Proposed Design

Linwood Park

A New Park at Linwood & Athens Avenue
PASSIVE

ACTIVE

CIVIC

MODEL OF LINWOOD PARK
Reading Garden & Lunch Spot

Plaza, Stage, Interactive Sculpture & Tumbling Hill

Gateway to Linwood Park

Lawn, Tree Lookout & Walking Trail
Linwood Park, as it is informally known, began in August 2007, when the Montgomery County Open Space Board recommended that the Montgomery County Commissioners approve a grant of $880,000 towards the $1,100,000 cost of acquiring a 1-acre parking lot located at the northwest intersection of Athens Avenue and Linwood Avenue in Ardmore. That same month, the Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners authorized $220,000 in matching funds necessary to purchase the property.

In their recommendation to the County Commissioners, the Open Space Board instructed the Township to think big and be imaginative in creating a civic space to meet the needs of the Ardmore community for the 21st century.

Toward that end, in winter of 2008 Studio Gaea and Salt Design Studio were selected to prepare a master plan for the park. After a lengthy public process, that included several public meetings and community design workshops, this model was developed and presented to the community for comment on June 10th 2008.

This plan creates an interconnected network of rooms, spaces, and nodes to accommodate a wide variety of park users and park activities. There are quiet areas for reading, active areas for play and open areas for public events, performances or gatherings. The plan is sustainable to the core and includes designs to recharge stormwater and establish native plant communities.

The final Master Plan for ‘Linwood Park’ will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Board of Commissioners later this summer.

For more information or to leave a comment please visit the Linwood Park page on the Township’s website, lowermerion.org.
Become a Member of the Friends of Linwood Park

"want to sit and read a book in the park"
"I need a place to do a puppet show with my friends"
"there should be food for the birds"
"I want to throw a frisbee with my Dad"

give us a walking trail through the woods"

"I want to get up in the trees"
"I want a log to sit on"
"I want shade in the summer"
"I want a thing to climb on"

"I want to roll down a hill"
"we need a place to show movies"

"bridges to somewhere"

"can we have water in this place?"

"we need flowers and trees and all the plants should be named"