

Family Bike Park Site Selection Criteria – City of Hamilton

Gage Park

Score: 101/112

Notes: It covers 28.8 hectares or 71 acres in the Delta West neighbourhood of East Hamilton. Gage Park is classified as a City Wide Park (P3 Zone) in the City’s Official Plan

Phase 1		Comments	Excellent/Yes (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	No / NA (0)	Multiplier	Total
Site Characteristics									
1	Does the City own the site	Yes	4						
2	Site where people/youth congregate	Yes	4						
3	Site meets minimum space requirement plus buffer area to sensitive lands uses (if required)	Yes – can be designed to fit the site, existing trees should not be negatively impacted	4						
4	Site is suitable and ready for construction	Yes – currently vacant and unprogrammed space	4						
5	Utilities (electric, water, sewer) are on-site and are in working condition	Yes. Rainwater water boxes can be installed to avoid running a waterline	4						
6	Site is not adjacent to or will not negatively impact a neighbouring use	Possibility for increase traffic around tennis club and increased noise		3					
7	Washrooms are onsite	Yes	4						
8	Storage buildings are onsite	Yes	4						
9	No requirement for environmental mitigation effort or specialized study (i.e. arch or cultural assessment) needed	Master Plan process recently completed –Would need Tree Protection Plan	4						
10	Meets principles of “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED)	Yes – on visible corner of park near tennis courts and roadway with a street light to illuminate the corner of the park	4						
Total Score Site			39						
Access									
11	Highly visible to passing pedestrian & vehicle traffic	Yes – Lawrence Rd and Gage Ave	4						

12	Serviced by a HSR bus route that runs frequently and on weekends	Yes – 01 and 05 routes	4						
13	There is a parking lot or parking is within 500m walk	Yes - parking available – hope that people will ride to location	4						
14	Connected with sidewalks	Yes	4						
15	Accessible through signalized intersection or cross walk	Yes	4						
16	Site is accessible to Emergency Services	Yes	4						
17	Area is barrier-free to allow access between activities	Yes – gravel and woodchip pathways	4						
18	Connected with bike lanes	Yes - Cautionary Un-signed bike route and Bike Lanes, busy roads			2				
19	Connected with trails	Yes – Gage Park Trails		3					
Total Score Access			33						
Activity									
20	There are nearby activities that appeal to diverse ages and interests that can link to the bike park(recreation/commercial services)	Yes – Main Steet and activities within the Park	4						
21	Are there alternative uses for the bike park in the off season	No – would be closed in the winter				0			
22	No changes or removal of existing recreation facility required	No – vacant space	4						
23	Compatibility with other activities on site	Yes – other active uses are situated around the perimeter of the park. While proposed in an “informal recreation” area, the bike park would be constructed of removable features as it is a pilot project. It also meets the aim of the Master Plan to “ensure active sports and children focused play areas remain in the park.”	4						
Total Score Activity			12						
Comfort									
24	Site has a ‘sense of place’ (Genus Loci)	Yes	4						

25	Site is free from air and noise emissions (not adjacent to the highway, factories, etc.)	Yes. Adjacent to rail lines and roadway		3					
26	Environment is friendly and has current individual and group users which keep it clean and well-tended	Yes, however Friends of Gage Park representative are not supportive of the Bike Park			2				
Total Score Comfort			9						
Recreation Need									
27	Is there a need for a bike facility?	Yes – Hamilton has 0 facilities	4						
Total Score Recreation Need			4						
Other Considerations									
29	Can risk management issues be addressed	Yes – similar to skatepark rules and signage	4						
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Total Score Other			4						

Total Score for Site	101
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Resources:

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/pubs/ccaps-spcca/safecomm-seccollect-eng.htm>