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A: PLAY AREA ENTRANCE



B: EXPANDED PATIO SEATING



C: SEATING TERRACE



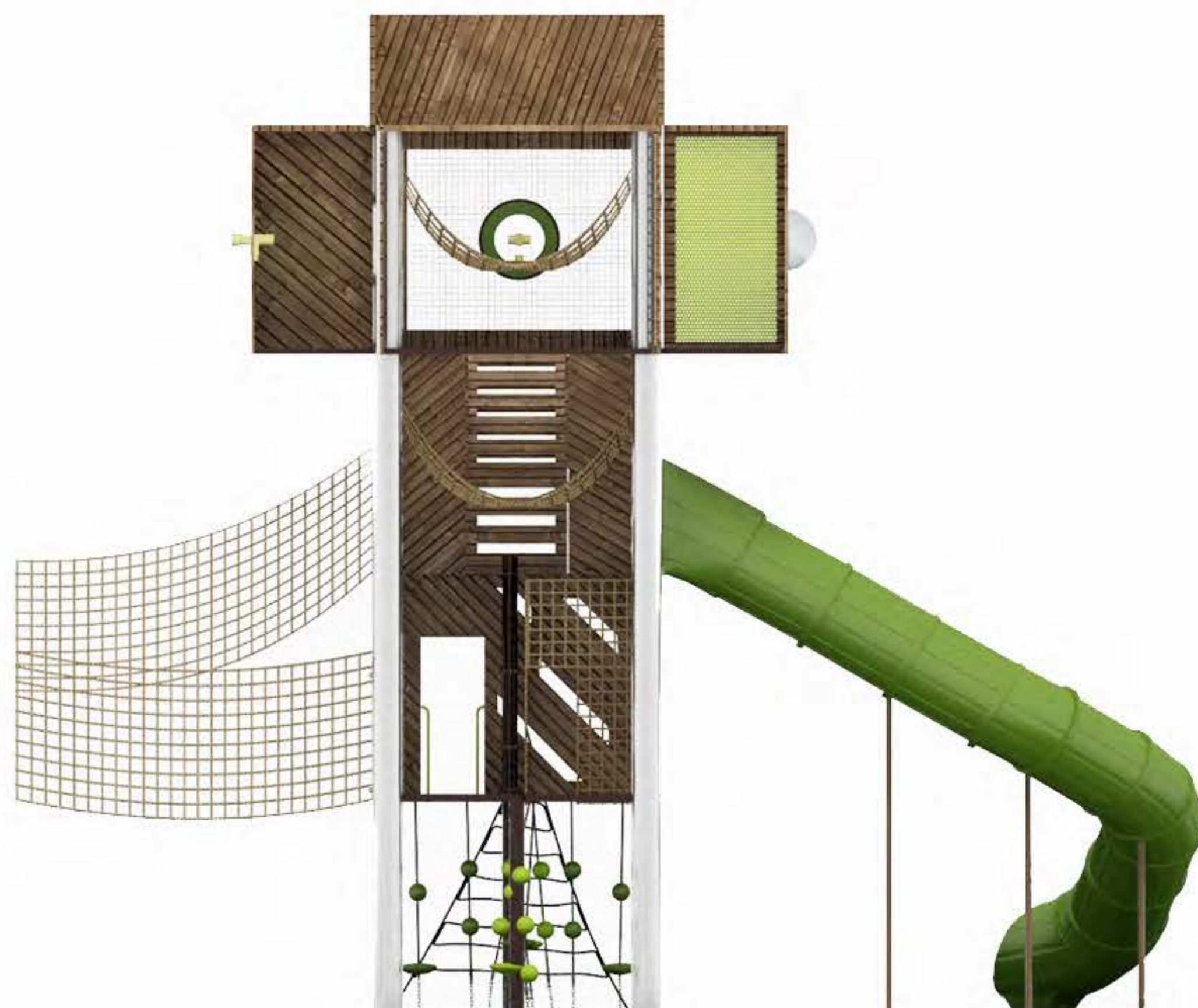
D: PRE-K PLAYGROUND



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FRONT
CUTAWAY



RIGHT
CUTAWAY

TREE TOWER



NET CLIMBING STRUCTURE



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SHADE SAIL



SHADE UMBRELLA



DRINKING FOUNTAIN WITH JUG AND BOTTLE FILLER



BIKE RACK



BOWL SWING



FACE TO FACE SWING



SENSORY PLAY: SMART PLAY NOOK AND LOFT



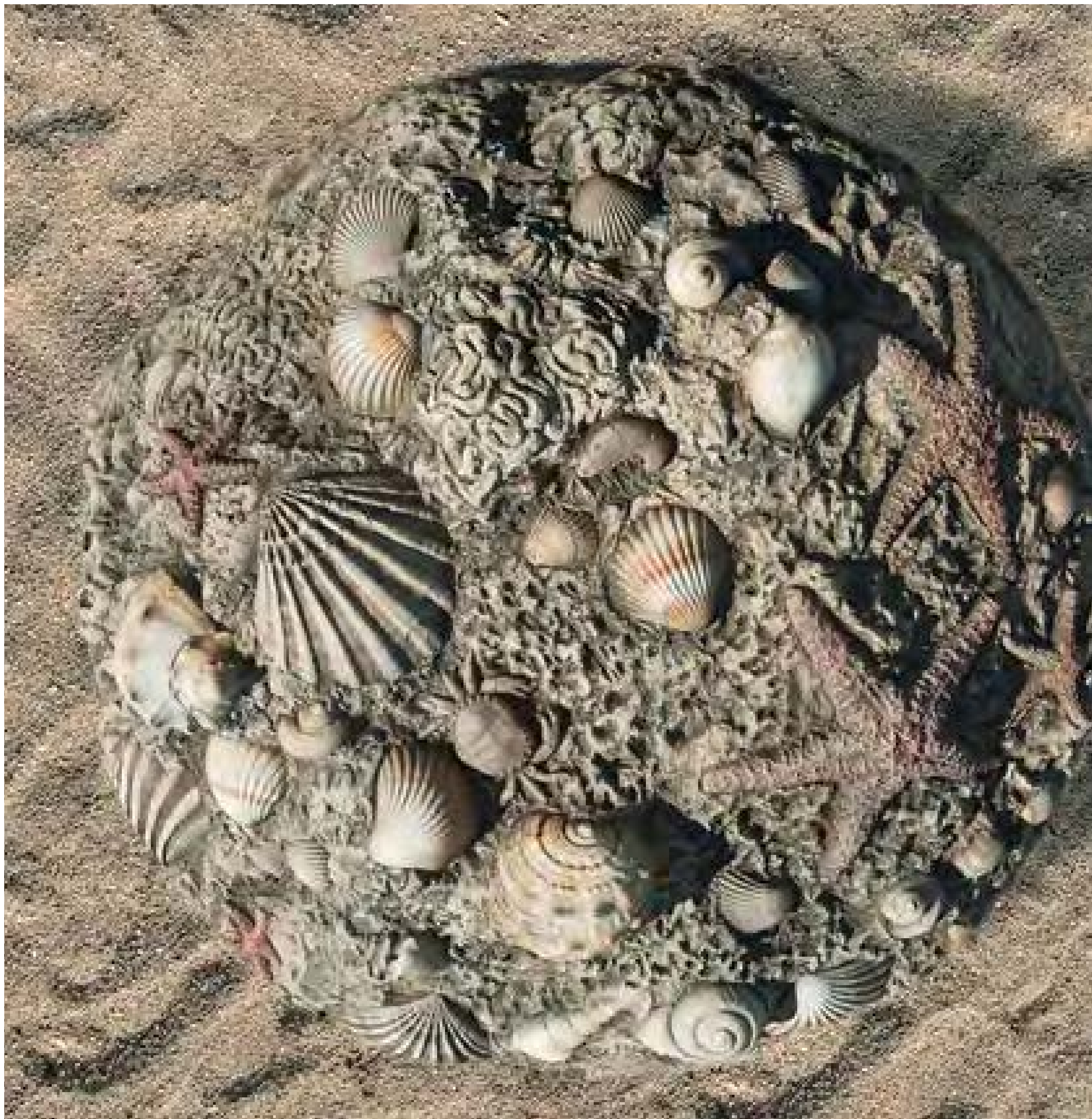
SENSORY PLAY: MUSIC MAKER



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SAND PLAY



FOSSIL DIGS



WATER PUMP



MISTERS



Frequently Asked Questions

The design process to develop a new play area at French, which will meet or exceed its status as a “signature creative play facility,” is nearing completion. Concept plans for the new play area design are posted at Three Rivers Park District website. Threeiversparks.org

The play area is anticipated to be closed early spring 2017, after a contract has been awarded for construction of the new play area, and is anticipated to open in the summer of 2018.

1. HOW OLD IS THE FRENCH CREATIVE PLAY AREA?

The Creative Play Area was constructed in 1989.

2. WHY IS THE CREATIVE PLAY AREA BEING REPLACED?

The Creative Play Area is almost 30 years old and is scheduled for replacement. French Regional Park will be undergoing a pavement rehabilitation project in the summer of 2017, so replacing the play area in 2017 limits the impact to the Recreation Area to one summer season.

3. IS IT TRUE IT IS STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND?

No, but it is almost 30 years old and is showing its age. Three Rivers Park District would like to replace it now before it does reach a point where maintenance is cost-prohibitive.

4. WILL IT BE REPLACED WITH SIMILAR FEATURES? WOOD, NETS, WOODCHIPS? (I GREW UP PLAYING ON IT AND WANT THE SAME EXPERIENCE FOR MY KIDS AND GRANDKIDS!)

Yes!!! The current design concept can be viewed at the visitor center or at Three Rivers Park District website. Threeiversparks.org

5. WILL THE NEW PLAY AREA HAVE WATER?

Misters as well as sand and water play (for pre-k) are components shown in the current design concept, but the construction of these components will be subjected to feasibility.

6. WHEN IS THE PLAY AREA CLOSING?

Closing and demolition is anticipated to occur in the spring 2017, after a contract has been awarded for construction of the new Play Area.

7. WHEN WILL THE PLAY AREA RE-OPEN?

Three Rivers Park District will be planning a Grand Re-opening of the new Play Area in 2018.

8. WHERE ELSE CAN I PLAY IN 2017 WHILE THE FRENCH CREATIVE PLAY AREA IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION?

All of the other Three Rivers Park District play areas will be open as usual. Go to Threeiversparks.org, click on the Activities tab and the Play Areas link for more information.

9. WILL THE PARK BE OPEN OR CLOSED IN 2017 WITH BOTH THE PLAY AREA AND PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION?

The park including the beach and non-paved trails -- will be open all summer. Construction will take place in phases, so there will be phased closures of boat launch, paved trails and parking lots.

10. HOW MUCH WILL THE NEW PLAY AREA COST?

Three Rivers Park District has identified a project budget of \$1 Million in its 2017 capital Improvement program for the replacement of the French Creative Play Area.

11. WHAT WILL THE NEW PLAY AREA LOOK LIKE? HOW CAN I GET UPDATES ON THE PROJECT?

The design concepts are posted at the visitor center as well as on the French Park Facebook site as well as at Three Rivers Park District website. Threeiversparks.org

12. WILL THE VISITOR CENTER BE OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Yes, the Visitor Center will be open its regularly-scheduled hours.