

Riley, Kate

From: Diane Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 21, 2019 11:26 AM
To: City Manager; Riley, Kate
Subject: Tobin / Vassal Lane School Project

Dear Mr. DePasquale and Ms. Riley,

I was disturbed to learn that **Tobin Recreational Park was eliminated** in all three design options introduced last month for the Tobin / Vassal Lane School redevelopment project. At a time of an anticipated increase in flooding as the climate warms, we need *more* permeable green space not less. The proposed elimination of most of the park and the lack of green space in the proposed plans is truly alarming.

Healthy soil, trees, native plants, sports playing fields, natural permeable play areas and well managed green space do a much better job of flood mitigation than the proposed construction of an on-site 1.5 million gallon underground storm water tank.

A park of trees and green plants improves air quality, helps cool the air, re-hydrates the water table, and nurtures positive interactions among children from the school and residents of the neighborhood.

This is a big and expensive project. We can do better than expand the school at the cost of eliminating a school and natural community asset: Tobin Recreational Park.

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"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." Jesse Jackson