



LIONS CLUB PARK SPECIAL NEEDS PLAYGROUND

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Why construct a Special Needs Playground within Lions Club Park?

- Greater Killeen Lions Foundation contributing \$80,000 to match the City of Killeen's \$80,000 contribution.
- Parks and Recreation does not feature a special needs playground in its park inventory.
- Draft Parks Master Plan identifies the need for a special needs playground within our park system.
- Addresses a deficiency in our park system and leverages a community partnership.
- Ensures the recreational needs of special needs children are addressed at Lions Club Park.
- Locates the special needs playground within Killeen's premier community park with access to the following:
 - Disabled parking
 - Restrooms
 - Two traditional playgrounds
 - Shade structures

Components of a Special Needs Playground

- ▣ Wheelchair accommodating swings.
- ▣ Special globe structures for sensory sensitive children.
- ▣ Structures for climbing and touching for all abilities.
- ▣ Oversized slide for easy access.
- ▣ Various other amenities that ensure all inclusive access for children of various abilities.
- ▣ Rubber tile playing surface that is accommodating for wheel chairs.

Quality of Life

□ **Parks & Recreation's mission statement**

- ▣ To enhance the quality of life for our citizens by providing parks, recreation facilities, and programs.

□ **Public Recreation**

- ▣ 22 Parks
- ▣ 32 Playscapes
- ▣ 5 Special Use parks (dog, splash pad, disc golf, skate)
- ▣ 3 Hike and Bike Trails
- ▣ 12 Basketball Courts
- ▣ 2 Tennis Courts
- ▣ 2 Sand Volleyball Courts



Special Needs Playground

Proposed special needs playground in Lions Club Park.