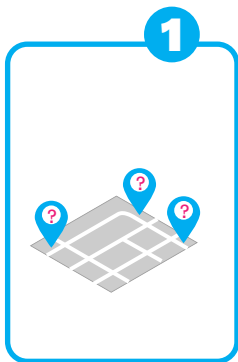


PARK in a TRUCK
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WORKBOOK



A do-it-yourself toolkit for neighborhood parks

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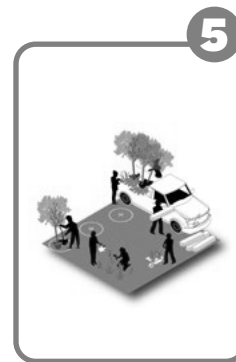
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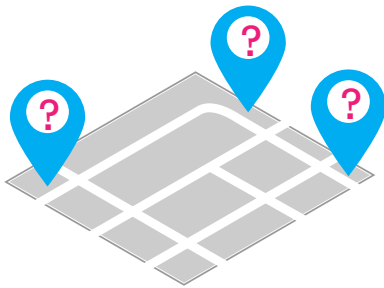
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This toolkit is a working toolkit, a formalized process of how a few communities have bettered themselves through designing, building and maintaining their own park. As a working toolkit, it is a work in progress. It is not perfect, but it is a great start towards a complex issue distilled into a few chapters. This is the first of several versions that will be published. Behind the scenes many parks are being build, communities bettering themselves, and people reviewing this process. Each park built, each community meeting, and every trip to home depot - something is learned. All this knowledge gained contributes to this book continuously as a feedback loop. Also crucial to the next version is getting feedback from professionals, organizations, and most importantly, community members like you! Please share your thoughts, questions, or ideas with us!

Welcome to the Acquire Workbook! This book assumes you have reviewed the Park in a Truck Toolkit and do not own a usable lot.

ACQUIRE CONTENTS



FIND A LOT WHO OWNS THAT LOT?

Park creators who don't already have legal access to vacant land must find others willing to sell or lease their lot(s) for the proposed park. This can be complicated and time consuming. There is no such thing as a perfect process, no one way to proceed, and no guarantee of a predictable outcome. This workbook will help you find a way to access your future park site.

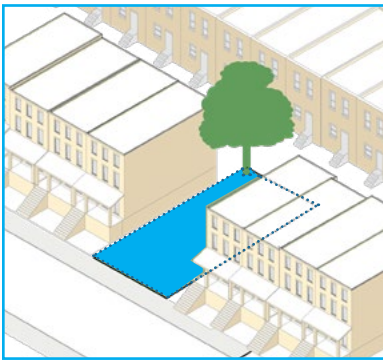


FIND A LOT

Are there unused properties in your neighborhood that are legally available, safe, and suitable for park use? Can you identify potential lots in your neighborhood where you'd like to see your park? On the next page are examples of typical locations for under-utilized spaces that could become your neighborhood park.

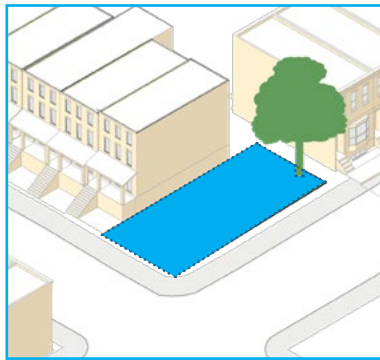
WHICH LOT?

Review the three different types of potential neighborhood park locations. Walk your neighborhood and note which underutilized properties have potential to be possible locations for your park. Record the address and location type.



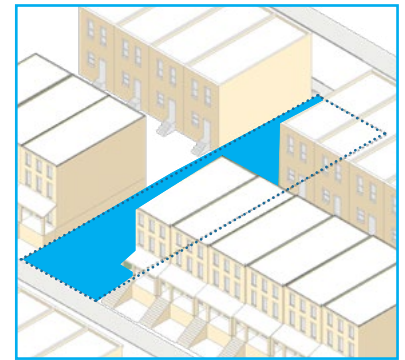
MID-BLOCK LOT
VACANT LOT

Rectangular in shape and found in the middle of a residential block. May have buildings on each side and/or the end. The highest number of available 'vacant' lots in Philadelphia are this category. May have limitations for some park uses due to narrow width and/or lack of sunlight.



CORNER LOT
VACANT LOT

Rectangular in shape and found at the end of a residential block. May have buildings on the side and/or end. These lots offer high visibility and often have the most amount of sunlight.



BREEZEWAY/ALLEY
EASEMENT

Identifiable by their long and very narrow shape, these locations often connect 'across' a block. Originally set aside for pedestrian connections between streets and/or utility easements.

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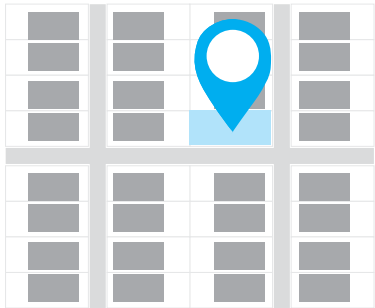
 Potential Location

List the addresses of potential park properties



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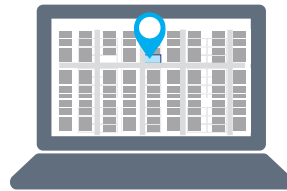
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DETERMINE ADDRESS

Verify the street address of the potential lot or lots you wrote down on the previous page.

2



SEARCH PROPERTY

Go to atlas.phila.gov and enter the street addresses you wrote down on the previous page.

3



DETERMINE OWNER

View the Owner of the property under the 'Property Assessment' section on the website.

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OWNER IS...

City of Philadelphia



POTENTIAL PURCHASE Do a property search to find out if public land is available for purchase.
phdcphila.org/land/buy-land/property-search-map

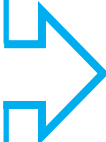
PUBLIC OWNERSHIP



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OWNER IS...

Person, Organization, or Business



PRIVATE OWNERSHIP



POTENTIAL DONATION contact the landowner about permanently donating the property to the neighborhood for use as a park.



POTENTIAL SALE watch for potential public sale listing or auction of property. In Philadelphia this may also include a Sheriff Sale.



NEGOTIATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT contact the landowner and negotiate a sale of the underutilized property for neighborhood use.



IN-KIND AGREEMENT contact the landowner and discuss the mutual benefits of granting the neighborhood an 'in-kind' use of the lot as a park, while the owner retains ownership.