



THE FIELDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Design Principles

The following design principles have been established to guide the realization of The Fields Neighborhood Park:

Civic Purpose

The Fields Neighborhood Park will be an important addition to Portland's significant parks legacy. As such, it will be expected to fulfill the requirements of its neighborhood as well as to contribute to a higher civic purpose for the City. This might include such things as space for visual or performing arts, for community-building activities and visual/physical access to the Willamette River.

Connectivity

The Fields is a pivotal site. Connections to and through the Park are critically important as is a physical connection to the River as defined in the Framework Plan. These connections will serve both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Spatial Counterpoint

The Park is intended as a spatial counterpoint to the dense urban landscape surrounding it. A predominance of unstructured open space will provide opportunities for play and recreation for a broad population of users.

History Revealed

Both the natural and cultural history of the site will be expressed in the Park design. Stream hydrology, forests, river edge industry and the railroad network are appropriate sources of design inspiration. These elements will establish an authentic sense of place.

Design Simplicity

The site designated for the Park is relatively small and its design must be extremely simple if it is to retain an open character. A simple design will be a flexible design that will accommodate a rich diversity of program uses. The Framework Plan will be a guide to clarity of the Park design.

Sustainable Urbanism

A green 'infrastructure' is soul of a healthy city. The Fields Neighborhood Park will complete an important link in Portland's green infrastructure and will establish a metric for the realization and ongoing stewardship of sustainable urban open space in the Pacific Northwest.