



# Hillsboro Plays Together



The campaign for our first inclusive  
playground and park

# A campaign is not just about raising money. It's about transforming lives, families, and communities.



**“As a mom of a child with special needs and a promoter of Spanish community, I see the need for a park... for our kids to enjoy the environment and grant peace of mind for moms.”**

—Rosario Echeverría

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**“Being a person with disabilities I would like to see all-inclusive areas for people of all abilities.”**

—Community Survey Respondent

PHOTO CREDIT: SENSORY PANELS; RUBBER SOFTFALL UNDER PLAY EQUIPMENT BY BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

## The Time is Now

- No inclusive playground currently exists in the city.
- Hillsboro is one of the fastest growing cities in Oregon and the 4th largest school district in the state.
- Through community input, inclusion and parks accessibility were identified as key actions in the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan

# Our Vision

We believe no one should be left out. Through our innovative design, we are building a kind and inclusive space for all generations to share adventures together in our most centrally located community park.

## Good to Know

Inclusive playgrounds go a step farther than ADA compliance to encourage interaction and creative play for everyone. The first inclusive park in Hillsboro will be a true community asset for all residents of all abilities for years to come.

# History and Community Input

The vision for the playground came out of the Hillsboro 2035 planning process, the community's shared vision for Hillsboro's future and a detailed action plan for working toward that collective vision. The ideas in the Hillsboro 2035 plan are based on input from thousands of community members and local organizations who have agreed to share in implementation.

The volunteer, community-led task force represented a wide variety of interests to ensure the Vision retains a broad community focus. At the time the plan was crafted, the goal was envisioned as "creating a destination park for people with disabilities." Over time, inclusion and equity became a priority for City leadership. After further consideration and input from the disability community, leaders agreed that an amenity that welcomes and accommodates everyone would serve as an ideal standard for future park development.

Between October and November 2020, 300 residents provided input through community surveys and a series of online meetings. The City made a special effort to hear from people and their caregivers who live with disabilities. That input was incorporated into the design and planning for the space.

Rose City Philanthropy completed a feasibility study in February, 2022 that identified sources of support and resulted in a campaign plan.

**1/3** of community members have experienced barriers to using public parks:



**7%** say physical abilities have limited their use of local parks



**3%** say sensory abilities have limited their use of local parks



**1%** say cognitive abilities have limited their use of local parks



**16%** provide care for someone who has physical, sensory, or cognitive differences



**4%** have felt unsafe or unwelcome in public parks because of appearance or identity

More than 300 community members responded to a concept design survey during planning for the park. Respondents could choose all that apply.

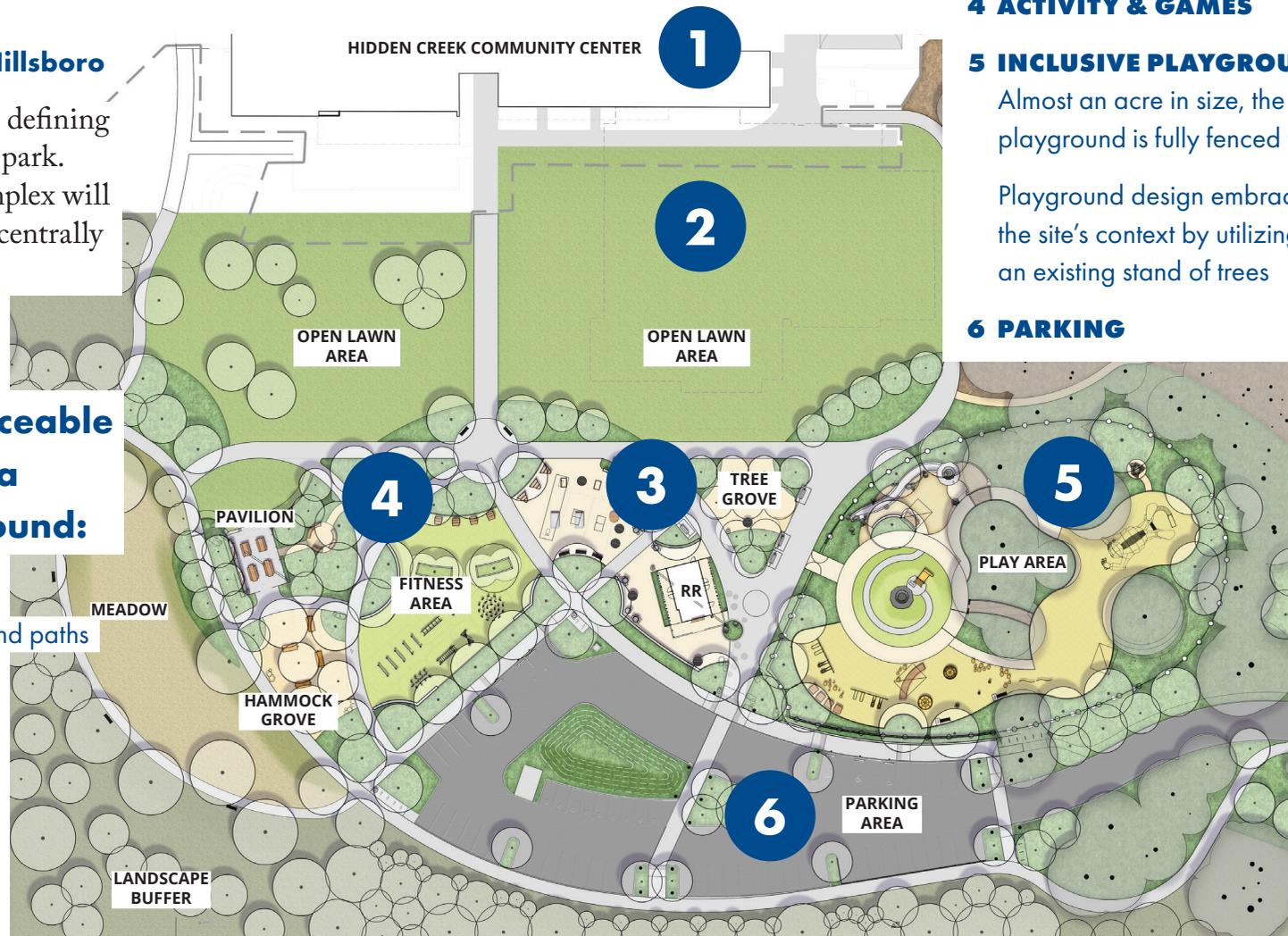
# A place for laughter, friends, and fun

**225 NE 53rd Avenue, Hillsboro**

The playground will be a defining feature of a new, 11-acre park. When complete, the complex will welcome all in our most centrally located community park.

**There will be noticeable differences from a standard playground:**

- Cozy quiet spaces
- Wide looping ramps and paths
- Textural elements
- Special signage
- Inclusive equipment
- Rubber surfacing



**1 HIDDEN CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER**

**2 FUTURE AQUATIC CENTER**

**3 TREE GROVE**

Natural elements for play

**4 ACTIVITY & GAMES**

**5 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND**

Almost an acre in size, the playground is fully fenced for safety

Playground design embraces the site's context by utilizing an existing stand of trees

**6 PARKING**

# Park and Playground Elements

**Pavilion.** A space for picnics and gathering, the color and materials reflect the community center, and take inspiration from details of the center. The elegant design of the structures sits lightly on the land.

**Embankment Slide.** This element has an accessible route to the top and provides fun for everyone with a “dignity landing” at the base of the slide. This allows those who need a little more time to transfer off the slide so they won’t have to worry about getting run into by other kids.



**Sleeping Giant Earthscape.** The larger-than-life sculpture of the Forest Giant is awe-inspiring to adults and children alike. It includes nooks and crannies to crawl in and space for a wheelchair to roll inside the structure. Children can sit in the palm of the hand and look right into the Giant’s eyes or rest in hammocks around the Giant.

**Bamboo Jungle.** A parkour course for the whole family. This is definitely unique to our park system, and we think it will be a big hit with the public as it allows multiple ages to play together.



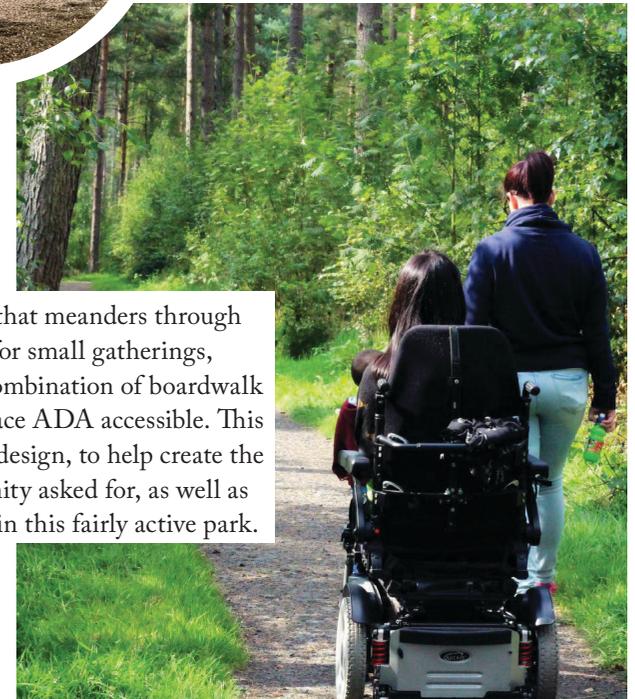
**Game Area.** All ages can enjoy these features. A firm and stable surface (pavers) will provide great access for all. This will be our first foosball table in our park system, and only our 2nd ping pong and corn hole.



**Sand & Water.** Always one of the most popular areas in any playground, this element allows for roll-up access at different points along the way. Encouraging lots of imagination and interactive fun, this will be a stream-like feature with a push-button to activate the water.



**Forest Paths.** A pathway network that meanders through the tree grove, with a wider opening for small gatherings, nature education, or storytelling. A combination of boardwalk and decomposed granite make the space ADA accessible. This pathway is a critical piece of the park design, to help create the variety of loop trails that the community asked for, as well as to provide a unique, quiet experience in this fairly active park.



**"We crave park spaces that aren't too 'built up' and have all the natural elements for nature play."**

—Community Survey Respondent

PHOTO CREDIT: "AVEN'S VILLAGE AT ISLAND GROVE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND" BY CITY OF GREELEY

# Project Budget

**Goal \$15.3M**

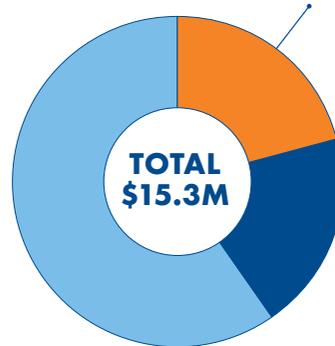
Donations and private grants **\$2.82M**

Donations and private grants, secured **\$380K**

Public Grants **\$3M**

Public Sources **\$9.1M**

Private fundraising includes family foundations, donors, and sponsorships



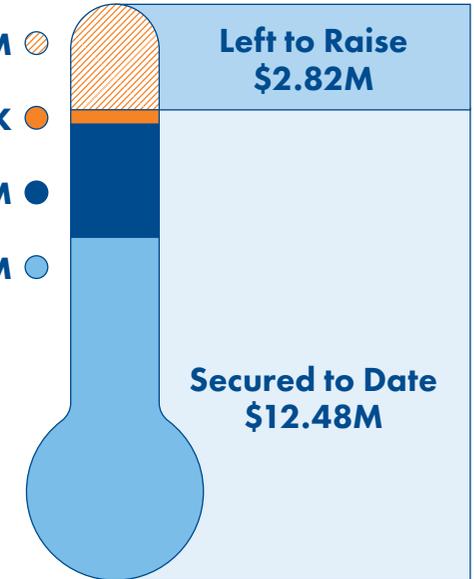
## Revenue

- Donations and private grants **\$3.2M**
- Public Grants **\$3M**
- Public Sources **\$9.1M**



## Expenses

- Park Construction **\$8.5M**
- Standard ADA Playground **\$2M**
- Adaptive Materials & Inclusive Design Elements **\$2.5M**
- Design & Permitting **\$2.3M**



**The fundraising campaign will fund adaptive design, materials and elements.**

# Project Timeline

**Fundraising Goal**  
**\$3,200,000**

2022												2023				
MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
<b>PERMITTING</b>																
<b>CONTRACTOR APPROVED</b>																
<b>SITE PREPARATION</b>																
<b>NEW BUILDING STRUCTURES &amp; RESTROOMS</b>																
<b>PAVILION CONSTRUCTION</b>																
<b>(CONTINGENT) FOREST PATHWAY ▶</b>																
<b>LAWN AREAS &amp; PLANTING</b>																
<b>PLAY AREAS, FURNISHING &amp; SURFACING</b>																
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENTS &amp; SIGNAGE</b>																
<b>ADA CROSSING</b>																
<b>PARKING</b>																



# Help Us Pave the Way to a More Inclusive Hillsboro

## Become a Champion of Play

Champions are people with extraordinary powers to do good and help others. The Champions' willingness to lead the way in building this fully inclusive park will set the campaign on a successful path. Champions set the pace with an early commitment of \$10,000 or more.

The campaign will accept signed pledge commitments for 1, 2 or 3 years. Pledges may be paid to the Hillsboro Community Foundation (HCF). HCF is serving as the philanthropic partner for the City of Hillsboro.

Contributions may be made to Hillsboro Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID 93-0931059). Contributions are deductible to the extent the law allows.

- Restricted and unrestricted
- Contingent and noncontingent (matching gift and challenge grants)
- Cash (checks, Donor Advised Funds, mandatory distributions and family foundation grants)
- Noncash assets (securities, real estate, IRAs, retirement accounts)
- Planned gifts (bequests)
- Pledges

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## About Rose City Philanthropy

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