

PURPOSE

Project includes the renovation and accessible upgrades to the existing park pavilion. Adjacent site improvements include:

- **ACCESSIBLE WALKS TO PAVILION.** The existing asphalt drive is closed to vehicular traffic and is the predominant north-south pedestrian walkway through the park. New walkways will provide barrier free access from the asphalt walk to the pavilion and adjacent site amenities.
- **SPLASHPAD.** Envisioned as a memorial to Markiya Dickson who was shot and killed in the park in 2019. The splashpad will be part of the Markiya Dickson Imagination Zone that includes the newly installed playground equipment. The design of the splashpad takes inspiration from the pinwheels that were part of temporary memorial at the time of her vigil. The overall color palette ties together the pavilion exterior paint colors, the new playground equipment, new park signage and Markiya’s favorite color, pink. The splashpad will be constructed using a variety of ground-mounted nozzles, creating an interactive experience on a timed cycle that celebrates Markiya’s love of song and dance. The splashpad will not have any overhead sprayers or structures due to the Parks & Recreation’s maintenance requirements. As an independent system (not connected with a community swimming pool), the splashpad will be open dawn to dusk and will be operated using a push button or motion sensor at the pavilion.
- **SITE FURNISHINGS:** Site furnishings include drinking fountain, benches, bike racks, and trash/recycling receptacles. Site furnishings are to match others recently installed in city parks.
- **PLANTING:** New planting includes native flowering redbuds trees which bloom in Markiya’s favorite color.
- **EXISTING PAVILION:** Renovations to the existing pavilion structure include remediation of lead based paint present, updating the existing exterior and bathroom spaces to make it ADA compliant, upgrading the interior bathroom fixtures, and updating the existing window openings.

BACKGROUND

A master plan was completed in 2019 for the park. Although the splashpad location is not in the exact location of the master plan, it is in keeping with the program intent and adjacencies of the long-range plan. The splashpad is located directly adjacent to the pavilion to take advantage of the water, sanitary and power utilities already available in that area.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** The Parks Department has presented the concept design to the community during the September Friends of Fonticello meeting and was met with enthusiasm. A second meeting to present design development will occur prior to the November 20 UDC meeting.
- **ESTIMATED START DATE:** Spring 2024
- **APPROXIMATE BUDGET:** Parks and Recreation has allocated \$750,000 for total park improvements. This project is part of that overall budget.