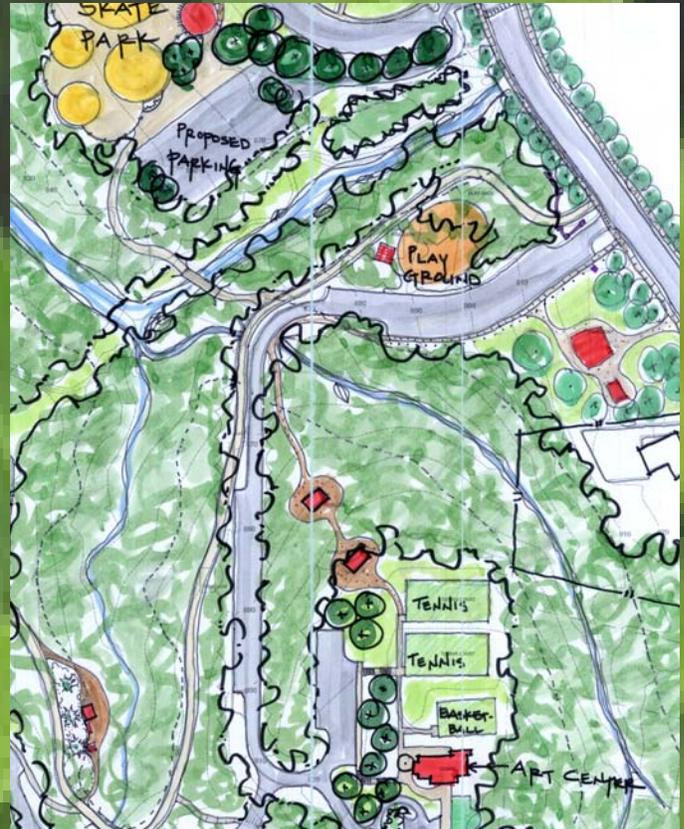


South Bend Park

VISIONING PLAN

2007



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The South Bend Park Visioning Program began with the receipt of an application from the Friends of South Bend Park, soliciting help organizing a Conceptual Master Plan for their neighborhood park. Once Park Pride accepted the application for Visioning, the neighborhood was invited to participate in the process.

The Steering Committee comprised the existing Friends of South Bend group and met monthly to determine the direction of the public process and design outcome. The Steering Committee promoted their first public meeting, the Visioning Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. At this meeting, participants were asked to imagine a world-class park in their neighborhood. A list of facilities and activities was developed.

The second public meeting was on Tuesday, November 13th. The well-attended meeting gave participants the opportunity to fit the wish list onto the site. Two teams developed concepts that were presented to the other teams for comment and discussion. This led the Park Pride team on the mission of distilling those plans into two preliminary conceptual master plans that were presented at the third public meeting. The third public meeting was rescheduled a day earlier than originally scheduled to Monday, December 17th. This was done to take advantage of the NPU meeting that was being held that same evening. Attendance was strong, and the revised meeting format ensured the most attendance possible. Discussions about each option were held and the pros and cons of each were debated.

The Steering Committee met to discuss Park Pride's interpretation of the melding of the two plans. Edits were made and presented at the final public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008. As before, this public meeting was moved forward a day to take advantage of the neighborhood association meeting on Monday, January 14th. The neighborhood association voted unanimously to approve the plan as presented.

Park Pride compiled the project list. The Steering Committee reviewed the list and named their three highest-priority projects. Since there is no funding available at this time for capital improvements in the park, funding opportunities may help serve as priorities for implementation.

The plan included herein is meant to serve as a documentation of the community's agreed projects and priorities for South Bend Park. The Visioning plan illustrates concepts and is not considered to be a set of construction documents. It will take cooperation from the City, the neighbors, and the greater Atlanta community to construct all the changes in the park. The Steering Committee will serve an ongoing role in spearheading the changes to the park, finding funding sources, and overseeing project development. Park Pride will continue to serve as a liaison between the community and potential funding sources, including the City of Atlanta. It is expected that the entire build-out of the improvements proposed for South Bend Park will take years, if not decades to complete. The first step, determining the best ways to improve South Bend Park is completed and another chapter in its redevelopment can begin.

South Bend Park Final Visioning Plan

Park Pride staff attempted to capture the comments made at the Preliminary Design Review. This illustration is the attempt at consolidating the two previous designs into one, final design. The Visioning Plan was shown to the public at the fourth and final public meeting, where it was approved by the neighborhood association.

South Bend Park Final Visioning Plan

- Illustrative Site Plan, including Prioritized Projects
- Project List
- Project Spread Sheet

SOUTH BEND PARK

Visioning Plan,

January 2008



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PROJECT LIST KEY

- A Dog Park
 - B Pool Area Enhancements
 - C* Skate Park
 - D Park Entrance
 - E* Playground Enhancements
 - F Parents' Pavilion
 - G Pavilion Enhancements
 - H* Lakewood Ave. Streetscape
 - I Community Garden
 - J Compton Drive Streetscape
 - K Harper Rd. Gateway
 - L Free Play Lawn
 - M Bollards/Barriers Along PATH
 - N Improve Rustic Picnic Area
 - O Large Event Pavilion
 - P Art Center Landscape Enhancements
 - Q Improved Pedestrian Connection
 - R* Skate Park/Playground Connector
 - S Woodland Restoration
 - T Soft-Surface Path System
 - U Historic Cottage Marker
 - V* Site-Wide Lighting
 - W Site-Wide Site Furnishings
 - X Sculpture Garden
 - Y Land Acquisition
 - Z Stream Bank Restoration
- * Top Priority Projects



SOUTH BEND PARK VISIONING PLAN: PROJECT LIST, JANUARY, 2008

ITEM	QUANTITY / DESCRIPTION	COST	PROJECT TYPE/FUNDING
A	Dog Park Install 2-acre, enclosed area with double-gated vestibule. Add a separate area for smaller dogs. Consider adding drinking fountain for dogs and people. Add paved path from parking area to gated entrance.	\$15,000	Neighborhood Fundraising, Community Micro-Grant
B	Pool Area Enhancements Add landscaping and lighting around pool house and pool. Resurface parking lot.	\$130,000	
C *	Skate Park Construct a mid-size skate park over kudzu-covered area below existing pool. Connect additional parking to pool parking and utilize same entrance/egress as existing parking lot. Build 3-story tower and bridge to connect to pool-level. Consider adding snack bar/concessions at top or bottom of tower.	\$3,000,000	*Top Priority
D	Park Entrance Enhance existing gateway with aesthetically-pleasing signage, gateway elements, piers, and digital signage advertising park events	\$60,000	
E*	Playground Enhancements Add plantings, lighting, and site furnishings around playground to make it seem more integral to park. Connect playground to PATH Foundation path	\$20,000	* Top Priority. Community Volunteer Days
F	Parents' Pavilion Restore existing pavilion. Add comfortable, easily rearranged furniture and Wi-Fi to entice parents to gather there.	\$25,000	Community Grant
G	Pavilion Enhancements Provide bollards or low stone wall dissuade cars from parking on lawn surrounding pavilion. Restore pavilion as needed. Add new tables, provide water fountain, hose bib, and electric for special events. Add better pedestrian access from Lakewood avenue and from parking area to pavilion. Pave larger area around pavilion for overflow traffic.	\$45,000	Community Grant
H*	Lakewood Avenue Streetscape Between Macon Drive and Shady Avenue. Install broad sidewalks on each side, separated from travel lane with curb and gutter and minimum 4' planting strip. Add ornamental street lights and community signage. Include Lakewood Terrace widening to two-way with realigned intersection at Lakewood Avenue, sidewalks, planted strip, ornamental lighting, and site furniture to Compton Drive	\$1,000,000	* Top Priority. DOT funding sources such as: TEA, CMAQ, or possibly LCI funds could be available in future. Also, consider making developer of property across Lakewood adding streetscape of community choosing on east side of street.
I	Community Garden In front lawn of Art Center, build community garden with raised beds, surrounded by aesthetically-pleasing fence (picket, split rail). Provide water tap and possibly include public art as integral design feature.	\$10,000	Micro-Grant, Neighborhood Fundraiser, Art Center Leadership
J	Compton Drive Streetscape End Compton Drive with cul-du-sac. Be sure to maintain access to every residence on Compton Drive. Add earthen berms between Compton Drive's turn-around and new connection road to upper parking level at mixed-use field. Includes new connection between existing drive and section removed for cul-du-sac. Add sidewalk along Compton Drive and into park and PATH Foundation path.	\$300,000	GDOT, CMAQ, TEA Funds (Federal or State)
K	Harper Road Gateway Add entrance signage into park and concrete trail connection to upper parking area.	\$38,000	
L	Free Play Lawn Convert existing baseball field to mixed-use lawn. Create regular shape (rectangle) with plantings along edge. Create hard-scape area at eastern side that connects to Harper Road entrance and upper parking area. Also, include steps down to PATH Foundation path. Add electric and water for events.	\$45,000	
M	Bollards/Barriers Along PATH Design and construct structures to help dissuade vehicles from using the new PATH Foundation for cross-park transportation, combine with gateway bollards where PATH meets existing streets	\$35,000	
N	Improve Rustic Picnic Area Add soft-surface paving, landscaping, picnic furniture, and improved/restored pavilion structures around historic pavilion/fire pit	45,000	

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O	Large Event Pavilion On newly-acquired property, construct a large-event pavilion, approximately 30'x90' in size. Add terrace under and surrounding pavilion overlooking woodland. Pavilion should be architecturally-interesting and a landmark structure in the park. Consider using Lakewood Fairground structures as model.	\$150,000	
P	Art Center Landscape Enhancements Provide axial sidewalk between Compton Drive and Art Center front door. Consider reducing size of fence or removing it completely. Add landscaping and gateway signage at entrance from Compton Drive. Include ornamental street lights, matching those in streetscape for Lakewood Avenue and Compton Drive	\$45,000	
Q	Improved Pedestrian Connection Between Art Center and playground, add pedestrian spine with new ornamental paving around small, existing pavilions. Landscape woods along path with native plantings. Add low-level lighting along path.	\$65,000	
R	Skate Park/Playground Connector Connect the Skate Park and the Playground area with wide, paved path. Bridge will be needed. Bridge should be ornamental and a key landmark in the park.	\$75,000	
S	Woodland Restoration Remove exotic species such as privet and eleagnus. Introduce native ground covers such as ferns, herbaceous perennials, woodland vines, and bulbs. Plant trees that will replace very old trees or those that are in decline. Maintain tree canopy and introduce new plantings for mix of meadow in flatter areas and woodland in steeper slopes. Introduce wildlife as appropriate	100,000	Tree Grant, Community Micro-Grant, Forestry Grants
T	Soft-Surface Path System Construct narrow, soft-surface paths through restored woodland. Create loop around perimeter of City-owned property, with nodes of interest and smaller loops around meadows and/or significant land forms. Connect to Macon Drive and Corner of Macon/Lakewood. Add interpretive signage regarding interesting flora, fauna, or historical markers. Can be done in stages	\$65,000	
U	Historic Cottage Marker Investigate presence of possible historic cottage and grave sites north of dog park, near Lakewood Avenue. If found, preserve and demarcate as appropriate with signage, soft surface paving, and memorial.	\$30,000	Federal Funds
V*	Site-Wide Lighting Investigate ways to light park after hours. Add ornamental lighting in form of 'historic' pedestrian-level lights and bollard lights along paths. Lighting should be soft, not glaring. Consider motion-sensor lights at areas where vandalism is more likely (Art Center and Pavilions and remote parking areas)	\$300,000	*Top Priority
W	Site-Wide Site Furnishings Benches, trash receptacles, and bike racks should be included in any improvement in the park. There will be areas throughout the park where no such project has yet happened.	\$35,000	
X	Sculpture Garden Near Art Center, design and provide art/sculpture area for outdoor public displays. Consider locating art (sculpture) at lower flagstone terrace as sculpture garden. Engage local artists to enhance the space.	\$45,000	City Art Funds
Y	Land Acquisition Acquire abandoned houses along park side of Compton Drive and Lakewood Terrace. Demolish and return to woodland.	\$1,000,000	
Z	Stream Bank Restoration Restore and improve stream bank with regrading, adding native stones, small pools, stabilizing soil and creek bottom. Remove invasive species, add native species of plants	\$400,000	319 Grant (Federal)
South Bend Park Total:		\$7,078,000	

