

Feedback Received: Ideas & Themes

We have heard a lot of great ideas through consultation and the management planning process that we will be incorporating into the designs and concepts once the preferred options have been determined. Among some of the excellent ideas are:

Gardens

Throughout the consultation process, we have received several comments regarding the importance of and desire for gardens in Belfountain Conservation Area. While we still don't know the exact location of the gardens, the following ideas and concepts will likely be integrated:

- Demonstration Gardens that focus on a variety of themes, such as: butterflies and pollinators; rain retention; native plants and vegetables
- English gardens or native species maintained in an English garden aesthetic
- Shrubs and trees that provide foraging opportunities for birds
- Bioswales designed with a garden aesthetic
- Gardens that are maintained by the local community



Low Impact Development

Minimizing negative impacts to the natural environment is an important consideration for any development completed by CVC. The following practices and approaches will be incorporated into the layout and function of Belfountain Conservation Area:

- Ensuring light pollution is kept to a minimum (dark sky practices are utilized)
- Noise pollution is minimized and mitigated
- Low impact design techniques are integrated into the development of infrastructure (parking area, building)
- Design elements like green roofs, permeable surfaces and water management strategies are employed
- Vegetation disturbance and removal is minimized



Education & Interpretation

The importance of visitor education and the interpretation of the natural and cultural features in the Belfountain Complex is a popular topic. Interpretation through displays and signage as well as through guided hikes and programming are all proposed. Opportunities to appreciate the importance of the Complex and its history are also proposed. Opportunities to deliver improved educational experiences include:

- Alternative opportunities for interpretation will be employed such as downloadable audio hikes
- Signage will be kept to a minimum
- The visitor centre will provide opportunities for educational programming as well as interpretive displays
- Information outlining the importance of keeping the site clean and in good condition

Site Aesthetics & Style

The look and feel of Belfountain Conservation Area is an important consideration for the management plan. While site designs and building sketches have not yet been completed, the following points will be incorporated into the management plan:

- The *Century Park* theme will be carried out throughout the conservation area
- The design of the entire area will be consistent and follow a *Century Park* theme
- Features like picnic tables, benches and rest areas will be updated and have a consistent style
- Railings will be updated and will be consistent throughout the conservation area



Community and Signature Events

Encouraging more events and community based-activities was a common theme throughout the input received. While programming has not yet been developed, the following options will be proposed in the management plan:

- A signature event will be developed for Belfountain Conservation Area
- Community events, such as BBQs, the Salamander Festival, Art in the Park events, or other community driven activities will be welcomed and encouraged
- A variety of smaller events such as yoga classes, photography courses or similar activities will be welcomed and encouraged