

Common Objectives

What is This?

Through the direction of City Council and research of best practices, City Staff have identified several objectives for the new park that are essential to its success. These reflect the purpose for which

the land was chosen and the necessary functions of the space given its location and configuration. These provide a starting point for planning and will be used when making design decisions.

- Be able to host large community events, like concerts and special celebrations.
- Provide for the intense casual use of a passive park (no large athletic facilities).
- Create a number of small areas that will accommodate a variety of activities.
- Minimize the use of land for parking.
- Encourage neighboring buildings to fit with the park through pedestrian-friendly uses and good urban design.
- Provide a versatile performance space that is usable when events are not scheduled.
- Ensure that the park is a safe, clean and comfortable place for all city residents and visitors.
- Ensure the park is accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- Showcase Wilmington's history and identity as a port city.
- Maximize opportunities to visually engage with the Cape Fear River.

What is a "Passive" Park?

A passive park is typically less developed than an active park and focuses on open space. It may contain features such as walking trails, seating areas, gardens, pavilions and play equipments but they usually do not contain sports infrastructure or encourage strenuous physical activity. Neighborhood parks and urban parks are common examples of passive parks.

