Wayfinding signage at Cheshire Rail Trail guides users to the park.
Existing sidewalk along Water St. provides pedestrian connection between Cheshire Rail Trail and the park.
Coordinate with property owner to use existing paved parking area for overflow parking during events.
Mural Art installation on existing building (coordinate with building owner).
Existing open lawn area to remain. Coordinate with building owner to use existing grass area for overflow parking during events.
Large stormwater infiltration area makes partial use of existing "lawn". Low value wetland area receives stormwater from local pipe buried below athletic field – filtering the adjacent neighborhood stormwater prior to entering Beaver Brook.
Improve the existing low value wetland by creating a small depression and planting native wetland plant species. Place educational signage at wetland to teach visitors the benefits of conservation.
+/− 75-foot by 100-foot play area scope.
Elevated play pavilion with connecting bridge for views to field or brook.
Protected existing Linden Trees along Carpenter St. and remove those in poor condition.
Create a small sun garden below playground.
Permeable paving parking stalls (35 spaces).
Drop off: potential food truck parking area.
Entry plaza with seating area and changing station.
New chain link fencing.
Restroom building and plaza space with benches.
Butterfly pollinator gardens throughout park.
Multi-level giant tree/log "backless" seating elements.
Colorful shade sails above blaster system.
Picnic areas in lawn adjacent to pavilion (potential separate teams/player areas).
Open aired destination pavilion between bleachers.
Main handicapped-accessible park entrance. Provide signage, detectable warning strips, accessible toilets (for emergency access), and a bike rack.
Accessible parking areas.
New formalized asphalt parking spaces with flush islands to protect existing trees (36 spaces).
New formalized asphalt or gravel parking area.
Park gateway element (modern light poles and banners) create arrival space.
8-foot wide multi-use trail moves on the outskirts of the park – experiencing multiple use areas.
+/− 75-foot by 100-foot play area with swings.
Picnic area surrounded by large flowering shrubs for screening adjacent property and short shrubs in front for sight lines into park.
Large boulder terrace for sitting and climbing.
Elevated picnic area with tables and umbrellas.
Lounge chairs set into hill slope/sloping hill.
Seating retaining wall with art elements.
Staircase to access elevated picnic and overlook area.
Pathway intersection plaza bordered by low retaining walls.
Passive "chill" area, complete with hammocks with access to multi-use path and new accessible path surrounded by large flowering shrubs for screening adjacent property.
New ADA accessible path into park.
Cobble riffles in the stream channel reduce turbidity, slow water velocity, and oxygenates brook for aquatic species.
Creation of a floodplain island allows flood water to spread and channelize, slowing velocities during rain events and provide a lower riparian tier for new herbaceous communities – as well as welcoming adventurer’s looking to get closer to the water.
Stepping stones.
Low infiltration areas and created floodplain for added storm water storage and habitat.
Sediment forebay with high level overflow through cobble rip rap into adjacent infiltration area to return to Beaver Brook.
Regraded flood plain creates level for field hockey. Place boulders, surrounded by vegetation, on hilside for seating for the adventurous explorer.
Boardwalk over drainage way with interpretive signage.
New improved buried stormwater pipe.