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Dear PRC,

I wanted to express enthusiasm for the placement of what look like large, shade providing trees to the south of the play area in the new park design. It has been a puzzle to me why so many of our city's parks have play structures completely exposed to the sun. Often the benches where parents sit while keeping an eye on their children are also exposed. Sitting in the sun can make the play structures too hot to handle (as was the case with the new play structure at Landels Elementary where, instead of then finally planting trees, the error was compounded by adding plastic umbrellas), and results in unnecessary UV radiation exposure for kids. Trees have many other benefits for our community, and if they can do double, triple, quadruple duty in also shading play structures, that is all the better. I hope that large canopy trees will be selected for this location within the park. If the sun's warmth is desired during the colder months of the year, deciduous species can be selected.

Thank you.