

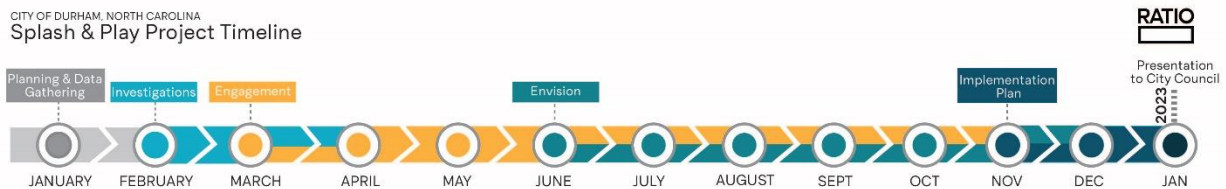
**Project:** Durham Splash & Play Residents Committee Meeting

**Date:** September 29, 2022, 6:30pm

**Attended By:** Gideon Bueno, Naadii Salaam, DeWarren Langley, Cynthia Cukiernik, Karthik Sundaramoorthy, Shauna Parker, Jason Jones, Almira Marshall, Mary Unterreiner, Lisa Esterrich, Jackie Turner, Kate Collins,

The fifth Durham Splash & Play Residents Committee meeting was held at a new time in hopes of better accommodating schedules. Attendance was perhaps a little lower, but new voices.

Jackie presented the updated project timeline and a few slides summarizing Phase 1 and Phase 1.5 Engagement. We are entering the concept development phase and headed toward the implementation plan which will be the project deliverable. This, and previous presentations, are available on the [project website](#).



The engagement summary included:

- Participation numbers – nearly 1500 people engaged primarily from 27701 and 27703
- Residents Committee representation – see list
- Events, locations, and times
- Supplemental Long Meadow and Hillside pool events and select results

Phase 2 events were shared, though several are still being confirmed. Confirmed events will be posted on the website. There will be separate events for Durham Splash & Play – Wheels Fun Park (October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:pm) and Durham Splash & Play Long Meadow/East End Parks. These events are separate from the soon to be formed Wheels Skating Rink Committee. Mary U. from DPR will reach out to those interested in the committee.

Lisa E. of RATIO began the presentation of concepts by discussing the program elements which were selected based on the funding for an aquatic facility. She stated that based on input, each concept incorporates the existing skating rink.

- Site Option 1 includes:
  - Civic Plaza
  - Sprayground
  - Slide tower
  - Mat racers
  - Zero entry/tot area
  - Small lazy river
  - Lap pool
  - Shade Pavilion
  - Connections to Merrick Moore Park
  - Stormwater control
  
- Site Option 2 includes:
  - Civic plaza with interactive water feature
  - Drop off
  - Slide tower
  - Bowl slide
  - Beach entry
  - Aquatic play features
  - Cargo net activity over the pool
  - Competition pool/lap lanes
  
- Site Option 3 includes:
  - Enhanced central mini park between aquatics and skating rink facilities
  - Activities to target teens
  - Deepwater activity area
  - Sports area (water basketball/volleyball)
  - Natural climbing area
  - Eight-lane pool
  - Ninja course

### Discussion

- Karthik asked about the:
  - quantity of parking (based on ordinance requirements) and if the facility could also use the Merrick Moore parking area
  - Multimodal transportation connections – bus, multiuse path, shuttle, secure bicycle parking
- Gideon asked about maximum occupancy for different site elements, concerned about if the skating rink and pools were at maximum occupancy, the parking would be filled quickly



Figure 1: Wheels Fun Park Site Option 1



Figure 2: Wheels Fun Park Site Option 2



Figure 3: Wheels Fun Park Site Option 3

- Concern for dangerous roads for biking. Jackie stated the team is working with a technical steering committee composed of other city departments for a collaborative solution
- Re financial access: Mary responded to a question about fees stating DPR does have a fee structure for outdoor pools, but fees for this site haven't been decided on. Currently, teens and youth (City residents) can visit outdoor pools for free. The Civic plazas and some spraygrounds features are accessible without fee and for longer periods of time
- Bus access and circulation were clarified in option 3
- The design team will consider the secondary egress to Muldee Street for ingress as well in site option 3 to eliminate backup at the exit to Hoover Road
- The design team will review the location of the tot pool in relation to the other swim areas in Option 1

### Long Meadow East End Park Preliminary Concepts

- The R. Kelly Bryant Bridge, being designed by a different project team, serves as a backbone to the two parks and to unify them
- These are concept diagrams influenced by summer Phase 1.5 engagement that will be further developed by mid-late October
- The concepts consider adjacencies of program types – play and aquatic

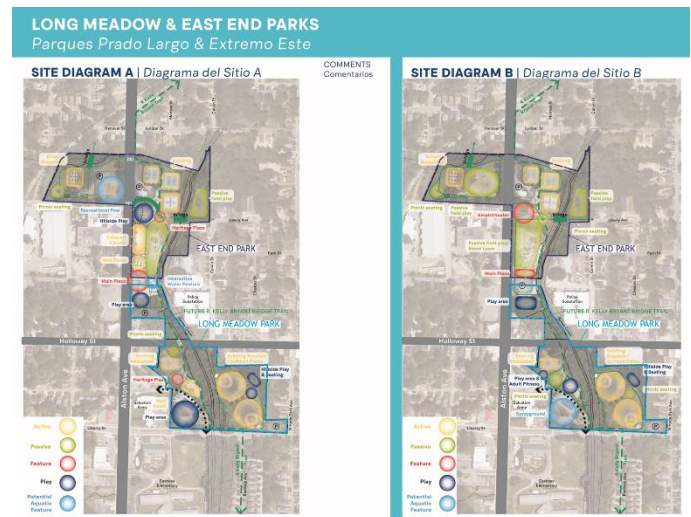


Figure 4: Long Meadow/ East End Parks Concepts

### Chat Comments

- G: I have a question - is the Wheels workshop in lieu of the Wheels residents committee meeting?
- C: Is this chart of upcoming events posted somewhere?
- G: Thanks Mary! Also I forwarded your email to a ton of folks who are interested in joining that committee. They've been asking about when they'll hear back from you.
- M: Great! I plan to reach out about meeting dates tomorrow. Thanks for your help :)
- C: Can you speak to seasonality in the civic offering space?
- C: Also, I have some concerns with the tot pool being so close to the full-size pool. Would there be a possibility to reorient that or provide a buffer?
- C: There has been interest in amenities for public music, so electricity capabilities in the public area\* could be a great addition. \*the free civic area
- G: I guess I worry about financial accessibility
- G: How long is that spray ground open out of the year?
- Jason: It'll depend on the design, Gideon.
- G: First thought/ comment on this design (referring to concept C): you'd have a bottleneck re: parking/ hoover road unless #27 is an outlet to somewhere?
- Also seems like it does away with the bus options too
- C: I agree with the possibility of that shift. I do appreciate the possibility of connectivity with Wheels
- C: In the first one the tot pool was next to the full pool. In the other designs, it isn't



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- C: With the pool options, I would love to see a plan for scalability in the instance of a lifeguard shortage. As in, how can different features open or close with different staff sizes? (so that you wouldn't have to close the whole pool).
- Jason: DPR has been sensitive to this concern and is considering design solutions
- G: Re messaging about the skating rink: Facebook posts/ social media. just say it very clearly. agreed that there has been a lot of confusion.
- K: Can a bubble be put over the pool for the wintertime? Is there a saltwater option? Lisa said the designers will consider these comments
- The team will be developing a comments sheet and survey online. Need to send something to the public that the skating rink is going to stay.

### **Next Steps**

- Wheels Fun Park open house event – Thursday, October 13
- Long Meadow / East End Parks event – late October
- Next Residents Committee – mid to late November