



Gloucester County's first and only all-inclusive playground is proposed for

## WASHINGTON LAKE PARK WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Washington Township is a great place to live, work, shop, eat, visit... and play!

We are dedicated to creating a place that truly embodies the meaning of inclusivity by creating a multi-functional space with **everyone** in mind.

Research has consistently shown that the power and benefits of play not only lay the foundation for developmental, physical, cognitive and sensory skills, but also enhance the social skills and emotional well-being for all children. Fully accessible playgrounds eliminate both physical and social barriers to exclusion and ensure children of all abilities can join in the fun! Every child deserves to play.

Currently, there are no fully inclusive playgrounds in Gloucester County.

Washington Township alone has over 150 students enrolled in our special education programs - not including the students with out-of-district placement in special education schools.

In addition, Washington Lake Park is a central hub bringing together tens of thousands of people each year from neighboring towns, counties and states. Our vision is to allow every person in our community and visiting communities to feel a sense of belonging, growth, understanding and acceptance when they enter this park.

As a partner in this project, you will be supporting a community of various backgrounds, ages and abilities. This is a historic moment for Washington Township and Gloucester County and together we can build a legacy that will be cherished and enjoyed for decades to come.

### FEATURES

WHAT MAKES A PLAYGROUND INCLUSIVE?

#### PLAY OPPORTUNITY

with a wide range of play experience to satisfy all physical and cognitive abilities infant to adult.

#### WIDE RANGE OF ELEMENTS

to engage both typically developing children as well as those with a developmental delay or medical condition to ensure true inclusive play.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

elements designed to be easily utilized by those in a wheelchair or other adaptive equipment, those with sensory or motor coordination disorders, and those that are verbally, visually or hearing impaired.

#### SHADE STRUCTURES

lets those with fragile medical conditions, and people of all ages enjoy the amenities while staying cool and comfortable.

#### FLAT SURFACING

allows visitors with any physical ability or the use equipment to move freely about the playground on a smooth, durable and safe surface.

#### SECURITY

offered by way of a fully fenced in playground to help keep those with elopment tendencies safe and sound. This feature will also help parents, grandparents, teachers and care-givers enjoy a more stress-free experience.



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