



PARKING
This plan reconfigures the parking lot to increase the number of available spaces and provide loop circulation through the lot, rather than a dead end that can appear uninviting. Permeable pavement options should be considered when repaving.

ACTIVE AREA
Shoal Creek Park III comprises 36 acres, much of it is fragile wetlands and beautiful forest. A small area, 3.5 acres, is currently used for recreation. This plan reconfigures the active area with new walkways and features that make the best use of the sloped landscape.

PAVILION & GRILL
A larger new pavilion with built-in restrooms is placed to overlook the lawn area, playground, and basketball courts. On one side of the pavilion is a grilling area.

TERRACED SLOPE
The existing slope is regraded to provide seating and gathering spaces, plus a hillside slide into the playground.

BIG AND SMALL BASKETBALL
A new full-size basketball court is accompanied by a junior-size court to encourage parent-child play.

CREEK ACCESS
Realist access to Shoal Creek mimics the shoals themselves. Boulders and concrete steps slope gradually to the stream's edge, designed to allow water to flow over and past during flood events.

NATURE AT WORK
This park protects the floodplain of Shoal Creek, providing room for flood waters to expand and infiltrate back into the ground. Forested wetlands such as this provide habitat for plants and animals such as birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, fish, insects, and more. Signage at stopping points provides education and information.

It's important that overgrowth and invasive species be controlled on a regular basis to ensure forest health and function as well as public safety.

COMMUNITY GARDEN
One of the most requested features is a community garden, which is established and maintained by the community.

SAFETY & OPEN VIEWS
Security and safety were by far the most pressing issues identified by the community. Better visibility into and out of the park's active area will be provided by removing overgrowth and invasive species, especially along McAfee Road. Strategic placement of lighting and other security features like emergency call buttons and cameras, along with increased community use, and a higher standard of maintenance will increase perceptions of safety. On this plan, lights are suggested by yellow circles and cameras or emergency call boxes are suggested by red squares.

PEOPLE IN NATURE
A series of boardwalks in the wetland and soft-surface trails in the upland areas provide ways for people to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the forest without disturbance. Stone borders are recommended as durable "benches" and erosion control along trails.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION
Open and identify the entrance on Glendale Court for community connectivity.

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