

Fatima Jinnah Park

F-9 Sector
Islamabad, Pakistan

Architects	Nayyar Ali Dada & Associates Lahore, Pakistan
Clients	Project Management Office, Capital Development Authority Islamabad, Pakistan
Commission	2004
Design	2007 - 2009
Construction	2007 - 2009
Occupancy	2008
Site	971,246 m ²
Ground floor	971,246 m ²
Total floor	971,246 m ²
Costs	25,000,000 USD

Programme Conceived as the lungs of Islamabad, this is the first park in the city that is open to all strata of society. It is 90% green and fully pedestrianised, with cars limited to zones at the entrance. There are few built elements and these are subservient to the landscape, faced in ‘dry pack’ local stone to revive a traditional technique and to give them coherence. Efficient watering systems, natural materials and appropriate planting have been specified to limit maintenance and ensure the park improves with age. Features as diverse as sporting facilities, an outdoor theatre and gazebos are conceived to offer respite from city life on a communal or personal level.

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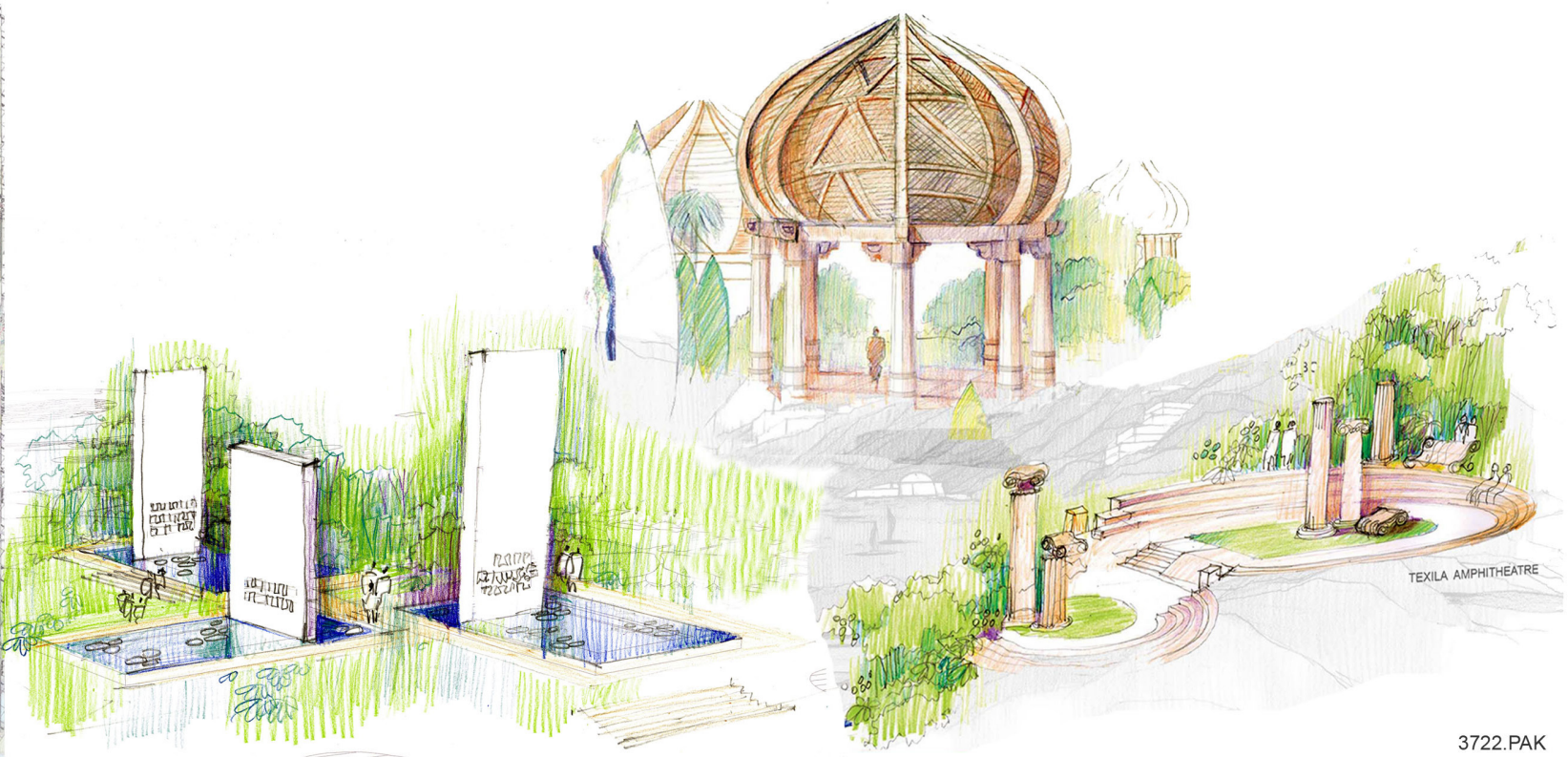
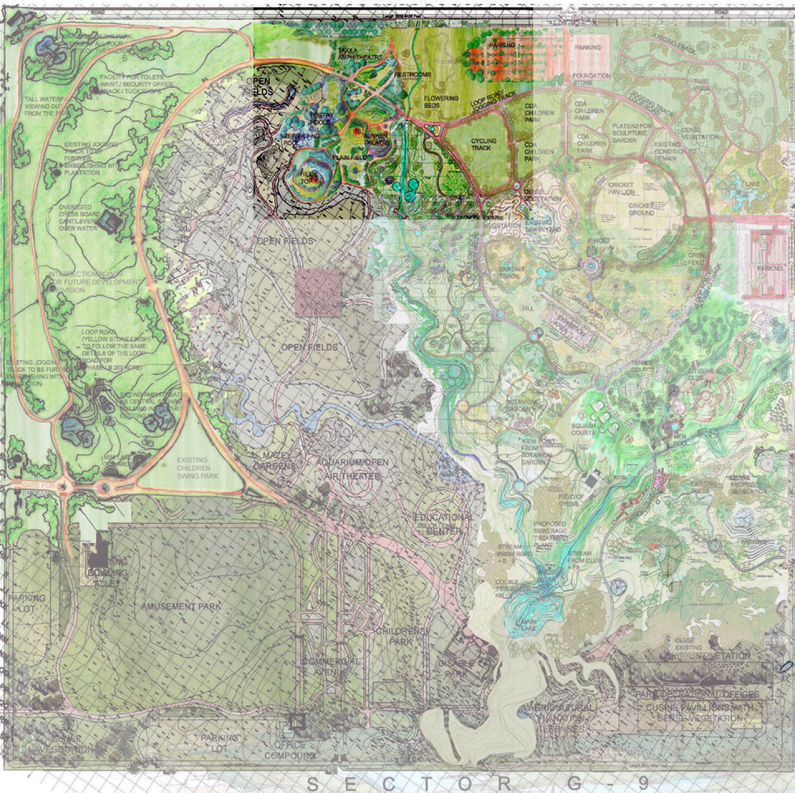
F-9 Park is conceived as the lungs for the surrounding built environment of Islamabad. The Park spans the entire sector of F-9, measuring 760 Acres, located in the centre of the Capital City. The first phase of 40 Acres presented here is already successfully and enjoyably under public use.

In the Master Planning of the Capital, F-9 sector was planned as a Public Park to be left without Buildings. Unfortunately, the Plans for the Park were modified by the Capital Development Authority whereas various Buildings started creeping into the Master Plan. A commercialized approach of developing shopping centers and other schemes had crept in. The Consultants have managed to convince the Capital Development Authority to eliminate these interventions and retain the sanctity of the Lush Green Span of the F-9 Sector.

The Revised Development in the Park is following the spirit of a predominantly Green Master Plan. The character of the natural terrain and aspiration of people of Islamabad became guidelines for proceeding with the Park’s Development. Nature reigns supreme and so dictates the design of the Park.

Approximately 90% of the Park is green and accessible to public by an intertwined web of pedestrian pathways. Vehicles are restricted till the Parking zones near each entrance of the Park; therefore, the entire Park remains vehicle free. Although the culture of Islamabad city has revolved around clubs and other controlled means of recreation, F-9 Park is a facility available to all citizens. Interestingly the Park is able to bring together a mix of rich, middle class and low income group users.

Collectively, the project displays an attitude that is respectful towards a green, ecological environment for people at large, giving a sense of freedom, cultural enrichment and a collective well being.





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