



Friends of White Park

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Dear Mayor Bouley and City Councilors:

We, the Friends of White Park (FOWP), write today to urge you to accept and appropriate the \$400,000 Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant. Once the City Council accepts the grant, we will then encourage the Governor and Executive Council to also accept the Grant. This money will help pay for a new, fully accessible playground at White Park.

As you have no doubt witnessed, spaces throughout the city are being updated and renovated to be more welcoming and inclusive to all, including those with disabilities. From the Main Street project to the skate house and new splash pad, more accessible spaces are being made, yet not one of the City's public playgrounds truly is accessible to all. Over the last few years, City Council has heard testimony from FOWP and other community members about the need for an inclusive playground and we are finally ready to move forward on this transformational project.

The new design for White Park's Monkey Around Playground is inclusive and accessible to all visitors. This redesigned playground will promote community building, acceptance of differences, and social and recreation opportunities for children and caregivers with and without disabilities.

Every year, thousands of people visit White Park and will benefit from the welcoming and supportive community they find there. We encourage you to accept and appropriate the LWCF Grant.

Thank you for your consideration and service to the community.

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