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## **THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUTTON** **COMMUNITY PARK**

- **The Project:**

- The Town of Georgina is preparing designs for the construction of the 5.05 Hectare Community Park within the Lakeside Meadows subdivision in Sutton. The park is located to the north of Timberbank Square and is framed to the north and east by Regionally Significant Forest areas and Provincially Significant Wetlands.

- **Role in the Park System:**

- The Community Park has been planned as a major park and open space amenity within the Northwest Sutton Development Area. As a part of the planning of Northwest Sutton, the Town has developed a concept plan for the park based upon recreational needs and distribution for the Sutton area. The open spaces of the park have been initially planned to allow for flexibility of use and avoids the inclusion of competitive sportsfields and highly programmed facilities. The park forms an important destination and trailhead on the Hodgson Trail and local trail system in the area. The park will provide for amenities in response to both local interests and the planning of the open space system of this new development area.





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- **Existing Conditions:**

- The park area has been prepared, graded and seeded to stabilize the land prior to the full development of the amenities of the park. There is a channel for the Lucky Creek which forms the eastern and northern boundaries of the park providing a buffer to the adjoining environmental areas that provide the backdrop for the park. A landscaped Stormwater Management Pond is located along the western edge of the park.



- **Environment:**

- Environmental stewardship is a primary goal of the final park design and the local trail systems. Goals for the park will include:
  - Establish landscapes with naturalized design to increase environmental and habitat value between and around park facilities and open spaces.
  - Provide for community education opportunities regarding the environment of the adjacent open spaces of the forests and wetlands within the park and the connecting trail system.
  - Explore systems for the conservation and re-use of storm water.
  - Provide for the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the neighbouring environmental features of the Provincially Significant Wetland and Regionally Significant Forest Areas.



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- **Park Core Program:**
- Planning for the park as a part of the approval of the local subdivisions has suggested the current park program of playgrounds, waterplay, shade pavilion, multi-use courts, walking and fitness trails, trailhead features and parking, and open space field areas for flexible, unstructured recreation and for pick-up and junior sports.
- **Integration:**
- Create a welcoming, inclusive, safe and accessible landscape that includes the following objectives and principles:
  - Universal play spaces and supporting features for children and family recreation.
  - Provide space and opportunities for the Town's Integrated Recreation Programs.
  - Create a barrier-free environment to the greatest degree possible for all members of the community.
  - Provide flexibility of use in significant and adequately sized park areas for the responsive evolution of the park program and adaptability within the park as a stage for cultural and civic events.



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### **Connectivity and Access:**

Recognize the site as a key destination of the Town Trail Systems for the Sutton Area connecting to Baseline Road, Dalton Road Black River Road and the Sutton Multi-Use Facility. Build in facilities for trail users including trailhead signage, bicycle parking and service facilities.



**The Subdivision Park Concept.**



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Sutton Community Park - Preferred Concept



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