

## **RUNNING OBSERVATION:**

**14.00**

I arrive just after 2 pm on a cool spring day and sit on the bench opposite the waterfall. Nobody passes for the first ten minutes though the other parts of the park are very populated.

**14.10**

A group of teenagers pass from the north side stopping briefly to look at the waterfall. At the same time a father with two young children arrives from the south, hears the falls before seeing it, surprised he encourages his children to stay for a minute and observes the falls and some birds around its base.

**14.30**

Over the next twenty minutes several varying demographics pass, this area is an important node between two areas of the park. I've observed two distinct groups that pass this small area, the first are those who come intentionally to quietly observe this feature of the park en route to another area or as part of their walking-tour of the park, and the second group are those who come across this spot by chance never knowing the falls existed, and are invariably pleased to find them.

### **Microclimate-**

The area is generally cooler than the open spaces surrounding it in part because of the shade provided by the wild growth and part from the water fall releasing water vapour into the area, this corner of the park is like a small oasis of sorts.

### **Circulation-**

This site's position in the center of the park between two of the most utilized areas makes it a major pedestrian hub and ensures a large number of new and recurring visitors on a daily basis, during any season.

## PROSPECT PARK, QUAKER HILL INVENTORY:

I am visiting a part of Prospect Park called Quaker Hill, between the baseball diamonds and Nethermead. This area consists mainly of unkempt swathes of land allowing for natural growth of native plants. There are many small paths paved and otherwise crisscrossing through wooded areas, and proved the park a contrast of the more manicured hardscapes of other areas. The point I am focusing on is where the path to the baseball diamonds bottle necks with the “upper pool” pond to one side and the Fallkill waterfalls to the other. There is one bench facing the falls and a small wooden bridge on the side of the bench away from the baseball fields, the thick vegetation mutes the noise from the surrounding areas and creates a sense of seclusion, intimacy and privacy. This area is in generally good condition as is save for the sparsely scattered bits of litter.

