

Bear Creek Nature Park was the first acquisition of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission. It has since become the flagship facility of the Oakland Township Park system.

During a two-day visioning workshop led by The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio, Oakland Township Residents identified Bear Creek Nature Park as the most appropriate park for additional recreation development. With a centralized location and interesting ecology, Bear Creek was uniquely positioned for additional recreation programming and development.

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio carefully studied this beautiful landscape to develop a conceptual plan that balanced uses such as a playground, active recreation fields, and restrooms with more passive hiking trails, overlooks, and boardwalks while minimizing impacts to the natural features of the site. The park includes an Active Zone with the new parking lot and restrooms, a Transition Zone with a playground, picnic area, and council ring, and a Passive Zone featuring trails and overlooks.

The JHLE Studio also was responsible for construction observation and administration on this project to ensure the design intention and construction documents were built as originally intended.



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