

Class Task Two: Design a City

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You have a budget of **\$500** to design your Public Space. What will you include?

You **must make a selection for each section** and explain the reason for your choice and if it has been impacted by another selection.

Each rationale must be a minimum of 50 words.

Vision for space: To transform Basque Park into a highly accessible and safe park that provides for all groups' needs within the community and establishes itself as a community hub.

Getting Started

<u>Existing Data</u>	<u>10</u>	We will utilise existing census data to assess the area's demographics and prioritise what facilities will be provided. Though community engagement is highly desirable, it is highly taxing on the limited resources available. The diverse community within the area will be highly preceptive to most facilities installed, and therefore, existing data will be used to prioritise funding for facilities.
Community Engagement	50	
Expert Consultant	50	

Accessibility/ Transport

<u>Leave as is</u>	<u>0</u>	
Bus Connection and Roads	10	Transportation in the area is already relatively good, and the Northwestern and Ian MacKinnon Drive cycleways are nearby and provide cycling access relatively close to the park. Furthermore, frequent bus connections are nearby, namely the 22 bus and the 24 bus. Therefore, we believe it is best to save resources by leaving accessibility and transport as is and reprioritising resources to be spent elsewhere.
Cycle Ways	50	
Universal accessibility	100	

No lighting	0	Lights are essential to ensure accessibility. Creating a safe
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<u>Nighttime Flood Lights</u>	<u>50</u>	environment at night ensures that the park remains accessible to women, children, and marginalised communities. Remaining accessible at all times of the day is extremely important as creating a safe park will also create a good image, which will further promote the park and its utilisation. Furthermore, money should not be spent on interactive lightning; the money saved by choosing flood lights should be spent on higher-priority facilities.
Reactive and Interactive Lighting	100	

<u>Leaflet Stands</u>	<u>10</u>	Funds should be prioritised for upgrading the existing park to provide new facilities. Spending less on marketing and reprioritising funds elsewhere to provide new facilities will make the park inciting enough for existing residents to utilise it more as a gathering space, a place to walk their dogs, and more.
Information Boards	50	
“City Guides”	100	

Facilities

Rubbish Bins	10	There are pre-existing rubbish bins in Basque Park, which negates the need to add more rubbish bins. Furthermore, public toilets are already available in the nearby Newton Town Centre, which negates the need to spend a considerable amount of resources on duplicate facilities. Creating a water fountain for Basque Park will make the park more attractive and provide a further connection to nature with the visual and audible perception of water.
<u>Water Fountain</u>	<u>50</u>	
Public Toilets	100	

Open Grass Area Only	10	Basque Park has a large grass area and many benches throughout the site. Investing resources in Picnic Tables is worthwhile as the area surrounding Basque Park is a large employment centre, and providing tables would allow workers to eat their lunch at the park and encourage a sense of community.
Benches	50	
<u>Picnic Tables and Seats</u>	<u>100</u>	

<u>Walking Tracks</u>	<u>10</u>	In this case, we believe resources should be saved and spent on walking tracks. Basque Park is highly used by dog walkers and residents for exercise, and a walking track would facilitate this activity whilst ensuring a large number of resources can be reprioritised to be spent on facilities for young children and the elderly.
Sport Court	50	
Swimming Pool	100	

Vending Machine	10	We believe that a barbecue area is a perfect way of
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<u>Barbecue Area</u>	<u>50</u>	facilitating food provisions in Basque Park; the area already contains many highly popular cafes nearby, which would make for competition with the café. Furthermore, vending machines are unhealthy and individualistic. A barbecue area will facilitate community gatherings within the park.
Artisan Local Cafe	100	

<u>No tech facilities</u>	<u>0</u>	We will be providing no tech facilities for Basque Park. Tech facilities will eat up a large portion of resources available to us, and these resources should be spent on basics like community gathering spaces and tables first. Furthermore, providing free Wi-Fi would encourage anti-socialness within the park, and our goal is to make Basque Park a community hub.
Charging Stations	50	
Free Wi-Fi	100	

Landscaping

<u>Native Trees and Plants</u>	<u>10</u>	We will only be landscaping using native trees and plants as this will least tax the limited resources available. Resources have already been spent on creating a water fountain, and cultural artwork, while highly appealing, is simply too taxing on resources, which we believe should be spent making the park more accessible to young children and the elderly.
Water Feature	50	
Cultural Artwork	100	

<u>No designated Pathways</u>	<u>0</u>	No additional designated pathways will be installed within Basque Park, as many resources have already been committed to creating a walking track and accessibility facilities within the park. Therefore, there is no need for additional pathways, and resources can be reprioritised and spent on higher-priority facilities like a playground and benches.
Gravel Pathways	50	
Sealed and Colour Coded Pathways	100	

Community

Neighbourhood Watch	10	Creating a meeting space will make Basque Park a highly popular community hub within Newton. The area needs more community facilities and public gathering spaces. Providing one within Basque Park is a very high priority. Resources will not be spent on a swapping station, and resources saved will be reprioritised elsewhere to make the area accessible to young children and the elderly.
<u>Meeting Space</u>	<u>50</u>	
Swapping Station (books, food, clothing)	100	

Young Children

Fenced Area Only	10	Providing a playground is highly important to the success of
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<u>Playground</u>	<u>50</u>	Basque Park. Parents currently need access to a nearby playground, as none are nearby. Therefore, implementing this high-priority facility within Basque is essential to ensure the park is well-used and loved by parents and children alike. Resources will not be spent on a library to save resources for accessibility facilities within the park.
Library	100	

Teenagers

<u>Graffiti Wall</u>	<u>10</u>	We will provide a graffiti wall for the teenage population; we believe it will let teenagers express themselves and create a unique atmosphere within the park. Further resources for teenagers are desirable in the future; however, there are other priorities for the refurbishment of Basque Park and limited resources available.
Quiet Study Space	50	
Skate Park	100	

Elderly

Chess Tables and Seats	10	We will ensure that Basque Park is accessible to the elderly by installing reduced mobility facilities throughout the park. The surrounding area is steep, and the park has many entrances via stairs. Creating ramps will make the park accessible to the elderly and disabled. Ensuring accessibility is a key principle in the refurbishment of Basque Park.
<u>Reduced Mobility Facilities (e.g. toilets, ramps)</u>	<u>50</u>	
Weekly Activities (gentle exercise classes)	100	

Events

Monthly Outdoor Cinema	10	We will be facilitating weekly night markets within Basque Park. This is a good use of resources as it will create an opportunity for entrepreneurs to prop up their businesses; nearby tenancies are quite expensive, and a weekly opportunity in a highly desirable location is ideal for small business owners. This will also make Basque Park a community hub where frequent social interaction between the community can be facilitated.
<u>Weekly Night Markets</u>	<u>50</u>	
Annual Music Festival	100	

Total Spend: \$500