

1ST + GAY ST. PARK | WHAT WE HEARD

The second round of engagement for the new Gay Street park included both virtual and in-person outreach. The public reviewed two design concepts – “Meander” and “Rail Bridge” – and provided feedback on their preferences regarding park elements and programming.

Design Concepts



Online Engagement and Community Meeting

Metro Parks developed an online survey to collect information about preferences related to the two conceptual designs and priorities for park programming. This online engagement opportunity was available between March 1 and March 30, 2023 and generated 1,134 site visits and 159 survey responses. An in-person meeting was held on March 2, 2023.



Key Themes

From the 159 survey responses, key themes included the following:

- Slightly more support for the Rail Bridge concept (51% of respondents) compared to the Meander concept (42% of respondents). 7% of respondents preferred neither option.
- Respondents generally preferred a mix of sport court options including basketball, pickleball, and volleyball, as well as multiuse fields, children’s play areas, and exercise stations.
- Drinking water fountains, a variety of seating options, and shade were high priorities.
- Desire for play areas to be inclusive and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.
- Support for the overlook areas, central pavilion, and sculptural play elements.

