

SPLASHPAD!

Advancing

Recreational Opportunities for

Children of All Abilities

In Our Community

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Splashpad...What is It?

- A sprinkler park system that combines the different natural water movements-flowing, misting, sprinkling, and jetting providing endless enjoyment of water.
- A safe, vibrant play area accessible to ALL children that promotes high energy outdoor activity and family fun.

SPLASHPAD Benefits

- Family-oriented
- Free
- Low maintenance with no supervision needed
- ADA compliant so children of all ages and abilities can participate in a Splashpad

Splashpad locations...

Bourbon
Wakarusa
Ft. Wayne-3
Elkhart



TESTIMONIAL

- "I would definitely do it again! The only thing I would have done differently...make it LARGER...over 200 a day use it...our park has seen a substantial increase in usage since we finished the splashpad...it has greatly enhanced our community. People of all ages, abilities and disabilities come to use the splash pad...proof of how the community has come together."

Mark Green, Columbia City Parks Dept.



Morsches' Park in Columbia City, IN

Maintenance Costs

- Monthly water and sewer bills during summer months
- Labor costs minimal- $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for Spring preparation and about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for Winter shutdown

Safety

- No standing water
- No pinch points or protrusions
- All equipment and water features meet all CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Code) guidelines

How the money can be raised...

Methods successfully used by other parks:

- Grants
- Donations
- Contributions

Task Force

Broad cross-section of people:

parents

civic leaders

child-related organizations

Splashpad team members

advisor

This area needs a Splashpad!

- 96 children from 3-12 years of age with Autism in school system
- 14 pre-school and elementary age children are physically challenged
- 20,000 children in the county in 2006 with a number facing challenges from mild mental disorders, developmental delays, physical challenges, and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
- Latest research reveals 1 in every 100 have autism.

Imagine...

- Being a parent whose child can finally join in the fun of water!
- Being a physically or mentally challenged child who can finally play in the water.

Together we can...

Bring additional recreational options to attract businesses AND for children of ALL abilities.

Make a difference!