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TOWN & COUNTRY
WHERE THE TOWN AND COUNTRY MEET
DISCOVERY PARK
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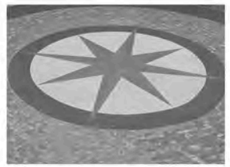
ARCHITECTS


Center Axis - Compass Rose

Oge Log Cabin Post Office

Wirth Blacksmith Shop

Existing Wirth Property

Straub's at Mason Woods Village

Town and Country Fire Station

Town and Country Crossing

Drace Park Pavilion

HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS

With its roots as a farming community, Town and Country was located on the trail of westward expansion. Clayton Road at the north edge of the park not only was the connecting road from St. Louis to the state capital in Jefferson City, but during the civil war marked the line between the union and confederate forces. Generations later, Town and Country now is recognized as the country side community just outside St. Louis City, where "Town" meets the "Country."

The Park is organized with a strong east-west axis that marks the connection between St. Louis City and Jefferson City to the west.

Within the park, the west axis aligns with the chimney of a picnic pavilion which references the original homesteads within the community.

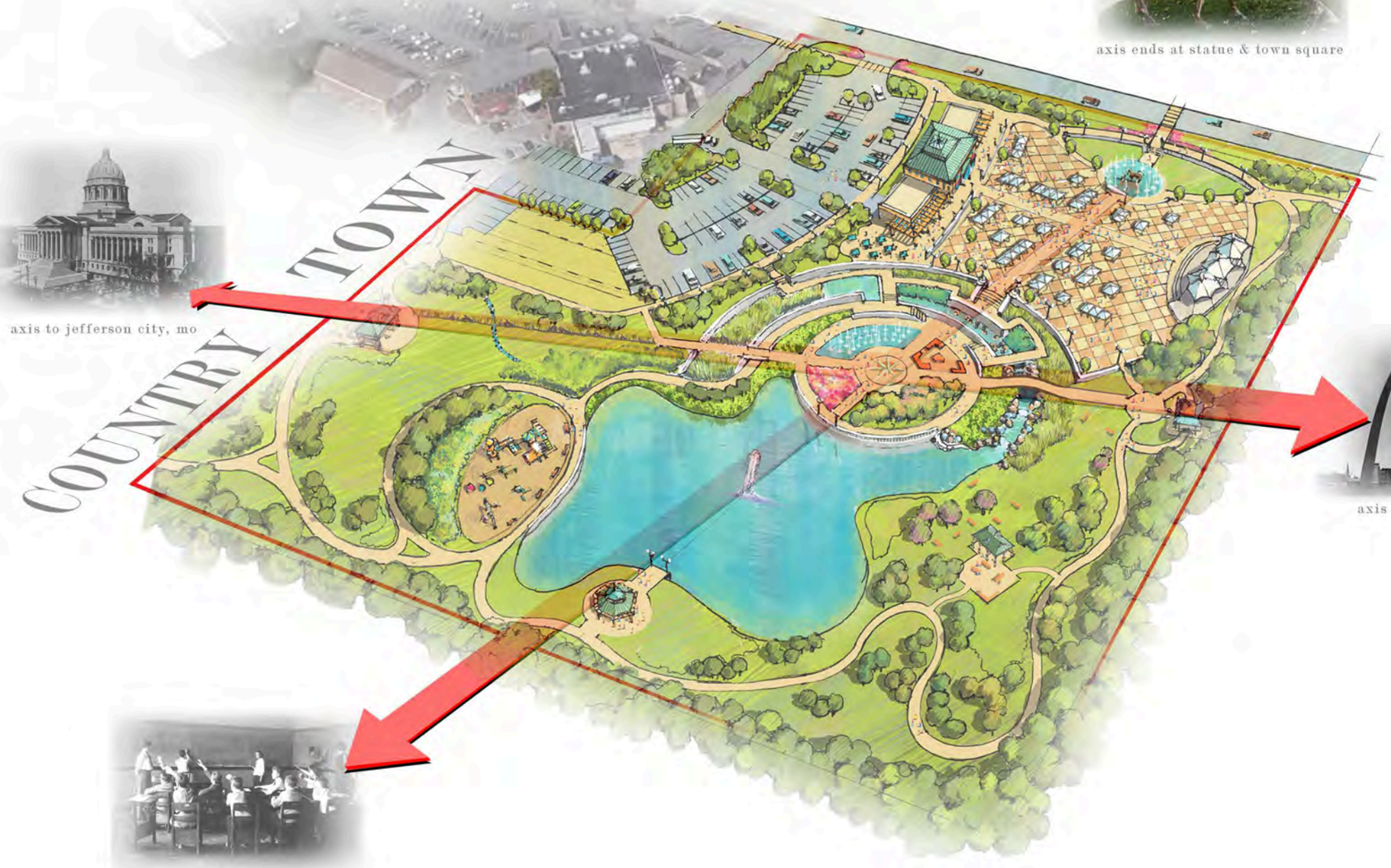
The north-south axis aligns with the one-room school house that originally served Altheim and the north leg aligns with the "discovery statue" that marks the entrance to the Town Square and park along Clayton Road.

A history compass set in the pavement of the center circle at the intersection of the two axes will identify these connections as well as the locations of the Wirth blacksmith shop and home, the Fette tavern, the first post office, Western Electric and other historical sites.

Further, the park is segmented along the axis into the "Town" zone to the north with the highly active multi-use plaza, covered event space, restaurant and vehicle access. The south half of the axis is identified as the "Country" and is reserved for the lake with walking trails, picnic and play areas.

axis ends at statue & town square

axis to jefferson city, mo



axis to st. louis, mo

axis to old school house

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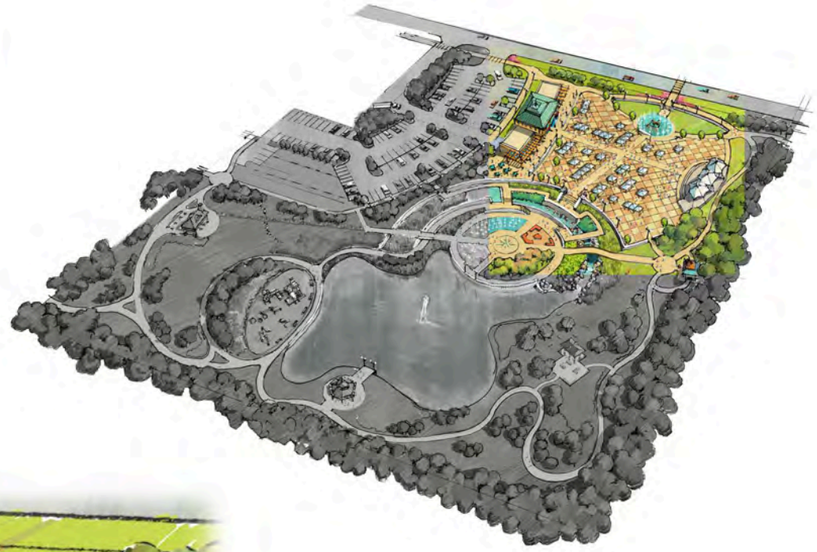
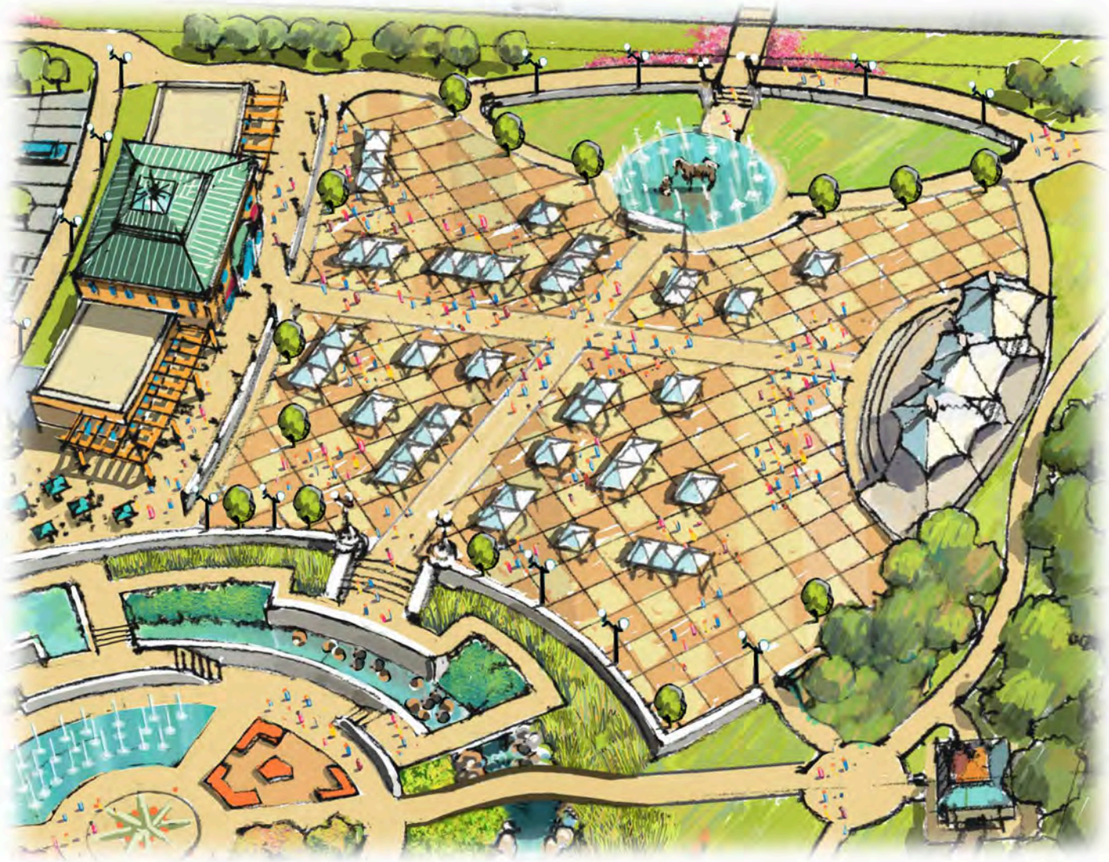


SUMMARY:

The Town Square Plaza will support a multitude of functions, including concerts, seating for firework shows, arts and crafts fairs, farmer's markets and food trucks. The town square and public interactive spaces, supported by parking and pedestrian paths that connect to Mason Woods Village, existing residential developments and public trails, will be located on the north half of the east-west axis. The "Discovery Statue" at the north entry to the park will serve as a focal point for a potential crosswalk at Clayton Road and be ringed by an interactive water-jet fountain. West of the plaza, shaded patios will allow restaurant patrons to observe and interact with events and share vistas of the lake and park. A covered event center will flank the Plaza to the east. Curved, terraced walls, stairs and an interactive stone brook will step down to the lake overlook south of the Plaza.



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SUMMARY:

Moving south from the highly active spaces of the Town Square, visitors will find themselves in a transitional area as the environment becomes less structured and more natural, with open fields, indigenous plantings, mature trees, rain gardens and hillsides of wildflowers. The park is quieter in this zone and the existing tree line is enhanced to buffer the neighborhoods east and south of the park.

The history compass at the park hub identifies significant points of interest including Wirth family sites and a patio marking the footprint of their home including a new pavilion (using the existing design from the Drace Park structure).

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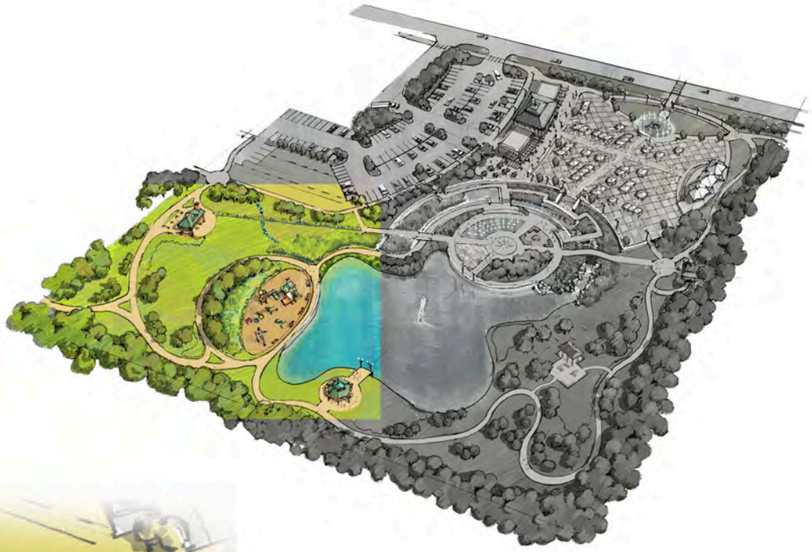

SUMMARY:

Trail systems at the southwest portion of the park will provide access Mason Woods Village, the Church of the Good Shepherd and to Queeny Park west of Mason Road. Visitors, including local school children, can romp at the playground or interact with the rock-lined brooks and lake, or even hold outdoor science classes at one of the pavilions.

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KEY PLAN

- **A.** Discovery Statue & Water Jet Fountain
- **B.** Town Square
- **C.** Retail/Restaurant
- **D.** Covered Stage
- **E.** Clayton Road Pedestrian Crossing
- **F.** 100 Car Parking
- **G.** 20 Future Parking Spaces
- **H.** Food Truck(s)
- **I.** Public Restrooms
- **J.** Straub's Truck Maneuvering
- **K.** Pavilion
- **L.** Pavilion & Wirth House Patio
- **M.** Interactive Stone Brook
- **N.** Historical Compass Rose
- **O.** Activity Fountain
- **P.** Trail to Church of Good Shepherd & Queeny Park
- **Q.** Overlook
- **R.** Lake (Wet Detention with Fountain)
- **S.** Playground (Suggested)
- **T.** Enhance Existing Tree Line Buffer
- **U.** Remove Heavy Brush & Open Vista to Park
- **V.** Wildflower Area
- **W.** Access Road to Restrooms / Covered Event Space
- **X.** Walking Trails

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