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to improve and connect our
neighbourhood's parks.**

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How to Use This Document

—This document is a community-driven road-map toward better park spaces in Coventry Hills. It presents the results of ten remarkable community engagements that occurred in 2017-2018, building a mandate to guide the next decade of green-space change.

It is our hope that the information assembled here will provide both inspiration and guidance to anyone seeking to improve the parks and green spaces in Coventry Hills or throughout the city.

NHCA + Vivo

Vivo is a charity on a mission to raise healthier generations in Calgary and beyond. Our roots are in north-central Calgary where we operate a regional recreation centre and create local, evidence-based solutions to help individuals be more healthy and active at home, school, work and play. We share these solutions across the city, province and country to help shift other organizations to become supportive environments for health.

The Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization on a mission to enhance the quality of life of its residents by enriching and empowering our diverse communities through advocacy, education, and provision of opportunities for engagement. We currently serve over 57,000 residents in 5 communities in north-central Calgary: Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills, and our offices are located inside Vivo's facility.

These long-time roommates have a history of working together on projects to make the community a healthier, happier, and more connected place. Creating Coventry is one example of how each organization uses its gifts to make projects like this a success.

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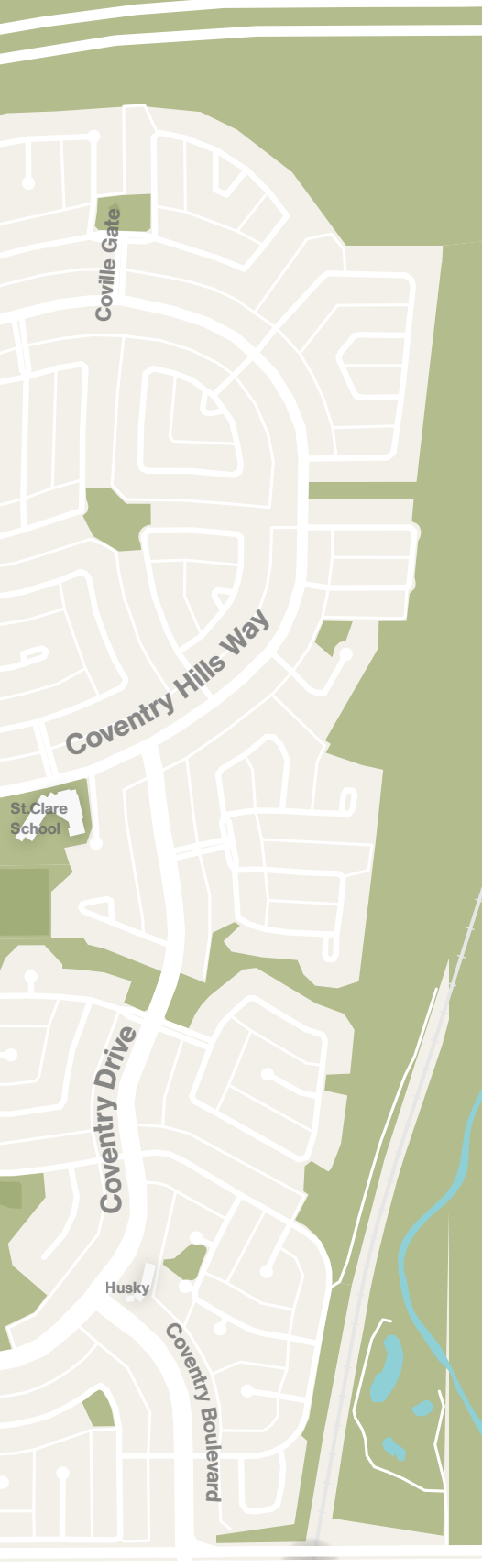
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PART 1: Overview

Welcome to Coventry Hills

Coventry Hills is a neighbourhood in north central Calgary, first established in 1991. It is bounded by Country Hills Boulevard to the south, by Harvest Hills Boulevard to the west, by Stoney Trail to the north, and by Deerfoot Trail to the east. The small neighbourhood of Country Hills Village – which sits in the southwest corner of these boundaries – is included in this document.

Coventry Hills is home to an engaged community of residents, including many families. It is one of five neighbourhoods represented by the Northern Hills Community Association.

In addition to its public parks, Coventry Hills is home to four schools and three unbuilt school sites. The storm-water pond in Country Hills Village – “The Lake” to locals – is the anchor green space, though residents also make informal use of the utility green spaces to the east and north along Stoney Trail.

Among the neighbourhood’s parks are fifteen “tot-lot” playgrounds. Much of this play equipment is due for replacement. Residents of Coventry Hills want to ensure that their next generation of park amenity meets the needs of their diverse and growing population.



A Project Rooted in Community

The information presented in this document is drawn from ten community events that took place starting in the spring of 2017. More than 450 residents took part in these events, with children, teens, adults, families, and seniors all helping imagine the next generation of park space for their neighbourhood.

Event activities asked participants to select and prioritize new public amenities, re-imagine how they might use green space, and explore connections between their local parks.

Residents described the issues and opportunities they saw in their parks. They provided insights about how they use their parks, and offered suggestions for changes that would improve their experience. They built a vision for the next generation of parks in Coventry Hills.

Their ideas are embedded in the following pages, from broad-level principles to park-specific recommendations.





June - Sep 2017

Planning with NHCA, Vivo, and community volunteers. Systematic observations of parks completed by volunteer seniors.



Summer 2017

Pilot workshop with Country Hills Public Library Action Squads.

October 2017

First Creating Coventry workshop. 100 community members of varying ages and demographics participate.

Nov 17 – Jan 18

Workshops with Notre Dame High School, Vivo Youth Night, SPRY in the Hills and online survey.



February 2018

Engagements at Family Day, SPRY in the Hills and Vivo Youth Night. Tiger Team meeting at the City of Calgary.v

March 2018

Data analysis and report creation.



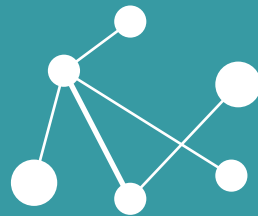
Spring 2018

Report launch picnic and walk, report to City of Calgary, forming committees to bring the parks to life.

Six Big Ideas for Coventry Hills

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Connect individual parks into a network, linking green spaces to each other and to regional park systems. Parks can be connected by physical elements like pathways and bike racks, and with symbolic elements like signage and maps.



2

Enrich the natural environment of park spaces by including native vegetation and 'wild' spaces. Create habitat for urban wildlife, reduce maintenance, and provide beautiful and imaginative play spaces for all four seasons.

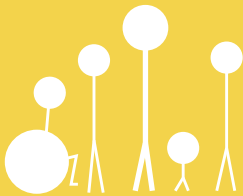


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Equip green spaces with fun and popular amenities that invite participation from ALL age groups. Inspire adventures, spark imagination, and promote physical and mental health by giving everyone a reason to go to the park.



The following themes emerged during conversations with Coventry Hills residents. These are broader than the needs of individual parks, and should apply anywhere there is an opportunity to improve green space.



4

Activate park spaces by making them suited to social uses like gathering, relaxing, and spending time with friends and family. Consider food, games, and social seating elements in the redesign of spaces.



5

Re-imagine how we use green spaces and explore innovative amenities. Go 'beyond the tot-lot' by introducing social elements like BBQs and banquet tables, and provide new activity uses like bicycle pump tracks and adult fitness equipment.



6

Provide seating to make park spaces better for families, seniors, and those with reduced mobility. Ensure frequent, well-shaded seating along common pedestrian routes to parks and throughout green spaces.

Connecting Coventry

Coventry Hills was designed – like many neighbourhoods of its era – in a way that prioritized cars over pedestrians. This has resulted in parks and green spaces that are disconnected from each other, and major roads that form a boundary around the community's perimeter.

There is an opportunity now to re-connect Coventry to its neighbours, and to assemble its green spaces into a network that is functional, beautiful, and easy to navigate. The map to the right outlines several connection potentials.

- A.** The Rotary/Mattamy Greenway pathway will run east-west through the Livingston neighbourhood north of Stoney Trail. Create a pedestrian link over Stoney Trail to connect Coventry Hills to this new regional pathway.
- B.** The north portion of the north-south greenway has no pathway through it, making it difficult to use for bicycles, seniors, and strollers. Add a paved path here to provide a more accessible route for all residents.
- C.** Create pathway links around the north and east edges of the neighbourhood to acknowledge informal paths, provide amenity for dog-owners, and connect walking loops.
- D.** There are many interior routes identified by residents as part of their walking/running/biking loops. Ensure that these routes have regular public seating, low traffic speeds, and safe street crossings.
- E.** Create safe and legible links to pathways and green spaces in neighbouring communities to connect regional path systems.
- F.** The storm-water pond in Country Hills Village ('The Lake') is a key open space and was part of many residents' walking loops. Its perimeter path can be enriched with seating, activities, and play equipment.
- G.** 'The District' development will provide new destinations for walkers and cyclists. Create high-quality pedestrian access to the east as these new areas emerge.

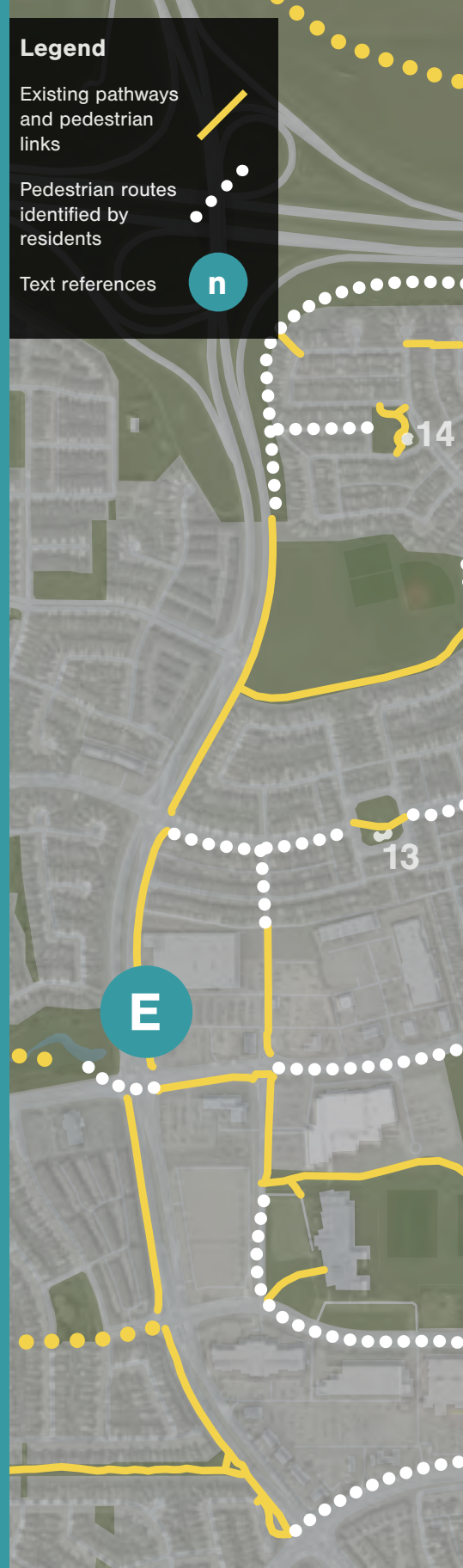
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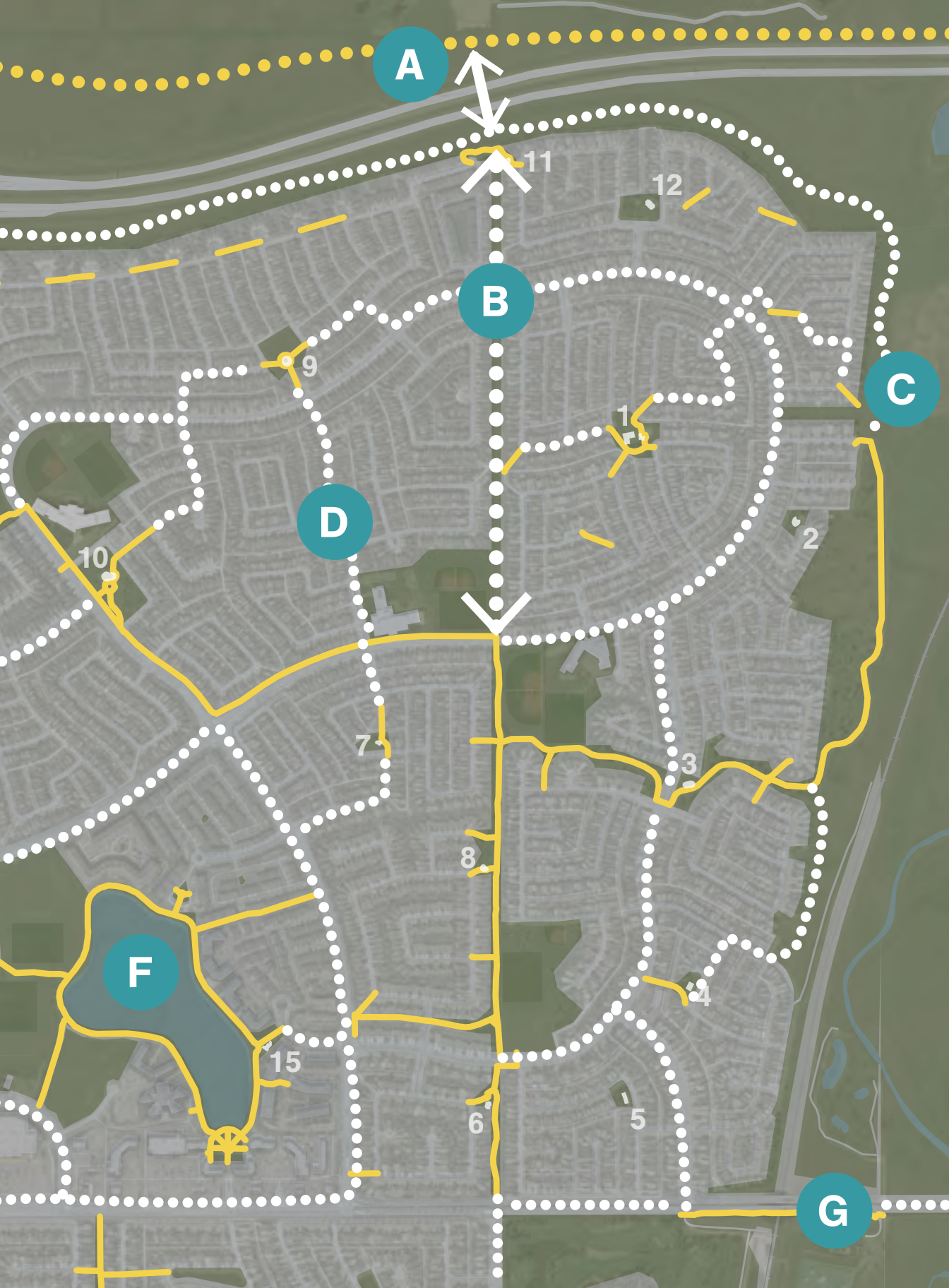
Existing pathways and pedestrian links

Pedestrian routes identified by residents

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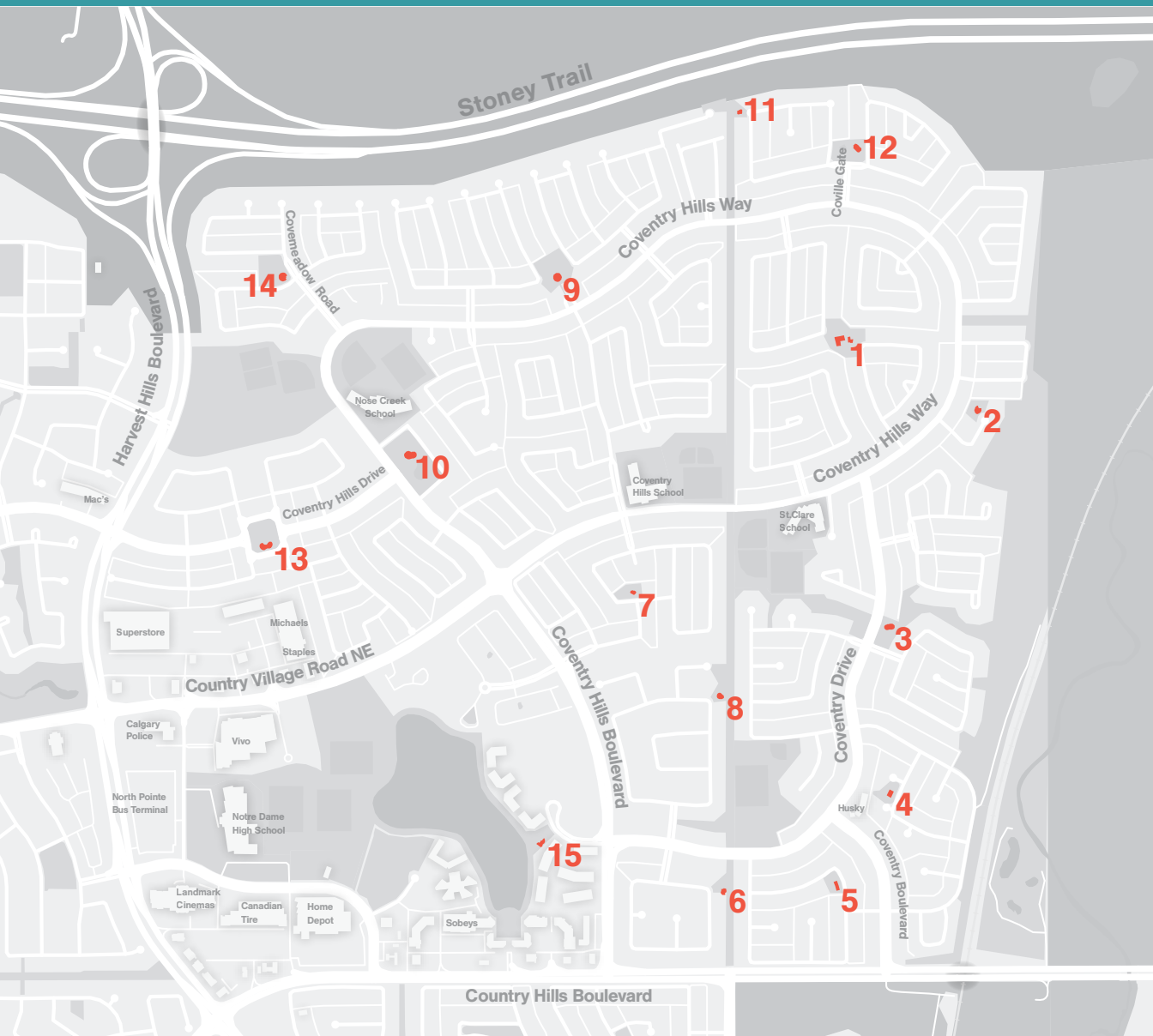
PART 2: Park Profiles

Fifteen Parks

The following section is made up of 15 profiles, each of which contains information and recommendations for Creating Coventry's 15 parks (14 in Coventry Hills, and 1 in Country Hills Village). The profiles contain general notes, information about the current state of the parks, results from the systematic observations, and opportunities identified by local residents. For detailed information about how this data was gathered, including more data from the observations, please see the document appendices.

Existing Equipment Legend

	play structure		stationary toy
	swing		basketball hoop
	spring toy		see-saw
	slide		digging toy
	climbing structure		sound toy





'Spider Web Park'
153 Covewood Place NE



Coverton Park
79 Coverton Green NE



'Red Slide Park'
980 Coventry Drive NE



'Husky Park'
303 Covington Bay NE



Coventry Close Park
230 Coventry Close NE



Coventry Green Park
236 Coventry Green NE



Coventry Road Park
160 Coventry Road NE



'Purple Park'
152 Coventry Circle NE



'Cul-de-sac Park'
85 Covebrook Place NE



'Blue Park'
90 Covepark Square NE



Coville Park
163 Coville Close NE



'Castle Park'
19 Coville Circle NE



'Roundabout Park'
118 Coventry Hills Drive NE



Covemeadow Park
265 Covemeadow Crescent NE



Country Village Park
Country Village Landing

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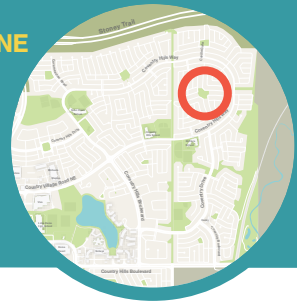


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COV972

'Spider Web Park'

153 Covewood Place NE



Park Overview

356m² Approx. Park Area | rank 2

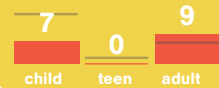
1,537 Residents within 300m | rank 3

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Users by Age Group



Description

'Spider web park' is located in the northeast of Coventry Hills. It is one of the larger parks in the neighbourhood, and also has a large resident catchment. Each year, it hosts a well-attended Neighbour Day event for the Covewood area. It contains multiple multi-play structures, climbing equipment, and swings that were installed in 1998 and remain in good condition.

Total Observed Users

16

Usage Rank

8/14

Observed Users

The park ranked midway among the area's parks in the total users counted during the systematic observations. No teens were observed using the park.

Opportunities

Residents told us that they would like amenities that better support the community use of this space. Elements like BBQs, benches, picnic tables, and games would all allow neighbours to use the space more socially. Other more active elements like zip lines and trampolines were also popular among younger participants.

Resident Proposals



BBQ



Benches



Games



Landscaping



Picnic Table



Zip Line



Swings



Trampoline



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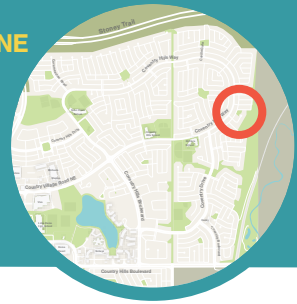
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2 COV970 'Green Tree Park'

Park Overview

198m² Approx. Park Area | rank 9

703 Residents within 300m | rank 13

FAIR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



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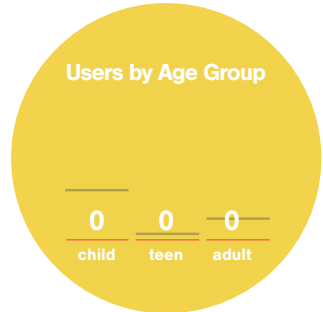
Green Tree Park is one of the smaller park spaces in Coventry Hills, and its position on the east edge of the neighbourhood grants it one of the lowest catchments. It contains one of the widest arrays of equipment among the area's playgrounds. A laneway connects it to a nearby open space east of the neighbourhood boundary.

Observed Users

Not one user was recorded using the park during any of the systematic observations. This makes it the least used park in our data set.

Opportunities

The location of this park next to the greenway presents an opportunity to create clearer pathway connections. With the nearby large open space, amenities that support dog owners would also be well-located here. Elements like BBQs and picnic tables would create new opportunities for social space. The aging equipment, which will be due for replacement, could be refitted with more specific and active amenities that might draw more young people from across the neighbourhood.



Resident Proposals



BBQ



Flowers



Bike Path



Pump Track



Picnic Table

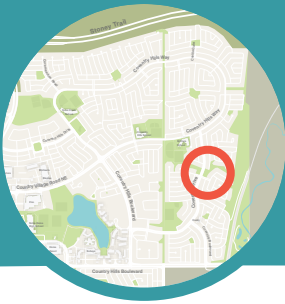
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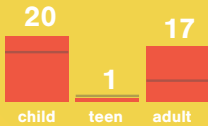
980 Coventry Drive NE

COV945

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'Red Slide Park'

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

38

Usage Rank
4/14

Park Overview

263m² Approx. Park Area | rank 8

966 Residents within 300m | rank 6

POOR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

'Red Slide Park' is located along a bicycle pathway, near a main road and bus route. It is about average in its size and catchment. The equipment – a multi-play structure and swing-set – was installed in 1997 and is in poor condition.

Observed Users

This central and very visible park was the fourth most used green space observed in the systematic observations, though most of the users were adults and children, with only one teen recorded using the space.

Opportunities

With its high visibility, transit access, and pathway linkage, this park is a strong candidate to be a gateway space for the green areas to the east. The park is well used, and the equipment is in poor condition, which means there is a strong opportunity to invest in natural play spaces, social spaces, and unique activities. Public art would help signify this park's important role in the broader network.



Natural Play



Picnic Table



Labyrinth



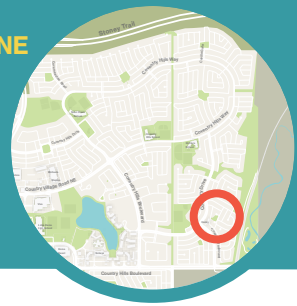
Zip line



Public Art

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4 COV934 'Husky Park'

Park Overview

197m² Approx. Park Area | rank 10
1,058 Residents within 300m | rank 5
GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

'Husky Park' is located in the southeast area of Coventry Hills. It is among the smaller parks in the neighbourhood, but has a higher catchment than most. It's equipment – a multi-play structure and a swing – were updated in 2017. The park's proximity to the Husky gas station and other shops make it somewhat unique among the neighbourhood green spaces.

Observed Users

There were only two users observed using this space during the systematic observations, making it one of the least-used parks. This low number could be the result of playground construction occurring in 2017.

Opportunities

This park has a distinct opportunity in its proximity to the nearby gas station and commercial spaces. Benches and picnic tables can act as a place to share snacks, and create a more social atmosphere. Most of the other uses proposed by residents involved more active uses for older children.

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

2

Usage Rank
12/14

Resident Proposals



Fitness Equip.



Benches



B-Ball Court



Trampoline



Parkour



Picnic Table



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230 Coventry Close NE

COV933 'Twin Park' 5

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

8

Usage Rank
10/14

Park Overview

173m² Approx. Park Area | rank 12

937 Residents within 300m | rank 8

FAIR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

'Twin Park' is a small park located in the southeast corner of Coventry Hills. It has one of the smallest areas and an average catchment. The park is not visible from any main roadways.

Observed Users

This park ranked 10th among observed parks, and the high ratio of adults to non-adults stands out.

Opportunities

This parks presents the potential to draw in more adult users and create more social spaces. Elements like dog parks and natural spaces are a good fit here.



Natural Play



Dog Park

Resident Proposals

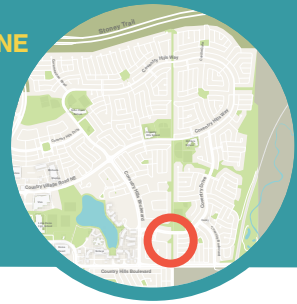
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COV929

Coventry Green Park

236 Coventry Green NE



Park Overview

148m² Approx. Park Area | rank 13

946 Residents within 300m | rank 7

FAIR/POOR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

Coventry Green Park is one of the southernmost parks in Coventry Hills, and anchors the south extent of the north-south greenway that cuts through the neighbourhood. It is small, but directly connected to an extensive green corridor and pathway system. It contains a gazebo with a bench under it, and some fair/poor condition playground equipment (installed 1997).

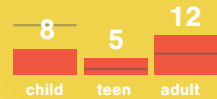
Observed Users

Despite its small size, this park was busier than most with 25 users recorded during the systematic observation. The pathway is likely responsible for pushing that number upward.

Opportunities

This park provides access to the north-south greenway, and also acts as a landing point along the greenway pathway. There is a clear opportunity to activate the existing shaded space under the gazebo with more seating or a picnic table. This park could become a 'gateway' to the greenway and benefit from broader strategies of natural planting. Uses that activate the space for older children and teenagers would also be welcome.

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

25

Usage Rank

6/14

Resident Proposals



Public Art



BBall Court



Picnic Table



Sledding Hill



Parkour

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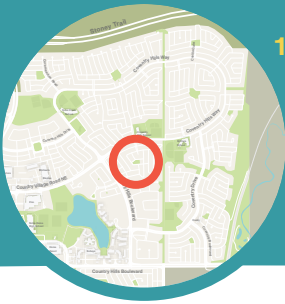
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160 Coventry Road NE

COV879

Coventry Road Park

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Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

4

Usage Rank
11/14

Park Overview

193m² Approx. Park Area | rank 11

730 Residents within 300m | rank 12

FAIR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



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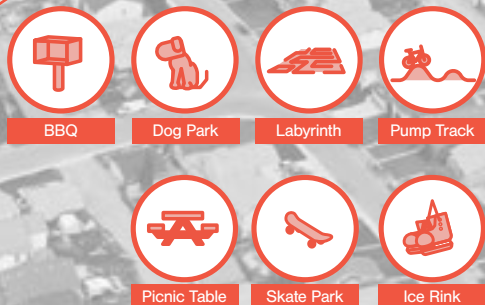
Coventry Road Park is located very near the centre of Coventry Hills. It is small in size and catchment. The single multi-play structure was installed in 2000 and is in fair condition. The park is close to two large school green spaces, which accounts for its low catchment.

Observed Users

Among the lowest of the observed user counts at 4, it is interesting to note that only children were seen at Coventry Road Park. The nearby school fields may be responsible for drawing nearby residents away from this little park toward larger green spaces.

Opportunities

There were many resident proposals for this space, and they tended to activate the park in unique ways. There was a trend toward social space and uses that suited teenagers and older children. Given the large competing green spaces nearby, this park could draw back more users with unique and interesting propositions like skate park elements, or a pump track or ice rink.



Resident Proposals

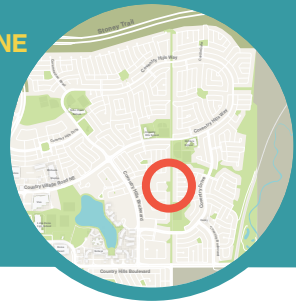
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COV873

'Purple Park'

152 Coventry Circle NE



Park Overview

288m² Approx. Park Area | rank 5

2,093 Residents within 300m | rank 1

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

12

Usage Rank

9/14

Description

'Purple Park' sits near the centre of Coventry Hills, along the north-south greenway corridor. Taken as a separate parcel it is one of the larger parks in the neighbourhood, and it's link to the greenway only heightens this sense of scale. It has the highest 300m catchment of any park in Coventry Hills. The equipment was replaced like-for-like in the summer of 2016; previous equipment was purple, which endures in this park's informal name.

Observed Users

Only twelve users were recorded using this park space throughout the systematic observations, placing it in the bottom half of all measured parks.

Opportunities

This park connects several cul-de-sacs to the north-south greenway, and acts as a 'patch' or 'anchor' along the pathway. Residents proposed large-space elements like parkour equipment, dog parks, and creative open play environments.

Resident Proposals



Dog Park



Open Play



Trampoline



Parkour

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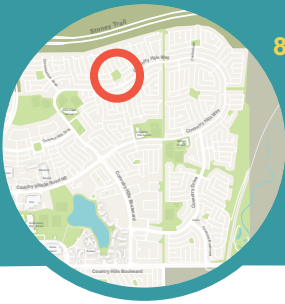
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85 Covebrook Place NE

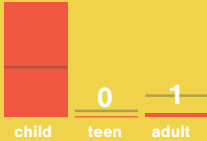
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'Cul-de-sac Park'

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Users by Age Group

35



Total Observed Users

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Usage Rank
5/14

Park Overview

327m² Approx. Park Area | rank 3

1,544 Residents within 300m | rank 2

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



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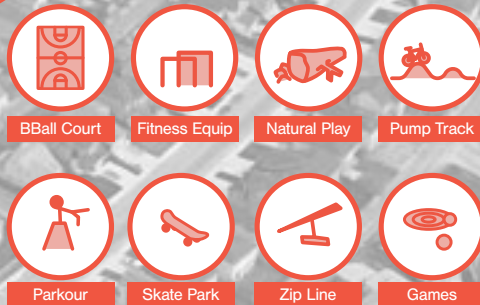
'Cul-de-sac Park' is one of the largest parks in the neighbourhood, and has the second-highest catchment. It has a very large green space that is open to several roadways, giving it a stronger presence than some other parks.

Observed Users

36 users were observed using the space during the systematic observation, almost all of them children.

Opportunities

This park benefits from its large green-space and high visibility. The 'catwalk' entrance to the south is an opportunity for some interesting urban design. Many residents indicated that there was a demand in this area for uses more suited to teenagers and older children.

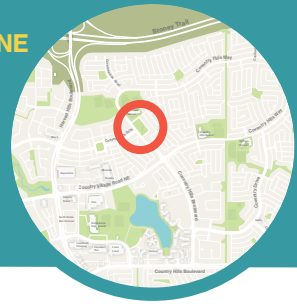


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10 COV106 'Big Park'

90 Covepark Square NE



Park Overview

463m² Approx. Park Area | rank 1

1,092 Residents within 300m | rank 4

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

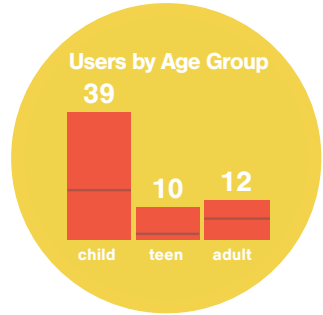
'Big Park' is the largest park in Coventry Hills – 30% larger than the next biggest park ('Spider Web Park'). It sits next to Nose Creek School, and sees heavy use from children at the school. A nearby daycare centre also makes good use of the playground. It contains a separate paved area with some basketball hoops (though not a full-size basketball court), a wide range of play equipment, and a community garden. It was at one time the site of a community ice rink, but the slope made it difficult to maintain through a melt. Accessible pathway access, additional raised garden beds, and a gazebo are all planned for installation in 2018.

Observed Users

This was the second most used park in Coventry Hills, with 61 total users observed. In systematic observation, there were notably more teenage users recorded using this park than any other park, likely owing to the basketball hoops.

Opportunities

This park's size and its proximity to a school are its greatest assets. The opportunity for amenities that might create demand for parking is stronger here than in any other space. Residents placed many of their 'big-ticket' items in Big Park, like a full-size basketball court, an ice rink, and the very popular water park. Some re-grading may be required to allow these uses.



Resident Proposals



BBall Court



Benches



Picnic Table



Public Art



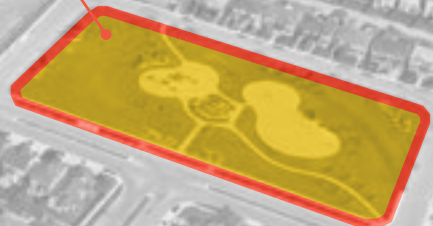
Ice Rink



Social Space



Water Park

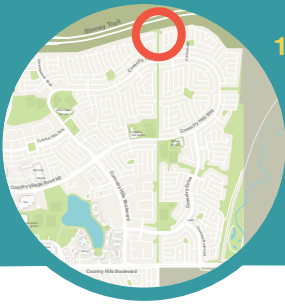




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163 Coville Close NE

COV105 Coville Park 11

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

1

Usage Rank
13/14

Park Overview

138m² Approx. Park Area | rank 14

425 Residents within 300m | rank 14

FAIR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

Coville Park is the smallest park in Coventry Hills. It is located at the north extent of the north-south green corridor, adjacent to Stoney Trail. Its fringe location contributes to the fact that it has the lowest catchment of any park in the neighbourhood. Coville Park's playground equipment was installed in 2003 and is in fair shape. It is suited to very small children.

Observed Users

Only a single adult participant was recorded using Coville Park throughout the systematic observations, giving it the second-lowest usage ranking. The popularity of the nearby 'Castle Park' is likely responsible in part for the lack of use at Coville.

Opportunities

Many residents indicated that the northern half of the north-south greenway is not equipped with a pathway. If a path were created, and a pedestrian linkage created over Stoney Trail north to Livingston, this small park could become a much more important part of the green space fabric. We heard from residents that the older kids in this park's proximity would appreciate more age-appropriate amenities like basketball hoops. Currently, the proximity to larger green spaces to the north makes it a good candidate for amenities that support dog owners.



Dog Park



Pathway



BBall Hoops

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12 COV101 'Castle Park'

19 Coville Circle NE



Park Overview

265m² Approx. Park Area | rank 7

867 Residents within 300m | rank 11

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

'Castle Park' (so named because of the castle-like play structure), is located in the northeast corner of Coventry. It is among the smaller parks in Coventry Hills, and has a very low catchment count. The residents in this area tend to be very engaged, and the park has hosted large neighbour-day events, in some cases with live music.

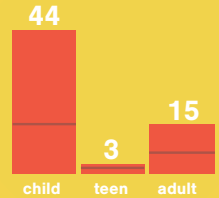
Observed Users

In spite of its smaller size and low catchment, Castle Park hosted the highest number of observed users in our systematic observation. Teenagers were still under-represented.

Opportunities

Residents remarked on the quality of equipment in this park, which likely represents some of the draw beyond what the catchment might suggest. There is a strong opportunity to create more social spaces here, and to enrich the park with uses more suited to older children and teenagers.

Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

62

Usage Rank

1/14

Resident Proposals



Fitness Equip.



Benches



Picnic Table



Games



Pump Track



Zip Line



Water Park



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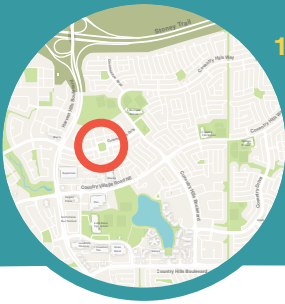
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118 Coventry Hills Drive NE

COV098

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'Roundabout Park'

Park Overview

298m² Approx. Park Area | rank 4

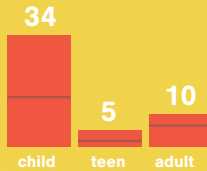
936 Residents within 300m | rank 9

FAIR Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Users by Age Group



Total Observed Users

49

Usage Rank

3/14

Description

'Roundabout Park' sits in the centre of a large one-way traffic square on the west end of Coventry Hills. It is among the larger parks in the neighbourhood. It sits south of a green space that is designated as a future high school site. Some minor traffic calming measures were introduced here by request of the residents, though some vehicles still cut the corners of the park, especially in the winter.

Observed Users

Roundabout park is very well used among Coventry Hills parks; it was the third-ranked in terms of total observed users. It had the second-highest number of teenage users, but this age-group was still under-represented.

Opportunities

Traffic volume and parking in this area delineate much of what is possible. Any 'big draw' amenity will need to address questions of parking and the impact on local residents. The site is flat and well-suited to an ice rink. Residents asked us for social spaces and elements that would invite more young adult users.



BBall Court



Flowers



Benches



Fitness Equip.



Sled Hill



Picnic Table

Resident Proposals

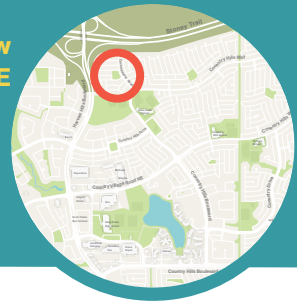
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COV089

Covemeadow Park

265 Covemeadow Crescent NE



Park Overview

285m² Approx. Park Area | rank 6

911 Residents within 300m | rank 10

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Users by Age Group



Description

Covemeadow Park is located in the northwest corner of Coventry Hills. It is a bit larger than the average neighbourhood park, but has one of the lower catchments.

Observed Users

A total of 16 people were recorded during the systematic observation, placing it at the midpoint among Coventry Hills' parks.

Total Observed Users

16

Usage Rank
7/14

Opportunities

This park has a large open green space without any pathway or equipment intersection. There are opportunities to connect westward to a greenway perimeter path along the north edge of the neighbourhood. The park's connection east to the larger [Big Park](#) and Nose Creek School are disrupted somewhat by high vehicle volume along the nearby Coventry Hills Way. Some traffic calming measures here – especially at the end of the school zones – might help reconnect the park to its neighbouring green spaces.

Resident Proposals



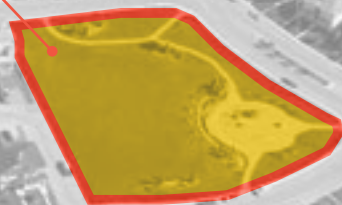
Picnic Table



Free Library



Social Space





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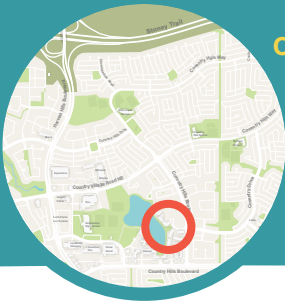
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Park Overview

221m² Park Area

GOOD Equipment Status

Existing Equipment



Description

'The Lake Park', which is located in Country Hills Village, was replaced with new equipment in 2017. The reconstruction was a collaboration between City of Calgary Parks and the Shoreline Homeowners Association. It was not an original part of the Creating Coventry research, but was later included based on its functional participation in the Coventry park network.

Opportunities

Even though this playground was replaced recently, residents noted that the new equipment still focused on small children. There is an opportunity – both here and around the pond – to integrate uses that invite more age groups to use green space. Suggestions included more frequent benches and outdoor fitness equipment.

The pond offers a strong foundation to increase the area's biodiversity. Native plantings and natural playground elements would integrate well with social seating.

PART 3: Contact & Appendices

Next Steps

Creating Coventry is the result of many individuals and organizations coming together to demonstrate the power of a community's voice and the importance of proactive approaches to community planning.

So what's next? We want to bring these parks to life.

We know that our community has skills, expertise, and gifts they can share to make the next generation of park space a reality in Coventry Hills. Get in touch if you think you might be able to help. Whether you like planning, playing, photo-taking, writing, baking, chatting – the list goes on – there's a way for you to get involved.

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If you wanted to learn more about the process that brought Creating Coventry to life, the full appendices to this report can be found online, and outlined on the opposing page.



Appendices

All appendices can be accessed online by visiting:

vivo.ca/creatingcoventry or northernhills.ab.ca/creatingcoventry

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