



**NORTH TRANSFER STATION:
WOODLAWN OPEN SPACE & CARR PLACE PLAYGROUND**

Site Plan: The Woodlawn Open Space and Carr Plan Playground leverage space gained from a vacated street to provide the neighborhood with recreation amenities, passive open space, and green infrastructure.



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Project Context: An evening view of the station and open space situated in the Wallingford neighborhood.



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The new facility reduces congestion on neighboring streets by accommodating over 50 vehicles on site, and handling 400 tons of material a day, with an expansion capacity of 750 tons as population growth in the city continues.



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The Carr Place Playground was once a completely paved, asphalt parking lot surrounded by rusting chain link fence and deteriorating streets.



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The nature-inspired playground integrates natural elements with play structures through the creative use of the 13 foot change in elevation to provide accessible routes to all play areas and the custom play features.



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Custom-designed, glass fiber reinforced concrete “log steppers” transform retaining walls into fun and challenging climbing features that blend with the natural features of the playground.



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A boulder and log field extend the play value from the traditional “tree-house” play structures into the landscape and serve as informal locations for outdoor classrooms.



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Rare douglas ash trees were preserved along the street by pulling the sidewalk away from the trunks and replanting trees in the gaps to reestablish a consistent and softer streetscape surrounding the site.



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The entry plaza integrates public sculpture formed from rebar recycled from the original structure of the station and depicts the sites sloping topography and grading of the neighborhood.



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Fitness stations provide various bar equipment for stretching and body-weight exercise in pockets along the streetscape, and are enjoyed by the residents that live in this dense neighborhood.



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Active recreation was combined in the one flat area of the site in the form of a permeable concrete, multi-sport court that combines a half basketball court with several four square courts.



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The Woodlawn Open Space provides groves of birch trees underplanted with drifts of evergreen plants that interweave with green stormwater infrastructure in the form of a cobbled swale.



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Generous pathway widths allow for comfortable walking and biking connectivity. The pathways are all permeable concrete.



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Parkour elements were placed strategically in the park in the form of concrete plinths, boulders, benches, and fencing. These create routes through the park for parkour enthusiasts that do not require the use of the traditional pathways.



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Framed and seasonal views to Lake Union and the Seattle skyline are available throughout the open space. A focus of the design was to ensure sunny exposure during sun breaks by taking advantage of the site's grades.