

Indian Spring Terrace Local Park Playground Renovation

Community Meeting: November 16, 2023



Welcome/ Team Introductions

- M-NCPPC (Montgomery Parks)
 - Park Development Division
 - Public Affairs and Community Partnerships
 - Park Management Southern Region
 - Playground Safety Inspector

Housekeeping

This presentation recording will be posted on project website

Link: https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/indianspringplayground/

- During the presentation, you may enter questions or comments by clicking on the Q&A box at the upper right of your screen
- After the presentation, please fill out the Open Town Hall survey

Link: https://mocoparks.org/ISTSurvey

Agenda

- Playground Renovation Program
- Indian Spring Terrace Scope of Work
- Playground Equipment Examples
- Open Q&A



PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PROGRAM



Benefits of Play

- Play is a fundamental part of each child's world, enhancing physical, cognitive, social, emotional and sensory development.
- Children learn to explore and manipulate their environments and interact with each other through play.
- Play is perhaps the most influential catalyst for growth and learning during early childhood.

Inspection, Maintenance, & Renovation

- There are 275 playgrounds within the park system.
- Each is inspected monthly by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI).
- Comprehensive playground renovations are made through the Playground Renovation Capital Improvements Program.
- The playgrounds in the current schedule for replacement are at the end of their lifecycle.



Playground Renovation Program

- The life cycle of a playground is approximately 20 years
- The average cost for a neighborhood park playground replacement, like Indian Spring Terrace, is \$300,000.
- Current funding renovates approx. 6 playgrounds per year – (which equates to a 46-year life cycle across the county).
- There are approximately 120 playgrounds in the park system that are over 20 years old.



Prioritizing Playground Renovations

Criteria for Prioritizing Renovation

- Condition Ratings provided for each playground
- Age of Play Structure
- Wood Playground Equipment
- Inspector's Priority parts no longer in stock, dangerous, etc.
- Equity



Code Compliance

There is not a federal playground safety law, but most states enforce playground safety as a **standard of care**.

The M-NCPPC follows these guidelines and standards:

- CPSC Consumer Product Safety Commission
- ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
- ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials
- IPEMA International Playground Equipment Manufacturers
 Association

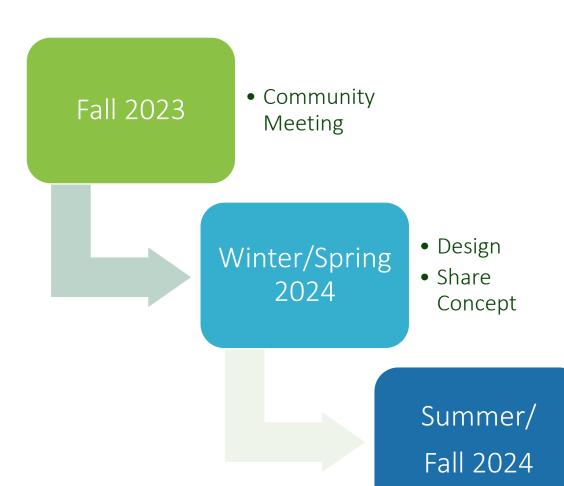








Design & Construction Process



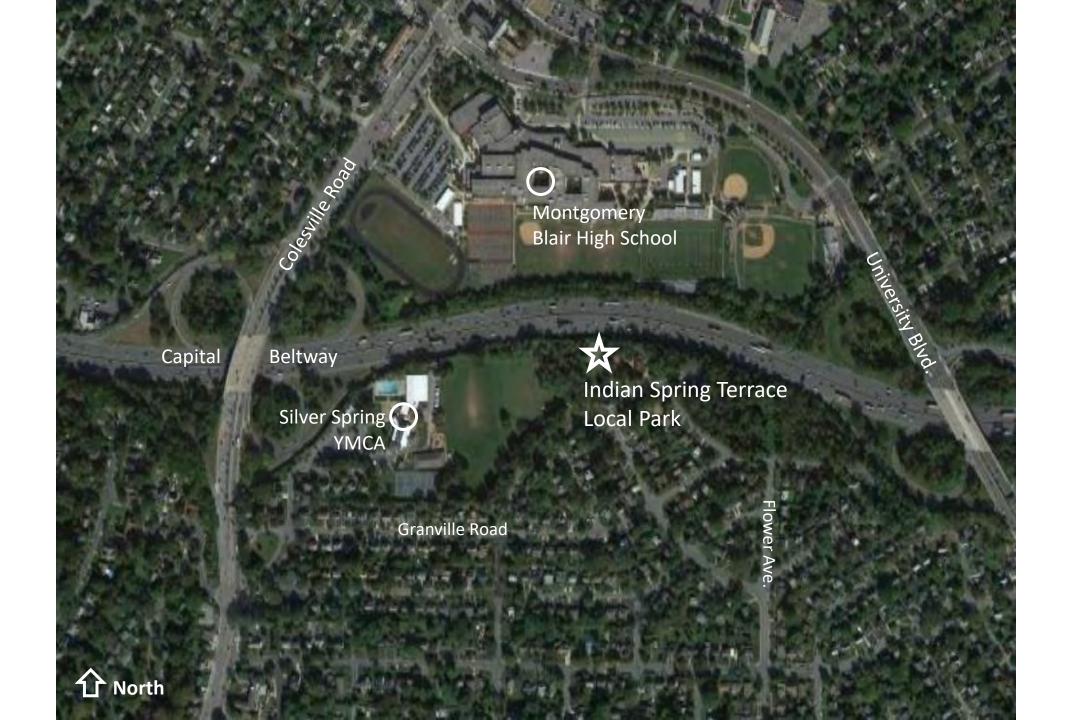


- Permits
- Construction

^{*}All Dates are Subject to Change



Indian Spring Terrace Playground







Existing play
equipment at Indian
Spring Terrace.
Equipment is outdated
and there are no
longer replacement
parts available.

Typical Components for a Playground Renovation

- Protective surfacing
- Accessible route (already exists at Indian Spring Terrace)
- Separate activities for children ages 2-5 and 5-12
- Mixture of activity types
- Seating for parents and caregivers
- Maintenance access (already exists at Indian Spring Terrace)



Playground Equipment Examples: 2-5 Years Old

- Enclosed swings
- Simple slides
- Crawl tubes
- Balancing activities
- Multi spring toys
- Spinning activities
- Jumping/ bouncing

- Simple bridges
- Imaginary play
- Interactive play
- Easy Climbers



























Playground Equipment Examples: 5-12 Years Old

- Swings
- Challenging slides
- Chain or cable walks
- Free standing climbers
- Towers
- Horizontal climbers

- Track rides
- Spinning activities























Equipment Colors





Open Town Hall Feedback

- What are your priorities for activities and types of play equipment?
- Are there other playgrounds that have equipment or features that you or your children find interesting?
- Are there play themes that are of interest to you?
- What color schemes do you prefer for the new play equipment?
- https://mocoparks.org/ISTSurvey

LET'S HEAR YOU!



Next Steps

- Collect community feedback this evening and in the coming month.
- Develop Design Concept
- Post Design Concept to Project Website
- Link to Open Town Hall: <u>https://mocoparks.org/ISTSurvey</u>



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Safety concerns: M-NCPPC Park Police 301.949.8010 / for immediate matters, please call 911





OPEN Q&A

THANK YOU

