



Adams Park

Park Making Plan 2008



Adams Park: Executive Summary


The Adams Park Park-Making Program began with the receipt of an application from the Friends of Adams Park, seeking help organizing a planning effort 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 Adams Park group and met monthly to determine the direction of the public process and design outcome. The Committee distributed flyers and collected questionnaires to neighbors that promoted the first public meeting, held on September 8, 2008 at the Master Grill Area in Adams Park. At this meeting, participants were asked to imagine a world-class park in their neighborhood. A list of facilities and activities was developed and supplemented with information from the surveys. Once a list was compiled, participants were given a base map of their park (not including the golf course) and were asked to decide where facilities, improvements, and suggested additions might fit on the site.

The second public meeting was on October 14, 2008. The meeting gave participants the opportunity to review Park Pride's interpretation of the drawing that came out of the first meeting. Changes were made and were incorporated in the final plan, presented on November 11, 2008.

Priorities discussed by the community include improving the area around the lake and then the areas around the Master Grill Area. The largest change desired by the community at the lake area is the removal of the t-ball field backstop and fencing. The area is proposed to be a non-programmed lawn space.


The plan included herein is meant to serve as a documentation of the community's agreed projects and priorities for Adams Park. The graphic 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 Adams Park will take years, if not decades to complete. The first step, determining the best ways to improve Adams Park is completed and another chapter in its redevelopment can begin.



Wish List:

Compiled at initial public meeting, September 8, 2008:

- Remove Invasive Species/Undergrowth
- Repair/Replace Steps at Existing Paths
- Path Connections
- Restrooms – May Need Discussion
- Gazebo – Place to Stop and Sit – Could be Pergola
- Stone Pillars at Each Entrance (Similar to Greenwood Cemetery) or John A. White at Lagoon and Blvd. Loraine
- Picnic Area (Master Grill) Area:
 - Seating
 - 'Amphitheater' in Hillside
 - Lawn – Eco-Friendly and/or Drought Resistant
 - Seat Wall
 - Protective Fencing at Stream – Split Rail at Steepest Areas/Bridges
- Landscaping at Venetion
- Lake Area:
 - Stream Area by Culvert
 - Fountain/Moving Water in Middle of Lake
 - Adult Swings (Bench Swings)
 - More Seasonal Interest/Color – Perhaps Trees, Shrubs, Cherry Trees?
 - Trees around Lake (Beaver-Proof???)
 - Spillway – Cleaned at Pool, Steps, Bridge, Algae at Culvert #4
 - Rain Garden
 - What Might Nature Demand/Create???
 - Pedestrian Path Around Lake (Paved, Soft Surface if Practical)
 - Low-Level Lighting
- Solar, if Possible
- Similar to Cascade Rd. Lighting (Historic)
 - Not Baseball Lighting
- Benches for Fishermen
 - Natural Looking
 - Wood, Rustic, See CPA Benches as Examples (Split Logs or Similar)
- Beaver-Retardant Landscape
- Self-Sustaining Landscape – Natural and Eco-Friendly



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ADAMS PARK PARK MAKING PLAN: PROJECT LIST, DECEMBER, 2008		APPROX. COST	PROJECT TYPE/FUNDING
ITEM	QUANTITY / DESCRIPTION		
A	Lake Shore Restoration Use native plantings to stabilize lake shore and banks. Provide seasonal interest in the form of trees and/or shrubs and flowering perennials. Plant trees that are resistant to beaver or protect from beaver. Consider flowering cherry trees at top of bank, along proposed 'Lake Trail'	\$150,000	Check with Watershed Management, Community Fundraiser, Volunteer Days
B	Lake Fountain In center of lake, place one or two fountains to recirculate water and to create visual interest, pleasant sound, and aesthetic appeal.	\$20,000	Check with Watershed Management, Community Fundraiser
C	Lake Trail Provide paved pedestrian trail around lake. 5'-6' in width.	\$45,000	Community Fundraiser
D	Lake Spillway Clean spillway, steps, and bridge. Address algae problem, especially at Culvert	\$10,000	Watershed Management/Volunteers
E	Lake Lighting Low-level lighting, similar to the historic lighting along Cascade Road. Could be solar powered.	\$50,000	Community Fundraiser
F	Lakeside Lawn Remove t-ball fencing, stripes, and baselines. Patch sod where necessary. Plant low-growing trees (crape myrtle) on slope between parking and lawn	\$5,000	Tree Grant, Micro-Grant
G	Lakeside Benches/Swings Provide rustic, wooden benches along perimeter of lake. See historic National Park (CPA) or Adirondack style for ideas/vocabulary	\$65,000	Community Fundraiser / Volunteer
H	Lakeside Invasive Species Removal Remove invasive species from woodlands around lake. Specifically, privet and eleanus should be cut and sprayed	\$30,000	Neighborhood/LEAD Volunteers
I	Master Grill Pavilion Restore historic grill pavilion, clean fireplaces, pressure-wash pavilion, provide historically-appropriate pendant lighting from ceiling beams.	\$30,000	Neighborhood, Park Department funds???
J	Master Grill Lawn Amend soil and lay sod over small weedy area next to Master Grill. Provide hose connection for hand watering of small area.	\$12,000	Volunteer Days, Donated Sod, Park Pride Design/Build Program
K	Master Grill Seat Wall Construct stone rubble seat wall with concrete cap to border small lawn and to provide additional seating and to retain woodland grade/erosion problems	7,500	Community Fundraisers (See Park Pride Micro-Grant, Community Grant)
L	Master Grill Stream Bank Stabilization/Fencing Plant small, stabilizing perennial plants along stream bank where appropriate. Install split rail fence between upper-two bridges to dissuade children from climbing down into stream ravine.	\$10,000	Variety of Partners
M	Master Grill Invasives Remove invasive species from woodlands around master grill area. Specifically, privet and eleanus should be cut and sprayed	\$1,000	Volunteers Projects/Lead Volunteers
N	Master Grill Seating Enhance seating at small 'stage' in Master Grill Area. Comfortable but rustic seats to be constructed.	\$3,500	Volunteer Project. Specifically Home Depot
O	Master Grill Picnic Paving Provide additional gravel to fill low spots, define edges, and renovate existing gravel surface.	\$15,000	Variety of Partners, Apply for Federal Funds
P	Outdoor Classroom/Small Amphitheater On hillside between picnic area and stone paths, construct natural-looking amphitheater to accommodate between 50 and 100 people for seating, small performances, and educational lectures.	\$80,000	Neighborhood
Q	Pedestrian Path Connections Provide soft-surface paths connecting existing paths. Surface can be gravel or mulch	\$1,000	Neighborhood/Volunteers
R	Pergola at Foundation On existing foundation, construct rustic pergola and plant native vines (akebia or trumpet vine or native honeysuckle). Enhance woodland landscape immediately surrounding with understory (blooming) trees and native flowering shrubs (oakleaf hydrangea and/or native azaleas)	\$30,000	Community (Community Grants, Micro Grants)
S	Entrance Piers Construct stone pillars similar to those used at Greenwood Cemetery at park side of Lagoon and Boulevard Loraine	\$25,000	Community (Community Grants, Micro Grants)



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APPROX. COST PROJECT TYPE/FUNDING

T	Pavilion Renovations	Restore and renovate existing pavilions to original character. Consider lifting pavilion roofs and placing stone piers (or concrete) below and supporting rotted log supports. Cut rotten wood off and add preservative before mounting on stone/concrete piers. Maintain character and match character elsewhere in park.	\$45,000	Assume \$5k each. Community (Community Grants, Micro Grants, etc)
U	Boulder Bollards	Place boulders along Venetian Drive to prevent vehicles from driving into park. Allow on-street (parallel) parking)	\$5,000	
V	Landscape at Pavilion	Enhance woodland with plantings of native shrubs, ground covers, and perennials (such as ferns). Introduce flowering understory trees and shrubs where appropriate. Plant in 'drifts' so as to make maximum visual impact	\$10,000	Volunteers/Community Fundraising/Park Pride Design/Build Program
W	Gateway Enhancements	Construct stone gateway features with steel gates. Enhance landscaping. Consider re-aligning street at entrance to define travel lanes and reduce asphalt.		Community (Community Grants, Micro Grants)
X	Ballfields	To remain as are		
Y	Sidewalks	Sidewalks to be put in, around the park perimeter	TBD	
	Adams Park Total		\$650,000	

