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The results of our community outreach initiative indicated to us there was strong desire for a local park that catered to the small children of the community, one that was distinct in character and appeal from the recently designed Apex Park. In response to this need we are proposing the installation of a 'naturalized park' that prominently features the use of natural materials and organic shapes. The use of non-traditional play structures encourages a more creative play experience that caters most to the intended demographic of small children. In stimulating both body and mind a naturalized park can include the following elements: climbing rocks, wood and rock stepping stones, play cave, fallen log balance beam, and a

suspended tight-rope alongside the recognizable play castle and swing set; all set within a durable non-toxic engineered wood fibre groundcover. The design intent behind these structures is to create a sensorial experience and encourage the

taking of safe risks that build physical and emotional confidence. Beyond the central play area, however, notable park features will appeal to other uses. The main park entrance will feature a unique ground treatment, bench seating and a water fountain that will characterize the space as the social area of the park and for the rest of the community. The alternate entrances of the park will be connected by a compacted gravel path allowing for greater accessibility of both park users and pedestrian traffic. The gravel path will also serve to connect users with the passive area located at the north corner. Covered overhead

with shade sails this section provides a comfortable rest area with full views of the park and the landscape beyond. Additional seating will also be spaced throughout the park to allow for a varied passive experience. Whether it's within the social area, next to the playground, under the shade sails or near the entrances park users will have ample opportunity to find their niche. We feel this park design meets the needs of the community and manages to seamlessly integrate with the surrouning aesthetic. The naturalized look of the park will provide a timeless appeal that will only further settle into its identity as time carries on providing an engaging space for future generations.

