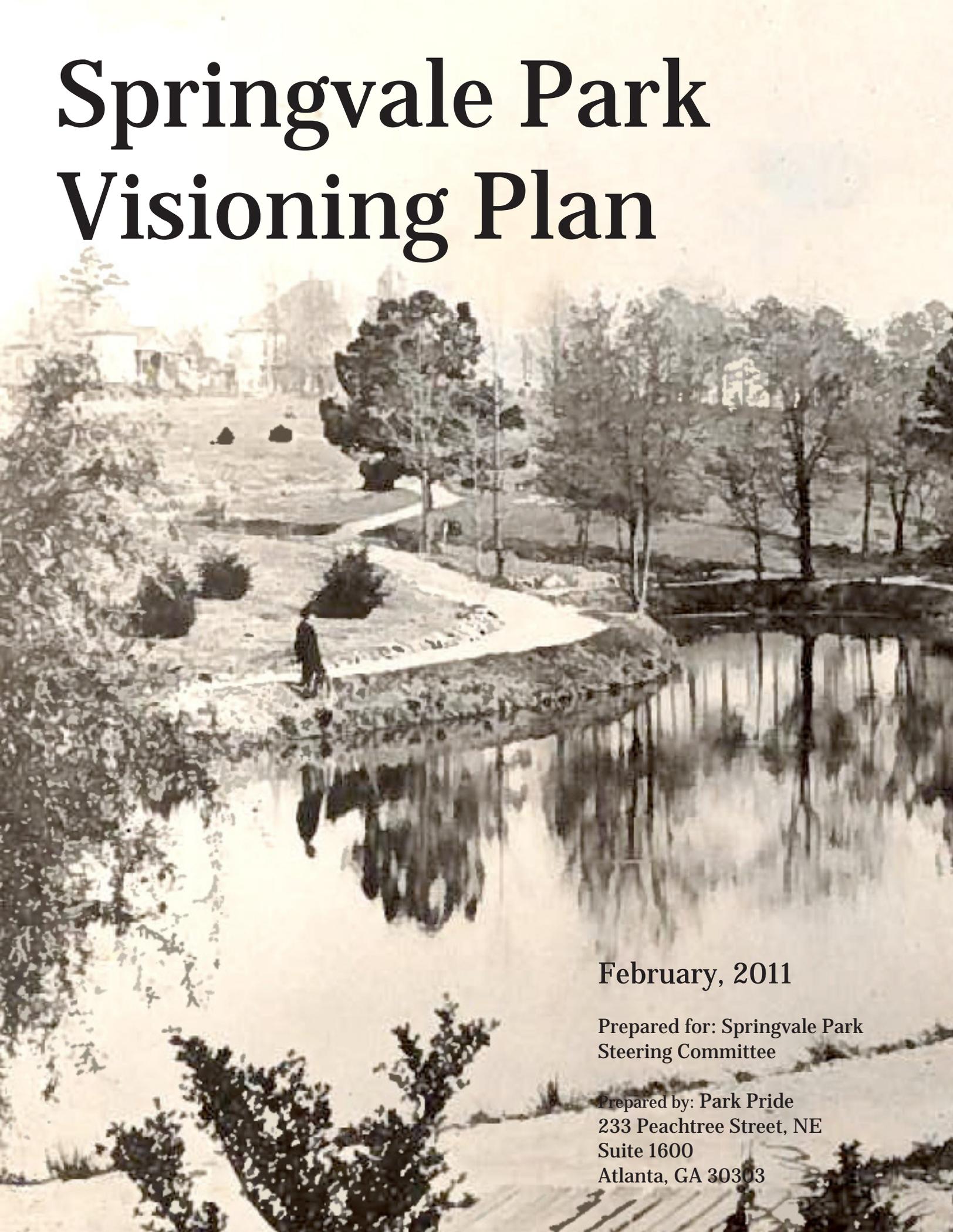


# Springvale Park Visioning Plan



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# Executive Summary:

This process began with the application for Park Visioning submitted on behalf of Springvale Park in May of 2009. Initially, after losing the available Visioning spots for 2010, community members approached Park Pride about re-considering. An agreement was made and Visioning began in earnest with a Steering Committee Kick-Off meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The Committee met monthly between March and December to make decisions, to implement outreach opportunities and to guide Park Pride staff throughout the process.

The Steering Committee scheduled a series of four (4) public participation opportunities and developed a strategy to entice the public to participate. The four (4) public meetings included:

Visioning Meeting	June 22, 2010
Design Workshop	August 22, 2010
Preliminary Design Review	September 21, 2010
Final Design Review/Priorities	October 24, 2010

That series of meetings was interspersed with surveys, fliers, publications in the *Advocator*, and e-mail reminders, all meant to inform residents of the process and invite the greater community to participate in decision-making. The meetings were generally well-attended and Steering Committee members did an excellent job of representing the views and opinions of those who did not formally participate. The resulting plan for Springvale Park is one that has widespread community support.

The plan presented herein is not funded. It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will become a Friends of the Park group and will use the plan as a tool for fundraising as well as a guide to the future improvements to Springvale Park. To be sure, the plan will take many years to complete, but having community consensus should assist with fundraising and implementation.

It should be noted that more study is needed to determine the best way to accomplish some of the outlined goals. A proper land survey will be instrumental in refining the plan as implementation moves forward. A hydrological report will inform the exact remediation efforts needed to make water an asset to the park. Improving the health and quality of the stream and the lake is seen as a high priority. As is reducing erosion and making soggy areas of the park more usable. Technical assistance and engineering will need to inform the methods of correcting the current situations.

This plan should be used as a guide, not as a strict set of rules. This plan is intended to show relative size, shape, and location of desired amenities and their relationships to each other. The construction document process may determine slightly different ways of addressing each project that better fit with surveyed existing conditions or better address technical issues.

Park Pride will remain available to offer technical advice, possible funding opportunities, and community guidance as needed.

## Project Wish List:

The wish list was compiled from surveys and from the first public meeting. It served as the launching point for items to be considered for inclusion in the Visioning Plan. As discussions progressed, several items on the initial wish list were eventually dropped because they either did not fit the site or it was decided that they did not fit the cultural requirements of the community. The initial wish list is detailed in the appendix and is condensed below:

### Festival-Appropriate Space:

Access to Water and Electricity Amenities - Must be Secured – Locked

Chess Tables

Lighting

Dog Bags – Sign- Doggy Station

Easier ADA Accessibility

Drinking Fountains

Picnic Table – Snack Area

Expanded/Improved Playground – More Open to Park – Seating for Parents

Pedestrian Circulation – Environmentally Sensitive – Improved Surfaces

Park Lane - Fixing Lane – City Street Address Park Lane

Add Street Presence - Entrances/Pillars/Step – Upgrade and/or Change -

Better Orientation Into/Out of Park

What to Do With Bridge/Euclid Avenue??????

Outdoor Classroom – Curriculum – Add Potential Use to Park

Wood – Managed Better – Brush on North West End Problematic – Bulbs/Daffodils

Erosion Control Planning/Sustainability

Sheltered Picnic Area - Pavilion

Amphitheater – Performance Space

Thought/Decision about Wildlife – Wildlife Policy/Position

### Water Feature/Lake:

Shore Definition and Stabilization (One that does not spread)

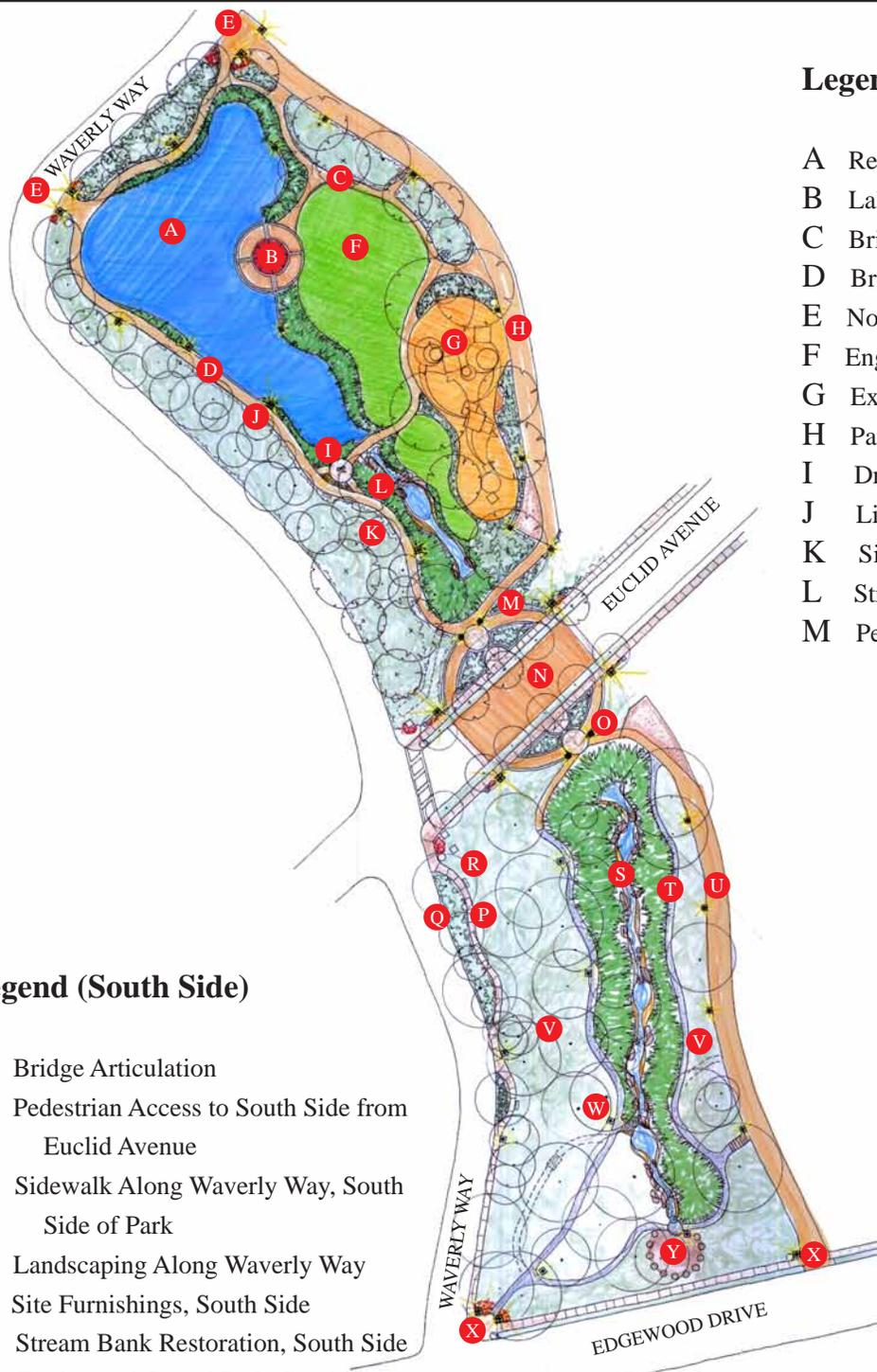
Improved Water Quality – Improved Drainage for Flat/Grassy Areas

Improve/Repair Lake – Water/Spring Flow

Spring – Stream – Define or Undefined

Manage Mosquitoes /Humidity

Drainage into Pond to Sewers – Overflow – Street Issue



### Legend (North Side)

- A Restored Lake
- B Lakeside Pavilion
- C Brick Walk- 5' Wide
- D Brick Walk- 8' Wide
- E North Side Gateway
- F Engineered Lawn
- G Expanded Playground
- H Park Drive North (Alley Renovation)
- I Drinking Fountain/Small Plaza
- J Lighting- North Side
- K Site Furnishings, North Side
- L Stream Bank Restoration, North Side
- M Pedestrian Access to North Side from Euclid Avenue

### Legend (South Side)

- N Bridge Articulation
- O Pedestrian Access to South Side from Euclid Avenue
- P Sidewalk Along Waverly Way, South Side of Park
- Q Landscaping Along Waverly Way
- R Site Furnishings, South Side
- S Stream Bank Restoration, South Side
- T Engineered Gravel Path, South Side
- U Park Drive South, Alley Renovation
- V Forest Restoration
- W Lighting, South Side
- X South Side Gateways
- Y Outdoor Classroom

\*\*\*Site Wide Hydrological Study

\*\*\*Site Wide Erosion Control Study



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 EUCLID AVENUE/WAVERLY WAY NE  
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**FINAL PLAN**  
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KEY	PRIORITY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	EST. COST	DEPENDENCIES	FUNDING NOTES	
		Overarching Guideline Pertaining to All Projects - Electricity in the Park	Any electric outlets should be properly locked in waterproof vandal-proof containment boxes.				
		Overarching Guideline Pertaining to All Projects - Self Sustaining Financial Plan	A percentage (10% to 20%) of each project budget should be placed into an endowment for ongoing maintenance. This percentage should be added to all project budgets and should be raised during the fundraising portion of each project.				
Site Wide		Hydrological Study	A study that determines the best ways to deal with surface and sub-surface water in the park is critical to ensuring the success of all future projects. Specifically, the lake and the areas immediately surrounding the lake are of great concern. The soggy areas around the lake need to be addressed with workable solutions. What, if anything should be done to make the lake and stream function better? How should water be entering the lake? What can be done to make the soggy lawn to the east of the lake more usable? May have issues with existing liner. Is native soil (clay) a suitable liner? Where does water go? Can the lake be fed by a natural spring? What is an appropriate depth of the lake?	\$25,000	Very first step in process. Only minor projects that do not depend on anything else (such as the small plaza or the outdoor classroom) should be considered prior to the Hydrological Study.	Georgia Tech - Contact professor to see if match for class project (Prof. Mark Stieglitz)	
Site Wide		Erosion Control Study	Study should be commissioned that recommends specific ways to slow, stop or correct erosion issues on slopes all over the park, especially the steep areas on the south side. Should areas that have been eroded be re-filled? Exactly what types of construction and/or planting are suggested to correct the erosion-prone areas? Are there mechanical devices at the top of the slopes that might shed water more effectively? Study should include entire park (North and South Sides).	\$6,500			
Site Wide		Land Survey	Survey should be done for entire park. The survey should identify existing grading at 1' contours, trees over 6" diameter breast height, paved surfaces, existing utilities, property lines (especially those along Park Drive), boundary of existing playground and lake, and location of any other significant feature (such as the historic retaining wall between the lake and Waverly Way).	\$30,000			
A	HIGH	Restored Lake	Restore lake as directed by hydrological study. Lake may expand to bottom of historic stone wall or engineered wetlands may take the place of current soggy lawn in that area. Consider how to enhance wildlife habitat in the park during lake restoration. May have issues with existing liner. Is native soil (clay) a suitable liner? Where does water go? Can the lake be fed by a natural spring? What is an appropriate depth of the lake?	\$150,000	Hydrology Study - Lake should be one of first projects implemented, as many other projects depend on its renovation.	EPA Grants (419 Grant) & Department of Watershed Management	



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B	MEDIUM	Lakeside Pavilion	The lakeside pavilion was discussed as a platform for performances and it may be used as a band stand. It does not need a solid roof, but should definitely include a shade structure. The design of the structure should utilize the architectural character and details of the historic homes in the Inman Park neighborhood. Pavilion should contain a performance box that contains electricity and sound system mechanics. Box should be waterproof and lockable.	\$55,000	Lake Restoration and Engineered Lawn should be installed first.	Buy a Brick Program & Other Community Fundraisers
C	MEDIUM	Brick Walk - 5' Wide	Install brick sidewalk with edge restraint from Park Drive, across the lake and to the 8' wide sidewalk that parallels Waverly Way. If solid brick is too expensive, consider concrete walks with brick banding and edges.	\$30,000	Engineered Lawn should be at least designed first. Would be best to install with lawn.	Buy a Brick Program & Other Community Fundraisers
D	MEDIUM	Brick Walk - 8' Wide	Install brick sidewalk with edge restraint between the lake and Waverly Way, also between Euclid Avenue and the stream. If solid brick is too expensive, consider concrete walks with brick banding and edges.	\$50,000	Engineered Lawn should be at least designed first. Would be best to install with lawn.	Buy a Brick Program & Other Community Fundraisers
E	LOW	North Side Gateways	Enhance and repair existing stone gateway piers along Waverly Way and landscape between. Add low wattage, ornamental lighting that is on continuously during dark hours. Landscape in this area should be more groomed than most areas in the park. Consider low-growing groundcovers and/or masses of low-growing, evergreen, and flowering shrubs. Be certain to protect existing trees in the area.	\$30,000	Independent	
F	MEDIUM	Engineered Lawn	The current lawn is almost always soggy. It should be redefined and any small trees in the lawn removed either by cutting or relocation. New trees should not be planted in locations that will shade the lawn area. Rely on direction from the hydrological study, but it is likely that a French drain system will be necessary to keep the lawn drier and therefore more usable. Lawn should be kept clear of trees.	\$80,000	Hydrology Study and Stream Bank Restoration should be completed first.	
G	HIGH	Expanded Playground	Extend existing playground to south, into lawn area that is not used. Provide additional play equipment for a wider variety of age groups. Remove existing thorny landscaping that hides playground. Provide better access and visibility to playground. Design should integrate seating and ledges for parents to sit and to place personal items and those meant for child care.	\$75,000	Depending on design, could be an early project (before lawn, lake, and stream). Need survey first.	



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H	MEDIUM	Park Lane North (Alley Renovation)	Use brick pavers on Park Lane. Granite curbs can help restrain the bricks while providing some degree of retaining capability. High curbs on the uphill side should be enough in most locations. When more height is needed, consider building granite rubble retaining walls, similar to those elsewhere in the neighborhood. Take this opportunity to build Park Ln. on the actual property lines. The grade should be ADA-compliant. All property owners along Park Ln. must have vehicular access to the rear of their properties. If bollards are installed at Waverly Way they should be far enough apart to allow for wheelchairs and bicycles to pass through. Homeowners should have keys to any bollards that could block their vehicular path. If solid brick is too expensive, consider concrete walks with brick banding and edges. Would save at least half the budgeted cost.	200,000	Research disposition of limited access. Design details (such as bollards) will depend on feasibility of limiting vehicular access to property owners only.	Private donors, property owners, local fundraisers.
I	MEDIUM	Drinking Fountain/Small Plaza	At intersection of 8' wide walk and 5' wide walk design and build small plaza. Paving can be brick with granite edge restraint. A drinking fountain that serves both people and dogs is desired for the center of the small plaza. The landscape immediately surrounding the small plaza may be more groomed than other areas in the park.	\$10,000	Could be independent project. Paths could tie into small plaza at later date.	Local Garden Clubs and volunteer support
J	MEDIUM	Lighting - North Side	Use low-wattage, bollard height lights to illuminate walkways after dark. Lights should be on only after dark and until park closes. After hours, the lights should be triggered by motion sensors. The appearance of lights at gateways should be historic in character, low wattage, and should be on during all hours that are dark.	\$85,000	If sidewalks or lawn are constructed first, be certain to include conduit for underground wiring.	
K	HIGH	Site Furnishings, North Side	Site furnishings should be carefully selected to be durable and historic in character. Victor Stanley offers several steel options that would look great in a black finish. Trash receptacles, benches, and bike racks should be of a similar family with a similar appearance.	\$27,000	Independent	Professional and Volunteer Labor - Consider asking local non-profits such as the Georgia Native Plant Society and Trees Atlanta for help.
L	MEDIUM	Stream Bank Restoration, North and South Sides	Restore/construct stream to as much of a natural system as conditions will allow. Consider pumping water from lake to top of stream so that flow is more continuous. Hydrology study should make recommendations regarding this and other issues. Grade of banks should be gentle. Large natural boulders will be helpful in correcting grade where steep slopes are a challenge.	\$120,000	Stream bank restoration should be done prior to Engineered Lawn (item F) and Forest Restoration (item V)	EPA Grants (419 Grant) & Department of Watershed Management
M,O	MEDIUM	Pedestrian Access to North Side and to South Side from Euclid Avenue	From Euclid Avenue, design and construct staircase to north side of park. Consider granite steps with granite rubble side walls. Low-level wattage can be incorporated into side walls providing lighting for steps. Steps should terminate at bottom with a wider paved area that links to the 8' wide brick walk. Landscaping at stairway should be groomed more than most areas in park. Native species are encouraged.	\$300,000	Should complete before item N - Bridge Articulation (below)	Park Pride Community Grant, Local Fundraisers,



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N	MEDIUM	Bridge Articulation	Where Euclid Avenue interrupts park's north and south sides, pave with brick (or similar) pavers. Construct 6' wide sidewalks with overrooks on each side of the street. Replace existing railing with something more substantial. Consider a design vocabulary similar to that of the bridge at the end of Park Drive, where it terminates into Piedmont Park. Gateway features with integral lights should frame 'bridge' details and can act as gateways into park. Include crosswalks across Euclid Avenue at Waverly.	\$200,000	Pedestrian Access (Items M and O - above) should be completed first	Park Pride Community Grant, Local Fundraisers,
P	LOW	Sidewalk Along Waverly Way, South Side of Park	Design and construct concrete path along Waverly Way. Work path around existing trees. Some portions may need extensive retaining walls or to be elevated as a boardwalk. The 'boardwalk' option would provide protection to existing specimen trees. It may be possible for the sidewalk to be wide enough to accommodate port-o-lets for festivals.	\$45,000	Independent	
Q	LOW	Landscaping Along Waverly Way	Install landscape plantings at key areas (designated on illustration). South side plantings in particular should be naturalized and utilize native species when possible.	\$5,000	Sidewalk (Item P) above should be completed first.	Volunteer Labor with Park Pride Volunteer Program and Micro-Grants
R	MEDIUM	Site Furnishings - South Side	Site furnishings should be carefully selected to be durable and historic in character. Victor Stanley offers several steel options that would look great in a black finish. Trash receptacles, benches and bike racks should be of a similar family with a similar appearance. Furnishings on South Side do not need to match furnishings on North Side. A more rustic design (faux bois) may be appropriate.	\$35,000	Independent	
T	HIGH	Engineered Gravel Path - South Side	Construct gravel, soft-surface paths along key routes on south side of park. Use geo-grid mesh under gravel for stability. Edge restraint will be necessary as well. Minimal grading will be needed and should be kept to a minimum as much as possible.	\$45,000	Begin Forest Restoration First	Volunteer Labor (Park Pride Volunteer Program)
U	LOW	Park Lane South - Alley Renovations	Use brick pavers on Park Lane. Granite curbs can help restrain the bricks while providing some degree of retaining capability. High curbs on the uphill side may be enough in most locations. When more height is needed, consider building granite rubble retaining walls, similar to those elsewhere in the neighborhood. Take this opportunity to build Park Ln. on the actual property lines. The grade should be ADA-compliant. All property owners along Park Ln. must have vehicular access to the rear of their properties. If bollards are installed at Waverly Way they should be far enough apart for wheelchairs and bicycles to pass through. Homeowners should have keys to any bollards that could block their vehicular path.	\$200,000		Private donors, property owners, local fundraisers.



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V	HIGH	Forest Restoration	On steep slopes, remove invasive species, grade minimally as necessary to restore slope to as much of original condition as possible. Plant with native stoloniferous plantings that will hold soil on slope. May want to include key areas in erosion control study. Historic markers need to remain in place and be visible from path system.	\$25,000	While work can be done removing invasive species, the Stream Bank Restoration project should be done before most work along stream banks is completed.	Professional and Volunteer Labor - Consider asking local non-profits such as the Georgia Native Plant Society, Georgia Urban Forestry Council and Trees Atlanta for assistance.
W	MEDIUM	Lighting - South Side	Use low-wattage, bollard height lights to illuminate walkways after dark. Lights should be on only after dark until park closes. After hours, the lights should be triggered by motion sensors. Lights at gateways should be historic in character, low wattage, and should be on during all hours that are dark.	\$85,000	Begin Forest Restoration First, Grant Should be installed prior to paths, but after paths are laid out.	Park Pride Community Grant
X	LOW	South Side Gateways	Construct new stone piers to match those at the north side of the park, along Waverly Way. Add low wattage, ornamental lighting that is on continuously after dark. Landscape in this area should be minimal, mostly native plants inserted in natural drifts for a woodland character. Be certain to protect existing trees in the area. It may be possible to relocate existing stone piers from elsewhere in park, especially at Euclid @ Waverly.	\$35,000	Independent	Local Fundraisers
Y	LOW	Outdoor Classroom	Small circle of natural-looking seating. May be series of sections of tree trunk from any ill or damaged tree that requires removal from Springvale Park. Place tree sections in a circle, making certain to level each. Construct a simple circular paved area along the gravel path. Paving material can be gravel, outlined in granite cobbles or a brick band.	\$4,500	Independent	Pay local arborist for tree section. Install with volunteer support.
<b>Springvale Park Total</b>				<b>\$1,953,000</b>		