**Public Spaces Tool-Norfolk VA, Tammy Knecht**

Record the place you visit (name/identification): Pamlico Park

Day and time visited: November 3, 2016; 3:30 p.m.

To assess your public space, use these categories to analyze the different aspects, and respond as indicated.

1. Places to sit
   1. How many chairs/benches/tables? **2 benches to seat 4 people and lawn chair in dog park**
   2. Are they spread out throughout the space, or clustered together? **Spread out**
   3. Height
      1. No higher than average waist? **No**
   4. Barriers to seating
      1. Any stones or slants? **No**
      2. Is there a way to adapt to the barrier? **N/A**
   5. Width
      1. Is there space for people on either side of the seating areas? *no*
   6. Are there movable seats?
      1. Do people willingly move the seats? **yes**
      2. How many people can sit in the moveable seats? **10**
2. Water
   1. Is it permissible to play in the water? **N/A**
   2. Is it permissible to wade in? **N/A**
   3. Does it provide a soothing “sound effect?”**N/A**
3. Public art
   1. Is it interactive? **N/A**
   2. Are you able to sit on it / touch it? **N/A**
   3. Is it accessible? **N/A**
      1. Is it no more than 3 feet elevated or recessed by stairs from ground level? **N/A**
4. Open Space
   1. Is there a fair amount of open space? **Yes**
   2. Is there lots of green space/ hard space? **Green space**
      1. Some people may be drawn for certain activities in certain areas **the park has two areas 1)play ground and 2) dog park**
   3. Are there areas for sporting? **yes**
   4. Are there areas for picnicking? **yes**
   5. Are there areas for small children? **Yes**
5. Trees: Rate each on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Are they older? 1=very young “stick’ trees; 5=about two stories tall; 10 very tall, providing shade to street and yards. **5 shade providing.**
   2. Are they organized into groves or bunched? 1= just a few places; 10=virtually everywhere. **1**
   3. Do they provide shade and cover in hot weather? 1=no; 3=for front yards; 5=for walkers; 7=for walkers and parked cars; 10=everything in shade **3**
   4. Aesthetically pleasing? **yes**
   5. How much of the space is shaded by trees? 1=part of yard; 5=sidewalk; 10=whole street. **5**
6. Food / Vendors during most usage periods?
   1. **Absent**  Present for “events” Present seasonally Mostly present
   2. Seating for the vendor? **N/A**
   3. Seating (formal and informal) for the public (whether purchasing food or not)? **N/A**
7. Accessibility
   1. Is it easily accessible to the public? **Yes**
   2. Can you walk to the public space? Is transportation nearby? Bike accessibility? **All yes**
   3. Is it a high traffic area? **Medium traffic**
   4. Is it easily visible from street? **Yes**
      1. Does the public space seem open, well lit, and visible enough to feel safe? **Yes**
   5. Is the public space occupied by people?
      1. People like to go where other people are – **Yes**
8. Sociability. Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Can you enjoy the space either alone? 10=quickly incorporated into conversations; 1=nobody talked to you except employees. **5**
   2. Can you enjoy the space in groups? **Yes**
   3. Are people socializing? 10= everyone; 5=if they came in groups; 1=most silent. **9**
   4. Do groups of people tend to stay close to each other or are they far apart? **close**
   5. Do people seem to be meeting one another there? 1=no; nobody arrived alone; 10=common **10**
   6. Does it show signs of inaccessibility to different groups?
      1. Are there signs of racism, sexism, social-class exclusion? **No**
      2. Are there signs of exclusion by physical abilities? - **no**
9. Time of Day
   1. When are people most likely to be in the public space?
      1. Night (after dark) or daytime? **Daytime**
      2. Morning, Afternoon, or Evening? **Evening**
   2. Does the public place “close” **No**
10. Vicinity
    1. What is around the space? Classify (circle) and Describe.  
       Houses Apartments **Small Businesses** School Factory/Big shopping ctr  
       Church Public Bldgs Private land without houses Warehouses
11. Are there areas to play and exercise?
    1. Large grassy areas? **Yes**
    2. Play equipment?
       1. Interactive: basketball courts, tennis courts, chess boards, other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. **No**
       2. Solo: areas to run, fitness “trail,”? **No**
12. Cleanliness:
    1. Is the place clean? 1=dirty/unhygienic, 10=surgically clean **8**
    2. Is it being actively cleaned (do you see people cleaning it)? **No**
    3. How accessible are the trash cans? None **Few, far apart** Many, scattered throughout.
    4. How bad a problem is litter? 1=lots of litter, everywhere; **10=no litter**
    5. Are there “Park adopted by…” signs? **No**
       1. Is there evidence that adoption is active? Is trash picked up, etc.? **Yes**  No
13. Decorations within public space?
    1. Banners, flags, flowerbeds, etc? **No**
14. Threats and problems diminishing use? (homeless, gang, or threatening people using it? Dangerous or unpleasant spaces, etc.) **No**