



CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 26 2022

OFFICIAL MINUTES

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 6:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Vice Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- **Cultural Arts Commissioners**
 - Gene Andrews, Vice-Chair
 - Shital Foster
 - Melody Cookson
 - Sabine Genet
 - Alicia Burr, *Alternate Commissioner*
- **Cultural Arts Commission Members Absent**
 - Dianna Smeal, Chair
 - Sumita Patel
 - Michael Barsky
- **Staff**
 - Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Services
 - Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk
 - Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager
 - Amber O'Dwyer, Executive Office Coordinator

III. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- There were no items from staff.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes (3-22 -2022)

- ❖ Commissioner Cookson offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 22, 2022.

- Commissioner Genet seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Act 1 Presentation

- Act 1 Managing Director, Randy Bampffield, came forward to speak on behalf of this item.
- Act 1 is a non-equity theatre company originating from Alpharetta Presbyterian Church.
- Performers come from all over the metro-Atlanta area (Gainesville and Midtown Atlanta).
- Act 1 would like to increase its impact and will be looking for outside stakeholders so that the company can operate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Secondly, Act 1 is looking to coordinate with the symphony, ballet, and city band to acquire a dedicated performance arts space that would serve all of their shared performance needs.
- In five years, Act 1 would like to have a space that would help draw in corporate sponsorships and drive fundraising efforts.
- Act 1 has been partnered with Alpharetta Cultural Services for the past few years and has performed shows at Wills Park and the Alpharetta Black Box theater.
- Cultural Services Manager, Kim Zane, gave thanks to Act 1 and shared that the City does have an MOU with Act 1 and that they have been a wonderful partnership.

Cultural Arts Commission Discussion:

- Commissioner Genet shared that this organization is a hidden treasure in the community, and also, she would be happy to spread the word in her community about Act 1's intentions to gather sponsors and financial support.

B. Park Bond Overview

- Director Rodgers came forward to present this item.
- The Parks Bond Overview Presentation is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

C. "A" Sculpture Recommendation

- Manager Zane came forward to present this item.
- Teasley HOA would like to gift the "A" sculpture to the City, and staff is bringing this item before the Commission to get your opinion.
- The City Attorney drafted the gift agreement for the Teasley HOA and also advised for the developer of Teasley to sign a separate gift agreement because it is not clear who actually owns the "A" sculpture.
- This sculpture was recently featured in the North Georgia Living Magazine.
- If the City accepts this gift, then the City can decide what to do with the "A."

Cultural Arts Commission Discussion:

- Commissioner Cookson asked about the cost of repairing or recreating the “A” and its long-term maintenance.
 - Manager Zane shared that the quote for repairing/repainting was about \$7,000 but we would need to get a new quote. Additionally, it does not seem as though the original artist used outdoor grade paints. If the correct type of paint is used, then the “A” should last about 5-8 years.
 - Commissioner Foster asked if this was a wooden structure and whether the community likes/dislikes the “A.” She also shared that it may be possible to move the sculpture indoors.
 - Manager Zane shared that this sculpture needs to be re-evaluated. At the time that this piece of art was constructed, we did not have a public arts process in place, so this one sculpture is somewhat of an exception to the process that we now have in place. Now, we have ownership and maintenance agreements as part of the public arts process. Staff has received several inquiries from the public in terms of either not liking the “A” or the structure needing to be repainted.
 - Commissioner Andrews shared that he believed the sculpture is in a weird place.
 - Commissioner Burr shared that this piece of art needs to have value for the City to receive it and for the City to spend time and money maintaining it.
 - Commissioner Genet shared that it would be a neat idea to create a way that the “A” could have theme every year and have some sort of art contest to repaint the “A.” Further, she likes that the “A” has become part of our identity and believes that there is a lot of potential for the “A.”
 - Manager Zane shared that Arts Alpharetta would be willing to help with curating the “A” and would be open to this idea.
 - Director Rodgers shared that it is staff’s recommendation to accept the “A,” treat it as a piece of artwork, and to make it look like it belongs in the City.
- ❖ Commissioner Genet offered a motion to approve accepting the gift of the “A” sculpture for the City of Alpharetta.
- Commissioner Burr seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

D. Cultural Services Report – April 26, 2022

- Manager Zane came forward to present this item.
- Upcoming Cultural Happenings:
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- Alpharetta Music City Live Music Calendar:
<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>

- **The Art of Speculation Gallery Exhibit** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Alpha Arts Guild presents..."Art can make you think, reflect, and speculate about the world around you"
- **Creative Hang-Ups Gallery Exhibit** presented by Village Park Milton / Alpharetta Arts Center Studio Gallery / Thru May 1
- **Peter & the Wolf Sensory Friendly Children's Concert & Workshop with Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra** / St. James United Methodist Church / May 7 / 1-2pm Concert and 2-3pm Workshops
- **Dancing Petals of Spring with Metropolitan Ballet Theatre** / Alpharetta Arts Center Terrance & Lawn / May 7 / 2pm / Free
- **Alpharetta Music Club Monthly Performance**— Experience LeSean Lewis Baritone/ Sunday, May 8 / 3-5pm / Arts Center Black Box / \$30 Ticket at <https://alpharettamusicclub.com/> (includes classical music show, wine and hors d'oeuvres)
- **The Sound of Music** / City Center Players Production Youth Edition / Alpharetta Arts Center / May 13 & 14 at 5:30pm and May 14 at 12pm / Free
- **Paint the Town ~ Alpharetta Plein Air** —For more information: <https://www.artsalpharetta.org/paint-the-town-2022.html>
 - **Reception** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / May 21 / 5-7pm
 - **Exhibit** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / May 21 – June 5
 - **Wet Paint Sale** / Downtown Location – TBD / May 20 / 4-7pm
 - **Quick Draw Quick Paint Competition** / Formal Gardens at City Hall / May 21 / 10am-12pm with 1pm Awards Ceremony
- **Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra Presents the Roaring 20's** / Brooke Street Park / May 30 / 7:30pm / Free
- **ACT1 Presents Little Shop of Horrors** / Alpharetta Presbyterian Church / June 3-19 / Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm / Sundays at 2pm / Tickets: <https://act1theater.org/>
- **Juneteenth: What Freedom Means to Me** / Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery / Presented by City of Alpharetta, Arts Alpharetta, and Alpharetta Black History & Celebrations Committee
 - **Gallery Exhibit** / June 7-July 29
 - **Reception** / June 11 / 5pm

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Director Rodgers shared that he will be workshopping the Street Performer Process with City Council on Monday, May 2nd. If you feel so lead, reach out to the Council Member who appointed you and see if they have any questions before Monday night's meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ **Commissioner Genet offered a motion to adjourn.**
 - **Vice Chairman Andrews seconded the motion.**

- The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- With there being no further business to hear or discuss, Chairman Andrews adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren Shapiro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren Shapiro, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

2021 Park Bond Update

Council Workshop

May 2, 2022

2021 Approved Bond Referendum Projects

1. Mid-Broadwell Park

Bond Investment: \$500,000

2. Webb Bridge Park Soccer Field

Bond Investment: \$1 Million

3. Waters Road Park

Bond Investment: \$1.25 Million

4. Farmhouse Park

Investment: \$2 Million

5. Old Rucker Park

Bond Investment: \$3 Million

6. Union Hill Park

Bond Investment: \$3.25 Million

7. Wills Park Equestrian Center

Bond Investment: \$5 Million plus \$5 Million Equestrian Foundation match

8. Wills Park Improvements

Bond Investment: \$6 Million

9. Alphaloop

Bond Investment: \$7.5 Million

MID-BROADWELL PARK

PROJECT SCOPE

The project involves constructing the final elements of Mid Broadwell Park including development of a playground area, trails throughout the property, a limited parking area, and other amenities. The park's development is based on a plan that was developed through a community-driven process in 2019. Bond funds will be used to construct restrooms, trails/sidewalks, and parking and outfit the park with basic amenities such as trashcans and benches.

MID-BROADWELL PARK

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design
Status	On schedule.
Target Completion of Phase	6/24/22
Current Activity	Pond & Company is working on preparing the 90% submittal plans. Plans are anticipated to be delivered to the City on April 8, 2022.
Recent Milestone	Submittal of 90% plans on April 8, 2022.
Next Milestone	Submittal of 100% plans on May 13, 2022
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	Pond & Company

MID BROADWELL PARK

CITY OF ALPHARETTA

- 1 PARKING LOT - PERMEABLE PAVERS
- 2 ADA CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- 3 EVERGREEN SCREEN
- 4 EXISTING RESTROOM
- 5 NATURE-THEMED PLAYGROUND
- 6 WATER PLAY ELEMENT
- 7 PICNIC TABLE UNDER SHADE STRUCTURE
- 8 SWING BENCH
- 9 BENCH
- 10 SLATESCAPE TRAIL
- 11 SLATESCAPE NATURE PLAY TRAIL - ADA ROUTE
- 12 OPEN PLAY LAWN



WEBB BRIDGE PARK SOCCER FIELD

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will resurface the upper soccer field at Webb Bridge Park, replacing the existing natural grass with artificial turf. During the last soccer season 60% of the practices and games that were scheduled on this field were cancelled due to wet conditions while only 10% of scheduled events on the lower soccer field, which has artificial turf, had to be cancelled. Converting the upper field to artificial turf would greatly improve the playability, usage, and athletic experience for the Alpharetta soccer program.

WEBB BRIDGE PARK SOCCER FIELD

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design
Status	On schedule.
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	City staff is preparing an RFP for design services.
Recent Milestone	The City's on-call survey firm delivered a survey of the property to be used by the design team on February 18, 2022.
Next Milestone	An RFP for design services is anticipated to be released after final Geotech Study review.
Outstanding Item(s)	Final Geotechnical Study Results
Designer	To be determined.

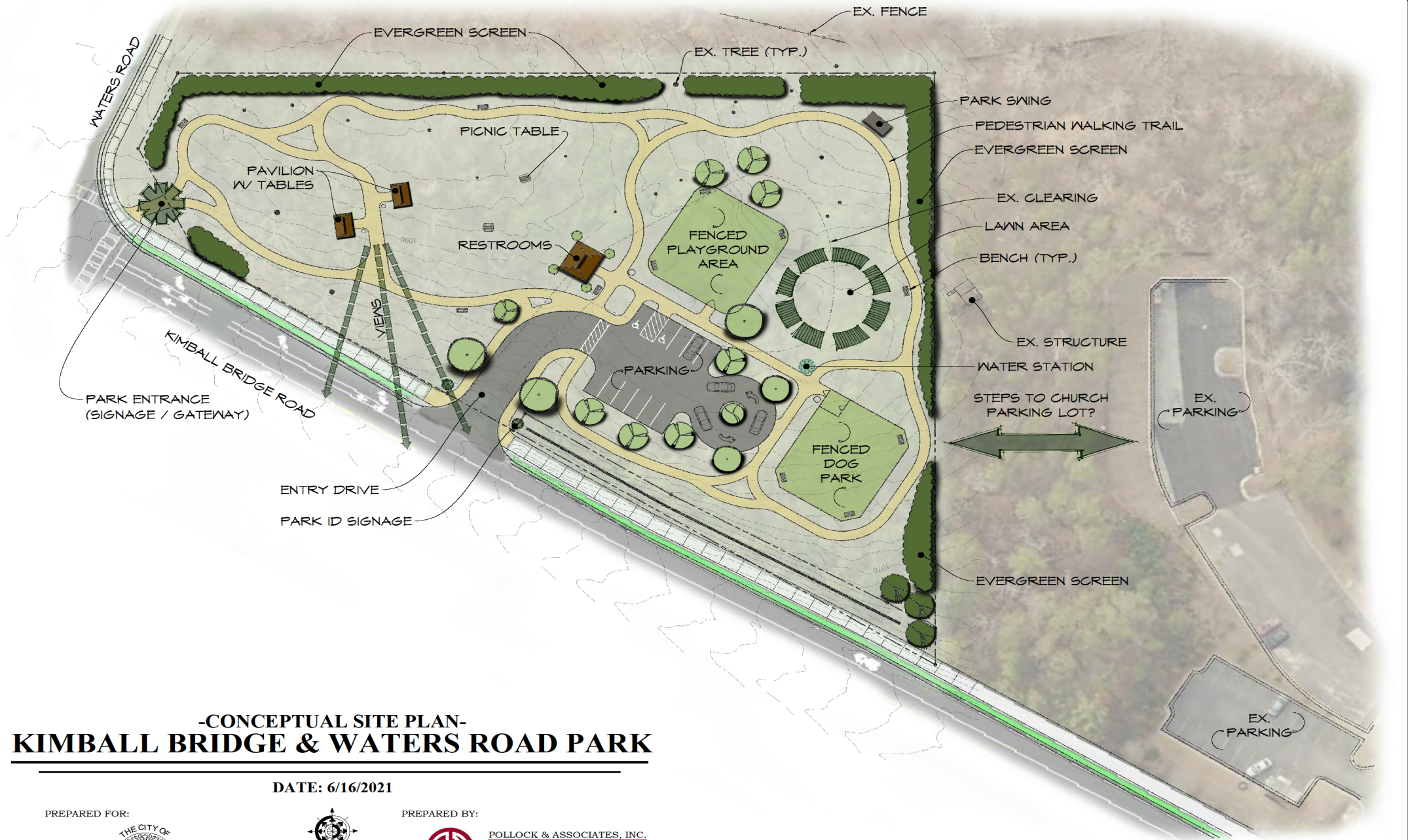
WATERS ROAD PARK

PROJECT SCOPE

Waters Road Park will be located on a 1.6-acre parcel of land located near the intersection of Waters Road and Kimball Bridge Road. The project as proposed includes the creation, with public input, of a design plan and development of the land for use as a passive park space. Such passive park areas are commonly developed to include parking, designed play areas, restrooms, trails, pavilions, and park amenities such as benches and trash receptacles as appropriate to the size of the property and character of the area in which the site is located.

WATERS ROAD PARK

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design
Status	On schedule.
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	Staff is investigating the possibility of utilizing Sourcewell for the design & construction of this project.
Recent Milestone	The City's on-call survey firm delivered a survey of the property to be used by the design team on February 18, 2022.
Next Milestone	Provide project narrative provide through Sourcewell
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	To be determined.



WATERS ROAD PARK PUBLIC INPUT

What activities do you see you and your family doing in this future park space? (up to 3)

 Mentimeter

FARMHOUSE PARK

PROJECT SCOPE

The 5.36-acre Farmhouse Property is the site of the original settlement that became present day Alpharetta and has been acquired by the City and slated for a “heritage park.” Currently, the property has not been master planned to determine the best way to make the historic site available for public use. The completion of necessary surveys and engineering assessments will determine what features can be developed.

FARMHOUSE PARK

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Survey
Status	On Schedule
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined
Current Activity	Surveyor was released on March 30, 2022 to begin work. Survey is anticipated to be complete by May 13, 2022.
Recent Milestone	None
Next Milestone	Completion of survey May 13
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	To be determined

OLD RUCKER ROAD PARK

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed project involves the design of the remaining 7.5 acres and the construction and installation of the trails, restrooms, and amenities necessary for the property to be a functional passive park space.

OLD RUCKER ROAD PARK

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design Procurement
Status	On schedule.
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	City staff is preparing an RFP for design services.
Recent Milestone	The City's on-call survey firm delivered a survey of the property to be used by the design team on February 18, 2022.
Next Milestone	An RFP for design services was released on April 14, 2022.
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	To be determined.

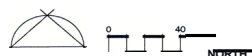


Old Rucker Park

700 Old Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA

Draft Master Plan

March 2021



SCALE: 1" = 40'

UNION HILL PARK

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will recreate Union Hill Park as a recreational and gathering space that better meets the needs of current and future Alpharetta residents. The process began with an intensive public engagement and visioning program to determine what elements the new Union Hill Park should include and how to tie those elements together into a cohesive park space. From that concept, engineering and construction plans would be created and the site redeveloped.

UNION HILL PARK

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design Procurement
Status	On schedule.
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	City staff is preparing an RFP for design services.
Recent Milestone	The City's on-call survey firm delivered a survey of the property to be used by the design team on February 18, 2022.
Next Milestone	An RFP for design services released on April 14, 2022.
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	To be determined.

KEY:

- A: GREENWAY TRAIL CONNECTION OPTIONS
- B: RENOVATED EVENT SPACE
- C: CISTERN / STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
- D: ROUND-ABOUT PARKING
- E: ACTIVITY AREA
- F: NATURE TRAIL
- G: TRAIL HEAD
- H: RAIN GARDEN / STORMWATER MANAGEMENT



UNION HILL PARK

Public Input

What activities do you see you and your family doing at this park once it is complete?

Mentimeter



WILLS PARK EQUESTRAIN CENTER

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will begin implementation of the Equestrian Center Master Plan by replacing all the existing barns on site with new horse barns for a total of 380; renovating the three existing arenas to include improved drainage and erosion control, new footings, new fencing and new lighting; improving drainage and stormwater management; and improving access to the barns and to the arenas.

WILLS PARK EQUESTRAIN CENTER

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design Procurement
Status	On schedule
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	RFP for design services.
Recent Milestone	A design scoping meeting was held on March 21, 2022.
Next Milestone	A RFP for design services advertised on April 7, 2022.
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	To be determined.

WILLS RD



- ① NEW EVENT PAVILLION AND SHOW OFFICE
- ② NEW BARNs AND WASHRACKS
- ③ NEW OUTDOOR ARENA AND SCHOOLING AREA
- ④ RENOVATED EXISTING COVERED ARENA
- ⑤ RENOVATED EXISTING SCHOOLING ARENA
- ⑥ RENOVATED EXISTING ARENA
- ⑦ NEW GUEST PAVILLIONS
- ⑧ NEW OUTDOOR STADIUM SEATING
- ⑨ NEW PARKING AREA
- ⑩ NEW ROUND PEN LOCATION
- ⑪ TRAILER PARKING
- ⑫ NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING



WILLS PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT SCOPE

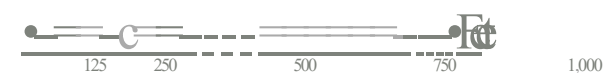
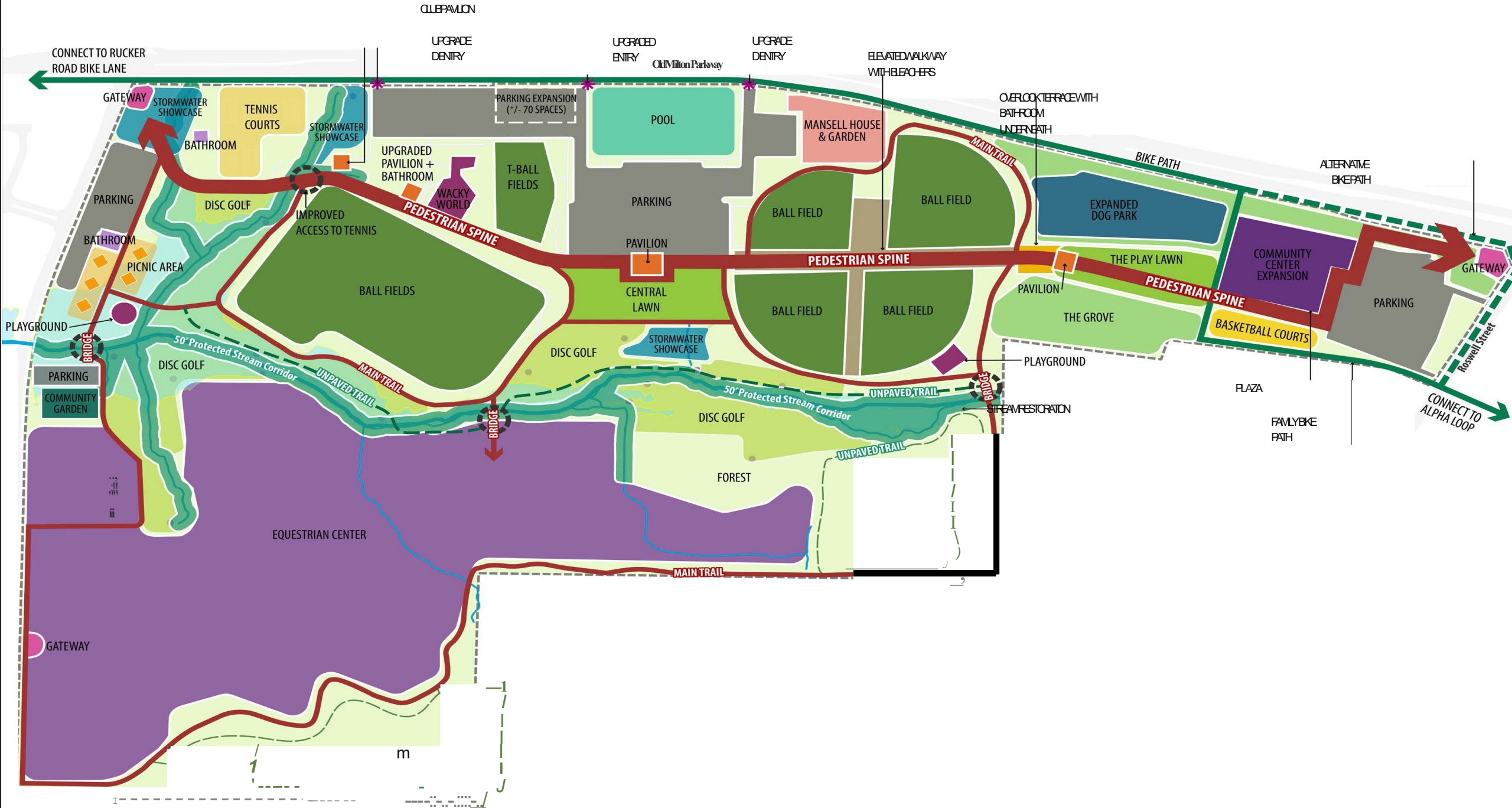
In 2019 the City adopted the Wills Park Master Plan, an effort to bring all the park elements together and make it a more cohesive place that feels special and unique. The goals of the plan are to unite the various park facilities, identify key facility improvements, and strengthen connections to nearby neighborhoods.

Bond Project List:

1. The Gateways at Roswell Street, Wills Road, Equestrian
2. The Pedestrian Spine
3. Wacky World Playground Replacement
4. Wacky World Restroom Construction
5. Waggy World Renovations

WILLS PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

Project Specifics:	
Project Phase	Design Procurement
Status	On Schedule
Target Completion of Phase	To be determined.
Current Activity	Due to a lack of response, the first RFP for design services was canceled. Staff developed a revised qualifications-based RFQ procurement. TSW is working on the architectural design of the Wacky World restroom. TerraMark is working on a boundary and partial topographic survey of the park.
Recent Milestone	City Council approved TerraMark's proposal for a boundary and partial topographic survey of Wills Park on March 21, 2022.
Next Milestone	An RFQ for design services advertised on April 7, 2022. Completion of architectural plans for Wacky World restroom on April 29, 2022. Completion of Survey by June 17, 2022.
Outstanding Item(s)	None
Designer	TSW (Architectural, Wacky World Restroom)



Wacky World Restrooms



Wills Park Restroom

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