

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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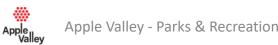
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Questions



