



Waterfall & Brown Parks

merriam, kansas

What We Heard

What makes a great park?

- Surprise - things you stumble upon
- Nature / Wildlife
- Time with children
- Themes (playgrounds, etc.)
- Park is a destination
- Family oriented
- Represents the place
- Intimate spaces
- Park has structure / character
- Multi-Functional spaces
- Elements are grouped
- Fulfills a need for the community
- Safe and secure
- Maintained
- Provides economic development (increased property values)

Waterfall Park:

- Nature park – fun and relaxing
- Railroad is important historical feature
- Make waterfall feature
- Keep green frontage on Merriam Drive
- Enterprise would like access
- Multi-use play fields (well maintained)
- Improve detention area – make a statement (wetland, wet-meadow, pond)
- Group like facilities (fields, playground, shelter, etc.)
- Trails, trails, trails – loops
- Playgrounds / sprayground
- Good security
- Restroom(s)

Brown Park:

- Provide for facilities/events that make park more active (neighbor use)
- Park used for art shows
- Interactive water feature would be nice
- Security (lighting, visibility, patrol)
- Parking lot in bad location
- Need parking near playground
- Add picnic shelter
- Education of history of park
- Maintain neighborhood focus
- Outdoor events (music, movies, etc.)
- Practice fields at north end
- Basketball in wrong place and not full court (not used much)
- Tennis rarely used, but should stay
- Lease property to west
- Re-create connection to neighborhood to west (up hill)