Proposition 84
Statewide Park Program – Round One

Willits Kids Club $495,000

Willits Kids Club Discovery Park & Playground

This project will create the new Willits Kids Club Discovery Park and Playground in the City of Willits through development of a 1.25 acre parcel, and construction of a new playground and shade structures.

Through community based planning meetings, youth, seniors, and families selected these features. Additional design ideas from residents to be included in the project are:

- Shade shelters with screened in areas, picnic tables, barbeques, tent camping area.
- Play ground structures to include science discovery/climbable art/kinetic structures.
- Include a water catchment system and water play features.
- Batting cage, basketball hoop, community garden and greenhouse.
- Place water play features to facilitate parent supervision, protect garden from deer through fencing.
- Use motion activated lighting, video surveillance cameras, keep water from flowing when playground is unsupervised, involve youth in project planning to create ownership.
- For park beautification, blend color scheme with natural environment, landscape with shade and fruit trees, local fruits, flowers, vines, use natural settings as play areas.
- 117-132 volunteer residents will select native plants, develop vegetable garden, install irrigation, construct the greenhouse, create climbable art and water play area, and build cob benches.

The project will include these sustainable techniques:

- Install a rainwater harvest system, water catchment canal, and drip irrigation with rain sensor.
- Grade site to enhance water runoff capture.
- At least 10% of benches, garbage containers, and playground equipment will be made of recycled materials, and all park development waste will be recycled.
- Only drought tolerant, non-invasive, native plants will be used.
- Use energy efficient outdoor lighting, solar panels on shade shelters, solar powered water pumps, and locally sourced wood for storage shed, bat and bird houses.
- Use shade trees to enhance play areas and open space to reduce heat island effect.

The park will be open daily during daylight hours. No entrance or membership fees will be charged.

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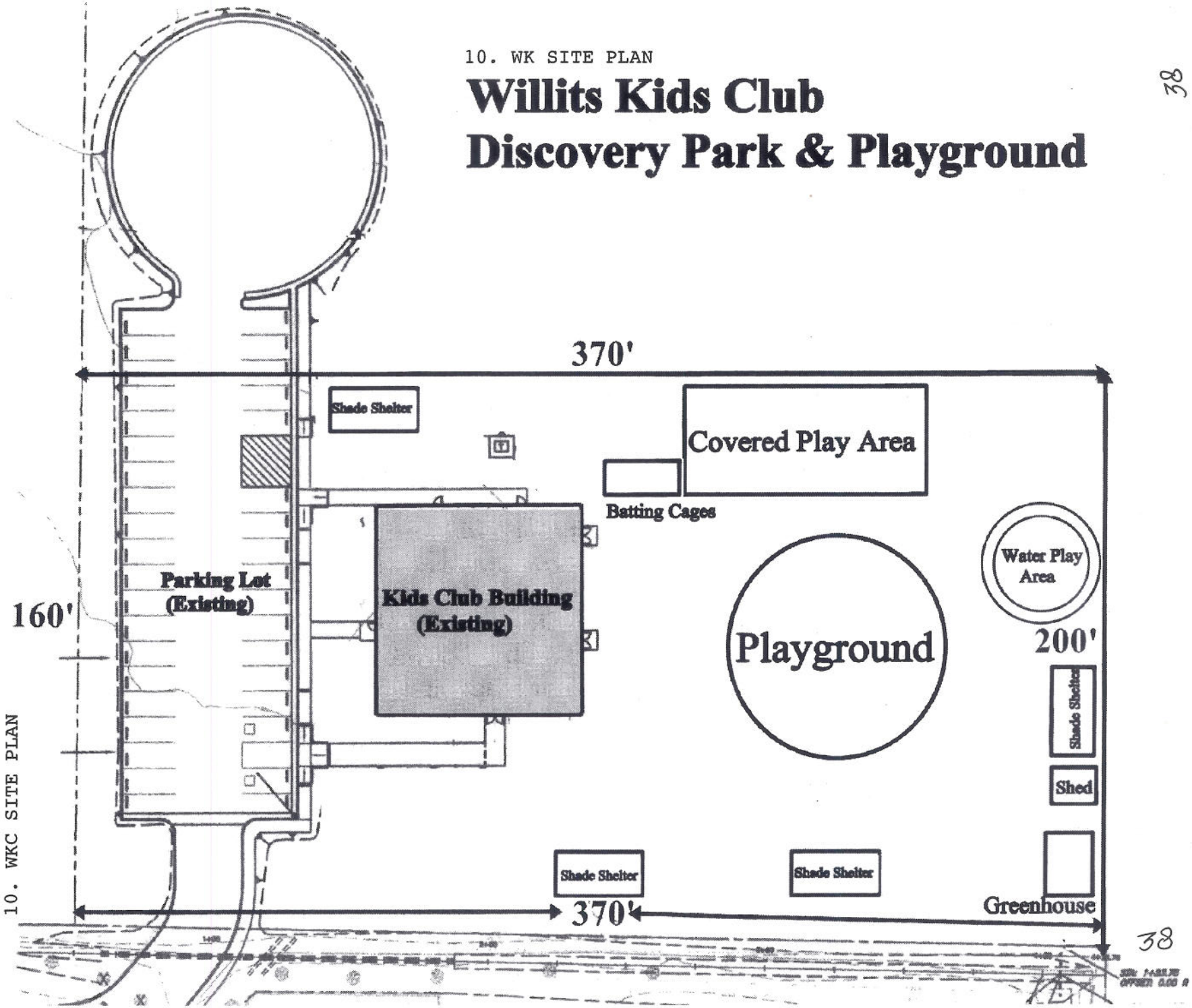

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