

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Parents
Tama parents enjoy going to Oak Park with their kids to use the playground and baseball diamonds. Parents want more sidewalks throughout town and better connections to the park and aquatic center.

Mobility Challenged
Mobility-challenged people in Tama find it difficult to enjoy the existing amenities at Oak Park such as the shelter, picnic tables, baseball field and sand volleyball courts which are not updated per current codes and standards.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE

"More Physical Activity Opportunities"

Parents
Kids
Active Adults
According to the Tama Priorities, community members identified More Physical Activity Opportunities as one of the third most important Transportation Enhancement Issues. The existing recreation opportunities at Oak Park are out of date and in poor shape, but a revitalized park for both Tama children and parents could be a huge potential asset for both Tama and Toledo communities. The Design Concept for Oak Park features a renovated play area, a bandshell for community gatherings and events, a dog park for residents to safely let their pets off-leash, and a skate park for older children that currently have little to no recreational opportunities.

"Better Pedestrian Connections"

Parents
Kids
Active Adults
According to the Tama Priorities, residents felt that better pedestrian connections was the third most important Transportation Enhancement Issue. Both concepts provide safe crossing across both streets by providing crosswalks, slowing traffic, and shortening the distance for pedestrians to cross. The proposed sidewalks along both State Street and McClellan Street will help to provide a more complete pedestrian network, and address the many comments and concerns from Tama and Toledo parents about the unsafe walking conditions for children trying to get to either the Tama Toledo Family Aquatic Center as well as Oak Park.

"More Accessibility for Seniors"

Mobility Challenged
The Tama Priorities also identified lack of access for seniors and the mobility challenged as a Transportation Enhancement Issue. To satisfy this concern, existing facilities such as the bathrooms and playgrounds will be updated per ADA standards to allow for increased access.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



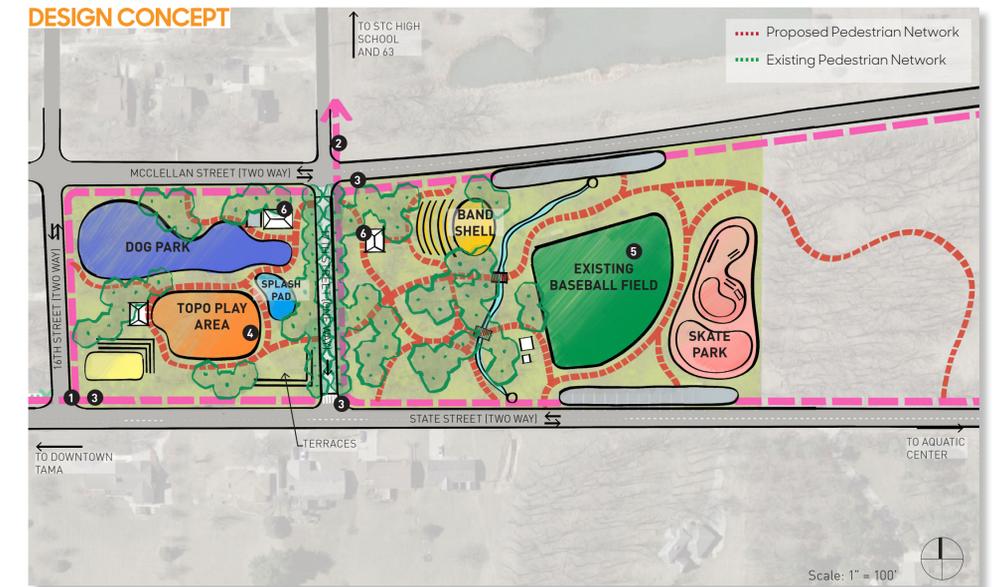
Issues and opportunities include:

- Facilities are outdated and no longer meet current codes or safety requirements (ADA, ASTM, CPSC, etc.).
- There have been regular maintenance complaints about the existing bathrooms.
- The sidewalk and pedestrian connection ends at 16th Street, allowing for safe pedestrian access to Oak Park from the south, but there is no connection to Toledo to the north.
- Plenty of space for programming opportunities on the site.
- Large, mature shade trees create opportunities for trails and passive recreation opportunities.
- Topography on the south half of the park creates interesting opportunities for play and activities.
- The planning team heard a desire for a skate park, playground, band shell, and improved bathrooms for this site.

EXISTING CONDITIONS PHOTOS:



DESIGN CONCEPT



LEGEND:

- 1 New Asphalt Sidewalk - Connection to provide direct pedestrian route to park site from Tama, and create stronger connection to Aquatic Center
- 2 Road Diet - Convert 17th Street into a one-way street to limit traffic and increase pedestrian safety. See concepts for 17th Street for more information on proposed ideas.
- 3 Crosswalk - Ladder style painted crosswalks to enhance safety, prioritize pedestrians, and emphasize pedestrian network and connections.
- 4 Playground - Replace existing playground with new topography-based, nature-themed playground that celebrates the sites unique characteristics
- 5 Existing Baseball Field - Maintain existing baseball field with minor upgrades to sod, backstop, bases, dugouts, and seating.
- 6 Field house - Construct new field house with restrooms, concessions, storage, and multi-purpose space to support park and community uses.



Tama
Oak Park

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