

Issues and Concerns

- Kayak launch area needs improvement:
 - a. The ability to maneuver with a large car and trailer is limited.
 - b. Expand and create proper grading to make area accessible.
 - c. Possibly add a dock for ease of use.
 - d. It is currently difficult to see when pulling out from the site down by the river.
 - e. Site distance is poor and the steep grade amplifies the problem.
 - f. Consider adding a road within the site so the egress could happen near the top of the hill.
 - g. Fire trucks use this area for water access. This needs to be maintained.
 - h. The Amish community uses the site. Be sure to provide for Amish horse and buggies.

- The Native American history and archeology of the site needs to be respected.
- The site needs trails.
- Concern that the pavilion could become a party location if it is too secluded.
- People often make campfires near the river. Perhaps provide safe place for campfire/picnics. Maybe surround with rocks.

- Neighbor's concerns that park development doesn't restrict what they can do with their property.
- Please keep the site wild. The beauty of the land is its natural state. Do not overdevelop.
- Play features should be rustic in nature to be in keeping with the landscape.

Ideas and Opportunities

Accessibility:

Provide accessible kayak launch. (rails?)

Provide accessible parking for kayak launch.

Provide drop-off space for kayak launch.

Consider one-way driveway access from kayak launch area to upper parking area.

Provide parking in upper portion of site.

Locate amenities – restrooms/porto-a-pottys and pavilion near upper parking for accessibility

Locate a round mirror for egress site distance

Provide a hitching rail near river for Amish access.

Remove all “no trespass” signs

Program Components:

Kayak launch and parking/drop-off

Picnic/Fire pit by water

Pavilion

Natural play along existing paths – see Wild center – use low impact play ideas.

Interpretive signs or activities for birds/plants

Education for native arrowheads

Supervised Archery range in upper field

Restrooms

Trash bins

Parking

Activities: Family gatherings, reunions, picnics, education, play, kayak, walking loop, birdwatching

Design Approach/Sensitivity to Natural Conditions:

Use native species in any plantings

Replace thistles with blackberries along edge of woods

Plant fruit trees for natural snacks.

Utilize landscape for natural playground – low impact.

Use existing trails for walking trails.

Capitalize on glacier depressions in landscape.

Keep current quiet nature of water.

Prohibit all but smallest motor boats.

Keep it simple.

Cultural/Historic

Document indigenous heritage of the site and integrate it with the natural diversion (Native American stewardship of the land, history of canoes, etc.).

Collaborate with Colgate university (upstate Institute, Native American Studies program, Archaeology faculty, sustainability office, sports and rec)

Collaborate with Oneida Indian nation.

Consider inclusion of the “Loomis Gang” story.