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Request for Information

The following questionnaire has been developed to help The Tatum's Garden Foundation gather information and details regarding potential sites for future inclusive playgrounds.

Please provide your answers on a separate sheet and identify the answers with the section and question number for reference. If you choose to add any supporting documents please provide a list of the documents with their names, a brief description, and note stating which section(s) they apply to.

To submit your responses, upload all documents to the drop box link - <https://www.dropbox.com/request/RYpZyyAZVkPVYvyJoenw>.

If you have any questions while completing the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Please send all questions to tatumstreehouse@gmail.com.

Responses are due by March 15, 2019.

Upon receipt and review of your questionnaire the Tatum's Garden Foundation will be in touch with you to coordinate a site visit.

Thank you for your interest in helping us find a new home for the Tatum's Treehouse Playground (TT). As a Board of Directors, it is our preference to find a location where we can build from the existing design for TT, which we created with the team from Leathers and Associates and site visits at four local elementary schools in 2017. However, if there is some reason your potential site would not support the existing design, we would still encourage your response to the following questions, as an opportunity to gather information for future projects.

The existing design for TT calls for an approx. 27,000 sq ft playground (for reference, Tatum's Garden has 14,000 sq ft of playground.) It is currently designed for sloped elevation, and an elongated sit, but can be modified to fit conditions as needed. The design at this time only includes a playground. Other needs include but are not limited to bathrooms, parking, shade, grass areas, picnic areas, and drinking water.

As the name suggests, TT can best be described as nature-inspired and woodland-themed, and it is home to a treehouse...but not just one! There are three beautiful treehouses as the focus of the design, with many different points of access, for children of varying degrees of physical ability. The design also includes some favorite elements from Tatum's Garden, including one area with equipment for ages 0-5, and another for ages 5-12, as well as lots of swings, slides, and whimsical playhouses. There are also some exciting new components we are excited to incorporate in TT, which did not exist

a few years ago, such as a “Liberty Swing” for wheelchair-bound children, which a child’s entire wheelchair is secured inside for a relaxing swing. There is also a “Racing Dual Zip Line”, with two parallel zip lines: one for an able-bodied child, and one with an adaptive seat, for children to race side-by-side. These are just a few examples, with many more beautiful, unique and colorful elements throughout this amazing design. Please see the TT design rendering enclosed in this packet (Addendum B).

We do have a few other intentions to note, regarding this project. One is that our goal is to use the same Volunteer-Build model we were very successful with in the construction of Tatum’s Garden. In a nutshell, the team from Leathers and Associates is on-site, guiding and leading every aspect of the build. The construction teams will consist of trained, experienced volunteer Construction Captains, leading groups of volunteers from the community. Following this model, we were able to construct the Tatum’s Garden playground in less than two weeks, with a massive community effort which was not only a beautiful way to connect the community to the space, but was also very cost effective. Naturally, there are a few items that could hinder a community’s ability to hold a Volunteer Build, such as any requirements for an open public bid process, or for prevailing wage or Davis Bacon wages. We would ask you to please determine whether these restrictions would apply to your location.

Our second intention to note is that it is the intention of this Board to facilitate and manage the construction and completion of this playground, and then to gift it to a local jurisdiction or organization to maintain. We would like to be involved in the development of the plans to do so and offer any guidance we can for setting up a solid, successful maintenance plan for Tatum’s Treehouse.

Thank you again for your time and consideration, and we look forward to the receipt of your responses to the following.

Section A – Site Location and Land Use

1. Do you have a specific location already in mind for the site of the new playground? If so, please provide the address or specific GIS coordinates.
*Multiple site locations may be proposed. If you are providing multiple potential sites, please answer the following questions for EACH proposed site.
2. What is the total size/square footage of the proposed site location?
3. Do you have all required land use permits/entitlements in place for the proposed site?
4. Is the proposed site located on public or private property? If the site is on private property, does a public access easement, or similar agreement, exist? If so, please attach evidence.
5. What municipal jurisdiction governs land use permits for the proposed site?

6. If there is already an identified site location, please specify whether or not you have the following items in place or completed:
 - Soils Reports
 - Site Plan
 - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
7. Is there a current Parks Plan that incorporates the proposed site?
8. Are there any restrictions on the use or development of the proposed site? (Please see Addendum A to this document for a list of examples of land use or development restrictions.)
9. What land use entitlements already exist or would be required for the proposed site?
10. What are the current and/or anticipated land uses for the adjacent land(s) to the proposed site?

Section B – Facilities/Utilities and Parking

1. What utilities and components are already existing at the proposed site and/or what utilities will be developed by the jurisdiction? (E.g. electrical, water, sewage, telecom)
2. Are restroom facilities already in place and functional? Or will restroom facilities be built by the jurisdiction?
3. Is there current parking capability in place? If yes, how much parking is existing? Provide square footage, number of parking spots, and number of designated handicap parking spaces.
4. If there is not current parking capability, is there a parking plan in place? If there is not a current parking plan in place, who will be responsible for this?

Section C - Accessibility and Usage

1. Are there any restrictions to public use at the proposed site? Are there hours of operation/use restrictions? Is the site in a gated or locked area?
2. Are there any known issues that may inhibit public accessibility? For example, is the site easy to locate and is the travel path accessible to the public and easy to navigate?

3. Are there any known restrictions or concerns regarding being able to exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act/ADA standards?
**This playground is intended to be an all-inclusive playground that respects and caters to those of all abilities and the proposed site as a whole will need to be able to exceed the basic ADA requirements in order to create an inclusive environment.*
4. What is your anticipated level of daily usage?
5. Are there any known facilities or organizations near the proposed site that you believe would highly utilize the playground and benefit from its proximity?

Section D – Maintenance

1. Is there an existing Park Maintenance Plan for the proposed site?
 - a. If yes, do you believe it will need to change to support an inclusive playground as described in the narrative above? If so, please explain how you anticipate it will need to change.
 - b. If no, please provide a description of your proposed Park Maintenance Plan for the proposed site.
2. Are there any other entities or jurisdictions that may be involved with the long-term maintenance plan for the completed playground?

Section E- Additional Information

1. Does the Tatum's Treehouse theme, as described in the narrative above and viewed in the attached rendering, fit the landscape of your community and the proposed location? Or is there another theme that you believe would better represent your community?
2. Are there any restrictions or requirements in regard to naming rights of the playground? Would there be any restrictions or issues with playground component sponsorship and signage (including personalized fence pickets or paving bricks) within the playground?
3. To your knowledge would there be any restrictions to using the community-based Volunteer Build model as described in the narrative above?
4. Do you have community involvement that will support the Tatum's Garden Foundation and your entity/jurisdiction in capital fundraising campaigns and construction of the playground?

5. What is the desired or necessary timeline for this playground build if your proposed site was selected?
6. Are you willing to enter in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tatum's Garden Foundation (TGF) to allow TGF to remain involved? (E.g. To assist in governing the playground's image and reputation, promotion and marketing, holding events and volunteer clean ups, etc.)

Section F – Give us your “WHY”!

1. Finally, please provide us with a brief narrative describing why you would like us to consider your location, why is your proposed location is the right place for an all-inclusive playground, and how will an accessible playground will benefit your community.
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Thank you again for your interest in partnering with the Tatum's Garden Foundation to foster and build more inclusive play in our community!

Addendum A: Restrictions to Land Use or Development

Here are some examples of restrictions to land use or development that may come up in consideration of a site for construction of an inclusive, accessible playground:

-Any deeds, land use requirements or restrictions on developing the site

Example: Land was gifted from another entity, and the gifting includes verbiage dictating “all development must go out to public bid, pay prevailing wage and/or restrict labor done by volunteers.”

-Site or soil conditions are not conducive to construction

Example: site is in a “high liquefaction zone or located on or near an active faultline

-Drainage issues

Example: site is in a 100-year flood plain

-Accessibility issues for the general public

Example: visitors have to pay to access, or site for some reason is not conducive to public access, such as limited hours of opening or closures on Holidays, etc.

Addendum B: Tatum's Treehouse Design Rendering

