

Parks and Gathering

Within the entire NMUGA boundary

1. Define the different types of parks and gathering spaces that are desirable in Freeland. Think about areas where small and large populations can gather and the reasons that they may gather in those locations. Some areas may be publicly owned and other privately owned. Some may be traditional parks while other may be a seating area in front of a coffee shop.
2. Identify existing locations where people congregate outside – public or private. Locate these areas on a map.
3. What types of outdoor parks and gathering places are lacking in Freeland? What are the techniques that could be used to encourage or force the creation of these gathering places?
4. Looking at the future land use plan map, identify general locations where it would make sense to establish these types of areas.

Within the Business General and Business Village designation

5. Commercial property is expensive. Assuming that there won't be a lot of money to try to acquire public property, what incentives or requirements might be built into the regulations that would result in the creation of community gathering places? Think about seating areas attached to eateries and coffee shops, picnic areas, gardens with benches, places where there are fountains and arbors, etc.
6. Ideally there would be community gathering places that are larger where a number of people can meet, talk, sit, etc., but it is equally important to have numerous small nooks where there is room for only a few people. What should these places look like, how big should they be, and what features are important to provide?
7. How do you tie in trails and sidewalks to community gathering spaces? You may want to meet with the sub-committee that is working on pedestrian circulation.
8. How should these questions be answered in the two different zones? The Business Village zone is a very pedestrian oriented area while the Business General zone serves a more intense and vehicle friendly type of commercial activity.