

GATE STREET RECREATION AREA

SITE ANALYSIS

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DATA SOURCE: - LiDAR Contours
- National Flood Insurance Program FEMA FIRMette Flood Line

Boundary

- The Gate Street Recreation Area is bounded by Sawmill Pond, residential areas, Voluntown Elementary School, and heavily trafficked (4,000-5,000/day) Route 138.

Open Space

- The majority if the Gate Street Recreation Area is open space, with sections of flexible green space.

Amenities

- There are two Handicap parking spots adjacent to the basketball court. Alternate parking is around the garage.
- There are programming elements such as a walking track, playground, two recreational fields, and a baseball field.
- There is a need to evaluate the uses of some spaces (existing baseball field, garage) to determine if they are amenities to the space.
- There are five disc golf targets.
- There is small access to Sawmill Pond, however the area currently has some unwanted uses.

Facilities

- There is an existing garage which is antiquated.
- There is currently only one porta-potty on site which is heavily used.
- There are two additional structures including a gazebo, and pavilion.

Pedestrian Circulation

- The walking track is used heavily by visitors.
- There is pedestrian access between the site and Voluntown Elementary School.
- There is an existing sidewalk along the north edge of route 138. There are no sidewalks along Gate Street.

Topography, Drainage & Utilities

- Some of the park is within the limits of the FEMA Flood zone.

Plantings/Vegetation

- There is a lack of shade trees on the site.
- There is a dense tree border along Sawmill Pond.