

December 2021- Project introduced in GBA newsletter and socila media.
March 26, 2022 - In person park event.
June 4th, 2022 In person at Garrett Park and Curtis Bay Festival
June 2022 GBA Newsletter & Social media- Survey distributed for final
feedback prior to concept development.

Community Workshops:

**this initial feedback was utilized to create a series of three concepts*

What does Brooklyn mean to you?

- Home
- A place where I can be free
- Peace of mind
- Quiet x4
- Sense of community
- A fun place to play with other kids
- Growth
- South Baltimore
- Townsquare
- Happiness x2
- Love
- Friendship x4
- Resilience
- New start
- Hope for the future
- Hope x3
- Nature x6
- My childhood memories x2

Why do you come to Garrett Park?

- Halloween activities
- Pick up the trash x2
- Watch the trains x3
- Peace of mind
- To read x2
- Nature x3
- Animals
- Workout x3
- I don't come to the park
- Because it's close to home x6
- To let my grandkids play, meet other kids and have fun!
- Wooden lounge chairs
- The fresh air
- For the view
- Yoga
- Hopscotch
- To relax x2
- Hang with friends
- Play football
- The green space x4
- To walk my dog
- For meditation
- Exercise x4
- To use the exercise equipment x5

Describe Garrett Park with a color, word, or symbol.

- Peace
- Happy x4
- Bright
- Safe
- Blessed
- Clean
- Fun x4
- Green
- Pollution x3
- Diversity
- Blue x3
- Purple x2
- Strength
- Home x8
- Union
- Family x4
- Aid
- Sunshine
- Busy
- Red
- Skyline
- Train x6
- Helping people x3
- Resilient x6
- Needle (because I stepped on a needle there and had to go to the hospital)
- Beautiful

What would you like to see more of in Garrett Park?

- When you finish your exercise... a place to relax
- More love less hate
- A Townsquare x6
- A place to gather x4
- More community events
- Better signage x2
- A place to watch the trains
- Viewfinders
- Identity to the park x6
- Less Pollution x4
- A place for exploration x8
- More color x6
- Groundscape x5
- Performances x6
- A better use of the pergola x10
- Community garden, if there was a community garden/planting space, I would be involved.
- Beautiful murals that reflect the community
- Additional youth programming, events that bring people together, community fairs
- I want interesting playground equipment, pollinator gardens, an approach from Second Street, scaling of the hills to make them manageable, seating, swings for adults too, and an amphitheater. Most of all, I want a meadow on the middle plateau and irrigation so that community gardening is possible. I do *not* want public art that looks like garbage or is there primarily to disturb or provoke.
- Fun!
- A new lawn
- Lights
- More games are needed for young children, chairs to sit that are made of metal because of the ones that were made of wood, they were stolen, there is only 1.
- More trash cans
- Because today that the new basketball courts are open, more people are arriving, it is a good use of the recreational area.
- Some of the plants that are annual so that year after year they can be born again on their own

General Feedback/Comments around the initial concepts:

December 3, 2022 - in person meeting at EPFL Brooklyn

**the feedback from all the concepts was utilized to create the final design.*

- I think the park is a great place for public art. I think something bold and unique for both the citizens using the park as well as people traveling by on 895. It's an excellent place to display something awesome.
- Adding to the pergola is a great idea!
- Will be nice to have something at the park like this!
- The art is colorful!
- Art looks fun and others would also enjoy it!
- Should be inclusive of all accessibility needs.
- I appreciate the location of your art piece as I have Never Understood the quasi-pavilion thing that was installed on that point. It does not provide any cover from rain etc but just interrupts the view. So I hope that your piece could add coherence to that location.
- Colorful, nice outdoor space is important, especially in communities such as Brooklyn and Curtis Bay
- The most gorgeous views. So much additional potential!
- Need a place for gatherings or lookouts
- Can be used as a gathering place fitting for everyone
- Love that it's open and free for anybody!



January 2023- Survey Circulated by direct email share by GBA staff
 Jan 2023-highlighted in GBA newsletter
 Jan 2023 survey flyers (with links) printed and hung in the park
 Jan - Feb 2023 advertised on GBA social media.

Concept 1 Feedback:

- I like it. Color and potential use.
- Yes, seating around shade!
- I like that it makes something out of the pergola structure which has seemed inexplicable to me. I like that it gives sensible seating in the park, and at the point with the best view.
- I would really like if the seating was curved.
- Nice area for people to gather
- Its geometry is visually attractive and the colors are nice. It also has a use unlike the other one i mention.
- Sitting climbing structures and curb appeal
- Supports community
- I like the explorative aspects of the design.
- Out of the 3 this is my favorite . It fits the available concrete pad well . I like the color ok but wonder if we could use a bolder color. I think planting makes it high maintenance. I think the same design with no planters would be preferable.
- Adds interest to existing features, including pad and pergola. is usable and fun, does not limit other uses like yoga class, incorporates plants and ground mural. Is the most visible location from outside the park - matching the intent of the work.
- Some shade, some places to sit, colorful, place for plants
- I like the seating for people to rest while children play. Attractive colors on the ground.
- Gives children the opportunity to see trains. They might want to be a conductor - gives them something to look forward to!
- I like that you can watch the boats come in.
- Give purpose to the existing structure.
- Would be pretty cool to sit and enjoy the view.
- Would love to see this as curves instead of angles!
- I could see myself utilizing this space with huge binoculars!
- This makes for a nice place to gather and sit together
- Great place for the children in the neighborhood!
- Has seating with a nice view and is visible by passing traffic.
- This concept works better for the area!



Concept 2 Feedback:

- It's bright and looks soft for children to sit on maybe on one end they could add a slide do different things as far as for people and children to sit and rest but also be able to play on as well
- Colorful, a few places to sit, and holds plants.
- It has plants growing in it
- It's interesting but doesn't seem practical.
- Organic shape, seating, live component.
- The boldness of the color. It brightens up the area.
- It's really cool and modern! I like that it is a flexible structure...with plants and seating.
- Seating and strategic places to gather are great. I like the visual and nature incorporated into the seating.
- I like that it offers seating to look out at the great view. I like that it is colorful but not too busy. I like that it looks durable as anything installed will be abused. I like that it incorporates plants though I worry they won't last due to abuse or no one to maintain them.
- Appears stable and that people can actually sit on it
- We can make Brooklyn and south Baltimore a better place and attract people from other neighborhoods to come over. It could become a more sociable place.
- Place for climbing and sitting.
- Seems like it might be uncomfortable
- The space isn't accessible
- I like the combination of sitting in a planter.
- Explorative
- Visual interest, plant incorporation, fun
- A lot of people get tired, good place to rest and look at the sky.



Concept 3 Feedback:

- Colorful and interactive
- It encourages exploration of the park.
- I like that it appears to be designed to interact with.
- Vertical appeal
- I don't like that it interrupts the walking path.
- Interactive is always nice
- interactive concept
- The colors and shapes seem too busy. Maybe using only one color would work better for the space.
- I like kinetic sculpture. Colorful, active.
- I like the kinetic aspect and sequencing
- The colors are too high contrast, would be nice to have something calmer but still colorful
- It's really fun and cool to look at
- More could be added to it.
- I like it because it's more spread out
- Would catch the eye of people visiting. More colors catch your eye.
- Not organic looking and it looks like it would not age well
- This concept seems too abstract for me.
- I don't feel drawn to the space by these structures more than I do already.