This park reclaims a section of the urban fabric and transform it into a hybrid neighborhood park with P-patch gardens, to grow food, both individually in plots and in community beds, open lawn, paths, and overlooks for flexible uses.

Bounded by Summit Ave E on the West side and E John St. on the south side, the site is 120' x 80' and slopes ~10% downhill to Summit Avenue.

The concept for the park is to celebrate soils. With the opportunity to rehabilitate this area from parking lot to growing gardens is a compelling base to start from. The idea of soils is expressed in both the horizontal and vertical planes of the park. The gabions express the striations of the soil horizons with different fill materials and provide diverse seating areas. At the eastern edge of the site, in a smaller plaza area, there are five interpretive columns to collect and express the decomposition process and the elements that go into soil – organic matter, parent material / rocks, water, sand, and silt.

The stormwater planter plaza has picnic tables and barbecue grills for community gatherings, as well as a skate dot along the edge of the park.
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Concept Images:

1. Compost silo elevation
2. Gabion elevation