

**COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM**

Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

Add trash cans
Lots of dog waste in park.
If dog people had a can at trailhead
they much more likely to clean up their
dog's waste. Plus City of Como law says
you must throw pet waste in trash.

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Thank you for coming to our
neighborhood park for a meeting.
Rothwell Heights is an active community
I will use the new playground
equipment.

Lots of us use the trails in the ~~wooded~~
wooded area. We are happy they are
included in maintenance & improvement.

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*Two trees west side of park
Southern most tree needs to be trimmed
dead material & dead limbs removed
Dead Northern most tree - pine - topped
is dead and dangerous -
Serious erosive problem needs to be addressed
near Southern most tree - ~~stone~~ bricks have
been placed in area -*

Bill Kutz

573 [REDACTED]

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Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

Love all the proposed improvements!

The rubber surfacing will be great.

We are excited for a new playground structure and removal of invasives

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

- Add bike rack

- Add a bench to playground area

- Add a few additional small playground features geared toward younger kids

- Our 4 year old daughter would love for the playground structure to include monkey bars ☺

- playground zip line (or zip wire/Tyrolean) would be awesome if the budget allows

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Priorities:

- Repair Honeysuckle!!!
- Speed bumps on Rothwell

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Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

Priorities:

- 1) Brush/invasive removal
- 2) New playground and rubber surfacing
- 3) Gravel trail improvements
- 4) Single table shelter

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

Benches better/equivalent to picnic table if
cheaper

would suggest removing more invasives before
adding table shelter

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Bike rack near playground and/or at
intersection of trail near playground would be great

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Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

Replacing the playground and new surface
makes sense

I like the invasives removal

I wouldn't want trash cans or bike racks
cluttering up the park

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

A disc golf basket would be nice

I'm not sure a small shelter is needed, 2 benches
by the playground makes sense

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9/9/2025

Rothwell Park Public Meeting Comments

from Clayton [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@gmail.com)

Top concerns:

- accessibility
 - currently the park's access points are dangerous due to fast-moving traffic and blinds spots
- safety
 - currently the park is overgrown with undesirable foliage; and people avoid the park because of mosquitoes and many critters in the thick underbrush

Desired changes / features:

- walkways
 - fix sidewalk about 75' from Defoe entrance; it has ~2" standing water after rain
 - improve the walking route somehow, perhaps paving it
- safer entrances:
 - speed tables on road at entrances
 - curb extensions at entrances
 - see Westport&Yorktown for example
 - curb extensions at surrounding intersections (Rothwell&Defoe, Rothwell&Faurot)
 - see Broadway&9th for example
 - pedestrian lanes painted on roadway around the block surrounding the park
- clear overgrowth:
 - clear the creek
 - make the creek kid-friendly, or
 - make it a feature of the park
 - clear much of the park's underbrush
- Increase trail privacy from houses view:
 - plant trees intentionally, such as evergreens that provide privacy and sound control year-round or fruit or nut trees that locals could harvest
 - add blocking trees around perimeter.
- fitness equipment (low-tech / simple):
 - 3-level Pullup bars
 - situps, bench, low balance beams, monkey bars, etc
 - flat space for stretching

Undesirable changes:

- it's a small park surrounded by houses, so don't add a pavilion or bathrooms etc
- don't blow the budget on equipment that is already pretty nice and underutilized

Wild Idea:

- Clear the middle of the woods in some place that creates a hill to sled, but that doesn't dump into the creek

Rothwell Park

Jean [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 9 at 11:34 AM

To: heightsrothwell@gmail.com <heightsrothwell@gmail.com>

Hello,

I live at 508 Onofrio Ct and value having a park in our neighborhood. I would like to see the picnic table area updated and expanded possibly. Trash facilities in that area that keep animals out might be helpful.

Yesterday, I walked the nature/gravel trail and really hope it will be given some care. It is such a quiet, peaceful space. I wonder if it would be possible to organize a couple neighborhood volunteer sessions with Parks and Rec staff providing leadership and equipment to refresh the trail removing brush or limbs, etc. It is a good way to get neighbors together.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

Jean [REDACTED]

"May a thread of comfort be woven through your difficult days."

-Mary Anne Radmacher

Park ideas

Mon, Sep 1 at 7:32 PM

Sarah [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: <heightsrothwell@gmail.com>

Hi!

Just wanted to send improvement ideas for the park. Our house is on Faurot and backs up to the park and trail.

Safety and Health Improvements:

1. The park and the backyards of those who backup to the park are unusable late spring through early August due to mosquitoes. The park is just so thick with brush (and lots of invasive species like honey suckle). Some of the brush needs to come out so there's more sunlight in the park, or any other solutions the city has for excessive mosquitoes. If there are opportunities to host city of Columbia volunteers (I know they have teams that help with brush removal and honey suckle), we'd be happy to help "host" the group.
2. Trail itself could use some regravelling, it's washed away in some areas
3. The retaining wall around the playground has some safety issues, it's starting to fall apart and needs maintenance or replacement. Some of the big cement pieces are really loose and easily tipping over. I've seen kids walking the wall and with the loose cement blocks it's a bit dangerous (we use to let our son race his race cars along it but one came loose while he was doing that one day).

Thoughts/Ideas

1. If they build a new playground structure, still have both the "big kid" and "toddler" options but maybe more things to climb on and stay entertained/challenged.
2. Sensory stations or the sensory boards like they have at cosmo park (the dinosaur themed park) would be a great addition (not up on the playground structure but closer to the ground). I don't know the official name of these things but I've seen them at other city of Columbia playgrounds. They're also a great way to provide inclusion for kids with different abilities. Swings would be awesome too.
3. Plastic or metal picnic table to replace the old wood ones and a trash can to combat all the litter issues. A plastic or metal bench in the playground area for parents/ care givers.
4. No sandbox!!! I'll advocate really strongly against a public sandbox. I know there are a few with digger toys at other play grounds and they're awful. We used to live by Albert Oakland and I'd have to frequently report the sandbox for insects from food and drinks being in it, broken glass, garbage, clothing items, an empty needle... that sandbox was my worst nightmare and we eventually just had to stop going to the park even though it was across the street. Kids are attracted to sandboxes but public sandboxes are a health and safety disaster. No sandbox please!

Thank you'll for collecting community input for the city! We really appreciate!

We unfortunately might not get to stop by when they're there for feedback, it's the 1st Tball game for our son.

Thanks again!

Sarah
[REDACTED]

Sept. 9 Discussion about Rothwell Park

2 messages

Sun, Sep 7 at 7:39 PM

Curt [REDACTED]@gmx.com>

To: <heightsrothwell@gmail.com>

Hi,

My name is Curt Fuchs (3900 Faurot). Because of another committment I will not be able to attend the discussions about enhancing Rothwell Park this coming Tuesday. I am sure they will probably focus on adding features to the park, but as an individual who walks his dog through the park, I would hope some discussion about controlling the Honeysuckle in the park could be addressed. The honeysuckle is actually growing over the trail in some parts. I know an attempt by a few individuals to control the honeysuckle happened three or four years ago. The honeysuckle is worst now. Appreciate some discussion about saving the other vegetation in the park from the honeysuckle. Thanks. Curt

Mon, Sep 8 at 7:54 PM

Rothwell Heights <heightsrothwell@gmail.com>

To: [REDACTED]@gmx.com>

Thank you for sharing your thoughts! Definitely on our radar!!

[Quoted text hidden]

—— Forwarded message ——

From: Jeremy [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Sep 19, 2025 at 12:56 PM
Subject: [Parks and Rec]: Re: Feedback on Rothwell Park Proposal
To: <Tammy.Miller@como.gov>
Cc: <parksandrec@como.gov>

Hello,
I haven't heard back about this feedback so I am writing to follow up. Could someone please acknowledge?

Thank you,

On Sep 12, 2025, at 12:36 PM, Jeremy [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Tammy,

I am a resident of Rothwell Heights and attended the meeting on Monday for the proposed plan for Rothwell Park. My kids and I use the park frequently and greatly appreciate its presence in our neighborhood, and are excited about its improvement.

I'd like to offer a few points of feedback:

- We strongly support the renovation of the playground area with a new play set, the spongy ground cover, and the boulders for the retaining wall. For us, this is the priority.
- If possible, we'd love to see the playground area expanded to the north to make room for a larger play set, two different play sets, or even a swing set.
- Either way, I think it's important that the play set(s) accommodate a wide range of different aged kids with a variety of challenge levels
- In place of the picnic table area near the creek, we would love to see a swing set or a rock climbing boulder (similar to the one at Stephen's lake playground) added to that area.
- The rock climbing boulder could also be a good addition to the expanded playground area.
- Our kids love to go sledding in the park, but obviously the trees are an obstacle. Perhaps a few trees could be cut down to create a sledding lane down the hill? Not a priority, just an idea.
- We also support the upgrade of the trail system (but don't want it to paved) and the removal of the invasive vegetation.
- One idea floated at the meeting was the creation of a playing field, which seems impractical and which we do NOT support. There are plenty of fields in nearby Bonnie View.
- I'd also like to request that the park be maintained more regularly. The grass is often overgrown, then mowed when it's high and just left lying around. Grass needs to be trimmed around the base of trees. Trees also often need to be trimmed and thinned, at least the ones near the playground and overhanging the trail.
- We've also noticed an increase of homeless people staying overnight in the park, so a more regular patrol of the park would also be appreciated.

Please let me know if this is the correct channel to offer this feedback or if I should send it elsewhere.

Would you be able to share the image of the proposal that was shared at the meeting?

Can you tell me when the plan will be finalized and if residents will have the opportunity to give additional feedback?

Thank you!

Jeremy [REDACTED]

3:54



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Your post



Shannon

I'll try to make it tonight, but just in case I don't...sidewalks along Rothwell Drive to make it easier to safely access the park would be wonderful. Also, playground equipment with structures for both the 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old age range would be nice.

5h

Liked

Reply

1



Mindy

I walk the trail through the park. Just keeping it well maintained and brush cut back would be great. Thanks

9h

Liked

Reply

2



Tiffany

Mindy this!!!

2h

Like

Reply



David

Removing all the invasive undergrowth would help airflow and reduce the mosquitos.

6h

Liked

Reply

3



Jared

I won't be able to make it but something I've been trying for a long time with the



Comment as Allison



3:54



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Your post



Mindy [redacted] this!!!

2h Like Reply



David [redacted]

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6h Liked Reply

3



Jared [redacted]

I won't be able to make it but something I've been trying for a long time with the city is to get a speed table at each entrance of the park so cars don't go racing by.

8h Liked Reply

4



Hien [redacted]

• Follow

The park does not have swings of various styles in the playgrounds area. Good to have.

7h Like Reply

1



Scott [redacted]

Thank you, Allison.

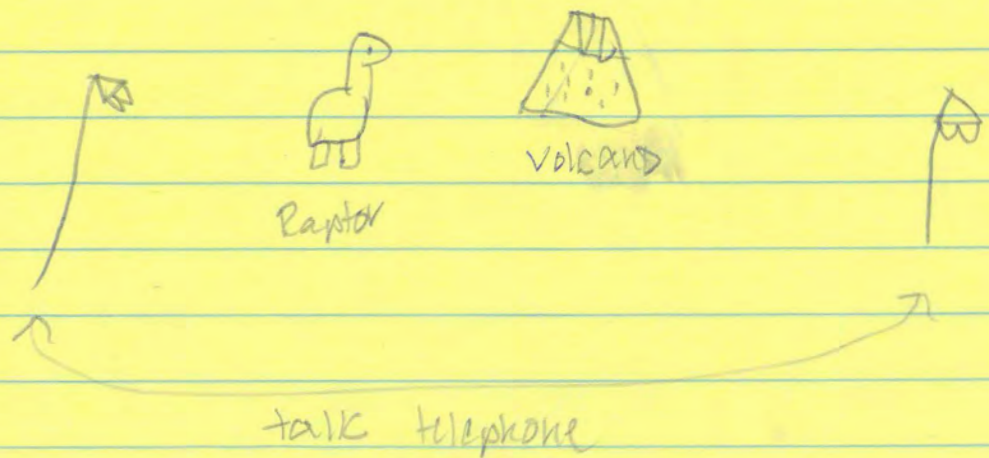
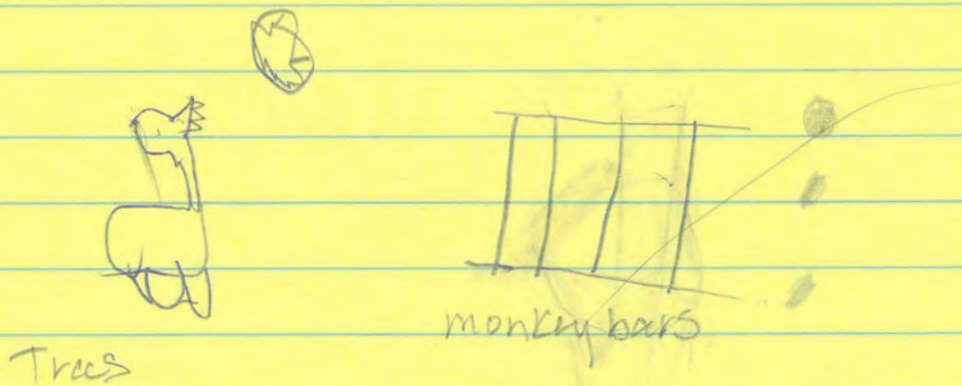
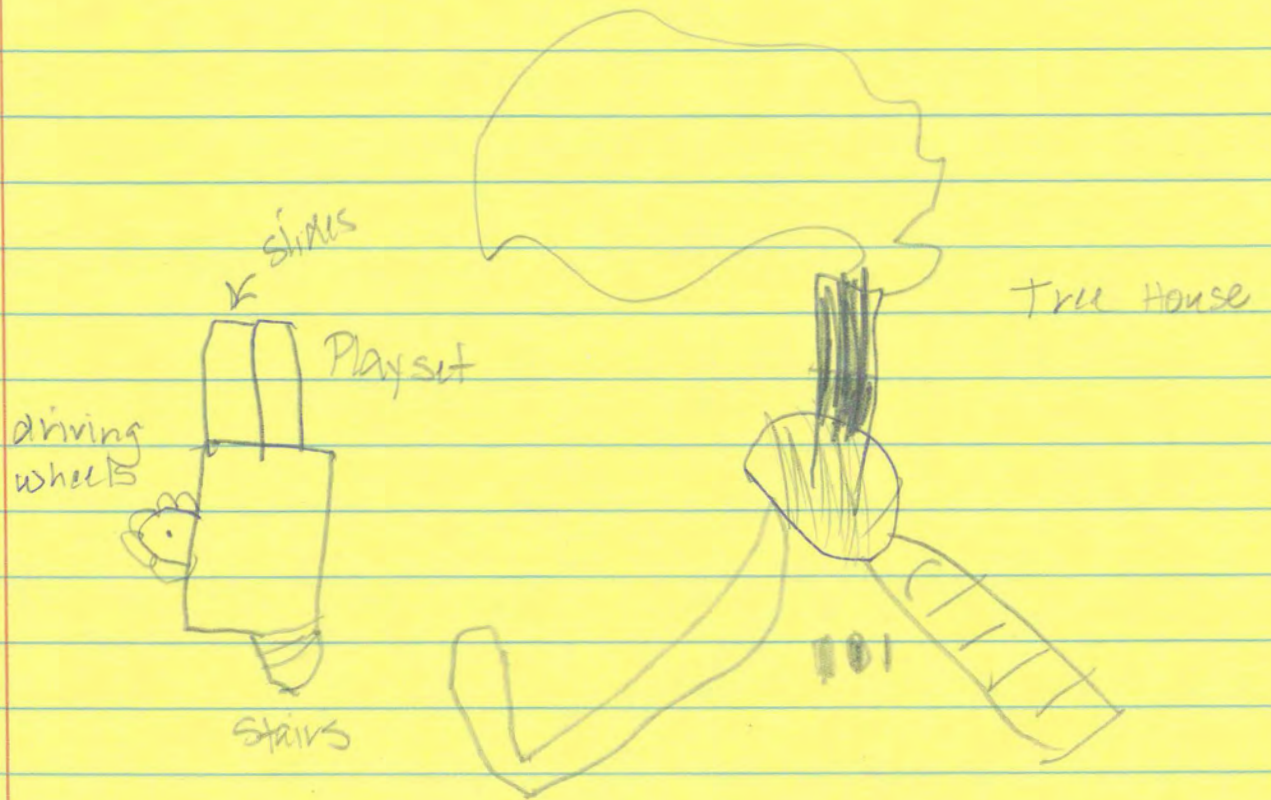
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Comment as Allison [redacted]



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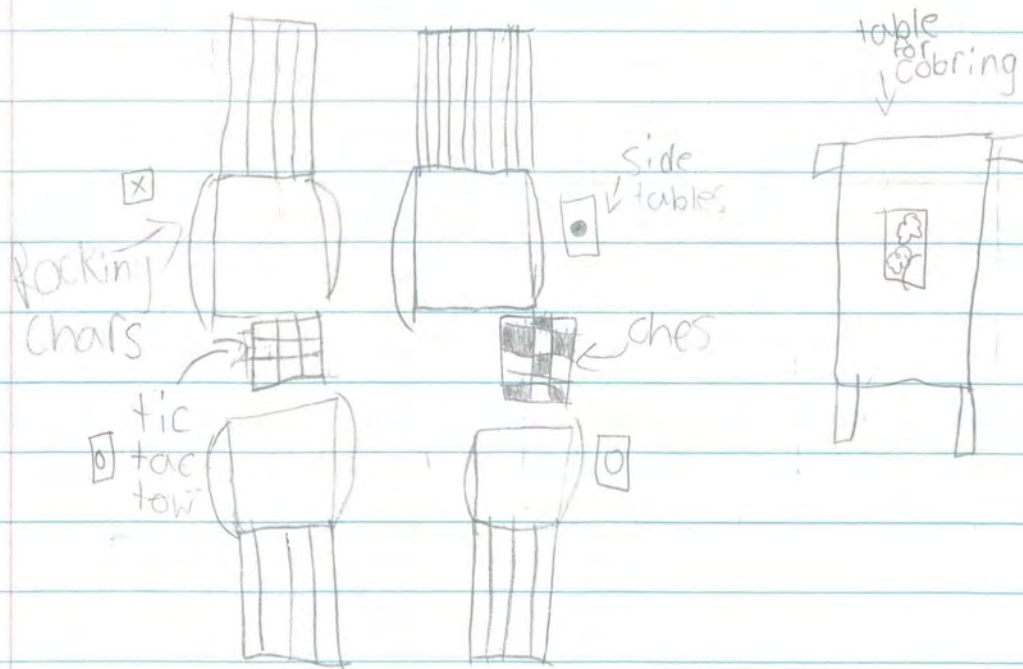


Savannah
9-9-25

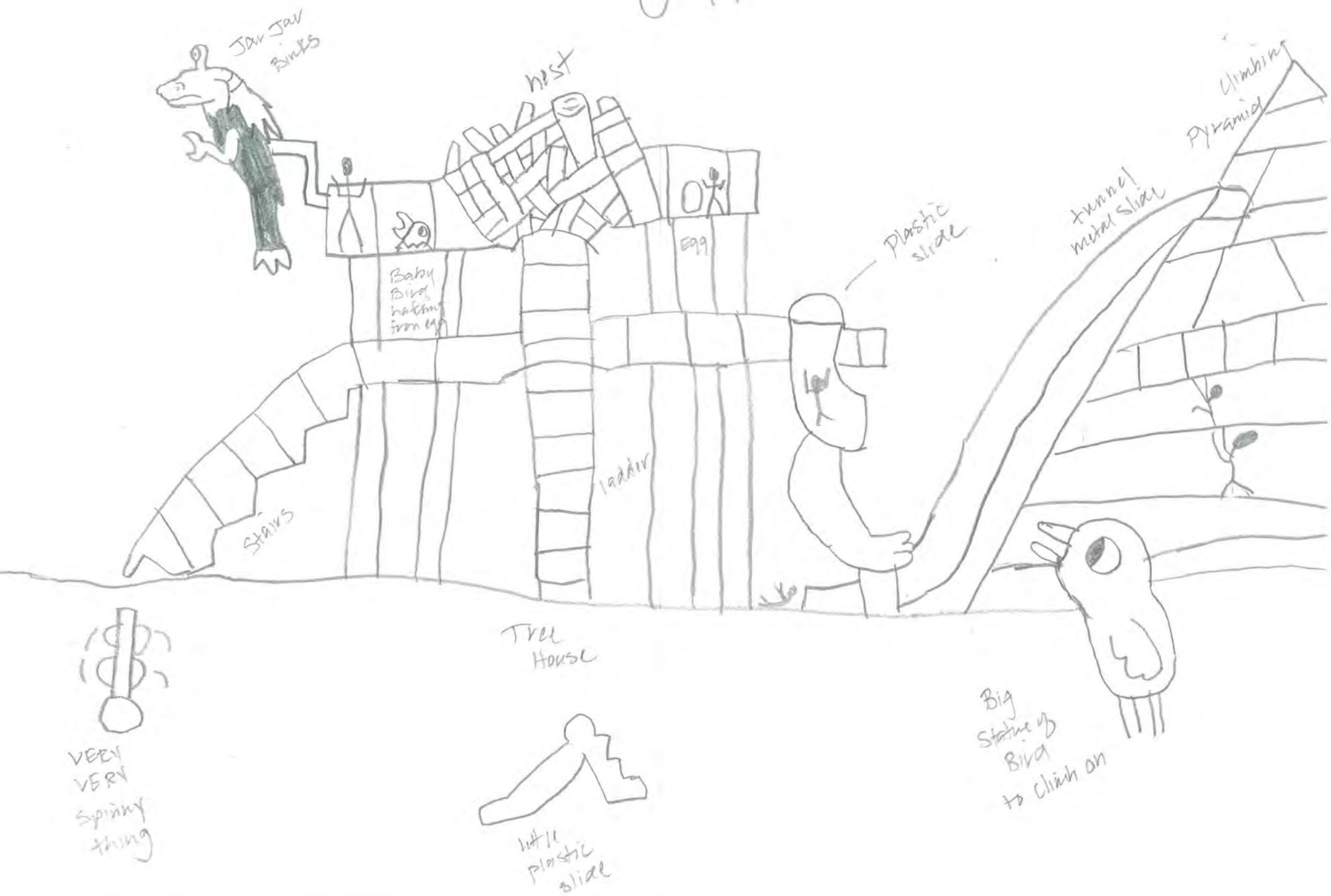


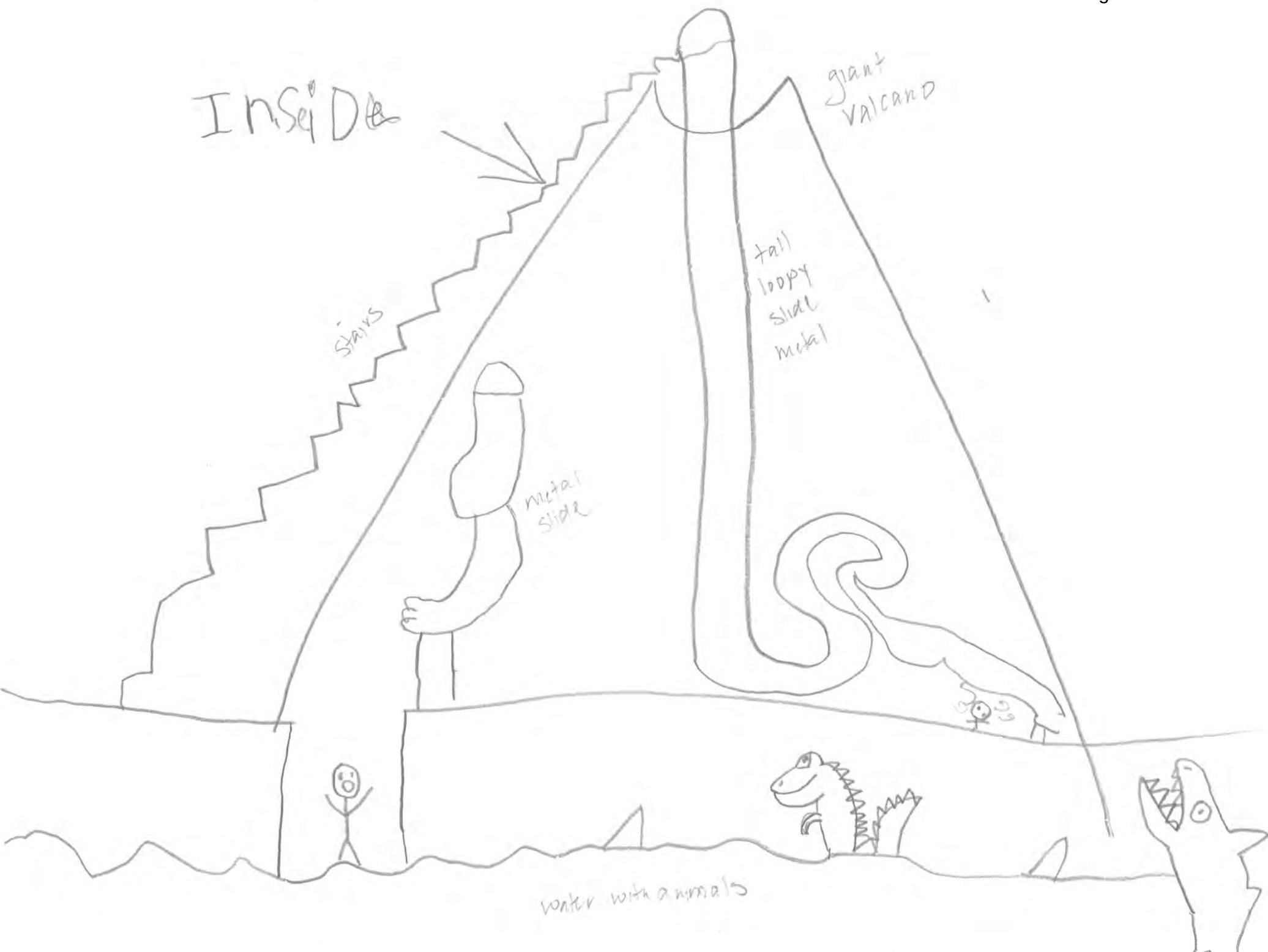
Savannah
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Inside the tree house



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Summary Report

22 February 2022 - 01 February 2026

City of Columbia, MO

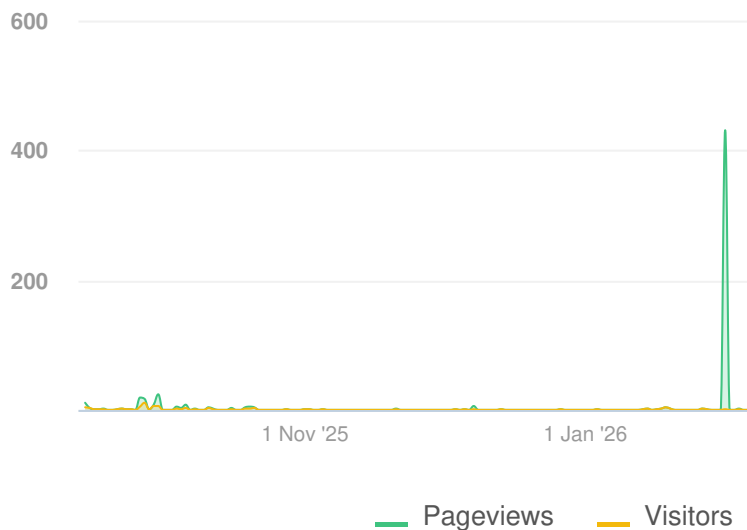
PROJECTS SELECTED: 1

Rothwell Park Improvements

FULL LIST AT THE END OF THE REPORT



Visitors Summary



Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	
95	11	
NEW REGISTRATIONS		
2		
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
1	18	75

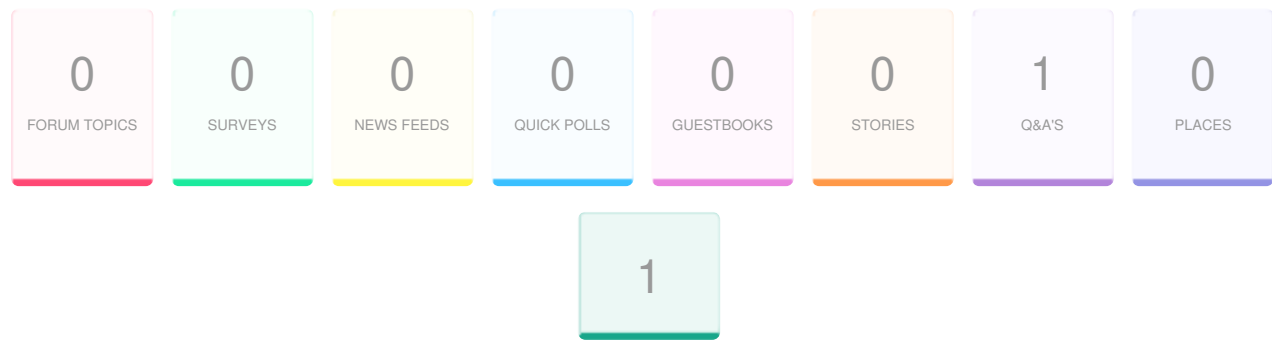
PARTICIPANT SUMMARY

ENGAGED		1 ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS			TOP PROJECTS	
			Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Participants (%)
INFORMED		Contributed on Forums	0	0	0	
		Participated in Surveys	0	0	0	
		Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0	
		Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0	
AWARE		Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0	
		Contributed to Stories	0	0	0	
		Asked Questions	0	1	0	
		Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0	
		Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0	
		* A single engaged participant can perform multiple actions			* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project	

ENGAGED		18 INFORMED PARTICIPANTS		TOP PROJECTS	
			Participants	Participants (%)	
INFORMED		Viewed a video	0		
		Viewed a photo	0		
		Downloaded a document	0		
		Visited the Key Dates page	12		
AWARE		Visited an FAQ list Page	0		
		Visited Instagram Page	0		
		Visited Multiple Project Pages	11		
		Contributed to a tool (engaged)	1		
		* A single informed participant can perform multiple actions		* Calculated as a percentage of total visits to the Project	

ENGAGED		75 AWARE PARTICIPANTS		TOP PROJECTS	
			Participants	Participants	
INFORMED		Visited at least one Page	75		
AWARE					
		* Aware user could have also performed an Informed or Engaged Action		* Total list of unique visitors to the project	

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



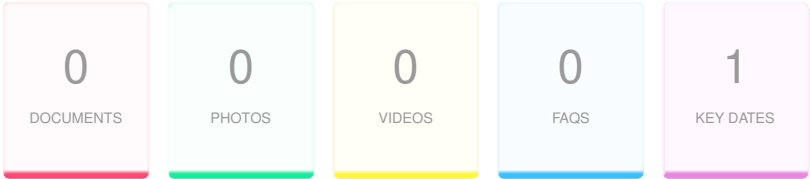
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1	Q&As
1	Contributors
1	Questions

TOP 3 Q & A BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS	
1	Contributors to Questions and Comments

IDEAS SUMMARY	
1	Ideas
0	Contributors
0	Contributions

TOP 3 IDEAS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS	
0	Contributed to Ideas

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



KEY DATES	
1	Key Dates
12	Visitors
12	Views

TOP 3 KEY DATES BASED ON VIEWS	
12	Views
Rothwell Park Improvements	

TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.google.com	12
m.facebook.com	8
www.facebook.com	3
l.facebook.com	2
lm.facebook.com	2
www.como.gov	1

SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

PROJECT TITLE	AWARE	INFORMED	ENGAGED
Rothwell Park Improvements	75	18	1