

UNIVERSITY PARK
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Located at 24th and University St., University Park is the subject of our design studio. We were approached by the SUNA neighborhood association in the hopes that we could help them redesign their much used and abused neighborhood open space. The following is a survey being completed by South University neighbors. Our landscape assessment and design strategy will be interwoven with the results of this survey.

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback will help shape University Park (UP) in the near future.

Feedback collected here will be used by:

(1) The City of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces to gauge interest in the renovation of University Park-- the only park and open space within the boundaries of the South University Neighborhood (SUN)

(2) A mixed graduate and undergraduate level University of Oregon Landscape Architecture Design Class to begin the creative process of re-imagining University Park as an activity center for the neighborhood (lead by SUNeighbor and Landscape Architect Ron Lovinger)

(3) The SUN Association Board to show neighborhood support, help raise funds, request volunteers and guide the project along the way

Your feedback here is the first step in showing the city of Eugene that South University Residents are serious about the first University Park renovation in 60 years.

Our studio will address the current condition of the park as it relates to the aspirations of the neighborhood. Of primary concern is the restoration and transformation of the broken water feature, dismal sitting and picnic area and design proposals for a vibrant and creative playground.

Our studio will engage the neighborhood through the following lens of activities identified by the South University Neighbors Association:

- to entertain children
- to be alone
- to read, write or think
- to hang out friends
- to connect with other parents
- to sunbathe
- to walk dog(s)
- to play basketball
- to play baseball, softball
- to bike or skate
- to run or exercise
- to picnic or throw parties
- to play frisbee, soccer, or other field games
- to play boule, bocci or petanque
- to attend summer camps
- to use playground
- to study plants and wildlife
- to draw
- to sled, snow shoe or other winter snow sports
- to perform (music, dance, play, etc..)

It is our intention of synthesize these programmatic expectations through the design process...plans, sections, perspectives and models prepared in anticipation of discussions and workshops with the neighborhood association. An emphasis will be placed on watercolor and colored pencil renderings.

Schedule to be determined as we are still coordinating availability of neighbors with studio times for site visits and review schedules.