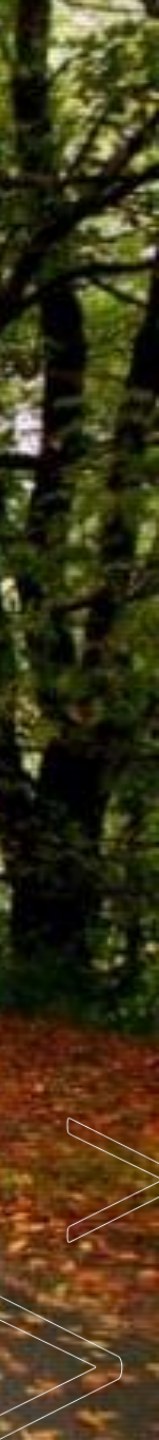


▼ *The City of Niles
Park Department Strategic Plan
Waddell Park Improvement Grant*

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- Beginning with Community Input:
 - Continued community meetings and the completion of the public park survey allows for The City of Niles to build its vision around community interests.

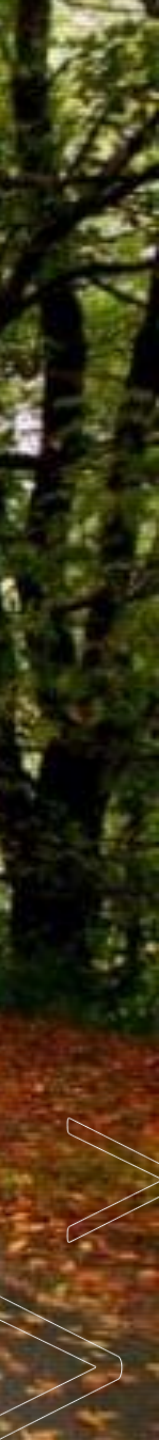


Where Are We Going Tomorrow:

- The City of Niles will examine demographics and trends, analyze survey results, analyze the overall fiscal state, and develop a capital improvement plan to beautify Waddell Park.

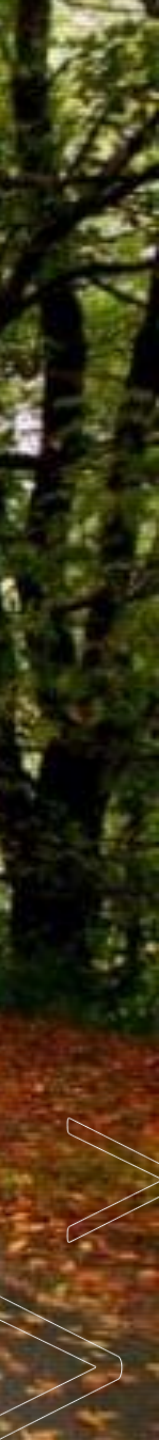
▸ How Do We Get There:

- With being awarded state grant dollars and exploring funding and revenue streams, The City of Niles will begin to implement a strategic action plan that allows for our community's interests and the Park Department's goals to come into fruition...



▸ Vision:

- The following vision presents how the Niles Park Department desires to be viewed in the future: We will provide engagement experiences through quality parks, recreation facilities and programs.

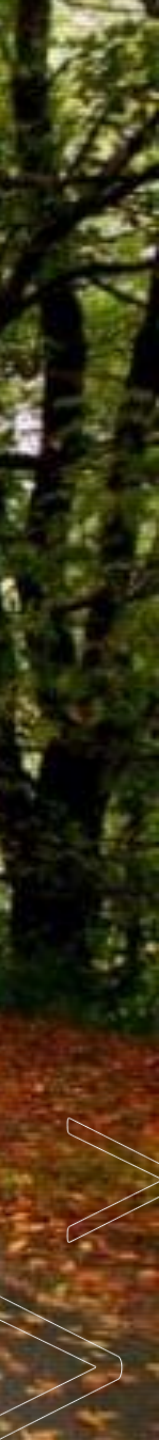


▸ Mission:

- The following is the mission for how the Niles Park Department will implement the vision: Our mission is to provide the City of Niles with an enhanced park system in the most cost-effective manner supported through reliable and sustainable funding sources that will contribute to the quality of life and economic vitality of the city.

▀ Waddell Park Public Interest Survey:

- Allocation of funding for Waddell Park improvements will reflect 446 survey responses, which indicates the ideal vision of Waddell Park. This includes responses such as: walking trails, a dog park, maintenance and clean-up, restroom facilities, benches, pavilions, playground and equipment upgrades, sports fields, bike trails and art. The comments also indicated that a water feature would be preferred in Waddell Park. The Niles Park Director, in consultation with local Military Units will look to demolish the current pool building in 2019, with hopes to fund a splashpad project on that site, in the year 2020. After ongoing discussion and data analysis, with The Niles Park Department, The Niles Park Board, and City Officials it has been determined that this plan would meet the wants and needs of the community in the most fiscally responsible and transparent manner.

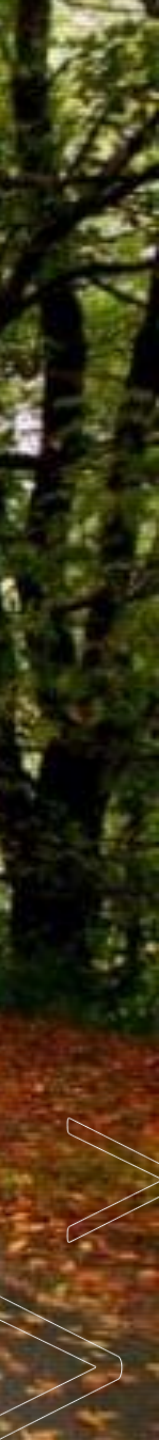


▸ Waddell Park Improvement Grant:

- Up to three cost estimates shall be provided for each category. This, to accurately reflect figures shown below and to promote transparency related to expenditures throughout the Waddell Park Grant Improvement process.

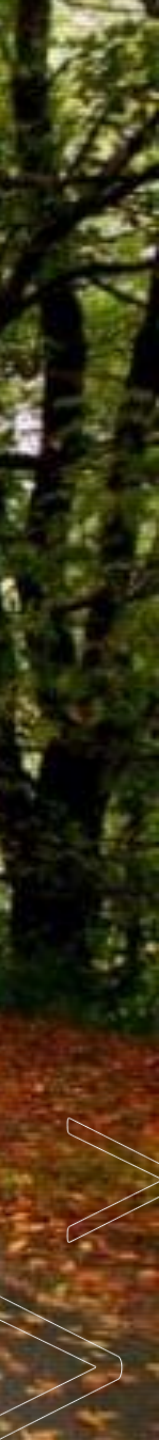
Walking/Hiking Trail:

- The Niles Park Department will create a walking/hiking trail within Waddell Park for outdoor enjoyment and exercise. With minimal cost, using City owned recycled wood chips and in-house labor, the Niles Park Department will construct and replenish the trail with minimal future upkeep. This will include signage, trash receptacles and benches along the trail.
- EST. COST: \$1,000.00



▸ Dog Park:

- The Niles Park Department will create a pet-friendly environment with minor refurbishing of existing areas within Waddell Park. The dog park will include seating, fencing, signage, a dog waste station, trees, agility stations and a watering area. This will provide an area where community members can let their dogs run free.
- EST. COST: \$4,000.00



▸ Maintenance:

- The Niles Park Department will maintain its current infrastructure with preventive maintenance, allowing for a safe and extended life expectancy of the parking lot within Waddell Park. This will include cleaning, crack filling, sealing and restriping the parking lot at the Niles Wellness Center located within Waddell Park. The Niles Park Department will use leftover street grindings to level the base of the large pavilion parking lot with little overhead cost.
- EST. COST: \$6,000.00

Facilities:

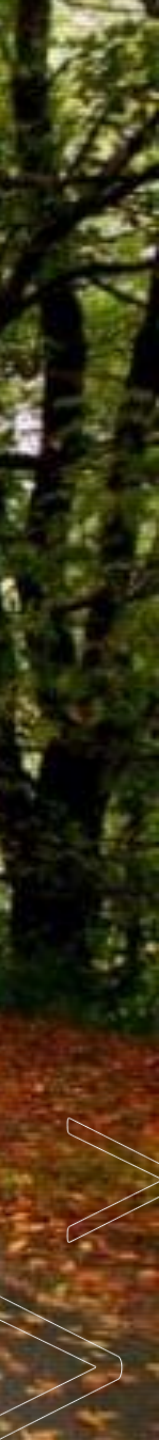
- The Niles Park Department will ensure the availability of clean, appealing and safe facilities throughout Waddell Park. Rental areas of concern include the cabin, large and small pavilions. Stripping and painting the cabin floor, along with the interior walls will allow for more of a welcoming feel. Safer, efficient appliances (Stove/Refrigerator) will allow for a more diverse setting when renting the facility. Also included will be painting both the large and small pavilions, removal of graffiti and painting of picnic tables, as well as replacing the metal trim around the façade of the structures to provide for a more aesthetically pleasing park atmosphere.
- EST. COST: \$14,000.00

Equipment:

- The Niles Park Department will create a more diverse setting with the addition of an inclusive play area, which will meet ADA standards, allowing children with disabilities to access playground equipment in an independent, safe and comfortable setting.
- The Park Director will seek additional grant dollars for this project from local organizations.
- EST. COST: \$16,000.00

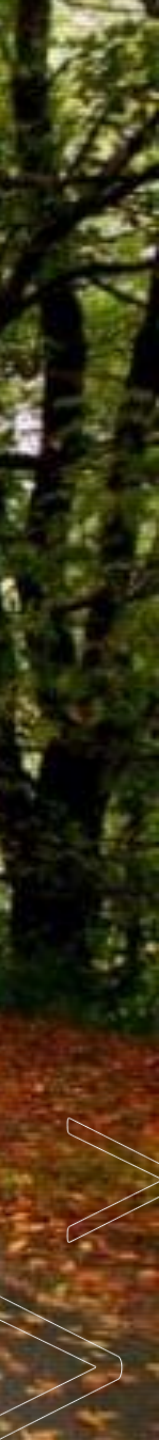
▸ Park Safety:

- The Niles Park Department will provide visitors with a safe park atmosphere, in which modern technology will assist local law enforcement in policing Waddell Park. With the installation of surveillance cameras and signage, the Niles Park Department will strive for a safe haven throughout park grounds for children, adults and family's enjoying park amenities.
- The Park Director will seek additional grant dollars for this project.
- EST. COST: \$6,500.00



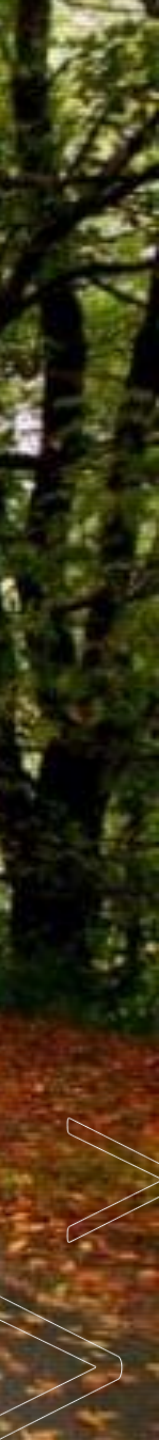
Playground:

- The Niles Park Department will include fall zone material within the Waddell Park playground area. This will allow for adequate safety matting and prevent the risk of injury, in the event a child should fall while on the playground. It is recommended that fall zone surfaces be made of mulch, wood fibers, sand, pea gravel, shredded tires or rubber mats, should be at least 10 inches deep and replenished frequently.
- EST. COST: \$7,500.00



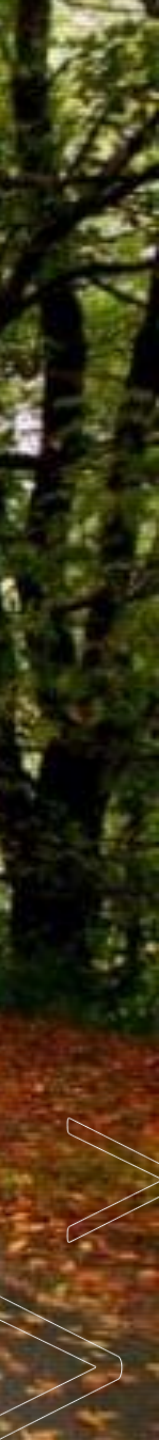
Recreation:

- The Niles Park Department will create an eighteen (18) hole disc golf course throughout Waddell Park. The course will include multiple tee positions and multiple target positions to cater to players of different ability levels, allowing for both children, adults and families to utilize this fast-growing amenity. The Niles Park Department will also look to establish league play with this addition to Waddell Park as a new source of revenue.
- EST. COST: \$9,500.00



▸ Landscaping:

- The Niles Park Department will beautify the Waddell Park grounds, using park department labor in an effort to keep costs to a minimum. To create a more welcoming and appealing image, the Niles Park Department will enhance each entrance area, the wellness center frontage, and promote a “green” environment with the addition of newly planted trees throughout Waddell Park.
- EST. COST: \$3,000.00



▶ TOTAL EST. COST:
\$67,500.00

- The Niles Park Department will accept local donations and allow for sponsorship opportunities for equipment, facilities, trees, benches, disc golf holes, etc. in an effort to supplement grant funding and promote local organizations.

- ▶ The purpose of this presentation is to present strategies and tactics on how to implement funding for Waddell Park. Although a limited funding source may not recognize every interest, the Niles Park Department will work to recognize these interests in the future.



Project Scope Summary

Project	Budget	Commence	Complete	Appropriation Year
Hiking Trail	\$1,000.00	November	December	2018
Dog Park	\$4,000.00	December	May	2018
Maintenance	\$6,000.00	April	April	2019
Facilities	\$14,000.00	January	April	2019
Equipment	\$16,000.00	May	June	2019
Park Safety	\$6,500.00	November	April	2018
Playground	\$7,500.00	April	May	2019
Recreation	\$9,500.00	April	May	2019
Landscaping	\$3,000.00	May	May	2019
	\$67,500.00			

Total Amount	Appropriation Year
\$11,500.00	2018
\$56,000.00	2019