



EAST SIDE PARKS

*conceptual vision: Edgewood,
Kirkwood & East Lake
Neighborhoods*

2009



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EAST SIDE PARKS

Executive Summary

Scope Of Work

Design Development

- *Composite Overview of East Side Parks Area*
- *NPU Connectivity*
- *Existing Site Aerial (where available)*
- *Preliminary Design Concept*
- *Final Design Concept*

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The East Side Greenways Visioning project began with the receipt of applications from the Friends of Gilliam Park, J.C. Reynolds Park, Coan Park, Walker Park, East Lake Park*, and Bessie Branham Park**. Three communities that comprise NPU-O were seeking help organizing a planning effort for their neighborhood parks. Upon reviewing the applications, Park Pride decided to approach all parks in NUP-O as one planning process and include connectivity between the three neighborhoods and their parks and the City's network of alternative transportation.

This planning efforts includes all parks within the neighborhoods of:

- East Lake
- Kirkwood
- Edgewood

The parks included:

- East Lake Park (see 2005 plan)
- Gilliam Park
- Coan Park
- Reverend J.C. Reynolds Park
- Walker Park
- Vacant properties that were identified as potential greenspace during the planning process

The Steering Committee comprised several committed community leaders from the three neighborhoods. The Committee met monthly to discuss how to engage the wider community and to make decisions based on community input from both surveys and at meetings. The committee originally scheduled five public meetings:

- Guided Tour, May 21, 2008
- Visioning Meeting, May 21, 2008
- Design Workshop, June 14, 2008
- Preliminary Design Review, July 12, 2008
- Final Design Review and Prioritization Meeting, September 6, 2008

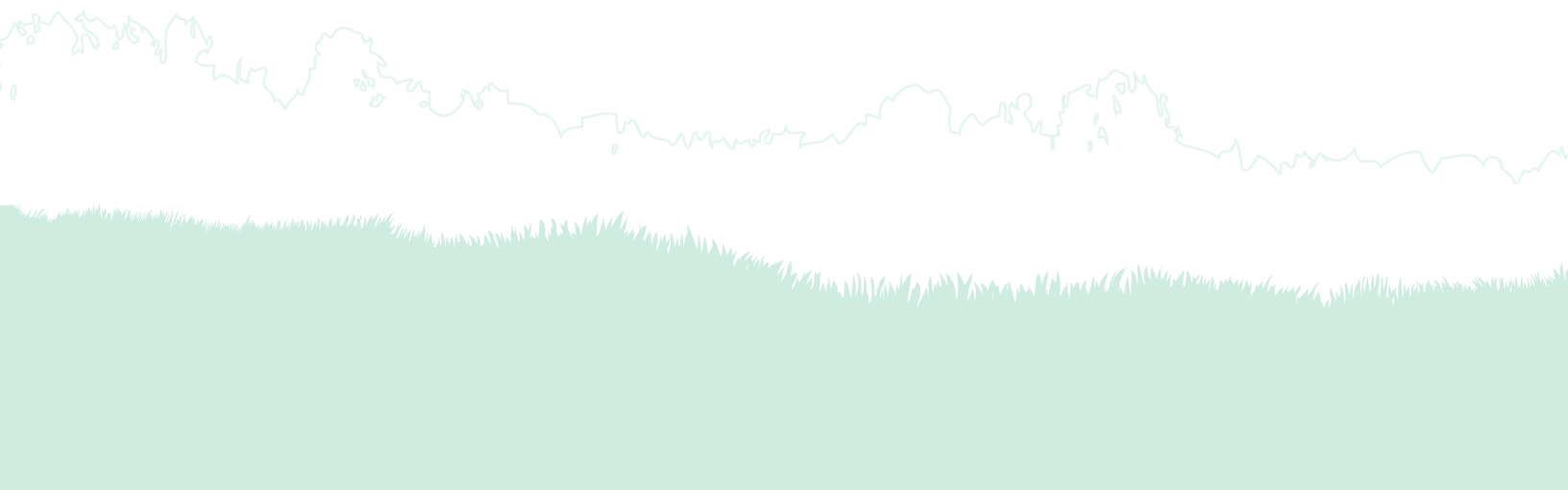
During the Visioning process, it was noted that the first two meetings had very poor turn-out from the Edgewood neighborhood. Plans were made to host a supplemental design workshop in the Edgewood neighborhood for: Saturday, June 28th. This meeting was a huge success and involved over twenty Edgewood neighbors who were grateful for the additional opportunity to participate.

The Committee also made self-directed tours available through a map and guide of the potential greenspaces in the NPU. Park Pride helped the Committee develop a survey which the Committee utilized at neighborhood meetings, NUP meetings, and neighborhood events.

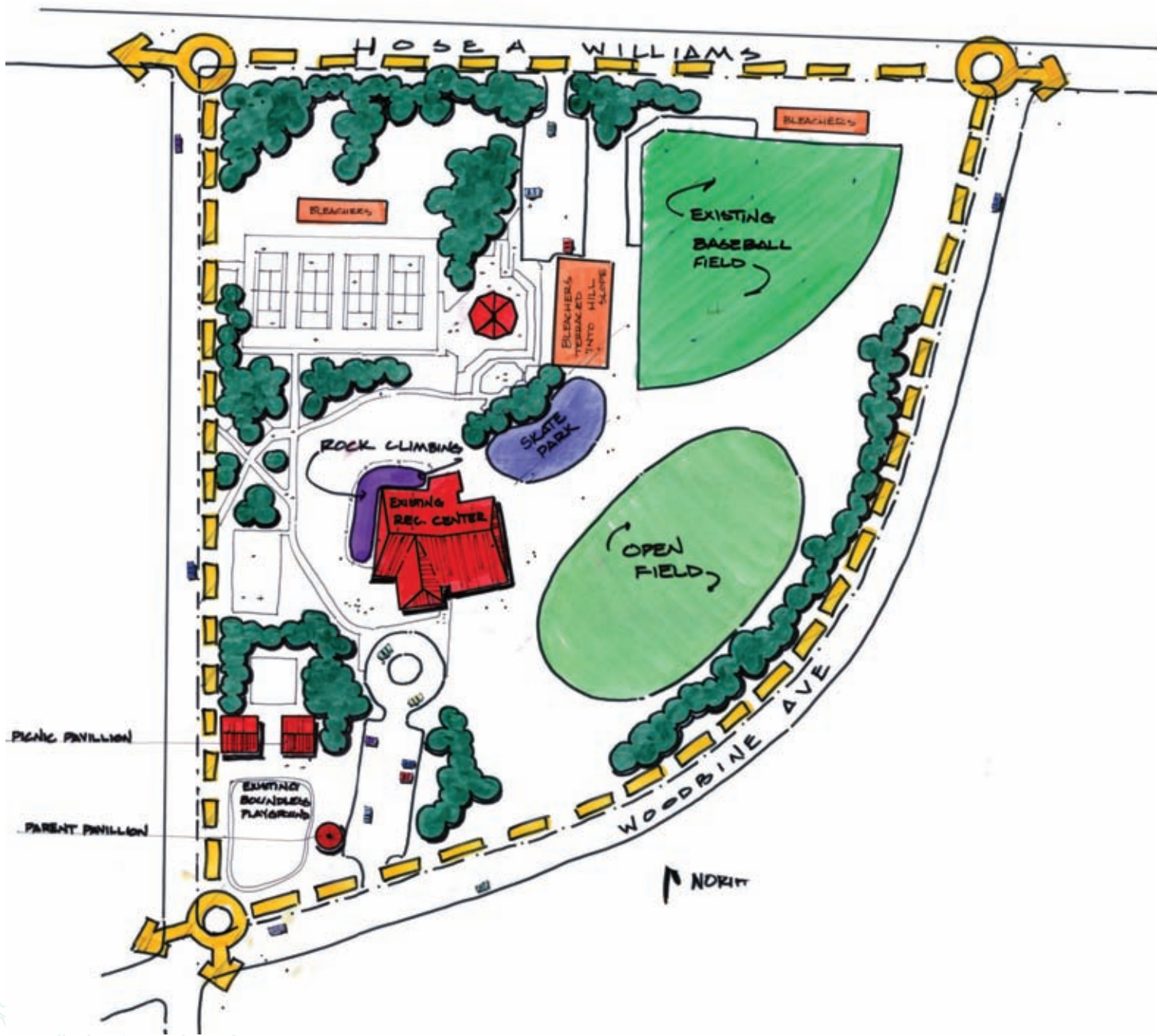
The plan included herein is meant to serve as a documentation of the community's agreed projects and priorities for NPU-O. The graphic plan illustrates concepts and is not considered to be a set of construction documents. It will take cooperation from the City, the neighbors, and the greater Atlanta community to construct all the changes in and between the parks. 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 liason 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 the proposed and existing greenspaces in NUP-O will take years, if not decades to complete. The first step, determining the best ways to improve greenspace in NPU-O is completed and another chapter in its redevelopment can begin.

*East Lake Park – Applied to update 2005 Vision but no participation from community. No update was done.

**Bessie Branham Park – Applied for and was awarded Visioning, but no community participation in Steering Committee or public meeting. No plan was developed.



COAN PARK - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT



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Coan Park

September 06, 2006



Add Bleachers

Add Walk

Existing Tennis

Bouldering Structures

Climbing Wall

Existing Basketball

Add Lights

Add Two Pavilions

Add Bleachers

Bleachers Built Into Hill

Senior Exercise Stations

Benches

East Side Trolley Path

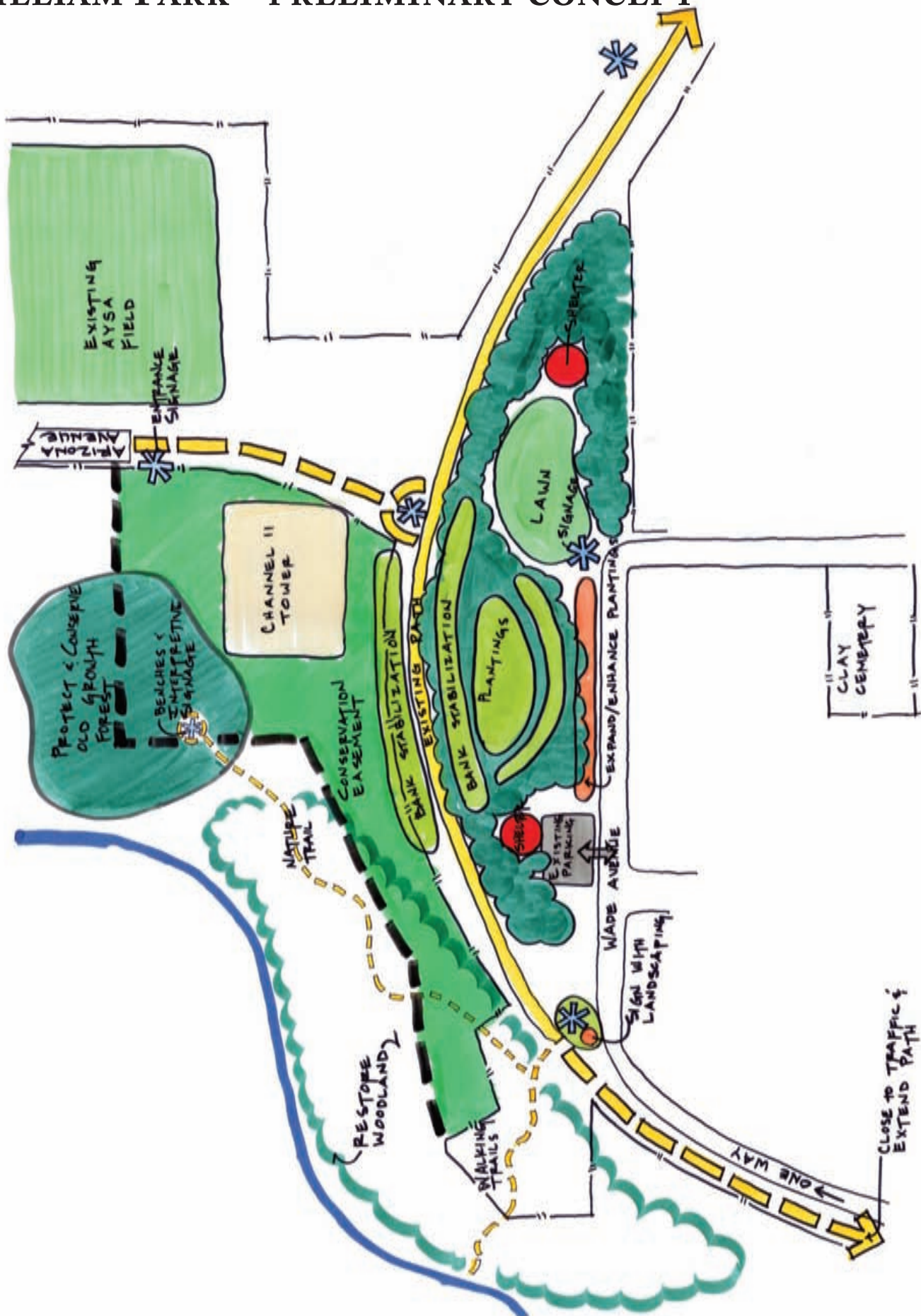
Benches



Coan Park					
Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes/	Possible Funding Source
Add Bleachers	Low	\$80,000	Facing tennis courts, add paved pad and bleachers to provide visibility for tennis tournaments. Consider also adding landscaping and trees for shade.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Add Walk	Low	\$20,000	Add 5' wide sidewalk to connect tennis courts to existing pedestrian system.		Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Existing Tennis	Low	\$2,500	At existing tennis courts, consider adding bulletin board to announce upcoming tournaments and winners of games.	No	Tennis Club
Bouldering Structures	Medium	\$150,000	On slope behind recreation center, add high-tech 'bouldering' forms to encourage climbing activities in otherwise wasted space. Fence off area for supervised activities.		Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations Climbing Club/Organization
Climbing Wall	Medium	\$300,000	On back of recreation center building, construct climbing wall enclosed with the bouldering rocks in fence.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations Climbing Club/Organization
Existing Basketball	Medium	\$1,000	Maintain existing basketball as is. Consider adding bulletin board near court entrance to advertise pick-up games.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Add Lights	Low	\$75,000	Between parking area and the outdoor classroom, add pedestrian-scale, decorative streetlights. Contact Lumensource (Martin Kwintner) for ideas.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Add Two Pavilions	High	\$60,000	Above Playground, add two pavilions for picnics. Each should be architecturally similar to the other and the two should relate to each other. The style can be determined by the community, but should be in keeping with the Craftsman style of many of the nearby houses.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
East Side Trolley PATH	Medium	N/A	Add PATH-style mixed-use path along Woodbine Avenue. Provide directional and interpretive signage.	No	PATH Foundation, State/Federal Funds
Non-Programmed Field	High	\$3,000	Between the recreation center and the baseball diamond, enhance lawn and define area for unprogrammed play. Add signage describing appropriate use of field.	Yes	Club/Organization, Micro-Grant
Skate Spot	Medium	\$200,000	On steep slope, construct concrete skateboarding apparatus. Provide seating for viewing and for resting.	No	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
Benches	High	\$15,000	Along sidewalks at perimeter of park, provide 10-12 iron benches. Consult Victor Stanley company or similar.	Possible	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
Senior Exercise Stations	Medium	\$100,000	Along Woodbine Avenue, install exercise stations for seniors.	No	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
Bleachers Built into Hill	Low	\$150,000	At hillside below pavilion, construct concrete risers and lawn steps for viewing of baseball field.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Add Bleachers at Baseball	Low	\$80,000	Between Hosea L. Williams Drive and existing baseball field, construct paved pad and bleachers.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Coan Total:	Park Pride	\$1,236,500			



GILLIAM PARK - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT



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Gilliam Park

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Bench



Add Parking and Bike Lane To Arizona Avenue

Bench and Signage

Virgin Piedmont Forest

Channel 11 Tower

Lawn

Existing Trees

Small Pavilion

Small Pavilion

Architectural Ruins

East Side Trolley PATH

Clay Cemetery

Trail Signage

Pedestrian Crossing

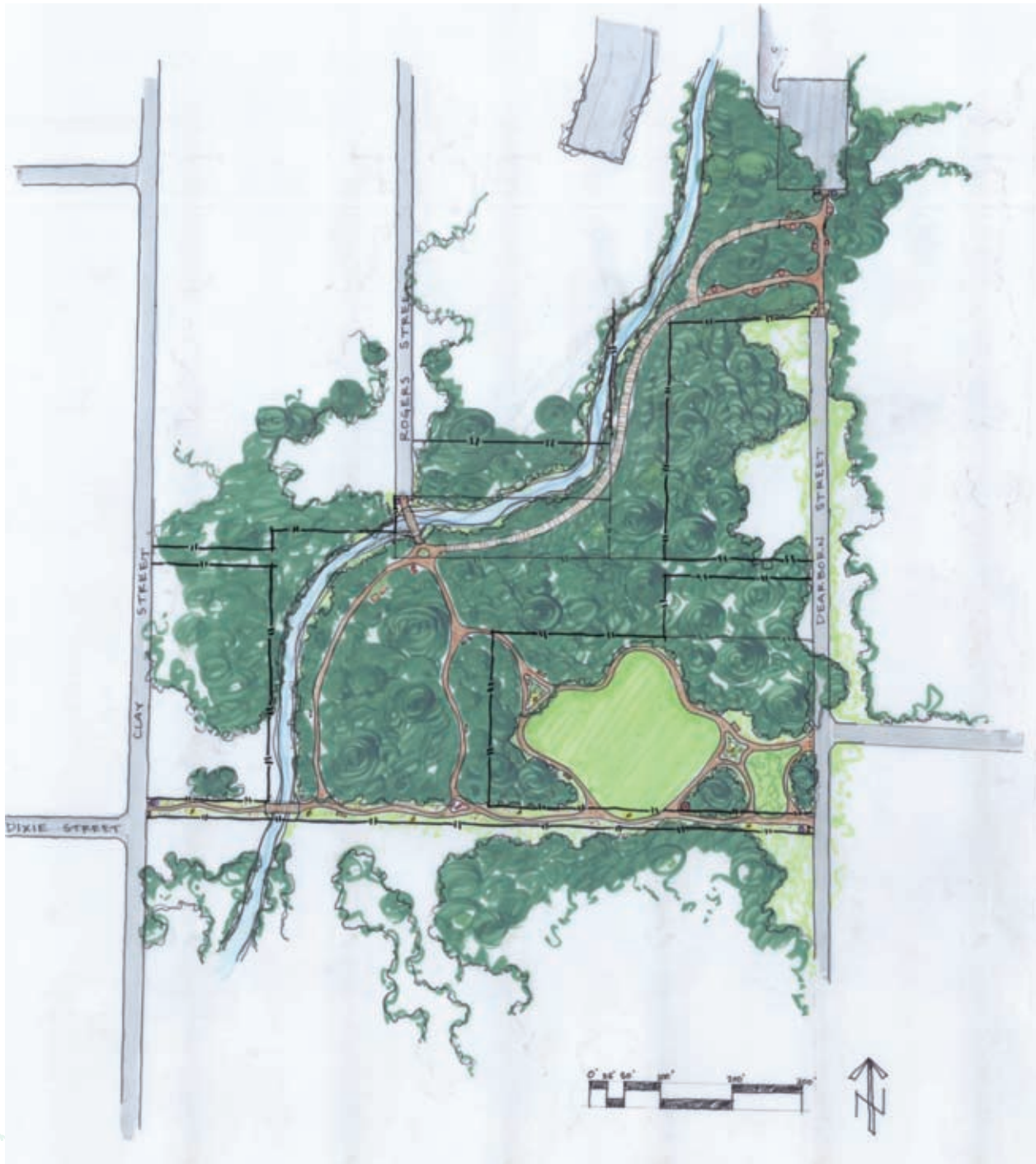


GILLIAM PARK



Gilliam Park					
Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes/	Possible Funding Source
Benches	Medium	\$6,000	Along trails, at intersections, place sturdy bench. Can be purchased from catalog (Victor Stanley or similar) or built by volunteers (see Park Pride's guide)	Possible	Park Pride Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser, Private Donations, Etc.
Trail Signage	High	\$5,000	Along nature trails, add interpretive signage with maps and explanations of native wildlife and cultural/historic significance	No	Park Pride Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser, Private Donations, Etc.
Pedestrian Crossing	High	\$3,000	At Hardee Circle, paint pedestrian crossing and add signage (see MUTCD) to announce pedestrian crossing	No	Park Pride Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser, Private Donations, Apartment Complex? Etc.
Architectural Ruins	Low	\$100,000	At ruins/foundation, cut vegetation to slow decomposition of ruins. Re-stack stone as necessary. Provide interpretive signage regarding what ruins had been.	Vegetation Removal - Yes, Signage and Restoration - No	Historic Societies, Community, Personal Donations, Federal/State Funds
East Side Trolley PATH	Medium	N/A	Make Woodbine Street one way from Hosea Williams to Wade Avenue. Replace lower street bed with PATH-style mixed-use path. Provide directional and interpretive signage.	No	PATH Foundation, State/Federal Funds
Small Pavilion at Parking	High	\$30,000	At parking area, construct small pavilion/gazebo to house one to three picnic tables. Provide benches along perimeter. Building should be architecturally interesting and is opportunity for signature architectural statement.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Landscaping	Medium	\$10,000	Under pine trees at bottom of slope, add ground covers to hold soil. Add native species (such as oakleaf hydrangea and azalea) for visual interest.	Yes, Possible, Multiple	Micro-Grant, Local Businesses
Lawn	Medium	\$10,000	Define and renovate existing lawn. Volunteers can provide 'trench' style edge. Park Pride can provide technical and design expertise.	Yes, Possible, Multiple	Micro-Grant, Local Businesses
Small Pavilion at East Side of Park	Medium	\$30,000	Construct small pavilion/gazebo to house one to three picnic tables. Provide benches along perimeter. Building should be architecturally interesting and is opportunity for signature architectural statement.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Bench and Signage	Medium	\$7,500	In center of virgin forest and at dead-end of path, provide seating for quiet contemplation and signage describing importance of forest habitat.	No	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
Virgin Piedmont Forest	Medium	N/A	Remove invasive species from forest. Invite arborist to check health of existing trees. Re-introduce native woodland species where appropriate.	Yes, Multiple	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser, Plants from Georgia Native Plant Society
Add Parking and Bike Lanes to Arizona Avenue	Low	N/A	Arizona Avenue is extremely wide and un-inviting. It also has very low traffic counts. Add on-street parking along both sides of street. Add sidewalks along both sides of street. Add bike lane and directional signage for cyclists. Consider adding lighting for security and visibility and to add character to street.	No	City Public Works, Local/State/Federal funding programs, Developers along Arizona Avenue
Gilliam Park Total:		\$201,500			

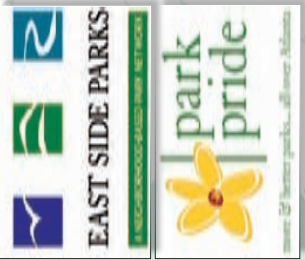
REV. REYNOLDS PARK - PRELIMINARY CONCEPT



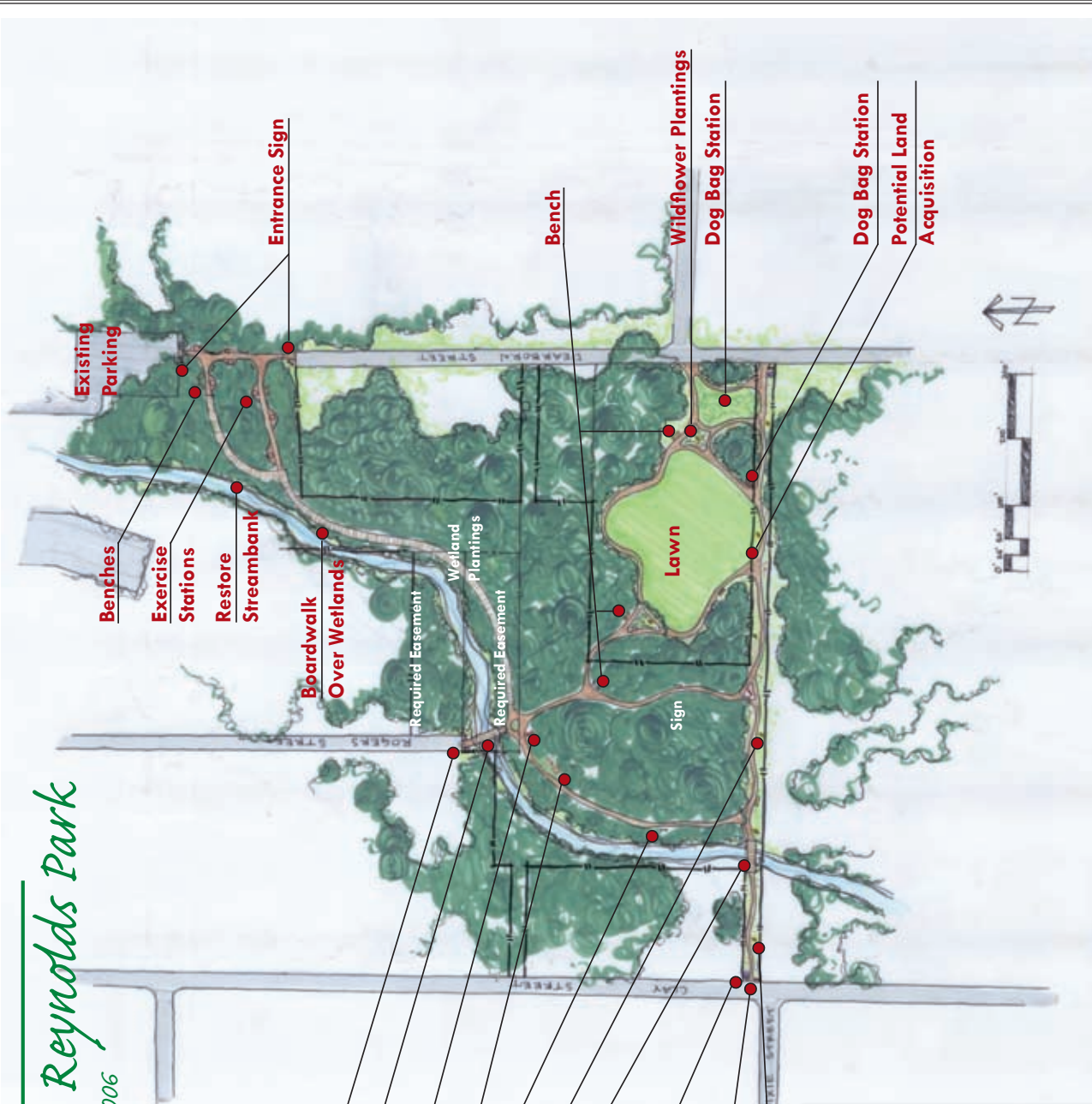
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Rev. J.C. Reynolds Park

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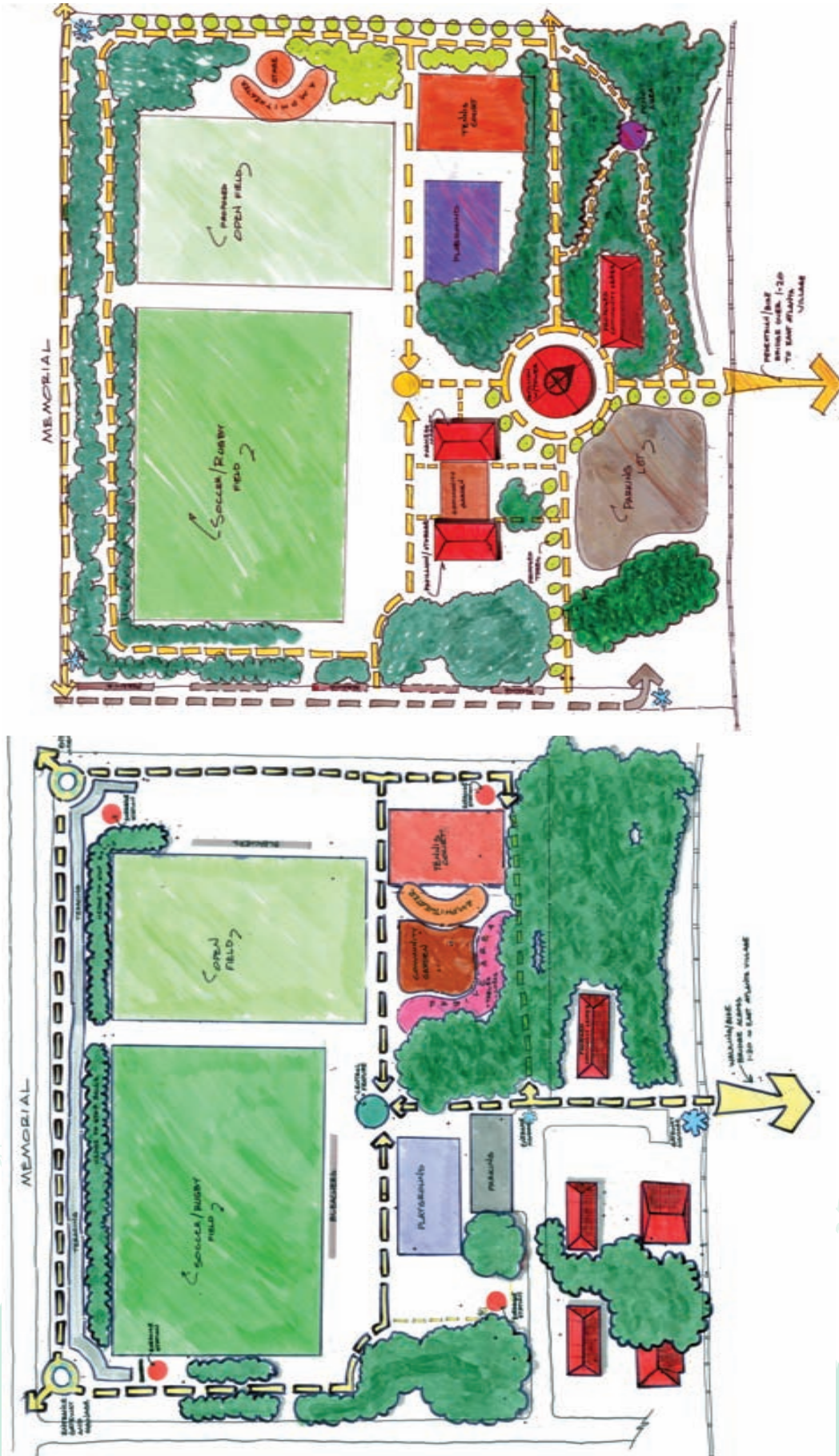


- Entrance Sign
- Bridge
- Emergency Call Box
- Picnic Tables
- Interpretive Signage
- Wildflower Planting
- Bridge
- Trash Receptacle
- Entrance Sign
- Light



Reverend J.C. Reynolds Park					
Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes / No	Possible Funding Source
Entrance Sign at Rogers Street	High	\$6,000	Construct official City of Atlanta Park sign on posts. Add native landscaping and minimal (bollard) lighting.	No	City of Atlanta Parks and Micro-Grant
Bridge at Rogers Street	High	\$5,000	Footbridge, consider rustic styling	Boy Scouts/Home Depot	Micro-Grant
Emergency Call Box	Low	15,000	Self-explanatory	No	
Picnic Tables	High	2,000	Construct picnic tables from kits	Yes	Micro-Grant
Interpretive Signage	Medium	\$4,000	Signage that describes flora and fauna in greenspace.	No	
Wildflower Planting	Medium	\$3,000	Plant wildflowers that will thrive and naturalize with little care. Be sure to remove invasive species from area first.	Yes	Micro-Grant
Bridge at Dixie Street	High	\$5,000	Footbridge, consider rustic styling	Boy Scouts/Home Depot	Micro-Grant
Trash Receptacles	Medium	\$2,000	Construct trash receptacles	Yes	Micro-Grant
Entrance Sign at Dixie Street	High	\$6,000	Construct official City of Atlanta Park sign on posts. Add native landscaping and minimal (bollard) lighting.	No	City of Atlanta Parks and Micro-Grant
Light at Dixie Street Entrance	Medium	\$3,000	Add bollard lighting to enhance entrance. Ornamental and sturdy in construction.	No	Micro-Grant
Potential Land Acquisition	Low	\$300,000	Purchase land from homeowner. Demolish house and remove trash. Mitigate any hazmats (fluids from vehicles).	No	Atlanta Development Authority. Greenspace Acquisition Programs.
Dog Bag Station	High	\$1,500		Yes	Micro-Grant
Wildflower Plantings	Low	\$2,000		Yes	Micro-Grant
Benches at Paths	Medium	\$2,000		Yes	Micro-Grant
Entrance Sign at Dearborn Street	High	\$6,000	Construct official City of Atlanta Park sign on posts. Add native landscaping and minimal (bollard) lighting.	No	City of Atlanta Parks and Micro-Grant
Entrance Sign at County Services Bldg.	High	\$6,000	Construct official City of Atlanta Park sign on posts. Add native landscaping and minimal (bollard) lighting.	No	City of Atlanta Parks and Micro-Grant
Rev. J.C.Reynolds Park Total:		\$368,500			

WALKER PARK - PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS



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Walker Park

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Overlook

8' Sidewalk

Retaining Wall

On-Street Parking

Rugby Pitch

Non-Programmed Field

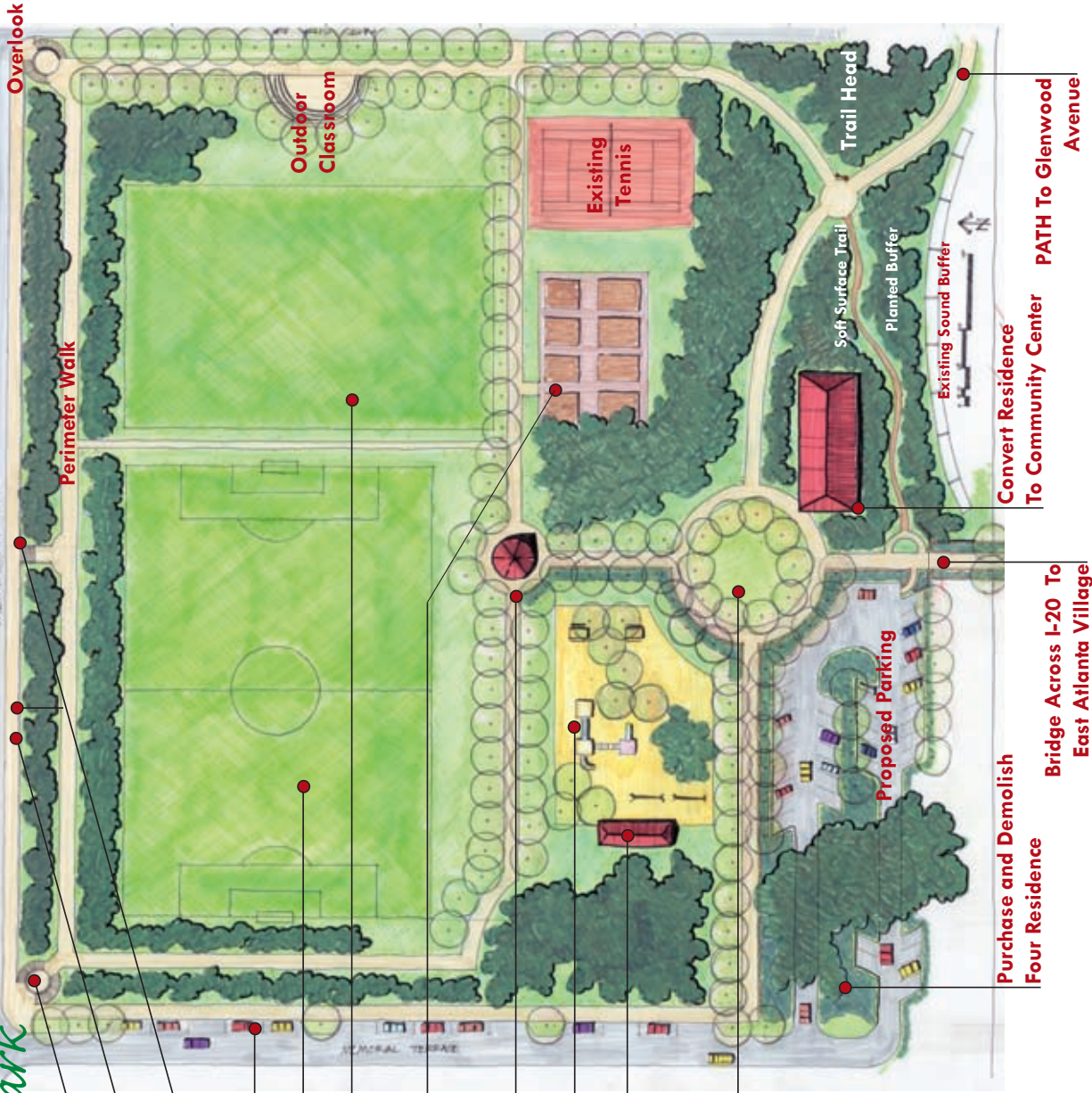
Community Gardens

Tower

Expanded Playground

Parents Pavilion

Lawn



Convert Residence Center

To Community Center

PATH To Glenwood Avenue

Purchase and Demolish Four Residence

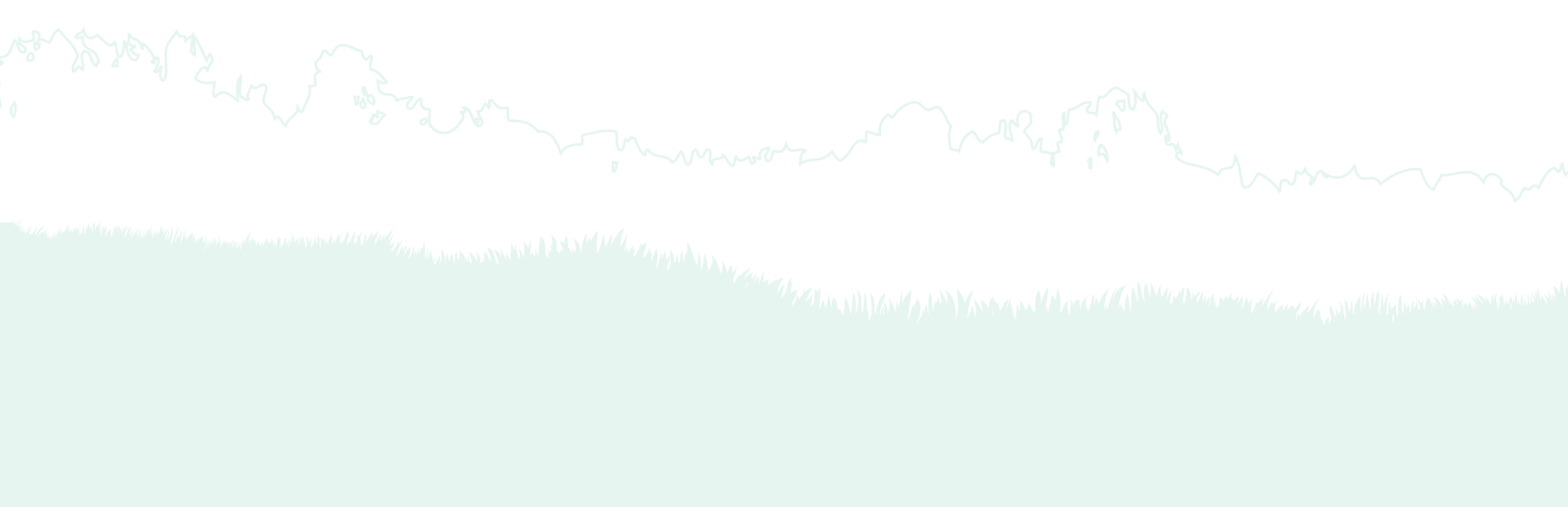
Bridge Across I-20 To East Atlanta Village

Walker Park					
Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes / No	Possible Funding Source
Overlook at Memorial Terrace	High	150,000	Construct steps and entrance 'plaza' at corner of Memorial Drive and Memorial Terrace. Consider using granite rubble and include railings, lights, entrance signage, and visible landscaping.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
8' Wide Sidewalk	High	\$250,000	Construct 8' wide sidewalk with ornamental streetlights along Memorial Drive.	No	PATH Foundation, State/Federal Funds
Retaining Wall	High	\$300,000	Along Memorial Drive, construct retaining wall to allow for 8' wide sidewalk with street lamps behind curb. Provide landscaping on slope above retaining wall (under pine trees).	No	PATH Foundation, State/Federal Funds
On-Street Parking	High	\$200,000	Provide on-street parking, sidewalk, ornamental street lights, and street trees in bump-outs along Memorial Terrace.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Rugby Pitch	High	\$60,000	Renovate and stripe existing field to support rugby tournament play.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Non-Programmed Field	Medium	\$15,000	Provide area for unprogrammed play on turf. Include 5' wide sidewalk between rugby pitch and non-programmed field.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Community Garden	Medium	\$5,000	Construct community garden with raised beds (brick), water tap, and small shed for storage of tools. Enclose garden and shed with post.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Tower	High	\$700,000	Design and build tall architectural feature that can be seen from Memorial Drive and I-20. Should be architectural signature and should be able to be climbed with steps and/or elevator.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization

Walker Park (continued)					
Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes / No	Possible Funding Source
Expanded Playground	High	\$50,000	Add play equipment and larger border and cushion area to playground.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Parents' Pavilion	High	\$65,000	Construct architectural pavilion with room enough for benches (integral) and small, moveable tables and strollers. Add Wi-Fi with free signal.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Lawn	Low	\$75,000	At end of new street, add landscape, lawn, and trees for visual emphasis.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Purchase and Demolish Four Residences	Medium	\$1,200,000	Purchase and remove four residences.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization.
Proposed Parking	High	\$500,000	In area where four houses were, build paved (porous) area for parking. Add sidewalks where street was and landscape.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Bridge Across I-20 to East Atlanta Village	High	\$1,100,000	Pedestrian/bicycle bridge across I-20 to re-connect East Atlanta Village with Edgewood. Will provide eventual access to BeltLine.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization.
Convert Residence to Community Center	High	\$250,000	Build restrooms and meeting room with catering kitchen in existing house. Preserve/restore architectural features of exterior.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
PATH to Glenwood Avenue	Medium	N/A	12' wide concrete trail to Glenwood Avenue. See overall/connectivity plan.	No	PATH Foundation, State/Federal Funds.
Trail Head	Medium	\$15,000	Signage, drinking fountain, and benches at entrance to trail.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Perimeter Walk	High	\$120,000	Construct 6' wide concrete trail around perimeter of ball fields/park. Provide benches and minimal street lights (ornamental).	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization.
Outdoor Classroom	High	\$120,000	Build concrete risers and turf area overlooking East Side Avenue. Landscape for visual impact and shade. Provide electrical and water utilities.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization
Overlook at East Side Avenue	High	\$150,000	Construct steps and entrance 'plaza' at corner of Memorial Drive and East Side Avenue. Consider using granite rubble and include railings, lights, entrance signage, and visible landscaping.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations, Club/Organization.
Walker Park Total:		5,325,000			

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PARK PRIDE

Mission Statement

To lead and inspire action for parks and greenspace.

Vision Statement

To create a world-class park system in Atlanta.

Park Pride is a nonprofit group that leads and inspires action for parks and greenspace. In 2006, we coordinated over 20,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, developed new conceptual master plans for 5 parks, helped start over a dozen friends of the park groups, and led the successful charge to have the Fulton County Board of Commission reverse its decision to sell six Sandy Springs Parks to the highest bidder. **Park Pride** continued to work with community organizations and grassroots advocates to support the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine, which will create more than 1,000 acres of new parks and 33 miles of trails. Our annual conference serves as the signature event in our work to create a world class park system in Atlanta.



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