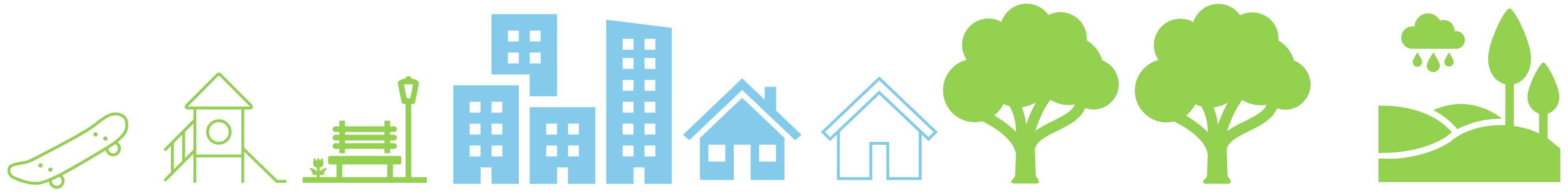


# Draft Vision Statement



*We, Citizens of Allentown, Pennsylvania cherish our “**City in a Park.**”*

*We understand the original foresight and investments to create our world-class system of public green spaces throughout our City. We recognize and value the stewardship required to maintain our extraordinary common grounds for the benefit of all.*

*Our City parks represent both physical resources and our collective cultural heritage of events and the generations of people of Allentown.*

*Features of our Allentown Parks system are tightly woven into the fabric of our City landscape and are inseparable from our many other civic “systems” including our roads, sidewalks, transit, street trees; waterways, stormwater, and the City water and wastewater systems. We know collaboration is possible to ensure that any improvements to these systems will conserve and improve Allentown Park resources.*

*Allentown residents see good works underway to make improvements needed to rehabilitate treasured parks and open spaces – and we share in a united commitment to help City leaders and staff to:*

- *care for, keep clean, and conserve existing parks;*
- *create new parks;*
- *increase open space and facilities, and*
- *ensure that recreation resources and programs are universally-accessible.*

*As residents we have and will continue to actively keep our parks clean and safe to:*

- *plan, improve, and protect their ecologies;*
- *support investments in recreation facilities; and*
- *continue to participate proudly in the rich cultural programs that bring our City in a Park to life.*