



ULTRA Project Team 5

Methods



- ✦ Informal interviews
 - ✦ Asking questions such as
 - ✦ “How long have you been a resident?”
 - ✦ “How many people usually visit the park?”
 - ✦ “Is there anything specific you would like changed about the park/pond?”
 - ✦ “What would you like the city to do for the residents who access the pond?”
 - ✦ Any other comments

Methods



- ✦ Emic perspectives
 - ✦ How do the locals think?
- ✦ Participant observation
 - ✦ Sights
 - ✦ Smells
 - ✦ Oddities/Normality

Ragan Park



Trash littering the Ragan Park pond

Ragan Park



- ✦ Grandparents and grandson on playground
 - ✦ Only spoke Spanish
- ✦ Trash on edge of pond
- ✦ Many people were using the track
 - ✦ Exercising
 - ✦ Walking dogs
- ✦ Man taking recyclables out of the trashcans.

Ragan Park



✦ Possible improvements

- ✦ Clean up trash around pond and park
- ✦ Barbeque grill, more tables and benches
- ✦ Add a public restroom
- ✦ Remove the oak trees
- ✦ More lighting

Robert Cole Park



Wildlife is abundant at
the Robert Cole Park



Beautification at Robert Cole Park

Robert Cole Park

- ✦ Adequate walking space
- ✦ Work out equipment
- ✦ Bird droppings prominent
- ✦ Visually pleasing
- ✦ Pond maintenance
 - ✦ Algae
 - ✦ Trash around edges

Carrington



Carrington is often a place of social gathering.

Carrington



- ✦ Great social attraction
- ✦ “No need for major changes”
 - ✦ Minor changes would include alteration to the drinking water
- ✦ Community feels stronger due to beautification
- ✦ New opportunities to exercise and come together as a community
- ✦ Interview with man in mid-thirties

28th and Osbourne



Under construction

28th and Osbourne



- ✦ Expectations
 - ✦ Child-friendly
 - ✦ Working water fountains
 - ✦ To be more informed

Conclusion



- ✦ There were four parks studied by the students of the ULTRA project.
- ✦ Each park has its potential and room for improvement.
- ✦ Overall, community was very interested in the ongoing project, and wish to be involved with upcoming changes.