SALEM FOREST RIVER PARK PRELIMINARY
POOL AREA ASSESSMENT & MASTER PLAN
STUDY
For the City of Salem
6-13-17
Weston & Sampson
This process undertaken by Weston & Sampson is to outline preliminary ideas only of what possibilities exist for upgrades to the various facilities at the Forest River Park, but primarily focused on the pool facility and the parking area and the connections between them.

This process is intended to solicit input and comment from the City and its residents on the direction and scope of desired renovations prior to the initiation of an Request for Proposals for design services.
Other improvements are already underway at the park, as part of the Canal Street Flood Mitigation Project. Include:

- Drainage – Plunge Pool, Swale, Pond Outlet and Parking Lot BioRetention System

- Park – Relocated/New Basketball Court, Raised Baseball Field, Access to Pioneer Village, Access Road Pavement
Also underway are improvements to the public restroom building:
Parking Area Existing Conditions

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Pool Area Existing Conditions
OVERALL MASTER PLAN POSSIBILITIES
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MASTER PLAN STUDY  POSSIBILITY 1
APPROXIMATELY 160 SPACES (NOT INCLUDING POOL AREA)
MASTER PLAN STUDY – POSSIBILITY 1

Pros:

▪ Easy access to playground, fields and beach from parking area
▪ Opportunity for formal upper lawn
▪ Seawall designed for added protection by parking while allowing room for overflow into the pond
▪ Minimizes pedestrian and vehicular conflicts
▪ Clean pathway layout leaves little room for confusion

Cons:

▪ Large parking area takes away from park space?
▪ Parking area divides park into two
MASTER PLAN STUDY POSSIBILITY 2
APPROXIMATELY 112 SPACES (NOT INCLUDING POOL AREA)

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MASTER PLAN STUDY – POSSIBILITY 2

Pros:

▪ Open lawn areas for active/ passive recreation
▪ Pathway brings users along the edge of the waterfront providing more views
▪ Seawall designed for added protection by parking while allowing room for overflow into the pond
▪ Provides one main entry point to the park, reducing confusion and directing traffic flow
▪ Ties existing concrete slide into playground

Cons:

▪ Large parking area takes away from park space?
▪ Parking area divides park into two
▪ Playground is farther from parking area
ZONE 1
PARKING CONCEPT
PLANS
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PARKING AREA CONCEPT 1
APPROXIMATELY 162 SPACES

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CONCEPT 1
Pros:
Maximized parking
Two planting zones allows for terraced parking grading

Cons:
One way angled parking might be confusing/difficult for guests
Limited area beyond baseball for viewing/grading.

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PARKING AREA CONCEPT 2
APPROXIMATELY 191 SPACES
CONCEPT 2

Pros:
Maximized parking area
Good pedestrian connections to pathways
Drop off for Pioneer Village

Cons:
Limited ability to deal with grading resulting in sloped parking areas
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PARKING AREA CONCEPT 3
APPROXIMATELY 206 SPACES
CONCEPT 3
Pros:
Maximized parking area
Drop off area for Pioneer Village

Cons:
Pedestrian connections not as strong
ZONE 4
POOL AREA CONCEPTS & POSSIBILITIES
POOL AREA CONCEPT 1
APPROXIMATELY 20 SPACES

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CONCEPT 1
Pros:
• One pool = fewer systems:
  8 lane lap pool
  zero depth entry leisure area with a slide
  learn to swim area
• Splash deck available even if pool area closed
• Building located with views out to water
• Large green space with loop path at point
• Parking limited but good drop-off area
• Separation of vehicular from pedestrian pathways

Cons:
• Spray pad far away from kids in pools
• Limited parking
• No direct vehicle access to building
• No views of ocean from pool

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POOL AREA CONCEPT 2
APPROXIMATELY 24 SPACES

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CONCEPT 2
Pros:
• One pool = fewer systems:
  8 lane lap pool
  zero depth entry leisure area
  and learn to swim area.
• Splash deck within pool area
• Building located with patio overlooking water
• Leaves large green space with loop path at point
• Parking limited but better drop off
• Separation of vehicular from pedestrian pathways

Cons:
• Expensive large building
• Limited parking
• Limited green space & pedestrian paths

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ZONE 4
POOL AREA
POSSIBILITIES
Mixed features

Lap pool (with ramp)

Learn to swim

Water aerobics

Beach entry

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Activity Pools

Slides
Spray structures
Climbing walls
Water Volleyball
Lazy rivers
Basketball

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Spray Deck

Ground sprays

Dumping Buckets

Themed spray elements

Rings

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ZONES 1
PARKING AND ARRIVAL AREA POSSIBILITIES
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LED Lighting
Bioswales
Solar Panels
Pedestrian Walkways
Zone 1 – Park Signage

Existing Park Entrance Sign...(if you can find it.)
Zone 1 – Park Signage

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Signage hierarchy

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ZONES 2 & 3
OVERALL PARK
AND PLAYGROUND
POSSIBILITIES
Pedestrian & Vehicular Separation

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Multi-Use Path

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Beach Restoration

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Wayfinding Signs

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Q&A

Thank you!

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