



NATURE PLAY SPACE SITE & USAGE SURVEY

INSTRUCTIONS

Survey visits determine what’s going on in the area of the park surrounding your proposed Nature Play Area by identifying who’s there, times of heaviest usage, various types of sporting activities, etc.

- Three separate site visits are to be conducted over a period of one to two weeks.
- **The Park Supervisor must accompany you on your first survey visit.**
- Of the three required visits, one is to be during peak usage time on a weekday & one during peak usage time on a weekend (work with the park supervisor to find peak usage times).

SURVEYOR’S INFORMATION

Park: _____ in Ward #: _____ Date: _____

Park Supervisor’s Name: _____ and signature: _____

Surveyor’s Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Surveyor’s Address: _____ Chicago, IL ZIP: _____

TODAY’S CONDITIONS

- **Day of Week** (circle one): M T W TH F SAT SUN
- **Time in** _____ **Time out** _____ am/ pm (**during peak usage**)
- **Weather** (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Windy	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy	<input type="checkbox"/> Rainy	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm
- Number of individuals observed **IN** the area: _____. Over how many minutes (time span)? _____
- Number of individuals observed **NEAR** the area: _____. Over how many minutes (time span)? _____
- What activities are these people participating in? _____

THE PROPOSED NATURE PLAY SPACE

Location Description

- Describe location of the proposed Nature Play Space within the park (i.e. NW corner of Taylor & Western next to the Tennis Courts) _____

Current Usage

- Does your group want to work in an existing Natural Area or create a new space? Existing or New
- How is the park space in and/or near your proposed area currently being used? (such as: a playlot, athletic field, open grassy spaces, etc). _____

Shelter & Restrooms

- Are there field house or public restroom facilities near your proposed Nature Play Space?
___ YES... Approximately how close to the area? _____ feet/yards
___ NO... What is your group's solution for users to have access to shelter and/or restrooms? _____

Water & Sun

- If you intend to include plant material in your design, a functioning water source within the park is mandatory, located no more than 100 feet from the area.
Approximately how close is it? _____ feet/yards
- Describe the water source: spigot, lawn hydrant, utility sink inside the building, or

- Have you checked it to make sure it works? YES or NO
- The proposed Nature Play Space is in (check one): Full sun Partial Shade Complete Shade

Structures & Size

- Are there existing structures (field house, other buildings, fences, arbors, sculptures...) in and/or around the proposed Nature Play Space?
YES or NO

If yes, please provide a brief description, including how close they are to your area: _____

- Describe the Nature Play Space's landscape features (trees, shrubs, grass, pathways...) _____
- How large would you like the Nature Play Space to be? _____
- Would this area be able to generously accommodate that size? YES or NO

OTHER COMMENTS: _____
