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Welcome to Jackie Robinson Park 'The New Season' Project!

Get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey with the Reimagine Jackie Robinson Park of Fame Student Architecture Competition! This self-guided handbook is your key to unlocking innovative ideas, powerful designs, and meaningful community impact.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to succeed—detailed workshop outlines, essential resources, and expert tips to help you bring your vision to life. This isn't just a competition; it's a chance to dive deep into architecture, urban planning, and community-driven design, gaining real-world experience that will shape your future.

The stakes are high, and the rewards are real. The first-place winner will take home a FlashForge 3D Home Printer—a tool to keep your creativity building long after the competition ends.

We can't wait to see how you will reimagine Jackie Robinson Park and leave a lasting legacy for the community. Together, let's make this season unforgettable!

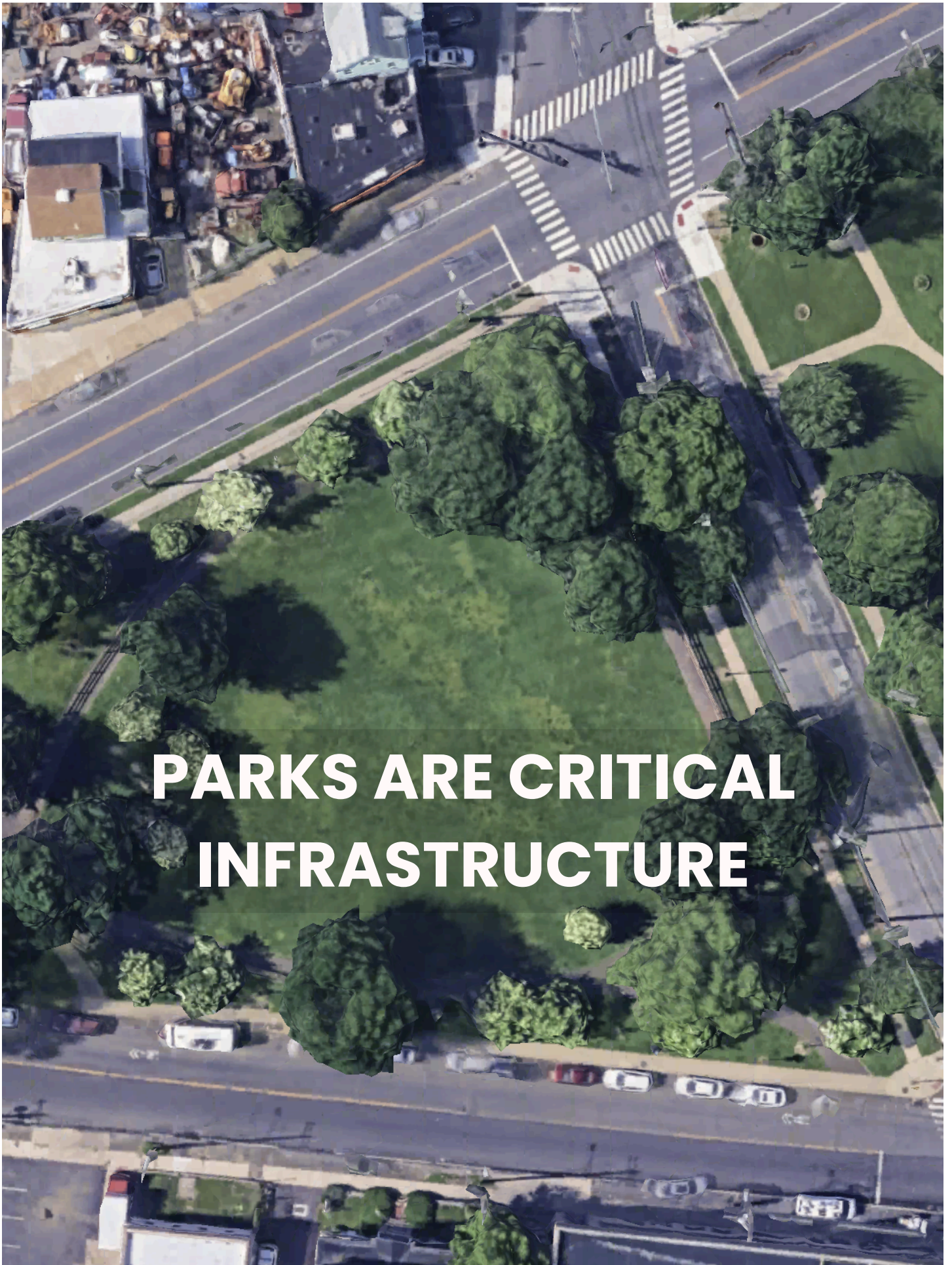
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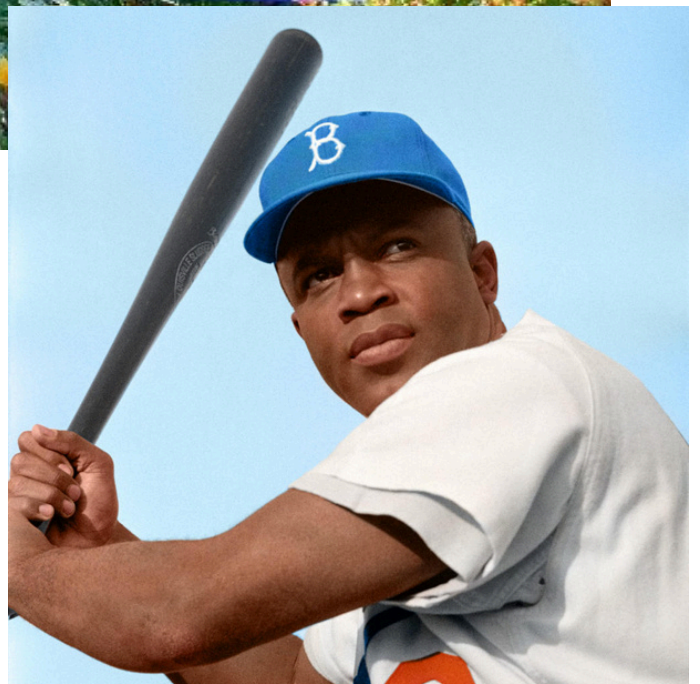


**PARKS ARE CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Project Overview



Jackie Robinson Park is ready for a refresh, and you have the chance to help design it! Our goal is to integrate community feedback and add new features like a sound stage, play area, and splash pad, while also studying traffic flow around the park. By participating in this project, you'll gain hands-on experience in architecture, planning, and design while making a real impact on the Stamford community. It's a project you can proudly add to your portfolio.



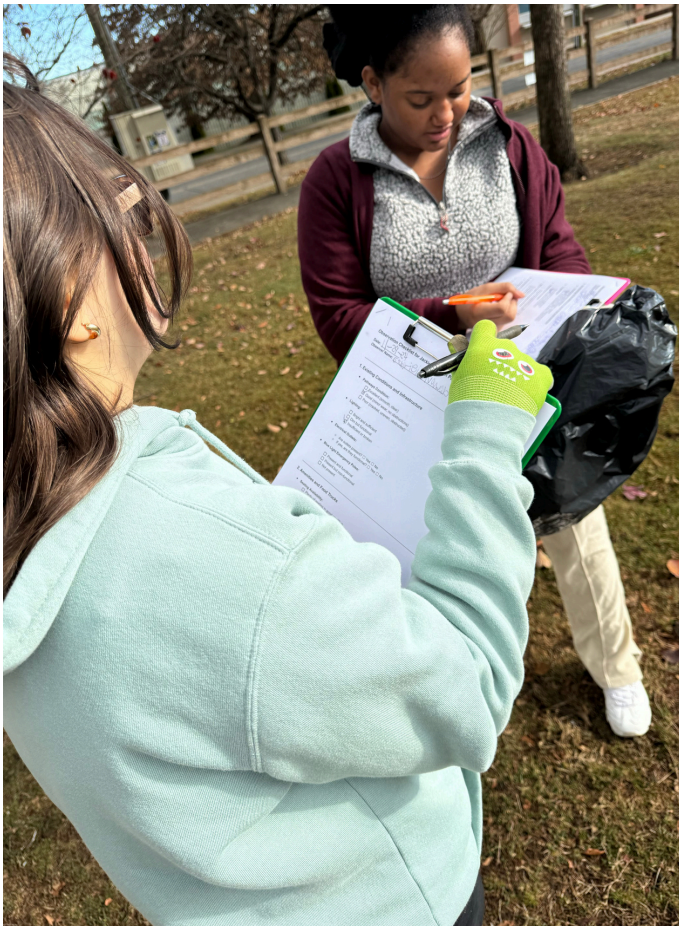


Workshop Structure

This project consists of 5 primary workshops held over several months, culminating in a final showcase where you'll present your design. Each workshop will have a different focus and includes check-ins and guidance from architectural design leads. The structure is designed to support you in taking ownership of your design ideas while providing you with the tools and feedback needed for success.

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives"

- Jackie Robinson



Key Objectives

- **Community-Centered Design:**
Understand how to design spaces that reflect and serve community needs.
- **Architectural Skills:**
Develop skills in concept creation, digital modeling, and presentation.
- **Professional Collaboration:**
Work with design professionals and receive feedback on your ideas.
- **Practical Application:**
Experience the full design process, from idea generation to final presentation.



EQUITY IN EVERY ACRE

Guidelines + Expectations



Attendance

You must attend all workshops. Each session builds on the previous one, so consistency is key.

Participation

Engage in discussions, ask questions, and share ideas. Your voice is important!

Collaboration

Work well with peers. Architecture is a collaborative field, and teamwork is crucial.

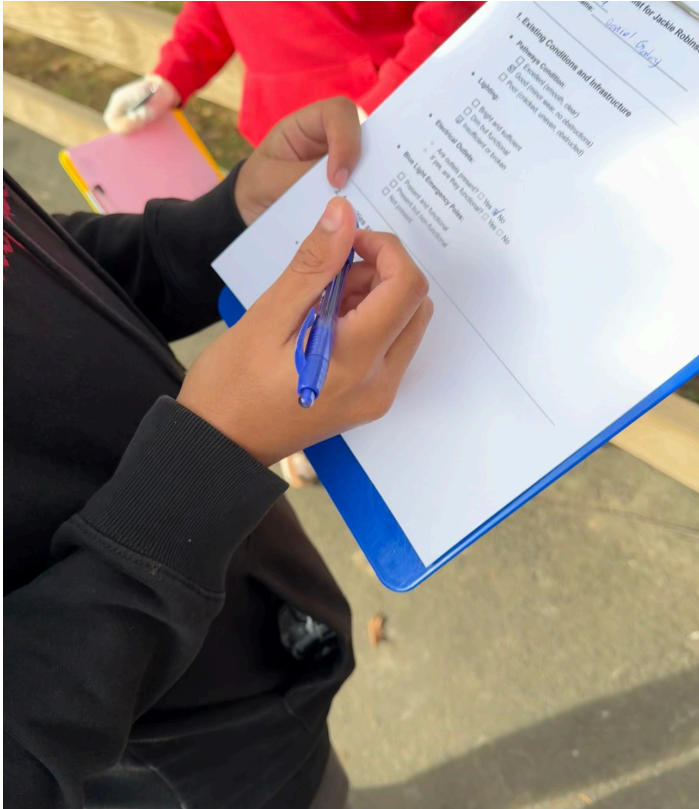
Respect

Treat your instructors, peers, and community members with respect.

Responsibility

Be prepared for each session and complete any assigned work between workshops.

Workshop Details



Workshop 1: Kickoff & Community-Centered Design

Friday, November 29

Objective: Understand the role of community in design. Join a cleanup day and brainstorming session.

Activity: Community cleanup, design principles overview, initial ideas brainstorm.

Workshop 2: Concept Development & Community Feedback

January TBD

Objective: Develop initial concepts and incorporate community feedback.

Activity: Create and bring mood boards (digital or tactile), receive feedback on concepts, and refine ideas.

Workshop 3: Material Exploration & Revit Basics

February TBD

Objective: Explore sustainable materials and begin working in Revit.

Activity: Research materials ahead of time, build basic park layout in Revit, and refine designs.

Workshop 4: Landscape Architecture & Advanced Digital Design

March TBD

Objective: Enhance designs with landscape features and add detail in Revit.

Activity: Apply landscape principles in Revit and add details like paths and seating.

Workshop Details



Workshop 5: Final Refinement & Presentation Prep

April TBD

Objective: Finalize designs and prepare for the showcase.

Activity: Complete final Revit models, render designs, and practice presentations.

Final Showcase

May TBD

Objective: Introduce designs to the community

Activity: Present your project to city officials, architects, and the community.



Revit Training Overview

The Revit portion of this program will be integrated into your workshops, with basics introduced in Workshop 3 and more advanced techniques covered in later sessions. By the end, you'll be comfortable with the following Revit skills:

- Basic Modeling: Create a 3D layout of Jackie Robinson Park.
- Detailing: Add textures, greenery, and elements like walkways and seating areas.
- Rendering: Generate high-quality images to showcase your final design.

"Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."

- Jackie Robinson



Tips for Success

- Practice in Revit: Familiarize yourself with Revit between workshops. The more you practice, the more comfortable you'll be.
- Research Community Design: Learn about community-centered design principles. Check out similar park projects and see how they've incorporated local input.
- Stay Organized: Keep your notes, sketches, and files organized. Architecture requires attention to detail, and this will help you stay focused.
- Be Open to Feedback: Use feedback as a tool to strengthen your design. Every comment from your peers or instructors is an opportunity to improve.



Final Showcase Preparation

Presentation Boards:

Prepare clear and visually appealing boards to showcase your ideas. Materials will be provided.

Rehearse:

Practice your presentation with peers or family members. Aim to communicate your design story clearly and confidently.

Stay Calm:

Remember, this is your opportunity to share your hard work. Believe in your design and let your passion shine.



Resources

Revit Tutorials:

A curated list of beginner tutorials for practicing Revit at home.

Community Design Resources:

Books, videos, and articles on community-centered design principles.

Sustainable Materials Guide:

Information on eco-friendly materials suitable for public parks.

Presentation Skills:

Tips and techniques for presenting design ideas confidently.

Digital Classroom:

Where you can post questions, progress, ideas etc.

Project Wrap

This handbook is your roadmap to reimagining Jackie Robinson Park. Each workshop is an opportunity to learn, create, and make an impact. By the end of this journey, you'll not only have contributed to a meaningful community project, but you'll also have gained invaluable skills for your future career in architecture or urban planning.

As this project comes to a close, your dedication and creativity will have left a lasting impact. Reimagining Jackie Robinson Park stands as a testament to the power of thoughtful design and community collaboration.

The skills you've developed and the ideas you've brought to life are just the beginning of your journey in shaping the built environment. Thank you for your vision and hard work—your contributions will continue to inspire future projects and communities.



Contacts

All student materials can be accessed on the Student Architecture Competition page www.myarchitectureworkshops.com/aite

This space provides a hub to connect, upload progress, ask questions, and receive feedback. For questions or assistance please reach out to:

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