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**Children's Playground at Utica Park**

**Anticipated Start Date (Request for Proposals, final design): October 2022**

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The City of Angels, in partnership with the Angels Camp Community Club, is undertaking a complete renovation of the Children’s Playground at Utica Park. Community Outreach has been ongoing since 2019 for the playground. **The City is awaiting a decision on a pending Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant (Decision anticipated August/September 2022) to determine the final budget for the playground. Once final funding is determined, the City will proceed with playground renovation (whether additional funding is or is not awarded).**

Park Playground – Budget #1 (Already Secured)	Park Playground – Budget #2 (Pending Application Decision by September 2022)*
Per Capita Grant: \$177,952	Per Capita Grant: \$177,952
<u>Angels Camp Community Club: \$135,000</u>	Angels Camp Community Club: \$135,000
<b>Total Available: \$312,952</b>	<u>Rural Recreation &amp; Tourism Grant: \$200,000*</u>
	<b>Total Available: \$512,952</b>

Community’s input for the Children’s Playground follows....





## **Children's Playground - Community Input Summary**

Divide the children's play areas into facilities for ages 0-5 and 6-13. Fence the play areas to avoid children running into the street. Provide ample seating areas for parents and grandparents and ADA accessibility to allow seniors to watch children play and for physically challenged children to access the play area. Overall design should be creative and not like every other playground. Encourage imagination play. Fewer poles and decks and more play structures are a must.

Nature-oriented design incorporating sculptural climbing structures such as a frog or dinosaur, "trees" anchoring slides, climbing structures and providing a treehouse-type adventure area with other climbing structures are highly rated by residents. Incorporating a play structure(s) reflecting the site's mining history, railroad history, toy excavator, and/or a fire engine that can be "driven" is encouraged.

Other specific structures should include:

- More swings, a wider variety of swings including disc-swing(s), parent/child swing, ADA accessible swing, double-swings
- Music/percussion play instruments
- Climbing structures
- Monkey bars (not curved monkey bars), zipline
- Obstacle course
- In-ground trampoline
- Old standards including a merry-go-round type structure and see-saw
- Spring animals (rocking/riding animals)

### **List of safe public use ideas:**

Specific safety ideas that will be included in the project are:

- Provide an open area for kids to fly kites to keep them from playing in the parking lot
- Fence the children's play area to prevent running into the parking area
- Replace wood chips in children's play area with rubber or alternative surface for safety
- Provide paved walkways for wheelchairs, walkers due to the uneven walking surface on grass
- Clear brush and shrubs to provide a clear line-of-site, eliminate places to hide, reduce the potential for homeless encampments, and reduce fire hazard. Landscaping should emphasize retaining a clear line of site through the park.
- Exclude the use of exposed chains on swings for small children
- Separate adult and children play areas
- Add a designated drop-off/pick up area
- Remove tree stumps
- Separate older and younger kid play areas

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