

The South Atlanta Park Vision Plan focuses on active recreation in the park and acknowledges the history of the site as the former campus of Gammon Theological Seminary and Clark Atlanta University. This design includes a commons in the form of a plaza that may also be used as additional parking within the park, a loading zone, and/or festival and event space. This plaza axis aligns the existing gazebo and a new main park entrance enhanced by contrasting brick paving, a pair of entry columns and primary park signage. Removable bollards limit motor vehicular access into the plaza except during special events. Sidewalks along with curbs and a low wall along Gammon guide parking and circulation in and around the park.

The New Schools at Carver

Community Grounds

To Atlanta BeltLine

Project South

Historic South Atlanta

The Villages at Carver

To Lakewood

APS Office Space

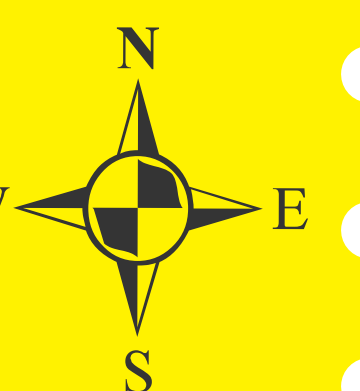
Additional features include:

- Solar-panel-covered walkway flanks the southern edge of a flat lawn at the park's highest point. Solar panels could power lights or other electrical needs in the park while providing a shaded seating areas for taking in city views.
- An expanded children's playground with a climber, double swings, a spinner, and other equipment as selected by the community.
- Two full-size basketball courts with fencing as needed and lighting. The area is supported by a parking lot with 13 spaces in the northwest corner of the park off Gammon.
- Two bocci courts with seating.
- Walking paths radiate out from the existing gazebo to similarly-styled shelters along the multi-use trail. These shelters may be used for barbecues or other small group gatherings and echo the arrangement of the student housing that used to exist on site.
- A stone platform beneath twin oaks lies at the base of the fourth radiating path from the gazebo.
- A paved multi-use trail circulates through the park connecting the Lakewood Trail to the Atlanta BeltLine through the park, also providing access from The Villages at Carver, Bisbee Ave, Martin Avenue and the western end of Gammon near Project South. The trail winds through the lower park, preserving trees.
- In the lower central area of the park, granite slabs are set into the hillside to form seating above a turf stage.
- The fence surrounding the existing ropes course in the park becomes a surface for cultural expression with temporary art panels created by community members. If at a future date the ropes course relocates, the area may be repurposed as a dog park.
- Two new tennis courts are shown at the terminus of Bisbee to support the tennis program at The New Schools at Carver or for general neighborhood use.
- Along Bisbee Avenue, a large element of green infrastructure flanks the north side of the street, which is prone to flooding. This green infrastructure connects to a larger proposed stormwater detention facility in the south part of the park to provide additional capacity relief for existing sewer systems. An overlook is also provided as a point of interest.
- Parallel parking is also added to support the two lower park pedestrian entrances off Bisbee.



Vision Plan

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