



Inclusive Playground - HF 3348

City of Apple Valley - Parks & Recreation Department



City of Apple Valley

Mission, Goals, Keys to Success

Mission

The City of Apple Valley is pledged to promote and enhance the health, safety, and general well-being of its citizens and all who visit the City.

Goals

Provide a full range of municipal services
Encourage active participation in city government activities
Promote quality development
Provide a balance of residential, commercial, and public uses
Promote employment opportunities within the community
Experiment with new ideas in the delivery of public services
Transmit to future citizens a better and more beautiful community

Keys to Success

1. **Service**
2. **A Great Place to Live**
3. Business Oriented
4. **Safe**
5. **Parks to Experience**
6. **Healthy and Active**
7. Sustainable
8. **Accessible**
9. Successful Downtown
10. Exceptional Learning
11. Technology and Innovation
12. **A Community for a Lifetime**

What is an Inclusive Playground

- Play area and equipment designed to ensure there is a mixture of events and activities that encourage social play through a sensory rich experience among all abilities/disabilities together, as well as meeting the needs of multi-generational participants by allowing parents and caregivers to interact with children.
- An inclusive playground offers opportunities to succeed based on varying challenge levels, while helping users develop physically, socially and emotionally through positive interactions.

Redwood Park – 311 150th St W

Draft Park Master Plan

- 12 Acre park
- Inclusive Playground
- Splash Pad
- Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- Parking



Redwood Park Inclusive Playground

- Regional location with proximity to Cty Rd 42, I35E, I35W
- \$800,000 inclusive playground investment
- Requesting \$400,000 from State of MN Bond proceeds
- Match of \$400,000 provided by the City of Apple Valley
- Project planned for 2024



Inclusive Playground

- All ages 2 years – seniors citizens
- Designed to meet the needs of all no matter their ability or disability
- Provides for a safe haven for people with disabilities
- Allows families to play together – sometimes for the first time
- Makes available auditory & sensory activities
- Offers varying challenge levels
- Incorporates active and quiet spaces
- Provides for cooperative and independent play opportunities



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- Families and children of ALL abilities need safe spaces to play
- For many families, going to a playground can sometimes be a stressful experience
- We need to think more broadly about what the words “inclusive” and “accessible” mean
- We must include children with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as physical ones



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Questions

