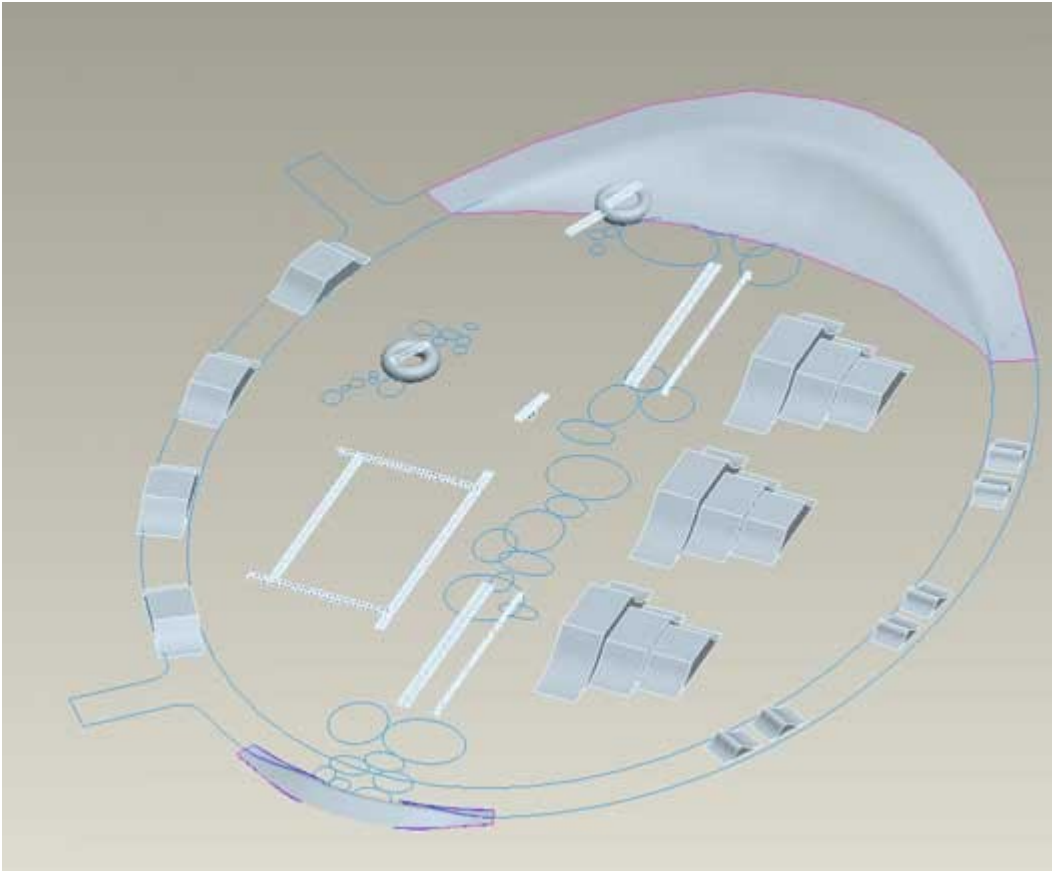


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Burnaby parks planner Shira Golden contacted Hoots in 2005 to discuss potential of a skills park at the southern tip of Burnaby in a old landfill site that was capped and going to be evolved into a non traditional parklands area. Shira's vision was to have a bike park that welcomed people to try riding multiple fun lines in a condensed area that fit into a park that inspired youth to get active. Over the winter and spring three design concepts were created and public meetings were set in order to gain more feedback on what the community wanted. Final design took all aspects of feedback and combined it with Burnaby's Risk needs to create 'the welcome mat' to mountain biking for south Burnaby.



Most accepted park designs are kept to one or two dimensional formats in order to keep costs reduced and to allow some flexibility within the design during the build phase as mountain bike parks are very organic by nature. Due to Risk and planning department needs full design drawings were rendered and once accepted a construction schedule was set.



Burnaby required Hoots to work with a three man crew all experienced in recreation park building and a contractor who was very experienced in the area. Supplies and materials were all paid for by the city and any and all equipment that was needed to build the site was brought in as needed.



The skills park was to be a all weather park so it was built with sand clay base and then capped with a screening material similar to materials Hoots had used in West Vancouver and Richmond. One of the side advantages to bringing in the materials was that it kept crews from passing through capping material when digging material out for footings as well as knowing what the final product was going to look like.





As the park was being built it became obvious that there were some small discrepancies from but staff recommendations combined with onsite design decisions from Hoots led to a more lines and better flow through the technical areas. Decisions like using actual teeter totter stands and bearings and the introduction of an extra tire really enhanced the parks technical side.



Once the capping materials were packed in place the park received temporary signage and was informally opened during 'off hours'. During the balance of the summer the rest of the park was constructed around the bike park, including using the start bank for bikes as the same start bank for a 'zip line'.



Burnaby knows their stuff! From Risk management to planning and design staff this city has got it wired, good people doing great things. Taylor park will lead the way to all future trail and park building within that community because of staff's insistence on setting the bar as high as possible and having the vision to implement it.

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