**Public Spaces Tool**

Record the place you visit (name/identification)\_\_\_\_**Neighborhood Park**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Day and time visited: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Noon, November 7, 2016**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 bench**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Are they spread out throughout the space, or clustered together? \_\_\_**N/A**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   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?\_\_**Yes**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. 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**
2. Water **None**
   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 **None**
   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?
4. Open Space
   1. Is there a fair amount of open space? **Yes**
   2. Is there lots of green space/ hard space? **Most of the space is green space**
      1. Some people may be drawn for certain activities in certain areas

**The open space is a large grassy field with trees on the perimeter**

* 1. Are there areas for sporting? **Yes**
  2. Are there areas for picnicking? **Yes**
  3. Are there areas for small children? **Yes**

1. Trees: Rate each on a scale from 1-10. (1 is least, 10 is most)
   1. Are they older? **7**
   2. Do they provide shade and cover in hot weather? **6**
   3. Are they organized into groves or bunched haphazardly? **Groves, lining the perimeter of field**
   4. Aesthetically pleasing? **8**
   5. How much of the space is shaded by trees? **2**
2. Food / Vendors during most usage periods? **No**
   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**
3. Accessibility
   1. Is it easily accessible to the public? **No**
   2. Can you walk to the public space? Is transportation nearby? Bike accessibility?
      1. **Yes, you can walk or bike to it. There is no transportation nearby.**
   3. Is it a high traffic area? **No**
   4. Is it easily visible? **Yes**
   5. Is the public space occupied by people? **Yes**
      1. People like to go where other people are
4. Sociability. Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Can you enjoy the space either alone? **10**
   2. Can you enjoy the space in groups? **7**
   3. Are people socializing? **5**
   4. Do groups of people tend to stay close to each other or are they far apart? **Together (8)**
   5. Are you drawn to the public space? **Yes (8)**
   6. Do people seem to be meeting one another in the space? **No (3)**
   7. Is it accepting of many different groups? (Children, elderly, varying social classes, race, etc.) **Yes (8)**
5. Time of Day
   1. When are people most likely to be in the public space?
      1. Night (after dark) or daytime? **Daytime, there are no lights.**
      2. Morning, Afternoon, or Evening?
   2. Does the public place “close” **No, it does not have a closed time.**
6. 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  
      \_\_**The park is surrounded by road on one side and private wooded land on the other three sides.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Are there areas to play and exercise? **Yes**
   1. Large grassy areas? **Yes**
   2. Play equipment?
      1. Interactive: basketball courts, tennis courts, chess boards, other\_**baseball diamond**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      2. Solo: areas to run, fitness “trail,” ? **No**
8. Cleanliness: Rate on a scale from 1-10.
   1. Is the place clean? **Yes (9)**
   2. Is it being actively cleaned (do you see people cleaning it)? **Yes (8)**
   3. How accessible are the trash cans? **7, there is one trash can easily available**
   4. How bad a problem is litter? **2**
9. Decorations within public space? **None**
   1. Banners, flags, flowerbeds, etc? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Threats and problems diminishing use? (homeless, gang, or threatening people using it? Dangerous or unpleasant spaces, etc.) \_\_\_**None**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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