

Central Park

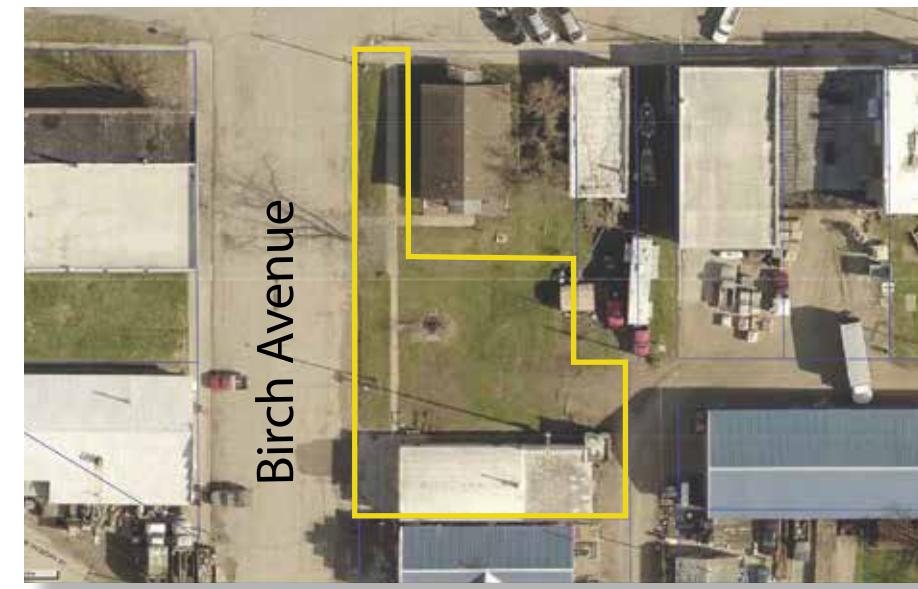
To support outdoor activity and increased use of the downtown area the design team created a concept for city-owned land by the old fire station. This area has been preliminarily named "Central Park" to convey the thought that it could become an extension of the downtown to host outdoor community events. The site is currently an open grass field and is easily accessed from Birch Avenue and three alleyways.

The central feature of the park is a low-rise stage and outdoor movie screen or solid white wall. Situated along the wall of the old fire station these two elements facilitate a variety of possible uses including art festivals, summer movie nights, Garrison Fun Days, and impromptu performances.

In the proposed concept, the alleyway from Main Street to the park would be converted to a pedestrian-only walkway, shown in conceptual photo edit 8. The walkway is proposed to be constructed of permeable paving; wall-mounted lights would light the walkway and low-growing plantings would provide year-round interest. The remaining alleyways allow vehicular traffic. For the safety of pedestrian users, collapsible bollards would be placed to prevent motorists from using the alleyways. These bollards could be lowered for emergency vehicles or in other authorized situations.

To protect the private property north of the park, the design team proposes a perennial border with decorative fencing. This adds to the aesthetics of the park while defining the public edge of the area. The permeable paving of the alleyway path is proposed to continue into and through the park, where it transitions into a plaza area. Along the paving within the park is path lighting in a style to complement the pedestrian and wall-mounted lights. The path lighting allows for the area to remain safe at night, but does not interfere with any nighttime events that may be happening.

The widened sidewalk and defined parking along Birch Avenue provides greater accessibility to all users. Site furnishing throughout the park are envisioned to include decorative bike racks that can function as art, a water station, bike repair station, accent plantings, benches and trash receptacles.



Existing aerial of Central Park location with lot lines.

Call-out Legend

- ① Planting Area
- ② Maintained Lawn
- ③ Permeable Paving
- ④ Outdoor Movie Screen
- ⑤ Bike Racks
- ⑥ Decorative Perimeter Fence
- ⑦ Collapsible Bollards
- ⑧ Stage With Steps



Conceptual plan of Central Park.



Existing image of Central Park location.



Existing image of alleyway from downtown.



Conceptual sketch of the proposed Central Park with only hardscape feature shown.



Conceptual photo edit 8.

Garrison Central Park

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