

The first round of engagement for the new Gay Street park included both virtual and in-person outreach to the community. Feedback from the public informed both the design concepts and programming that are being considered for the future park.

Online Engagement and Community Meeting

Metro Parks developed an interactive map and online survey to collect information about conceptual designs and park programming. These online engagement opportunities were available between January 1 to March 2, 2023 and generated 343 site visits, 43 comments on the interactive map, and 24 survey responses. One in-person meeting was held on January 12, 2023 (8 attendees).



Key Themes

- Support for **increased visibility** of and **easy access to the Cumberland River**
- Desire for thoughtful **connection to existing sidewalks and greenway**
- Need for the park to accommodate multiple uses, including **community gatherings, garden spaces, native plantings, sports, and playgrounds**
- Desire for **shade trees, drinking water**
- Concerns regarding ongoing **maintenance and cleanliness**
- **“Other”** comments included: removing parking, river access, public art, a pump track/skatepark, open space, WIFI, and a splashpad.

