

# Map of the MacDonald Park



Location:  
Forest Hills  
1.4 acres of  
space.

# Inventory Observation Report

- I live in Forest Hills and closest neighborhood to me is MacDonald Park. The park's area is not big because it's limited with the space and also very dense neighborhood. The park is located at Forest Hills, NY 11375 and it is in the boundary of Queens Boulevard, which is the main road in Queens county. The entrance starts from Yellowstone Blvd. where it intersects Queens Blvd, and ends at the intersection of 70<sup>th</sup> Rd and Queens Blvd. There are a lot of benches, chess tables and young trees. In 2010, more than 50 trees were damaged or uprooted during the brief but fierce storm. Later, they replanted new 79 trees. Before the destruction of the park it used to be a very attractive place with its tall and colorful trees and comfortable space. The trees provided enough shade to the space and also they provided some kind of cool environment to the surrounding. The park is paved with asphalt. The MacDonald Park is designed for many different activities such as chess and cards playing which are provided with tables, sitting on the benches and trying to feel the open space in the neighborhood. However, the park is still in use but there are still changes going on due to the damage of the storm in 2010. It is named for World War I soldier Gerald MacDonald, and a statue dedicated to him stands at one end of the park.

# Running The Observation Inventory

- 2:00pm • I arrived at the park on Sunday March 18 afternoon. The space was surrounded by people because it's Sunday and it's the busiest center shop in Queens.
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- 2:04pm • A couple in their 30's and they wearing sunglasses and light jackets with shopping bags on their side. The weather was joyful so they were sitting on the bench and enjoying the weather.
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- 2:09 pm • An old man in his 60's found his seat on the bench and was reading newspaper. He was wearing a light coat because elder people are cautious and don't like cold.
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- 2:13 pm • The weather was so delightful and some were laying down on the bench. A man in his 20's with glasses and red color jacket and black pants was taking advantage of weather and the bench.

## The fierce storm in 2010



This is how it used to be



# This is now!



- 79 trees were replanted  
The area looks bald due to storm.



# Activities in the Park



- The park boasts several benches with tables for playing chess, which often attract residents looking for a challenge.



- Benches, Picnic tables are provided, so people enjoy their time