

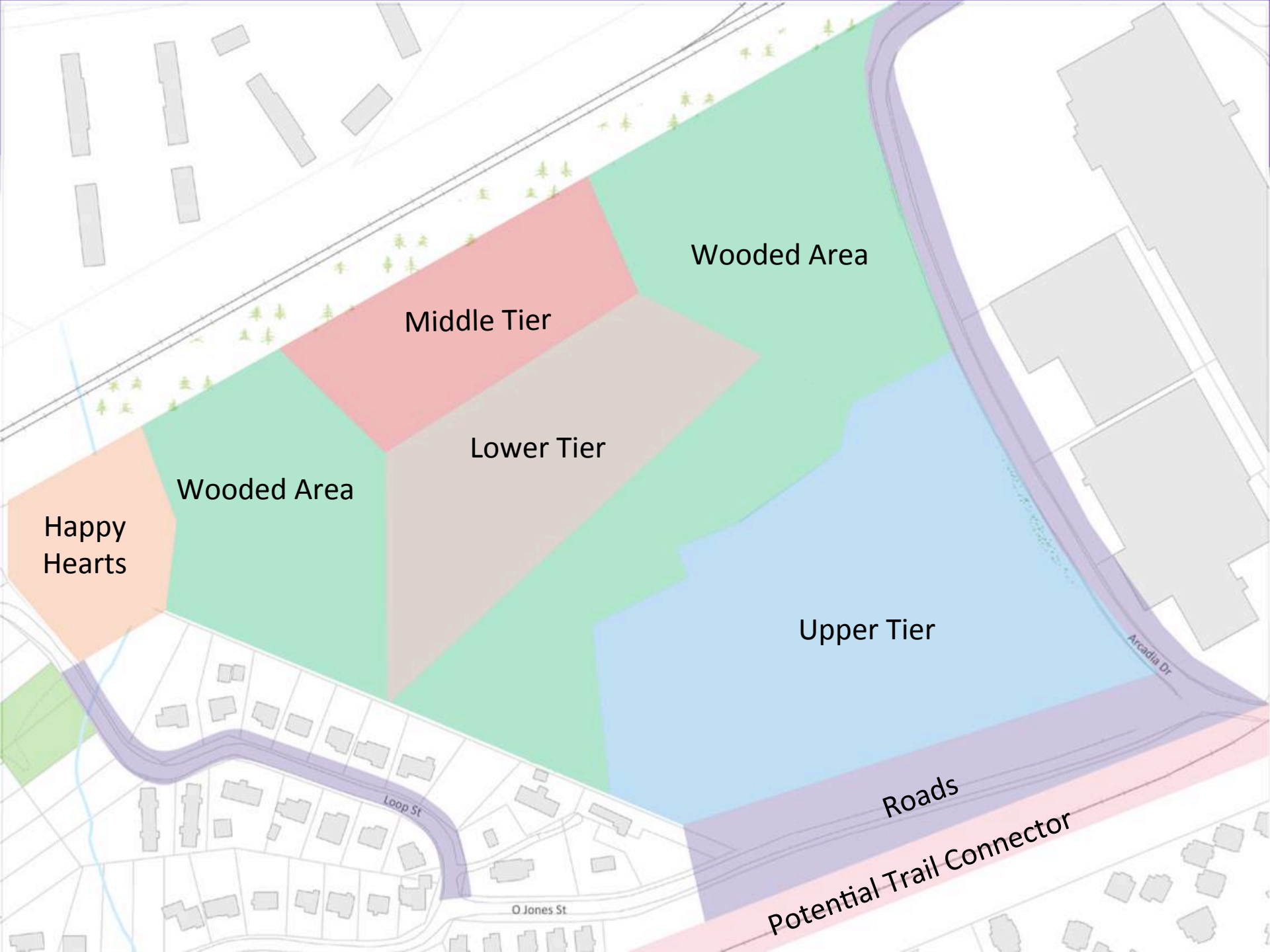
# Envisioning Space and Place

A Vision Report for  
New Washington Heights and  
Greenville County

# Introduction

- Washington High 1962-1970
- Closed after integration but was used as a Center for Special Needs until 2005
- Owned by Greenville County
- Demolition of high school happened in fall of 2015





Happy  
Hearts

Wooded Area

Middle Tier

Lower Tier

Wooded Area

Upper Tier

Roads

Potential Trail Connector

Loop St

O Jones St

Arcadia Dr

# Event Statistics

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Community events over a six day period



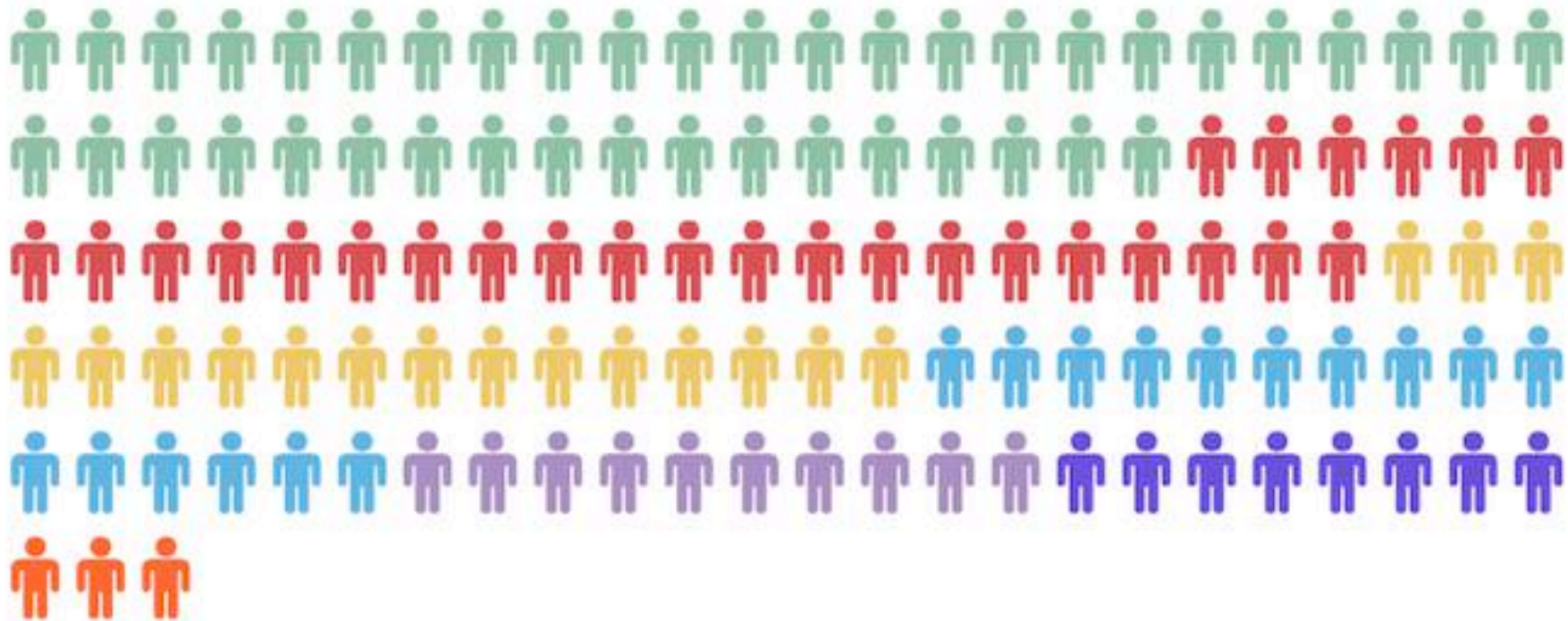
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Unique participants



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Community members that participated in multiple events



● Kickoff Event ● Door to Door Canvassing

● Interview at Pickup Soccer Game ● Brutontown Community Center

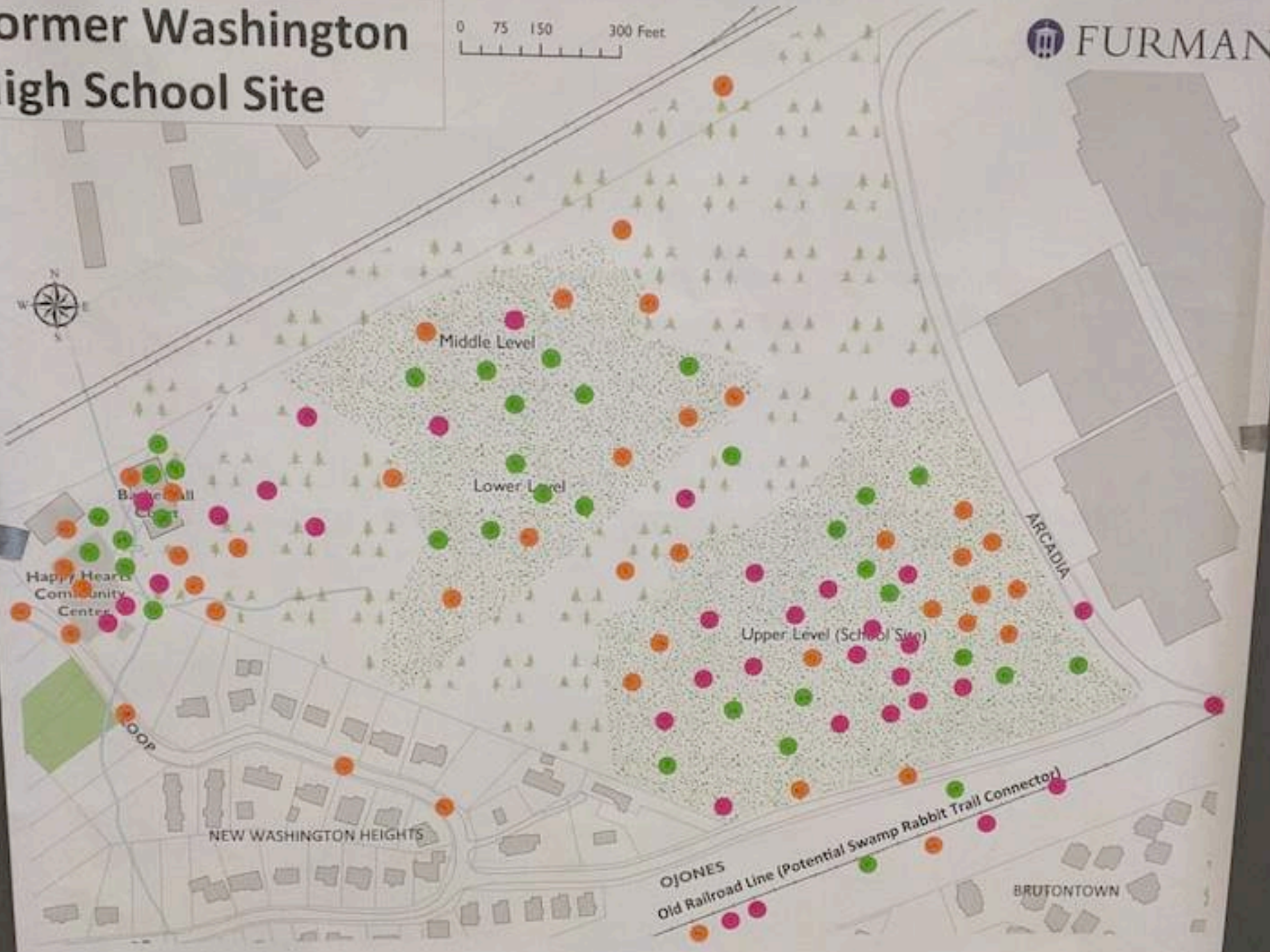
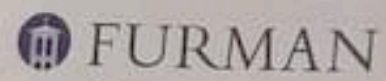
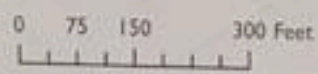
● Visioning Workshop ● Alumni Lunch ● Current State Meeting

# Kickoff Event

- Initial event where we grilled out, played games, and got to know the NWH community members better
- Mapping activity to begin to receive ideas for the 27 acre space
- Had 42 participants



# Former Washington High School Site



Black Hill

Happy Hearts Community Center

LOOP

NEW WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

Middle Level

Lower Level

Upper Level (School Site)

OJONES Old Railroad Line (Potential Swamp Rabbit Trail Connector)

ARCADIA

BRUTONTOWN

# Brutontown Community Center

- Two researchers tabled at the Brutontown Community Center with the same mapping activity
- Had 16 participants





# Alumni Lunch

- Ate lunch with 7 alumni and one former teacher of Washington High School
- Learned more about the high school and ways to commemorate the history of the site



# Current State Meeting

- Meeting with three members of the New Washington Heights Community Association
- Discussed current assets of community



Source: [http://www.greenvillecounty.org/gcpc/long\\_range\\_planning/pdf/NWH\\_community\\_plan.pdf](http://www.greenvillecounty.org/gcpc/long_range_planning/pdf/NWH_community_plan.pdf)

# Door-to-Door Canvassing

- Walked around NWH with Community Association members
- Conducted short interviews to gather more input from the neighborhood
- Spoke with 27 people, 24 of whom were new respondents



# Interview with Soccer Players

- Talked with the group of soccer players on the lower tier field
- Able to get input from 17 players



# Visioning Workshop

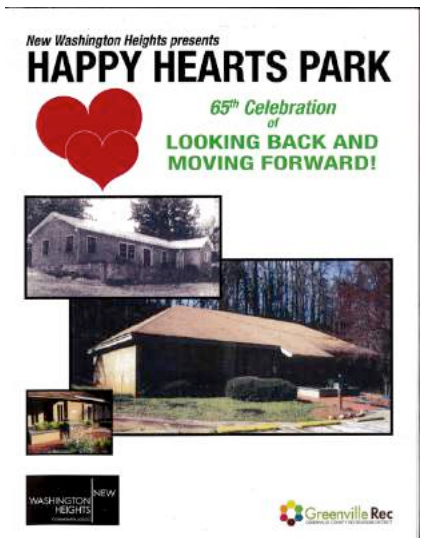
- Based on input from previous events, created posters focused on common themes
- Stations allowed community members to flow through room to provide input
- 10 participants; half were first time respondents



# 8 Guiding Themes

# A Commemorative Place

- Bring together the past and future
  - Memorial
- Strengthen family and community
- Children



# An Active Place

- A safe place outside the classroom.
  - Playground
- Sports
  - Multi-purpose field
- Walking/Biking
  - Trail





# A Refreshing Place

- A pool with challenges
  - Alternative: splash-pad
- Other ideas
  - Pond
  - Fountain



# A Leisurely Place

- Covered place
  - Pavilion
- Resting area
  - Seating
- Other amenities
  - Dog parks



# A Connected Place

- Accessibility
  - Trails
  - Restrooms
- Parking access
- Increase safety
  - Road improvements



# A Safe Place

- Lower crime
  - Lighting
  - Police presence
- Natural danger
  - Brush control
  - Snakes



# A Creative Place

- Something for everyone
  - Amphitheater
  - Studio
- Public art
  - Murals



# A Coordinated Place

- Physical Activity
  - Organized sports leagues
- Community building
  - ESL (English language training)
- Children
  - After-school
  - Summer Camp



# Space-Specific Ideas







# Happy Hearts



**Lighting Picnic**  
**PROGRAMMING**  
**Handson**  
**GYM**  
**Community Center**  
Recreation  
ART  
Tranquility  
POOL  
PARKING  
SAFETY  
Swings  
Housing  
Education  
EVENTS  
GAMES







Lighting  
Picnic  
PROGRAMMING  
Gym  
Headphones  
Community Center

Running  
Fields  
PLAY Restrooms  
Children  
Parking

Soccer  
Leisure  
INCLUSIVE

COMMEMORATION  
Basketball  
BICYCLING  
POOL  
Monument  
Challenge  
EXPLORATION

Hiking  
TRAILS

Amphitheater  
HandsOn  
PROGRAMMING

Inclusive  
Playground  
MONUMENT  
FOOD  
BICYCLING  
Picnic  
WATER  
Waterpark  
Community Center

Safety

Traffic Calming

TRAILS  
Crosswalks  
Traffic Calming  
Connectivity  
Trails

Loop St

O Jones St

Arcadia Dr

# Lower Tier





# INCLUSIVE

# Hiking TRAILS

# Running Fields

# Basketball

# Gym

# POOL

# Amphitheater

# Playground

# BICYCLING

# Safety

# Lighting PROGRAMMING

# Picnic

# Gym

# Children

# PLAY Restrooms

# Parking

# BICYCLING

# Monument

# Challenge

# EXPLORATION

# Inclusive

# MONUMENT

# Food

# WATERSLIDE

# Picnic

# Connectivity

# Crosswalks

# Traffic Calming

# Trails

# Connectivity

# TRAILS

O Jones St

Loop St

Maintenance

Arcadia Dr

# Middle Tier



**Soccer**  
**Restrooms**  
**LASERTAG**  
**Trails Tehhis**  
**POOL**  
**Swings**  
**SEATING**  
**Waterslide**  
**Walkway**  
**INCLUSIVE**





# Roads



Maintenance

Safety

Connectivity

Traffic Calming

TRAILS  
Crosswalks  
Traffic Calming



# Wooded Areas



**Running  
Fields**

PLAY Restrooms

Children

Parking

EXPLORATION

**Challenge**

Hands On  
PROGRAMMING

Water Slide

**Amphitheater**

**Hiking**

TRAILS



# Potential Trail Connector



**Connectivity** **Trails**  
 EXERCISE **Commemoratioh** **Monument** **WALKWAY**

# Conclusion and Next Steps

- Foundation for a site plan
- Provide evidence of community support for grant writing and fundraising
- Facilitate future collaboration

