

2016 Parks Build Community Project Information

1. Detailed Project Information

1. Agency name

City of Orlando

2. Your name

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4. Project title

Poppy Park Basketball Court Revitalization

5. Park name

Poppy Park

6. Address of park project (street address, city, state, zip code)

5344 Lescot Lane, Orlando, FL 32811

7. Brief project overview (100 words or fewer)

Poppy Park is located in the Carver Shores neighborhood on the west side of Orlando. It is a destination stop for people walking or riding their bicycles on the Lake Fran Trail as well as a hub for children in the neighborhood. The park provides a superior shade tree canopy and a pavilion for family gatherings or neighborhood events as well as a playground and picnic area. In the park is also the ever-popular basketball court, which is in need of a makeover and some structural work.

8. Detailed project description (350 words or fewer)

Since Poppy Park is the only park in the entire neighborhood, it is extremely popular with the local children, especially teens and young adults in the evenings. And the main draw for this age group is the basketball courts. The basketball courts at Poppy Park are in need of the following repairs/upgrades:

1. There is no shade at the court so a shade structure in the area would be helpful
2. The goal posts need to be repainted/repaired
3. One side of the basketball court foundation near the street has eroded, causing dip in that portion of the court and creating a hazard to the safety of the players who use the court. This needs to be investigated and repaired to avoid injuries.
4. There are no benches or trash receptacles for the players.
5. The courts are not ADA accessible because of stairs at the entrance. An accessible ramp will be installed.
6. Although the courts appear to be in good condition, a closer look reveals wear through the surface finish, cracks and other defects. The courts will be resurfaced to rectify these issues.

9. Focus area(s)

Healthy living
Access to sports

10. Describe specifically how this project will address the focus area(s) above, as defined in the Project Planning Guidelines. (150 words or fewer)

Poppy Park is a true neighborhood park, where children play every day. Without the basketball court, children would have to ride their bicycles to the Dr. James R. Smith Center, which is 2.2 miles away. Removing this access to a sport that this neighborhood truly enjoys would be detrimental to the residents living in that neighborhood. The courts provide access to the sport as well as allow youth to burn off extra energy, interact positively with each other and get healthy exercise.

11. Does this project focus on an underserved community? Specifically does this program reach a low-income community or community of color?

Yes

12. If you answered "yes" to #11, briefly explain how. (350 words or fewer)

The Carver Shores Neighborhood is comprised of .317 square miles of land in west Orlando, where the population density is 4,832 per square mile according to the City Data profile of the area. Single mothers with at least 2 children reside in 27% of the homes in the area, 71% of the homes are rental properties. The median income is \$ 30,170.00. 97% of the population is African American, with a 16.8% unemployment rate in the 32811 zip code. The area is ranked at 24.6% below the poverty level.

13. Does this project provide access to/reach people with disabilities?

Yes

14. If you answered "yes" to #13, briefly explain how. (350 words or fewer)

Currently, people with mobility issues would not be able to access the basketball courts without assistance. As part of this grant, the steps leading into the basketball court will be removed and an ADA accessible ramp will be installed.

15. Project audience

Teens (13-18 years)

Adults (18-65 years)

16. Please describe specifically who will benefit from this project and how (100 words or fewer)

The majority of the basketball players at Poppy park range in age from 15-24 years old.

17. Number of people to be served by this project

500

18. Project metrics

1. The completion of all improvements.
2. The number of people playing on the basketball courts during random inspections.
3. Community feedback.

19. Community events

The community will have the opportunity to be involved at a couple of points. We can get community input on the colors used on the improvements during a community meeting. We can also have a park clean up day and of course, the project completion celebration.

20. Employee volunteerism

Volunteers will be able to participate in the project through a cleanup, spiff up day for the park prior to the completion of the project. They can help plant, paint the fence posts and other beautification tasks.

21. Itemized project budget

	Cost
Structural investigation and repair	3500
Materials and equipment	12000
Installation	4500
Total project costs	20000

22. Project timeline

May 2016 : Surface investigation, order materials

June 2016 : Fix subsurface, start repairs

July 2016 : Install materials, equipment

August 2016 : Complete construction and hold event

23. You may upload photos (no more than 4) of the project here, or email them directly to mwynn@nrpa.org