Overview
Park Pride’s Legacy Grant program provides matching grants of $50,000 or more to community groups for the implementation of comprehensive park visions and master plans. Applicants may request up to 50% of their total project budget from Park Pride and are responsible for securing the remaining funds. First time grant applicants do not qualify for Legacy Grants.

Eligibility
❖ Applicant must be a registered Park Pride Friends of the Park group
❖ Project is in a park or on public land with public access in the City of Atlanta
❖ Applicant has completed all previous Park Pride grant projects
❖ Must be a capital project

Requirements
❖ Project must have documented community support
❖ Project must be approved by the property owner through a Park Permitting & Design Review Meeting
❖ Project must be part of a City/County approved Master Plan OR Park Vision Plan OR Professional Site Plan developed through community involvement
❖ Project is sustainable and can be completed within 18 months
❖ Applicant must match grant dollars on a 1:1 basis (through cash and in-kind donations)
   - Community investment is required
   - Volunteer hours can count toward your match if it is included on the project budget
   - Matching funds must be spent on items included in the Project Budget
❖ All applicants are required to attend the Grant Workshop prior to the application deadline, submit an LOI, host a site visit with Park Pride, and submit an application following the site visit

Selection Criteria
Applications will be considered based on the merits, viability, sustainability of the proposed project, and level of community support. Park Pride may award grants for a portion of the amount requested. In addition to the requirements above, projects will be evaluated on the following:
❖ Level of community involvement in development of the plan and overall project
❖ Community participation in fundraising
❖ Success of previous park improvement projects
❖ Project addresses an identified need
❖ Effective use of requested funds
❖ Materials are appropriate for the site conditions
❖ Matching funds are in place/the fundraising plan is realistic
❖ The project timeline is realistic
❖ The proposed improvements are easily maintained
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Timeline:

1. **Letter of Intent**
2. **Contact City of Atlanta**
   - You must present at a Park Design & Permit Review Meeting
3. **Site Visit**
4. **Request recommendation provided by Park Pride**
5. **Application**
   - Complete application with budget and before photos
   - **Planning documents**: Include all pertinent planning documents (Site plan, Master plan, Vision Plan, Renderings, Construction documents, Specification Documents, etc.).
   - **Letter of support from the property owner**: City of Atlanta
   - **Community Association letters of support**: Include a letter of support from each community association whose jurisdiction includes or borders the park. A [sample letter document](#) can be found under the “apply now” section of the grant page. Additional letters of support from police, NPU, etc. may be added in this section as well.
   - **Submit**: Combine all documents into a single PDF (can be done using [THIS website](#)) and email to grants@parkpride.org
6. **Park Pride Grant Review Committee Meets**
7. **Awards Announced**
Communities implementing capital improvement projects in City of Atlanta parks must assign a qualified Project Manager to coordinate with the City of Atlanta and manage all aspects of project implementation including permitting and approvals. Project Manager must be a licensed professional with prior experience dealing with tree protection, watershed, streambank and other permitting issues. It is advised to work with a professional that has prior experience working on public projects in the City of Atlanta.

Communities across the city have had success in the past 5 years with the following qualified project managers:

Astra Group
Ed Castro Landscape, Ed Castro
Integrated Land Design, Patrick Hand
L.F. Saussy
Lord Aeck Sargent, Christine Hassell
Perkins + Will, Micah Lipscomb
Pond & Company, Matt Wilder
RVI Planning, Kerry Blind
Silverman Construction Program Management
Smart Landscape, Elise Cormier
Sylvatica Studios, Ryan Jenkins
THW Design, Samantha Spitale
Stand Landscape Architecture, Clara Kwon
Jacobs, Brad Jones