



### Existing Site Photos



Existing playground, erosion patterns



Existing site access, undersized grass swale



Existing basketball court and green space



### Proposed City Park Perspective

#### City Park Improvements

City Park a great asset to the community of Massena. It is currently utilized for public events and gatherings, community recreation, and by the adjacent school on a daily basis. The park has significant grade change along with erosion from the existing run-off patterns. The concept plan proposes reconfiguring existing programmed uses, modifications to the existing drainage ditches, and redefining programmed space to function in concert with the current community usage.

Improvements to the park include: reconfiguration of programmed elements and regrading of portions of the park to provide accessible routes, improved stormwater

management systems, relocated basketball court, new open green space for multi-use, new nature play area, relocated outdoor exercise stations, accessible routes to the existing shelters, and selective removal and replanting of the existing trees.

The primary entrance to the park from the school will be realigned to allow ease of access and create bioretention cells for stormwater to collect and infiltrate from one bioretention cell to another along the eastern edge of the park. Managing stormwater in City Park will provide additional benefits downhill for residents of Massena and reduce the extensive erosion taking place due to the speed the water is moving along Spruce Street and through the grass swales currently in place.

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