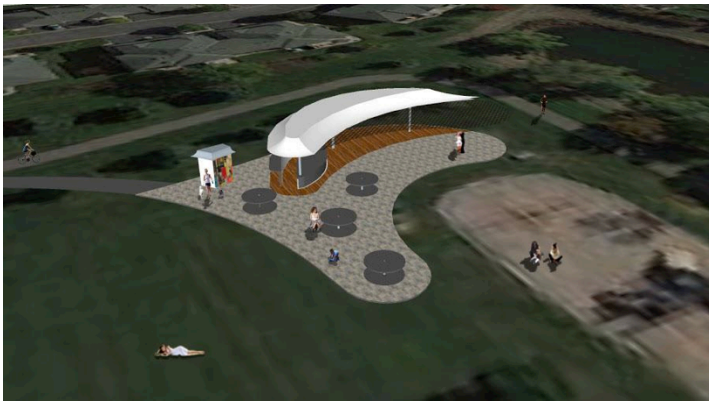
- Continuation of ideas presented in Phase One
- More large-scale alterations
- More cost-prohibitive

# Access (Phase Two)

- Create network of bikeways and pedestrian connections between Rosemount parks
- Implement traffic calming measures on 151st St., such as lane-narrowing and curb extensions at intersection next to park



# Community Gathering Spaces (Phase Two)



## Install Large Multipurpose Structure

- > Sheltered raised deck with Seating & Social Gathering space,
- > Open floor deck for Activities, > Patio seating, > Close proximity to playground,
- > Community bulletin board.

Can also include: Bike parking, dog waste bags, waste and recycling bins

# Ecological Functions (Phase Two)

- Create more natural shade with broad leaf trees
- Encourage biodiversity through increased planting



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- Rain gardens around the park grounds
  - >Native vegetation
  - >Attract pollinators



# Engage the Community

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- Invite the community to assist in park renovations
  - allows for them to have a sense of ownership and keeps them coming back
- Introduce Art into the park
  - Collaborate with the Art Council of Rosemount for unique pieces



# Engage the Community

## Introduce Programs in the park

- Physical fitness classes
  - Yoga, Tennis, Pickleball and other workout classes
- Community Garden
  - Bring community together to plant and maintain a public garden

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## Educational Classes

- Offer education classes on environmental sustainability in the proposed shelter



# **Wrap-Up & Questions**

Thank you!