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GUTZWILLER MEMORIAL/WILLOWBROOK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PLANS RELEASED

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services invites the public to explore the conceptual drawings for the planned renovations to the play area at Willowbrook County Park. This is just one component to the reimagining project of the entire park in honor of Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller.

“Unveiling this next element is an exciting milestone in the Reimagining Willowbrook Park Project. Amenities like this play feature and the memorial seating area will be both a tribute to Sgt. Gutzwiller and a great community benefit to the families like his that enjoy this park so much,” Parks Director Jeff Gaffney said.

County Parks along with the Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff’s Association, County Park Friends and Supervisor Zach Friend are honored to release these initial drawings for updating the playground, a major component of the reimagining project at Willowbrook County Park in memory of Sgt. Gutzwiller. Along with more inclusive play areas with new play surfacing, other updates will include the construction and installation of a memorial seating area on the south side of the pedestrian walkway bridge, park entry enhancements, a new flagpole and updates to the sport courts.

“Damon was a devoted father and public servant and this project will provide a safe and inclusive place for his kids and other children to play and remember him,” Santa Cruz County Supervisor Zach Friend said.

Current funding goals have yet to be met and opportunities to be a part of the legacy renovations of Willowbrook County Park are still available. For more information or to learn more about opportunities to participate in this project please visit www.countyparkfriends.org/willowbrook.