

## **Diment Park Rehabilitation Design and Planning FAQs**

### **Why does Diment Park need a new playground?**

The current playground equipment well past its expected lifespan and is unsafe for our youngest children. There have also been repair and spacing issues for many years. The playground is not accessible, even with a stroller, and the gates do not function properly.

### **Will the new playground be ADA accessible?**

Not only will the new playground meet the guidelines for ADA accessibility, but we are planning to make the park as accessible as possible. We want it to be utilized by all people of Carlisle, including both children and caregivers with all different abilities.

### **Why do we need another new playground in Carlisle?**

The Castle playground is an amazing place for children of all ages, but it is not fully fenced and is not open to the public when school is in session. This leaves caregivers of young children without a Carlisle playground that is accessible during the school day. This is why a fully fenced playground for children from 0-5 is the goal of the renovated Diment Park.

### **Why are you not using a traditional playground equipment company to design the playground for free?**

We want the Diment Park playground to be a different sort of playground from the Castle, and we want to connect with Carlisle's character as the "City in the Woods" with a more natural playground that utilizes the topography with fewer large equipment elements. Also, the playground companies will not do any design for ADA compliance outside of the park itself (ramps, parking, etc), which is critical for this project.

### **Who will get a say in the design?**

Our hope is to create a design in collaboration with as many individuals as possible within the Carlisle community, and we will be taking input on design options and elements throughout the process.

### **Who will take care of this playground once it is built?**

This playground will be under the direction and maintenance of the town's Recreation Commission, but during the design and construction process there will be a clear plan created for ongoing maintenance expectations and needs. There may also be opportunities for other town organizations to help with certain maintenance needs.

### **How much will the actual playground cost and where will you get the money?**

While we won't know the actual cost until the design is completed, our goal is to have the entire project come in around \$400,000, including the ADA accessible parking and access. The funding for the construction portion of the project will likely come from an additional CPA application in 2026 as well as funding from ADA accessibility grants.