**Public Spaces Tool**

Record the place you visit (name/identification)\_\_\_Franklin Riverfront Park\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Day and time visited: November 3 at 9:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm, and 7pm.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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? 1 table and 2 benches\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Are they spread out throughout the space, or clustered together? They are spread out\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Height
      1. No higher than average waist?

31 inches high so no higher than average waist

* 1. Barriers to seating
     1. Any stones or slants?

No stones or slants

* + 1. Is there a way to adapt to the barrier?

N/A

* 1. Width
     1. Is there space for people on either side of the seating areas? Yes, Benches are 14” in width and 18” in height/Table is 6’ in width, 29” across, and 31” high\_
  2. Are there movable seats? No
     1. Do people willingly move the seats? N/A
     2. How many people can sit in the moveable seats? N/A

1. Water
   1. Is it permissible to play in the water? No
   2. Is it permissible to wade in? No
   3. Does it provide a soothing “sound effect?” Yes
2. 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

1. Open Space
   1. Is there a fair amount of open space? Yes, Most of the space in the park is open space
   2. Is there lots of green space/ hard space?
      1. Some people may be drawn for certain activities in certain areas

Yes, there is a lot of green space which most people use to relax, sit, walk, or picnic and there is a lot of hard space where people enjoy playing sports.

* 1. Are there areas for sporting? Yes, people can play basketball or tennis.
  2. Are there areas for picnicking? Yes, people can picnic anywhere on the green space
  3. Are there areas for small children? Yes, there is a playground

1. Trees: Rate each on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Are they older? 6
   2. Do they provide shade and cover in hot weather? 5
   3. Are they organized into groves or bunched haphazardly? 8 for groves and 4 for haphazardly
   4. Aesthetically pleasing? 8
   5. How much of the space is shaded by trees? 4
2. 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

1. Accessibility
   1. Is it easily accessible to the public? It is very accessible to handicap people if they park there. However, if not parking there, it is not very accessible to people with a wheel chair if they are heading toward the Elk street entrance area because it is a steep downgrade.
   2. Can you walk to the public space? Is transportation nearby? Bike accessibility?

You can easily walk to the public space because the sidewalks lead right to it. There is a parking lot right next to the park so people can park right next to the Riverfront park but there is no public transportation. People can also ride their bikes right into the park using the sidewalks or road.

* 1. Is it a high traffic area?

There are two entrances. One is located on a one-way section on Elk street which is not a high traffic area. The other side is located right on 8th street, which is an arterial street, so it is a high traffic area.

* 1. Is it easily visible?

No, one can only see as they come up to the entrances. Trees and an abandoned gas station block the view on the entrance from the 8th street area. The other entrance is downhill from Elk street which makes it hard to see unless one walks right up on it.

* 1. Is the public space occupied by people? Yes
     1. People like to go where other people are

Yes, usually people meet up to play games.

1. Sociability. Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Can you enjoy the space either alone? 7
   2. Can you enjoy the space in groups? 10
   3. Are people socializing? 8
   4. Do groups of people tend to stay close to each other or are they far apart? 9 for people in groups and 2 for people far apart. Most people go to park to play games. Fewer people come alone.
   5. Are you drawn to the public space? 8 It is a small park but very aesthetically pleasing.
   6. Do people seem to be meeting one another in the space? 9 Kids meet up frequently to play games
   7. Is it accepting of many different groups? (Children, elderly, varying social classes, race, etc.) 9 It is set up for everybody. Kids can use playground and basketball court. Adults and elderly can use the two tennis courts. People can bring a blanket and relax and have a picnic on grassy areas or sit on benches to watch the natural scenery across the river.
2. Time of Day
   1. When are people most likely to be in the public space?
      1. Night (after dark) or daytime? Mostly daytime for all ages. Kids sometimes play games at dark.
      2. Morning, Afternoon, or Evening? Most adults come in the morning. Most kids come in the afternoon and evening during the summer or just the evening during the school months.
   2. Does the public place “close”

There is no closing time.

1. 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  
      \_Houses are located on the opposite side of the road from the basketball court and tennis courts. There is also land that is owned that connects to the park , where a short trail leads walkers alongside the river.
2. Are there areas to play and exercise?
   1. Large grassy areas? Yes the whole park is covered with grassy areas besides the tennis courts and basketball court. Most trees are located beside the river.
   2. Play equipment?
      1. Interactive: basketball courts, tennis courts, chess boards, other There is a basketball court, 2 tennis courts, and a playground\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      2. Solo: areas to run, fitness “trail,” ? Short trail leads away from play equipment areas alongside the river. However park is located very close to Allegheny bike trail which is just across the 8th street bridge from it.
3. Cleanliness: Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Is the place clean? 9
   2. Is it being actively cleaned (do you see people cleaning it)? 7
   3. How accessible are the trash cans? 10
   4. How bad a problem is litter? 2 (hardly a problem)
4. Decorations within public space?
   1. Banners, flags, flowerbeds, etc? \_There are some flowerbeds alongside the short trail. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Threats and problems diminishing use? (homeless, gang, or threatening people using it? Dangerous or unpleasant spaces, etc.) \_\_none\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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