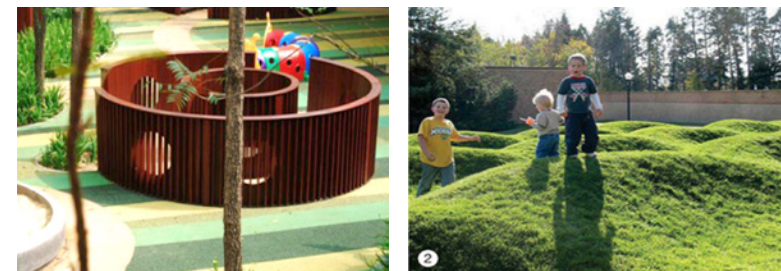


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Project Vision

This project includes the creation of a playground and integrated play area for all children of all abilities to enhance the current John Drook Memorial Park. The vision is to fully design a custom play space and landscape integrating local character, tradition, culture, and education in varying forms of earthen mound, built play structure, surface textiles, interpretive signage, and sensory stimulating plan materials. This type of space will evolve through an enhanced design process with the community. This is a great opportunity to incorporate the sense of place that Wabash has created in a destination play facility that highlights the many facets of Wabash from art, to music, to education, to family, and to nature. This location is ideal considering the many other destinations in the area, central location to the whole community, adequate street and lot parking within the area. Its proximity to the Wabash County YMCA offers additional programming benefits for the park. An inclusive playground will add to the recreational resources of the community, per the current Park and Recreation Master Plan. This type of park will also draw in visitors from the region, as other similar parks do in other areas due to the lack of facilities and high demand.

Project Readiness

Wabash Parks Department outlines a need for this type of facility in the Wabash Park and Recreation Master Plan. The Park Department has also been engaged with The MAC Project, a local group of parents interested in the recreation amenities for children with special needs. The MAC Project is currently fundraising for this project. This project would be phased into the existing John Drook Memorial Park, starting with master planning/design, site work, and major components. It is important that these park improvements are developed through local input by the community and continue to exemplify Wabash as a destination for arts and entertainment. It is in the interest of the community to work with IDNR as an additional partner for this project. Wabash meets the requirements for IDNR Land and Water Conservation Fund program funding and prepared to meet match requirements for any award through IDNR as well.

Cost Estimate

Total: \$640,009
Committed: \$202,321 (32%)
Gap / Request: \$437,688

Priority

Medium

Local Partners

City of Wabash
City of Wabash - Parks Department
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
The MAC Project



SCHEDULE / COST BREAKDOWN

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PROPOSED

