

Oak Hill

Oak Hill and all of its large mature oak trees will remain largely untouched, with a few minor enhancements to improve the experience of the space. Currently, the walking trails around the lawns seem to end abruptly and bring users back onto the roads if they want to complete a full loop. New connections will be added to complete a full Oak Hill walking loop without having to walk on the roads.

At the high point of Oak Hill which currently holds a large wooden pole and security camera, a new picnic trellis will be installed with picnic tables. The space will have expansive views of the Park and serve the double function of better disguising security features and lighting.

OAK HILL LEGEND

- 1 Complete Oak Hill Loop Trail
- 2 Improved Sightlines and Access to Lake Clara Meer
- 3 Enhanced Existing Entrances to Adjacent Neighborhoods
- 4 Revitalized Southwest Entry Threshold with Bike and Scooter Corral
- 5 New Entrances to Oak Hill Paths Aligned with Existing Crosswalks
- 6 Potential Small Play Elements at Entrance Across from The Children’s School
- 7 Picnic and Overlook Trellis at High Point
- 8 Additional Benches Around Loop Trail
- 9 Bike and Scooter Parking Corral Next to Charles Allen Drive Entrance
- 10 Existing Desire Path to be Paved



COMPLETE LOOP WALK

The Oak Hill loop walk will be completed by connecting the existing paths at the northern segment along the road. In this completion, there will also be better connections between the loop and adjacent pathways and roads along existing desire paths where users often walk over the unpaved areas.

PICNIC SHELTER

The high point of Oak Hill has been proposed as a location for a picnic shelter in multiple previous master plans, including the Olmsted Brothers' original master plan from 1912, but currently has a tall pole with security cameras attached. To create a welcoming space, a picnic shelter will be designed to preserve and emphasize scenic views toward the lake and Midtown skyline.

ENTRANCES

The existing entrances to Oak Hill from 10th Street are inadequate for the number of people entering the Park this way both on foot and on bike.

The entrances do not align with the crosswalks on the street, leading to most parkgoers entering the Park over the planting areas and creating their own desire paths instead of walking all the way to the designated entrances.

As such, the entrances will be realigned to better align with these crosswalks and desire paths. At the entrance next to the crosswalk from The Children's School, small play elements can be added for children taking a short field trip across the street to the Park.

The existing entrances along 10th Street also do not adequately address the volume of bicycle traffic on the bike lanes along Piedmont Park on this street. New bike and scooter parking corrals will be added in the Park at the Southwest Entrance and at Charles Allen Drive for bikers to pull off the road and park. Curb cuts will also be added at the entrances for bikers.



The Oak Hill .74 Mile Loop Trail



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