

FRIENDS OF STEAD PARK
1625 P STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC

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HISTORY OF STEAD PARK

Stead Park was formally opened on November 13, 1953, in the name of the late architect Robert Stead. The brick building that houses the recreation center was constructed in 1951–52 by adding a second story onto three single-story fuel sheds that stood behind row houses once located at 1621–1625 P Street NW.

In 2008, The playgrounds underwent a much appreciated and very successful renovation and now feature an Americans with Disabilities Act accessible main entrance, a central plaza with seating and an artificial turf play area, a central shade structure, and one playground for children ages two to five and one for children ages six to 12 - both with rubber safety surfaces and climbing walls in additions to slides, swings, and other standard Facilities at the Stead Park Recreation Center include two playgrounds, a lighted basketball court, a multi-use playing field, picnic areas, and an indoor recreation center that offers basketball and other youth programs.



Aerial view of Stead Park in its current condition (post 2008 renovations)



Current state of field and site of future renovations to Stead Park

RENOVATIONS

The Friends of Stead Park (FoSP) are working closely with our Landscape Architecture team (Studio 39) to renovate the northern half of Stead Park. Early in the process, the FoSP met with community groups to gain insight into what was desired. A clear consensus was forged that the following design elements should be added: (a) shade areas, (b) space for team activities, and (c) a place for children to play in a safe environment. The proposed design incorporates (1) a low maintenance, sustainable synthetic athletic turf for a multipurpose play field, (2) numerous shade trees and (3) small interactive water park for children to cool off and provide refuge from the afternoon sun. Upon completion there will also be added (4) a pavilion off of the existing clubhouse to provide an area for summer movies or music venues. Finally, (5) pocket spaces provide individuals a place to sit, read and relax in a shaded, well illuminated and invigorating environment.



Plan view of existing and proposed renovations



Artistic rendering of the existing and proposed renovations



Above is a rendering of the proposed interactive children's waterpark