



Town of Erie
Coal Creek Park Redevelopment

Conceptual Design

September 30, 2016

Park Look and Feel

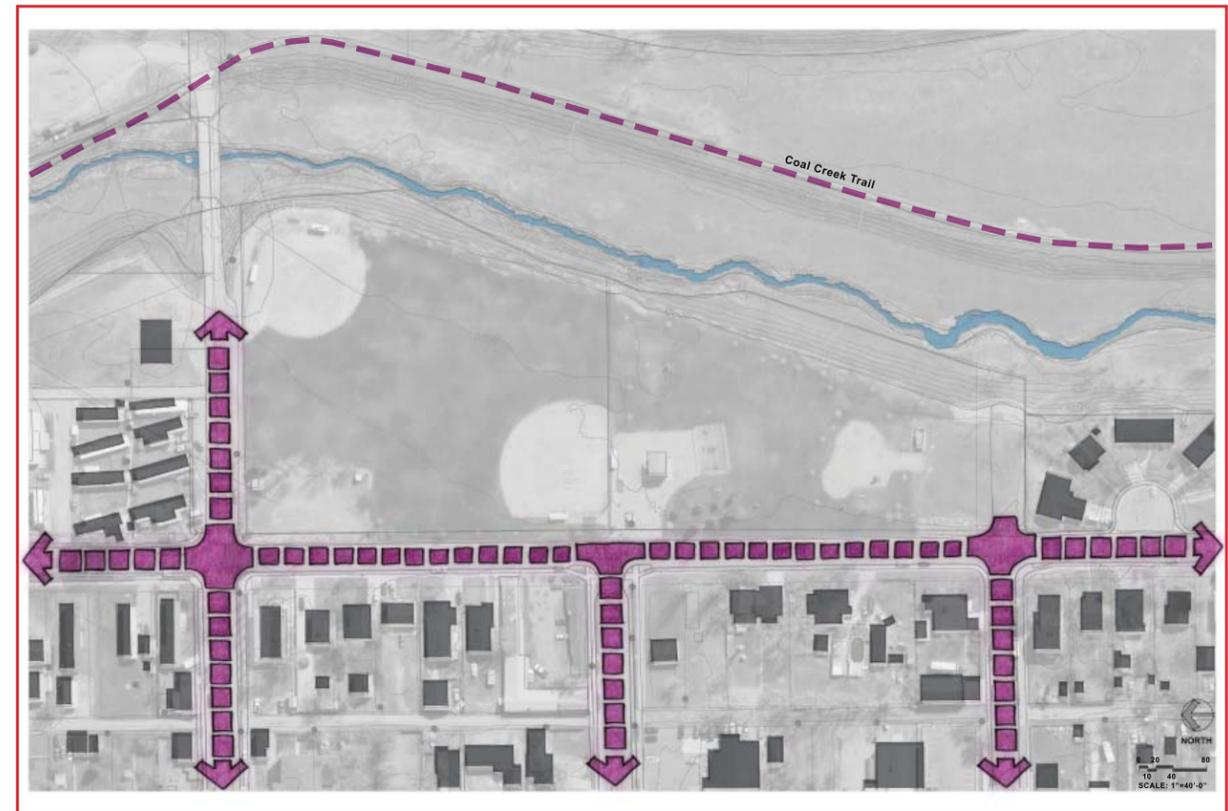
1. In a previous open house survey, three concepts were presented and, based on citizen feedback, the Town leaned on a primary “nature” theme, followed by “historic” as a close second choice. As a result, this park combines both themes by serving as the transition from the Historic Downtown District to the natural environment along Coal Creek.
2. Flow from one side of the park to the other visually and functionally. Needs to feel like a single continuous park, not separated by function and activity, especially when it is not programmed for special events.
3. Accommodate multiple uses: kids playing, concert going, informal play and sports field use, individual gatherings, trail users, etc.
4. Inviting: Ease of physical and visual access to park. Movement from Downtown into the park is seamless.
5. Year-round, vibrant energy. Make it a desirable place for smaller private groups, clubs, etc. to gather.
6. Not a high season/low season park. Animated most of the time.
7. Updated power to the site.

Anticipated Uses

1. Large Community Events (Farmer’s Market, Concert in the Park, Town Fair)
2. Group rental/gathering space
3. Informal sports practice and play fields
4. Informal non-programmed uses:
 - A walk in the park
 - Meeting point for runners and cyclists
 - Family Outing
 - Informal/impromptu business meeting
 - A place to enjoy lunch, a cup of coffee or ice cream from local businesses
 - Sculpture Placement

Park Amenities:

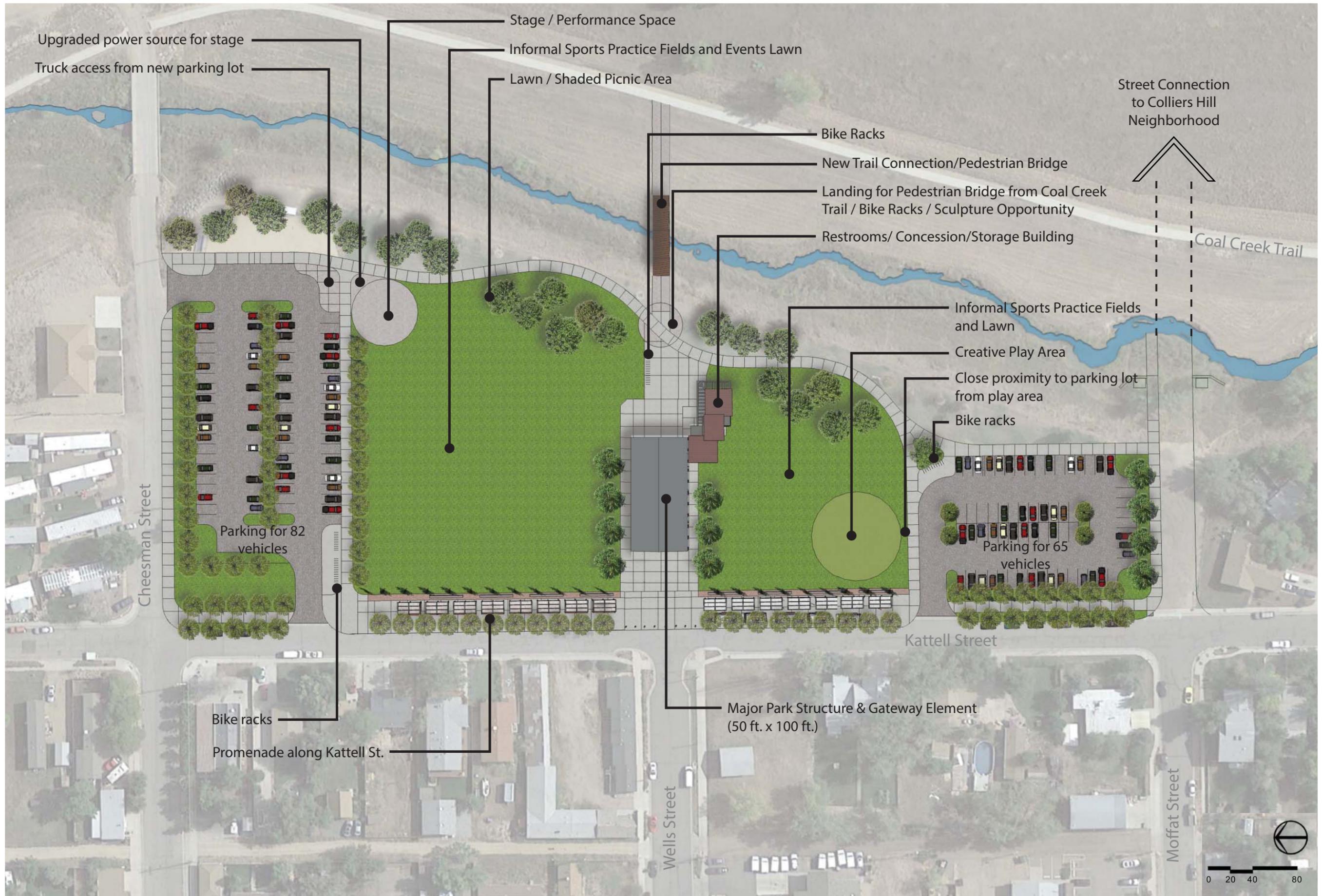
- **Major Park Structure & Gateway Element** - Oversized, open-air, centrally located, part of visual gateway
- **Park Facilities Structure** - For Restrooms, Concession, Storage
- **Large Stage/Performance Area** - Flush/Low paved surface, multi-functional
- **Park Promenade along Kattell Street** - Multi-functional area for food trucks/events
- **Creative Play Area** - Highly visible, non-traditional, multi-age play
- **Vehicle Parking** - Two new parking lots on the south and north ends of the park
- **Sports Practice Fields and Lawn** - Area for local sports, grass area for park use, can function as event space
- **Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge to Coal Creek Trail**
- **Connection to proposed Moffat Street Bridge**
- **Bike Racks** - Artistic and permanent, located at multiple entry points



Existing Site Context

Existing Site Photos





Proposed Site Plan

Coal Creek Park Program and Proposed Design
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Major Park Structure and Gateway Element



•Would be located on axis with Wells Street and of a size and scale that, along with a rich architectural vernacular, will become the iconic element for Downtown Erie, Coal Creek Park, Gateway to Downtown and the Park.

•The Structure would accommodate multiple uses including community events organized by the Town, events sponsored by private organizations as well as larger private functions.

•This would be an open-air structure so that it does not become a visual barrier dividing the park into separate activity areas. This also allows for greater security and ease of maintenance.

Park Promenade along Kattell Street

•The west edge of the park has an opportunity to provide multiple uses for the park specifically and for the Downtown District in general.

- o As a park edge, this area can be a Promenade typical in many Victorian era parks that include formal tree planting and wide walking surfaces with views under the tree canopy into the park interior.
- o The Pedestrian Promenade is intended to accommodate significant numbers of users and possibly vendors during community activities.

Multi-Age Creative Play Area



•The goal is to provide a safe, secure and challenging kids play area that serves multiple age groups.

•Play structures would be more non-traditional, possibly made up of some natural elements.

•The relationship of the play area to a large turf grass area, the restroom park structure and the south parking lot addresses many of the goals for this park element.

Pedestrian Connection at Coal Creek Trail & Bike Racks



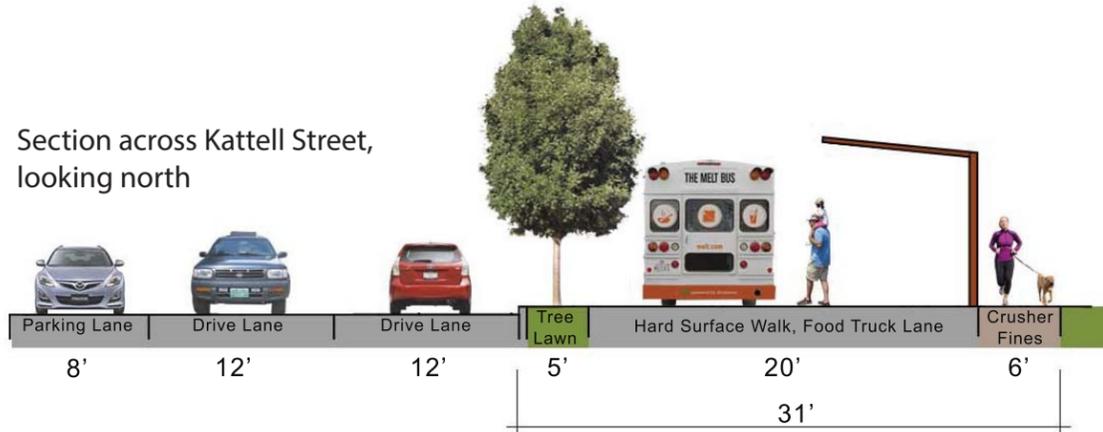
•This provides an important connection to the Coal Creek Trail as it does involve a vehicular travel route, and it introduces the user to the Downtown District at the most important location.

•The actual bridge structure may be the same style as currently used throughout the Town of Erie, and the “landing” area should be as important as other framing/anchoring park elements. Vertical elements should fit with the architectural vernacular of other park elements but could take on a more sculptural look and feel including the use of “sculptural” bike racks.

•This “landing” area is also an important zone where the cyclist should be encouraged to dismount, or at a minimum slow down. This should be attempted with circulation patterns, materials and bike racks.

Park Gateway

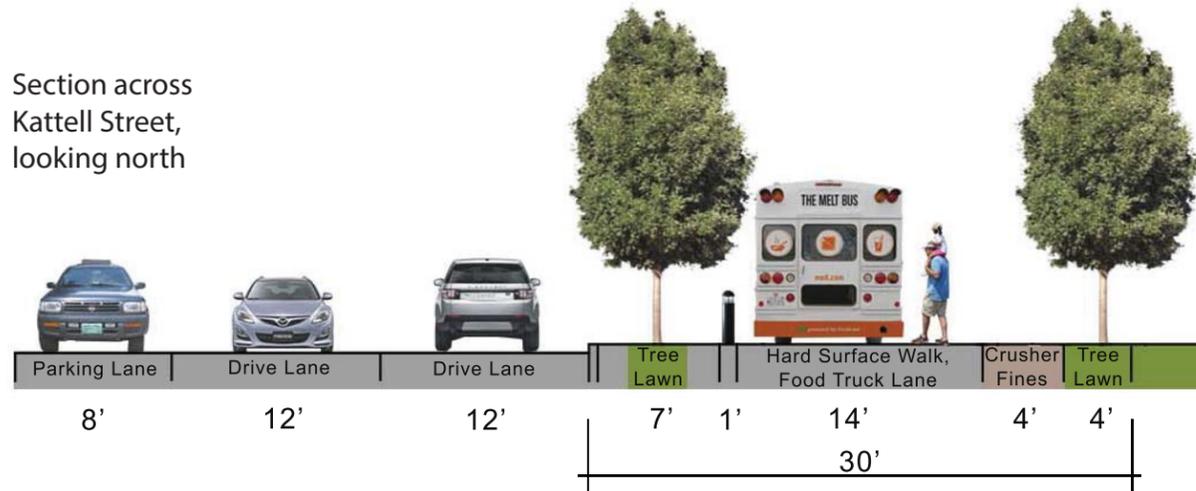




Open-Roof Structure Examples: Wood, Steel, Mixed-Material



Section across Kattell Street, looking north





Plan view of Promenade



Promenade with Food trucks parked on Promenade, concrete walk, light poles and crusher fines edge.



Perspective view looking north along Kattell Street



Promenade with concrete walk, event tents, light poles, and crusher fines edge.

Section across Kattell Street, looking north

