

Appendix G:

Park Evaluation and Project List

This Appendix contains detailed recommendations for each of Pittsburgh's existing community and neighborhood parks. There are six categories of treatment for existing sites:

- **INVEST** - Make capital replacement or capital improvement projects at the site. This includes implementation of existing master plans, upgrading or capital replacement of existing amenities and facilities, the addition of new features and facilities into the existing site. This category also includes new development of a park.
- **REDEVELOP** - Redevelop the site completely, making a major capital investment. This is intended to signify a wholesale re-do of a site that is poorly designed, targeted for a change of use or function, or in very poor condition.
- **RELOCATE** - Move the park to a better location. This category is intended to signify that a park is needed in the area, but that the existing location is subpar. Relocation means that the existing site will be changed to a different use and a new site will be developed to replace its function more effectively.
- **EXPAND** - Acquire property to expand an existing park or open space, or acquire a new site to fill an identified gap in the system.
- **NATURALIZE** - Revegetate the property with appropriate species (riparian or upland), restore ecosystem or riparian processes, or remove invasive species or non-native vegetation (including turf grass). This may include development of low impact trails and other compatible features (viewing blinds, environmental education features, etc.).
- **DIVEST** - Transfer all or part of the property to another city department, sell the property, or transfer ownership to another non-city entity.

The process for determining site-specific recommendations across the entire system was intensive, involving remote analysis as well as site visits and “ground truthing” by city staff. Preliminary recommendations were reviewed for consistency with the design guidelines contained within OpenSpacePGH, as well as with the OpenSpacePGH vision and goals, and, in turn, the design guidelines were refined to better accommodate site-specific issues.

Recommendations for Community Parks are presented first, organized alphabetically¹. Neighborhood Parks are further categorized, with recommendations for Neighborhood Parks in areas with high density low-income and /or minor-majority populations presented first that were identified as poor to fair quality during the Needs Assessments [\[link\]](#), followed by recommendations for the remaining Neighborhood Parks by neighborhood sector. Each park is indicated by name, and the sector number is

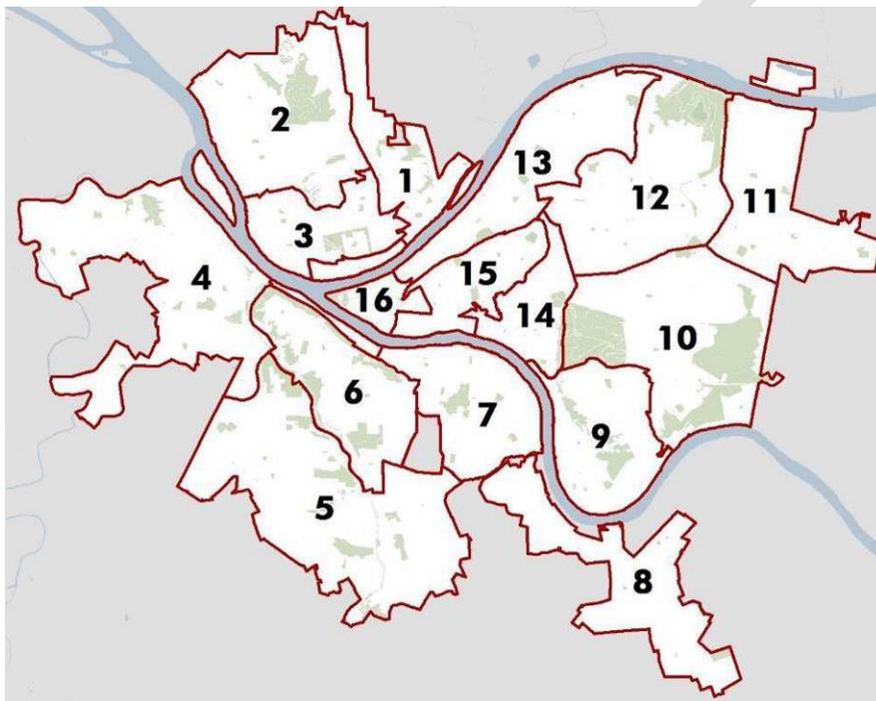
¹ All aerial images were supplied using Google Earth™

provided. For additional reference, ZIP Codes are provided for orientation. Figure F-I depicts the sector boundaries.

In addition to the individual park recommendations, parks with a recommendation to DIVEST or NATURALIZE include the identification of the PGHSNAP Action Planning Strategy recommendations. The complete document of PGHSNAP can be found here [\[link\]](#). In brief, there are four scales of action (intervention) strategies: Preserve, Enhance, Stabilize, and Reinvent. The scale of action is coupled with a social stability indicator of one through four, with one being stable and four indicating instability.

- Preserve (P)- very targeted strategies
- Enhance (E) – targeted strategies
- Stabilize (S) – broad strategies
- Reinvent (R) – very broad strategies

Figure G1: Planning Sectors



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegheny Hills (1) • Upper Northside (2) • Lower Northside (3) • West Pittsburgh (4) • South Pittsburgh (5) • Mt. Washington/Hilltop West (6) • South Side/Hilltop East (7) • Thirty-First Ward (8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monongahela River Valley (9) • Lower East End (10) • Northeast Pittsburgh (11) • Upper East End (12) • Allegheny River Valley (13) • Oakland (14) • Hill District & Uptown (15) • Downtown Pittsburgh (16) |
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Community Parks

Pittsburgh's community parks vary in size, character and level of development. Investment is needed at many of the community parks to make them more relevant to today's population, function better, and replace aging amenities. Some community parks are designated as "signature" community parks, meaning that these sites are targeted for a higher level of capital and operations investment than standard community parks. The "signature" designation is given to sites with strong potential to serve a larger population and provide "green premium" benefits to areas not benefitting from proximity to the city's five regional parks. Table F1 identifies the recommended treatment for each of the city's 21 community parks, and indicates if a park is designated as a signature site.

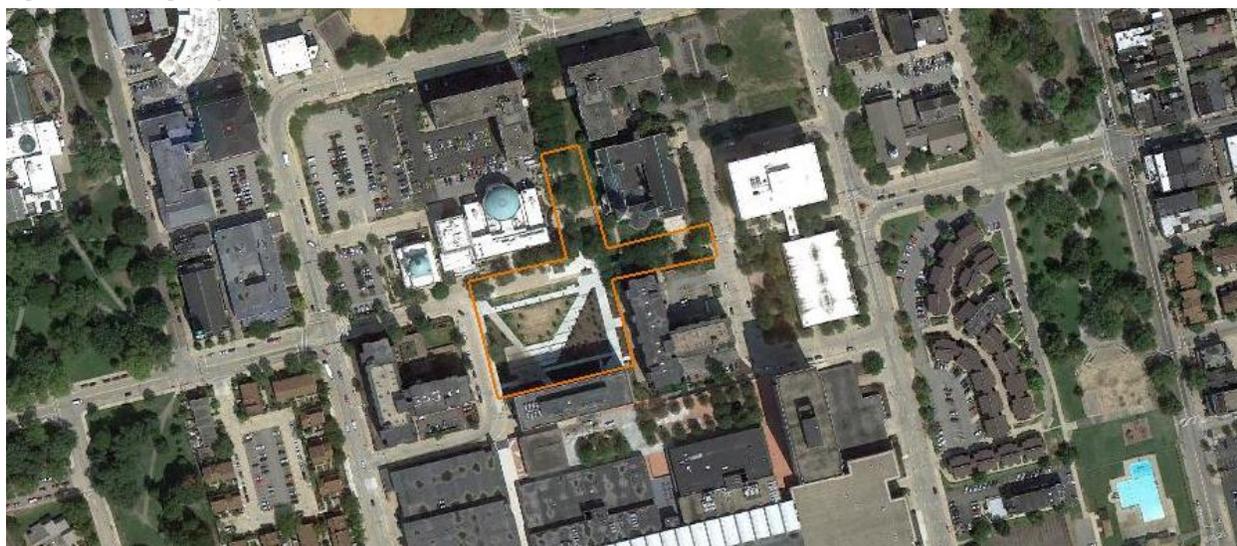
Table G1: Project List for Community Parks

Bold text = Signature community parks

Park & Sector	Acres	Sector	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Allegheny Center Park Plaza (Public Square)	2.5	3		•				
Allegheny Commons Park	59.9	3		•				
Arsenal Park	8.8	13			•			
Banksville Park	16.6	5		•				
Brighton Heights Park	32.0	2		•				
Brookline Memorial Park	54.4	5		•				
Dinan Park	16.4	13		•				
East Hills Park	11.1	11		•				
Fowler Park	12.7	2		•			•	
Herschel Park	20.4	4		•				
Market Square Park	0.5	16		•				
McBride Park	22.7	8		•				
McKinley and Upper McKinley Park	78.5	6		•				
Mellon Park	32.5	10		•				
Mellon Square Park	1.4	16		•				
Moore Park	10.1	5		•				
Phillips Park	23.4	5		•				
Sheraden Park	51.2	4			•		•	
Southside Park	57.5	7			•			
West End Park	17.0	4		•				
West Penn Park	22.5	13		•				

Allegheny Center Park Plaza (Public Square)

Figure G2: Allegheny Center Park Plaza



Sector 3 – Lower Northside

Allegheny Center Park Plaza (1.0 ac), also known as Buhl Community Park, is located in the neighborhood of Allegheny Center (15212) across Ohio Street from the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh. The plaza includes pedestrian rights-of-ways and is bordered by Children’s Way to the west and buildings that are part of the Allegheny Center complex on all other sides. The park once marked the center of Allegheny City as a community public green, laid out by John Redick in 1787 as part of the 36 block area that made up Allegheny City and formerly known as Diamond Park. In 1965, as part of the urban renewal program for Allegheny Center, the park was redesigned as a sunken plaza which due to its design sat isolated and practically unused. In 2012, due to a partnership with the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, the park underwent a \$6.1 million revitalization which created an open central plaza for the buildings and institutions that frame the edges of the park.

Today, the park contains a central plaza with tables and chairs, a large meadow with native grasses, benches, natural bluestone walls for seating, rain gardens and bioswales for storm water mitigation, bike racks and drinking fountains for both visitors and their pets. The park also includes a new piece of public art by Ned Kahn, Cloud Arbor, which is an assembly of 64 stainless steel poles measuring 32’ in height which, due to water nozzles being located on the poles, emit a "cloud" of mist that rises, swirls, and is in constant motion.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- This park was redeveloped during the OpenSpacePGH planning process and renamed as Buhl Community Park near the completion of the Plan. This site should continue to be maintained and programmed to a high level in partnership with the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh and other adjacent institutions.

Allegheny Commons Park

Figure G3: Allegheny Commons Park



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

Allegheny Commons Park (59.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Allegheny Center (15212). Dating back to 1867, Allegheny Commons is Pittsburgh's oldest park. Prior to its designation as a public park, it was the commons for Allegheny, once a separate city from Pittsburgh. Noted modernist landscape architect John Ormsbee Simonds developed a plan for Allegheny Commons Park in 1966, including the treatment of Lake Elizabeth. Today, the park has a variety of facilities including ball fields, sports courts, children's play areas, a swimming pool, and the man-made lake. It is also home to the National Aviary and Kayak Pittsburgh.

In 2002, the Allegheny Commons Master Plan was completed through a collaborative effort of the Northside Leadership Conference, the Garden Club of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, The National Aviary, the Buhl Foundation, and the Richard King Mellon Foundation. The Master Plan aims to protect the historic integrity of the park, while providing a place that evolves in design and use over time. Long term maintenance and management of the park is guided by the following goals:

- Promote stewardship of Allegheny Commons.
- Preserve and respect the historic landscape, as well as the continuum of that landscape.
- Enhance public safety and improve universal accessibility and circulation.
- Minimize alterations and additions to historic fabric while recognizing current community priorities and needs.
- Provide a framework for on-going management and maintenance.
- Enhance visitor services and use of the Commons.
- Respect and enhance ecological vitality and integrity of the Commons.
- Nominate the Commons to the National Register of Historic Places.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Designate this site as a signature community park. Continue to support renovations in accordance with the Allegheny Commons Master Plan.

Arsenal Park

Figure G4: Arsenal Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

Arsenal Park (8.8 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Central Lawrenceville (15201) between 39th and 40th streets behind Arsenal School on Butler Street. The park was originally established as a military arsenal in 1814, and served as a weapons storage and supply site during the American Civil War. The arsenal on the site was destroyed in an explosion in 1862, killing a number of civilians. The maintenance shed present on the site may incorporate parts of the original arsenal.

Today, the park contains two ball fields, multiple sports courts and a defunct wading pool (developed in the early part of the twentieth century). Visibility into the site is poor due to the grade of the site, even though there is street frontage on two sides. Overall, the facilities are in poor condition and their layout has filled up the park without providing unprogrammed passive space.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop the park completely to create a site with a better balance of active and passive space and incorporate references to the site's history.
 - Develop a new master plan for the site, using the community park design guidelines as a starting point.
 - Remove the wading pool and evaluate adaptive reuse possibilities for the structure associated with the wading pool.
 - Retain one of the ball fields on the site, and reconfigure the layout so there is greater flexibility in use of the park.
 - Consider eliminating the tennis courts since the City is over supplied with this type of facility.
 - Reconfigure the circulation system, keeping in mind that most existing paths within the park are in poor condition and well beyond their design life.
 - Interpret the history of the site in its design, including incorporating the cannons.
 - Incorporate picnic areas and open lawn, and consider a community scale spray park for this site.

Banksville Park

Figure G5: Banksville Park



Sector 5 - South Pittsburgh

Banksville Park (16.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Banksville (15216) and accessed from Crane Avenue. The site incorporates a slope. The highest elevation of the site is fully developed, and contains a ball field, playground, sports courts, an all season rentable shelter, and a swimming pool. Approximately half the site is a wooded hillside sloping away from the developed portion of the park. The wooded area contains trails that have not been formally developed.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Enhance the park entry, including the addition of a park identification sign and improved pedestrian access.
- Retain the wooded area, removing invasive species and replanting as needed for a healthy urban forest. Create a better ecological transition between the wooded area and the developed park through a planted buffer.
- Formalize the trails in the wooded area, and integrate them into the overall circulation system of the park to provide looped walking routes.
- Explore feasibility of adding a second pedestrian access to the site off Chappel or Greenside Avenues.

Brighton Heights Park

Figure G6: Brighton Heights Park



Sector 2 - Upper Northside

Brighton Heights Park (32.0 ac.) is located in the Brighton Heights neighborhood (15212) off Benton Ave at Brighton Woods Road. Nearby parks and schools include the historic Riverview Park and St. Cyril of Alexandria School. The park has six ball fields, a basketball court, children's play area and swimming pool. The southern half of the property is wooded hillside.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Retain ball fields as a major component of this site, as this park has one of Pittsburgh's largest concentrations of fields. Consider incorporating some additional rectangular field space, potentially reconfiguring existing diamond fields to support this.
- Add a secondary pedestrian access and provide overall pedestrian access enhancements.

Brookline Memorial Park

Figure G7: Brookline Memorial Park



Sector 5 - South Pittsburgh

Brookline Memorial Park (54.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Brookline (15226). It is very close to Carmalt Elementary School and Carmalt Park. Access to the park is through a parking lot that connects to Oakridge St. and Brookline Blvd. The upland portion of the park is developed, with wooded slopes constituting about half the site. The developed portion of the park has a year round recreation center, two lighted ball fields, two unlighted ball fields, a rectangular field, a children's play area, and swimming pool.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Provide better integration of the wooded area into the overall site through a formally developed pathway network.
- Add sidewalks on Brookline Boulevard to improve pedestrian access.
- Provide a direct pathway connection to Carmalt Elementary to create stronger linkages between the two sites.

Dinan Park

Figure G8: Dinan Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

Dinan Park (16.4 ac.) is located in the Stanton Heights neighborhood (15201) adjacent to Sunnyside Elementary School. Access to the park is off Farmington Street with secondary access provided through the school grounds off Stanton Ave. The park has two sports courts, one ball field and a playground, with a wooded hillside along the eastern portion.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Enhance pedestrian access, including continuing the sidewalks up Farmington Street and adding a second pedestrian entrance on the south side of the park.
- Provide better on-site pedestrian circulation, including creating a better connection between Sunnyside Elementary and the park, repaving paths, and adding new paths to connect site elements and create loops. Work with PPS to encourage shared usage of both the ball field in the Park and the ball field on PPS property.
- Retain sports courts at this site – preferred court type should be determined with input from the surrounding neighborhoods. The existing tennis courts are in need of resurfacing – confirm sports court preferences for this site rather than automatically reinvesting in tennis courts.
- Add a children’s play area and picnic area to the site, locating these features near a neighborhood entrance.

East Hills Park

Figure G9: East Hills Park



Sector 11 - Northeast Pittsburgh

East Hills Park (11.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of East Hills (15221) in close proximity to Imani Christian Academy. Access to the park is from Wilner Drive. Located on the periphery of Pittsburgh, East Hills Park is the only park in the area. Because of its location and configuration, it functions more as a large neighborhood park for nearby residents than as a community park, and will continue to function this way in the future. The park has a spray park, a lighted ball field, and sports courts. This site has very limited street frontage, with little opportunity for expansion.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Create additional pedestrian access points to the park from the southwest and east sides of the park. Develop these as gateways to the site, to increase visibility of the park and improve connection to the surrounding neighborhood.
- Create a more prominent entrance off Wilner Drive.
- Provide better internal site circulation, especially to the ball field.
- Provide multiple picnic areas in proximity to the spray park.

Fowler Park

Figure G10: Fowler Park



Sector 2 - Upper Northside

Fowler Park (12.7 ac.) is located in Perry South (15214), and is accessed from North Charles St. via two entries along the west and north boundaries. The park has a swimming pool, sports courts, children's play area, and two ball fields. The Pittsburgh Project, a non-profit community development organization, started construction of a gymnasium on the park site scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2012 after years of involvement and advocacy for this site.

Recommendation:

INVEST, EXPAND

- This park lacks strong presence along public streets. Opportunity-based expansion should be pursued to increase its street frontage and enhance connections to the neighborhood. There are already opportunities to expand the park onto vacant parcels on North Charles St.:
 - 46-A-88 (2000 sq. ft.): City of Pittsburgh (municipal)
 - 46-A-89 (2000 sq. ft.): Private (tax delinquent 2008, 2009, 2011)
 - 46-A-90 (2000 sq. ft.): Private (homestead exclusion applied)
 - 46-A-91 (2000 sq. ft.): City of PGH (vacant)
 - 46-A-92 (2000 sq. ft.): City of PGH (municipal)
- Collaborate with the Pittsburgh Project to develop a master plan for further improvement of the park.
- Create a more prominent entrance off North Charles and Kimberlin Streets, and investigate adding secondary accesses to the east and south sides of the park.
- Improve visibility into the park and “curb appeal”, especially from Kenwood and Canter Way.

Herschel Park

Figure G11: Herschel Park



Sector 4 - West Pittsburgh

Herschel Park (20.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Elliott (15220). The site is located off Herschel Street at the top of the hill. The area used as park land is approximately seven acres while the rest of the site contains a steep wooded hillside, a community recycling center and a Public Works yard. The flat park space is completely developed with basketball courts, ball fields, deck hockey, and a children's play area. Herschel Park is four blocks (1/2 mile) west of West End Park, which provides an open grassy area and shelter.

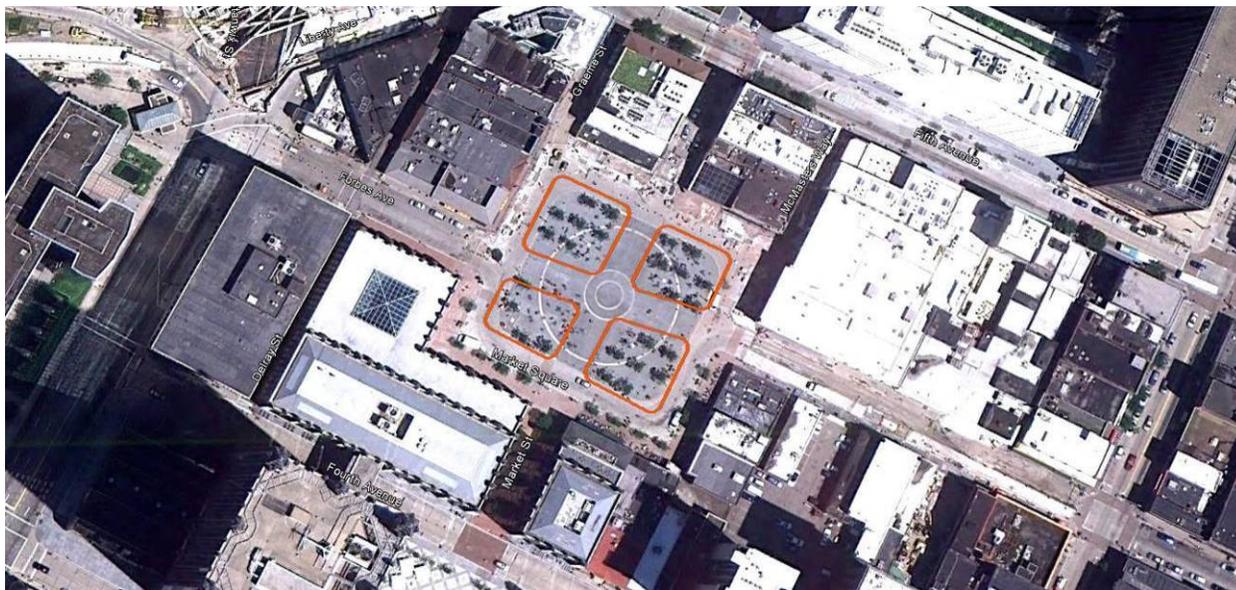
Recommendation:

INVEST

- Connect Herschel Park with West End Park so that the two sites can function together as a full-service community park. Explore creating a physical pathway/promenade connection within the public R.O.W. between the two sites. At minimum, include information about both parks at each site and highlight walking routes between the two.
- In the long-term, consider relocating the maintenance yard and Public Works functions from Herschel Park if suitable replacement sites can be found. If this occurs, Herschel Park should be reconsidered in a master planning effort that includes the entire site.

Market Square Park

Figure G12: Market Square Park



Sector 16 - Downtown Pittsburgh

Newly renovated Market Square Park (0.5 ac.), located in the Central Business District (15222), is one of Pittsburgh’s signature community parks. The park site was part of the original 1784 plan of streets and lots for Pittsburgh and is within a designated City historic district. Market Square is an urban plaza that serves as a “living room” for Pittsburgh. Designed with high quality materials to accommodate a range of uses, Market Square hosts programs and events such as Tuesday’s Reading Room, Thursdays in the Square, which includes a farmers’ market and concert series, and Friday’s Kidsplay. The park is surrounded by restaurants, bars, and cafes, which contribute to Market Square as a vibrant city space.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Designate this site as a signature community park.
- Market Square was redeveloped during the OpenSpacePGH planning process. This site should continue to be maintained and programmed to a high level in keeping with its status as one of Pittsburgh’s signature community park sites.

McBride Park

Figure G13: McBride Park



Sector 8 - Thirty-First Ward

McBride Park (22.7 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Lincoln Place (15147) and is close to Mifflin School and Lincoln Place Park. The park site is primarily wooded hillsides with a developed upland area off McBride Street. The flat developed area along the western portion of the park contains a ball field, sports courts, playground and swimming pool.

Located on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, this park is accessed via a neighborhood street. Though the topography is less extreme than at many other parks, the location is remote enough that McBride Park will continue to serve a more limited audience and should not be a location for high cost facilities.

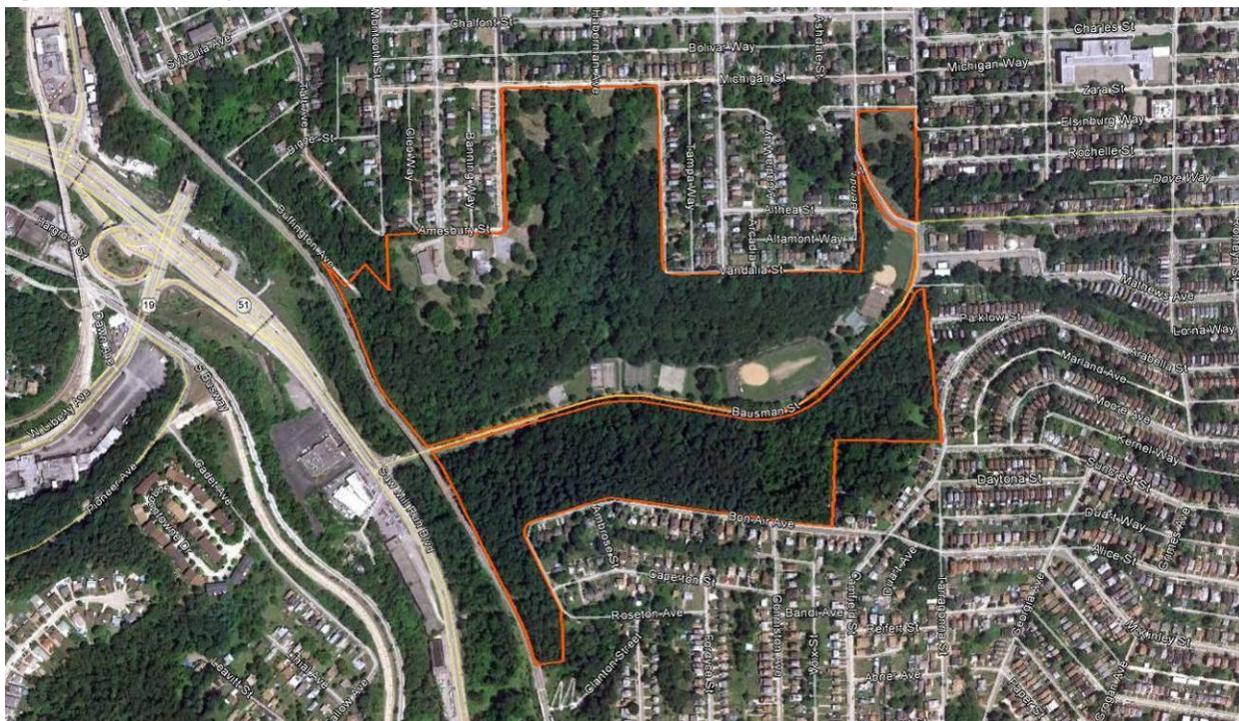
Recommendation:

INVEST

- Renovate the grounds and site amenities, including an improved entrance.
- Consider adventure recreation activities at this location – for example, a paintball group is already using the park for paintball games.
- Repurpose the swimming pool due to its small size and McBride Park’s isolated location.

McKinley Park

Figure G14: McKinley Park



Sector 6 - Mt. Washington/Hilltop West

McKinley Park (78.5 ac.) are located in Beltzhoover (15210) in close proximity to the Bon Air Early Childhood Center and Bon Air Park. Bausman Street runs east-west through the property and bisects it. The park contains two steep ridges, with developed park facilities (a skate park, sports courts, ball field, and children's play area) located in the lowlands along Bausman Street. Along Amesbury and Delmont Streets, on the upland northwest portion of the site, are a second children's play area, a senior center, and a sports court. Upper McKinley Park, the upland area, appears to function primarily as a neighborhood park for the nearby residents, and is not connected to the lowland community park features.

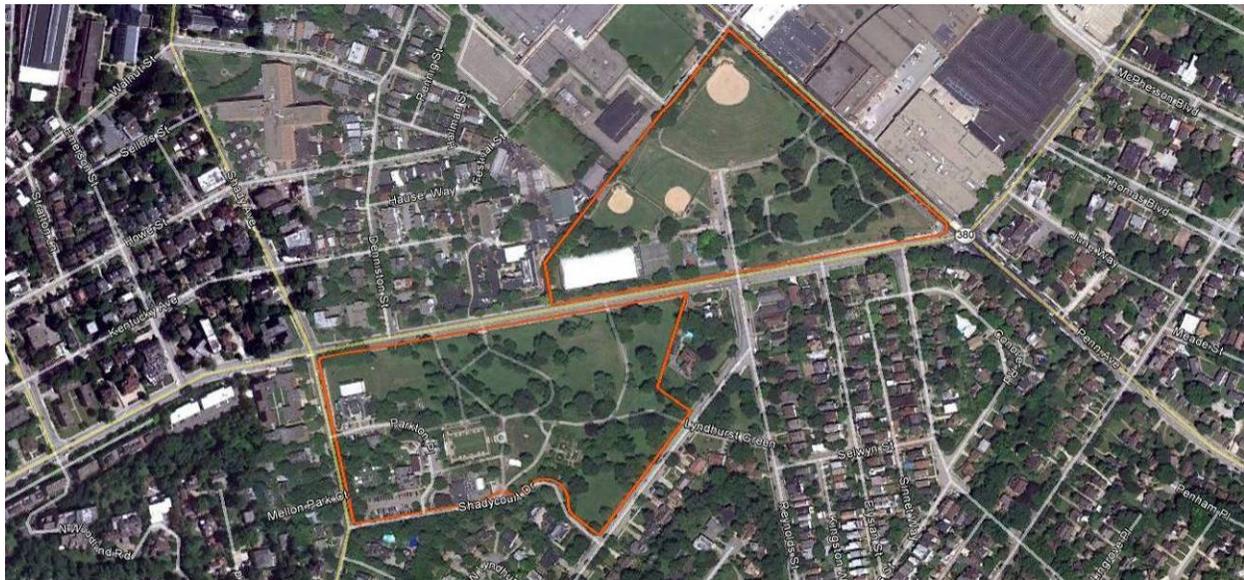
Recommendation:

INVEST

- Develop a site master plan addressing the overall site and its constrained topography. Address refinement of the park's identity, improving connections and visibility across the site and providing a more cohesive park experience.
- Incorporate more trails into the hillsides, providing hiking trails within the park and creating connections between Upper McKinley and McKinley.
- Selectively remove and replant trees to increase visibility between sections of the park and enhance forest health.
- Upgrade the park facilities along Bausman Street, including providing better circulation among the elements via a pathway system.

Mellon Park

Figure G15: Mellon Park



Sector 10 - Lower East End

Mellon Park (32.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhoods of Shadyside and Point Breeze (15206). The park is home to the Phipps Garden Center and the Pittsburgh Center of the Arts. The park was originally the estate of Richard Beatty Mellon, and the Walled Garden still present (and recently renovated) was designed for Mr. Mellon in 1929. During the 1940s and 50s, the estate was transitioned to a public park. After a period of neglect, the park has been under restoration following the recommendations contained in the Mellon Park Preservation and Management Plan, 2001. The Walled Garden was restored in 2010 through a partnership between the city, local foundations, and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

The park is primarily a historically maintained landscape south of Fifth Avenue. North of Fifth Avenue, the park is home to the Mellon Tennis Center, sports courts, three ball fields, a play area, and an open lawn area with an internal pathway system. A spray park is currently under development. The unique nature of the historic landscape at Mellon Park, combined with its sports facilities and top quality regional scale tennis center, make this a signature community park for Pittsburgh.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Designate this site as a signature community park.
- Continue to make renovations and manage the historic landscape within the park in accordance with the Master Plan.
- On the north side of the park, retain a sports and active recreation focus. Continue to invest in the Mellon Tennis Center, upgrade other sports facilities, and if feasible, add more active recreation and sports elements and supporting elements (concessions, café, etc).

Mellon Square Park

Figure G16: Mellon Square Park



Sector 16 - Downtown Pittsburgh

Mellon Square Park (1.4 ac.), a mid-century landscape of note, is located in the Central Business District (15222). This park, designed by John Ormsbee Simonds, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 for its modernist design and its status as one of the earliest parks to be placed on top of a parking structure. In 2008, it was named one of 10 “American Planning Association (APA) Great Public Spaces in America” and cited as a “forerunner of today’s green roof designs, providing pervious surfaces to absorb water and decrease polluted runoff.”

Currently, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is overseeing a project to rehabilitate the square. Work began in June 2011 and is expected to be completed in mid to late 2013.

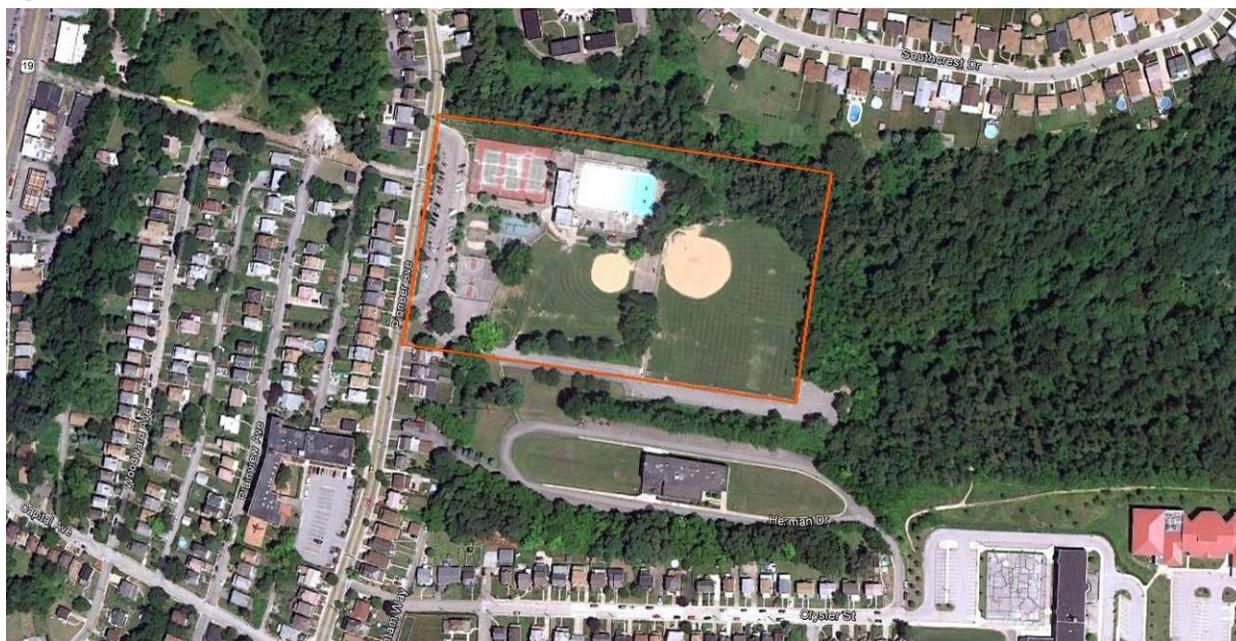
Recommendation:

INVEST

- Continue to support the renovation of Mellon Square Park in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

Moore Park

Figure G17: Moore Park



Sector 5 - South Pittsburgh

Originally developed in 1939, Moore Park (10.1 ac.) is located in the Brookline neighborhood (15226), near Our Lady of Loretto School, the Pioneer Education Center, South Brook Middle School, and West Liberty Elementary School. It is adjacent to the Moore Greenway on its north and east boundaries. The park is fully developed with two ball fields, a swimming pool, sports courts and children's play area.

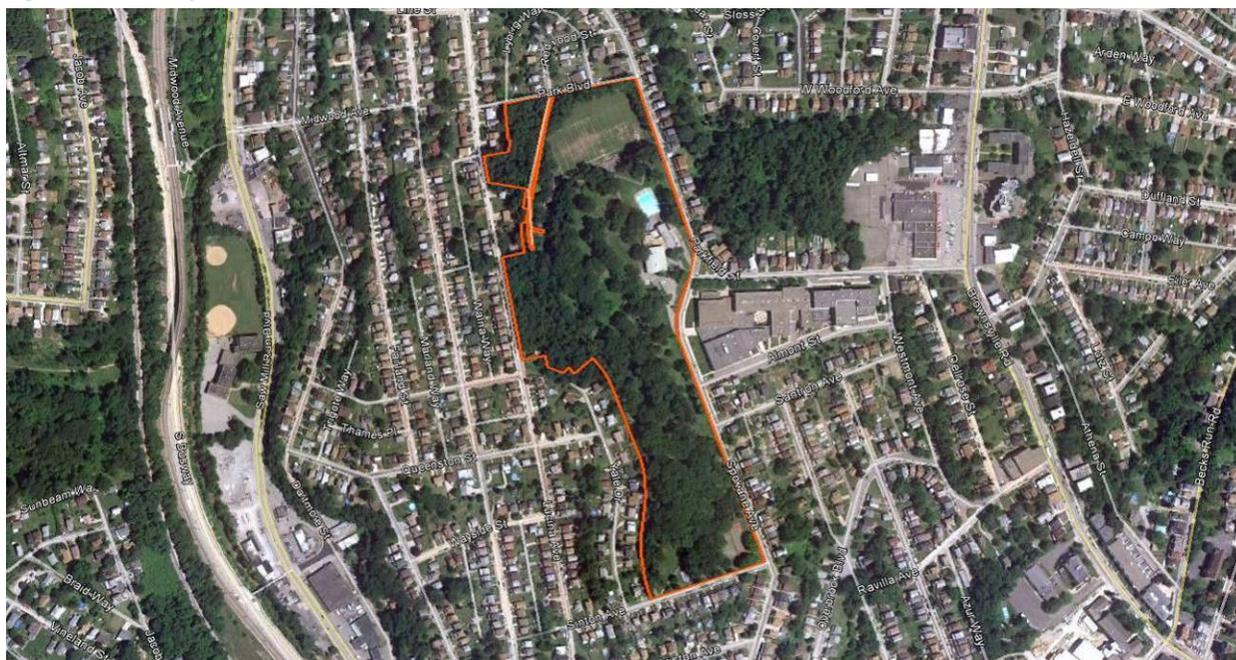
Recommendation:

INVEST

- Provide pathway connections to and through the Moore Greenway, and increase pedestrian connections to the north and south neighborhoods.
- Integrate passive space (such as picnic areas or spaces for casual enjoyment) with the existing facilities, as the site lacks these types of opportunities. Due to the highly programmed nature of Moore Park, this will be challenging.
- Though there is currently no vacant land adjacent to Moore Park, if developable land around the park becomes available, it should be pursued and considered for expansion.

Phillips Park

Figure G18: Phillips Park



Sector 5 - South Pittsburgh

Phillips Park (23.4 ac.) is located in Carrick (15210) adjacent to Carrick High School, off Parkfield Street and Spokane Ave. The park site follows the slope of the hillside. The southern portion has a play area and sports courts, located on a small flat upland area. The grassy hill due west of the school has a disc golf course. The northern portion of the site has a cluster of facilities, consisting of a recreation center, pool and a rectangular sports field with seating built into the hillside.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Provide on-site circulation to link the disparate clusters of park facilities and enhance neighborhood connections.
- Add sidewalks around the Sinton Ave. side of the park.
- Add secondary pedestrian access points on the west and north sides of the park.
- Enhance the urban forest at this site. Manage the tree canopy for forest health and visibility.
- If off-site parking can be secured, and there is a demand for additional competitive quality rectangular field space, consider upgrading the field.

Sheraden Park

Figure G19: Sheraden Park



Sector 4 - West Pittsburgh

Sheraden Park (51.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Sheraden (15204). The park facilities are located in the lowlands between two hillsides. Surban Street runs through the central lowland, dead ending in the park and providing access to two ball fields, sports courts, and a playground.

Recommendation:

EXPAND, REDEVELOP

- Designate this site as a signature community park.
- Sheraden Park has enormous potential to be expanded and redeveloped to become one of Pittsburgh’s signature community parks, with its forests, hills and valleys defining its character.
- Expand Sheraden Park to include the series of public parcels that connect to McGonigle Park on the west and further south from McGonigle to the skate park:
 - 41-A-6
 - 42-A-10
 - 42-N-320
 - 42-N-354
 - 42-N-44
 - 42-N-49
 - 70-D-48
 - 70-D-52
 - 70-D-64
 - 71-M-111
 - 71-M-114
 - 71-M-212
 - 71-M-260
 - 71-M-263
 - 71-M-267
 - 71-M-274
 - 71-M-276
 - 71-M-278
 - 71-M-316
 - 71-M-339
 - 71-M-342
 - 71-S-272
 - 71-S-320
 - 71-S-324
 - 71-S-325
 - 71-S-350
 - 71-S-355

○ 71-M-100

○ 71-M-285

- Work with the Alcosan team pursuing acquisition of the Duquesne Light Property to determine if further expansion or river access is feasible.
- Develop a new master plan that provides a vision for the expanded site (Sheraden Park, McGonigle Park, public parcels) and that uses the community park design guidelines as a starting point.
- In the master plan, address the relationship of the scattered facilities, and evaluate elimination of defunct or remote facilities.
- Consider new facilities for this site in the master plan with the purpose of creating a critical mass of outdoor recreation facilities that take advantage of the site's expansiveness and sinuous character.
- Consider the addition of a dog park.
- Implement the new master plan.

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West End Park

Figure G21: West End Park



Sector 4 - West Pittsburgh

West End Park (17.0 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of West End (15220). It is tucked back into a neighborhood toward the top of a hill. At the back of the park, the grade slopes down steeply. This park is mostly an open lawn area, and does not contain fields. There is a year-round shelter in the park which can be rented for events. This site should be considered in conjunction with Herschel Park, as the usable land of West End Park cannot support the full range of community park amenities.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- See Herschel Park recommendations.
- Remove the half basketball court and add a children's play area.

West Penn Park

Figure G22: West Penn Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

West Penn Park (22.5 ac.) is located in Polish Hill (15219) off Bigelow Blvd and Paulowna St. This site is nestled into the hillside on the outer edge of the Hill District Green Print plan area. It contains a recreation center, a pool, a skate park and playground at the top of the hill, with a lighted ball field. There is a back entrance to the park along Kenney Way past Haran Street.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Add signage along Bigelow, Paulowna, and Kenney.
- Develop a pathway system throughout the park, including a connection to the southwest end of the park.
- Explore the feasibility of linking West Penn Park to downtown through the Pennsylvania Railroad Company property via a trail and the proposed Bigelow Greenway.

Neighborhood Parks in

High Density Low-Income and Minority-Majority Census Tracts

Throughout OpenSpacePGH, many participants raised the issue of equity in the park system. Because of this concern, the Needs Assessment and Suitability Analysis included specific analysis aimed at highlighting inequities or gaps. This included screening the quality of parks, identifying specific areas of Pittsburgh with higher densities of low income and/or minority-majority populations through census data, and assessing whether target areas were underserved with quality parks and open spaces. After the Needs Assessment, fieldwork was conducted to review specific parks identified through the screening process and determine the best course of action to address inequities. Table F2 identifies the sites studied in detail.

Table G2: Project List for High Density Low-Income and Minority-Majority Parks

Park & Sector <i>* NP = Neighborhood Park, SU = Special Use</i>	Acres	Sector	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Burgwin Park (NP)	6.8	9			•			
Cliffside Park (NP)	1.1	15			•	•		
Cross and Strauss Park (NP)	0.3	2	•					•
Denny Park (NP)	1.1	13			•			
Duncan Park (NP)	0.8	13		•				•
Fineview North Park (NP)	1.8	3			•			
Fineview South Park (NP)	3.1	3			•			
Friendship Park (NP)	2.0	12		•				
Herron Hill Tennis Courts (SU)	0.8	12	•					
Homewood Park (NP)	2.7	11		•		•		
Jefferson Park (NP)	0.6	3			•		•	
Kite Hill Park (NP)	0.9	12	•			•		•
Larimer Park (NP)	1.5	12		•		•		
Manchester Park and Manchester Park School (NP)	6.2	3			•			
Martin Luther King Park (NP)	3.5	15						•
McCandless Park (NP)	0.2	13			•		•	
McKnight Park (NP)	1.6	3			•			

Burgwin Park

Figure G23: Burgwin Park



Sector 9- Monongahela River Valley

Burgwin Park (6.8 ac.) is a neighborhood park located in the Hazelwood neighborhood (15207) at the intersection of Mansion Street and Johnston Ave. The entrance is off Mansion Street. The pool on the site is closed. There is a children's play area, a tennis court, a basketball court, two hockey courts and a lighted ball field. This neighborhood is not served by a community park. This means that Burgwin Park also needs to fulfill some community park functions and can do so because of its size and location.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop this park to improve its quality, function and variety of features.
 - Develop a master plan to guide redevelopment. The master plan should provide a greater variety of experiences and create a more inviting site layout.
 - As part of the master plan, assess the feasibility of adaptive reuse for the school building on the site. If reuse is feasible, renovate the building. If no suitable reuse can be identified, the building should be demolished.
 - Remove the decommissioned pool structure.
 - Add an internal pathway system.
 - Add a spray park feature.
 - Retain children's play at the site, though the master plan may relocate it from its current placement.
 - Add picnic areas and an open lawn for flexible use and unprogrammed activities.
 - Retain active recreation facilities, including a ball field. The amount and mix of other active recreation facilities should be determined in consultation with the neighborhood during the master planning process.

Cliffside Park

Figure G24: Cliffside Park



Sector 15 - Hill District & Uptown

Cliffside Park (1.1 ac.) is located in Crawford-Roberts, a residential neighborhood (15219) that is near the Miller African-Centered Academy. Nearby park resources include Ammon Park and Frank Curto Park.

Cliffside Park is located on a hillside, with very narrow street frontage. The entrance to the park is to the north of the corner of Cliff and Cassatt streets, and there is little to no visibility because of its narrowness and configuration. The site is aging and in poor condition, and includes a children's play area and sports court. The northern portion of the property has a steep slope that runs into Bigelow Boulevard below. Cliffside Park was addressed in the Hill District Green Print Concept.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP and/or RELOCATE

- Redevelop Cliffside Park per the Green Print proposal, or retain/redevelop Cliffside Park but relocate the active recreation to another more visible and accessible location. The neighborhood should be consulted about the preferred direction.
- The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy has developed a concept plan² for this park that integrates the existing park site into the Hill District Green Print concept. The Green Print aims to connect and strengthen the social ties of the Hill District with the greater Pittsburgh area. The site concept plan moves forward the ideas for Cliffside Park articulated in the Concept Plan³, including an amphitheater/ performance space with a river overlook, sports court, a water feature, a picnic area, and an interconnected pathway.

² <http://www.pittsburghparks.org/cliffsideproject>.

³ The Hill - A Village in the Woods, Concept Plan. September 3, 2009. pp. 32.

Figure G25: GreenPrint Proposal for Cliffside Park



Figure G26: Conceptual Site Plan for Cliffside Park



- Alternatively, Cliffside Park could be redeveloped, keeping the more passive elements of the Conceptual Site Plan, and relocating with active recreation facilities such as the sports court and children's play area to a more visible location at a new neighborhood park. This direction would be consistent with the Green Print goals, if the new site is properly selected. The following properties are available as of 2011 in the vicinity of Cliffside Park. All are more visible, and various combinations of these parcels could be suitable locations for a supplemental neighborhood park with a playground and sports court:

Tax Delinquent Properties:

- 9-M-250 (535 sq. ft.): since 2008
- 9-M-205 (720 sq. ft.): since 2008
- 9-M-201 (1,430 sq. ft.): since 2011
- 9-M-200 (1,034 sq. ft.): since 2011
- 9-M-200-A (1,672 sq. ft.): since 2008
- 9-M-199 (2,745 sq. ft.): since 2011
- 9-M-196 (2,684 sq. ft.): since 2008
- 9-M-195 (1,143 sq. ft.): since 2008

Housing Authority Properties:

- 9-M-251+251A (2,280 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-246 (2,910 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-207 (720 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-206 (660 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-204 (660 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-203 (1440 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-202 (1311 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-195 A, B (2998 sq. ft.)
- 9-M-194 (2757 sq. ft.)

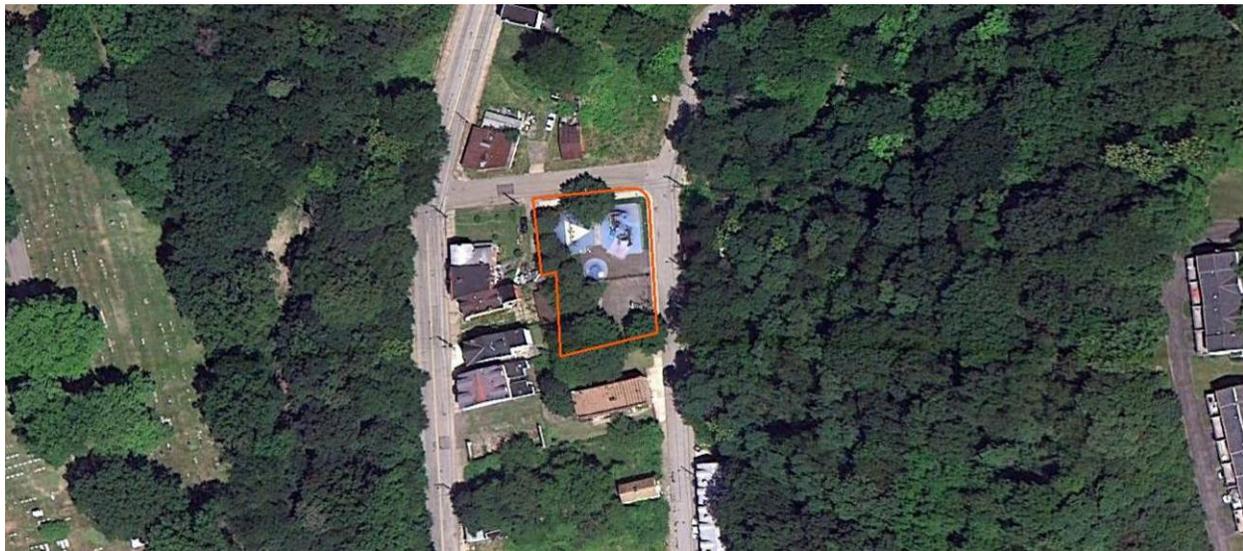
City of Pittsburgh Property:

- 9-M-249 (900 sq. ft.)

- Planning and development of these parcels would need to involve the integration of the site into the greater Hill District Concept, creating and enhancing connections within the envisioned green network.

Cross and Strauss Park

Figure G27: Cross and Strauss Park



Sector 2 - Upper Northside

Cross and Strauss Park (0.3 ac.) is a neighborhood park located in Perry South (15214) at the corner of Cross and Strauss Streets, and consists of a playground. This park is located in a low-density area that, due to topography, is isolated from the surrounding neighborhood to the east and west. Fowler Park is a half a mile away, up North Charles Street with sidewalks along the entire route.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGH Snap Action Planning Strategy: Reinvent (RI)

- Cross and Strauss Park should not remain a neighborhood park. This site should be divested or naturalized, and removed from the neighborhood park inventory. Divestment could occur if another entity took over ownership (this could include a neighboring property owner). Otherwise, the site should be naturalized to reduce the need for routine maintenance. The operational cost savings and capital replacement funding should be redirected to Fowler Park. If naturalized, in the future if PLANPGH calls for increased population and density in the area, the site could be re-evaluated as a park site.

Denny Park

Figure G28: Denny Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

Denny Park (1.1 ac.) is a neighborhood park located in the Strip District. The park is on Liberty Ave across from the studios of the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater (PBT). The park has a children's play area and a half-court basketball standard, with half the site dedicated to parking. There are no residences in the immediate vicinity. The nearest park (West Penn Park) is located across Liberty Avenue (a 4-lane road), the East Busway, railroad tracks, and a steep grade.

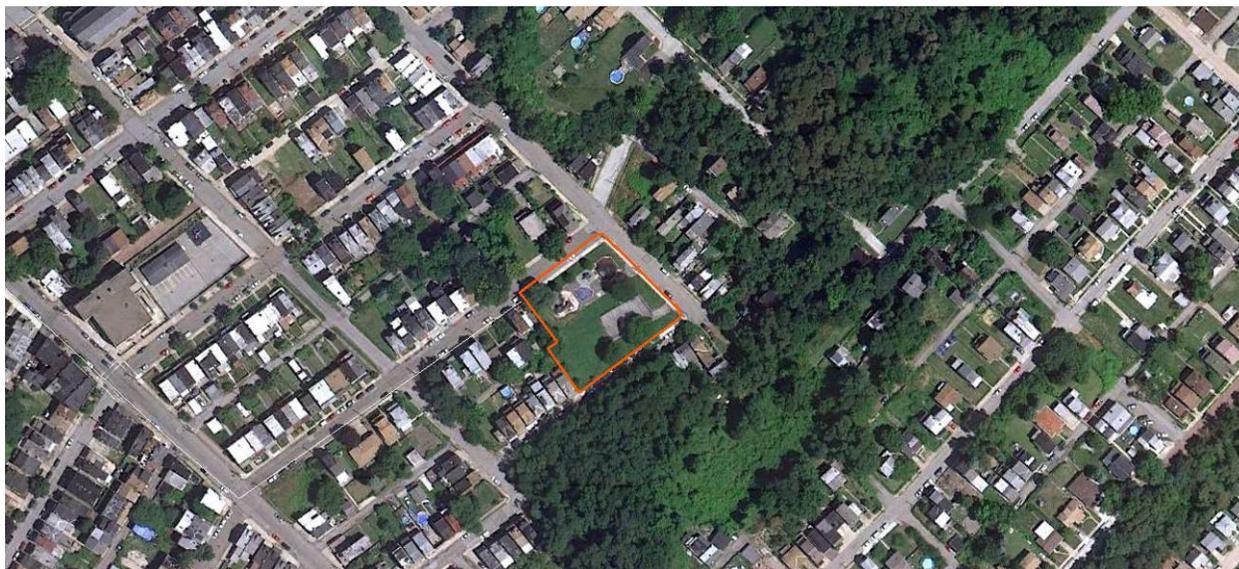
Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Denny Park should be reenvisioned as an urban neighborhood park for the Strip District. A new master plan should be developed that considers how this site can help catalyze long term plans in the Strip District.
- The site should be designed to support the cultural institutions in the Strip District and Lower Lawrenceville (including the adjacent ballet studios) and provide urban outdoor space for employees, residents and cultural institution visitors.
- Include trees and ample seating to provide greening in an area of Pittsburgh lacking green space.
- Eliminate the parking or reduce its footprint significantly.
- Consider incorporating a more customized children's play area that reflects the district's industrial heritage and urban character.

Duncan Park

Figure G29: Duncan Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

Duncan Park (0.8 ac.) is a neighborhood park located in Upper Lawrenceville (15201) at 54th St and Duncan St. It is situated at the top of a hill at the edge of the neighborhood, and serves much of the same surrounding neighborhood that is served by either McCandless or Fifty-Seventh Street Park. The park is terraced with a hockey court on the top portion and a playground on the lower half. The area below is slated for redevelopment.

Recommendation:

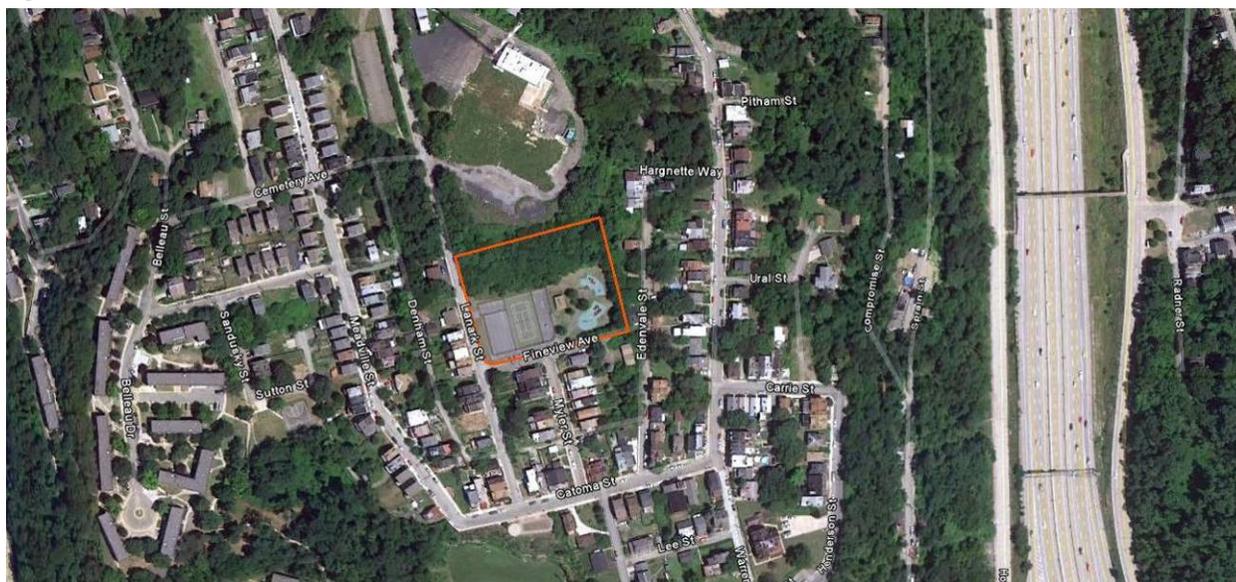
NATURALIZE, INVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E3)

- Naturalize the lower portion of the site and create a transition from the developed park to the wooded hillslope.
- Depave the hockey court and create an open lawn area for informal play.
- Provide a replacement children's play area if desired, relocating it to the upper area and new open lawn. Incorporate nature play elements.

Fineview North Park

Figure G30: Fineview North Park



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

Fineview North Park (1.8 ac.) is a neighborhood park located in the Fineview neighborhood (15212), one block north of Fineview South Park. The park is on Fineview Ave between Edenvale and Lanark Streets, with its main access off Fineview Ave. The site contains a hockey court, a tennis court, and a playground. Adjacent to the park is a broadcast tower, a very visible piece of infrastructure.

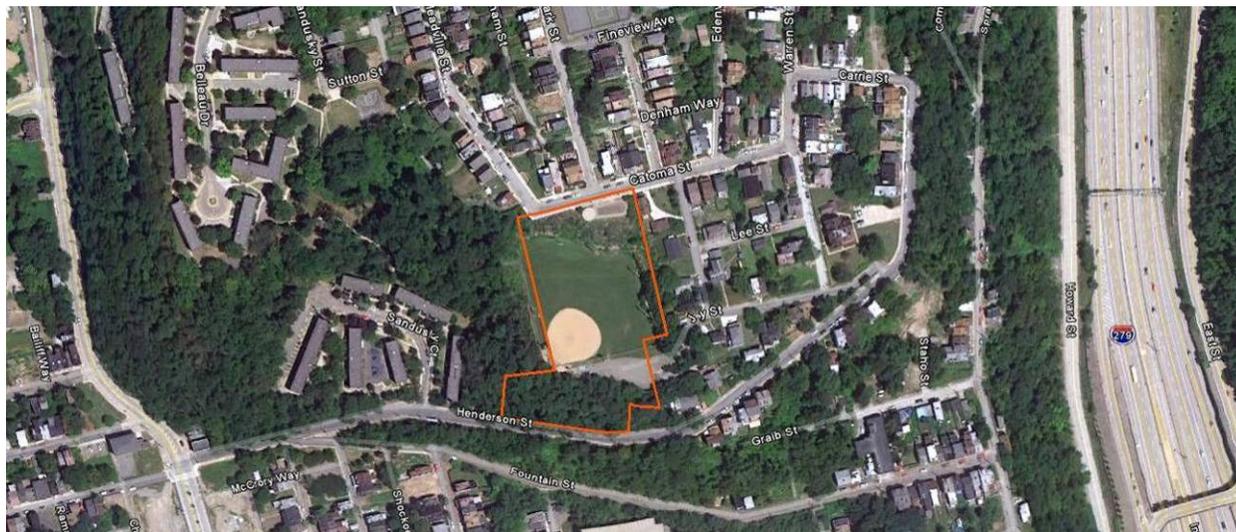
Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Add an additional 0.18 ac. to the site with tax parcel 23-D-72, which has been tax delinquent since 2007.
- See Fineview South Park recommendations. Develop a site master plan for Fineview North Park concurrently with the Fineview South Park master plan.
- Incorporate recommendations for Lanark Street as proposed in the plan completed by the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh and Pfaffman + Associates, and use the street design to link the two sites.
- Eliminate perimeter fencing where possible.
- Fineview North Park should include site elements focused on serving nearby neighbors, with picnic and gathering areas located at Fineview South Park to take advantage of views. Fineview North Park should include a children's play area, at least some open lawn area (depaving will be needed), and active recreation features as prioritized by neighbors (not necessarily retaining the existing courts if the neighbors prefer other types).

Fineview South Park

Figure G31: Fineview South Park



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

Fineview South Park (3.1 ac.) is neighborhood park located in the Fineview neighborhood (15212), a tenth of a mile from Fineview Park to the north. There is one lighted ball field and an overlook. Visibility of this park is blocked by a large change in topography. Access to the site is not provided from Catoma, the more major road, but from Jay St. where there is a small parking lot.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Develop site master plans for Fineview South and Fineview North Parks, considering both sites working together to provide a complete park experience.
- Connect the two parks through street design treatments along Lanark Street.
- Fineview South Park has a spectacular view of Pittsburgh, which should be emphasized and capitalized upon in the site plan.
- Add reservable picnic areas that take advantage of the panoramic views. Retain parking and access from Jay Street to serve the picnic areas.
- Relocate the ball field to another site.
- Add an internal pathway system.

Friendship Park

Figure G32: Friendship Park



Sector 12 - Upper East End

Friendship Park (2.0 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Bloomfield (15232), situated across Friendship Avenue from Western Pennsylvania Hospital. The park is a landscaped green space forming a wide median in the Friendship Ave. couplet. Friendship Park is formal in layout, with an internal pathway system, seating and plazas. The Bloomfield Development Corporation completed a Neighborhood Vision Plan in October 2010, which noted the small amount of land devoted to park uses in the area. Friendship Park is located in close proximity to high density low income households and serves as their only neighborhood park. Though it is an attractive space, it does not currently fulfill the neighborhood park function with active recreation spaces. Since there are no opportunity sites in the ¼ mile vicinity to provide a new neighborhood park, Friendship Park needs to fulfill this function.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Add appropriately designed urban neighborhood park features to improve the variety of experiences at Friendship Park. Any new features should be designed and laid out to respect the formal, urban character of the site. Urban parks such as Madison Square Park in New York City, the North Park Blocks in Portland, or even private squares in the South End of Boston provide examples of formal urban park spaces that gracefully incorporate active recreation features in a context-appropriate manner.
- Include a children's play area, customized for this formal space.
- Consider adding basketball (unfenced), bocce or other small scale active recreation facilities.
- A spray park could be considered as an option for this site. Due to the formal park layout, a spray park at this location should take the form of a plaza with water jets that can be turned off and on.
- Develop and implement a tree replacement plan in advance of the eventual decline of the existing mature canopy.
- Address the issues identified in the Neighborhood Vision Plan.

Herron Hills Tennis Courts

Figure G33: Herron Hills Tennis Courts



Sector 12 - Upper East End

The Herron Hills Tennis Courts (0.8 ac.) are a special use facility located in the Upper Hills neighborhood (15219), on the site of Millions Junior High School. Though they appear to be part of the school site, the courts are considered public, as the city provides for their upkeep and maintenance.

There are two access points to the tennis courts, neither of which are easy to find. The first entrance is through the driveway to the school from Ewart Drive which turns into Iowa Street. The other is at the end of Lyon St. at Shawnee St.; this entrance is overgrown by shrubs and trees and barely recognizable as an entrance to a passerby.

Recommendation:

DIVEST

PGH Snap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S4)

- This park is a special use facility that is difficult to access and is located within the school grounds. The tennis courts should be divested to the School District to be maintained as part of their facility.

Homewood Park

Figure G34: Homewood Park



Sector 11 - Northeast Pittsburgh

Homewood Park (2.7 ac.) is located in Homewood South (15208). There are two schools nearby, Homewood Early Childhood Center and Holy Rosary School. The park is fully developed with two ball fields and a swimming pool, which take up all available space. The Homewood neighborhood was identified during the Needs Assessment and Suitability Analysis as underserved by neighborhood park land. The other available parks are Baxter and Dallas, both around the periphery of the neighborhood. Neither of these meets the minimum design guidelines for a neighborhood park. Westinghouse Park is located to the south and is connected to Homewood Park via a pedestrian bridge over the East Busway, but the busway and rail tracks create a physical barrier for the neighborhood around Homewood Park.

Recommendation:

INVEST, RELOCATE

- Invest in the recreation facilities at this site, emphasizing the sports uses that attract many park visitors. Improve the ball fields, add support amenities such as bleachers, concessions, and upgraded spectator areas.
- Improve the curb appeal of Homewood Park, including signage and improvements to the appearance and function of the pedestrian bridge passing over the busway.
- Relocate the neighborhood park function to another site in Homewood, one more centrally located and suitable to develop with the full range of neighborhood park amenities.
- Actively pursue the new neighborhood park. A review of publicly owned properties and properties that are two or more years tax delinquent reveals a concentration of parcels more centrally located within the neighborhood. The properties are located on the east end of three blocks west of Lang Street, and south of Fielding Way and north of Frankstown Ave. The three parcel areas total approximately three acres (not including rights-of-way):

- 0.9 ac. between Fielding and Idlewild
- 1.3 ac. between Idlewild and Forest
- 0.8 ac. between Forest and Frankstown

The following properties could be combined by the city to create a neighborhood park for the Homewood community:

Tax Delinquent Two or More Years:

- 125-H-18 (9,065 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-137 (2,032 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-138 (2,525 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-139 (2,209 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-140 (2,528 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-141 (2,491 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-142 (2,180 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-157 (3,241 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-159 (3,876 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-160 (1,817 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-161-1 (991 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-167 (5,184 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-168 (14,148 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-172-3 (1,208 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-173 (1,174 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-175 (1,134 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-176 (1,212 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-177 (1,358 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-186 (2,248 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-187 (3,085 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-189 (1,166 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-189-1 (1,705 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-189-2 (1,119 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-189-3 (1,553 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-269 (923 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-270 (783 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-274 (705 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-275 (793 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-276 (801 sq. ft.)

Tax Delinquent Two or More Years (cont.):

- 174-E-277 (696 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-278 (787 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-279 (2,250 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-281 (3,673 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-282 (5,373 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-284 (4,060 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-286 (4,103 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-288 (7,516 sq. ft.)

Vacant or Other Property:

- 174-E-148 (1,479 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-155 (3,616 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-158-A (1,551 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-172-2 (834 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-177-A (1,088 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-271 (614 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-290 (2,827 sq. ft.)

City of Pittsburgh Property:

- 174-E-156 (3,426 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-158 (1,814 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-161 (1,247 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-162 (5,629 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-172 (1,358 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-174-A (928 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-175-A (866 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-192 (2,535 sq. ft.)
- 174-E-268 (1,156 sq. ft.)

Jefferson Park

Figure G35: Jefferson Park



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

Jefferson Park (0.6 ac.) is located in the Central Northside neighborhood (15212) at W. Jefferson and Monterey streets. The entrance to the park is along Ehlers Way. The Propel Northside Charter School is nearby, but does not have sidewalk access to the park. Ehlers Way slopes down to the street on the south side, W. Jefferson St., and has a mural painted on the retaining wall of the park facing the street. The park includes a small recreation center, two lighted basketball courts, and a playground.

Recommendation:

EXPAND, REDEVELOP

- Develop a new master plan for the site, incorporating the additional land and providing strong pedestrian entrances at both Monterey Street and Ehlers Way.
- Regrade the site to eliminate the streetside retaining wall, which presents an extremely unwelcoming public face despite the attempt to soften it with a mural.
- Remove fencing along 'at grade' areas of the park.
- Provide an open lawn area, children's play area, and picnicking and seating.
- The following tax delinquent and city owned properties could be combined to expand the park east adding additional acre to the site:
 - 23-E-81
 - 23-E-83
 - 23-E-84
 - 23-E-85
 - 23-E-86
 - 23-E-87
 - 23-E-89
 - 23-E-90
 - 23-E-91
 - 23-E-92
 - 23-E-93
 - 23-E-94
 - 23-E-95
 - 23-E-96

Kite Hill Park

Figure G36: Kite Hill Park



Sector 12 - Upper East End

Kite Hill Park (0.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Garfield (15224) between two residential blocks, Rosetta and Hillcrest Streets. The park itself is at the top of a steep hill that extends up from both Rosetta and Hillcrest. There is a basketball court in poor condition at the top of the hill, representing the entirety of the usable park space. The Garfield neighborhood recently completed their 2030 Plan, which provides a neighborhood vision that includes developing a network of open spaces and increasing the amount of park space.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE, DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Reinvent (RI)

- Relocate the neighborhood park function to another site with less steep topography. The existing Kite Hill Park should be divested, if another entity can be found to take ownership, or be naturalized (and depaved).
- Within a few blocks of Kite Hill are vacant lots, some already owned by the City, which have potential to become a new neighborhood park for Garfield. The following plots of land (0.7 ac.) are located between Columbo and Hillcrest to the north and south, and Elora and Aiken to the west and east. In combination, these sites would form a park that is more accessible to the surrounding community:

City of Pittsburgh properties:

- 50-H-167 (2,178 sq. ft.)
- 50-H-169 (2,178 sq. ft.)
- 50-H-170 (2,178 sq. ft.)
- 50-H-171 (2,2614 sq. ft.)

Tax delinquent properties:

- 50-H-156 (.53 ac.): since 2008

Other properties:

- 50-H-168 (.05 ac.)

Larimer Park

Figure G37: Larimer Park



Sector 12 - Upper East End

Larimer Park (1.5 acre) is located in Larimer (15206), off Larimer Ave. between Meadow St. and Washington Blvd. The park consists of a playground, an open lawn and a basketball court. The entire park is surrounded by an 8' tall chain link fence.

Recommendation:

INVEST or RELOCATE

- The Larimer Consensus Group developed a preliminary land use plan in 2010, which illustrates a ring of green space linking into Highland Park. The plan identifies the centralization of the residential neighborhood, bringing the developed northern edge of the neighborhood inward to Larimer Ave.
- Were the plan to be developed and implemented, the neighborhood park could be relocated to a more central area of the neighborhood. If the redevelopment plan does not move forward, Larimer Park should be *redeveloped* following the design guidelines for neighborhood parks.
- In the interim, remove the 8' chain link fence to make the park edges more permeable and attractive.
- The following vacant and tax delinquent properties at the northeast and southeast corners of Lowell and Meadow could be used to develop a neighborhood park site that meets the minimum square footage requirement if the adjacent section of Lowell were closed to traffic:

Tax delinquent properties along Paulson and Carver:

- 124-N-170(0.12 ac.)
- 124-N-172(0.05 ac.)
- 125-A-150(0.07 ac.)
- 125-A-151(0.06ac.)
- 125-A-186 (0.05 ac.)

- 125-A-187(0.06 ac.)
- 125-A-190(0.14 ac.)

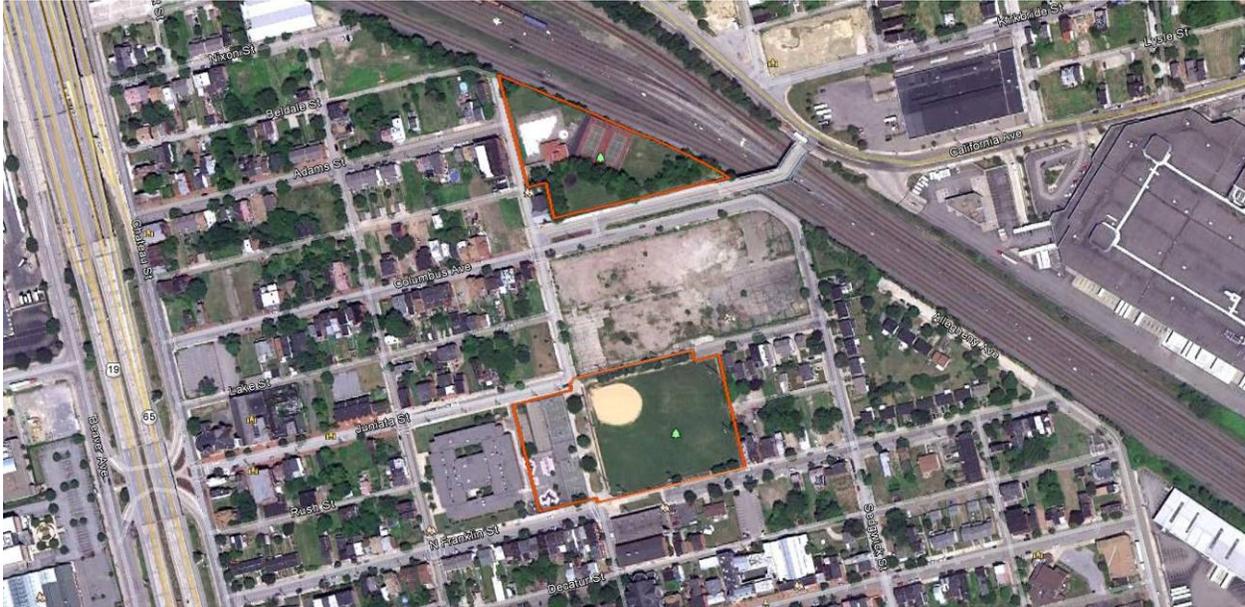
Tax delinquent properties along Meadow and Lowell:

- 124-P-199(0.22 ac.)
- 124-P-96(0.07 ac.)

- 125-B-128(0.04 ac.)
- 125-B-129(0.07ac.)
- 125-B-130(0.06 ac.)
- 125-B-131 (0.04 ac.)
- 125-B-132 (0.05 ac.)
- 125-B-133 (0.05 ac.)

Manchester Park and Manchester Park (School)

Figure G38: Manchester Park and Manchester Park (School)



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

Manchester Park (2.3 ac.) and Manchester Park (School) (3.9 ac.) are located in the neighborhood of Manchester (15233), and separated by about 400'. Rail lines run adjacent to Manchester Park.

Manchester Park (School) is east of Manchester Elementary. The northern park site has a decommissioned pool, two lighted tennis courts and a playground. The south park site adjacent to the school has a playground, two basketball courts and a full size lighted ball field. The 4.2 ac. property between the two park sites is being developed into Columbus Square, a 31-unit market rate single-family housing development.

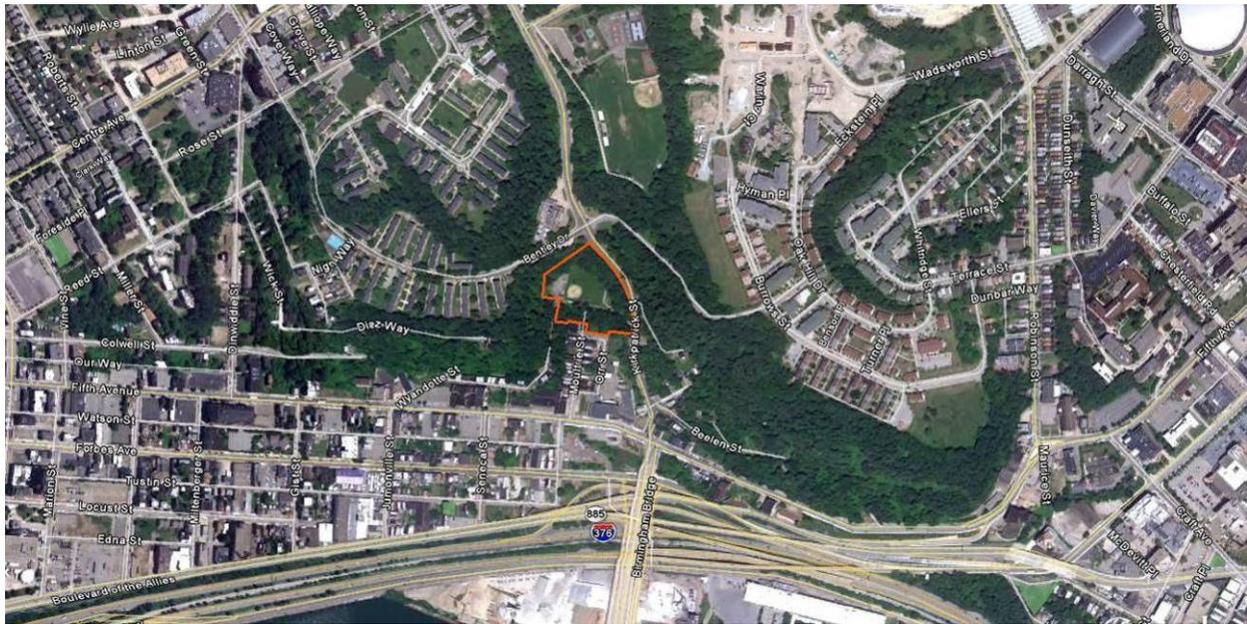
Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Manchester Park (School) should be redeveloped as the primary neighborhood park, including recapturing the paved area adjacent to the school and designing it to work as part of the park.
 - Develop a site master plan. The full range of neighborhood park features should be included on the Manchester Park (School) site, oriented to relate to the surrounding residences including the new single family development.
 - Add trees to the site.
 - Eliminate the ball field.
 - Provide a better and larger children's play area.
 - Incorporate an open lawn area.
 - Consider a spray park at this location.
- At Manchester Park, remove the decommissioned pool, playground and tennis courts. Locate a ball field here. Fields are needed in the vicinity. Due to the triangular configuration of the site, the field configuration will be constrained. A small youth field (diamond or rectangle) may be the best fit.

Martin Luther King Park

Figure G39: Martin Luther King Park



Sector 15 - Hill District & Uptown

Martin Luther King Park (3.5 ac.) is located off Kirkpatrick Street between Terrace Village and West Oakland neighborhoods. Falk School and Kennard Park are nearby. This site is in poor condition and not well-used.

Recommendation:

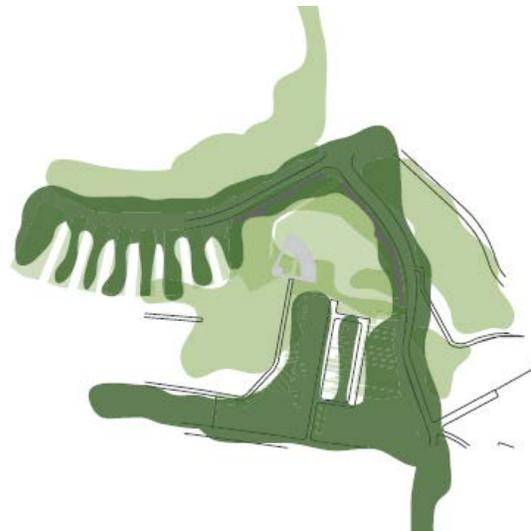
NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Reinvent (R2)

The park site is located within the Hill District GreenPrint study area. The concept plan recommends terraced edges along the park's periphery and the slopes becoming rock climbing and scrambling areas.

- Relocate the ball field.
- Naturalize the site and consider incorporating informal climbing as suggested in the GreenPrint.

Figure G40: GreenPrint Proposal for Martin Luther King Park



McCandless Park

Figure G41: McCandless Park



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

McCandless Park (0.2 ac.) is located in Upper Lawrenceville (15201) at the corner of McCandless Ave and Carnegie Street. This is a residential area, within walking distance of the McCleary Early Childhood Center. The park is very small and consists of a fenced children's play area. While the site is small, a neighborhood park is needed in this area and there are no other readily available options.

Recommendation:

EXPAND, REDEVELOP

- Though McCandless Park is small, it is well-located within the neighborhood and should be redeveloped to maximize its potential. Work with the neighborhood to develop a new master plan to make the best use of the available site. McCandless should be developed as a flexible use urban neighborhood park with durable, high quality materials and finishes. Perimeter fencing should be minimized to increase permeability of the park's edges.
- Explore expansion possibilities. In addition to tax delinquent properties nearby, there is also an empty lot at south corner of Natrona and McCandless streets, across from the existing park:
 - 80-D-175 (1,612 sq. ft.): City of Pittsburgh
 - 80-D-174 (1,537 sq. ft.): Lawrenceville United
 - 80-D-177 (1,269 sq. ft.): Lawrenceville United
- If an agreement can be reached with Lawrenceville United, the park site could be expanded by 0.1 ac. and redeveloped, crossing over Natrona.
- Coordinate with Public Works for installation of green street traffic calming measures near the park along McCandless Ave. and Carnegie St.

McKnight Park

Figure G42: McKnight Park



Sector 3 - Lower Northside

McKnight Park (1.6 ac.) is located in Manchester (15233) on one block of land bounded by Fulton and Fontella Streets to the west and east, and Faulsey Way and Page St. to the north and south. The park is an elongated rectangle, with half the site a rectangular sports field and the other half a large children's play area and a basketball court. McKnight Park is well-located in a relatively dense neighborhood and has great potential to be an even better neighborhood park.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Develop a new master plan for the site to meet the neighborhood park design guidelines.
- Improve the curb appeal of this park, including selective removal of the perimeter fencing.
- Add trees to this site.
- Improve the sidewalks around the perimeter of the park.
- Resurface the basketball court, and incorporate benches and spectator seating.
- Develop an entry to this park that connects to an internal pathway system.

Neighborhood Parks

Pittsburgh’s neighborhood parks are discussed within this section, organized by sector. Those sites discussed in the previous section are noted in the summary tables for the sectors, and denoted with light gray shading.

Sector I - Allegheny Hills

Allegheny Hills has eight neighborhood parks (17.2 ac.) within its boundaries, with six diamond ball fields and no dedicated rectangular fields. A Housing Authority complex is located within this sector, and includes its own recreation facilities (two lighted ball fields, playground, sports courts). Sector I needs two additional neighborhood parks, but topography and land constraints pose a challenge to meeting these needs.

Table G3: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector I- Allegheny Hills

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Spring Garden Neighborhood							
Catalano Park	0.5		•				
Spring Garden Park	1.3						•
Spring Hill-City View Neighborhood							
Leister Street Park	0.2	•					•
Scherer Field	0.9	•					
Spring Hill Park	6.4			•			
Troy Hill Neighborhood							
Cowley Park	4.2		•				
Gardner Park	3.4		•				
Lookout Street Park	0.3		•			•	
Total	17.2						

Catalano Park

Catalano Park (0.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Spring Garden (15212) and sits on the corner of Spring Garden Avenue and Arcola Way. It has a formal entry on the corner, and primarily consists of a play area.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Catalano Park is needed to serve the surrounding neighborhood. Though it is smaller than desirable, it has good visibility and is well-located.
- Retain the edge treatment of the park, but remove the chain link fencing. If fencing is needed, use a higher quality type of fencing.
- Replant the hill slope, using low maintenance plants (not turf grass).

- Replant trees.
- Fenced off and landscaped city property across Arcola Way provides 0.2 ac. of green space. This area could be used for small footprint recreation uses if desired by the neighborhood, e.g., a community garden, an urban dog park, or a small active use such as bocce courts

Cowley Park

Cowley Park (4.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Troy Hill (15212) and is accessible via Goettmann Street off Troy Hill Road. It has a play area, the City's first new spray park, two full basketball courts and two ball fields.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Add signage, including wayfinding signage from the city steps that lead to the park.
- Remove the former recreation center, providing better visibility into the spray park and play area. Develop an entry to the park from this southeast corner.
- Relocate the small building on the south end of the basketball courts.
- Consider the removal of one ball field diamond and the addition of a rectangular field to provide more flexibility in use.
- Selectively prune trees on the hillslope to open the park to the views of the river.
- Provide streetscape improvements in the narrow Goettmann right-of-way to enhance both the street and the park.

Gardner Park

Gardner Park (3.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Troy Hill (15212) on Gardner Street. The site has one lighted ball field, its primary feature.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Cowley Park provides a better neighborhood park experience than Gardner Park, but the field at Gardner Park is important to the overall inventory of sports fields in Pittsburgh as well as within this specific sector. In addition to having lighting, it has potential to be used for multiple sports (diamond or rectangular field configuration). This site should be maintained as a ball field as long as there is a demand for it.
- Upgrade the fencing, and provide lower height fencing along the street.
- Provide street trees along the street frontage.
- Replace the bleachers with benches, a more appropriate seating option for a public sidewalk.
- Plant the area not needed for sports field with native trees, and develop a transitional vegetation buffer between the maintained field and the wooded hill slope to facilitate maintenance.

Leister Street Park

Leister Street Park (0.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Spring Hill-City View (15212) on Leister Street, tucked across an alley from the backyards of residents living on Yetta Avenue. It consists of a basketball court with poor visibility from the surrounding neighborhood, and is located on a hillside that

leads to East Street and Interstate 279. The park serves a small section of the surrounding neighborhood. A cemetery provides the only other nearby open space.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E3)

- This park space, due to its location, is underutilized and experiences heavy vandalism. If another entity can be found to take ownership, this site should be divested.
- If divestment is not possible, the site should be naturalized. Designation of a greenway including this site should be explored.
- There are no other publicly owned sites that could be developed as a neighborhood park to serve this area. A new neighborhood park should be targeted for this area.

Lookout Street Park

Lookout Street Park (0.3 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Troy Hill (15212) at the end of Lookout Street where it intersects Croft Street. It has a play area and a half-court basketball court. The park is located on the top of a forested hillside at the edge of the neighborhood. There are no other public parks in this area, and very little land is available.

Recommendation:

EXPAND, INVEST

- Incorporate the adjacent city owned lot 48-F-138 (0.25ac.) and recapture some or all of the adjacent right-of-way to add approximately 0.36 ac. of flat, usable area into this park, near the developed portion of the site. This would bring the total park acreage up to about 0.7 ac., still small but providing more options for this park.
- Invest in park upgrades following neighborhood park design guidelines. Focus development near the street and on the flatter area of the expanded site. Retain the wooded hillside.
- Update the park identification sign and remove the Andrew “Huck” Fenrich Playground sign.

Scherer Field

Scherer Field (0.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Spring Hill-City View (15212) off Royal Street. The park consists of a ball field, adjacent to I-279 and removed from residential areas. The site does not currently function as a neighborhood park.

Recommendation:

DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- Unless there is a specific need for this ball field, the park can be divested, as there is no surrounding neighborhood.
- If there is a short-term need for the ball field (e.g., until a better located field can be secured), off-street parking should be pursued for the site, using the PennDOT property across Royal Street or through a use agreement with the adjacent property owner.

Spring Garden Park

Spring Garden Park (1.3 ac.) is located in the Spring Garden neighborhood on the western border of the Troy Hill neighborhood (15212). Access is from Spring Garden Avenue and the park is adjacent to the Spring Hill/Spring Garden Greenway. Spring Garden Park has two tennis courts and a ball field, and is the only site serving the northern section of the Spring Garden neighborhood.

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE

PGH Snap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize S4

- Spring Garden Park serves only a small area of residences, and should be naturalized to function as part of the Greenway even if it is not officially designated as such.
- Use Spring Garden Park to develop a trailhead entry to the Greenway, and develop looped hiking trails leading from Spring Garden through the Greenway. Provide a trail connection to Spring Hill Park.
- The Spring Garden school site and playground can help meet some of the need for neighborhood park amenities for the surrounding neighborhood.
- Explore taking ownership of the unused Port Authority park and ride next door, or securing a long-term agreement for use of the space.
- Connect the park to Spring Garden Avenue with a trail through the forested 26 acres of hillside property.

Spring Hill Park

Spring Hill Park (6.4ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Spring Hill-City View (15212) and can be accessed off Romanhoff Street and South Side Avenue. The developed part of the park contains approximately four terraced and level acres, with the northern and eastern part of the property a forested hillside adjacent to the Spring Hill/Spring Garden Greenway. The park has a play area, sports courts, and a lighted ball field on the terraces.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Spring Hill Park is well-situated and relatively large, in an area without other parks. It has a large wooded area and is strategically located near a Greenway. All these public lands in combination offer an expansive open space. This site should be redeveloped, with a new master plan that considers neighborhood park design guidelines and connections to the Spring Hill Greenway, and the surrounding neighborhoods. Keep the developed area of the park to no more than four to five acres, about the size it is now, to retain the neighborhood park function.
- Eliminate the significant amount of paving in existence at the park, and remove fencing where feasible.
- Develop a design solution for the sloped southern edge of the property that preserves views into the park but eliminates mowed turf.
- Provide a pathway through the site with a looped connection into the Greenway. Include mileage markers and route maps in the park.
- Consider converting the ball field to a rectangular field, to increase sports field variety within this sector.

- Add trees, picnicking facilities, and more passive neighborhood-serving features.
- Improve the curb appeal, including sidewalk and street tree improvements along the park’s perimeter.

Sector 2 - Upper Northside

The Upper Northside is home to two community parks – Brighton Heights (32.0 ac.) and Fowler Park (12.7 ac.) -- and five neighborhood parks (6.8 ac.), one of which was previously discussed (Cross and Strauss Park). Riverview Park is also located in this sector, and is a significant feature and asset. Three to four areas of this sector lack access to neighborhood parks.

Table G4: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 2- Upper Northside

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Brighton Heights Neighborhood							
Marmaduke Park	2.8		•				
Marshall-Shadeland Neighborhood							
Marshall-California Park	0.3	•			•		•
Woods Run Park	0.3		•				
Young Park	3.1		•				
Perry South Neighborhood							
<i>Cross and Strauss Park</i>	0.3	•					•
Total	6.8						

Marmaduke Park

Marmaduke Park (2.8 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Brighton Heights (15212) and is accessible from Hiawatha Street, Bonaventure Way and Oswald St. The park consists of a play area, a deck hockey court and a ball field with parking.

INVEST

- Increase visibility into the park.
- Depave portions of the site. Consider eliminating the ball field, as it is unused and overgrown, or shrinking its footprint to make it an informal field.
- Remove fencing.
- Retain the open lawn area, and develop a looped pathway throughout the site.
- A local deck hockey group uses the site. This use is welcome, but the deck hockey use should not grow to dominate the park or attract players from across the city. A community scale recreation facility is not appropriate at this site, and would conflict with its function as a neighborhood park. Consider Brighton Heights or Fowler Park as an alternative location for a deck hockey hub.

Marshall-California Park

Marshall-California Park (0.3 ac.) is located at the border of two neighborhoods Marshall-Shadeland and California-Kirkbride (15212). Accessibility to this park is off Colorado Street. The park consists of a play area and a basketball court. The park is located at an interchange off PA 65, an elevated highway, and US 19 (Marshall Avenue).

Recommendation:

RELOCATE, DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize S4

- Marshall-California Park is not well-located. Washburn Square Park, under development by the Urban Redevelopment Authority, is located on Hodgkiss Street about ½ mile north of Marshall-California and can be considered as a replacement park for some of the park's service area
- There are multiple tax delinquent properties north and northeast of this park site that could provide additional relocation sites.
- Divest the site if an alternative owner can be secured. If another owner cannot be secured, naturalize the site to develop it as a beautification area and buffer residential properties from PA 65.

Woods Run Park

Woods Run Park (0.3 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Marshall-Shadeland (15212) off Woods Run Avenue. It has just one play area.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Increase pedestrian connectivity to this park from the surrounding neighborhood, including improving the sidewalk network along Central Avenue.
- Remove fencing to create a more accessible and attractive park.
- Add trees to the slopes.
- Create a stronger connection to the library located on Woods Avenue, including making use of the outdoor space to the east of the library building for additional recreation features.
- If additional adjacent land becomes available, expand this site.

Young Park

Young Park (3.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Marshall-Shadeland (15212) off Complete Street and Shadeland Avenue. The park consists of just one ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Remove the ball field and develop this park as a neighborhood park. There is a ball field located ¼ mile away (Horace Mann Field).
- Eliminate the fencing, increase access and views into the site, and develop the park with neighborhood park facilities. Repurpose the parking area and recapture it as recreation space.
- Investment in this space should facilitate the City's divesting of the responsibility to maintain Horace Mann Field.

Sector 3 - Lower Northside

The Lower Northside is home to two community parks (Allegheny Center Plaza Park and Allegheny Commons Park) and seven neighborhood parks (13.4 ac. in total) with all but one of these discussed in the earlier section on parks in low income/minority-majority neighborhoods.

Table G5: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 3- Lower Northside

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Central Northside Neighborhood							
Alpine Gardens Park	0.1	•					
Jefferson Park	0.6			•		•	
Fineview Neighborhood							
Fineview North Park	1.8			•			
Fineview South Field	3.1			•			
Manchester Neighborhood							
Manchester Park and Manchester Park (School)	6.2			•			
McKnight Park	1.6			•			
Total	13.4						

Alpine Gardens Park

Alpine Gardens Park is a 0.1 acre site located in the Central Northside neighborhood (15212) on Alpine Street between Garfield Ave and Monterey Street. It contains playground equipment and has no space for other features. The surrounding neighborhood is high density, and is served by both Allegheny Commons Park and Jefferson Park.

Recommendation:

DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S4)

- The park does not meet the minimum size standard for a neighborhood park and the area is already served by two parks identified for improvement. Divestment of this park could include selling the property for residential redevelopment.

Sector 4 - West Pittsburgh

West Pittsburgh is home to three community parks (Hershel Park, Sheraden Park and West End Park) and twelve neighborhood parks (42.2 ac.). As illustrated during the Needs Assessment and Suitability Analysis [\[link\]](#), this sector has several gaps in neighborhood park service.

Table G6: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 4- West Pittsburgh

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Crafton Heights Neighborhood							
Dunbar Park	6.7	•		•		•	
Stratmore Park	0.5	•		•			
East Carnegie Neighborhood							
East Carnegie Park	0.5		•				
Elliott Neighborhood							
West End-Elliott Overlook Park	4.7		•				
Townsend Park	0.6			•		•	
Esplen Neighborhood							
Esplen Park	0.2	•					•
Fairywood Neighborhood							
Fairywood Park	3.6		•				
Oakwood Neighborhood							
Oakwood Park	4.9		•				
Sheraden Neighborhood							
McGonigle Park	8.9			•			
Mutual Park	0.3		•		•		
West End Neighborhood							
Wabash Park	2.4		•				•
Westwood Neighborhood							
Crafton Heights Park	0.3		•		•		
Windgap Neighborhood							
Chartiers Park	6.1		•				
Total	42.2						

Chartiers Park

Chartiers Park (6.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Windgap (15204) at the southwest corner of Middletown and Chartiers Avenue. It is relatively central to the neighborhood it serves, and has a play area and a lighted ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Upgrade this park, including providing additional tree canopy.
- Consider adding a rectangular field overlaid on the existing lighted ball field.

Crafton Heights Park

Crafton Heights Park (0.3 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Westwood (15204) at the intersection of Dale Street, Preston Street and Crotzer Avenue. It consists of a fenced children's play area and a sloped, wooded hillside.

Recommendation:

INVEST or RELOCATE

- This site is the only park serving the surrounding neighborhood. Though it does not provide the full range of neighborhood park experiences, it should be retained unless another more suitable site becomes available.
- If there is an opportunity to recapture some of the adjacent right-of-way for stormwater planters or other green infrastructure, this option should be pursued.

Dunbar & Stratmore Parks

Dunbar Park (6.7 ac.) and Stratmore Park (0.5 ac.) are located in the neighborhood of Crafton Heights (15205) and are within a residential block of one another. Dunbar has access off Clairhaven Street and Stratmore Park is located on Stratmore Street between Oakmont and Elmont Streets.

Dunbar Park consists of a play area, basketball court, and two ball fields. Schaeffer School, directly adjacent to Dunbar Park, is slated for closure in 2012. Dunbar Park currently lacks visibility due to the school and adjacent residences. There are opportunities to expand the park and address its poor visibility.

Stratmore Park is terraced between two neighborhood blocks and is bisected by Kiran Way. The park consists of a play area, lighted tennis court and basketball court and is primarily asphalt paving surrounded by fencing, with a small lawn area at the southern boundary.

Recommendation:

DUNBAR: EXPAND & REDEVELOP or DIVEST

PGH Snap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E2)

- Secure the school district property to provide street frontage on Clairhaven (School District lots 40-H-98, 40-H-99, and 40-H-100).
- Add City parcels 40-H-185, 40-H-184 on the east side toward Arnold St. and property 40-H-97 toward Clairhaven to the park.

- Master plan the expanded site, and implement the master plan.
- If this park site is not expanded and redeveloped, it should be divested and park redevelopment efforts should be focused on Stratmore Park.

STRATMORE: REDEVELOP or DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E2)

- Divest this site, if Dunbar Park is expanded and redeveloped.
- If Dunbar Park is divested, redevelop this park. Prepare a site design that deemphasizes Kiran Way and implement improvements.

East Carnegie Park

East Carnegie Park (0.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of East Carnegie (15106) off Alter Street between Doolittle Street and Art Way. It has a play area, a deck hockey court and a basketball court, and the site is almost entirely paved.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Depave a portion of this site and create an open grassy area to provide a place for unstructured play.
- Eliminate either the deck hockey court or the basketball court, depending on neighborhood preferences. Consider moving the basketball courts onto the deck hockey court, if the basketball is preferred.
- Remove fencing and consider replacing fence along southeast edge with a natural barrier to maintain separation between park and street. Planting trees along this edge could serve the dual purpose of creating shade and providing such a barrier.

Esplen Park

Esplen Park (0.2 ac.) is located in the Esplen neighborhood (15204) off Esplen Street between Plum Way and Frustum Street. It has a play area.

The park is located at the edge of the neighborhood, and there are industrial and commercial uses on Carson and Stafford Streets. This area is also served by Sheraden Park, which is accessible via Stafford Street to Sheraden.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S3)

- Divest this site. It has potential to be used as a sideyard or for an urban garden plot.
- If divestment is not possible, naturalize the site.
- Serve the surrounding area by including neighborhood park features at Sheraden Park, and by developing neighborhood park features in a new riverfront park targeted for the Esplen neighborhood.

Fairywood Park

Fairywood Park (3.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Fairywood (15205) accessed off Broadhead Fording Road and Village Road. The park has a play area and two lighted basketball courts.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Upgrade the park to incorporate more passive recreation space and seating areas.
- Improve pedestrian connections.
- Eliminate the pool and repurpose this area.
- Enhance the children's play area. Consider relocating it to a more visible area of the site, closer to the school near the pool location.
- Consider addition of a spray park.

McGonigle Park

McGonigle Park (8.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Sheraden (15204). Access to the park is off Allendale Street west of the Allendale Circle cul-de-sac. The park consists of a play area, full and half-court basketball courts, and a ball field.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- See Sheraden Park recommendations.

Mutual Park

Mutual Park (0.3 ac.) is located in the Sheraden neighborhood (15204) accessible from Mutual Street and Bowser Way. It has a play area and a half-court basketball court. Its elongated configuration limits its usability.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE or INVEST

- Mutual Park serves as the only park land within ½ mile for a number of Crafton Heights residents; however, they are on the fringe of that service area. Relocating the park away from Sheraden to Crafton Heights (near intersection of Straka & Shirley) would allow that neighborhood to have better access to open space. However, there are no City-owned parcels or vacant properties in that area at this time, limiting the options for relocating the park at this time.
- If another park site is identified, develop it to replace Mutual Park following the neighborhood park design guidelines.
- If no alternative site can be identified, invest in Mutual Park. Improve access to the park site by removing the fencing and retaining wall and adding sidewalks or pedestrian paths on Mutual Street.

Oakwood Park

Oakwood Park (4.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Oakwood (152) and is accessible from Noblestown Road. It has one play area, two tennis courts, a basketball court and a ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Upgrade this park. Improve its appearance from the street frontages.
- Add more tree canopy, including within the parking lot.
- Add a pedestrian pathway system linking both sections of the park.

Townsend Park

Townsend Park (0.6ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Elliott (15220) with access off Chartiers Avenue. It consists of a play area and two basketball courts adjacent to a school (Stevens PreK-8) that is slated to be closed after the 2011-12 school year.

Recommendation:

EXPAND, REDEVELOP

- This park serves as the only neighborhood park for the neighborhood north of Chartiers Avenue and the park is also ½ mile north of Herschel Park. With Stevens K-8 school closing, Pittsburgh should pursue expansion of Townsend Park to include all or a portion of the school site.
- Redevelop the park following neighborhood park design guidelines to provide a larger variety of experiences and a less paved character.

Wabash Park

Wabash Park (2.4 ac.) is located in the West End neighborhood (15220) off Wabash Street. Saw Mill Run Creek passes along its eastern edge. It has a play area, two basketball courts, 5 horseshoe courts, and a ball field. The park is adjacent to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh West End.

Recommendation:

INVEST, NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- Access in this neighborhood is constrained by topography. Wabash Park provides the only access to a neighborhood park for the residents located down slope. Invest in neighborhood park features near the existing playground, near the library.
- Eliminate the ball field and associated fencing. Relocate the basketball court to the north end of the park to the neighborhood park hub, or eliminate the courts completely if not a desired feature by the neighborhood.
- Naturalize the area now holding the ball field and courts, providing a demonstration area for rehabilitation of the Saw Mill Run. Include a looped pathway providing access to the creek.

West End-Elliott Overlook

West End-Elliott Overlook (4.7 ac.) is located in the Elliott neighborhood (15220) off Marlow Street. This park serves as a park overlook and an amphitheater for movies in the park in the summer for the surrounding community. It includes off-street parking and a natural, undeveloped area to the north.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Retain the community gathering aspect of this park.
- Consider adding a non-traditional children's play area to take advantage of the park's setting and complement the community uses that take place here.

Sector 5 - South Pittsburgh

South Pittsburgh is home to four community parks (Banksville Park, Brookline Memorial Park, Moore Park and Philips Park) and eight neighborhood parks (29.1 ac.). This sector currently has more than 15% of Pittsburgh’s total ball field inventory.

Table G7: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 5- South Pittsburgh

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Beechview Neighborhood							
Able Long Park	1.7		•				
Alton Park	4.0		•				
Pauline Park	1.9		•				
Tropical Park	1.5		•				
Vanucci Park	6.1		•				
Carrick Neighborhood							
Leolyn Park	0.5		•		•		
Volunteers Park	10.8						•
Overbrook Neighborhood							
Overbrook Park	2.6	•					
Total	29.1						

Able Long Park

Able Long Park (1.7 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beechview (15216) tucked into a residential area on Coast Avenue between Banksville Road and Broadway Avenue. It has a play area and a grassy area which slopes up from the playground to woodlands behind. It is accessible via a path directly off the street.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Invest in this park to provide additional neighborhood park features. Limit turf to usable areas.
- Integrate the slope into the children’s play area.
- If a Saw Mill Run Greenway is designated (an idea under discussion), provide a connection from this park to the greenway trail system.

Alton Park

Alton Park (4.0 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beechview (15216) behind Beechwood Elementary School on Andick Way at Alton Street. The park is elevated above the street level, and includes a play area and one full and one half basketball court. The park is adjacent the Beechview-Seldom Seen Greenway, and connects to Vanucci Park via the greenway.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Retain this site as a neighborhood park, connecting it to Vanucci through the Greenway with a trail.
- Upgrade the park to increase visibility from the surrounding neighborhood. Remove fencing and improve the appearance and function of the entry.
- Reduce the footprint of the parking lot and provide landscaping improvements to enhance the appearance.

Leolyn Park

Leolyn Park (0.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Carrick (15210) on the northeast corner of Leolyn and E Cherryhill Streets. It has a play area and a basketball court. A private single family home sits on the corner, and residences are also located to the north and east of the park.

Recommendation:

INVEST or RELOCATE

- A park is needed in this area. Though Leolyn Park is not ideal, there are few options in the area with a better configuration. Invest in minor upgrades at this site, keeping in mind that any improvements should avoid creating uses that would conflict with neighboring residences. Remove fencing from around the basketball court.
- If neighboring residences on Leolyn or E. Cherryhill go on the market, the City should consider purchasing them to expand the park. If another better site becomes available in the neighborhood, Leolyn Park should be relocated.

Overbrook Park

Overbrook Park (2.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Overbrook (15234) and backs to the South Busway. It consists of a basketball court and two lighted ball fields. The park is adjacent to the former Overbrook Elementary School, which now functions as School District offices. The area around the park is not residential in nature.

Recommendation:

DIVEST

PGH Snap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E3)

- This site is not serving as a neighborhood park, nor is it located to do so. Pittsburgh should divest the site from its neighborhood park inventory. If the baseball organizations that use the fields wish to continue to do so, they could negotiate with the Pittsburgh Public Schools to continue to upkeep the site, which is now the City's responsibility.

Pauline Park

Pauline Park (1.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beechview (15216) on Pauline Avenue at the intersection of Pauline Avenue and Lonergan Street. It has a play area and two lighted basketball courts, and a wooded hillside.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Improve the Pauline Avenue frontage, including the addition of street trees and redesign of the sloping turf area to reduce mowed turf.
- Depave a portion of the developed park area to promote casual neighborhood use and make the park more attractive.
- Improve access to the park by creating trails into the park from Palm Beach Avenue.

Tropical Park

Tropical Park (1.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beechview (15216) off Tropical Avenue. It connects to the Beechview-Seldom Seen Greenway, and has a play area and both full and half-court basketball courts. More than half the site is wooded.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Create a welcoming entry at the southern entry of the park on Gladys Avenue.
- Enhance the entry from Tropical Avenue, including removing the guard rail.
- Remove fencing from park edges.

Vanucci Park

Vanucci Park (6.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beechview (15216) off Andick Way. It has a play area, which includes a spray park, and two ball fields. It is downhill and east of Alton Park, and is adjacent to the Beechview-Seldom Seen Greenway. The service area for this park overlaps with Alton Park's.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Develop picnic facilities in conjunction with the popular spray park.
- Reconfigure the ball fields. Eliminate one of the fields, or provide a rectangular field.
- Naturalize the edge of the park that is adjacent to the Seldom Seen Greenway, including recontouring to provide an easier to maintain topographic and vegetative transition from the park to the greenway.
- Reduce the size of the parking lot to a size suitable for a neighborhood park.
- Provide a connection to the park through the former Beechview Pool site (now a community garden) to Beechwood School and Alton Park, allowing the two parks to function as one larger Neighborhood Park.

Volunteers Park

Volunteers Park (10.8 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Carrick (15210) at Strata and Riota Way. It has four ball fields (2 lighted).

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- This site does not currently function as a neighborhood park, as it is fully dedicated to baseball/softball uses.

- Maintain the ball fields as long as they are being used.
- Once the fields are no longer needed, the park should be naturalized and left as wooded hillside.
- A neighborhood park location needs to be identified for this neighborhood that is accessible and connected to the residential areas.

Sector 6 - Mt. Washington/Hilltop West

Washington/Hilltop West has one community park (the combined McKinley and Upper McKinley Parks) and two neighborhood parks (3.1 ac.). This sector is also home to Emerald View Regional Park. Though the number of parks is small, this area is well-served by the existing sites.

Table G8: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 6- Mt. Washington/Hilltop West

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Beltzhoover Neighborhood							
Warrington Park	2.1			•	•		
Bon Air Neighborhood							
Bon Air Park	1.0		•				
Total	3.1						

Bon Air Park

Bon Air Park (1.0 acre) is located in the residential neighborhood of Bon Air (15210). The park is on the corner of Calle and Conniston Avenues and consists of a play area and a hockey court.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Make upgrades to this park, including improving the appearance of the eastern side and removing the guard rail.
- If a Saw Mill Run Greenway is designated, Bon Air Park should provide a trailhead and connect with the greenway trail system.

Warrington Park

Warrington Park (2.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Beltzhoover (15210) on the border of Beltzhoover and Mt. Washington off E Warrington Avenue along the light rail line. The park has a recreation center, a closed swimming pool, a lighted ball field, play area and basketball court.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP or RELOCATE

- Remove the pool.
- Develop a new master plan for the site, re-envisioning this park without the pool and providing more flexible use, unprogrammed space for family recreation.
- Consider adding a spray park
- Remove fencing where feasible to improve access into the park.
- Implement TRID corridor study crossing improvements.

- Consider relocation of recreation center as noted in TRID corridor study.
- The TRID study makes recommendations to replace Warrington Park at a new park location. Should this move forward, the physical location of the new site should be north of Warrington and be capable of meeting minimum neighborhood park design guidelines.

Sector 7 - Southside/Hilltop East

Southside/Hilltop East has one community park (Southside Park) and nine neighborhood parks (31.4 ac.). The topography in this sector makes meeting park access goals very challenging. A neighborhood park is needed south of Arlington Avenue, north of Parkwood Rd and east of Clover St., but there is no land available aside from Devlin Field.

Table G9: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 7- Southside/Hilltop East

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Arlington Neighborhood							
Devlin Field	6.5						•
Mt. Oliver Neighborhood							
Phillip Murray Park	5.7				•		
Southside Flats Neighborhood							
Armstrong Park	1.6			•			
Ormsby Park	2.7		•				
Southside Slopes Neighborhood							
Arlington Park	4.2			•			
Cobden St. Park	0.9						•
Eleanor Street Park	0.6		•				
Monongahela Park	6.5			•			
Winters Park	2.7						•
Total	31.4						

Arlington Park

Arlington Park (4.2 ac.) is located in the Southside Slopes neighborhood (15203), on Salisbury Street between Fernleaf and Sterling Streets. There is a closed pool, a play area, basketball court and one lighted ball field with a T-ball outfield. Arlington Park, with Arlington Gym (a special use park), connects to Southside Park.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Include this site along with Arlington Gym in the master planning effort for Southside Park. Retain a neighborhood park function in the vicinity, but consider the relationship of all three sites. Include trail connections and access from Arlington Park into Southside Park.

- Remove the closed pool.

Armstrong Park

Armstrong Park (1.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Southside Flats (15203) on Sarah Way between 12th and 13th Streets. It has a play area, a basketball court, and a ball field. It is a highly programmed site, in a high density neighborhood lacking flexible, unprogrammed recreation space.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop the site to implement the plan completed in December of 2010 by the South Side Local Development Corporation (SSLDC). The Armstrong Park/Esser Plaza Master Plan includes a spray park, children's play area, sports court and open grassy area.



Cobden St. Park

Cobden St. Park (0.9 ac.) is located in the Southside Slopes (15203) neighborhood off Cobden Street. This park has an open field containing a single basketball court.

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E3)

- This site does not currently serve a neighborhood park function, as its level of development is very low. It is adjacent to a swath of tax delinquent or publicly owned property, all of which could be naturalized. Combined, the sites could be placed on the market, though interest may be unlikely due to the isolation.

Devlin Field

Devlin Field (6.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Arlington (15210). It is accessible off Devlin Street, but the park itself is hidden by a commercial building off the street and is flanked by a cemetery to the east. The park consists of a ball field, and does not fulfill a neighborhood park function for those residing in its service area. The surrounding neighborhood is primarily low density.

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S3)

- Naturalize this site and connect it with the adjacent City-owned parcels to create a greenway for the hillside from Arlington down to Becks Run Road.

Eleanor Street Park

Eleanor Street Park (0.6 ac.) is located in the Southside Slopes (15203) on Eleanor Street between Sierra and Primrose Streets. It has a play area and a half-court basketball court. The topography changes between this park and Arlington are significant, hence the hand rails along all the sidewalks. Though this park is small and near Southside Park, it serves an area halfway up the hill that is not served by other neighborhood parks.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Invest in this site to improve its appearance and function. Eliminate fencing at the perimeter, enhance pathways, and plant hillslopes with low maintenance shrubs and groundcover. Add trees.

Monongahela Park

Monongahela Park (6.5 ac.) is located in the Southside Slopes neighborhood (15203) accessible off Josephine Street. The park overlooks the neighborhood and more than half the site is steep hillside. Approximately 2.5 ac. is graded flat and developed with an informal rectangular field with a backstop and play area.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop the park to include a variety of neighborhood park elements.
- Improve the entry to the park.
- Develop the flat area at the southeast corner of the site as a formal park overlook, repurposing it from a serving as a gravel parking area.
- Connect this site with a trail through the publicly owned swath of land connecting to Cobden Park, a site that is recommended for naturalization.

Ormsby Park

Ormsby Park (2.7 ac.) is located in Southside Flats neighborhood (15203) at S 22nd and E Carson Streets. The Carnegie Library Southside and Ormsby Recreation Center occupy the southwest corner of the park. The usable park area is fully developed, with a pool, play area, sports courts, and a ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Like Armstrong Park, Ormsby Park should be an urban neighborhood park serving those residing in this high density neighborhood. The park should offer a contrast to the surrounding environment.
- Flexible use areas should be developed within the park, and more trees should be added to provide shade to activity areas and buffer the park from the Birmingham Bridge.
- Improve pedestrian connections to the neighborhood on the east side of the bridge.
- Enhance visibility from E. Carson Street.
- Reduce/remove fencing, where feasible.

- Connect this park to Southside Riverfront Park. If land cannot be acquired or easements cannot be secured to provide an off-street pathway connection, provide a connection via the S 22nd right-of-way.

Phillip Murray Park

Phillip Murray Park (5.7 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Mt. Oliver (15210) with access off Mountain Street. It has a play area and a lighted ball field. Murray Elementary, the school located adjacent to the park, is slated to close at the end of the 2011-12 school year.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE

- Philip Murray Park should be relocated. With the demolition of the St. Clair housing development and the forthcoming closing of Murray Elementary School, there are few surrounding homes near the park. In addition, there is a mix of ownership at this location (part of what is shown as park is owned by the school district, part is owned by the City, and part is under private ownership). The multiple ownerships should be consolidated to facilitate transfer and potential redevelopment.
- A replacement neighborhood park could be located on city-owned property at the corner of Mountain and Fisher (32-B-142 and 32-B-107, totaling .6 ac.). This site would be central to both the Mount Oliver and Saint Clair neighborhoods and would not be as topographically separated from residential areas. In addition to the two city properties, across Fisher St. to the south are two tax delinquent properties totaling 1.2 ac. The relocated park should be designed to meet neighborhood park design guidelines.

Winters Park

Winters Park (2.7 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of the Southside Slopes (15203) off Shamokin Street. It has a play area, basketball court, and ball field. The open field is separated from the play area and basketball court by a steep, undeveloped portion of the property. This is one of the steepest areas of Pittsburgh.

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- This park would better serve the neighborhood if returned to its natural state because of its difficult location and its location in a Stabilize (S2) strategy area under PGHSNAP.

Sector 8 - Thirty-First Ward

The Thirty-First Ward has one community park (McBride Park) and four neighborhood parks (4.0 ac.). This sector is in the remote southeast portion of the City. Though topography is less steep in this area than in other neighborhoods in Pittsburgh, the area is sparsely developed. Given the sparse development, low density character and this Plan’s recommendation to invest in McBride Park, the developed park provision strategy for this area should be community park-focused. There are large swaths of wooded hillside, some publicly owned and some tax delinquent. This sector should be targeted for a new Greenway integrating some of this property.

Table G10: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 8- Thirty-First Ward

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Hays Neighborhood							
Hays Park	1.3	•					•
Lincoln Place Neighborhood							
Lincoln Place Park	0.6		•				
New Homestead Neighborhood							
Panorama Field	1.6	•					•
Revenue Park	0.5	•					•
Total	4.0						

Hays Park

Hays Park (1.3 ac.) is located in the low density neighborhood of Hays (15207) on Ganges Way off Mifflin Road. It has a play area and a half-court basketball court. The area surrounding the park has few households (20-30), and the service area is very small due to the topography and disconnected nature of the streets.

Recommendation:

NATURALIZE or DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- The park is located adjacent to a creek (Streets Run), and could be naturalized to address water quality and manage stormwater from the roads running adjacent to it.
- Given the site’s adjacency to Mifflin Road, consideration should also be given to divesting the property by selling it to another entity.

Lincoln Place Park

Lincoln Place Park (0.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Lincoln Place (15207) at the intersection of Elwell Street and Cox Avenue. It has a play area and is adjacent to Mifflin Elementary School, which has two ball fields.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Based on neighborhood demand and the PGHSNAP designation of Lincoln Place as an area for preservation, upgrade the play equipment and facilities at the park.
- Strengthen the visual connection and access to the adjacent school fields.
- Consider adding community gardens to the park or at the school site.
- Open the park to the neighborhood by removing fencing on the periphery.

Panorama Field

Panorama Field (1.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of New Homestead (15120) at the end of Spike Way. It is very secluded and only has one ball field. The site is owned by the School District, and is in very poor condition. In addition, Panorama Drive, a City street, is closed to traffic.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E2)

- Return the property to the School District. Population demand (current and projected) does not merit reinvestment in this site.
- Alternatively, this site could become part of a new greenway in the area.

Revenue Park

Revenue Park (0.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of New Homestead (15120) off Revenue Street. It has a play area and a basketball court. The surrounding neighborhood is low density residential. In fact, only 17 homes appear to be within the ½ mile service area of the park and each has a private yard.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E2)

- There are a handful of houses served by the park. The section of New Homestead off Niceville Street, which has the heaviest concentration of residences, is directly adjacent to West Homestead's Calhoun Community Park (the park ends at the City line).
- Consider incorporating this land into a new greenway for this area, affording residents of the neighborhood access to open space.

Sector 9 - Monongahela River Valley

The Monongahela River Valley is home to eight neighborhood parks (25.6 ac.), of which Burgwin Park (6.8 ac.) was previously discussed. Though there are no community or regional parks in this sector, Schenley Park is adjacent immediately adjacent to the north. This sector also has an abundance of greenway land. Access to park land is limited for residents in the northeastern portion of this sector, but there are not any opportunity lands available in the areas needing park service.

Table G11: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 9- Monongahela River Valley

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Greenfield Neighborhood							
Four Mile Run Park	1.8		•				
Magee Park	6.1		•				
Saline Street Park	0.6	•					•
Hazelwood Neighborhood							
Blair St. Park	1.7	•					
Bud Hammer Park	4.4		•				
<i>Burgwin Park</i>	<i>6.8</i>			•			
Gladstone Park	3.3			•			
Lewis Park	0.9	•	•				
Total	25.6						

Blair St. Park

Blair St. Park (1.7 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Hazelwood (15207) at the end of Chaplain Way. It consists of a play area, basketball court, and ball field. The park is poorly sited adjacent to industrial property, and is subject to extensive vandalism. All of the park amenities are in very poor condition. While a park is needed in this area, Blair Street Park is not providing adequate service due to its limitations.

Recommendation:

DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Reinvest (R2)

- Divest Blair Street Park and define a location for a more functional neighborhood park as part of the reinvention of the area. This location may be part of the ALMONO redevelopment proposed to the west.
- If a new riverfront park is acquired near the Scotch Bottom section of Hazelwood, neighborhood park amenities should be incorporated into its design and pedestrian access to Hazelwood should be provided.

Bud Hammer Park

Bud Hammer Park (4.4 ac.) is located in Hazelwood (15207) where it borders the Hazelwood Greenway along Bigelow Street. The site uses the uphill and flat portions of the property for park facilities. It has a play area, basketball court, hockey court, and ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- The park is in good shape, well signed, and with adequate pedestrian connections.
- Provide trail connections from the park to the Hazelwood Greenway.
- Remove fencing to improve connectivity and access between site elements, particularly near/around the sport and basketball courts. Signage or an improved pathway/sidewalk between ball field and sports courts/children's play lot could strengthen the connection between these two areas.
- Resurface/improve basketball court and consider adding picnic area and site amenities in grassy area adjacent to children's play area.
- If a trail system is developed in the Hazelwood Greenway, develop connections from Bud Hammer Park to the greenway trails.

Four Mile Run

Four Mile Run Park (1.8 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Greenfield (15207) on the Panther Hollow Trail. The park is a collection of properties that run under the Parkway East (I-376). The site has a play area, basketball court, and a former ball field that has been naturalized.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- This area of the Greenfield neighborhood is isolated and this site provides park facilities to nearby residents. Access to other parks is challenging due to topography.
- Remove the ball field.
- Develop the site as an open lawn area.
- Create planted buffers to screen the site from the parkway, and add trees throughout the property.

Gladstone Park

Gladstone Park (3.3 ac.) is located in Hazelwood (15207) directly off Hazelwood Avenue. It consists of a ball field.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop this site to be a fully functional neighborhood park consistent with neighborhood park design guidelines.
- Create connections from this site to the Hazelwood Greenway.

Lewis Park

Lewis Park (0.9 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Hazelwood (15217) off Irvine Street between Minden and Berwick Streets. It has a play area, a hockey court, two basketball courts, and is predominantly paved. The surrounding area is lower density.

Recommendation:

INVEST or DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- Once the ALMONO site is completely redeveloped, this park location should be divested.
- If there are long term delays in the redevelopment of the ALMONO site, investments should be made to improve the quality of this neighborhood park
 - Remove fencing and walls from park perimeter and redevelop park edge to create a safe transition from the street/sidewalk.
 - Remove fencing separating different areas within the park and establish/improve the internal pathway system.
 - Depave this site and provide a larger grassy play area in the southwest corner, with trees, benches, and places to sit.
 - Retain the good visibility into the site from YMCA across Chatsworth Street, but improve the visibility into the park from the other three street frontages. However, maintain a buffer along Irvine Street.
 - Consider a spray park at this location, if the YMCA is interested in partnering with the City.

Magee Park

Magee Park (6.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Greenfield (15207) accessible off Greenfield Avenue by car, and there is also a pedestrian stair to the ball fields from McCaslin Street and Boulevard Drive. The park sits at the bottom of a slope from McCaslin St. and consists of a recreation center, pool, play area, two basketball courts, and two lighted ball fields with a rectangular field overlay that has stadium seating.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Magee Park includes a wide variety of facilities, to the extent that it functions almost as a small community park. If the mix of facilities currently available is retained at this site, it should be redesignated as a community park. Since this area is not served by another community park, this may be the most desirable course of action for surrounding residents.
- Make general upgrades to the site, in particular adding seating areas, picnic areas, and unprogrammed play space.
- The parking at Magee Park is nearly inaccessible. Develop strategies to improve access to the parking from Greenfield Ave.

Saline Street Park

Saline Street Park (0.6 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Greenfield (15217) on Saline Street. It has no amenities, is located on a dead end road serving approximately 30 households. The site abuts Schenley Park.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- This site should be divested or naturalized. It should not be considered a park, as there are no amenities at this park location.

Sector 10 - Lower East End

The Lower East End has one community park (Mellon Park) and three neighborhood parks (4.9 ac.). This sector also contains Frick Park and Schenley Park, two of the City’s regional parks. Other open spaces include the Carnegie Mellon University campus and historic Homewood Cemetery. Though the area around Linden School is neighborhood park deficient, the possibilities of securing a suitable park site are very limited.

Table G12: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 10- Lower East End

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Squirrel Hill North Neighborhood							
Wightman Park	2.2		•				
Squirrel Hill South Neighborhood							
Davis Park	1.5		•				
Swisshelm Park Neighborhood							
Swisshelm Park	1.2			•			
Total	4.9						

Davis Park

Davis Park (1.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Squirrel Hill South (15217) on Hobart Street between Wightman and Murray Avenues. It consists of a play area, tennis court, a hockey court, one full and two half basketball courts.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Davis Park is well-situated, and should receive minor upgrades to enhance its flexibility and potential for multiple uses.
- Decrease hardscape area of park by depaving the northern portion and possibly removing one of the courts to create informal play space.

Swisshelm Park

Swisshelm Park (1.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Swisshelm Park (15218) on Onondago Street. It is highly programmed, consisting of a play area, two sports courts, and a spray park. It is mostly paved.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop this site to meet neighborhood park guidelines, incorporating more unprogrammed and flexible use areas for family-oriented recreation. Eliminate some of the courts, which dominate the site currently.
- Consider a small spray park at this location.

Wightman Park

Wightman Park (2.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Squirrel Hill North (15217) at the corner of Wightman and Solway Streets. It consists of a play area, basketball court and ball field.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Remove fencing to improve access and appearance.
- Evaluate options for reuse of the on-site structure (including potential removal) to strengthen park cohesiveness and improve play area and basketball court visibility and access.
- Enhance visibility to the playground, which is sunken in relation to the street and behind a fence which obscures visibility.

Sector 11 - Northeast Pittsburgh

North Pittsburgh has one community park (East Hills Park) and six neighborhood parks (27.7 ac.), one of which, Homewood Park (2.7 ac.), was discussed earlier in the section on park equity in low income and minority-majority areas of Pittsburgh. Highland Park, a regional park, forms the western boundary of this sector. Additional neighborhood parks are needed to serve this sector.

Table G13: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 11- Northeast Pittsburgh

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Homewood North Neighborhood							
Baxter Park	2.4		•			•	
Homewood South Neighborhood							
Homewood Park	2.7		•		•		
Homewood West Neighborhood							
Dallas Park	0.4				•		
Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar Neighborhood							
Chadwick Park	6.8		•			•	
Paulson Park	4.2		•				
Point Breeze North Neighborhood							
Westinghouse Park	10.8		•				
Total	27.3						

Baxter Park

Baxter Park (2.4 ac.) is located in the Homewood North neighborhood. The park is shared by the Student Achievement Center which uses the north half of the park site for parking. The southeast corner abuts commercial buildings. There is a playground with an open lawn area, which is elevated from the street and fenced. The Homewood neighborhood was identified during the Needs Assessment and Suitability Analysis as underserved with access to public park land.

Recommendation:

INVEST, EXPAND

- This neighborhood currently lacks access to a community park. Baxter Park is well-situated in the neighborhood and has expansion potential because adjacent blocks have scattered public ownership. Should expansion land become available, the entire site should be redesigned.
- Eliminate parking on the site, or at minimum redevelop the parking so it functions as park space when not being used by the school.
- Incorporate more family recreation amenities into the park.
- Remove fencing to enhance appearance and access.

Chadwick Park

Chadwick Park (6.8 ac.) is located in Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar (15206) and is accessed from the corner of Oberlin and Mingo Street. It has a play area, basketball court, and ball field and a closed recreation center.

Recommendation:

INVEST, EXPAND

- The former recreation center should be repurposed or removed, and a welcoming entry to the park be developed.
- Create pedestrian connections to the Belmar Gardens development by including sidewalks along Mingo Street to connect to Vann Road.
- Expand the park to the west, incorporating approximately eight acres of hillside. Include the hillside that exists on Gladefield Street and close/remove the street:
 - 173-J-266 through 173-J-269
 - 173-J-290 through 173-J-298
 - 173-K-92 through 173-K-96
 - 173-K-125 through 173-K-129
 - 173-K-141 through 173-K-144
 - 173-K-199 through 173-K-203
 - 173-K-205 through 173-K-211
 - 173-K-215 through 173-K-221
 - 173-N-28 through 173-N-34
 - 173-J-272
 - 173-J-274
 - 173-J-275
 - 173-J-276
 - 173-J-277
 - 173-J-280
 - 173-J-281
 - 173-J-282
 - 173-J-284
 - 173-J-286
 - 173-J-308
 - 173-J-309
 - 173-J-316
 - 173-J-320
 - 173-J-323
 - 173-J-325
 - 173-J-326
 - 173-J-370
 - 173-K-99
 - 173-K-131
 - 173-K-133
 - 173-K-121
 - 173-K-122
 - 173-K-134
 - 173-K-136
 - 173-K-138
 - 173-K-139
 - 173-K-195
 - 173-N-23
 - 173-N-36

Dallas Park

Dallas Park (0.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Homewood West (15208) at the end of N Dallas Avenue where it intersects Frankstown Avenue. It consists of a play area and a basketball court.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE

- The park site faces a major roadway and is fully developed with a basketball court and play area. While this area of town needs additional park land, the location and size of this park means that it does not serve a neighborhood park function.
- Several sites within ¼ mile are available, northwest of the intersection of Lang Avenue and Frankstown Avenue. If none of these are suitable, another relocation site should be identified and developed as a neighborhood park.
- It will be difficult to find another use for Dallas Park. If no other entity is willing to take ownership, the current park should be naturalized to reduce maintenance costs.

Paulson Park

Paulson Park (4.2 ac.) is located in Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar (15206) directly off Paulson Avenue, in a triangular parcel between Paulson Avenue, Brainard Street, and Olivant Street. It consists of a play area, a basketball court, a lighted ball field and a closed swimming pool.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Remove the pool structure and create an attractive entry to the park on its northwest edge.
- Add an entry from the east side, connecting to the basketball court. This will require switchbacks to traverse the steep grade, but a path here will increase access to the park.
- Plant more trees.
- If properties within the triangular area between Paulson, Brainard and Olivant become available, the City should purchase them to provide more street frontage for the park

Westinghouse Park

Westinghouse Park (10.8 ac.) is located in the Point Breeze North neighborhood. It is the former site of the mansion and private laboratory of George Westinghouse, whose memorial resides in Schenley Park. The park has a play structure, basketball court and an aging recreation building closed to the public. Nearby schools and parks include Homewood Montessori School and Homewood Park, which is connected to Westinghouse Park via a pedestrian bridge.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Westinghouse Park is one of Pittsburgh's larger neighborhood parks, and the site is mostly flat. In addition, this park is a part of Pittsburgh's rich cultural history.
- Eliminate the structure in the park.
- Highlight science and Pittsburgh's history of scientific innovation at this park, including in the play area.
- Retain the park's open character, and develop a succession plan for the mature trees dotting its landscape.

Sector 12 - Upper East End

The Upper East End has eleven neighborhood parks (32.7 ac.), three of which (Friendship Park, Kite Hill Park, and Larimer Park) were discussed in the earlier section on equity. Highland Park is located within the Upper East End. The areas south of the busway in this sector lack access to neighborhood parks.

Table G14: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 12- Upper East End

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Bloomfield Neighborhood							
Friendship Park	2.0		•				
Osceola Park	1.2		•				
East Liberty Neighborhood							
East Liberty Park	1.4			•			
Enright Park	2.3		•				
Garland Park	3.2		•				
Garfield Neighborhood							
Fort Pitt Park	9.5					•	
Kite Hill Park	0.9	•			•		•
Nelson Mandela Peace Park	0.2				•		
Highland Neighborhood							
Heth's Park	5.1		•			•	
Larimer Neighborhood							
Larimer Park	1.5		•		•		
Morningside Neighborhood							
Joe Natoli Park	5.4			•			
Total	32.7						

East Liberty Park

East Liberty Park (1.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of East Liberty (15206) on Larimer Avenue between E Liberty Boulevard and Broad Street. The park consists of a ball field.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Redevelop the park following neighborhood park design guidelines. Eliminate the ball field and incorporate a broad range of neighborhood park features into the redesigned site.

- This park should be designed in collaboration with the Urban Redevelopment Authority. Its character should be a quality urban neighborhood park that complements the redevelopment efforts in the surrounding neighborhood.

Enright Park

Enright Park (2.3 ac.) is located in the East Liberty neighborhood (15206) on Amber Street. It has a play area and two basketball courts. A grassy open lawn area is adjacent to the park, but is not part of the park property.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- There is no formal entry into the park, which would create an identifier. Because visibility to Enright Park is blocked by large buildings along Penn and Negley, and there is only access from side streets and ways (Amber, S St. Clair, Euclair, Stamar), a gateway is needed.
- Remove razor wire and fencing along the edges of the park, which is unsafe and uninviting.
- Work with the surrounding property owner to create access points to the park from the Penn Ave. and Penn Cir. W.

Fort Pitt Park

Fort Pitt Park (9.5 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Garfield (15224) and is accessible from Hillcrest or N Winebiddle Street. It has two play areas, a tennis court, basketball court, and a lighted ball field and is adjacent to Fort Pitt Elementary, which is scheduled to be closed after the 2011-12 school year. The Garfield Heights development is being built immediately to the north, on a parcel approximately 50' lower in elevation than the park.

Recommendation:

EXPAND

- The top of the hill is identified in the Garfield 2030 Plan as a new 34 acre park comprised of Housing Authority and City properties, including this site.
- An alternative would be to investigate the possibility of obtaining the school properties (50-F-240 and 50-F-296) and creating a larger park, ball fields, and gardening/farming area (along the line of the "Hilltop Parks" recommended in Garfield 2030) with parking, making sure that there is an adequate connection to the Garfield Heights development. This expanded park could possibly serve as a Community Park for the residents of Garfield and the adjacent neighborhoods. The school building limits visibility to the activity areas (playground, courts). To improve visibility, demolition of the school building should be considered if a re-use cannot be found.

Garland Park

Garland Park (3.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of East Liberty (15206) accessible from Penn Circle West. It has a play area, two tennis courts, a basketball court and parking lot.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- The park is poorly signed, and would appear to many to belong to the New Pennley Place development, due to its location behind it and behind the City parking lot along Penn Circle West.

An entry feature and better signage off Penn Circle and N Saint Clair Street would help increase visibility and awareness of the park.

- Remove fencing.
- Add park identification signage.
- Remove parking and blacktop next to tennis courts, and depave the park to create more informal play areas.

Heth's Park

Heth's Park (5.1 ac.) is located on the border of Highland Park and Morningside (15206) with access off Hampton Street. It has a play area, a spray park, hockey court, tennis court, and three ball fields. In the northwest corner of the property there is a bocce court and eight garden plots which are disconnected to the rest of the park and only accessible off Bryant Street.

Recommendation:

INVEST, EXPAND

- Connect Heth's Park following Heth's Run to Highland Park, the Pittsburgh Zoo, and the Allegheny River along the Heths Avenue right-of-way and Parcels #82-B-125, 82-P-133, 82-P-53.
- Add signage and create an entry to the park. The park entry currently is an opening in the roadway guard railing.
- Connect the upper park (which includes the bocce courts and garden plots) to the lower park (which includes the playground, spray feature, and ball fields) via a pathway and wayfinding. This may involve removal of the north end ball fields that abut the hillside.
- Consider restoring Heth's Run through this park.

Joe Natoli Park

Joe Natoli Park (5.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Morningside (15206) tucked behind a development with its only access off President Way. The property is adjacent to the western boundary of Highland Park and is up hill from the large parking lot. The park consists of a play area, basketball court and three ball fields.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- The park is shoulder to shoulder courts and field. The courts face the roadway creating a fenced wall between the park and the neighborhood. The fields place a demand for parking in a neighborhood that has very little. Relocate the fields to the lower area of Highland Park where there is ample parking and the site is intended to attract visitors from a distance.
- Redevelop the park following neighborhood park design guidelines, establishing as many neighborhood pedestrian access points as possible, eliminating fencing and walls, and opening the park up to the neighborhood and creating more spaces for informal play.
- The Senior Center building, although also used for storage and as a polling place, could be eliminated or repurposed as part of the park's redevelopment.

Nelson Mandela Peace Park

Nelson Mandela Peace Park (0.2 ac.) is located in Garfield (15224) at the corner of Broad Street and N Evaline Street.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE

- This park should continue to be maintained in its current location, until the area is redeveloped. At the time of redevelopment, a larger neighborhood park site should be identified and developed to relocate Nelson Mandela Peace Park. This could be combined with the relocation of Kite Hill Park previously discussed.

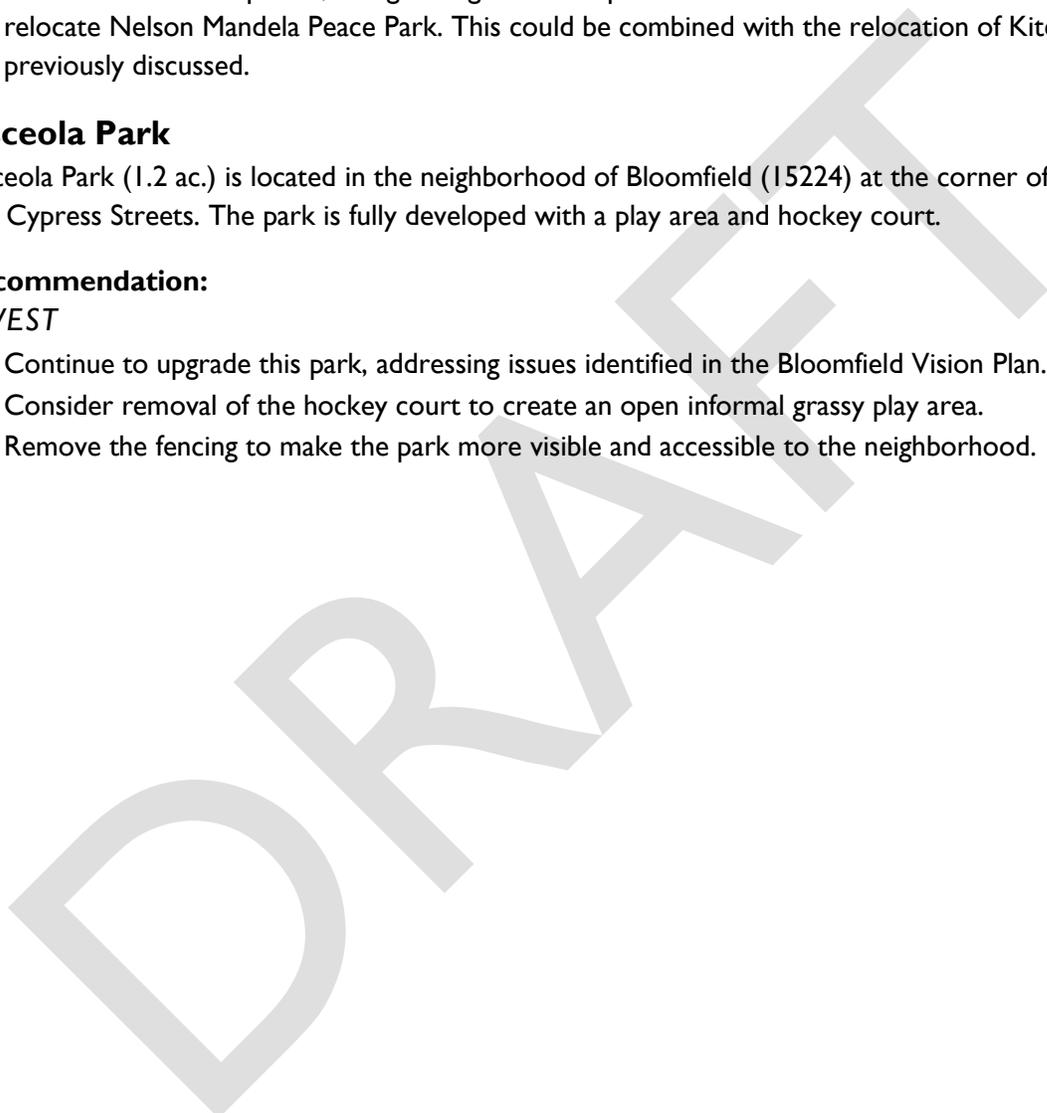
Osceola Park

Osceola Park (1.2 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Bloomfield (15224) at the corner of Osceola and Cypress Streets. The park is fully developed with a play area and hockey court.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Continue to upgrade this park, addressing issues identified in the Bloomfield Vision Plan.
- Consider removal of the hockey court to create an open informal grassy play area.
- Remove the fencing to make the park more visible and accessible to the neighborhood.



Sector 13 - Allegheny River Valley

The Allegheny River Valley is home to three community parks (Arsenal Park, Dinan Park and West Penn Park). The sector has eight neighborhood parks (26.6 ac.), three of which Denny Park (1.1 ac.), Duncan Park (0.8 ac.), and McCandless Park (0.2 ac.) were discussed in the earlier section on equity.

Table G15: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 13- Allegheny River Valley

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Bloomfield Neighborhood							
Bloomfield Park	5.8		•				
Central Lawrenceville Neighborhood							
Leslie Park	6.0			•			
Lower Lawrenceville Neighborhood							
Sullivan Park	3.4			•			
Strip District Neighborhood							
Frank Curto Park	7.2		•				
Denny Park	1.1			•			
Upper Lawrenceville Neighborhood							
Duncan Park	0.8		•				•
Fifty-Seventh Street Park	2.1		•		•		
McCandless Park	0.2			•		•	
Total	26.6						

Bloomfield Park

Bloomfield Park (5.8 ac.) is located on the border of Bloomfield and Lower Lawrenceville straddling the Bloomfield Bridge. The park site is very urban in nature since is located under the major roadway (Bloomfield Bridge). The park has a pool, play area, basketball court, and ball field, with very little unprogrammed space. The Liberty Avenue business district is nearby.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Bloomfield Park is needed to meet the green space needs of two neighborhoods, but its location is challenging and it will always be impacted by the transportation infrastructure of Bloomfield Bridge. This site should be considered in conjunction with Sullivan Park, which is more suitable for passive recreation.
- Secure the steep public land south of Sassafras Street and develop a trail connection from Bloomfield Park to Sullivan Park.
- Address issues of park identification and visibility.

- Implement treatments under the Bloomfield Bridge to enhance linkages between the two sides of the park and make this space less of a barrier.
- Reconfigure the parking to create a visible park entry and recapture space for recreation.

Fifty-Seventh Street Park

Fifty-Seventh Street Park (2.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Upper Lawrenceville (15201) at the intersection of 57th and Harrison Streets. It has a play area, basketball court, and ball field. The park is quite close to the river, but an industrial building (Allegheny Cold Storage) lies between the park and river. Although identified and used as a City park, it is currently owned by Sunoco.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE or INVEST

- In the long term, a riverfront site should be secured in the area that includes neighborhood park space to serve this area of Lawrenceville. If a riverfront park is not feasible in Lawrenceville, then a neighborhood park more central to residential areas should be secured. When redevelopment is proposed, park space meeting neighborhood park guidelines should be reserved.
- In the short term, invest in Fifty-Seventh Street Park. Remove fencing, integrate the areas outside the field into a more cohesive park space. Reduce paving and add trees. Consider reducing the size of the parking lot, as the peak park and field use times occur after business hours for the surrounding industrial uses. Alternative parking should be available on the street or through arrangements with other property owners.

Frank Curto Park

Frank Curto Park (7.2 ac.) is located in the Strip District neighborhood (15222) off Bigelow Boulevard. It has no amenities, but is home to a collection of sculptures. The flat lawn space has a pathway and a view of the opposing riverbank. There is no surrounding neighborhood for this park, as it is cut off from residential areas by steep slopes and transportation infrastructure.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Redesignate this site as a beautification area. This park exists as an area seen by thousands of motorists per day along Bigelow Boulevard, and it primarily is an overlook.
- Create better automobile access to the park to highlight the sculptures in the park and encourage use of it as an overlook to the Strip District and the Northside.
- Connect this park to West Penn Park and Ammon Park through trails and steps to encourage use by the neighborhoods.

Leslie Park

Leslie Park (6.0 ac.) is located in the Central Lawrenceville neighborhood (15201) adjacent to historic Allegheny Cemetery. It consists of a play area, basketball court, two lighted ball fields, and closed pool. The western portion of the site is shared with the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania, which occupies about an acre of the site with a building they operate.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Remove the closed pool structure.
- Redevelop the site in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club. Address the terracing and create outdoor areas with better linkages to the well-used Boys & Girls Club. Improve visibility to and from Butler Street.
- Reconfigure the site to provide greater flexibility of use. Relocate (and reduce the amount of) the parking, which bisects the site and forms one of the terraces. Consider reconfiguring the fields for greater flexibility.
- Reduce the amount of fencing at the park.
- Upgrade and expand the play area, but not necessarily in its current location – Relocate it if the site redesign identifies a better location.
- Consider a community garden at this location.

Sullivan Park

Sullivan Park (3.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Lower Lawrenceville (15201) at Liberty Avenue and 36th Street. The site contains a lighted ball field and parking lot.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Connect Sullivan Park to Bloomfield Park by a trail along the steep hillside. See Bloomfield Park recommendations.
- Re-envision this park, eliminating the ballfield and developing the site to be an urban neighborhood park with more passive space and neighborhood park features. Add trees that will mature to a large size.
- Make use of the existing ashlar block retaining walls, but enhance pedestrian connections around the perimeter of the park. Provide pedestrian connections from all sides.
- Develop a visually prominent park entry from Liberty Avenue.
- Reduce or eliminate on-site parking.
- Consider public art treatments along the street frontage of the substation to the east of the park to enhance the appearance of this facility (Seattle’s public art program has included substation treatments). Alternatively, provide screening at the east end of the park.

Sector 14 - Oakland

Oakland is home to five neighborhood parks (4.6 ac.). Schenley Park forms the east boundary of the sector, and the University of Pittsburgh is located within this area. Oakland is a high density area with very little available land, though parks are needed.

Table G16: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 14- Oakland

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Central Oakland Neighborhood							
Boundary St. Park	0.5	•			•		•
South Oakland Neighborhood							
Frazier Park	3.4			•			
Lawn and Ophelia Park	0.4	•					•
Niagara Park	0.2		•				
West Oakland Neighborhood							
Dunseith Park (Shalane's Play Yard)	0.1		•				
Total	4.6						

Boundary St. Park

Boundary St. Park (0.5 ac.) is located in Central Oakland (15213) off Boundary Street. The park has a play area and hockey deck. The park is separated somewhat from the surrounding neighborhood due to topography, and it is near some of the steep hillsides of Schenley Park.

Recommendation:

RELOCATE, DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Enhance (E2)

- This location is isolated from the nearby dense Oakland neighborhood due to its being in the Four Mile Run valley; therefore, the park does not serve much of the surrounding neighborhood, and there are only 15 or so houses on Boundary Street.
- Relocate the neighborhood park to another site: the Zulema passive area (0.7 ac.), designated as a beautification area, offers an alternative location that is better suited to serve more of the neighborhood. The Zulema site would require streetscape treatments to reduce the impacts of the surrounding major streets to be able to develop it as an attractive, urban neighborhood park.
- Divest the site if an alternate owner can be found. If divestment is not possible, naturalize the site.

Dunseith Park (Shalane's Play Yard)

Dunseith Park (Shalane's Play Yard) (0.1 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of West Oakland (15213) on Dunseith Street. It consists of a play area and a small grassy area separated from the play area with a fence. The site was dedicated in 2010 to Shalane Graham, a 20 year old who was gunned down in her

home in 2008. She grew up in the neighborhood, and the playground was replaced and updated as part of the dedication as Shalane's Play Yard.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Formally rename the park to Shalane's Play Yard.
- Add more neighborhood park features to the site, including trees. Eliminate fencing to provide better access. Consider community gardens if there is interest from nearby neighbors.
- Additional locations should be investigated to provide open space and a variety of recreation experiences in the dense neighborhood of West Oakland.
 - A review of two plus year tax delinquent property reveals a group of vacant parcels along Burrows just south of Dunbar before Burrows bends west: 11-H-48, 11-H-49, 11-H-50, 11-H-51, 11-H-52, 11-H-53, 11-H-54, 11-H-56, and 11-H-57.

Frazier Park

Frazier Park (3.4 ac.) is located in South Oakland (15213) off Frazier Street. It has a play area, basketball court, and a lighted ball field.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Located on the fringe of the neighborhood, Frazier Park serves a high-density area without access to any other park (Schenley & Niagara Parks are 1/2 mile away). The park is currently dominated by the field, with very little space devoted to flexible neighborhood uses. As such the park does not function as a neighborhood park but a fenced off ball field. In order to serve this neighborhood, redevelop the park and relocate the ball field (or reduce its formality and footprint).
- Eliminate fencing, provide better access into the site and stronger connections to the neighborhood including pedestrian access traversing the hillside from Whitney.

Lawn and Ophelia Park

Lawn and Ophelia Park (0.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of South Oakland (15213) at the intersection of Lawn and Ophelia Street. It consists of a play area that is adjacent to a Hwy 885 off ramp.

Recommendation:

DIVEST or NATURALIZE

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S2)

- Focus investment at Niagara Park, and create better pedestrian connections from this area of South Oakland to Niagara Park.
- Due to its zoning (RIA-VH) and the development pressure in Oakland, it may be possible to market this site for the construction of townhouses. If an alternate owner cannot be secured, the site should be naturalized.

Niagara Park

Niagara Park (0.2 ac.) is located in South Oakland (15213) at the corner of Craft Avenue and Niagara Street. It has a play area and a half-court basketball court and sitting area arranged in a half circle facing Niagara St.

Recommendation:**INVEST**

- Invest in improvements at Niagara Park. Remove fencing, enhance the play area including providing shaded seating. Green the site and add more neighborhood park features.

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Sector 15 - Hill District & Uptown

The Hill District & Uptown has nine neighborhood parks (41.1 ac.) two of which—Cliffside Park (1.1 ac.) and Martin Luther King Field (3.5 ac.)— were discussed in the earlier section on equity. This area lacks a community park. Either Ammon Park or Kennard Park should be redesignated as a Community Park to serve the Hill. During 2009, the Hill District & Uptown area conducted an extensive planning process aimed at connecting this community to the rivers and greater Pittsburgh. The results of this planning effort are articulated the planning document, *The Hill: A Village in the Woods Conceptual Plan*, Sept. 2009. This document, also referred to as the Green Print, aims to connect and strengthen the social ties of the Hill District with the greater Pittsburgh area.

Table G17: Project List for Neighborhood Parks Sector 15- Hill District & Uptown

Neighborhood Park	Acres	Divest	Invest	Redevelop	Relocate	Expand	Naturalize
Bedford Dwellings Neighborhood							
Ammon Park	8.1			•			
Bluff Neighborhood							
Tustin Park	0.1				•	•	
Crawford-Roberts Neighborhood							
Albert "Turk" Graham Park	0.4		•				
Cliffside Park	1.1			•	•		
Granville Park	0.6	•				•	
Middle Hill Neighborhood							
Vincennes Park	1.6		•				
Terrace Village Neighborhood							
Kennard Park	13.4			•			
Martin Luther King Park	3.5						•
Upper Hill Neighborhood							
Robert E. Williams (Herron Hill) Park	12.3		•				
Total	41.1						

Albert “Turk” Graham Park

Albert “Turk” Graham Park (0.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Crawford-Roberts (15219) on the corner of Vine Street and Foreside Place. The site has play area accessible with crosswalks going across both bordering streets.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Implement the Hill District Green Print recommendations to make the park edges and access to the park permeable; remove fencing.
- Add trees and plantings to green the site above the retaining walls. Replace unusable turf with another type of vegetation.
- If opportunities to expand the site arise (such as incorporating the parking lot to the northeast or a portion of the church site to the south), they should be pursued. Alternatively, if the parking lot across Vine Street becomes available, this park should be expanded if possible.

Ammon Park

Ammon Park (8.1 ac.) is located in the Bedford Dwellings neighborhood (15219). It consists of a pool, play area, tennis court, two basketball courts, and two ball fields. Access and visibility into the park from the street is difficult with the recreation center, swimming pool and Macedonia Baptist Church fronting on Bedford Ave.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- Implement the Hill District Green Print recommendations, including
 - Add vegetation to create a more park-like setting.
 - Add garden plots and green courtyards.
 - Add a running track.
- Determine whether Ammon or Kennard Park should be redesignated as a community park, through a neighborhood outreach process. If Ammon Park is preferred by local residents as the community park site, significant reconfiguring is needed to increase access. If Kennard is preferred as a community park site because of its larger area, the facility investments at Ammon should be refocused there.
- The main entry should be developed from Memory Lane, with wayfinding features added near the intersection of Memory Lane/Kirkpatrick/Bedford.
- Remove fencing. Upgrade and expand the play area, and consider moving it to a more visible location.
- Consider eliminating one of the ball fields, or reconfiguring the fields to provide more flexible use space.
- Develop pathway linkages to the hillside open space.

Granville Park

Granville Park (0.6 ac.) is located in the Crawford-Roberts neighborhood (15219) at the corner of Enoch and Granville Streets. It is near the Ozanam Cultural Center. The site has a play area and a basketball court with bleachers.

Recommendation:

EXPAND or DIVEST

PGHSnap Action Planning Strategy: Stabilize (S3)

- Granville Park is centrally located in the neighborhood, between Cliffside and Albert “Turk” Graham Parks. If the neighborhood opts to relocate neighborhood park facilities from Cliffside Park,

Granville Park could be expanded onto property across Enoch Street or onto other adjacent properties. The site should be upgraded, with trees and other greening incorporated throughout the site. A greater diversity of neighborhoods should be incorporated.

- If the neighborhood opts to retain Cliffside Park as a location for neighborhood park features, the walkshed for Granville Park would be duplicate with that of Cliffside, Ammon, and Albert “Turk” Graham Parks. The property, particularly with the Ozanam Center and other URA / City property, could be part of a 2.5 acre site for development that is adjacent to other development projects in the Hill District, as well as being adjacent to an Enhance (E1) strategy under PGHSNAP Action Planning

Kennard Park

Kennard Park (13.4 ac.) is located in the neighborhood of Terrace Village (15219) and accessed at the corner of Reed and Kirkpatrick Streets. It has a play area, tennis court, four basketball courts, and a ball field. The surrounding neighborhood is primarily low density residential. Kennard Park is an option for conversion to a community park, if the neighborhood prefers this site to Ammon Park.

Recommendation:

REDEVELOP

- This park has the size and facilities to be redesigned and improved to serve the functions of a community park for the Hill District, if visibility were improved and passive space were developed.
- Improve visibility and connections to the surrounding community to enhance the perception of safety – the park feels very isolated from the community. Regrade the area of the park near the Kirkpatrick/Reed intersection, creating a more prominent entry with views into the site. Initiate the pedestrian pathway system from this corner. Enhance the edge along Reed to provide views into the park.
- Create a secondary pedestrian entrance from Bentley Drive, linking this entrance to the park’s pedestrian pathway system.
- Incorporate the Hill District Green Print recommendations:
 - Add vegetation in the form of garden plots to Kirkpatrick Street
 - Add tree canopy along Center Avenue.
 - Add soccer fields to the south end of the park space.

Robert E. Williams (Herron Hill) Park

Robert E. Williams Park, also known as Herron Hill Park (12.3 ac.) is located in the Upper Hill (15219) neighborhood off Milwaukee and Adelaide Streets. It has a play area and a full basketball court. It is in a residential neighborhood at the top of the hill, and the site contains a reservoir.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- Rename the park to Herron Hill Park, acknowledging the District’s identification of the park.
- Enhance the pathway system in the park that traverses the hillsides.
- Develop picnic facilities to take advantage of the excellent views afforded by this site.

- Implement the recommendations of the Hill District Green to the extent PWSA will allow to increase activity around the reservoir, and add vegetation along Milwaukee, Camp and Adelaide Streets.
- Plant a new generation of trees.
- Upgrade the playground and neighborhood park features.
- Consider vegetation and landscape treatments that don't require regular mowing. Much of the turf at Herron Hill Park is unusable due to slopes.

Tustin Park

Tustin Park (0.1 ac.) is located in the Bluff neighborhood (15219) off Tustin Street between Jumonville and Seneca Streets and has play area. This is the only site functioning as a park in the eastern area of the Bluff neighborhood and was not included within the Green Print study area. The surrounding neighborhood is a mix of uses at a high or moderate density.

Recommendation:

EXPAND or RELOCATE

- Tustin Park is quite small. The park should be expanded or relocated so it can provide the full range of neighborhood park experiences. There are a variety of vacant, tax delinquent and city owned properties nearby that could be assembled to create a larger park around existing Tustin Park or at another location central to the neighborhood.
- Once the site is determined, the expanded or relocated Tustin Park should be developed to meet neighborhood park design guidelines.

Vincennes Park

Vincennes Park (1.6 ac.) is located in the Middle Hill neighborhood (15219) off Wandless Street. It has a play area and a basketball court. The facilities are set back on the property out of view of the street and on the upland part of the lot.

Recommendation:

INVEST

- As this area of the hill is reinvented, a neighborhood park site will need to be identified.
- If this site remains a neighborhood park location:
 - Reorient the park to Wandless Street, and create an entrance as recommended in the Hill District Green Print.
 - Close the dead-end access into the park along the Corbin right-of-way and develop this as part of the park site.
 - Create an entryway off the Crockett Way right-of-way connecting the park on both end of the street.
 - Pedestrian entries could also be created off Hollace Street (10-D-284) and Wylie Avenue (10-D-282) using city-owned properties.
 - Regrade the site to enhance views into it and encourage access.
 - Add trees and a looped pathway system throughout the park.
 - Expand the site if the opportunity arises.

Sector 16 - Downtown Pittsburgh

Downtown Pittsburgh has no neighborhood parks, but has two community parks (Market Square Park and Mellon Square Park), discussed in the Community Parks section of this document. There are also a number of small squares and public plazas provided throughout the sector as a result of land use requirements.

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