



# request for proposals

for playground equipment at Thomasville Park

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Park Pride and Thomasville Heights Civic League are soliciting proposals for inclusive and accessible playground equipment to expand the current playground at Thomasville Park.

This project is being developed through a partnership led by Park Pride, City of Atlanta Department of Parks & Recreation, and the Thomasville Heights Civic League (collectively, the "Owners").

## 2.0 THE PROJECT

### 2.1 PROJECT SITE - 1835 Henry Thomas Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Thomasville Park is situated in the Thomasville Heights neighborhood on the Southside of the City of Atlanta. It is approximately 16.5 acres in size and is directly south of the abandoned Forest Cove apartment complex. The area of work is approximately 1.3 acres in size between the existing recreation center and Henry Thomas Drive SE.

### 2.2 PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE, SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET

The selected playground vendor will provide playground design, manufacture, delivery, and installation of the playground and poured-in-place safety surfacing. An ADA-accessible route to the playground from the parking lot will be performed under separate contract.

The existing playground equipment will remain in place. This proposed playground expansion will include an additional contiguous play area of up to 2,050 sf. It will be situated directly south of the existing playground footprint (see EXHIBIT A). Key to the success of the playground expansion will be equipment and features that supports inclusive and wheelchair-accessible play options for children aged 5-12. Proposed expansion equipment should not offer equipment or play options that replicate what is already in place. Colors of proposed additional equipment should complement the colors of existing playground.

The community has expressed interest in the following types of play equipment:

- Balance/climbing features
- Musical instruments
- Bouncers
- Spinners
- ADA swing options

The playground proposal shall not exceed \$100,000 in cost, including equipment, freight, installation, surfacing, and taxes.

The schedule for installation of the playground is anticipated to be in Q4 2024. Any pricing implications related to delay beyond this date should be stated in the proposal.

**ADD ALT 1:** Bidders may, at their discretion, include pricing for additional play equipment not currently available within the stated budget of \$100,000.

### **2.3 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Friends of Thomasville Park have an interest in making their playground more accessible and inclusive to residents of all abilities, and have been awarded a grant from Park Pride for ADA improvements to the site (under separate contract) and an expanded playground footprint to include more accessible play features.

## **3.0 SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### **3.1 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

By submitting a response to this RFP, the playground design consultant acknowledges that the scope of work shall include all tasks necessary to complete the planning, design, delivery, and installation of the playground expansion at Thomasville Park, inclusive of poured-in-place safety surfacing, to the high standards of quality, durability and aesthetics desired by the Owners.

The playground manufacturer shall submit the following in response to this RFP:

- A schedule of itemized costs
- Plan view of proposed play elements, including fall zones
- Three-dimensional imagery of proposed design

The playground manufacturer may submit up to two alternate designs for consideration.

Final playground design is subject to review and approval by the Owners, including the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation. Changes to the proposed playground design may be requested by the Owners after a playground consultant is selected.

### **3.2 EVALUATION**

Proposals will be evaluated by Park Pride, Thomasville Heights Civic League, staff at the Thomasville Park Recreation Center.

Park Pride will enter into negotiations with the preferred vendor and upon completion of

negotiations shall execute an agreement. If Park Pride is unsuccessful in negotiating an agreement with the preferred vendor, Park Pride may then negotiate with the second or third highest ranked applicant until an agreement is executed, or may decide to terminate the selection process.

### 3.3 SCHEDULE

Request for Proposals Issued: **May 20, 2024**

Deadline for Submitting Intent to Propose: **May 29, 2024**

Optional Onsite Pre-Bid Meeting: **June 5, 2024, 10AM**

Deadline for Submitting Questions (by email only): **June 12, 2024**

Email Distribution of Responses to Questions: **June 14, 2024**

**Proposals Due: July 10, 2024**

Applicants Notified of Selection: **August 1, 2024**

This is an anticipated schedule only and may change.

### 3.4 SUBMITTALS

All proposals must be submitted in the following formats:

- Responses to this RFP shall require one (1) PDF electronic copy delivered by e-mail to Andrew White, Director of Park Visioning at Park Pride, [andrew@parkpride.org](mailto:andrew@parkpride.org) no later than 5 pm EDT on the due date listed in the schedule.
- Packages received after the submission date may not be considered
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure receipt of their proposal by Park Pride.

### 3.5 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

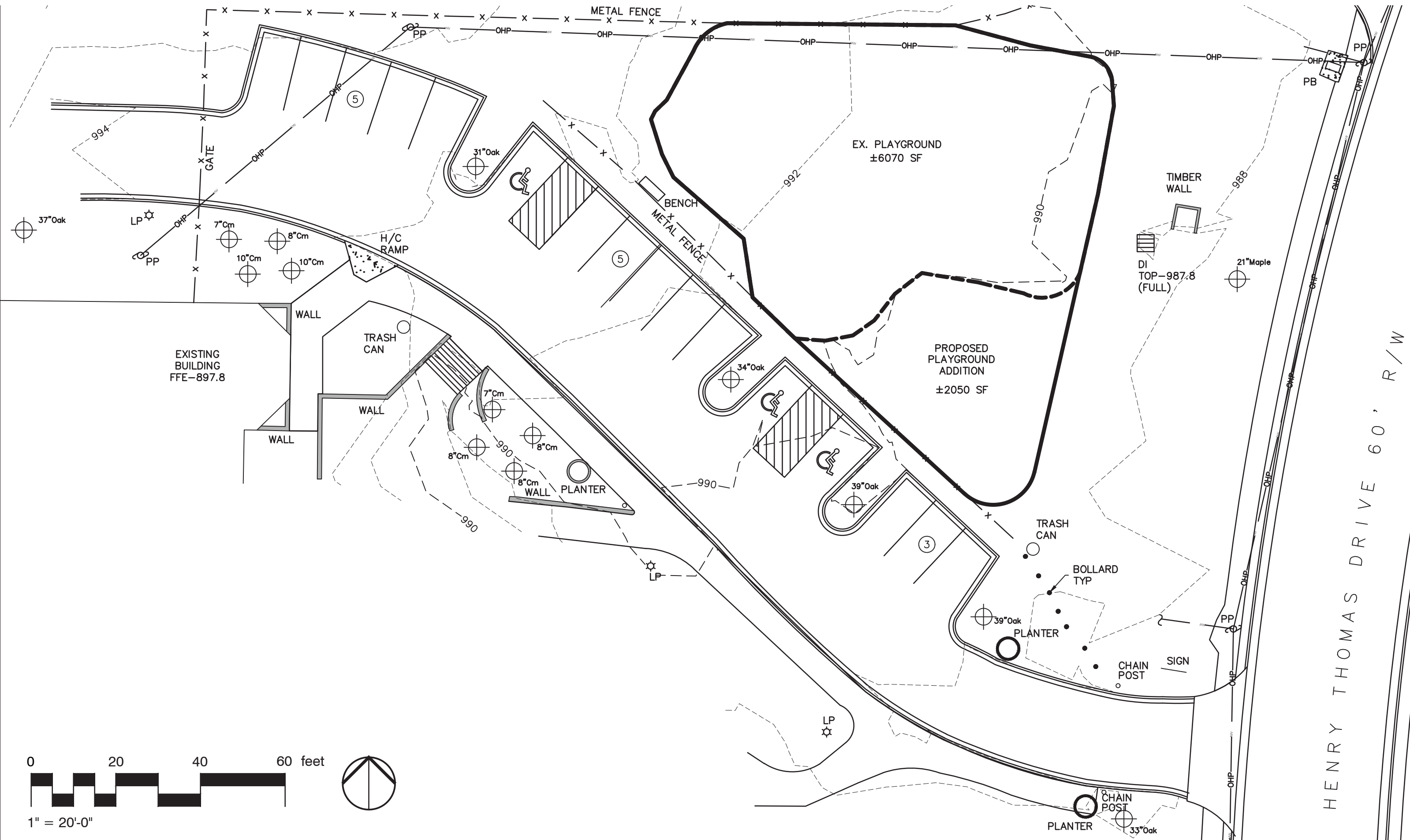
The project Owners require that candidates acknowledge receipt of the RFP and advise Owners of intent to submit proposals to Andrew White at [andrew@parkpride.org](mailto:andrew@parkpride.org). Name, e-mail address, and phone number of contact person shall be included with your intent to submit.

Questions related to this RFP must be submitted in writing to Andrew White at [andrew@parkpride.org](mailto:andrew@parkpride.org) by 5PM on the date indicated in Section 3.3. Questions related to this RFP or project may not be entertained after deadline. Written responses to all submitted questions will be provided to all interested bidders by close of business on the date indicated in Section 3.3.

Consultants are encouraged to visit project site prior to submittal of response. There will be an on-site pre-proposal meeting on the date indicated in Section 3.3. The site is located at: 1835 Henry Thomas Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

### 3.6 COST OF PREPARATION

The applicant shall bear all costs and expenses associated with the preparation, submission, and clarification of her/his response. The Owners will not be responsible or liable for any direct or indirect costs incurred by the applicant, regardless of, and without limitation to, the conduct or outcome of the evaluation and selection process.



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1" = 20'-0"



HENRY THOMAS DRIVE 60' R/W