Welcome to

Abstract

We will take an underutilized space by the waterfront and make an inclusive space where families can picnic & children of **all** abilities can play together. Through site visits & collaboration, community members & professionals will thoughtfully consider universal design, sensory experiences, safety, & the native environment.

HOWEVER

Gladstone does not currently have an inclusive playground or outdoor space available to its patrons. With one in ten Gladstone youth having a documented "mental, physical or cognitive difficulty that interferes with daily life" (The City of Gladstone, 2017), there is a critical need for an inclusive outdoor space to better serve these families.

Outcomes & Results

- Create Inclusive Space
  - Approval
  - Funding
  - Grand Opening
- Install Inclusive Space
  - Thoughtful Selection
  - Universal Design
  - Expert Advice
- Gladstone as Visionary
  - Inclusive Example
  - Partner with Schools
  - Community Awareness

Timeline

2-4 wk	Design & Plan	
1 wk	Estimating	
TBD	Fundraising	***GOAL: 4/1/20**
6 wk	Order Equipment	
1 wk	Site Work	
1 wk	Install Equipment	
1 wk	Surfacing	
1 wk	Landscaping	

Budget

$60k	Site Prep
$100k	Hardscaping
$150k	Play Equipment
$50K	Structures
$50k	Landscaping
$26K	Incidentals & Overages

Background

The proposed site is currently being used as an unsanctioned remote control car track and is literally a dirt pile, void of vegetation. The present aim of the Gladstone Park & Recreation Board is to move the track and improve the waterfront property so the view can be appreciated, vegetation restored, and the space accessible by all.

Literature Review

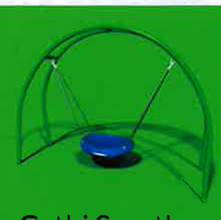
Research shows:

- Outdoor play is essential for healthy development
- Not all playgrounds are usable for children with disabilities
- Inclusion benefits everyone
- Gardens are vital to physical & mental health

Additional Information

- Meldrum Bar Park is one of Gladstone's most popular parks, with over 70% of survey responses indicating an annual visit (City of Gladstone, 2017)
- This suggests that putting Gladstone's first inclusive outdoor space here will reach the greatest number of residents and create the greatest impact

All-Play: Bringing Inclusive Parks to Gladstone



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