



2017 Park Visioning Application

Deadline: Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

Park Pride is accepting applications for Park Visioning from DeKalb County Friends of the Park groups. **Two** groups will be selected to receive, at no charge, the services of Park Pride's Visioning department, headed by a professional landscape architect, for a five to ten-month community engagement and design process to create a conceptual park master plan.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- The park or potential park must be located in Unincorporated DeKalb County.
- The applicant must have registered with Park Pride as a Friends of Park group.
- The community must be ready to commit to five to ten months of planning work.
- Park or potential park must be publically accessible in perpetuity.
- The community must be open to an inclusive, consensus-driven public engagement process during which all ideas will be considered.

Selection Criteria

All applications will be considered based on the merits, viability, and sustainability of the proposed project. In order to be selected for visioning, all projects must meet the eligibility requirements listed above. In addition, projects will be evaluated on the following:

- Does the project address an identified need?
- Are there ongoing or pending initiatives that might influence the timing of a Park Visioning?
- What are the challenges and opportunities presented by the project?

How to Apply

Fill out this Park Visioning Grant Application and submit it by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017** All applications must be submitted electronically as a single pdf to andrew@parkpride.org.



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What is Park Visioning?

Park Pride believes that a world class park begins with a strong, community-supported design. Park Pride has offered the Park Visioning Program since 2005, and is pleased to bring this program to DeKalb County for the first time this year. The program is designed to provide an opportunity for Friends of the Park groups to work with an experienced team of professional design consultants in a community-driven process resulting in a clear and descriptive conceptual master plan. Park Pride's Visioning team draws on experience in landscape architecture, engineering principles, graphic design, illustration, and education to facilitate an open dialogue between individuals and stakeholder groups. The team not only guides and documents this process, but also provides the graphics, photos, illustrations, and site plans necessary to help communities envision possible outcomes.

How does Park Visioning work?

Our process hinges on a robust, inclusive public engagement strategy, which is tailored to each community and is most successful when participants are open to various outcomes. Throughout the process, the Visioning team will encourage participants to "think big" – to look outside the box. The final plan will reflect the consensus of the group and will include: a summary of process including public engagement strategies, documentation of how decisions were made, proposed site plan, and a prioritized project list.

A Steering Committee of committed local residents and stakeholders will serve as the project client and will work closely with the Visioning team throughout the process. At the monthly Steering Committee meetings, the group will help to develop and implement the public engagement strategy as well as participate in design discussions and decisions. Committee members should represent a broad and diverse spectrum of community interests.

It is important to note that a Park Vision plan is not a mandate, is not enforceable, and does not guarantee funding from either DeKalb County or Park Pride for the projects detailed therein. However, many groups who complete a Park Vision plan successfully use the document for fundraising, grant applications, and advocacy.



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Park Name:

Park Address (or key intersection):

Commission District & County Commissioner:

Applicant Name:

Applicant Address:

Applicant Phone Number:

Applicant E-Mail Address:



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Briefly describe your relationship with the park/s?

Are you a community member, commissioner, Friends of the Park group member, etc.

Does this park have a Park Pride Registered 'Friends of' Group?

Circle one.

Yes

No

Describe your group's history of working to improve the park/s?

Are you willing to serve on a Steering Committee for the Park Visioning Process?

Circle one.

Yes

No

Please provide names and contact information for potential Steering Committee members.

Park Pride relies on a strong, active Steering Committee to serve as the client.

Name:

E-Mail:

Phone:

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Why should Park Pride facilitate the Park Visioning process for this park?

Why does this park need a Visioning process? Are there ongoing or pending initiatives that might influence the timing of the Park Visioning process? Is your community committed to a public dialogue about the future of the park? What are some opportunities you hope a Vision Plan will leverage? It is important to provide enough information and details that Park Pride can understand the park-related concerns in your community.