



## PLAYGROUND OF DREAMS REBUILD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY IS THE PLAYGROUND OF DREAMS BEING REBUILT?

The Playground of Dreams is almost 18 years old. Recognizing the community's passionate desire to preserve it from deterioration, a contractor was hired to complete a condition assessment. The report found even excessive repairs would likely not significantly extend the playground's usability. Renovation is the most fiscally responsible option.

### WILL THE CURRENT PLAYGROUND BE TORN DOWN?

YES, the existing structure will be removed and replaced with up-to-date playground materials that meet the new safety requirements and are environmentally friendly. However, many key themes from the current playground will be preserved, such as the Cable Bridge, hydroplane and crane. Interactive play items and accessibility remain a priority.

City Council realizes that the Playground of Dreams is an iconic part of the City and will ensure that this is not lost and will be improved upon. In the end, the landmark playground will be improved with many new features.

### WILL TAX PAYER DOLLARS BE USED FOR THIS PROJECT?

The funding strategy for the Playground of Dreams project includes public tax dollars, pledged donations, and sponsorships. City funds allocated to renovate the playground will be combined with the remaining pledged donations from the 2004 playground rebuild. A sponsorship campaign will offer several contribution levels, such as title and component levels, to continue legacy opportunities for community involvement.

**Title Example:** Acme Construction Playground of Dreams

**Component Example:** Kidz Place Boutique Little Tot Play Area



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE PICKETS? HOW WILL PAST DONORS BE RECOGNIZED?

Recognition of past donors, sponsors and volunteers will be incorporated into the design of the rebuilt Playground of Dreams.

## WHAT WILL THE NEW PLAYGROUND OFFER?

The renovated playground will incorporate 3 types of play:

**Structured Play** – Involves following the rules or instructions to reach a particular goal. Example: Cross the Cable Bridge and go down a slide.

**Unstructured Play** – Unlimited possibilities that are creative and improvised with no set goals. Example: Multiple routes to climb up or around a Badger Mountain rope climb.

**Inclusive Play** – A sensory-rich environment where children of all abilities can interact with each other while developing essential physical, social, and cognitive skills and do what all kids want to do:

Play!

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