



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 11, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from May 14, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from May 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission Work Session minutes from May 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Union Hill Park Design and Parking Proposal**
Consideration for approval for a new design of Union Hill Park to allow for additional parking.
6. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORK SESSION DISCUSSION**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - i. **Community Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - ii. **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024**
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 - iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iv. **Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - June 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.
 - v. **Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - June 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.
 - vi. **Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - June 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - b. **Director's Report - June 2024**
Monthly director's response to the Recreation Commission's questions regarding any staff presentations and wrap-up of the latest events, initiatives, and/or projects set forth by the department in an effort to meet the City's vision for recreation, parks, and culture.

7. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT
9. ADJOURNMENT



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Sarah Bausano
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Sarah Bausano, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Recreation Commission meeting on May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance – May 14, 2024, Recreation Commission Meeting:

Recreation Commission Members – Present

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Brad Bowers

Recreation Commission Members – Absent

- Derek Kaighin
- Paul Slavik
- John Norton
- Shuntel Beach

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 05.14.24 - RC Minutes (Unofficial)



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

MAY 14, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

The public is advised that the following minutes are not a verbatim transcription of business presented at the Council Meeting of the date shown; but are a synopsis of pertinent information. The public is further advised that the video recording for said meeting is a matter of public record and is available to be viewed at the City Clerk's office during normal business hours or viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/alpharettagov>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

• Recreation Commissioners Present

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Jit Saha (Vice Chair)
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Brad Bowers

• Recreation Commissioners Absent

- Shuntel Beach
- Paul Slavik
- Derek Kaighin
- John Norton

• Staff

- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Kiersten VanHorn, Assistant City Clerk
- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager(Northern, Southern, Eastern, Downtown Districts), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager (Western District & Equestrian), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Commission Minutes from April 9, 2024

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion.
 - Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from April 9, 2024, Recreation Commission meeting.
 - Commissioner Saha seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (5-0).

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy

- Christine Young presented the renewal of the Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy for FY2025.
- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion.
 - Commissioner Piedrahita offered a motion to approve renewal of the Youth Athletic Association Banner Policy for Fiscal Year 2025, as presented.
 - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

b. Union Hill Park Design and Parking Proposal

- Morgan Rodgers presented the possible redesign of Union Hill Park to add parking. The current budget is \$2,500,000 and the redesign costs \$2,300,000.
 - Commissioner Piedrahita asked if there were any current parking issues. She also asked if there are any playgrounds near this Greenway entrance. Director Rodgers stated that there are issues, and we have to use parking at nearby businesses and walk or shuttle people to events. He also stated that there were not any parks near this Greenway entrance.
 - Commissioner Rand asked if the skate park would stay. She also asked how far the walk is from Starbucks to Union Hill Park. Director Rodgers stated that it would stay. He also stated that the walk is estimated to be about a quarter of a mile.
 - Chairman Mitchell asked if the extra parking would resolve the issue of using the business next door for parking. He also asked what events this would not help. Director Rodgers said it would not completely resolve it but it would help. He also stated that Home By Dark would like to be able to open the event up to more people. They are currently at 250 and they would like to be at 400.
 - Commissioner Saha stated that no one wanted more parking at the open Community events that discussed the redesign of Union Hill Park. Director Rodgers stated that the playground was not on the top of the list either. The number one item was a skate park and number 2 item was access to the Greenway.

- Chairman Mitchell asked how close Windward Park is to Union Hill Park. He also asked if Union Hill Park was currently open. Director Rodgers estimated about a mile and a half. He also stated that the Park is currently open.
 - Commissioner Rand asked how many Home By Dark events take place at Union Hill Park. Director Rodgers stated that the City would like to do more than just the Home By Dark events there.
 - Commissioner Saha requested to bring this to the May Recreation Commission Work Session.
 - Commissioner Rand stated that City Council is wanting to get this completed.
 - Commissioner Piedarhita asked about the budget and cost. Director Rodgers stated that the cost for the current project is \$2,900,000, but we only have \$2,500,000. Something would need to go for us to be able to pay for the project.
 - Commissioner Bowers asked who wants the parking more. Director Rodgers stated that Councilman Hipes is who brought this to the Recreation Commission.
- ❖ Commissioner Saha asked to Defer the item for Recreation Commission Work Session.
 - Commissioner Rand 2nd the motion to Defer.
 - The Motion to Defer was voted yes 5-0.
 - After the vote, the Commissioners requested the following:
 - Public Meeting Items (Mitchell)
 - Items to value engineer the project (Saha)
 - Cost associated as well as the distance from the parking lots at Ameris Bank Amphitheater and inside the Amphitheater (Rand)
 - Items to be given over by May 23rd (Bowers)

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

c. DIVISIONS

i. Community Services Division Monthly Report – May 2024

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not present, and the Commission has the Staff Report to review.

ii. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – May 2024

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Art Garden-Girl Scout Troop Project
- The Visitor Redesigned-Public Art Unveiling at Brooke Street Park
- Alpharetta Music City-Music Match

- Alpharetta Storytelling Festival-Partnership with Friends of the Alpharetta Library

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- The Arts and Culture Calendar can be found at <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- The Alpharetta Music City-Live Music Calendar can be found at <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- Paint the Town 2024 event dates are May 7th through May 11th with Plein Air Painting presented by the Arts Alpharetta. The Gallery Exhibit will take place from May 11th through June 8th.
- Remote Travel Photography will take place on May 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpharetta Arts Center, and it is a free event.
- Arts and the Athlete presented by Arts Alpharetta will take place on May 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Alpharetta Arts Center, and it is a free event.
- Spring Concert presented by The Metropolitan Ballet is on May 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Alpharetta Arts Center Terrace, and it is a free event.
- An Ode to America presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra will take place on May 27th at 5:00 p.m. at Brooke Street Park, and it is a free event.
- The Secret Garden presented by ACT 1 Theater will run from June 7th through June 23rd. Tickets are available at <https://act1theater.org/secret-garden>
- Celebrating Juneteenth "An Evening Under the Oaks" presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Phi Phi Omega Chapter will take place on June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpharetta Arts Center, and it is a free and RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-juneteenth-an-evening-under-the-oaks-tickets-893370213357?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Upcoming Events at the Alpharetta Arts Center
- Cultural Arts Master Plan Kick Off

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Renting of the Arts Center

Q Are you having trouble staffing the Rental Events? (Rand)

A No, not really, we make sure to let the people we are hiring aware that they may have to work a few special events. (Manning)

RE: Paint the Town

Q What are some of the numbers for the Paint the Town event? (Piedrahita)

A At this time we had 63 artists, we have sold 18 paintings and we had approximately 152 people at the reception. (Manning)

iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – May 2024**

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Christine Young spoke highly of the Taste of Alpharetta and how wonderful the Staff did to make it the best. Christine presented early stats on the success of the Taste of Alpharetta.
- Christine Young handed out a trifold of the Adult Activities.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Taste of Alpharetta, it was a big success.
- Sharks are in the water starting May 13th.
- Pool Opens May 25th

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Rotary Concert "Under the Stars" at Brooke Street Park: Georgia Satellites and Tommy Tutone, Concert benefitting Wacky World 2.0
- Home By Dark at Union Hill on June 1st at 8:00 p.m.
- City Center Concert Series is on May 17th and June 7th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the Town Green
- Art in the Park is May 18th and 19th at Brooke Street Park
- Food Truck Alley is on May 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Alpharetta Arts Streetfest is Saturday and Sunday, May 25th and 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Grove at Wills Park
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- Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra Memorial Day Park Concert is Monday, May 27th from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Brooke Street Park
- Brew Moon (Spring) is Saturday, June 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Milton Avenue
- CornholeATL Summer Leagues begin on June 5th, they will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays through August 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Town Green
- Home By Dark Concert Series is Saturday June 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Brooke Street Park

- Peach Kids Triathlon is Sunday, June 9th from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Wills Park

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Taste of Alpharetta

Q Were the past years sales in the \$100,000's or have there been years in the \$200,000's? (Mitchell)

A Last years event was in the low \$200,000's. We did have more Sponsorship money this year. (Young)

RE: Taste of Alpharetta

Q When you purchased tickets through the app, there was a \$1.00 fee, why? (Saha)

A The fee was charged because we have to pay taxes on the ticket sales. (Young)

iv. Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) – April 2024

- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Grand Opening of the new dog park at Webb Bridge Park, Eric applauded Nate Hand on all his hard work.
- Staff will be replacing on of the 3 tier crane fountains on the corner of Old Roswell Street and Canton Street by Thrive. The fountain has been ordered and waiting for install.
- The preparation and the clean up for the Taste of Alpharetta, Eric stated that his crew did a great job.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Staff is still working on all park lighting
- Staff is working towards the opening of Waters Road Park, which is set for May 16th, at 2:30 p.m.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Taste of Alpharetta

C Downtown Alpharetta looked great on Friday, May 10th at 7:30 a.m. when I was passing through, you couldn't tell there was an event the night before. (Mitchell)

RE: Fountain

Q How big will the crane fountain be? Will it be bigger than the one we already have? (Rand)

A It will be bigger because the one we have was cut down awhile ago. The one being installed will not be cut down. (Milley)

v. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) – May 2024**

- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spring baseball season is coming to an end. The staff has been focusing on refreshing the common areas with fresh mulch, stone, and pine straw
- Staff has started on the outdoor playground at the Grove. This will provide a natural playground with plenty of shade for upcoming summer camps. Also, the staff will be replacing and expanding the border surrounding the Kings Ridge playground. This will allow more user access as we replace Wacky World.
- Staff did an excellent job in finalizing details for Mid Broadwell Grand opening. This park will be a great addition for the Western Park District.
- The Equestrian Center has been in full swing this month. There was great attendance at the equine events as well as the Rodeo.
- The Grove classroom area was converted to a play area.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Staff will be adding mulch to the Recreation Center playground, dog park and The Grove area this month.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Kings Ridge Playground

Q Has anyone gone to Amana Academy to ask for help/support for the Kings Ridge Playground? (Rand)

A We have something in the works. (Casey)

RE: Kings Ridge Playground

Q Is everything from the clean up leaving, i.e. stage? (Rand)

A No, we are going to keep the stage and use some of the items being taken down at Wacky World to clean it up and make it look nice. (Casey)

RE: Mid Broadwell Park

C WOW for Mid Broadwell Park, so rewarding! (Piedarhita)

vi. **Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report – May 2024**

- Morgan Rodgers spoke on behalf of Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

PARK ENHANCEMENTS AND REPAIRS:

- Webb Bridge Park Dog Park has been completed and the Ribbon cutting took place on May 5th.

- North Park Turf 2 Pole Removal and Lighting upgrades have been completed.
- Webb-Zone Playground Replacement has construction scheduled to begin on May 14th.

BOND PROJECTS:

- Mid Broadwell Park is now OPEN! The Ribbon Cutting took place on May 1st.
- Waters Road Park is set to have the Grand Opening on May 16th at 2:30 p.m.
- Wills Park Proper has a construction contract scheduled for consideration at the May 20th City Council meeting.
- Webb Bridge Synthetic Turf installation is currently under review.

d. DIRECTOR

i. Director's Report – May 2024

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to speak.
- Farewell Wacky World-The playground is set to close on Tuesday, May 29th.
- Sewer Project at Webb Bridge Park is underway as well as the Turf project
- There are currently bids out for a Greenhouse at Old Rucker Farm.
- Mansell Road Boardwalk is coming along and should be set to open soon.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

RE: Alpha Loop

Q Who pays for the Alpha Loop? Is it tax dollars? (Rand)

A Alpha Loop is paid for by several different groups. TSPLOST is one of them, which is tax dollars. Each section has different funding. (Drinkard)

A The Alpha Loop company pays for the bells and whistles. (Rodgers)

VII. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- All the Commissioners requested more information on the Union Hill Park redesign.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Piedrahita made a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Rand seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Bausano
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Sarah Bausano
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

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- Cheryl Rand
- Shuntel Beach

Recreation Commission Members – Absent

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ATTACHMENTS:

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- Brad Bowers

- Staff

- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kiersten Vanhorn, Assistant City Clerk
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Union Hill Park Design and Parking Proposal

- Dennis Mitchell, Chair for the Recreation Commission introduced the item.
- Members of the Board and Commission discussed the existing Union Hill Park design and proposed future design for more parking at Union Hill Park.

RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

RE: Union Hill Park redesign

- Chair Mitchell brought up a recap of the project for everyone. Commissioner Kaighin asked if any of the Playground design could be put on the back burner and redevelopment could go ahead and begin. Chair Mitchell's main concern was that if the Commission moves forward with the Playground Design, the playground would be a stripped-down playground that would look bad. He also stated that there isn't a right or wrong answer between Playground or Parking lot.
- Commissioner Slavik asked if Union Hill Park is the largest covered outdoor venue in Alpharetta. Director Morgan said yes but people that would like to rent it are turned off by it when they find out it only holds 250 due to parking. Director Rodgers stated there is other parking but with that parking comes hiring a police officer, walking across Windward Parkway or having to hire shuttle busses.
- Commissioner Rand stated that she would like to see the park converted to something that would be multi use down the road in case the outdoor entertainment venue loses its shine. She also stated that she is not keen on it being converted to more parking, she would prefer something more park related.
- Commissioner Kaighin and Commissioner Norton both agreed that the City does not need another playground.
- Commissioner Saha stated that the Community Survey did not mention that the Park needed more parking. Commissioner Slavik stated that parking isn't an issue until it is an issue.
- Director Rodgers stated that the skate park would remain part of the Union Hill Park plan and they could convert the current skate park space to a few additional parking spaces. Commissioner Mitchell stated that converting the current skate park to parking would not look that nice and would not like to do the redesign halfway.
- Commissioner Slavik stated that we need to capitalize on having one of the only covered event venues in Alpharetta. Commissioner Saha asked how many events take place there now. Director Rodgers answered with about one per month, the size of the parking lot is what is deterring people from renting the venue. Commissioner Saha also asked if the rental rate would be higher with more parking. Director Rodgers said it would go up; he couldn't confirm by how much.
- Chair Mitchell asked if it would save any money to convert the redesign parking to gravel. Director Rodgers stated it wouldn't save much.
- Chair Mitchell recapped the budget at \$3,250,000 and the expenses thus far have been around \$650,000 on renovations to the space. The current design costs is around \$3,900,000.
- Commissioner Kaighin asked for a timeline for this item. Director Rodgers stated that it would go to vote at the June 11th Recreation Commission meeting then it would go to City Council towards the end of June. Commissioner Saha stated that

at the next meeting we are voting on the current design or redesign unless any other recommendations come forward.

- Commissioner Slavik pointed out that it would still be considered a park due to the Skate Park aspect.
- Director Rodgers stated that with the additional parking the City can promote the space more to bigger events and try to put together a mid-week farmers market and summer camps.
- Director Rodgers stated that the current redesign plans will cost around \$3,900,000. The parking redesign will cost around \$2,700,000. The Park Bond currently has \$2,567,595.06.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

Sarah Bausano
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Morgan Rodgers
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Union Hill Park Design and Parking Proposal

Consideration for approval for a new design of Union Hill Park to allow for additional parking.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

To approve a new design to allow more parking at Union Hill Park.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Union Hill Park was built in 1995 as a special use facility for roller hockey. The popularity of roller hockey faded, and the park usage was almost nonexistent. With the development of the Alpharetta Greenway from Marconi Road Park to Union Hill Park, the purpose of the park was re-imagined. The new design included the renovation of the covered roller hockey rink into a special event/music venue, a Greenway Trail head and connection to the Forsyth County Greenway, redesign of the parking, and a new skate park and play/gathering area. The conceptual design was shown to citizens at public input meetings and was approved by the Recreation Commission and the City Council. Funds were allocated in the 2021 Bond Referendum for the construction of the park.

In 2023, the renovation of the covered arena into a special event/music venue was completed utilizing bond funds. Home By Dark's Union Hill Summer Concert Series, Shamrockin' for a Cure, Atlanta Magazine's Grill Fest, I Can Bike Camp, and Camp Momentum are all events scheduled to be held at the park in 2024.

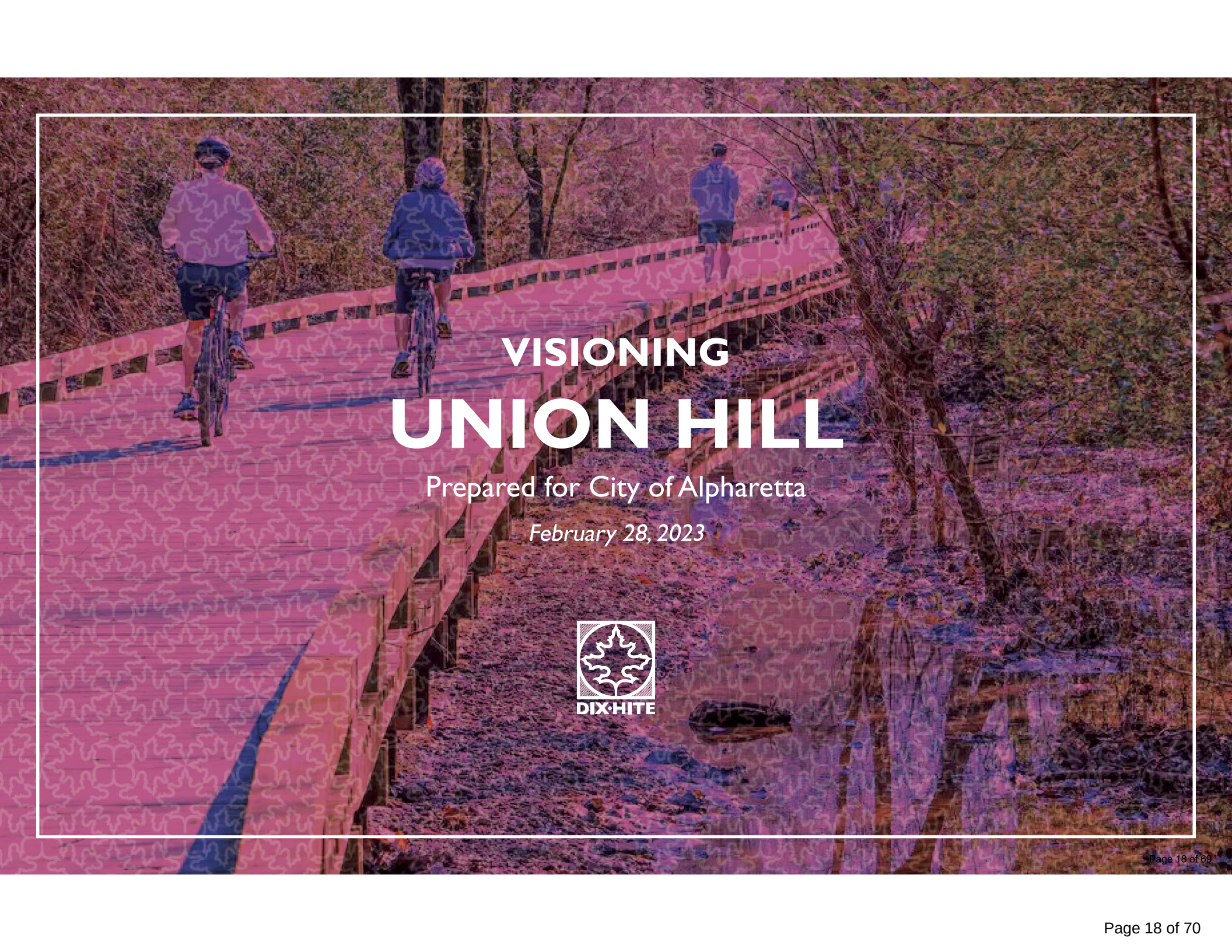
One newly introduced factor with the repurposed arena is limited parking. Today, there are 107 parking spaces in Union Hill Park. The current design would improve the flow and add another 11 parking spaces. Through the City's recently executed Memorandum of Understanding with ZKTeco (the company next door to Union Hill Park), 72 additional parking spaces have been made available to accommodate events on Friday evenings, Saturday, and Sundays.

With the growing popularity of the use of Union Hill Park as a trail head for the Alpharetta Greenway and the expanded number of events held and anticipated at the covered special event/music venue, the current design for the addition of only 11 parking spaces was reworked to see if the plan could include even more parking. The new design resulted in an additional 49 parking spaces as opposed to only 11.

This item was deferred at the May 14, 2024 Recreation Commission Meeting and brought to the Recreation Commission Work Session on May 29, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. UHP Packet
2. UHP Community Input Survey Results

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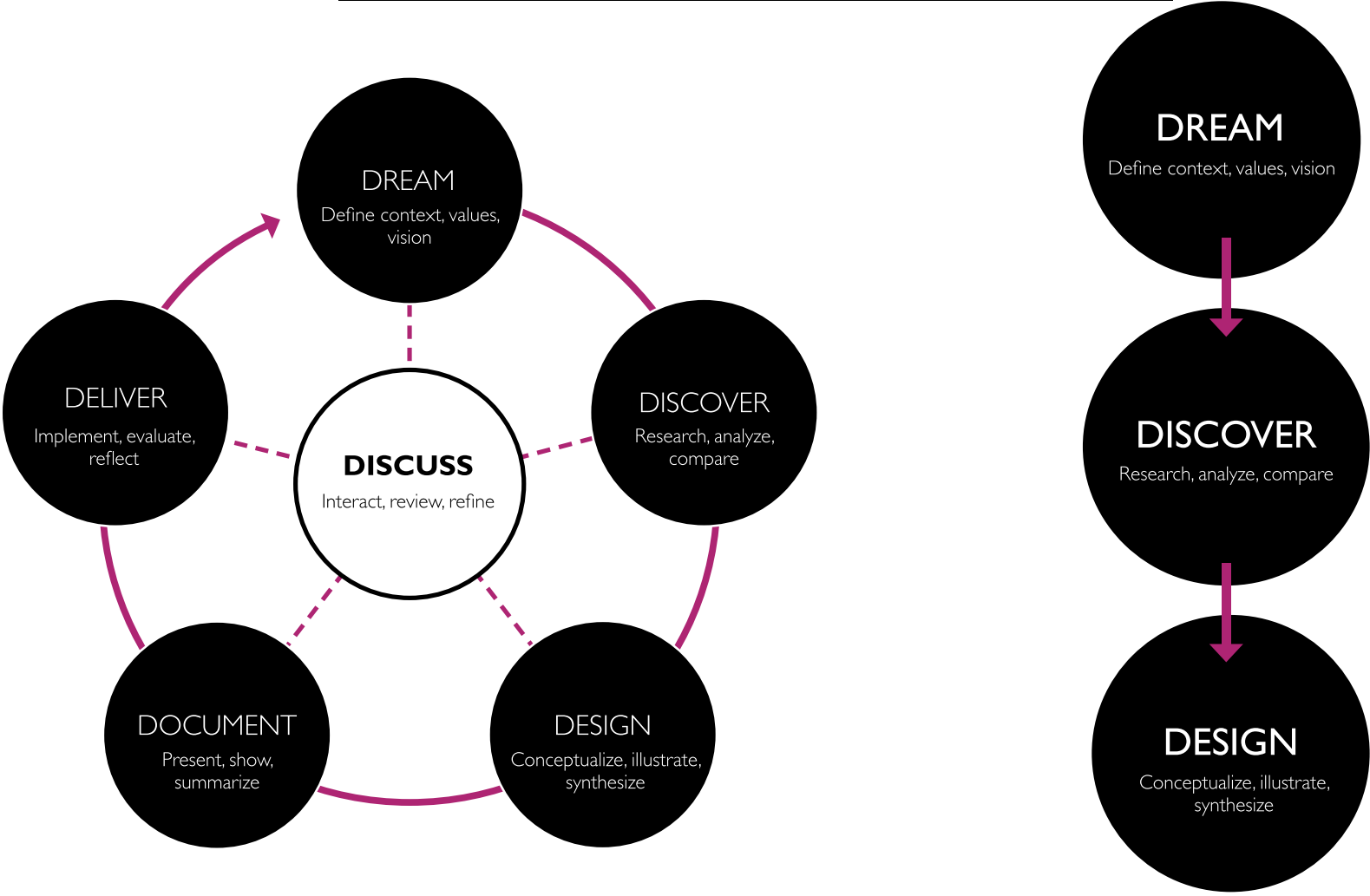
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Prepared for City of Alpharetta

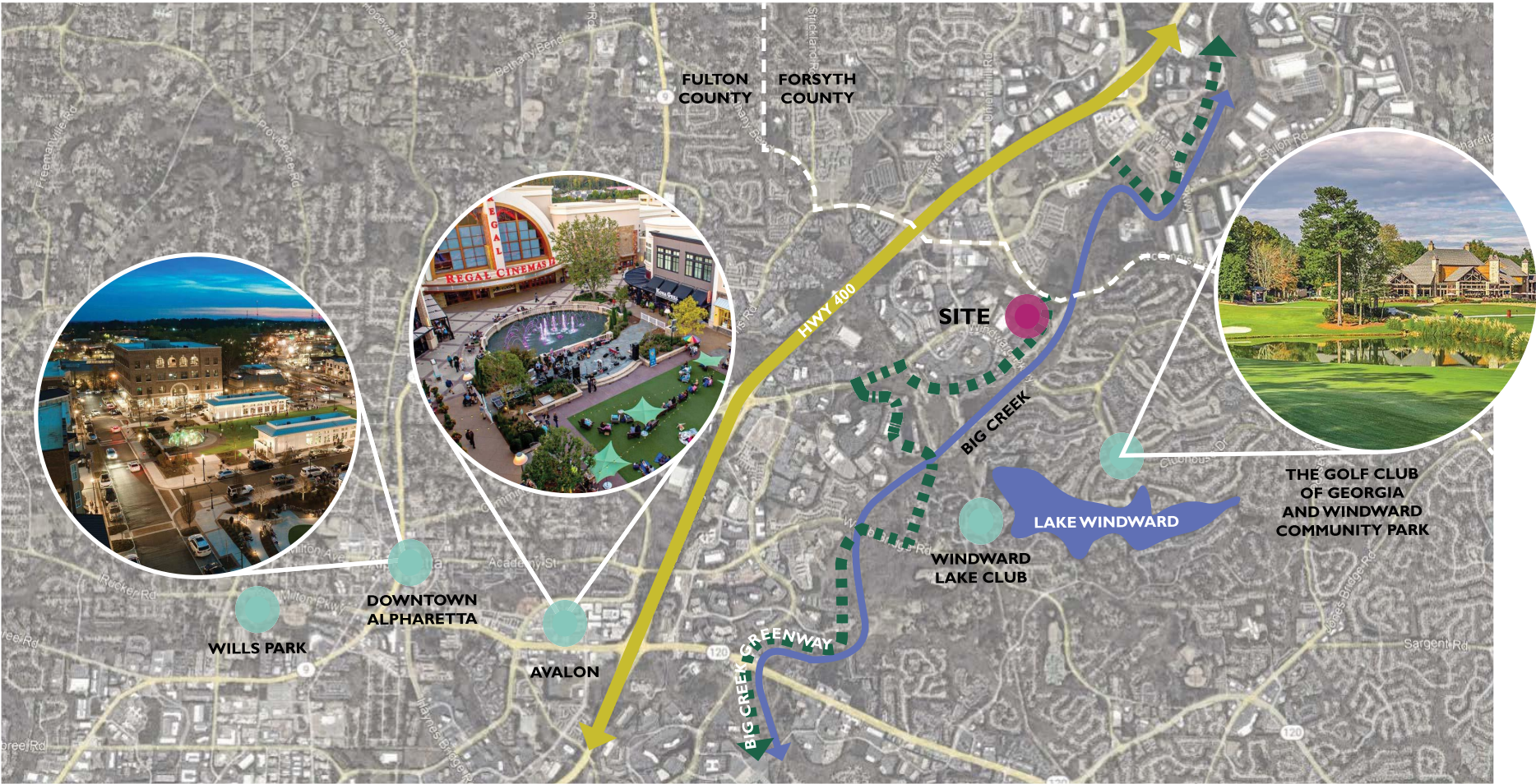
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THE 6D PROCESS



CONTEXT MAP



2023-02-28



BIG CREEK GREENWAY



GOLF CLUB OF GEORGIA



WINDWARD COMMUNITY PARK



DOWNTOWN ALPHARETTA



BIG CREEK GREENWAY



SITE INVENTORY

- 1 PAVILION
- 2 PARKING LOT
- 3 EXISTING SKATEPARK
- 4 BIKE PATH
- 5 RESTROOM
- 6 DETENTION POND
- 7 PUBLIC ACCESS/CUL-DE-SAC
- 8 CHAMPION PINE
- 9 LITTLE PINE TRAIL
- 10 MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
- 11 UNION HILL ROAD
- 12 BIG CREEK GREENWAY
- 13 EXISTING SIDEWALK
- 14 MCGINNIS FERRY ROAD
- 15 BIG CREEK TRIBUTARY
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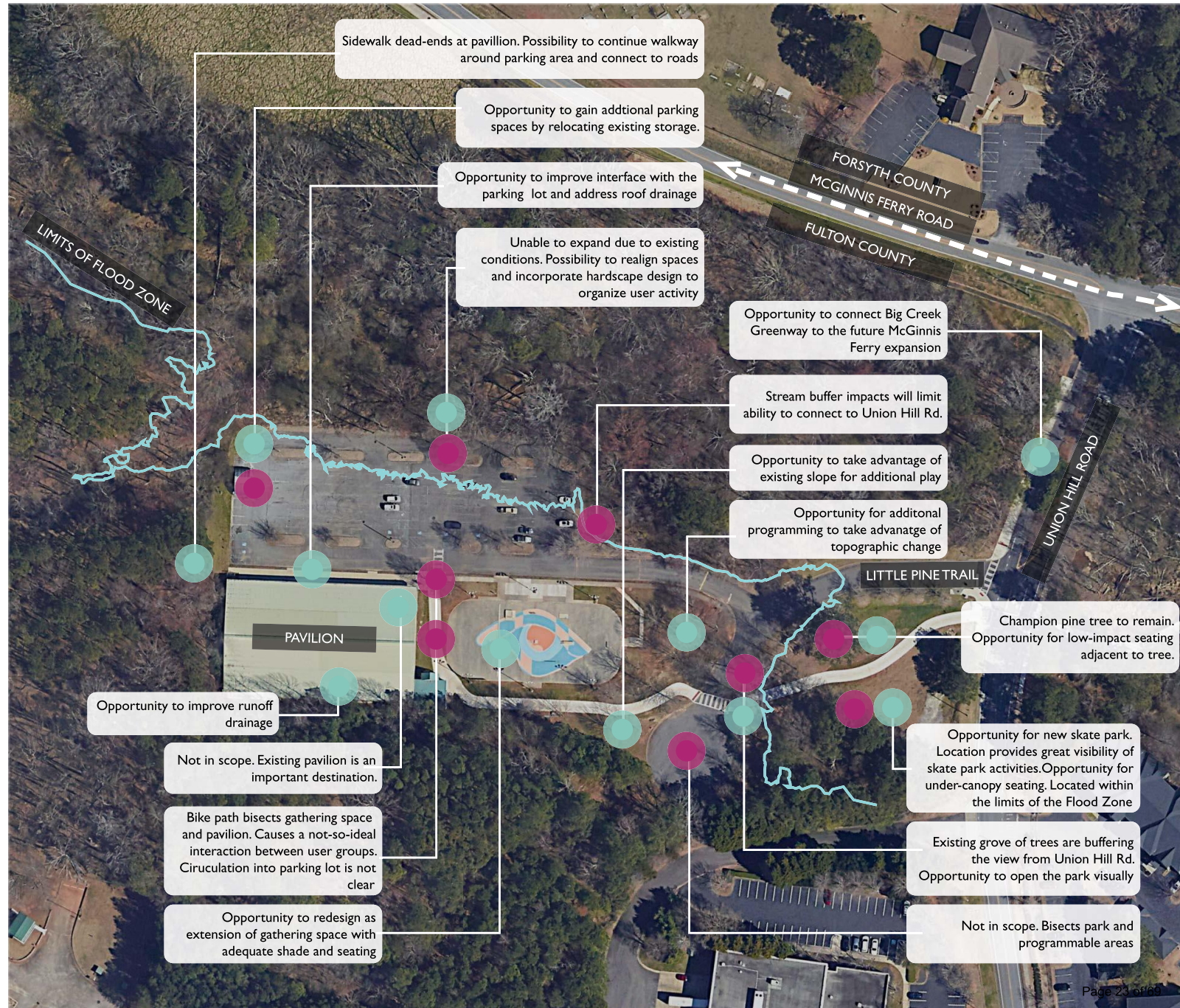


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CONSTRAINT

OPPORTUNITY





CONCEPT VISION

“TO BE AN ARTIST IS TO BELIEVE IN LIFE” - HENRY MOORE

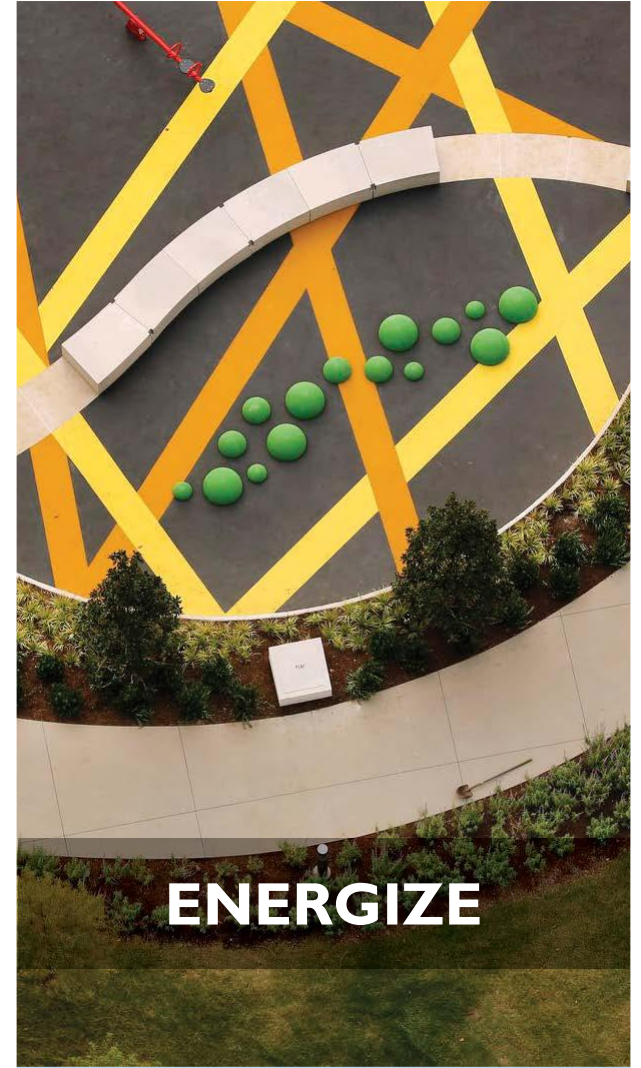
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CONNECTION



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SKATEPARK INSPIRATION



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PLAY INSPIRATION

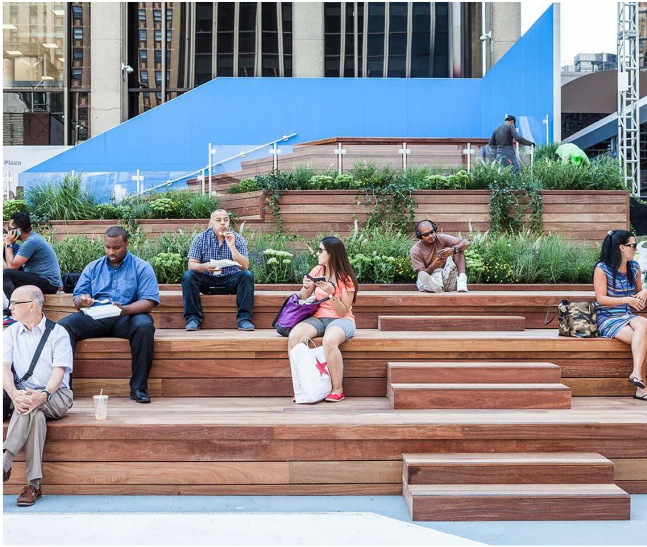


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SEATING INSPIRATION



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SHADE INSPIRATION



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ART INSPIRATION



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MATERIAL RE-USE



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PROPOSED CIRCULATION

PROS

BIKE TRAFFIC IS DIRECTED AWAY FROM PLAY + PLAZA PROGRAMMING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAYFULLY ENGAGING STREET CROSSINGS

PEDESTRIANS AND BIKERS WILL BOTH ENTER THROUGH THE SAME PLAZA

THE FORKED BIKE PATH ALLOWS BIKERS TO EITHER BYPASS OR ENTER THE OTHER SITE PROGRAMS

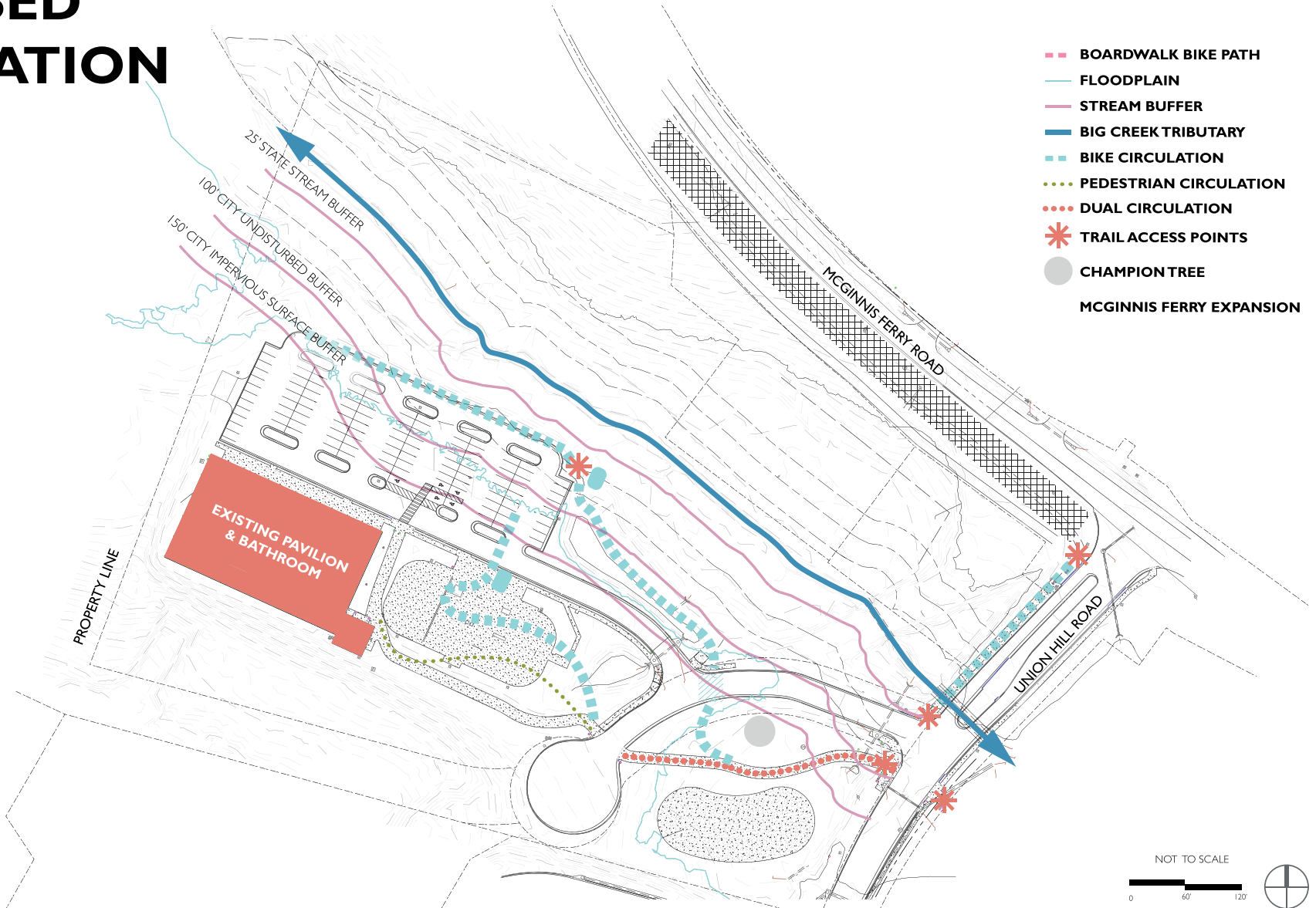
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NUMEROUS INTERSECTIONS SHARED BY BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS

DISTANCE TO HALCYON TRAILHEAD:
- 30 MIN WALK
- 6 MIN CAR RIDE



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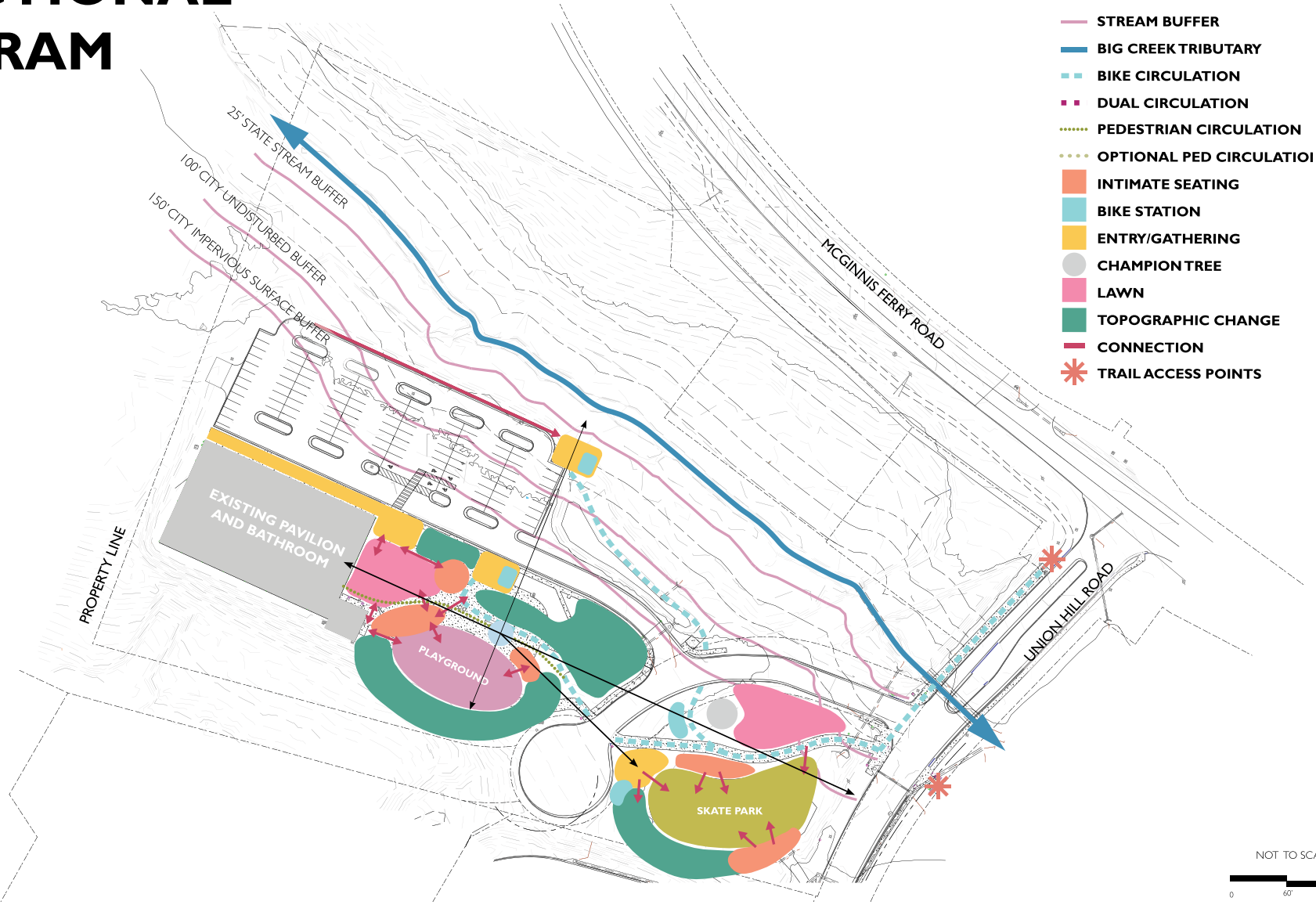


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FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM



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DESIGN PROGRAM

“EVERY ACT OF CREATION IS FIRST OF ALL AN
ACT OF DESTRUCTION” - PABLO PICASSO

- 1 PAVILION
- 2 REIMAGINED PARKING LOT
- 3 PAVING ORGANIZATION FOR CYCLISTS
- 4 CYCLIST TRAIL ACCESS
- 5 PARK ENTRY
- 6 SHADE STRUCTURE
- 7 RESTROOM
- 8 PLAY EQUIPMENT - SWINGS
- 9 FUTURE ART INSTALLATION
- 10 PLAY SPACE WITH SLIDES
- 11 DETENTION AREA WITH RECLAIMED
CONCRETE
- 12 SKATEPARK
- 13 EXPANDED TRAIL CORNER
- 14 MATERIAL STORAGE SHED



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VIEW TO PAVILION



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DESIGN PROGRAM: PLAY

- 1 LARGE GROUP SWING
- 2 PATHWAY TO SLIDES
- 3 CLIMBING PLAY
- 4 LOOKOUT POINT
- 5 DUAL SLIDE
- 6 SINGLE SLIDES/ADVENTURE CLIMBING
- 7 PLAY/CLIMBING ELEMENT
- 8 SEATING
- 9 STAIR ACCESS TO SLIDES
- 10 SINGLE SWING
- 11 ADVENTURE STEPPER PLAY



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VIEW TO SLIDES



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DESIGN PROGRAM: RECREATION

- 1 PAVING ORGANIZATION FOR CYCLISTS
- 2 CYCLIST TRAIL ACCESS
- 3 BIKE STAGING
- 4 TABLETOP CROSSING
- 5 SKATEPARK



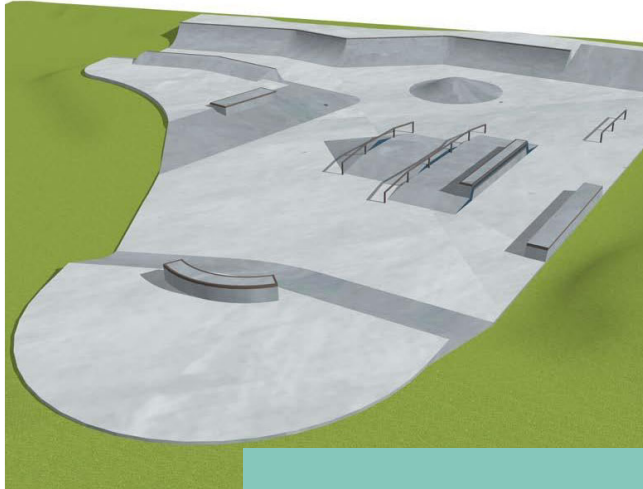
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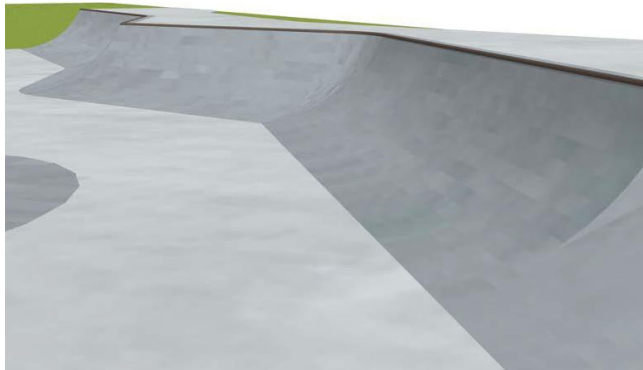


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SKATEPARK VIEWS



DESIGN PROGRAM: SEATING

- 1 PERMANENT PLAZA SEATING
- 2 SWING SEATING
- 3 PLAY SEATING
- 4 SKATEPARK SEATING
- 5 TYPICAL PARK SEATING



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DESIGN PROGRAM: PARKING

- 1 CONCRETE EVENT STAGING AREA
- 2 PAVING ORGANIZATION FOR CYCLISTS
- 3 PAVILION/EVENT LARGE VEHICLE PARKING
- 4 SAFER ADA SPACES
- 5 ONE-WAY LOT WITH ANGLED SPACES
- 6 GAIN IN NUMBER + HEALTH OF TREES
- 7 NET GAIN IN PARKING; APPROXIMATELY 116 SPACES (+11)
- 8 RELOCATED - MATERIAL STORAGE SHED



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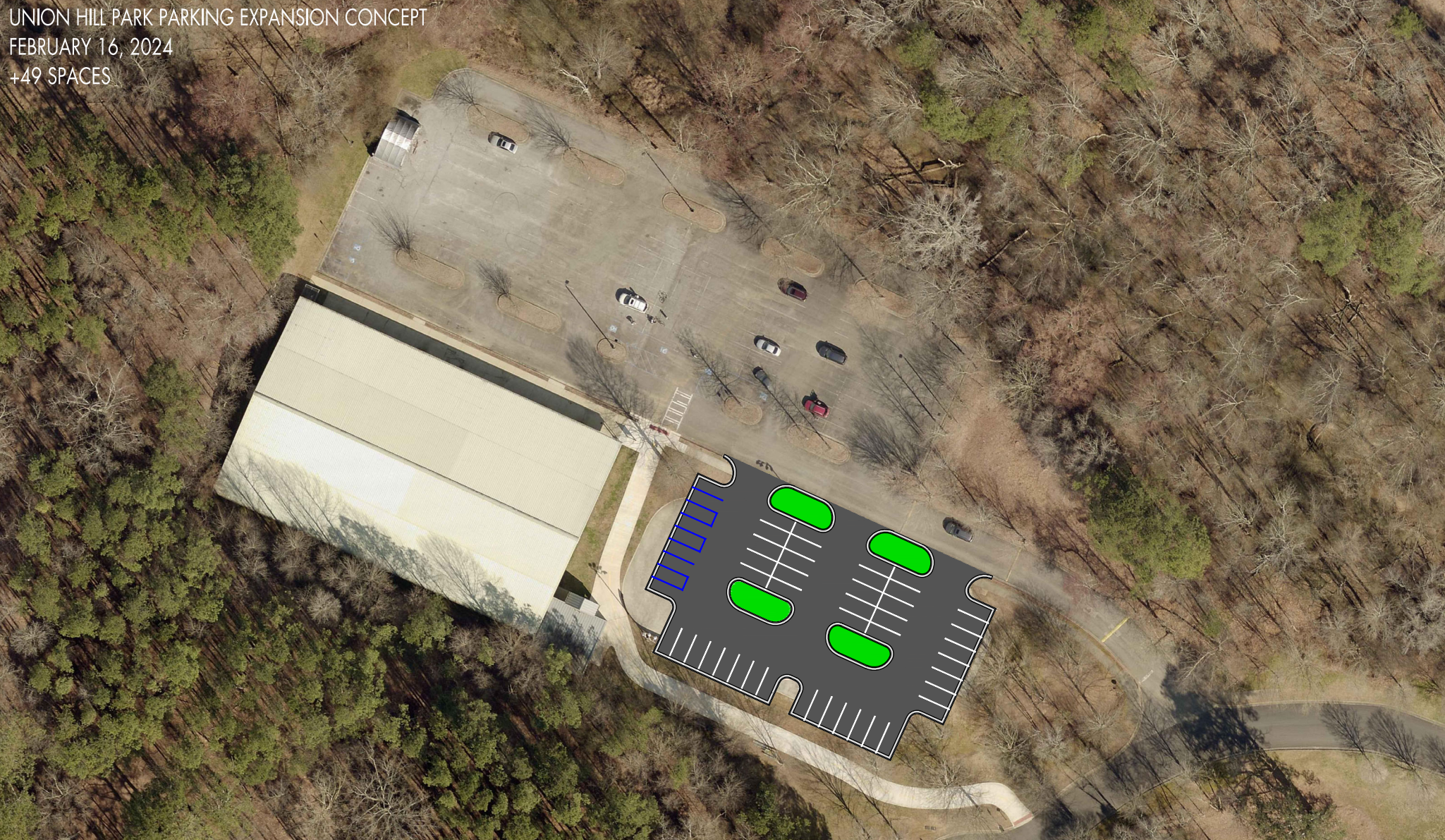
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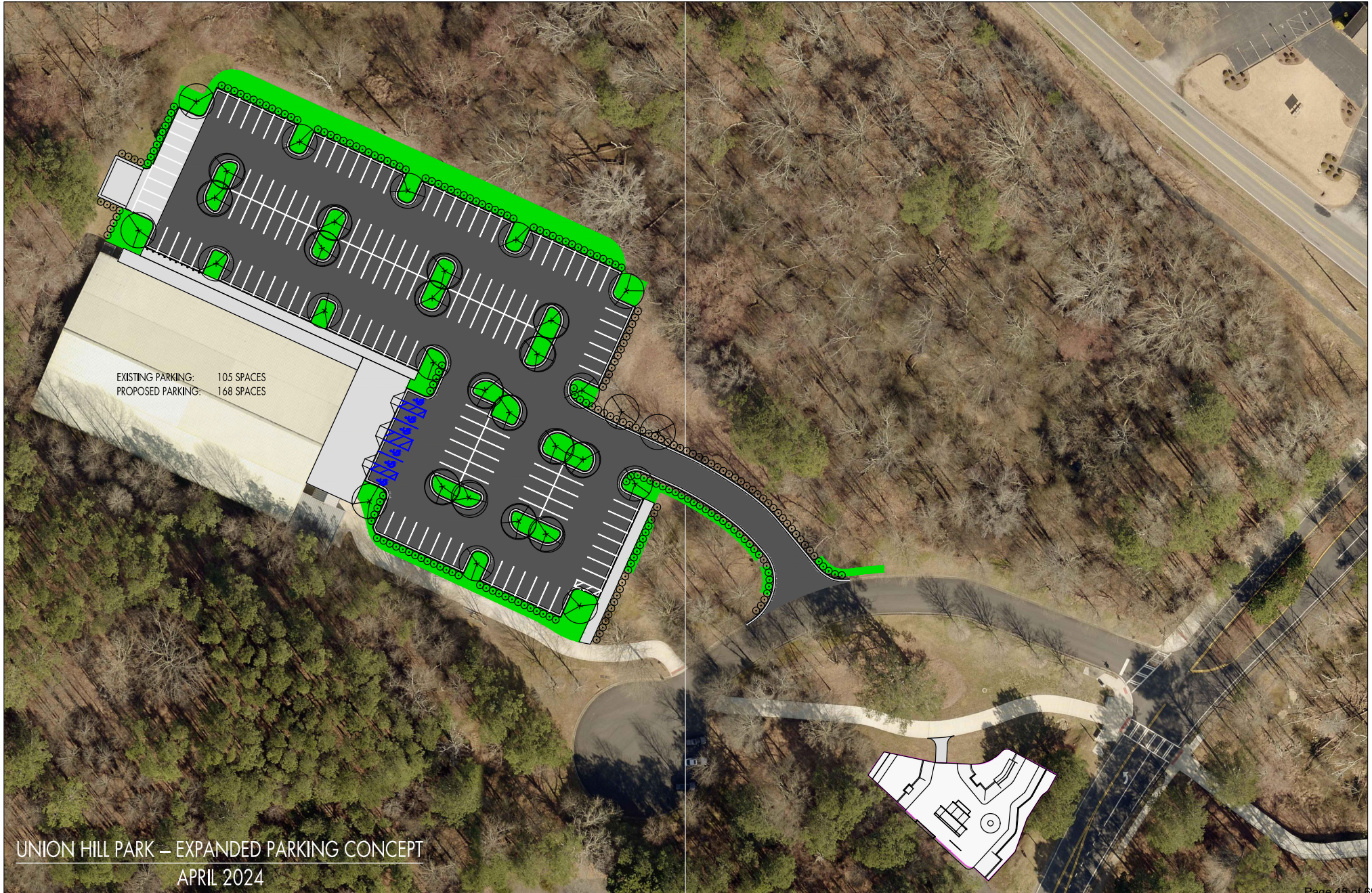
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UNION HILL PARK PARKING EXPANSION CONCEPT
FEBRUARY 16, 2024
+49 SPACES





UNION HILL PARK – EXPANDED PARKING CONCEPT
APRIL 2024

THE CITY OF
ALPHARETTA
RECREATION PARKS &
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UNION HILL PARK SURVEY RESULTS

On the following pages you will find a compilation of the public survey results for the revised concept for Union Hill Park. The survey was live from March 13-24, and was promoted via email, social media and the city's website. In total, there were 107 respondents to the survey.

TIMELINE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29
5:30PM | RECREATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP

MONDAY, APRIL 17
6:30PM | CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

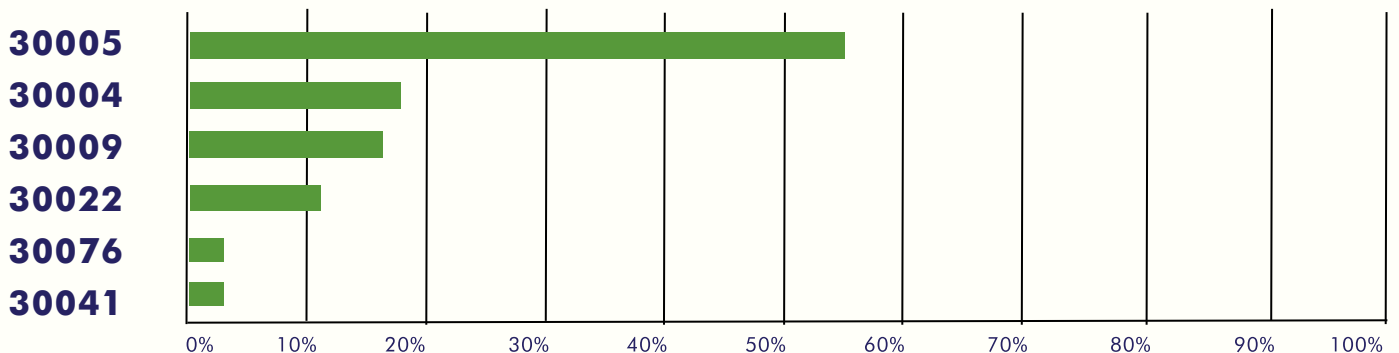
MONDAY, APRIL 24
6:30PM | CITY COUNCIL MEETING

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Q1 WHAT IS YOUR ZIPCODE?

ANSWERS:

30005	52.34%	56
30004	14.95%	16
30009	14.02%	15
30022	10.28%	11
30076	2.80%	3
30041	2.80%	3



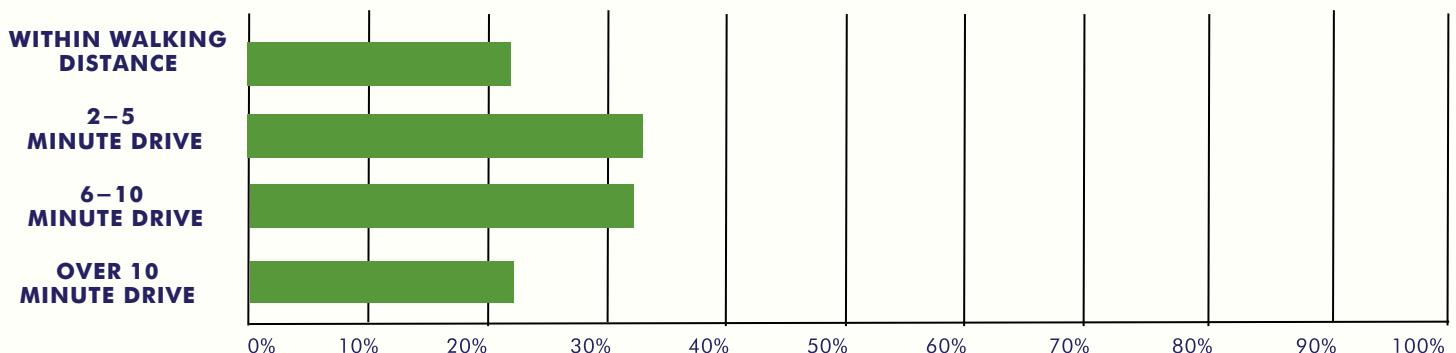
RESPONSES (107)

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Q2 HOW CLOSE DO YOU LIVE TO UNION HILL PARK?

ANSWERS:

WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE	19.63%	21
2–5 MINUTE DRIVE	30.84%	33
6–10 MINUTE DRIVE	29.91%	32
OVER 10 MINUTE DRIVE	19.63%	21



RESPONSES (107)

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Q3 PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW DESIGN CONCEPT FOR UNION HILL PARK.

ANSWERS:

Looks beautiful! We roller skate inside the pavilion. Please keep it open, accessible, and smooth!

I would love to see more detail of what the plans are for the skatepark area. It looks much smaller than what is there currently and of course from this rendering, you can't tell what features there are. I do like that more features are being added to the park and will give people more things to do while they are there. As a roller skater who frequents the park regularly, I am pleased to see the pavilion will remain.

I would like to recommend a disc golf course in the wooded area behind the old hockey pavilion. Low cost and maintenance. Would offer great recreation opportunities for families of all ages. Disc golf is a growing sport and Wills parks course is possibly going away or being reconfigured because of its changes. Thanks for your consideration.

There should be tennis/Pickleball courts added

Make sure some of the playground is under cover for hot days or days with poor weather. Have adequate handicapped parking and accessible bathrooms. Get rid of the cul-de-sac or turn it into parking, or sign it as no parking so people can actually use it to turn around.

Looks great. PickleBall courts would be a nice addition. Also bike rentals for greenway. Extra restroom with all the additions.

Love it. I would like to see events like concerts in the park. Windward is a large community within waking distance. We want to feel supported and part of Alpharetta.

Like the design. Hoping it includes plans to renovate/update the pavilion as performance venue. I don't mind that it's open air. Appreciate the inclusion of art installation!

This sounds like a much better use of the land, since it includes a space for a variety of Alpharettans and their interest.

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

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I like this redesign. It keeps the pavilion, maintains skate park space, and adds a playground. There is also a separate path for bikes to access the Greenway, so they do not get close to children on the playground.

I think it's great to keep the skate park and add slides and swings! This looks great!

Definitely need the play area for younger kids. Swings and slides are great! Maybe a climbing structure? We need more areas for toddlers to play! Also, PLEASE cover the slide area! It's so miserable during the summer

Venue for more outdoor concerts.

Looks good. Hopefully the skate park area is improved and offers pits and ramps of different difficulty for beginners as well as advanced skaters

I'm so glad there will be a skatepark. As a parent who has a child who skates, there are none in alpharetta, so I'm very happy one will be added.

Do not feel the play equipment- swings, play space with slides as well as future Art installation is necessary. If the city if wanting to use this park as multi functional then this area would be better suited for concessions and expanded restroom area.

Any park addition is a good idea! Fully support.

It looks great! I would love to see a pedestrian entrance to the park from McGinnis Ferry

I like most of it but as an adult, wouldn't mind a seating area with a view. Clean, big restrooms are definitely important.

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

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I like it. I would like to see what the specific connectivity between the 2 Greenways looks like.

Would like to see it connected to the greenway path that goes to Halcyon. Currently asphalt which is not rideable for street cyclists.

I'd love me to see a small dog park

Looks great! As long as we don't lose the skating rink!!!

So happy that City is building skatepark as promised.

More parking would make this a great outdoor venue.

Love the skatepark idea. I love the multi-use space concept and prioritizing outdoor spaces for people of all ages and abilities. Making sure that the skatepark has high quality features and a good design is imperative. There are plenty of good firms to go with for designs, including TeamPain, Fifth Pocket, and Artisan. They are all very well known in the southeast and have great websites with past projects and contact info! We want to make sure if there's a skatepark it's done right! Our youth deserve it

Thank you for not including a dog park. Off-leash dogs and rude dog owners can ruin a park experience for everyone. Please consider making the entire park off-limits to dogs.

UNION HILL PARK INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

Q3 PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW DESIGN CONCEPT FOR UNION HILL PARK.

ANSWERS:

Fabulous! Especially like the renovations of pavilion, paving organization for cyclists, cyclist trail access and play equipment.

I like the 1) easy access from the parking lot to the greenway for cyclists, 2) play structure as a destination for families coming from the greenway, and 3) keeping the skate park. I think it would be nice if the skate park and pavilion had a smooth and easy transition from one to the other for riders. Hopefully the play equipment is more imaginative, ropes based, and natural than another large bright plastic monstrosity. That is, equipment that challenges kids to use their mobility creatively and to test their fears - sort of in keeping with the skate park concept and skaters' ideology. Maybe even equipment that expands all ages - even up to teenagers. Thanks!

I would like to recommend that the Pavillion gets lined 2-4 pickleball courts. This would be paint only. Users would bring their own nets as they do today. The playgrounds & shade areas are fantastic for families on this side of the 400!

Looks nice and green but: 1. yet another playground for young kids in the area (although there is another on Windward within walking distance) Who is this playground for? Again, Windward already has a city playground and a community playground. So do the apartments nearby. 2. there isn't enough spaces/places for teens and young adults for outdoor recreation and socializing and this looks like the skate park is shrinking in size. And compared to young resident playgrounds, there are no places for teenagers in Windward or nearby. I walk at/through/by the park quite frequently and the skate park is always in use. Make it bigger and better. On another note, unfortunately the trail from 13 to 11 cuts through the large usable space that could be a larger skate park, with seating under the tree maybe. Maybe there is a way to incorporate the trail into the skate park and install a new walking trail that meanders around the park features instead of through them. What about the cul-de-sac?! That space could be a part of the skate park: the elevation makes it great for a bowl.

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1	looks good.
2	You should add a putt-putt golf area.
3	Plan looks good. Why have the restrooms been closed for months ? Very inconvenient!
4	I bike on the greenway trail often. This plan looks AWESOME! My family would certainly visit a reimagined park like this. Please prioritize a safe and smooth connection to bicycle infrastructure on McGinnis Ferry towards Ronald Reagan.
5	The park looks great for families with kids and as a parking/starting point for people that want to ride/walk on the greenway. I do miss the roller hockey rink though. Please consider having a rink added in Alpharetta. Hockey's popularity has been growing in the greater Alpharetta area and with rumors of the return of an NHL team to the area, a rink would be very popular.
6	More skate park obstacles
7	looks good
8	looks great!
9	Looks good
10	I think a pre-teen/teen park would be a great addition to Alpharetta. Care should be taken to choose play equipment geared for older children. Also, is there a walking path around the edge so walkers don't have to circle the parking lot?
11	Please plan one entry into the park from McGinnis Ferry Road as well. I think an outlet from the trail will be fine.
12	It would be nice to have an area for adult fitness and strength training. Thank you.
13	Very excited for a play place for children and to see this park be developed into a park for many purposes.
14	Could walking only trail be included on perimeter of park?
15	Love the pavilion and Home by dark concerts ! Rather than a skate park possibly walking gardens similar to Gibbs Gardens.
16	Looks good!
17	Please add more than one covered pavilion or if you can only do one. Please make sure it's very large as it's really nice to have shade and protection from the rain. Suggest gas grills so people can do a cookout. Also suggest an area to post local events. So when you're in the park, you know what's going on in the area.
18	Looks good. Keep up the wise planning and financing of our parks
19	I don't think we need another playground as there is one off of Windward Pway less than a mile from here and another inside of Windward. When the Greenway connects to Forsyth, this is going to be a super important junction point for cyclist, runners etc.
20	I love it

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21	I see a lot of pavement compared to a smaller amount of trees and greenery -- too much pavement and structures, not enough tree-lined areas to walk and play. Instead of building a "shade structure," how about saving and planting a few shade trees?
22	Anything that further connects and extends the Greenway is great!
23	Union Hill Park is usually the end of my bike ride from Fire Hall 86 unless I ride to Roswell First and past Union Hill into Forsyth County. I'd like to see finer crushed material on the temporary trail past the actual park. I have no suggestions for the part other than to maintain toilets and drinking water. Some rudimentary bike equipment like pumps would also be useful.
24	Would be nice if there were some walking trails that didn't allow bicycles, people fly by the walkers who sometimes have dogs and it's dangerous and makes walking uncomfortable.
25	I think this would be an improvement but I think adding a little splash pad with fountains similar to the one downtown Alpharetta would be enjoyable for young children and their parents to enjoy.
26	I would like to connect cyclist trail to McGinnis ferry rd directly (where numbers 3 or 4 are). How you are going to use the pavilion?
27	I love that you have included a skate park! Thank you for making a dedicated place in an Alpharetta park for skaters to gather and practice their skills. I recall not long ago when there were concerns from the residents of Alpharetta City Center about skaters using the Park Place Parking Garage. It's hella awesome that Alpharetta City Government officials have listened to the residents and included a skate park in the concept. I was one of the Alpharetta residents that provided input on the concept designs for Wills Park and suggested a skatepark. Bravo! Let's move forward with this design!
28	Separate cyclist and pedestrian trail access points is great. As is the skate park down closer to the road, replacing the current one with a more kid-friendly space. Better landscaping might be nice - something brighter.
29	I'm very glad to see a plan to add playground to a park that sits on the greenway - no parks sitting on greenway currently have a playground. Also very nice to see that cycling path goes through the park - I'm assuming that it merges into multiuse path that goes along McGinnis rd. Thank you!
30	I love the design!!!
31	Simple and reasonable. Move the skateboard to the open land to allow a kids' playground.
32	It doesn't appear that there is a lot of walking trails or track for people with lights
33	I think it is great. Appears to be laid out well.
34	I'd love me to see a small dog park
35	Thank you for not including a dog park. Off-leash dogs and rude dog owners can ruin a park experience for everyone. Please consider making the entire park off-limits to dogs.
36	Stop with the parks! We have enough already. Why does Alpharetta have to buy up every available piece of land and make it another park? Park maintenance is crippling Roswell!

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37	Looks good but keep a roller rink or some other thing for teenagers to utilize. The roller rink is special!
38	I would like to recommend that the Pavillion be lined for 2-4 pickleball courts. This would be paint only. Users would bring their own nets as they do today. The playgrounds and shade areas are fantastic for the families on this side of the 400!
39	Love it.
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41	Please integrate the Greenway sidewalk further into the park and away from McGinnis Ferry. The roadway is VERY dangerous and having the walkway adjacent to the road is unnecessary, given the extra space afforded by the park.
42	Looks nice and green but: 1. yet another playground for young kids in the area (although there is another on Windward within walking distance) Who is this playground for? Again, Windward already has a city playground and a community playground. So do the apartments nearby. 2. there isn't enough spaces/places for teens and young adults for outdoor recreation and socializing and this looks like the skate park is shrinking in size. And compared to young resident playgrounds, there are no places for teenagers in Windward or nearby. I walk at/through/by the park quite frequently and the skate park is always in use. Make it bigger and better. On another note, unfortunately the trail from 13 to 11 cuts through the large usable space that could be a larger skate park, with seating under the tree maybe. Maybe there is a way to incorporate the trail into the skate park and install a new walking trail that meanders around the park features instead of through them. What about the cul-de-sac?! That space could be a part of the skate park: the elevation makes it great for a bowl.
43	Love the skatepark idea. I love the multi-use space concept and prioritizing outdoor spaces for people of all ages and abilities. Making sure that the skatepark has high quality features and a good design is imperative. There are plenty of good firms to go with for designs, including TeamPain, Fifth Pocket, and Artisan. They are all very well known in the southeast and have great websites with past projects and contact info! We want to make sure if there's a skatepark it's done right! Our youth deserve it
44	More skateboarding features! We need it for our youth! And make it fun.
45	Given the connection to Big Creek Greenway would like to see more bike-friendly amenities. Also, not sure we need swings/slides since Windward Community Park is nearby. I like the detention area and skatepark very much.
46	Would love to see the addition of pickle ball courts. Thanks!

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47	Fabulous! Especially like the renovations of pavilion, paving organization for cyclists, cyclist trail access and play equipment.
48	So happy that City is building skatepark as promised.
49	Obviously it's been in dire need of maintenance for years. Adding a play area makes sense but please add benches and more water stations. Doesn't appear to be any major changes. Just upkeep and more modern
50	More parking would make this a great outdoor venue.
51	I like the design except I would refresh the roller rink for future use and not simply use it as a pavilion. A modern, fun take on an outdoor roller blading/ skating experience with events featuring music/a dj setup and fun lights like indoor roller rinks have would be nostalgic for older generations and a fun outing for families, people dating, and young people. Plus, it would encourage a healthy physical activity with socializing.
52	Looks great! As long as we don't lose the skating rink!!!
53	Nice. Will the roller hockey rink and box lacrosse field remain
54	Would like to see it connected to the greenway path that goes to Halcyon. Currently asphalt which is not rideable for street cyclists.
55	Looks great!
56	I like it. I would like to see what the specific connectivity between the 2 Greenways looks like.
57	I like most of it but as an adult, wouldn't mind a seating area with a view. Clean, big restrooms are definitely important.
58	Plan looks solid.
59	It looks great! I would love to see a pedestrian entrance to the park from McGinnis Ferry.
60	Any park addition is a good idea! Fully support.
61	I don't see a lot different in the concept design than what is already in the park, other than the play areas. The entire park just needs a face-lift, it needs fixed up and maintained to really be functional. Especially the Pavilion as it is deteriorating. Concrete needs fixed and updated, landscaping needs refreshed. What will the pavilion be used for? Its a metal covered cement slab with fans. I think the entire 'purpose' of this park needs thought out better and designed from there. Right now its a edgy, somewhat run down skate/hocky park. Money would be better spent rethinking the purpose vs adding odds and ends to try and make this more 'park like'.
62	Do not feel the play equipment- swings, play space with slides as well as future Art installation is necessary. If the city if wanting to use this park as multi functional then this area would be better suited for concessions and expanded restroom area.
63	I'm so glad there will be a skatepark. As a parent who has a child who skates, there are none in alpharetta, so I'm very happy one will be added.
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65	Venue for more outdoor concerts.

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66	Definitely need the play area for younger kids. Swings and slides are great! Maybe a climbing structure? We need more areas for toddlers to play! Also, PLEASE cover the slide area! It's so miserable during the summer
67	I don't think you really need 3 and 4 unless access is being re-designed on the path by the restroom area. I ride there a lot and it is really good right now. The only part that needs something is the crossover to the main trail. A lot of cars don't stop even when the lights are flashing. What I can't wait for is a better trail/ connection to the Forsyth section!
68	I like the proposed bike access from McGinnis Ferry. A bit of a bummer to lose the hockey rink since I am not aware of others in the area.
69	Looks great!
70	Pickelball
71	I think it's great to keep the skate park and add slides and swings! This looks great!
72	I like this redesign. It keeps the pavilion, maintains skate park space, and adds a playground. There is also a separate path for bikes to access the Greenway, so they do not get close to children on the playground.
73	Love that the pavillion is staying- great multipurpose especially when weather is rainy. Like the playground plan and trees added around the area. A skate park would be great there. Fowler park is a drive for us so this will be much closer. Overall a great plan to improve this dingy looking space. Thanks!
74	This sounds like a much better use of the land, since it includes a space for a variety of Alpharettans and their interest.
75	There should be tennis/Pickleball courts added
76	Would love to see some Pickleball courts added but there may not be enough room. I do like the overall design of the park.
77	Like the design. Hoping it includes plans to renovate/update the pavilion as performance venue. I don't mind that it's open air. Appreciate the inclusion of art installation!
78	Outdoor hockey rink especially with a pro team most likely coming to town!
79	What is the logic in putting the detention area next to the kid's play area? It seems "logical" from the design that it could be where the circular pavement is- Away from young kids- water retention during the summer months could be problematic in my opinion
80	Looks good!
81	Play space for kids and more music at the Pavilion
82	Love it. I would like to see events like concerts in the park. Windward is a large community within waking distance. We want to feel supported and part of Alpharetta. Thanks
83	Strongly dislike the idea of play equipment. Better use of the space would be community space, picnic tables, grills, shaded seating.
84	I think the plan is a nice compromise. The skate park area looks a bit small compared to what it is today, which is a shame, but that might just be perspective.

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85	I think it's great. Very excited to see this happen
86	I'm so happy to see a play space for kids. Please keep it inviting for roller blading and in-line skating patrons.
87	I am thankful to see the pavilion will remain. It is the only covered space for skating in our area. I do not think we need another play space with swings and slides. Would be great to have more of an obstacle style course for older children and tweens. I attended an input meeting last year and most people at that meeting agreed we already have a lot of playgrounds in this area for younger kids. Thank you for keeping the pavilion.
88	Looks great. PickleBall courts would be a nice addition. Also bike rentals for greenway. Extra restroom with all the additions.
89	Really like it. Would like to see a sitting area by the skate park too.
90	The area desperately needs a dog park. It would be great if a dog park was included in the design plans for this park.
91	Make sure some of the playground is under cover for hot days or days with poor weather. Have adequate handicapped parking and accessible bathrooms. Get rid of the cul-de-sac or turn it into parking, or sign it as no parking so people can actually use it to turn around.
92	Ok. It would be nice if the play area is covered. Couldn't get that from picture. Thank you
93	I really like that it has a skate park and I think doing drive in movie showings would be something we don't have!
94	So disappointed. Another play ground. Lordy cant we be more modern and innovative. Another play ground. WE HAVE MORE THAN Enough in Alpahretta. Come on do better - https://www.starnewsonline.com/story/news/2021/12/22/wilmington-nc-long-leaf-park-opens-ninja-warrior-fitness-course/8977258002/
95	I would like to recommend a disc golf course in the wooded area behind the old hockey pavilion. Low cost and maintenance. Would offer great recreation opportunities for families of all ages. Disc golf is a growing sport and Wills parks course is possibly going away or being reconfigured because of its changes. Thanks for your consideration.
96	I think this is great. Love all that's included.
97	Looks beautiful! We roller skate inside the pavilion. Please keep it open, accessible, and smooth!
98	I come to this park because it has the only covered skating area around. I've been coming here the last couple of years. When it still has the sides and plexiglass.
99	I would love to see more detail of what the plans are for the skatepark area. It looks much smaller than what is there currently and of course from this rendering, you can't tell what features there are. I do like that more features are being added to the park and will give people more things to do while they are there. As a roller skater who frequents the park regularly, I am pleased to see the pavilion will remain.



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amanda Musilli
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- Summer staff are doing a great job keeping the farm looking fresh and beautiful.
- More Eagle Scout projects were completed this month:
 - There is now a 1/4-mile trail in the woods at Old Rucker park, it was installed by Eagle Scout Nathaniel Smith.
 - A new bench swing that looks toward the GNPS pollinator garden was installed by Eagle Scout Jaxon Barnard.
- The Atlanta Business Association generously donated a new greenhouse to the Community Agriculture Program. This new greenhouse will be 24' by 36' and will allow the program to better support local school gardens, home growers, and the food garden at North Fulton Community Charities. The new greenhouse will have roll up sides which will make it a useful greenhouse for more months of the year, a front and back door for safety, and roof vents to aid in temperature management. The old 12' by 14' greenhouse will be relocated to another part of the farm and used as a shade house.

Monthly Initiatives

- AG-Venture Farm Camp is underway, and going great. Kids are enjoying the 2-day old baby chicks we hatched in incubators, the bunny, and the other lessons they are learning.
- The landscaping at the Wills Park Recreation Center will be getting a complete refresh this month, utilizing native and pollinator-friendly plants.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kim Z. Manning
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- Cultural Arts Master Plan - Stakeholder Roundtables Forthcoming via Email

Monthly Initiatives

- Summer Camps - Camp Creative, Fashion Camp, Rock Band Camp, Country Living Arts & Crafts at the Log Cabin, Marvelous Masters Camp, Canvas & Clay Camp, and American Art Gurus

Monthly Happenings

- Arts & Culture Online Calendar <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/>
- Optical Illusion Quilts Trunk Show by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild was held on June 3rd from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Adult Activity Center. The cost was \$5.00 for non-members and free for members.
- The Secret Garden presented by ACT 1 Theater runs from June 7 through June 23. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://act1theater.org/secret-garden>
- Take Me Away Gallery Exhibit Reception will be on June 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Alpharetta Arts Center. The exhibit will run from June 12 to August 3.
- Celebrating Juneteenth - "An Evening Under the Oaks" presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Phi Phi Omega Chapter will be held on June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at The Alpharetta Arts Center. Admission is free and RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-juneteenth-an-evening-under-the-oaks-tickets-893370213357?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios
- Quilt Guild In-Service Meeting by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild will be July 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Adult Activity Center.
- Eclectic Lawn Concert Series featuring The Illustrated Band will be July 12th at 7:00 p.m. at The Alpharetta Arts Center. Admission is free.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Christine Young
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- Summer Camp Kick-Off
- Sharks dominated in their first swim meet!
- Memorial Day Event
- Free Fitness on Town Green

Monthly Happenings

- July 4th in Wills Park
- Farmers Market - Saturdays, April 6th through November 30th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Food Truck Alley - 4th Thursday from April 25th through October 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Downtown
- CornholeATL Summer Leagues began on June 5th and will be every Wednesday and Thursday through August 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Town Green
- Summer Evening in the Park: Saturday, June 22nd, August 24th, and September 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Brooke Street Park
- Home By Dark Concert Series: Saturday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Brooke Street Park
- K-9 5K will be Saturday, June 15th, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - North Point Race Route
- Run4DAD 5K will be Sunday, June 16th, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Wills Park Race Route
- ACC Father's Day Mini Golf will be Sunday, June 16th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Town Green
- Scovery Jubilee Event will be June 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Union Hill Park
- Fourth of July Fireworks will be Thursday, July 4th at Wills Park
- Windward July 4th 1K, Fun Run, and Parade will be Thursday, July 4th - Windward Race Route

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Eric Milley
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- The Grand Opening of the new updated Webb Zone Playground at Webb Bridge Park.
- The Grand Opening of the new section of the Alpha Loop was Saturday, June 1st.
- The fountain by Thrive was replaced, and the bowl was restored.
- The Waters Road Park Grand Opening was on May 16th.

Monthly Initiatives

- Developing new maintenance plans/practices for the Alpha Loop.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Matt Casey

Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No formal vote or action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights

- The outdoor play area in The Grove has been completed. Also, the purple playground behind field 7 has been expanded. This greatly expands the playability in that area.
- Camps have started and the park is being utilized to the fullest.
- The Equestrian Center shows have been well attended.
- Large overgrown junipers were removed along Wills Road, this helps with visibility and opens up the space.

Monthly Initiatives

- We will be focusing on preparing the park for the July 4th Celebration.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kurt Kirby
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - June 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Park Enhancements and Repairs

- Webb-Zone Playground Replacement has been completed.
- The latest phase of the Alpha Loop is now open.
- Wills Park "Purple" playground has a new border.

Bond Projects

- Mid-Broadwell Park is open
- Waters Road Park is open
- Webb Bridge Synthetic Turf - Turf installation is in the contract phase

Public Service Announcements

- Summer Is Here!! Kid sightings in the parks
- Dinosaur Sightings in Wills Park

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mid-Broadwell Park Opening
2. Waters Road Park Opening
3. Webb Bridge Dog Park Opening
4. Alpha Loop Opening







