# KETTERING GENTILE PARK



### Vision

Create an accessible park asset that becomes a destination for neighborhood activity and recreation, while providing a sense of a safe and unique place for the community

## **Guiding Principles**

### Environmental Responsibility

Enhance the existing natural features of the park for passive and active engagement

### Integration of Smart Park Technologies

Incorporate modern technology (environmental, digital, materials) with eight value criteria that characterizes a "smart" park. Provide a "community well-being" destination where users benefit physically and mentally.

#### Historical Context

Provide a historical framework that showcases the unique diverse history of the site while promoting the historical significance of Major Don S. Gentile.

## Engage the Community (8-80 design principles)

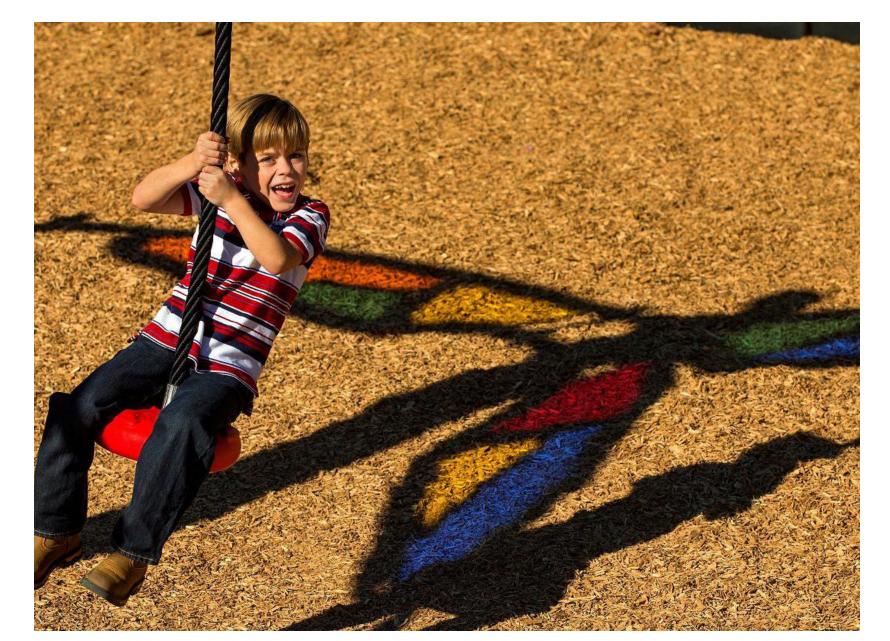
Create a park which enhances mobility and provides multi-generational barrier free access that prioritizes people's well being.

### Community Wellness and Activity

Strengthen the ability to create routine physical activity for adjacent neighborhood residents and business park users through design features and amenities.

#### Public Art and Education

Integrate public art and education throughout the design of the park to create a vibrant space that engages the community.

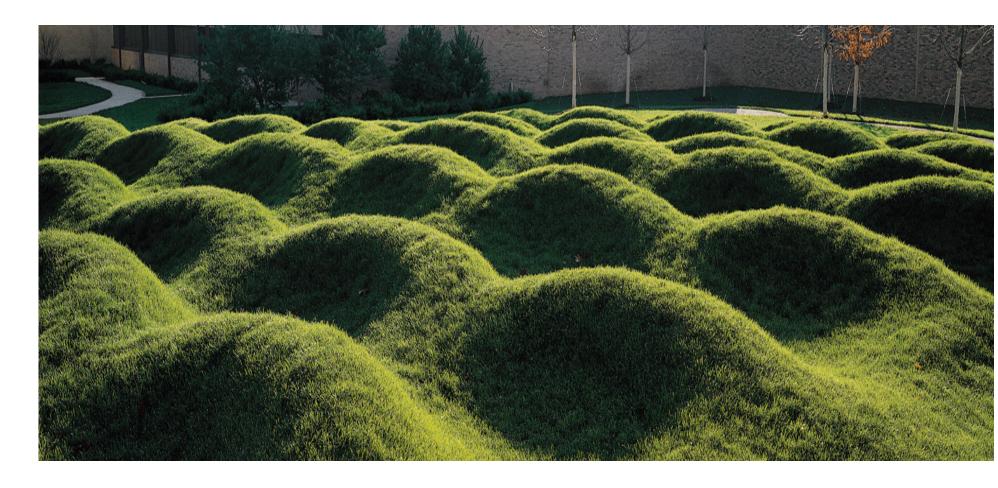












#### **Thematic Mission Statement**

Utilizing historical references, stories of local innovation and the role of nature in the development of human flight, Gentile Park aims to share the unique role the Dayton region has had in more than a century of aviation.

### **Thematic Development**

In order to knit the various activities appealing to a diverse audience together we propose a thematic direction focused on the theme of **FLIGHT** that will apply to every aspect of programming of the site. Specific values to incorporate into the activity program, interpretive design and buildings include:

- Provide a wide variety of experiences related to flight
- Provide depictions of flight related elements in landform, art installations, play equipment, sound installations, etc.
- Present a mix of interpretive ideas demonstrating the role of flight in the Dayton area, history of Major Don Gentile and other famous Ohio aviators, the role our natural environment plays in aeronautical innovation















DOUBLE SWING COMBO WITH BIRD'S NEST



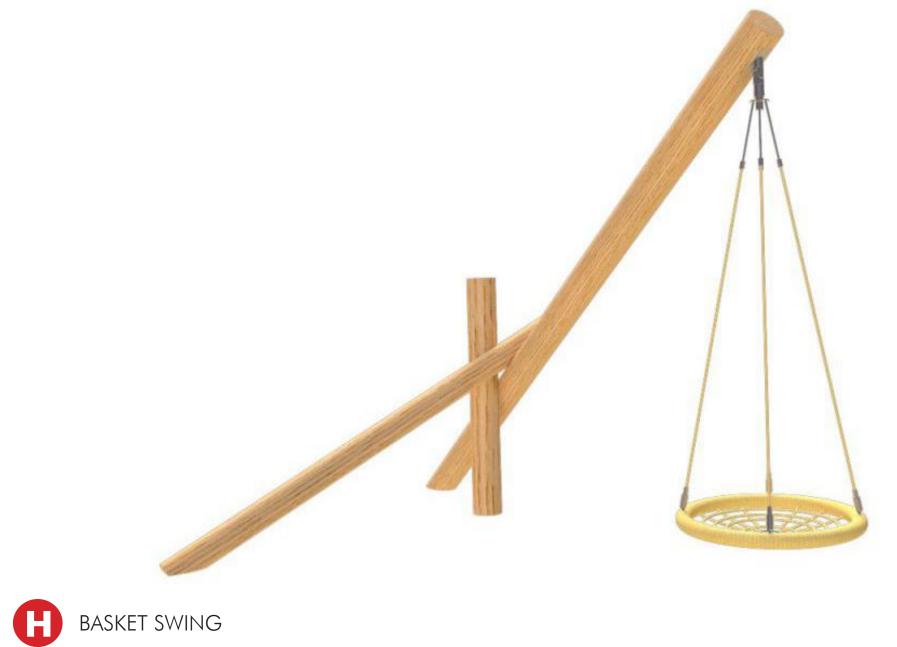
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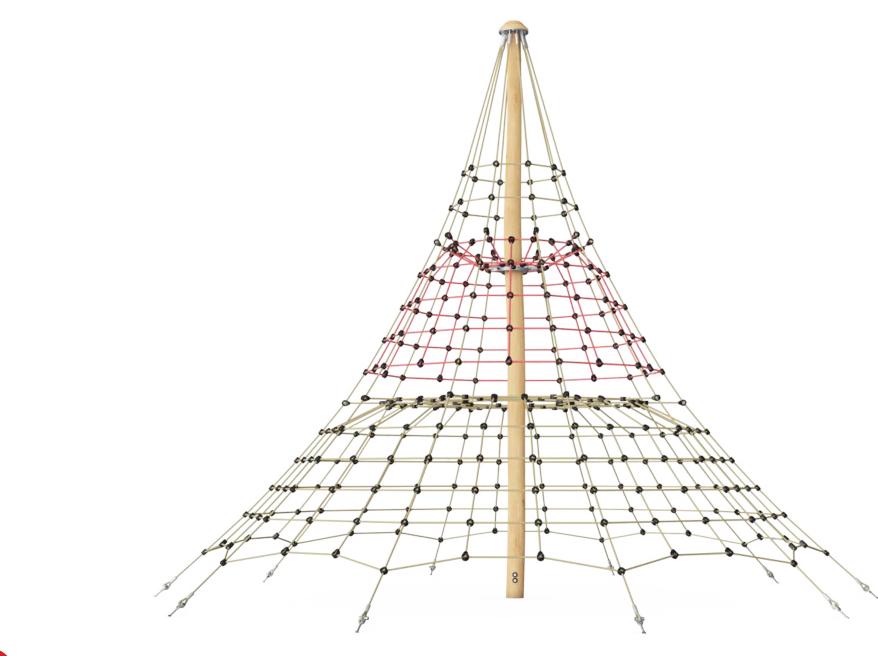


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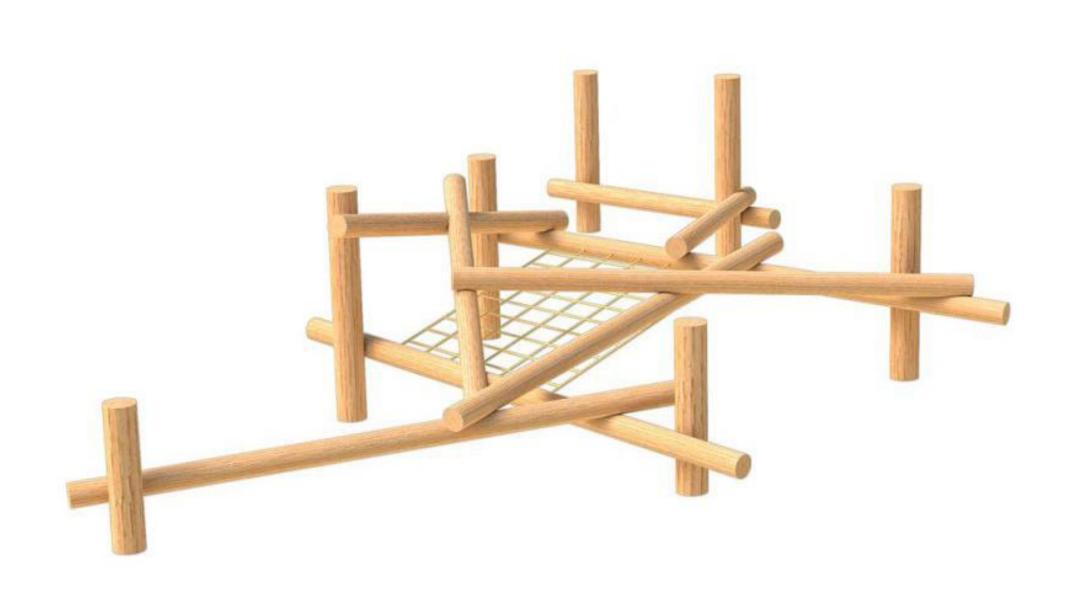


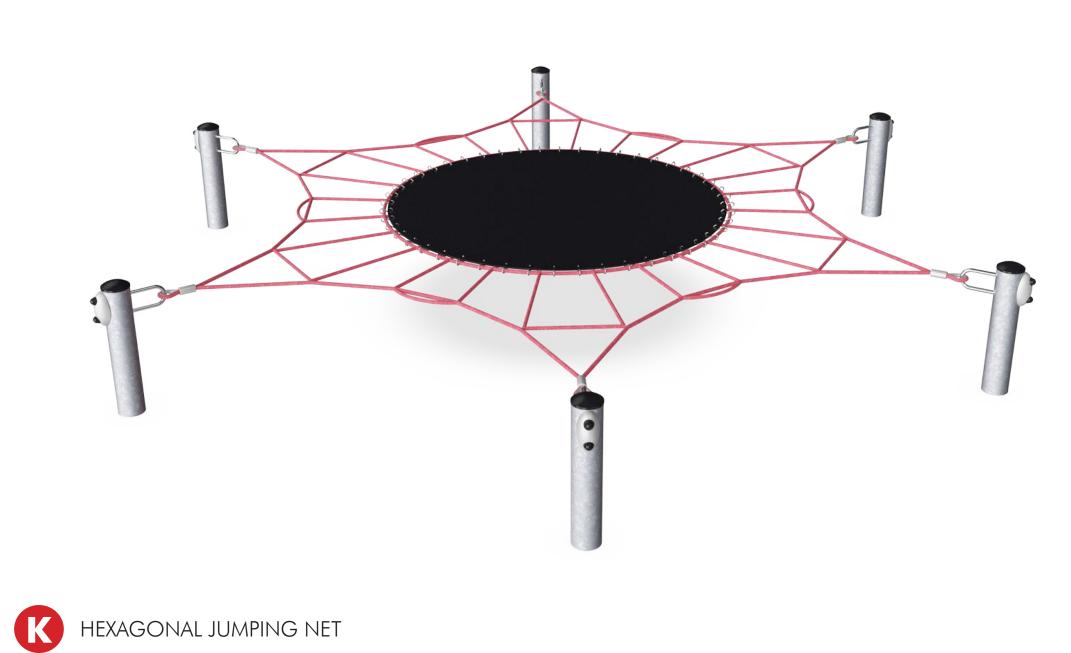
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#### Thematic Inspiration





















#### Play Equipment

















