

## Master Plan Sub-Areas



### WINTER PARK

A part of Area A was designed in response to the residents' comments that they want a park for all seasons. Specifically, there is little to do in parks during the winter particularly since it is dark by 5:30. So, envision a snowy Saturday night in the park with sledding, ice skating, and cross-country skiing activities. As ski-resorts throughout the county upgrade their equipment, or go out of business, they create an aftermarket for snow making machines and two ropes. Note the placement of the proposed pond adjacent the winter park area: a necessity for making snow. Adding adequate lighting, a warming hut and hot concessions, the Township could create a unique and very enjoyable winter park experience.

### AREA A The Front Forty

This area of the site is parallel to 7 Mile Road and is essentially the gateway to the park. Adjacent to the road is a paved pathway with exercise stations that meanders through a mounded botanical garden. Portions of this area are also slated for wildflower and prairie grass demonstrations. The path would be suitable for walkers, runners and some cross country skiing in the winter. The entrance gateway would be a tree lined road that crosses a bridge flanked by two naturalistic ponds, suitable for ice skating when weather permits and an aeration feature during the summer months. The entrance road will be on axis with a roundabout and an obelisk – monument. This iconic landmark feature will dominate the landscape and serve as a point of orientation. Behind the ponds is a sledding/tubing hill. The hill could possibly be constructed of inert building waste generated from the demolition of the buildings. Ideally the hill would have a rope tow and snow making equipment. In between the ice skating pond and the playground is a skate/tube rental shop with restrooms, a refreshment area and a fire place or wood stove.