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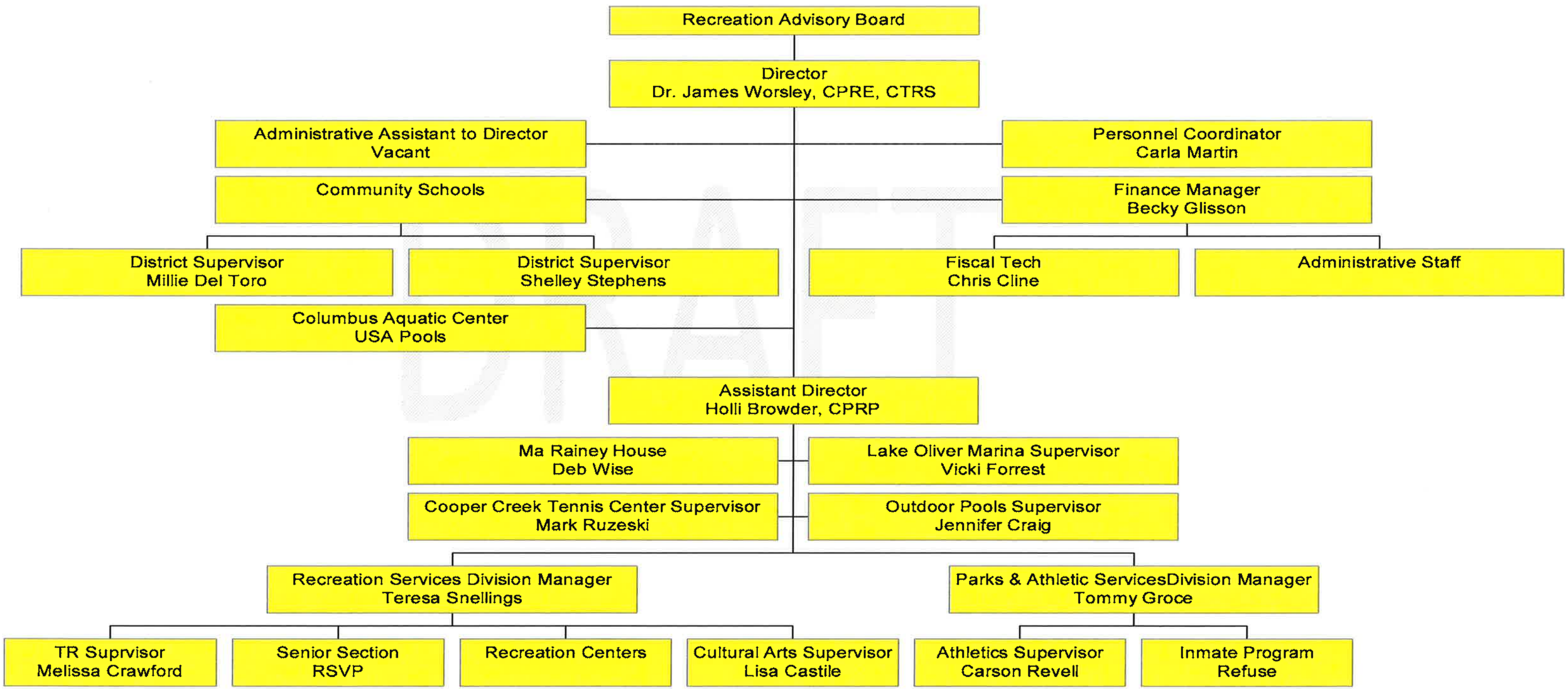

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The City of Columbus is located along the eastern banks of the Chattahoochee River, separating Georgia and Alabama. The local government was the first consolidated government in Georgia, known now as the Columbus Consolidated Government (combination of City of Columbus and Muscogee County). It is the second largest city in Georgia with 198,413 people (2012 estimate – US Census). Columbus serves as the commercial, industrial, and employment hub of west central Georgia and east central Alabama. A major United States Army installation, Fort Benning, occupies about 1/3 of the southeast portion of Muscogee County (only part of county not under local jurisdiction). It serves as the major employer and the main economic generator for the surrounding region.

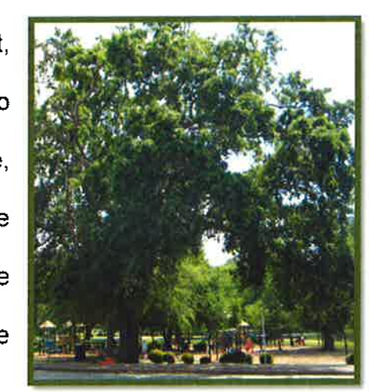
Columbus has come so far from that small mill town on the western edge of Georgia on the Chattahoochee River. We are now experiencing one of the greatest and most accelerated periods of growth our city has ever seen.

History

Columbus, Georgia, once the site of a Creek Indian village, is one of the few cities in the United States that was planned in advance of its founding. Established in 1828 as a trading post to strengthen the western border of Georgia, Columbus was the last "frontier town" of the original Thirteen Colonies.

Columbus is located on the west central border of Georgia. It is bounded on the north by Harris County; on the west by the Chattahoochee River; on the east by portions of Talbot and Chattahoochee Counties; and on the south by Fort Benning Military Installation (See Figure 1, Columbus, Georgia, in relation to southeastern United States; and Figure 2, Location and Proximity Map, Columbus, Georgia). The city lies approximately 95 miles southwest of Atlanta. Other nearby metropolitan areas and their respective distance and direction include Lagrange, Georgia, 47 miles to the north; Macon, Georgia, 90 miles to the east; and the Auburn-Opelika metropolitan area in Alabama, 35 miles to the west.

The original corporate area of Columbus was first known as the Coweta Reserve. A tract of 1,200 acres was set aside by the State of Georgia for its location in 1827. The site was subdivided by State engineers; 514 half-acre lots in blocks of 300 feet by 600 feet were sold in the first land sales. Streets, which run west to east, were made 99 feet wide. Avenues, which run north to south, were made 132 feet wide. The main thoroughfare, Broadway, was given a width of 164 feet. The State engineers set aside tracts for a courthouse (the present site of the Government Center of Columbus), male and female



academies, a jail, and segregated cemetery sites. More significantly, a large tract of land comprising between 300 and 400 acres was designated as the City Commons and reserved for future use by the public. Such overall planning showed remarkable foresight 185 years ago, before the coming of the railroads, automobiles, and the advent of modern day public services and facilities.

Columbus has extended its corporate limits eight times since 1828 in order to maintain the pace with suburban development. In May 1970, the citizens of Columbus and Muscogee County, with the exception of Bibb City (which preferred to remain independent) voted to consolidate the city and county to ensure a more efficient government to serve its people. This resulted in the first consolidated government in Georgia and one of the few such consolidated governments in the Country (See Exhibit 3 Corporate Area Expansion). Bibb City relinquished its charter as a city in 2000 and was annexed into the Consolidated Government in 2001.

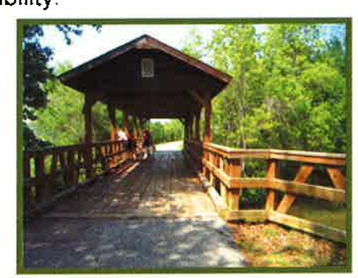
Purpose of the Plan

As the Great Recession (2008-2012) has significantly hurt local economies, Columbus has managed to persevere due to growth at Fort Benning and sales tax funding. However, that does not mean that corners haven't been cut. The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department is one of the largest entities (personnel and funding) in the consolidated government, which means it is also one of the first ones reviewed for cuts.

The 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will set a vision for ensuring that Columbus' parks, multi-purpose trails, recreation facilities, and programming maintain their presence as a core entity within the community. Parks and recreation facilities help create a sense of place and are vital to the concept of live, work, and play. They strengthen the structure, connectivity, and image of the city as well as the region.

In 2011 the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Columbus Planning Department to initialize the first Parks and Recreation Master Plan since 1975. The planning process builds upon public input, previous planning processes (such as the 2028 Comprehensive Plan and the 2013 Alternative Transportation Plan), and future possibilities to ensure that local recreation viability grows and strengthens.

This master plan will build upon the idea that parks are integral to connecting people to nature, recreation, leisure, the arts, and places. Said plan is the framework to instill the value and importance of parks, recreation, and greenspace for community stabilization and sustainability.



Methods (Planning Process)

Community Engagement

One round of public input meetings was held in the summer of 2012. The four Recreation and Super Centers each held one of the aforementioned public input meetings. Outside of these formal meetings, the Planning Department also met with Parks and Recreation Department staff and various members of the community for general and specific issues dealing with the current parks facilities and programs.

Community Analysis and Data Collection

- ***Level of Service Evaluations***

Interviews were conducted with Parks and Recreation Department staff to provide information pertaining to facilities, services, programs, maintenance, linear parks, usage, needs based on citizen requests, and needs based on citizen involvement.

- ***Existing Inventory***

Survey and aerial maps were layered to create another map in order to show parcel boundaries. These orient the user as well as showing a quick view of property lines, ownership, connectivity, general usage that is easily identified such as a ball field, and surrounding land-use areas. The Columbus existing park systems were examined by individual site, charts and maps to identify buildings including facilities, amenities such as playground equipment, outdoor courts or pools, programming and usage, geographical site conditions, connectivity between parks, connectivity between schools and the parks, connectivity to non-profit organizations such as Boys & Girls' Club, adjacent amenities such as golf courses, nature preserves, soccer/football/ and or baseball fields, recreations centers, super centers, and the list continues. Charts depicting amenities were created to quickly show each park's character and what it had to offer a visitor or local resident. It is important to easily identify whether or not a park is easily located and accessible by a visitor or new resident.

- ***Demographics***

A significant amount of data was collected to describe all elements related to parks and recreation planning, from facility needs to programming needs. This included reviewing and analyzing data from the recent United States 2010 Census as well as projections from the American Community Survey.

- ***Previous Plans and Studies***

Plans and studies conducted by the Columbus Consolidated Government as well as other entities, that directly or indirectly have the possibility of impacting or lending ideas to this plan.

- ***Analysis and Assessment***

In addition to inventory maps, demographic charts were created to show local residential usage within a half mile radius. Demographics were also created for the regional parks and the Recreation and Super Centers, such as Shirley Winston and Frank Chester Parks.

- ***Recommendations***

Combining elements of the Existing Inventory with the recommended conceptual and tract ideas developed in the Needs Analysis, parks facility and programming recommendations were developed and analyzed to determine level of feasibility and ability to meet goals of the community.

CHAPTER 2

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Community Analysis & Data Collection

Columbus has established itself as a family-oriented and senior-friendly community with a progressive focus on cultural arts, historic preservation, public/private partnerships, and civic participation. The city has been designated as a great place to live per the following:

- "100 Best Places to Raise a Family", 2007, Best Life Magazine
- "#1 Place for Single Senior Citizens", 2009, US News and World Report
- "100 Best Places to Live", 2010, Rodale.com
- "100 Best Places to Live", 2013, Livability.com

Columbus is also fortunate to be the home to major corporations, such as Aflac, TSYS, Synovus, and Carmike Cinemas. These well-known businesses are major job suppliers in Columbus, as are the Muscogee County School District, the Columbus Consolidated Government, and most importantly, Fort Benning, which employs the most people in Columbus and is the home of the Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence.

These aforementioned qualities have played the largest role in creating the Columbus of the 21st century. To enhance the quality of life of residents, communities often devote their efforts towards strengthening parks, recreation, and cultural arts amenities. All are a crucial piece of the puzzle as it relates to a healthy and vibrant community. Understanding the needs of the citizens for the public good requires demographic analysis; facilities and programming review and assessments; as well as recognizing constraints and identifying possibilities.

Form of Government

Columbus has a Mayor-Council-City Manager Government. The Mayor is the official spokesperson for the government, its chief advocate of policy, and the Public Safety Director. The Mayor recommends the annual operations and capital budgets; the capital improvement program; the appointment of (for his/her own information and assistance), advisory boards, commissions and committees which are answerable to him/her in advisory capacity. The Mayor has no vote in Council except in case of a tie.

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administration and supervision of employee and governmental affairs, and has appointive and removal powers over department heads with the advice and consent of the Council. The ten-member council (consisting of 8 districts and 2 at-large members) creates policies and has broad investigatory powers,

including the power to reorganize the government through the creation and alteration of departments, etc.

Regional Role

The role of Columbus as the trade and transportation center for the region began in its frontier past. The mechanical and hydroelectric potentials of the Chattahoochee River were later harnessed for industrial use and municipal power generation. Fort Benning, the U. S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, was established just before 1920, and has played a major part in the development of Columbus for over ninety years.

Today, Columbus serves as the urban center of a region encompassing some 15 counties with a population of over 433,000. Columbus fills a variety of roles as a major center for this surrounding West Georgia and East Alabama region, functioning as its:

- Major retail trade center
- Principal wholesale distribution center
- Central location for state and federal government services
- Center for health services
- Main location for technical, industrial, professional and business service
- Transportation and communications hub
- Educational and cultural center
- Employment center

Transportation

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 required all Urban Areas with populations of at least 50,000 to have a transportation planning process in order to be eligible for Federal funds. The Act stated that the planning process was to be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive. In 1964, the State Governors of Georgia and Alabama appointed the Columbus Department of Community Development, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Area. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Area, the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) is the lead agency responsible for administering and coordinating the activities of participants carrying out the required tasks of the transportation planning process.

On July 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Funding surface transportation programs at

over $105 Billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014. MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization bill enacted since President George W. Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005. MAP-21 represents a milestone for the U.S. economy – it provides needed funds and, more importantly, it transforms the policy and programmatic framework for investments to guide the growth and development of the country's vital transportation infrastructure.

MAP-21 carries on the planning process, which calls for continuous, comprehensive and cooperative planning by the state and local governments. The eight (8) SAFETEA-LU Planning Factors are retained in MAP-21 as the Scope of the Planning Process.

- Supports the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- Increases the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- Increases accessibility and mobility options available to people and freight;
- Protects and enhances the environment, promotes energy conservation and improves quality of life;
- Enhances the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- Promotes efficient system management and operation; and,
- Emphasizes the preservation of the existing transportation system.

In July 2012, three of Georgia's 12 economic development regions approved the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), a one-cent sales tax earmarked to fund a list of transportation related projects specific to each region. The TSPLOST passed in the Central Savannah River, River Valley and Heart of Georgia regions. Columbus is located in the River Valley region. As of January 1, 2013, sales tax in these regions increased by 1%.

Demographics

The Columbus Comprehensive Plan is a long-range plan for conducting development in the city. It includes a section on demographics, which provides the fundamental analysis for the Columbus Recreation and Parks Master Plan.

The demographic data in this document consists of historical population, population projections, and information on age, gender, race and household creating a framework which may inform important aspects of the master plan such as:

Columbus is bound geographically by Fort Benning to the South and East and by the Chattahoochee River to the West. Development spills over the Chattahoochee River into neighboring Phenix City, Alabama and northward into Harris County, where there is no real geographic boundary.

Development has followed common patterns of many US cities: suburbanization fueled sprawl in previously undeveloped areas, which in turn led to disinvestment and homeowner flight from the central urban areas. Columbus has made efforts toward revitalization of these abandoned areas with the establishment of the Uptown Business Improvement District, Midtown, Inc. and with the creation of the Columbus Business Development Center (also known as the Enterprise Zone). Recently, Columbus established additional Urban Service Districts, to serve as a tool to drive economic development to currently economically depressed or economically disadvantaged areas, areas that are also often plagued with crime and general blight. These economic tools provide city leaders with ways to recruit businesses back to the urban core of the city where there is an existing cache of housing and public investment – specifically parks.

Columbus has experienced growth in its population, reaching 198,413 according to the most recent US Decennial Census Data. This population was made up of 82,690 housing units at an average density of 352.3 per square mile. Official statistics state that the racial makeup of the city was: 46.3% White, 45.5% African American, 2.2% Asian, .2% Native American, .14% Pacific Islander and 1.9% other races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were reported as 6.4% of the population.

Columbus, while a racially diverse city, is forecasted to change in its racial makeup over the years of 2010 to 2017. Those reporting as "White Alone" are forecast to go from 46.3% in 2010 to 45.6% in 2017. Those reporting as "Black Alone" are forecasted to go from 45.5% in

2010 to 44.8% in 2017. The most significant forecasted change in racial population is the expected growth in the number of persons reporting as "Hispanic Origin (Any Race)" from 6.4% in 2010, 7.0% in 2012 and 8.4% in 2017.

Households in Columbus totaled 69,819, and 34.6% of those included children under the age of 18 living in the household. Married couples living together comprise 44.7% of the households, 31.7% were non-family households. Female head-of-household comprise 19.6% of the households. Non-related individuals make up 26.7% of all households. Seniors, 65 years old or older and living alone, comprise 9.4% of all households.

The city of Columbus's population consisted of 25.6% under the age of 18, 11.9% were age 18 to 24, 29.8% were age 25 to 44, 19.7% were age 45 to 64 and 11.6% were age 65 or older. The median age was reported as 33. For every 100 females over the age of 18, there were 91.6 males. For every 100 females under the age of 18, there were 94.7 males. Therefore, the population was nearly 50/50 male to female ratio.

Median income, as reported in the 2010 Decennial Census, for those living in Columbus was $41,331 per household. By comparison, the 2000 median income per household was $41,244 – therefore; wages remained stagnant with no corresponding increase with the annual rate of inflation (US Bureau of Labor Statistics). Since the cumulative rate of inflation for the US was approximately 35.6% from 2000 to 2010, an item purchased in 2000 for $10.00 would cost $13.56 in 2010. Therefore, the real value of earnings went down.

Per capita income for the city in 2010 was a mere $22,514. 13% of the residents of the State of Georgia were considered to be below the poverty threshold. Approximately 12.8% of families in Columbus and a whopping 15.7% of the total population in Columbus were below the poverty threshold as defined annually by the US Census Bureau. That includes 22% of those under age 18 and 12.1% of those over the age of 65 who had insufficient income to meet minimal food and other basic needs. Poverty thresholds vary based on the family size and the age of its members.

Growth trends have varied over the last ten years in Muscogee County. According to the US Census Bureau and US Department of Commerce's Economics and Statistics Administration, Muscogee County experienced a decline in population from 2001 to 2002. Ten years later, Muscogee County and neighboring county of Chattahoochee both experienced growth of over 2% from 2011 to 2012. In fact, among counties with a population of more than 10,000, Chattahoochee County was the fastest growing county in the United States from 2011 to 2012 with an increase of over 10% in its population. Neighboring Russell County in Alabama was

ninth in the nation for growth at 5%, first in Alabama, followed closely by neighboring Lee County, AL. Muscogee County was among the top ten fastest growing metro areas from 2011-2012 with a nearly three increase in its population. The Columbus metro area includes Muscogee, Harris, Chattahoochee and Marion counties in Georgia, and Russell and Lee counties in Alabama. Most of the surge in this population was a result of the BRAC realignment, which moved troops to Fort Benning in Chattahoochee County. This population surge increased the Columbus Metro Area population to 310,531. However, city and metro area leaders must consider the possible post-war military personnel need and the subsequent effect which may come to Fort Benning, namely to a 3,000 person combat unit currently housed at this base.

Prior to 2007, the population of Columbus had been flat for about 15 years according to data and trends reported by the Internal Revenue Service (Technical Addendum November 2007, Columbus Consolidated Government Comprehensive Plan, p.6).

Looking back further, According to the US Decennial Census, Columbus grew by 4.3% between 1990 and 2000. Columbus grew from 186,291 in 2000 to 189,885 in 2010 (a 1.9% increase). The latest population estimate puts Columbus' population at 198,413 in 2012, a remarkable 4.5% increase.

According to ESRI Community Analyst software, making use of available US Census data, the population of Muscogee County was 189,885 in 2010, 193,417 in 2012 and is forecast to reach 202,980 in 2017. That makes an annual population growth in our area 0.97%, as compared to .90% for the State of Georgia and .68%, which is the national average.

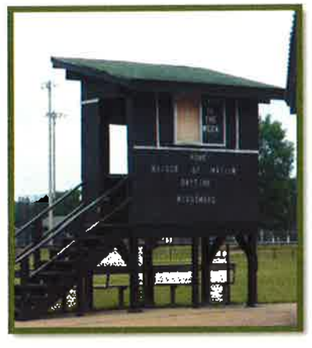
By age, population age segments of 0-4, 5-9, 10-14 and 85+ are projected to remain steady as a percentage of the overall population between 2010 and 2017. The population segments for ages 15-19, 20-24, 35-44 & 45-54 are projected to decline in overall percentage of the population. Only age segments 55-64 and 65-74 are projected to grow with any statistical significance from 2010 to 2017. The age segments of 25-34 and 75-84 are projected to grow slightly between 2010 and 2017. Households that numbered at 74,081 in2010, 75,049 in 2012 and are forecast to reach 79,847 remain flat.

Employment trends from 2000 to 2010 show an average annual decline in Muscogee County by 0.7%, which translates into a loss of 1,131 jobs overall (94,835 to 93,704). According to statistics compiled by the Selig Center for Economic Growth, Terry College of Business at The University of Georgia (source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages), that makes Muscogee County 8th overall in the state of Georgia.

The average annual growth (or in our case, a decline) percentage from 2002-2012 was -0.1%. In July 2013, unemployment in Columbus was 9.6% as compared to the rate for the state of Georgia, which was 9.1%.

When attempting to make infrastructure investment decision for future generations, Columbus' leaders must consider many moving parts. Aging infrastructure in underutilized areas must be considered in tandem with redevelopment efforts now ongoing. With movement of troops and entire companies in and out of Fort Benning, the largest employer and significant population and retail sales tax generator in Columbus, the needs for this population segment could vary greatly. In addition, with the improvement in transportation infrastructure led by the Georgia DOT, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), ease of movement and "free footedness" of businesses allow people and businesses to both move away and move toward Columbus. This makes the quality of the residents (i.e. labor pool) ever more important in planning.

Cities attract individuals to live in their area by offering an attractive labor force and quality affordable housing for that labor force and sound businesses investments in the area. Without prosperous jobs, a community will not experience positive growth.



Beyond population forecasts, which are limited in scope, our city should focus its efforts towards supporting quality of life for our youth which is our future and for our Baby Boomers who will dominate the population percentages by 2030.

To present Columbus, GA as a "Great Place to Live" we must provide recreational activities, which residents demand as well as tourist attractions such as the Columbus Whitewater rafting and kayaking riverfront. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is crucial in offering site analysis, evaluations, surveys, and design proposals to encourage interaction with the outdoors.

To ensure the overall sustainability of the existing Parks and Recreation system and programming in Columbus, a fine point must be put to the viability, usability and trending of demand for recreation.

Considering the overwhelming success of Columbus' recent investments in its Chattahoochee riverfront, including the highly popular Riverwalk and development the longest Urban Whitewater Rafting course in the world, upcoming River Zip line course, the Columbus Fall Line Trace, and the BMX course at Flat Rock Park, Columbus is poised to become a marquee community for high-adrenaline activities. If said investments were added to existing infrastructure investments the possible future investments recommended by Columbus' Alternative Transportation Plan, presented by URS, such as the Bull Creek Greenway, which would provide connectivity with the Columbus Riverwalk, the planned South Columbus Trail

and the Fall Line Trace, there could exist over 30 miles of dedicated biking and pedestrian trails linking not only the many trails but also provide links to parks across the city, specifically in the urban areas.

Populations are changing. All over the US, Baby Boomers are retiring and downsizing, and young professionals are demanding a more urbanized, walk-able lifestyle. With the shift in demographics, the redevelopment of previously abandoned or depressed urban areas becomes all the more realizable. With these population and demand trends in mind, Columbus must choose which parks to re-invest in or possibly repurpose which parks to divest and where to create new recreational opportunities. Columbus may choose to offer additional activities to those now available, for example at the very popular Flat Rock Park, or at various special purpose/attraction parks, such as the planned soldier memorial park along our existing Riverwalk in Uptown.

Columbus may also need to consider the feasibility of usage fees for some of the newly created park facilities, such as are in place at the new Aquatic Center, located near the Citizen's Service Center off Macon Road. Columbus will also need to consider the financial benefits of leasing some of the currently held parks to private investors or cost sharing in return for profit sharing from user fees. There are many opportunities for Public Private Partnerships that should be considered in order to best utilize the existing inventory of parks we now hold. Additionally, partnering with Muscogee County schools to share in the cost of maintaining parks which are adjacent to schools must be considered based on the user demand for that particular park.

If Columbus responds to the prevailing economic conditions while acknowledging the growth of our elderly population, their corresponding needs and the trending movement of young professionals to urban centers, the result will be a healthy, attractive, walk-able, livable community, which attracts residents and business investors, alike.

Trends

In considering mega-trends, game-changers, and potential worlds the best application for this project focuses on mega-trends. Population is a significant factor as "Baby Boomers" reach their Golden Years and become one-fifth of America's inhabitants by the year 2030. As our country makes its way into the new millennium, the internet will increasingly monopolize our lives. With our youth's undivided attention consistently engaged in the computer screen, desensitization will become an increasingly more common and detrimental factor in our society. Evidence has shown an increase in obesity among our nation's adults and children which is partly due to society's dependence on the computer for their occupations, entertainment, and social interaction. "Childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and tripled in adolescents in the past 30 years." (CDC, 2014) There is a great need to persuade our communities to pursue the outdoors. Our nation would be justified in turning its efforts towards alternative energies and alternative transportation. In this section we will examine a few trends and how can we positively respond to the 2030 Global Trends predictions. (Global Trends 2030)

Mega-trends by definition affect nearly every person in the world and can only be managed through mutual action. No single person can control, instigate, or manipulate a mega-trend which by definition is a major prevailing tendency or occurrence. Mega-trends are a tool establishing a framework used to consider feasible futures and their implications. Global Trends 2030 predictions include growth of the middle class, power shifting to networks and coalitions, greater demands on natural resources and the demographic arc of instability will narrow with sixty percent of the world's population living in urbanized areas. (www.dni.gov/nic/globaltrends) Given the enormity and diversity of mega-trends, this section will address a few highlights of upcoming trends such as the needs of "Baby Boomers", "mindful-living", childhood obesity, and the detrimental desensitization as a result of consistent hi-tech usage.

BABY BOOMERS – 98 Million Strong in 2010

Our senior population, better known as '"Baby Boomers", represent a substantial mega-trend of our time. "Younger Boomers were born between the years 1955-1964 and Older

Generation name	Birth years, Ages in 2010	% of total adult population*	% of internet-using population*
Millennials	Born 1977-1992, Ages 18-33	30	35
Gen X	Born 1965-1976, Ages 34-45	19	21
Younger Boomers	Born 1955-1964, Ages 46-55	20	20
Older Boomers	Born 1946-1954, Ages 56-64	14	13
Silent Generation	Born 1937-1945, Ages 65-73	7	5
G.I. Generation	Born -1936, Age 74+	9	3

* Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, April 29-May 30, 2010 Tracking Survey. N=2,252 adults 18 and older.

Boomers were born between the years 1946-1954. "In 1964 there were approximately 76.4 million Baby Boomers in the United States. At that time they made up almost 40 percent of the nation's population. In 2030 about one in five Americans will be older than 65." (*http://www.history.com/topics/baby-boomers*) In 16 years the 18 to 49 year old age group of today is expected to grow 12%+, while the 50+ year olds are expected to grow 34%+. This generation will drive the housing economy as well as empower the individual business market. Forbes states that Baby boomers are the "Hottest Group of New Entrepreneurs." (Forbes, May, 2012) The concept of aging in America has changed and professional Baby Boomers are leaving the corporate world to become self-employed. Working from home is definitely an option via digital technology. Tablets, iPhones, laptops, SmartPhones, and the like are keeping people connected both visually and acoustically. Today there are five million Baby Boomer independents in America. The Internet is assisting and promoting Baby Boomers to leverage their intellect and social capital. This generation is considered to be the wealthiest and most influential generation of our nation. (Forbes, May, 2012) Yet, within our area's eight adjacent counties slightly more than 68% of our senior population who reside in Muscogee County are living at the poverty level. Harris County, which is adjacent and north of Muscogee County, holds 2nd place in Georgia with 10% of seniors living at the poverty level. As of 2012 Muscogee County supports 78% of all 8 counties' family day cares." (*2012 Comprehensive Community Assessment)* Statically while residents of Muscogee County have a greater community resource pool to draw upon, many people in our pastoral counties are deficient of fundamental assets within their counties. Due to the fact that Baby Boomers within this area may not be as profitable as others in the nation, we will need to provide better access to our present resources. Concisely population growth leads to urbanization which diminishes environmental quality. This is the mega-trend of the 21st century with which we must contend. Given the aforementioned statistics as a decision-making tool, attentive deliberation is necessary as we contemplate the needs, limitations, and life-choices of our forthcoming elders and their families who will care for them. Maintaining independence is first and foremost in preserving and strengthening mental and physical health. Medical access, indoor and outdoor activities, retail walkability within a reasonable distance or access/maneuverablilty via golf carts and the like will create a functional and desirable living space.

Baby Boomer 2030 living-trends recommendations would include connectivity using multi-use trails that will also accommodate motorized assistance vehicles such as golf-carts and electric wheelchairs. Zoning for mixed use buildings adjacent to multi-use trails would allow for retail needs to be met and availability of groceries within short distances of personal living spaces. Statistics depict that "over 7,000 seniors in the service area live in poverty. The majority of these live in Muscogee County. Just over 1,200 seniors live in nursing homes in the eight county region. Based upon community survey data,

respondents indicated that seniors needed: more programs for assisting seniors with self-sufficiency; more "at-home" senior programs; and, more transportation programs." *(Page 58, 2012 Comprehensive Community Assessment)* By the year 2000 the population had reached 284 million with an increase at the rate of about 3 million per year, *(FOREST HISTORY TODAY I Spring 2008)*. therefore our ever present baby-boomers will require living spaces that promote the greatest extent of independence possible, medical assistance to allow maximum autonomous living, access to areas that encourage interaction with nature, and spaces such as recreations centers and sports venues to support social activities. Alternative transportation that would allow seniors access to the outdoors will also benefit all residents within the surrounding areas. Tree-framework overlays are vital in the encouragement of outdoor engagement as a positive encounter with nature as well as parks of all sizes.

MINDFUL-LIVING AND DETRIMENTAL DESENSITIZATION

Another mega-trend is the digital age of communication. The consumer electronics industry will continue to change every moment in our lives by 2020. Electronic gadgets and apps will evaluate and analyze our every move from schedules to reducing our Body Mass Index (BMI). In addition these devices will continue to connect us both socially and globally on personal and business levels. Images, video, and text will become even more innovative communications. Recently our youth created the acronym FOMO to represent the trendy phrase "Fear Of Missing Out". Its reference to the inability to detach from social media via cell phones is an understatement. This social behavior of refusing to focus on the here-and-now while preferring to communicate cross-globally is occurring on a daily basis. In the next few years we will see its by-product acronym JOMO which represents the "Joy Of Missing Out". People are now challenging each other to set aside their cell phone/social media obsession and "be in the moment". JOMO encourages people to detach themselves from everyday stress whether it is a nagging notification from some social media, avoiding other harried pedestrians, or urgent demands of traffic congestion both as a pedestrian and a driver. Urbanites will seek out places that are void of the everyday high-volume noise. Yoga is one type of peace-seeking venue. Parks with intense volume of vegetation can counteract intense city noises. Water features that can create a white noise are also extremely calming. Paley Park in New York, New York, is a perfect example of how a peace generating area can be created within an urban environment. There are two walls covered with ivy and a twenty-foot high cascading water fall that spans the back of this "vest pocket" park Besides the dense ivy, there are only 17 honey locust trees. This park is positive proof that urban areas can support a green environment that can generate a peaceful escape from daily demands.

(http://www.pps.org/great_public_spaces/one?public_place_id=69) Again alternative transportation by means of multi-use trails provides an option that extends the opportunity for exercise as well as a diversion from everyday pressures.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Interaction with the outdoors is a must where childhood obesity is concerned. Case studies conducted by several Dutch municipalities have observed a severe reduction of physical activity of children in city playgrounds. Children who stayed at home engaged with computer or T.V. screens to play digital games far out-weighed the number of children who participated in outdoor activities. This type of leisurely interest was especially apparent among disadvantaged children living in urban areas. This study also stated that by remaining indoors these children were deprived of physical exercise and real world social skills, not to mention the health consequences for children and therefore the future adult population. (Van der Helm, 2008) Technology is making its stamp on loop-centered playgrounds. Many playground construction companies are now offering interactive electronic components. Naturally once a child reaches the highest level of the game the challenge is concluded. There is also the inconsistency of encouraging outdoor involvement to avoid desensitizing digital overload only to offer computerized interaction that contributes to minimal real-world social interaction. In addition it can be costly to replace the digital mechanisms. It is therefore a concern to keep costs at a minimum and more importantly keep the child/young adult interested in continuing their outdoor experiences.

A substantial theme consistently rising up to the challenges of the proposed trends is alternative transportation, particularly multi-use trails. "In 2010, more than one third of children and adolescents were overweight or obese." (CDC, 2014) Childhood obesity has become a crisis leading to all types of health issues both short and long-term. According to the Comprehensive Community Assessment completed in 2012 (page 33), all eight counties were above the state average for obesity in 2012" with Muscogee county at 31% of the population having a higher percentage for overweight than the state average. Georgia is also among the ten states with the highest food insecurity rate since 2007 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The statistical obesity rate states that all eight counties are currently above the Georgia state average for obesity in 2010 which stood at **29%**. (CCA, page 58)

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ACCOMMODATE 2030 TRENDS

In reality by the year 2030 one in every 4 people will be over the age of 65. We recommend that park interactions should integrate Baby Boomers and our youth. Park designed should be constructed or modified with the user in mind. Techniques to consider are field study which requires on-site observation, action research, and applied research which utilizes intuition, deduction, experience, and induction. (Van der Helm, 2008) Applied research should be used to analyze a specific problem through train and error. Creating connectivity presents safe options for our children to travel to and from schools and parks. In order to generate the most ideal user-friendly surroundings, we recommend wayfinding signage and painted street-surfaces to indicate direction and assist in swift connection. Painted street-surface suggestions include a school-to-park connective stripe, consecutive arrows, or consecutive linear park logos. Again, we strongly suggest additional multi-use trails, and sidewalk connectivity to safely unite our neighborhoods to schools, parks and adjacent neighborhoods. By safely connecting parks to schools to neighborhoods the city as a whole will have a sense of unity & importance. The message received will be an encouragement to experience the outdoors and dynamic social possibilities.

To further encourage our community to interact with the outdoors, we propose "Challenge Parks". These specified parks would be different from traditional parks in that they would offer challenges that interact with the outdoors. Each park would develop within its own natural resource. For example, a park which offers a severe incline in topography may render it useless for conventional walking. But what is possible with this type of park is a rope or cable-assisted climbing challenge park. Hemlock Park is one such park, which is adjacent to the Riverwalk Linear Park. The Riverwalk extends through Uptown Columbus, the host to the Chattahoochee Whitewater Rafting in Columbus. There are several parks adjacent to this Riverwalk Linear Park which could become a string of "Challenge Parks" in association with the high-adrenaline activity of Columbus' Whitewater Rafting resource. Most Whitewater rafters and kayakers will likely be avid outdoors-people. By offering adjacent parks that will challenge the outdoor enthusiast this city can become a tourist attraction, an "Emerald Necklace of Stepping Stones" by which we can assist our community towards a healthier and more productive future. We strongly recommend keeping in mind that the design of the parks will take into account the user for which it is intended, whether they be local or tourists. Again connectivity is crucial in constructing a user-friendly environment that will lead to our ultimate goal: greater involvement in outdoor physical activity.

CHAPTER 3

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Existing Parks and Recreation in Columbus

The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department (the Department) is responsible for the operation and implementation of publicly owned and administered recreation facilities and programs. The Department is composed of an administrative division, two operating divisions, and an Advisory Board which provides citizen input.

The 2014 Budget for Parks & Recreation's is $11,447,341.00. The Department budget is financed by General Fund appropriations approved by the City Council. The annual budget allocation is based on the overall operational requirements of the Department and the recommendations of the City Manager and Mayor.

The Administrative Office is responsible for the overall coordination and administration of the two operating divisions and all other functions of Columbus' recreation program. The Department Director, the Assistant Department Director, and the Finance Manager are the primary administrators of the division.

The Parks Services Division is responsible for assuring the development, management and maximum satisfactory public use of special facilities such as those facilities and related activities requiring primary management program supervision rather than activity leadership. Such facilities include memorial Stadium, golden park, Lake Oliver Marina, three tennis facilities, Jonathan Hatcher Skateboard Park, the Fall Line Trace Linear Park and four public outdoor swimming pools.

The Recreation Services Division is responsible for the coordination and implementation of a comprehensive program of physical and cultural recreation activities for all age groups. Recreation activities supervised by this division are available at nine recreation centers, four senior centers, one therapeutic recreation facility, one boxing facility, and one cultural arts facility.

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The Recreation Services Division is responsible for the coordination and implementation of a comprehensive program of physical and cultural recreation activities for all age groups. Recreation activities supervised by this Division are available at more than 12 locations citywide.

As provided for in the Charter, the Recreation Advisory Board serves the Department in an advisory capacity for the consideration of policies of the Parks and Recreation Department, recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the community. It is the base for continuous citizen input. The Recreation Advisory Board is composed of 11 members appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. One member is nominated by the Muscogee County School Board and must be a member of its athletic and recreation council.

Current Demand for Recreation

A previous survey of recreational opportunities in Columbus, Georgia revealed that all recreational activities provided by Columbus Parks and Recreation Department are extensively utilized and that various additional opportunities are demanded. This is also evident from observations made by the Planning Department through other studies. But observation of existing recreational opportunities alone only tells us about the demand currently provided. It does not indicate to any great degree those recreation opportunities not provided, or the extent of their usage if they were available to the public. Again, we know from surveys and general observation that recreational sites that provide a large variety of recreational opportunities experience the greatest demand or usage. Generalizing on this observation, however, may lead to the erroneous assumption that the more variety and the greater number of facilities provided on any recreation site, the greater the demand. Demand depends on several factors, including: distribution of population by age groups, accessibility, economic status, cultural and social value and environmental amenities.

Classifications of Existing Public Recreation Sites

Existing recreation sites are essentially categorized by four types: mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. A fifth category, special facilities, is essentially one of the above four that contains a dominant, unique recreational facility or program, or contains a predominant recreational facility or feature not commonly associated with one of the other four types.

Mini-Parks: Mini-parks are defined herein as recreational sites: 1) with less than five (5) acres; 2) lacking several of the facilities found in neighborhood parks; 3) serving an area with a radius of less than 5/8 of a mile; and 4) serving a population of less than 5,000 people.

Amenities may include playgrounds, sitting areas, or picnic tables.

Neighborhood Parks: Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks. Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional parks is desired but not mandated.

Community Parks: These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community park by driving no more than 15 minutes. Community parks shall also serve a population standard of four (4) acres/1000 persons.

Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parks will be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. Buffers of 100 feet shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional Parks: Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000 persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. Buffers of 100 feet shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all-day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.

Special Facilities: These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.

Amenities will be formal in nature and may include a recreation center, multi-purpose fields, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, pools, and walking trails among other amenities.

Classifications of Other Existing Recreation Sites

Public Recreation Facilities (Non-Parks & Recreation Oversight)

Bull Creek Golf Course (Columbus Golf Course Authority)

Oxbow Meadows Golf Course (Columbus Golf Course Authority)

Godwin Creek Golf Course

Columbus Ice Rink (Columbus Civic Center)

Oxbow Environmental Center (Columbus State University)

Muscogee County Public Schools

Elementary Schools

Allen Elementary	Blanchard Elementary	Brewer Elementary
Britt David Elementary	Clubview Elementary	Cusseta Road Elementary
Davis Elementary	Dawson Elementary	Dimon Elementary
Double Churches Elementary	Downtown Elementary	Eagle Ridge Academy
Forrest Road Elementary	Fox Elementary	Gentian Elementary
Georgetown Elementary	Hannan Elementary	Johnson Elementary
Key Elementary	Lonnie Jackson Academy	Martin L. King, Jr. Elem.
Mathews Elementary	Midland Academy	Muscogee Elementary
North Columbus Elementary	Reese Road Academy	Rigdon Road Elementary
River Road Elementary	South Columbus Elementary	St. Mary's Road Magnet
Waddell Elementary	Wesley Heights Elementary	Wynnton Arts Academy

Middle Schools

Aaron Cohn Middle	Arnold Magnet Academy	Baker Middle
Blackmon Road Middle	Double Churches Middle	East Columbus Magnet
Eddy Middle	Fort Middle	Midland Middle
Richards Middle	Rothschild Leadership Academy	Veterans Memorial Middle

High Schools

Columbus High	Early College Academy	GW Carver STEM High
Hardaway High	Jordan High	Kendrick High
Northside High	Shaw High	Spencer High

Quasi-Public and Commercial Facilities

Quasi-Public

Quasi-Public recreation facilities are privately owned and operated facilities provided for general public use. Usually there is a direct cost or charge for the utilization of facilities and participation in most of the programs and activities. Restrictions are usually limited to organizational rules and regulations that apply to all its members rather than the exclusion from individual usage not legally allowed by 'owner's rights and sovereignty. A brief description of each of the major facilities of this type and its sponsor or owner organization is presented below.

- The Chattahoochee Council of the Boy Scouts of America (the "BSA") has 19 troops (Boy Scouts) and 22 packs (Cub Scouts) in Columbus with a combined membership of

over 1,723. The council oversees four districts in West Central Georgia and East Central Alabama. Columbus is in the Muskogee District. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

- The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia oversees three quarters of the state, excluding Atlanta and Northwest Georgia. The Columbus Service Center includes 552 girls in 33 local troops. The Girl Scouts offer three tracts ("journeys") that girl scouts follow: 1) It's Your Story – Tell It! (healthy living and media literacy); 2) It's Your Planet – Love It! (environmental learning); 3) It's Your World – Change It! (leadership, teamwork, & advocacy). The journeys are broken up into six (6) levels based on age and they journeys utilize numerous outdoor activities and teamwork exercises.

- The Boys' & Girls' Clubs of America (the "Clubs") operate several programs and/or facilities in the Columbus area. The Clubs offer numerous programs, such as: education & career; character & leadership; health & life skills; arts; sports, fitness, and recreation; as well as specialized programs that may meet the needs of a club in a specific area or demographic.

- The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) provides recreational and fitness services for both men and women. The organization offers game rooms, gymnasiums, competition size pool, weight and exercise room, health clubs, and fitness programming. There are three branches in Columbus: the John P. Thayer (central branch) YMCA is located on 14th Street; the A.J. McClung YMCA is located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; and the D.A. Turner YMCA is located on Warm Springs Road.

The above major quasi-public facilities are generally available to those persons who meet appropriate requirements for membership. The facilities, although restrictive to some degree, significantly aid in fulfilling some of the recreation requirements of their members for a reasonable fee.

There are also two private country clubs in Columbus:

- The Columbus Country Club has a variety of memberships and initiation fees (including occasional special membership programs) that offer a range of club use. Members have access to an eighteen-hole golf course, eleven tennis courts, a fitness center, a swimming pool and clubhouse facilities.

- The Green Island Country Club also has a variety of memberships and initiation fees that offer various uses of the club. The club has an eighteen-hole golf course, eight tennis courts, a swimming pool and clubhouse facilities.

Commercial

Commercial recreation facilities are those generally operated as a business catering to specialized types of recreational interests. These facilities furnish opportunities for competitive or group activity-oriented sports. Major local commercial facilities include:

North Columbus Golf Driving Range

Gymnastics Unlimited

Lake Pines Campground

Peach Bowl Lanes

Health & Fitness Clubs

Adventure Boot Camp for Women

All Fitness

Bodies Personal Training

Body Be I

Committed Fitness Systems

Cross Fit Inception

Crossfit Sacrifice

Curves

D & T Health Fitness

Destiny Fitness

Diverge

Fitness for Women

Gold's Gym

Health Climb

IFitness

Infinity Dance & Fitness

Max Fitness

Midtown Yoga

My Gym

Quest Studio

Snap Fitness

Tia's FitClub

Uncommon Athlete, Inc.

The above list does not, of course, include facilities in neighboring counties. Moreover, it does not include nearby recreation, game and pool facilities available to military personnel, retirees and their dependents at Fort Benning. Since Benning facilities are not available to the general public and not always readily accessible to the prospective user, they have been excluded.

Restricted Private Recreation Facilities

Restricted facilities are those private recreation facilities furnished for the exclusive use of persons residing in an apartment complex or subdivision, or attending a private school. Usually these facilities generally are limited to tennis courts, swimming pools and game or small clubhouses. Major developments containing one or more of these facilities include:

Apartment Complexes

Brighton Park

Brittwood

Club Hill

Cougar Village

Crystal Place

Gardenbrook

Grand Reserve

Greystone at Columbus Park

Greystone at Country Club

Greystone at Green Island Oaks

Greystone at Inverness

Greystone at Main Street

Greystone at Maple Ridge

Greystone at the Woodlands

Greystone at Windsor Park

Greystone Falls

Greystone Farms

Greystone Farms Reserve

Greystone Summit

Grove Park

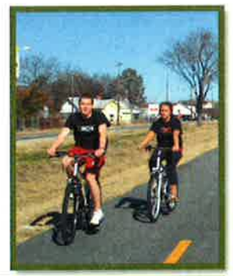
Hamilton Station

Hampton Place

Hardaway Square

Highland Ridge

Holly Hills



Hunter's Run

Independence Place

Johnston Mill Lofts

Lakeside Village

Lullwater

Midtown Square

Northgate Village

Overlook Crossing

Quail Creek

Springcreek Village

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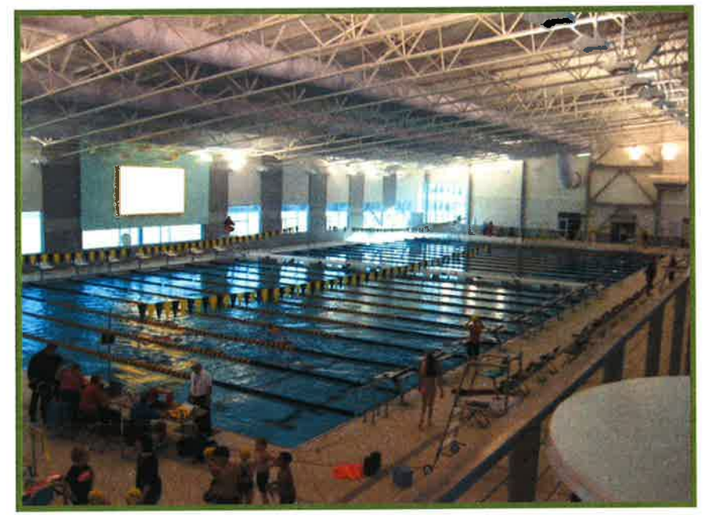
Summit Pointe

The Cloister & Armour Landing

The Crossings

The Lakes

The Lodge



The Preserve

Village on Cherokee

Walden Chase

Westover Glen

Whisperwood

Willow Creek

Woodville

Neighborhoods/Subdivisions

Adams Park

Aimond Plantation

Beaver Run

Bridgemill

Brookstone

Green Island Hills

Maple Ridge

Promenades

Tanglewood

Winchester

Windsor Park

Private Schools

Brookstone School

Calvary Christian School

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School

St. Luke United Methodist School

Westminster School

Wynnbrook Christian School

The preceding discussion of non-publicly owned and operated recreational facilities effectively points out the degree to which these facilities supplement public recreational facilities and programs operated by the City. Although non-public facilities account for a substantial portion of the total amount of recreation opportunities available to the citizens of Columbus, they still should be regarded as supplemental, whereas, the public recreational program administered by the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department should be regarded as the primary or essential source.

CHAPTER 4

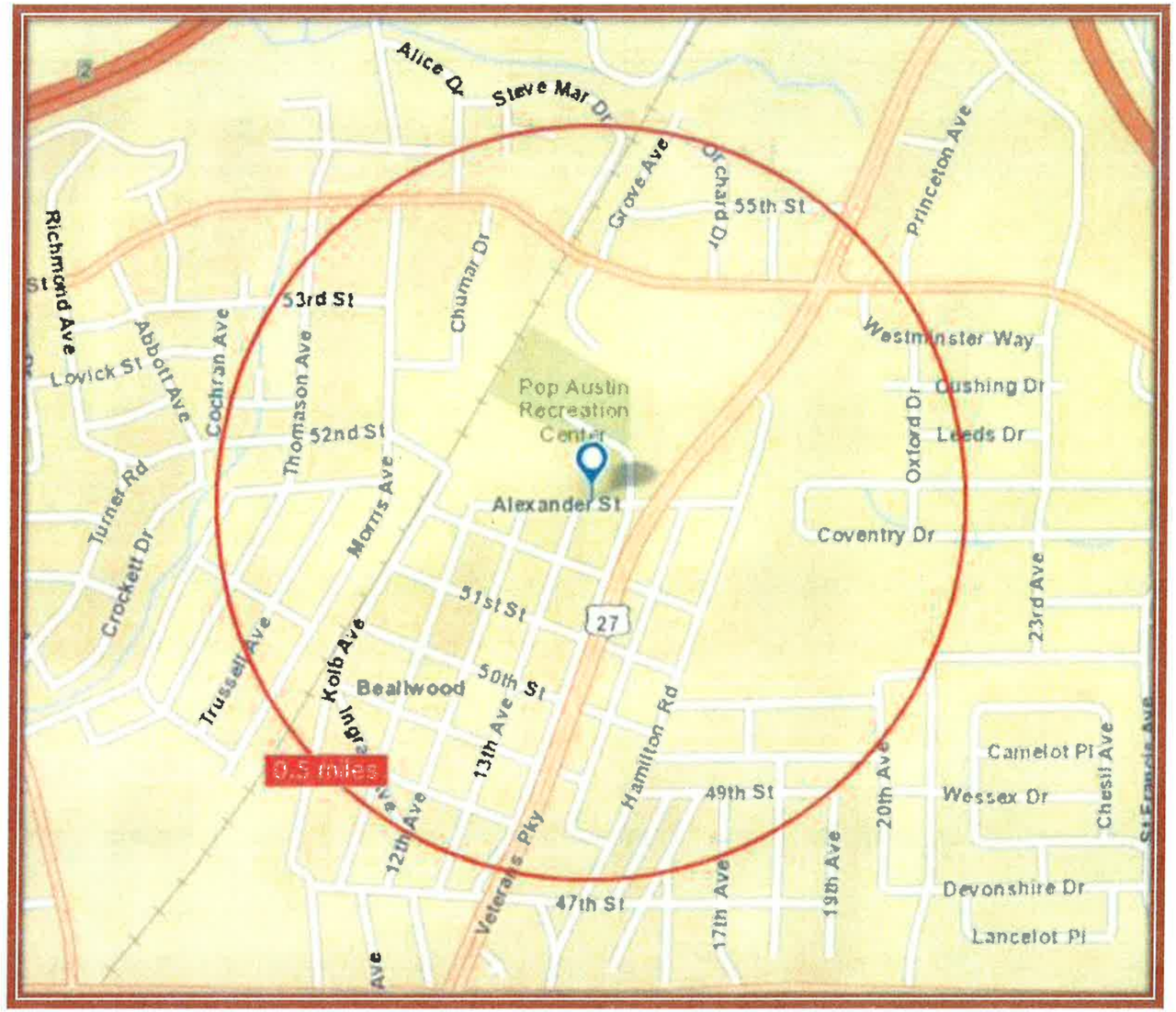
ALEXANDER PARK & POP AUSTIN RECREATION CENTER

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Alexander Park features a playground, baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, and volleyball courts for youth and young adults.

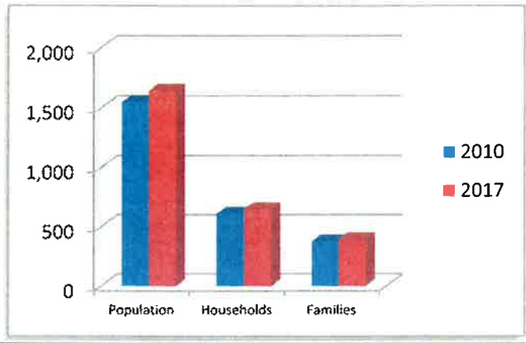
Pop Austin Recreation Center at Alexander Park has been transformed to the new Columbus Parks and Recreation Therapeutics program facility. Participants in the Therapeutics program meet at the recreation center to enjoy a variety of activities.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Recreation Center
- Baseball-Babe Ruth
- 1Indoor Basketball
- 1 Outdoor Basketball
- 1 Indoor Volleyball
- 1 Playground
- 1 Softball-Adult
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Community Gardens

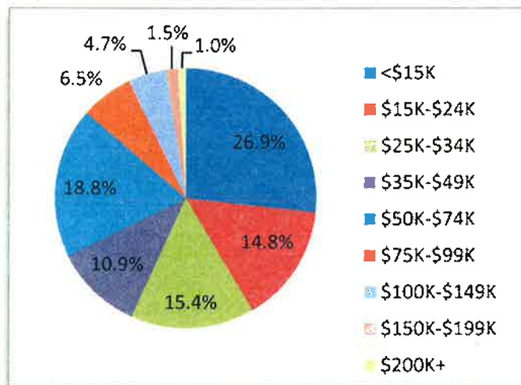


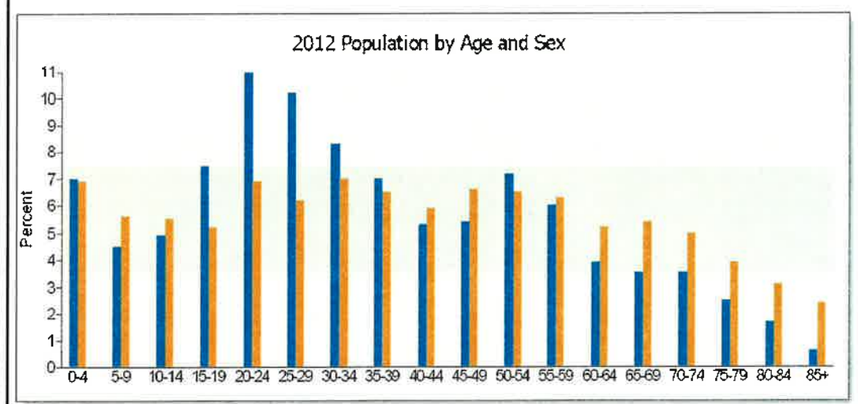
POP AUSTIN / ALEXANDER PARK	ADDRESS: 1301 Alexander Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Special Facility
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $3,040,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 15.68

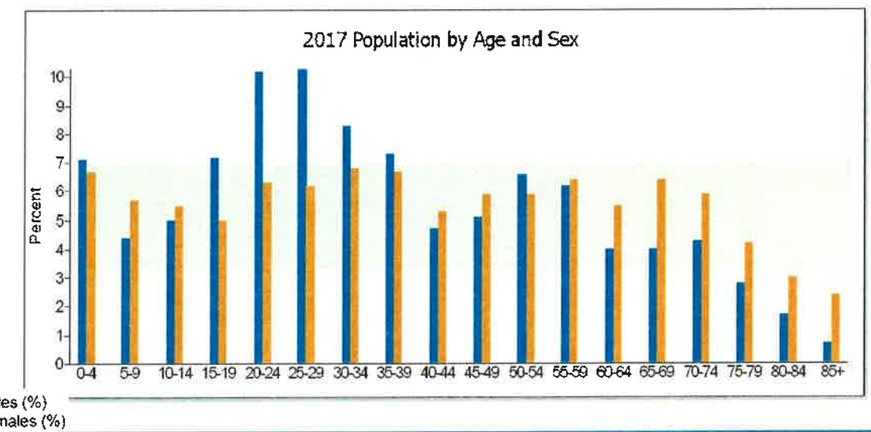


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •1 Baseball Field (Babe Ruth) •1 Indoor Gymnasium •1 Outdoor Basketball Court •1 Softball Field (Adult) •1 Playground •Community Garden •Outdoor Restrooms	•Special needs activities only •Hours: 9 AM to 4 PM - Monday through Thursday 7 PM to 9 PM - Friday Closed - Saturday and Sunday	•Shade trees bordering the two ball fields •Reduce the Babe Ruth field dimensions to softball field dimensions •Build a ADA regulation walking trail around the two ballfields. Trail will begin and end at the ballfield parking lot.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Pop Austin Recreation Center / Alexander Park is strictly utilized for special needs citizens. It does not directly serve the surrounding neighborhood.
- This facility serves a vital functionfor the community. Non-profit and private facilities charge for special needs services; this facility does not.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Special Facility:

These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.

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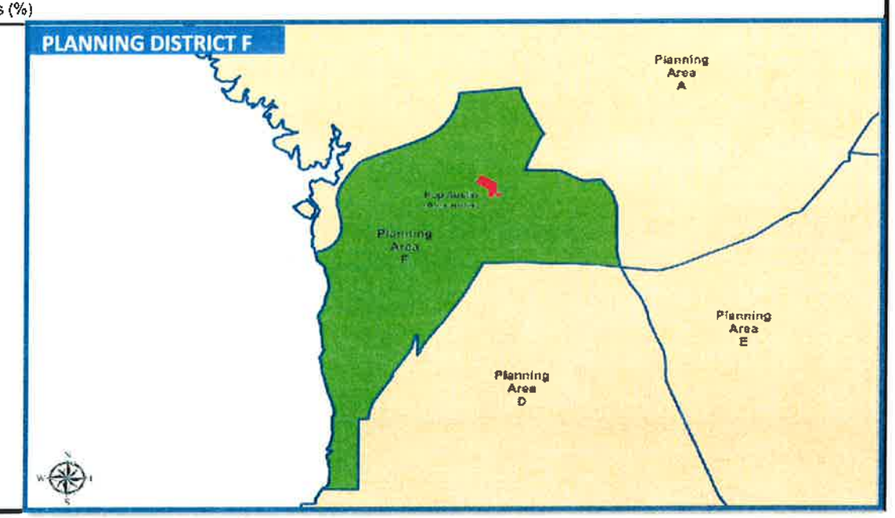


TOTAL PARK AREA
682,991 sq. ft.
15.68 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 30 60 120
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 60 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Alexander Park/ Pop Austin Gym (1301 Alexander St)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 6-15-2012
SCALE: 1"=60'
DRAWN BY: JWoods
CHECKED BY:

SHEET No.
1 of 1

ALEXANDER PARK / POP AUSTIN GYM

1301 Alexander Street
Columbus, GA

QUICK TAB REFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed New Fence Line

TOTAL
PARK AREA
682,991 sq. ft.
15.68 acres

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
When progress has preserved.

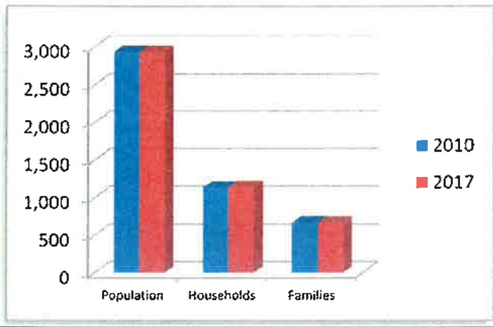
ANDERSON VILLAGE PARK

Anderson Village is a neighborhood park nestled within a housing community.

It is a 1.76 acre park which provides the following amenities:

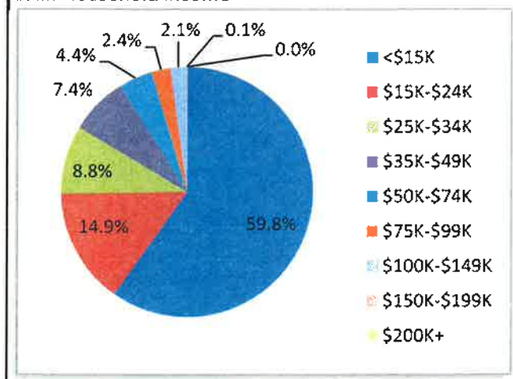
- Covered Pavilion Gazebo
- 1 Playground
- Picnic tables
- Basketball Court

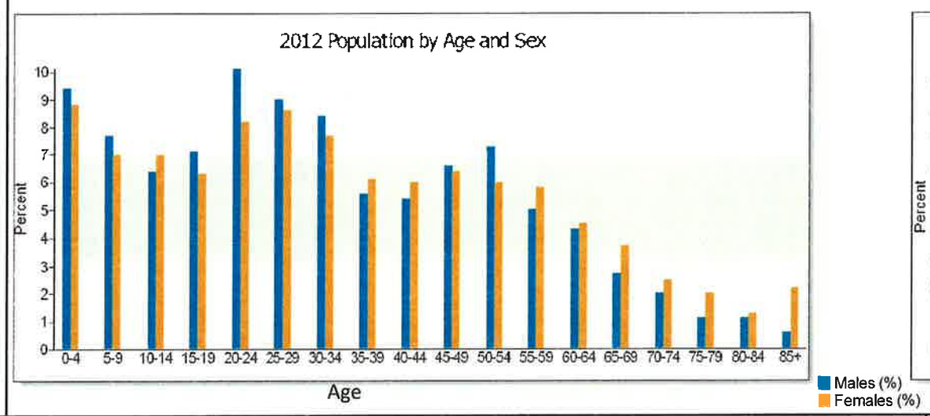
ANDERSON VILLAGE PARK	ADDRESS: 3920 Middle Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: N/A	ACRES: 1.76

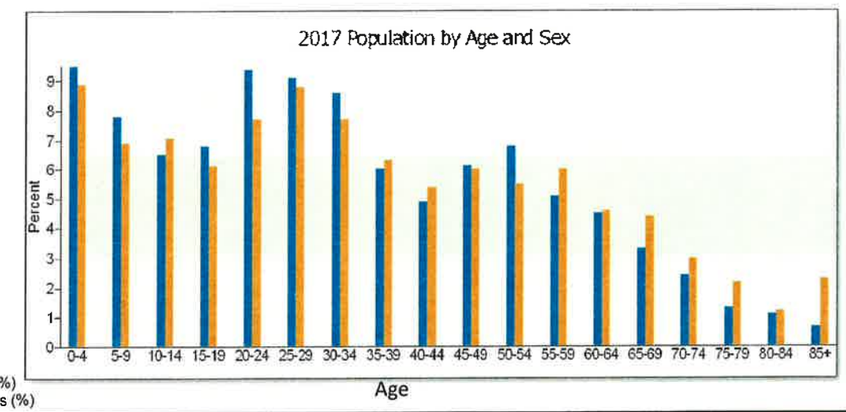


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Pavilion •Playground •Outdoor Basketball Court	There are no program elements for this park. It strictly serves the surrounding neighborhood. •Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Shade trees throughout the park •Additional benches throughout the park •Outdoor game area •Picnic tables near the pavillion •Delineate the north side of the park as a small multi-purpose field

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Anderson Village is a former mill village with historical significance. The mill is long gone and the retired mill workers have moved on as well. The homes sit on small lots with little usable yard area. The park serves as the yard area for the village. The homes front the park which provides a level of security.
- The housing surrounding the park is historic, affordable, and stable.
- Young families will increase in this area over the next five years.
- Anderson Village is a prime candidate to be considered a conservation subdivision. Creating a conservation subdivision could make the area more favorable to young higher wage earners who want to live in a trendy urban setting that has close proximity to the Riverwalk, Uptown Columbus, and Columbus Regional Medical Complex.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

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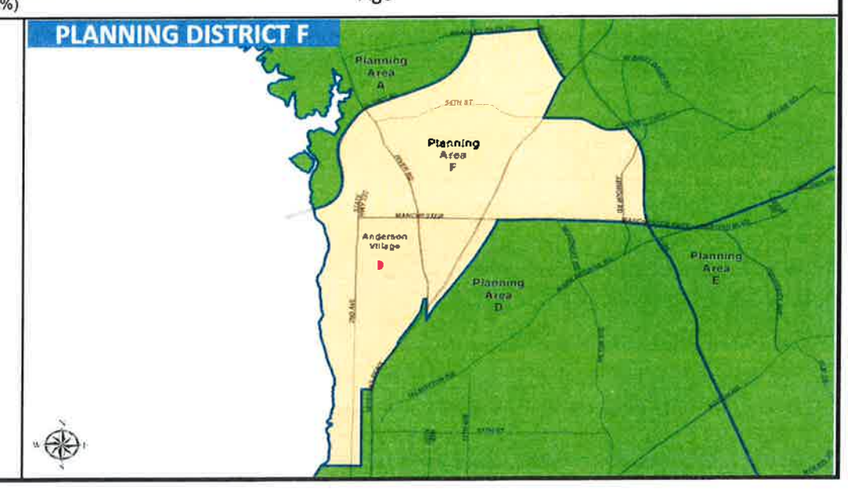

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LEGEND

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CTP	CRIMP TOP PIPE
R/W	RIGHT-OF-WAY
MON	MONUMENT
TELE	TELEPHONE
PED	PEDESTAL
TP	TELEPHONE POLE
PP	POWER POLE
SP	SIGNAL POLE
UP	UTILITY POLE
GP	GUY POLE
LP	LIGHT POLE
-E-	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
-T-	OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
-X-	FENCE
	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

TOTAL PARK AREA
76,670 sq. ft.
1.76 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

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Anderson Park As-built Survey (3920 Middle Ave)

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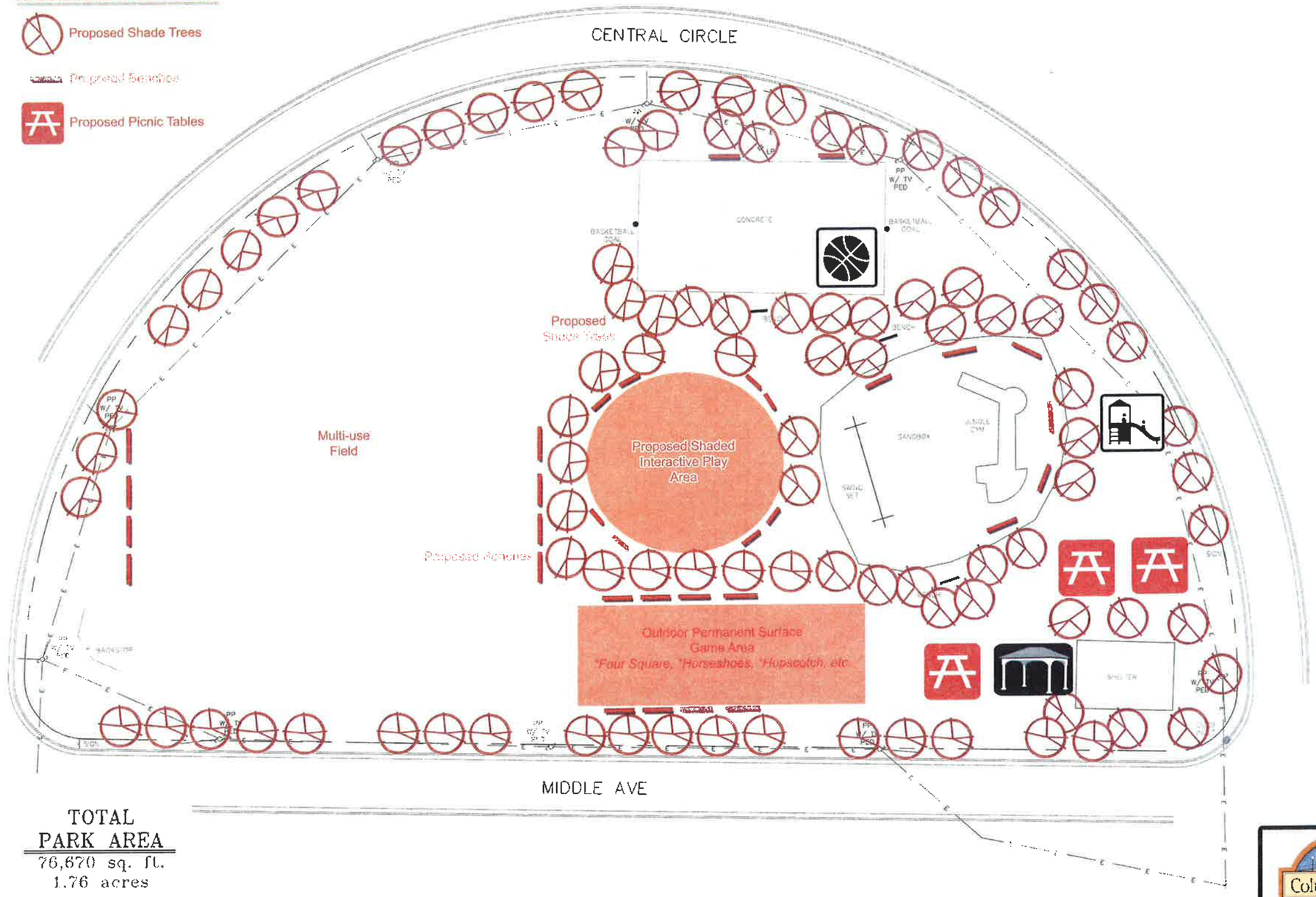
ANDERSON VILLAGE PARK

3920 Middle Avenue Park
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables



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NORTH

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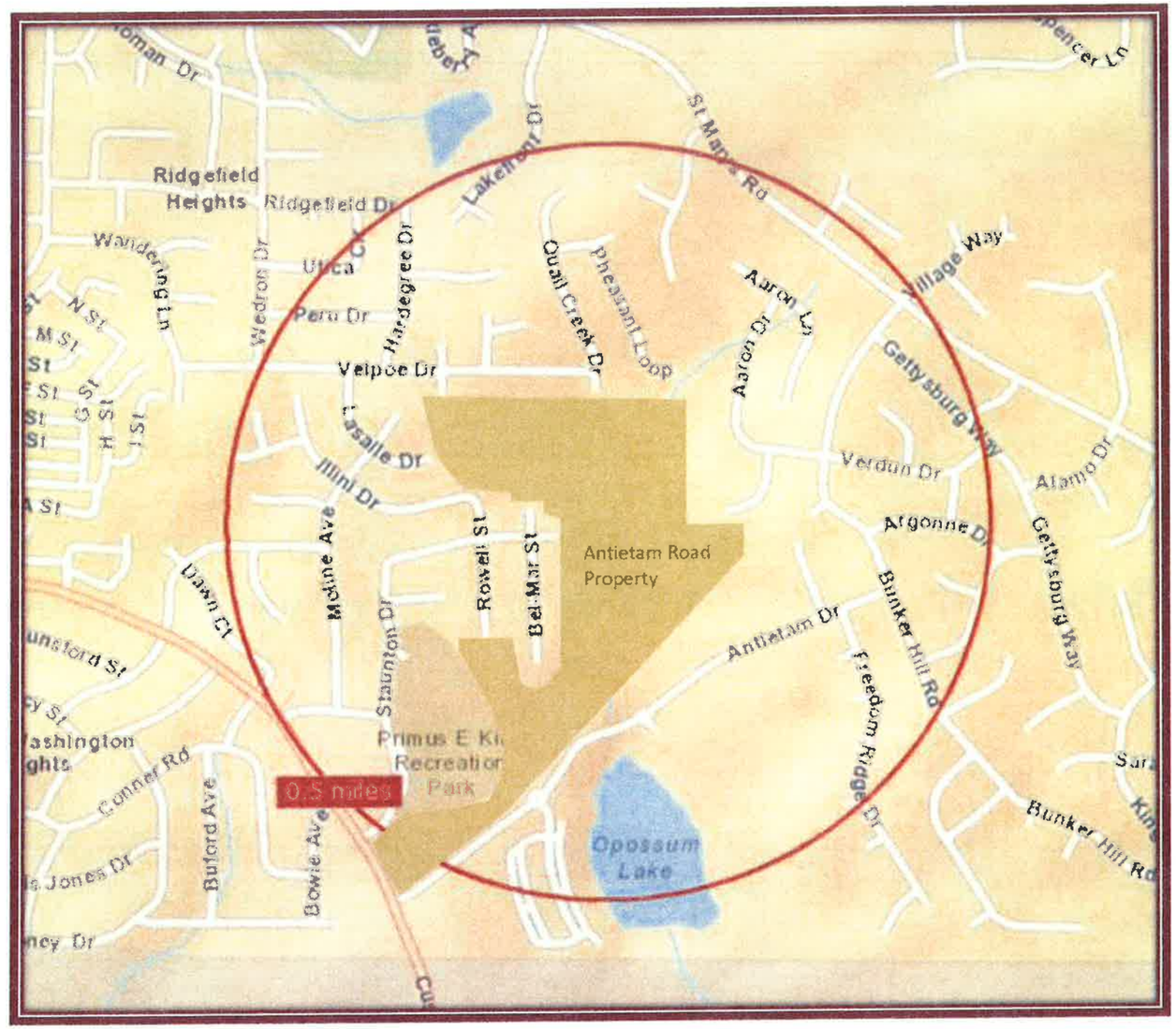
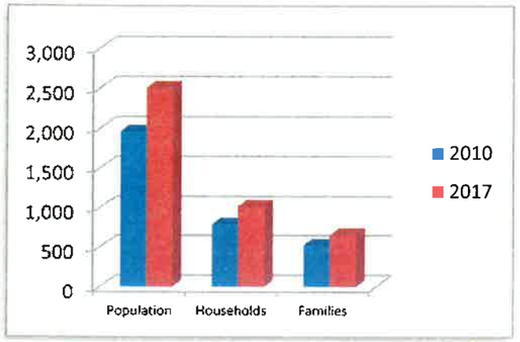
ANTIETAM ROAD PROPERTY

By Resolution and Quit Claim Deed this property was part of a land swap for the National Infantry Museum.

The land is a Land & Water Conservation property that is currently undeveloped. It is 89.375 acres and the Parks and Recreation Department is currently working on planning for this area.

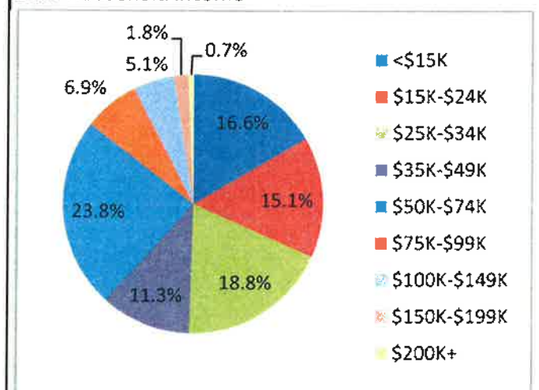


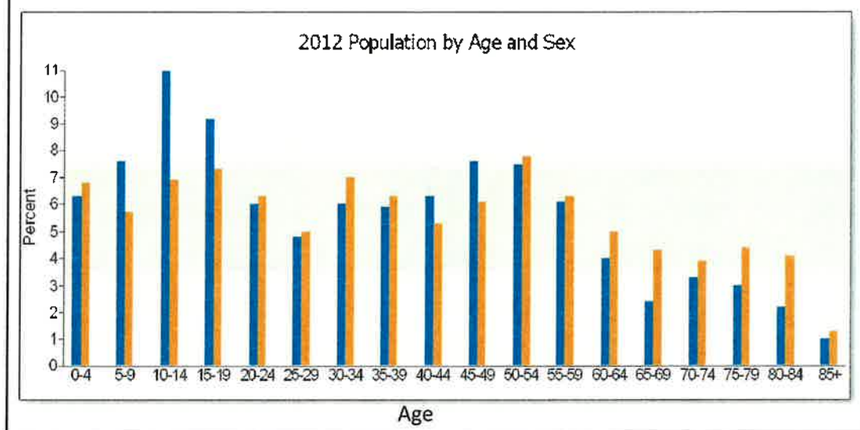
ANTIETAM ROAD PROPERTY	ADDRESS: 4751 Old Cusseta Rd.	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT:E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 40,766 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 90.6

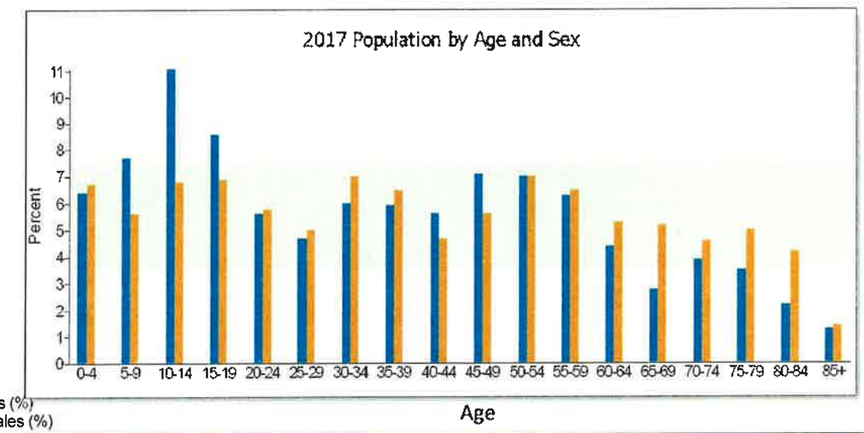


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Undeveloped •Greenspace	There are no program elements for this property.	This property serves as necessary greenspace in one of the fastest growing residential areas of Columbus. It should be left in its natural state and divested as potential park property. There are serious elevation drops regarding this property. The lowest elevations on the property serve as wetlands. This property is undevelopable.

2012 Household income







Insights:
Although this is a fast-growing residential area in need of parks, it also is in need of vital greenspace. Primus King Park (on north border of this property) can meet the needs of the northern subdivisions.
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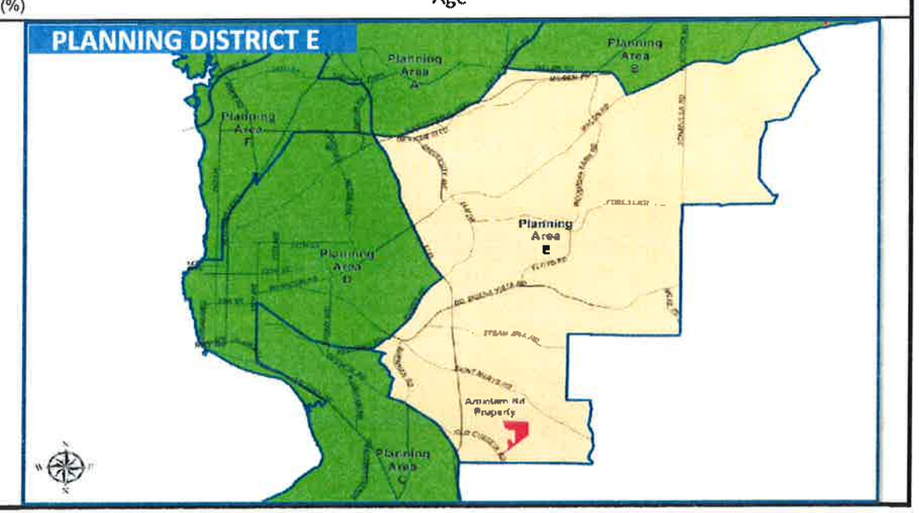
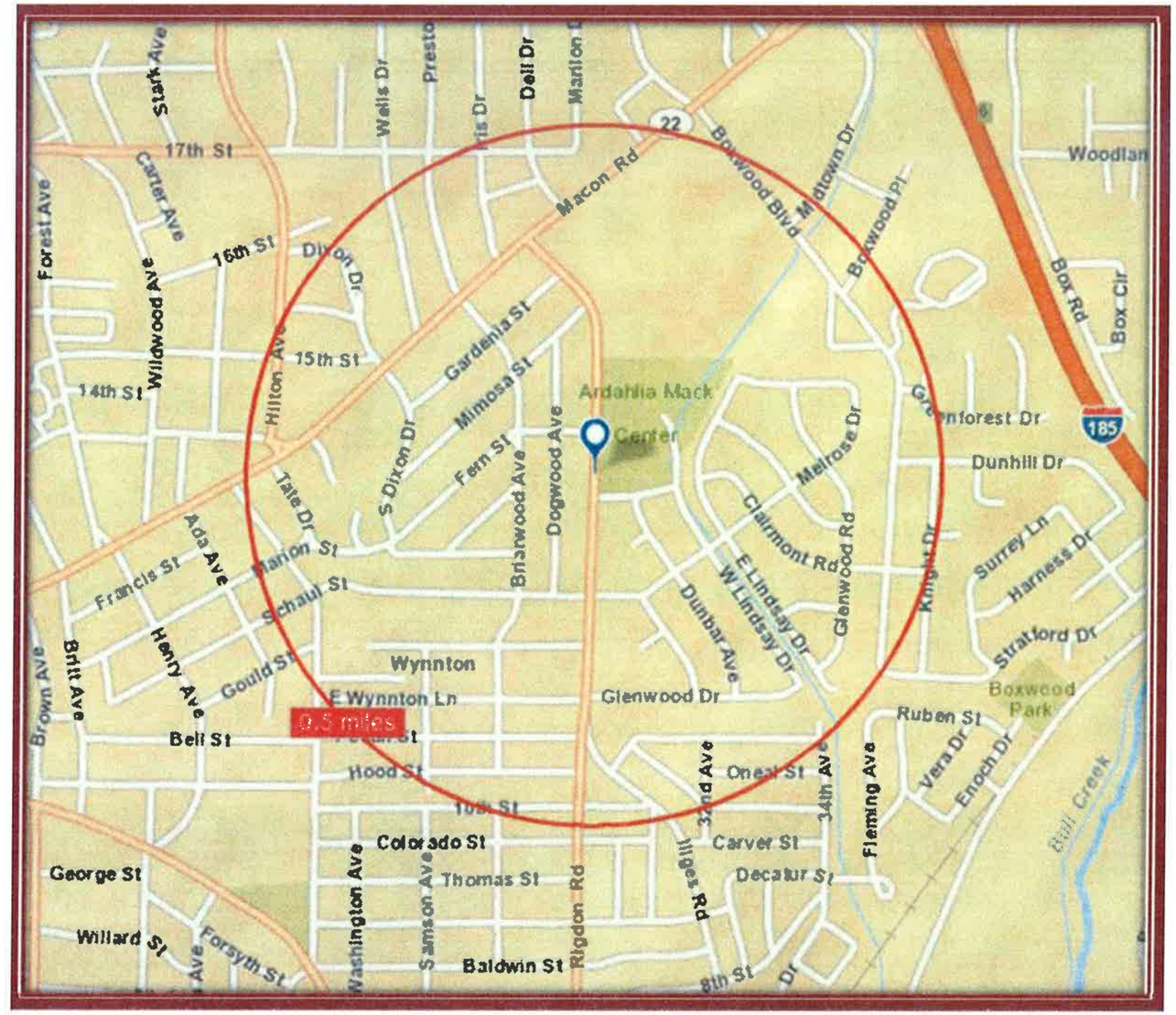


ARDAHILIA MACK RECREATION CENTER

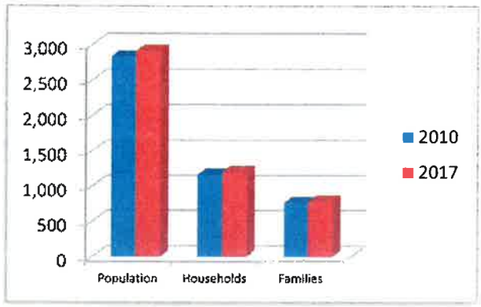
Classified as a Neighborhood Park with 5.08 acres, Ardahilia Mack features a rental center.

Ardahilia Mack Rental center at Rigdon Rd. provides the following amenities at the Park:

- Rental Center
- Covered Pavilion

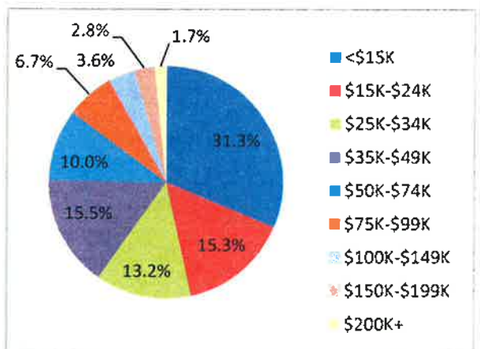


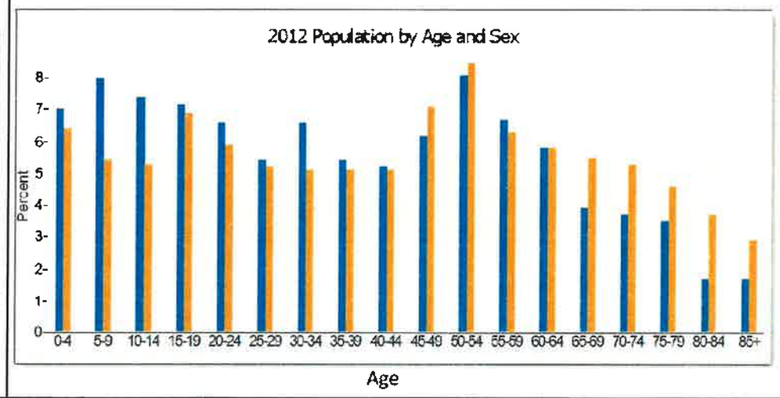
ARDAHLIA MACK RECREATION CENTER	ADDRESS: 1282 Rigdon Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 158,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 5.08

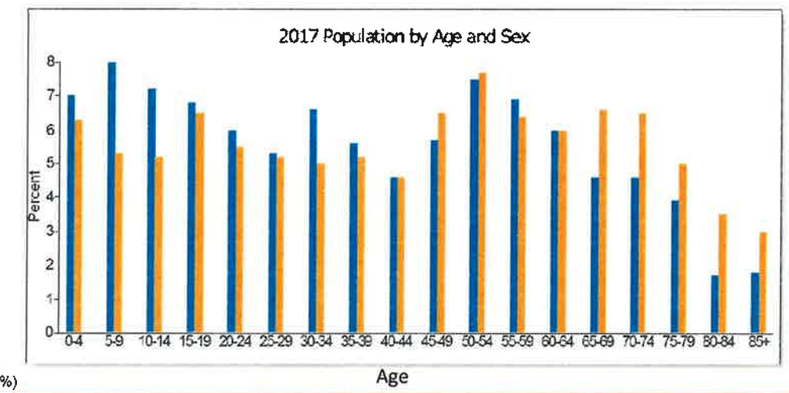


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center	This recreation center is only utilized as a rental facility	Convert the former school site into a heat island project.

2012 Household income







Insights:
This facility is only being used as a rental facility. It is not catering to the surrounding neighborhood.

Special Facility:
These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.
Amenities will be formal in nature and may include a recreation center, multi-purpose fields, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, pools, and walking trails among other amenities.

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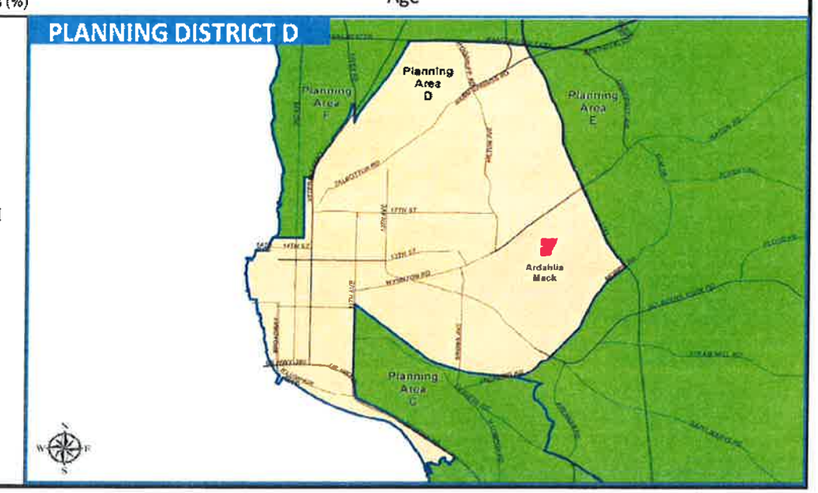

TOTAL
PARK AREA
221,469 sq. ft.
5.08 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

COLUMBUS,
MUSCOGEE COUNTY,
GEORGIA
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Ardahlia Mack Park
(1282 Rigdon Rd)

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ARDAHLIA MACK RENTAL CENTER

1306 Lindsey Drive
Columbus, GA

QUICK
TAB
REFERENCE

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
221,469 sq. ft.
5.08 acres

Columbus, GA
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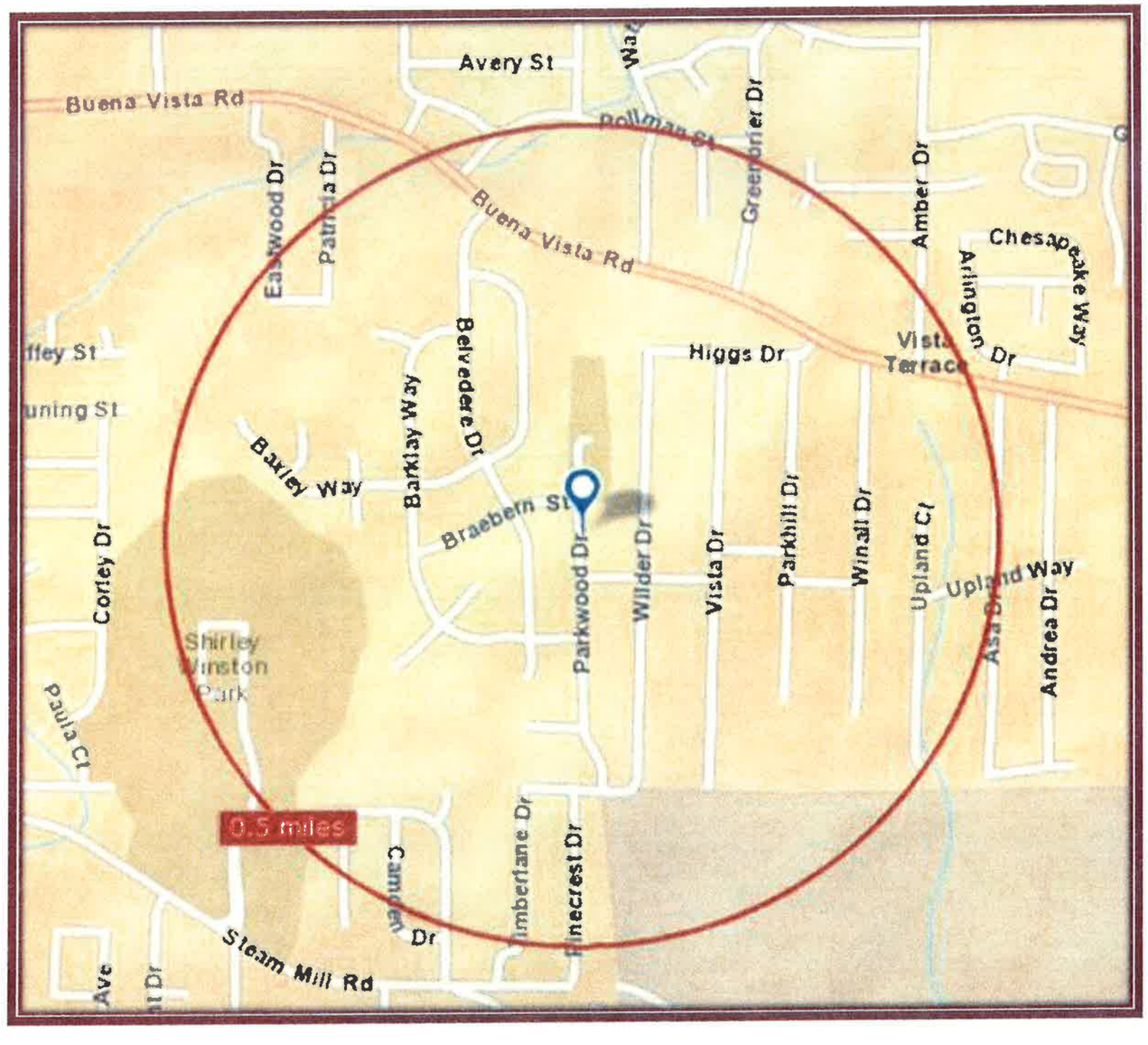
What progress has preserved.

BELVEDERE PARK

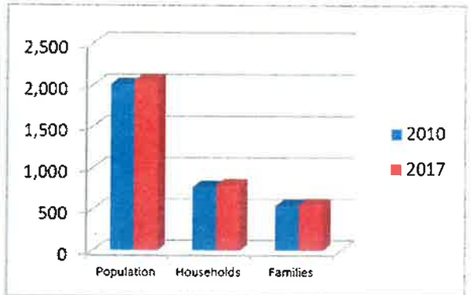
Belvedere Park is an 8.92 acre park and is considered a neighborhood park.

Belvedere Park provides the following amenities:

- Football
- Picnic
- Outdoor Basketball
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Baseball Field

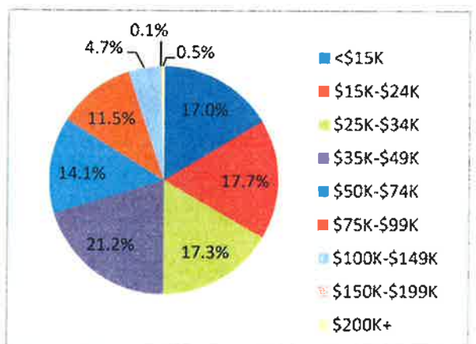


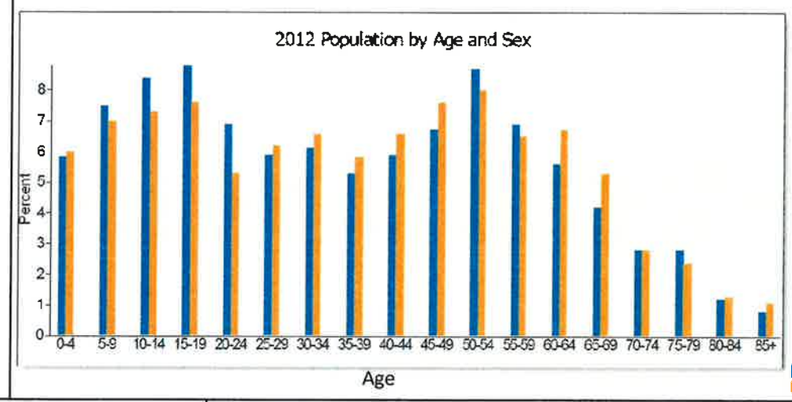
BELVEDERE PARK	ADDRESS: 726 Parkwood Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 127,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 8.92

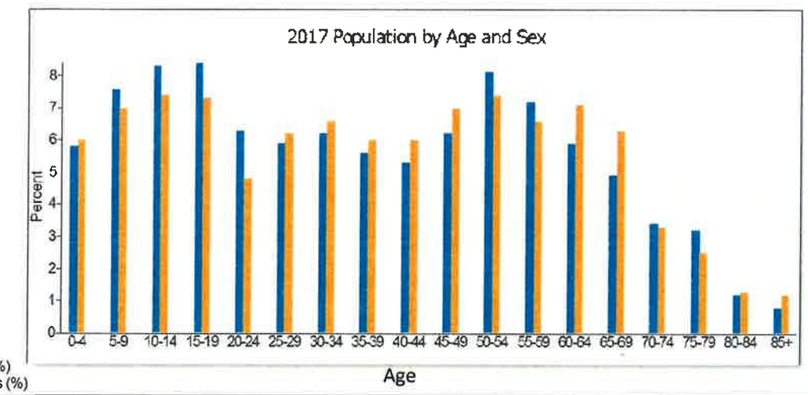


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Football Field •Recreation Center •Outdoor Basketball Court •Outdoor Restrooms	The park is no longer used. Grounds are maintained by the Columbus Consolidated Government.	There is interest by specific parties to utilize this park for their activities, such as radio-controlled car race track, crossfit obstacle course, and so on. The recreation center needs to be utilized as a rental facility.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Belvedere Park became expendable with the development of Shirley Winston Park on Steam Mill Road. Athletic functions and a new recreation center at Shirley Winston were utilized to replace Belvedere Park.
- The surrounding neighborhood is predominantly middle income with a portion of the area being low-to-moderate income.
- The housing in the neighborhood is primarily single family residential, stable, and affordable.

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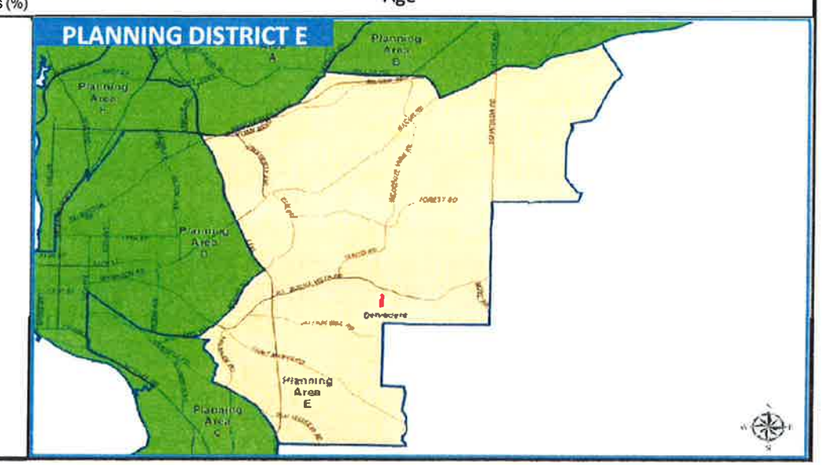

TOTAL
PARK AREA
388,712 sq. ft.
8.92 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
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1 inch = 50 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Columbus GA

Belvedere Park
(720 Parkway Dr)

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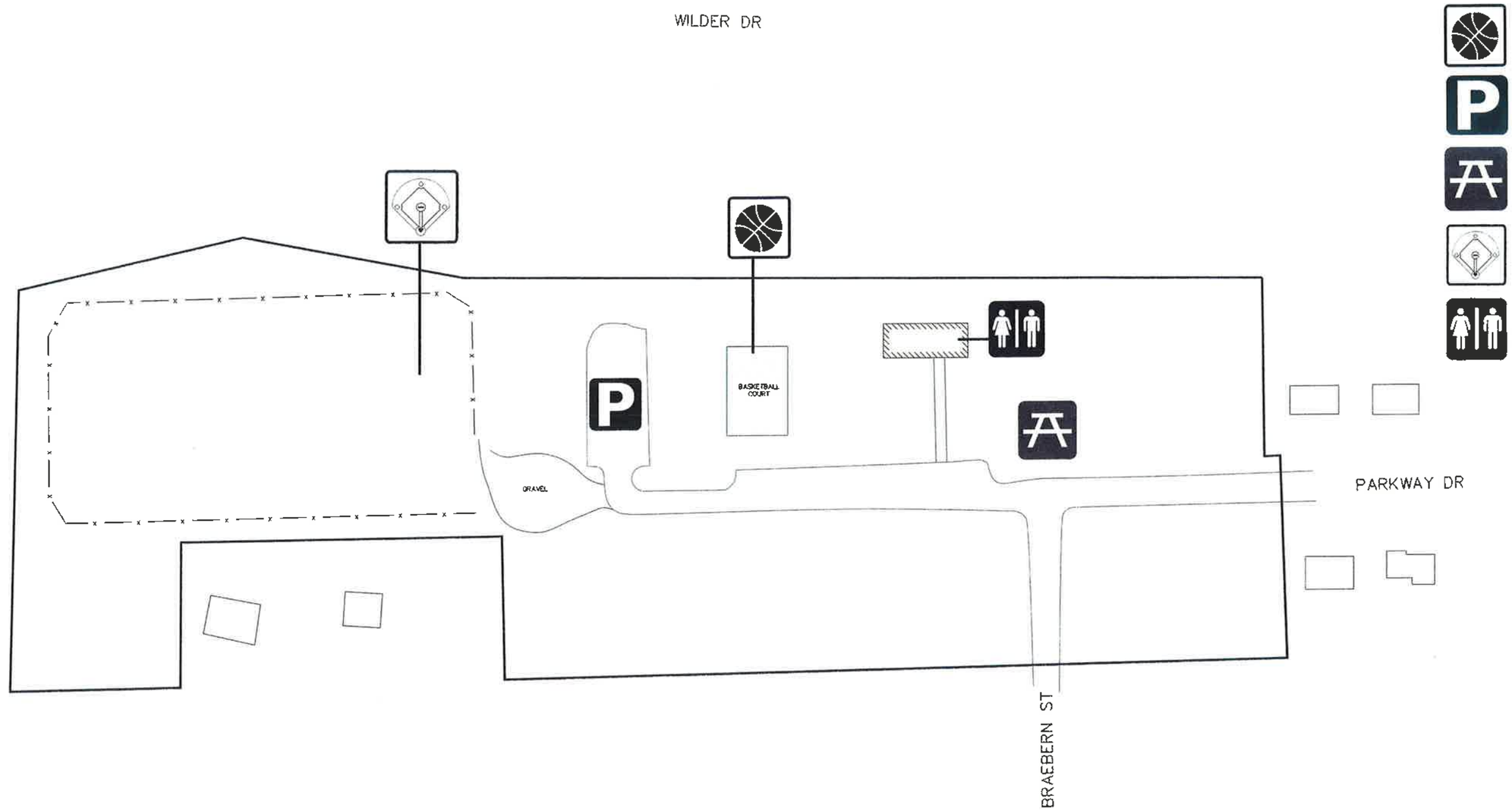
BELVEDERE PARK

726 Parkwood Drive
Columbus, GA



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BENNING HILLS PARK

Benning Hills Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park with 8.08 acres and offers an array of activities for all ages.

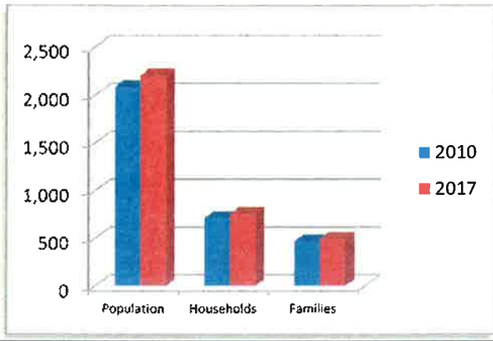
Benning Park Hills is located at 101 Patton Drive. It enhances the quality of life for the citizens in the area by providing an active recreational service for all age groups.

Benning Hills provides the following amenities:

- Multi Purpose Court
- Picnic
- Playground

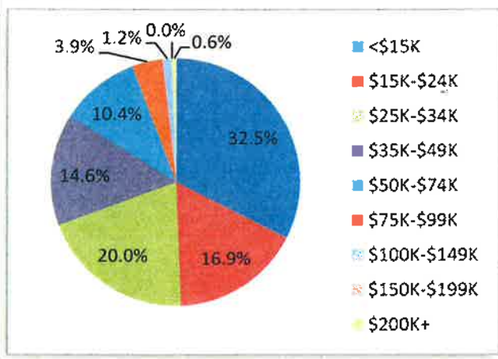
BENNING HILLS PARK	ADDRESS: 101 Patton Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: C
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 18,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 8.08

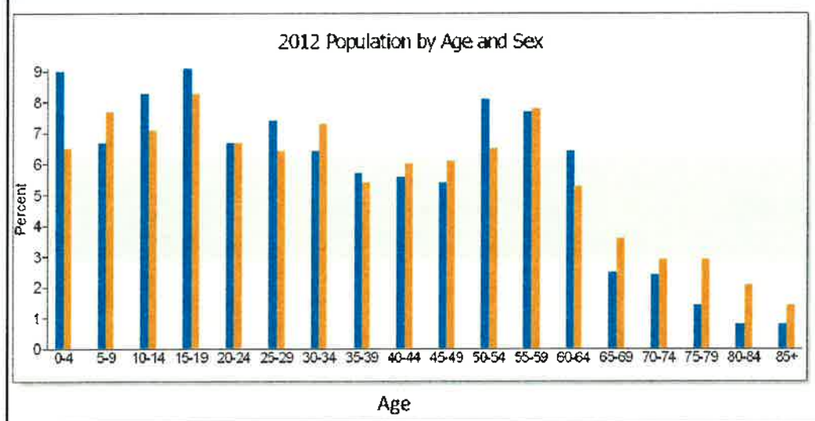
Demographics

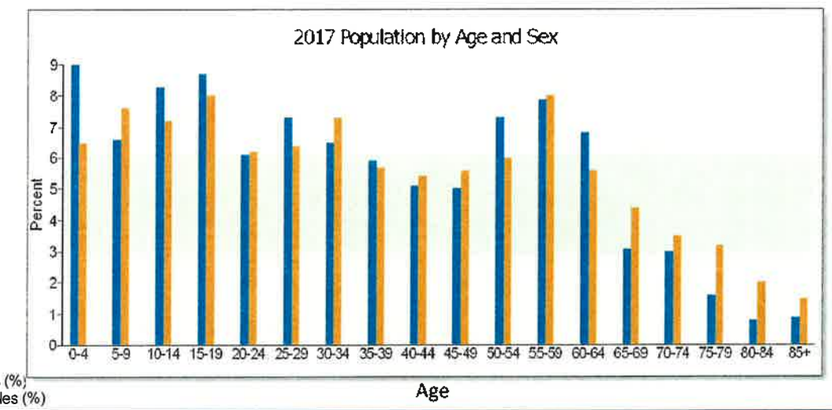


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Multi Purpose Court •Picnic •Playground	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	Benning Hills Park is a heavily forested active park. There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Benning Hills Park is located in the Benning Hills neighborhood. This area has been in decline for several years. Military familes once dominated the area but over time it has become a blighted area.
- Most of the residents in the neighborhood are low-to-moderate income. However, despite income levels, Benning Hills' residents have great pride in their neighborhood and fiercely defend it.
- The neighborhood has a strong youth population which will remain stable. Kaboom, a national non-profit organization that builds playgrounds in underserved areas, built a playground at Benning Hills Park, the first and only Kaboom playground in Columbus.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

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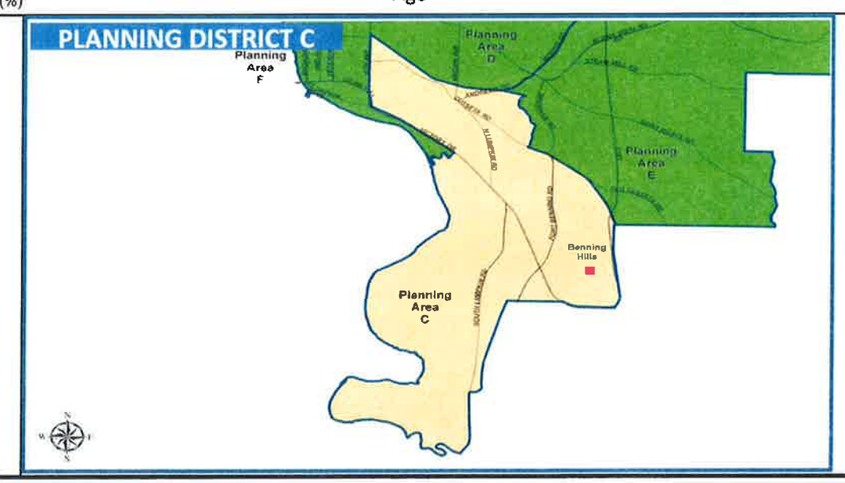

TOTAL PARK AREA
351,793 sq. ft.
8.08 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
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COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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Columbus, GA

Benning Hill Park
(101 Patton Dr)

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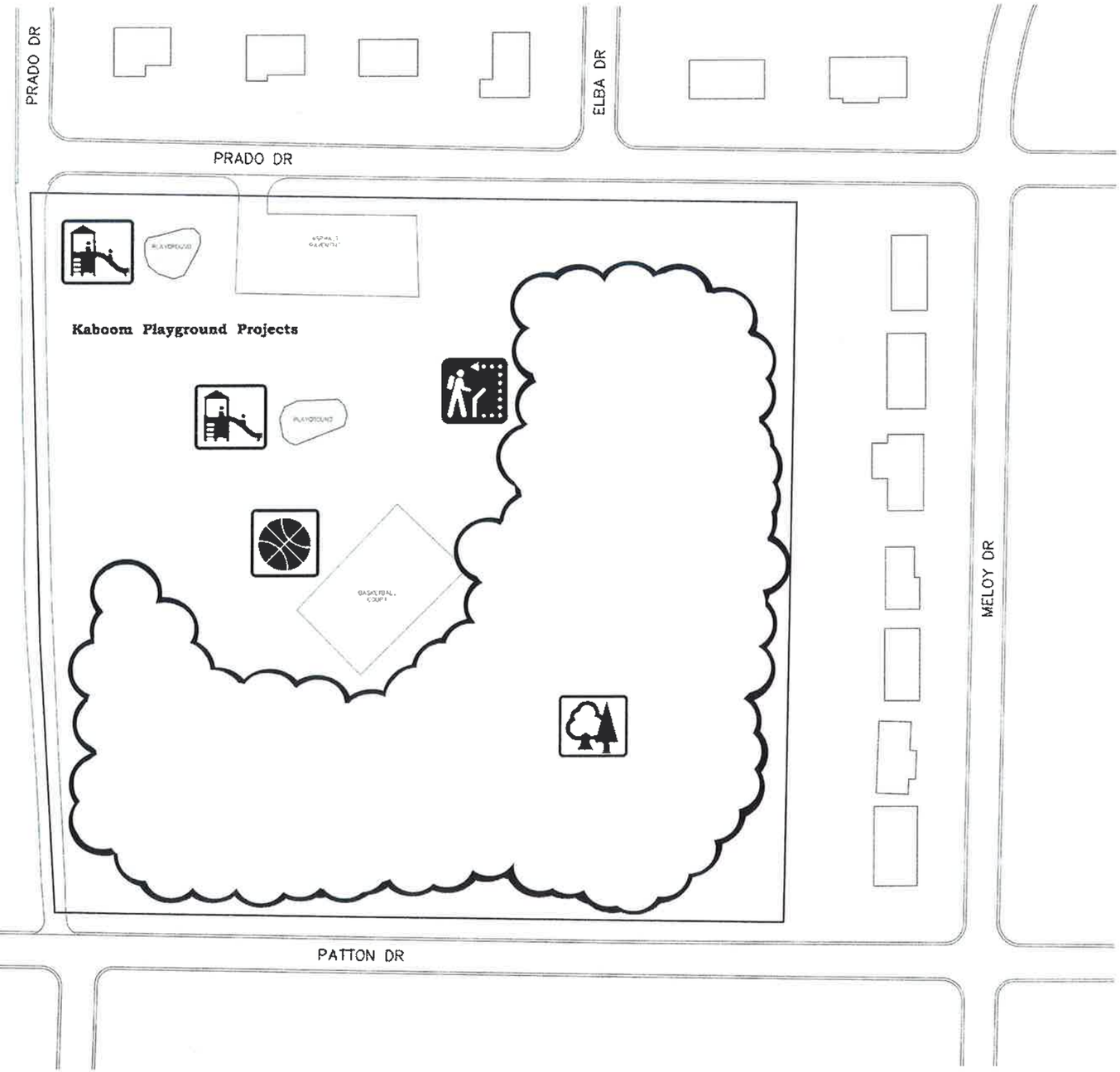
BENNING HILLS PARK

101 Patton Drive
Columbus, GA



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
351,793 sq. ft.
8.08 acres

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

BENNING PARK/FRANK CHESTER RECREATION CENTER/SENIOR CENTER

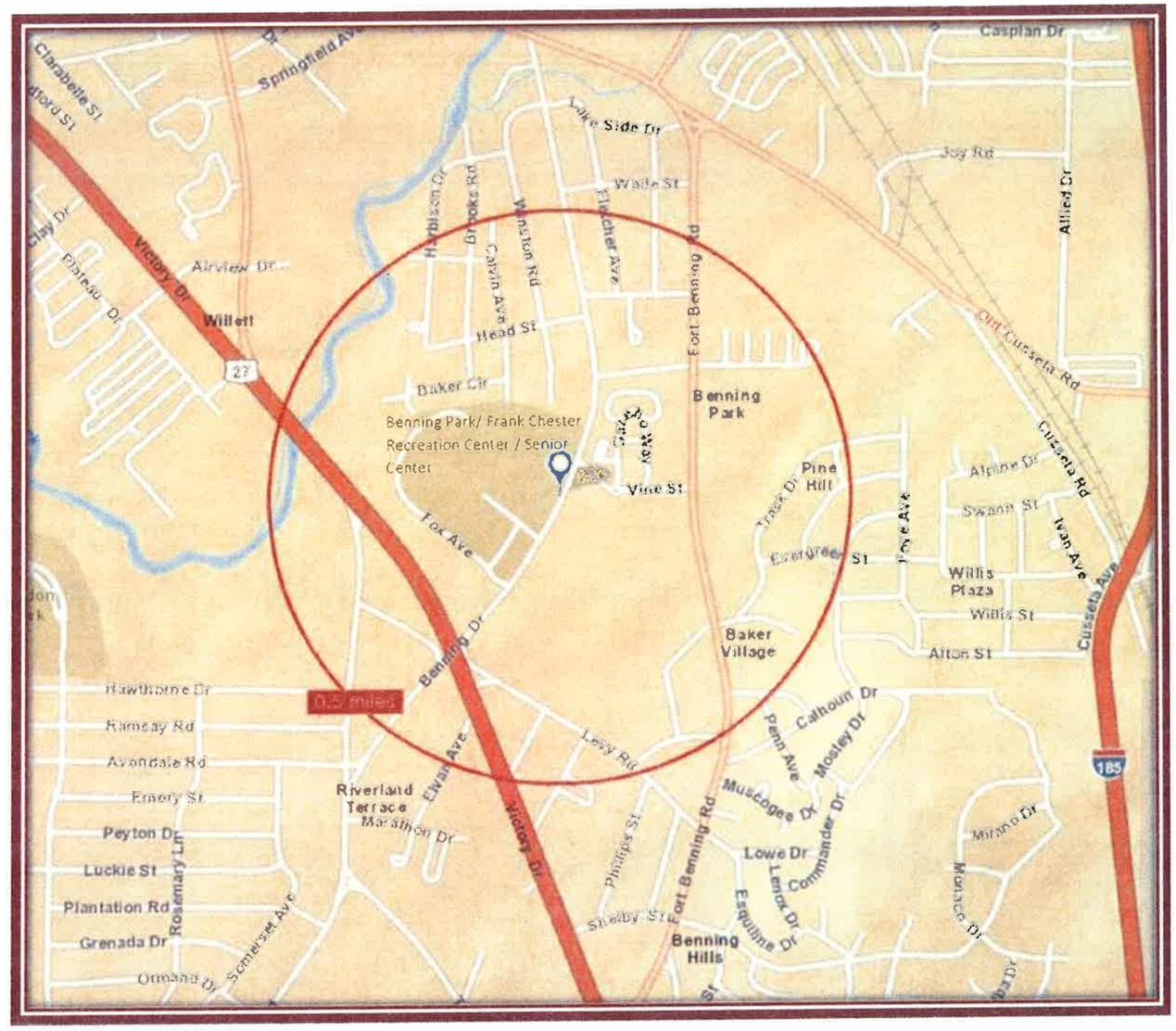
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Benning Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park, and is designed for the recreational needs of Columbus's residents and visitors. On March 23, 2007 Benning Park Supercenter was renamed in honor of Councilor Frank D. Chester. Also located at the park is the Frank Chester Recreation Center and Frank Chester Senior Center.

The Frank Chester Recreation Center/Senior Center is a 19,000 square feet facility. It offers a diverse selection of classes for all ages ranging from arts and crafts to fitness and sports. The center can also be rented for private parties, reunions, sport events or banquets.

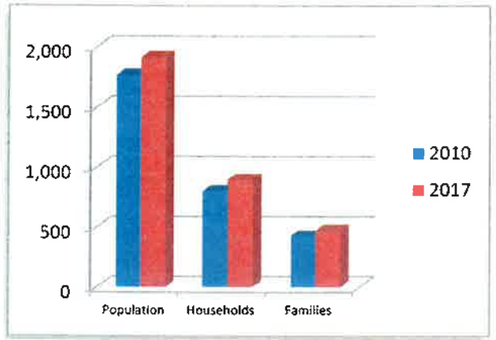
It offers the following amenities:

- Recreation Center Facility
- Pottery Studio
- 4 Softball-Adult
- Rental Facilities
- Indoor Basketball and Volleyball
- Multi Purpose Court
- Seven Tennis Courts
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Playground
- Picnic area



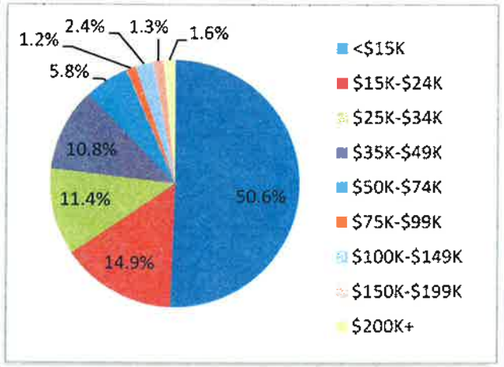
BENNING PARK/FRANK CHESTER	ADDRESS: 1403 Benning Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: C
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 131,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 29.98

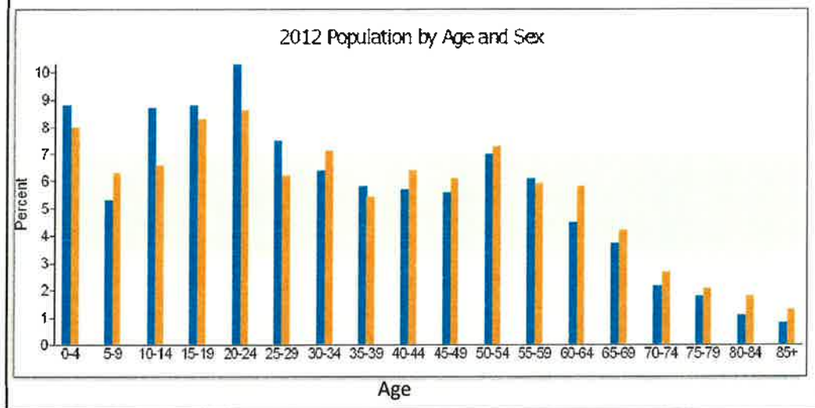
Demographics

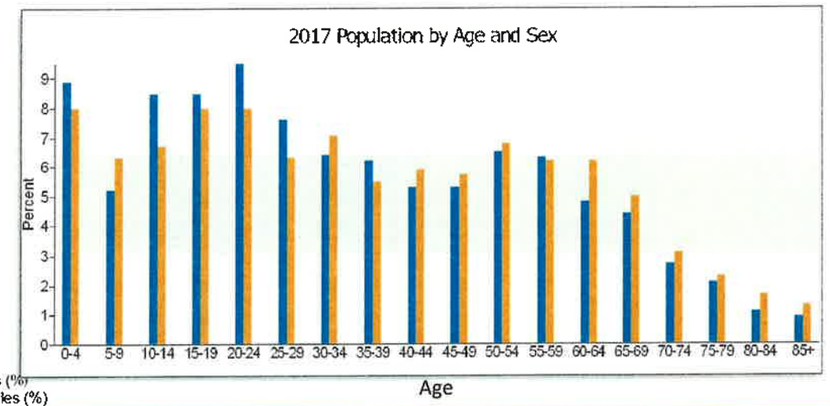


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center/Senior Center •Pottery Studio •4 Softball Fields - Adult •Rental Facilities •Indoor Basketball and Volleyball •Multi -Purpose Court •Seven Tennis Courts •Playground	•Monday through Friday – Senior Center •Ceramics, Art, Needlepoint, Bible Study, Bingo, Exercise Classes •Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM – Monday through Friday 9 AM to 2 PM – Saturday. Closed Sunday •Monday through Friday – Recreation Center •Arts & Crafts, After School Program (Tutoring / Mentoring, Basketball, Game Room •Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday 2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday. Closed Sunday	•Shade trees around the softball fields •Picnic tables near the softball fields •Covered pavillion

2012 Household income







Insights:

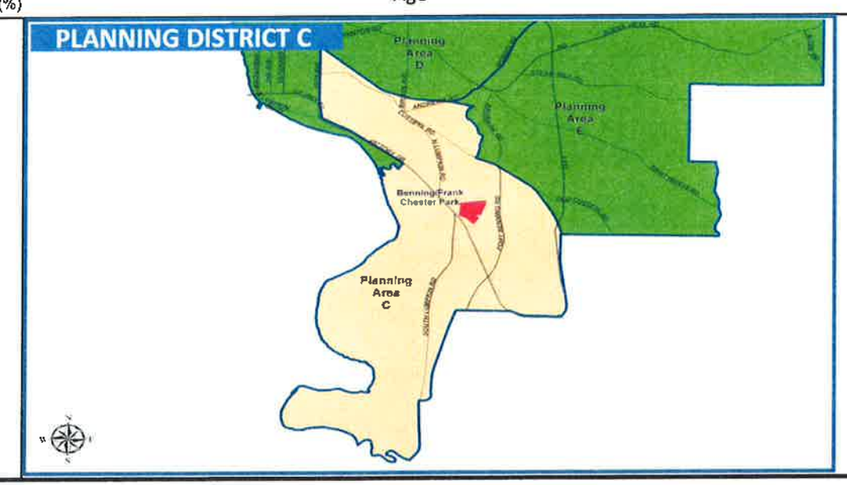
- The surrounding area is low to moderate income with a large amount of public/subsidized housing.
- The park is vital to neighborhood stabilization in this area.
- The senior population is strong in the 1/2 mile study zone, but the senior center caters to most seniors in southwest Columbus. This senior center is highly utilized and active.
- The senior center and the recreation center share the building. however, the internal design of the building separates the two facilties so they can operate independently of each other. The youth activity at the center is high.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community parkby driving no morethan 15 minutes. Community parksshall also serve a population standardof four (4) acres/1000 persons.

Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parkswill be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,305,948 sq. ft.
29.98 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 50 100 200
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 100 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Benning Park/ Frank Chester Gym
(Benning Dr)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 2-19-2012
SCALE: 1"=100'
DRAWN BY: JWoods
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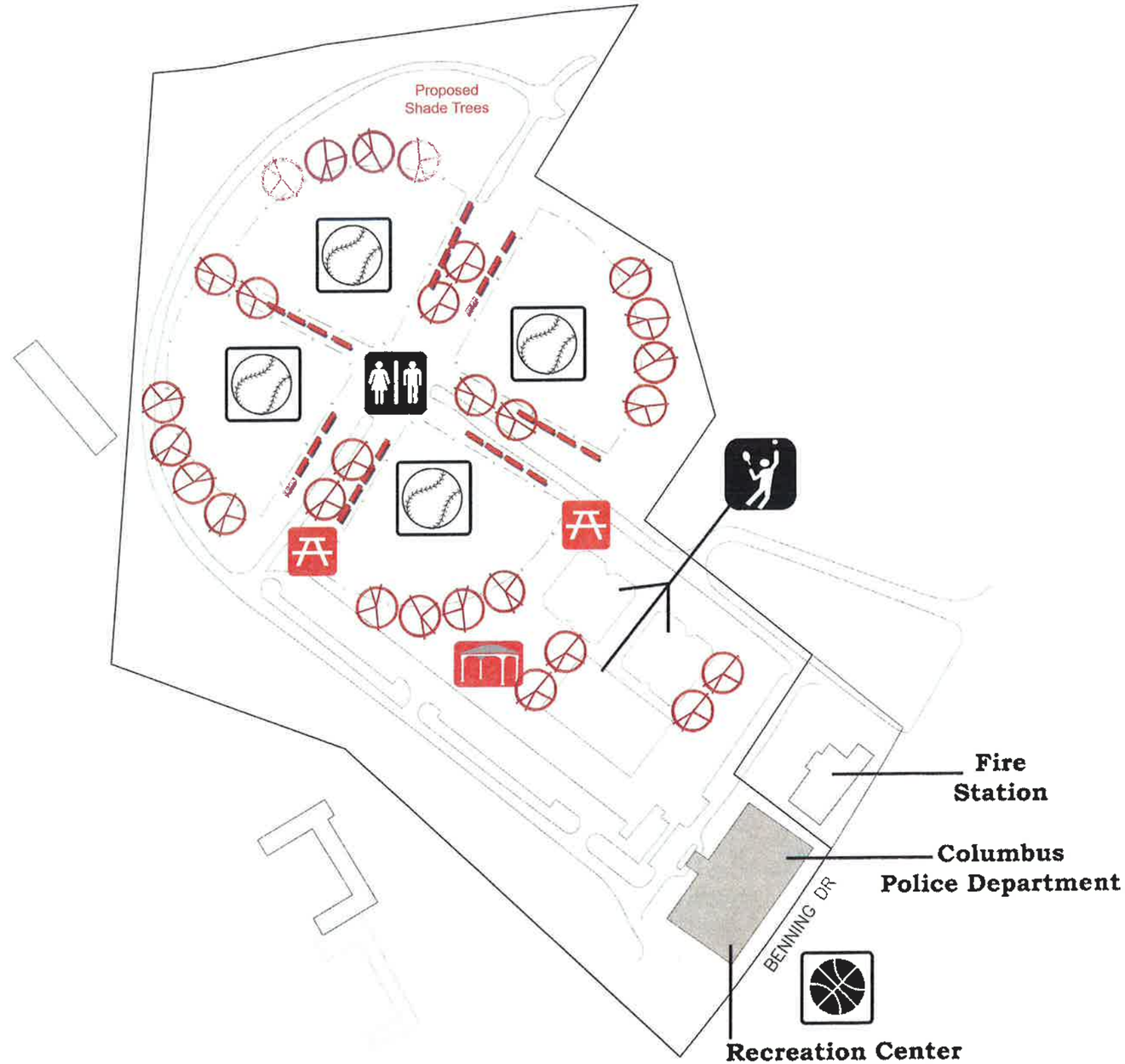
BENNING PARK / FRANK CHESTER RECREATION CENTER

1403 Benning Drive
Columbus, GA

QUICK TAB REFERENCE



RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion

TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,305,948 sq. ft.
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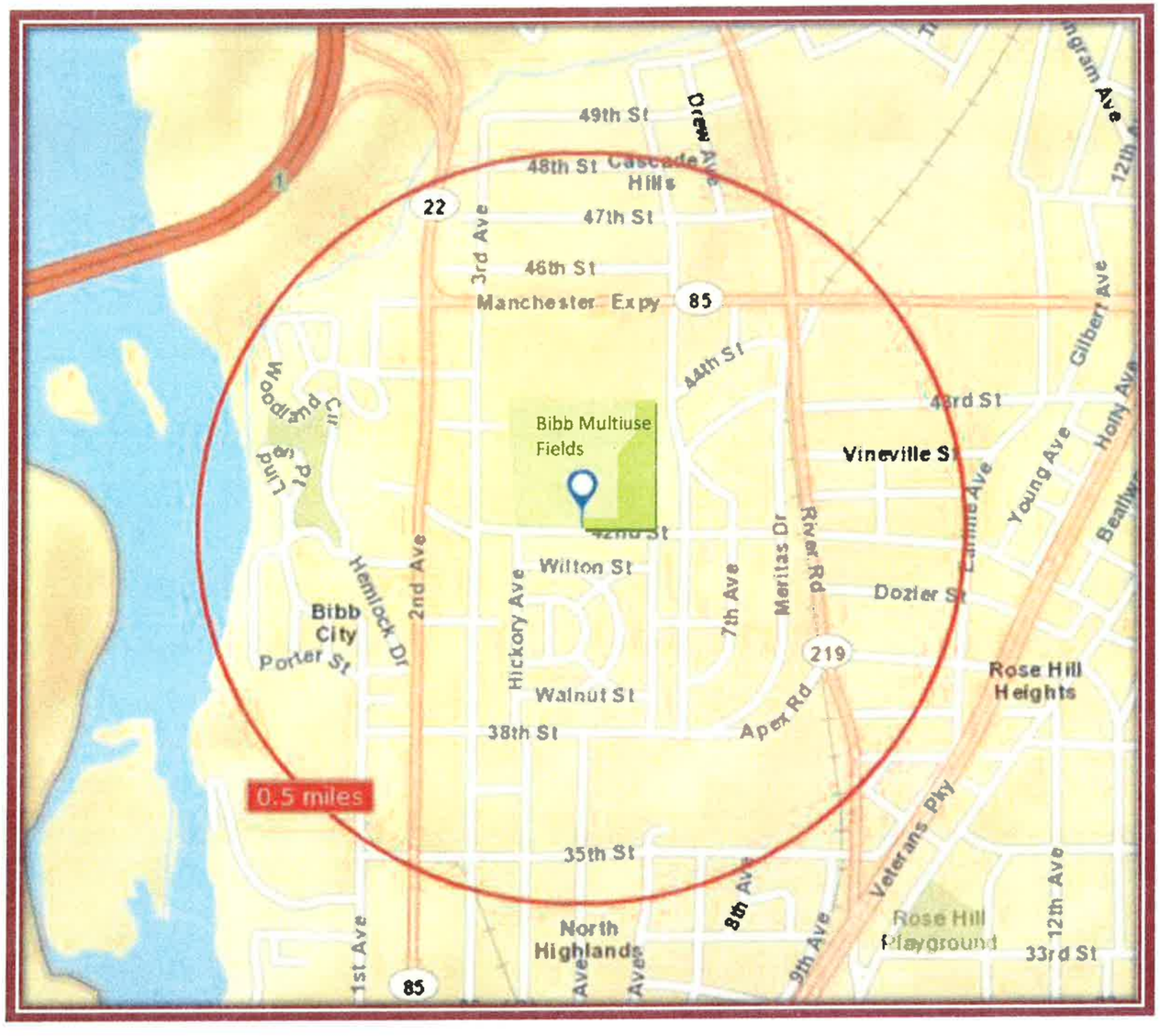
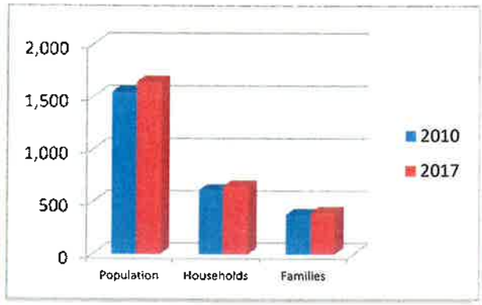
Columbus, GA
What progress has preserved.

BIBB SOCCER FIELD PARK

Bibb Multi-use Field is located at 409 42nd Street and is 4.05 acres. This field can be used for an array of activities.

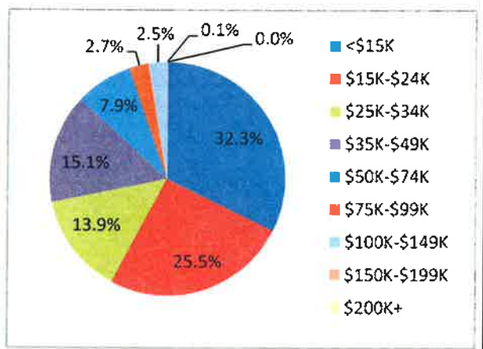


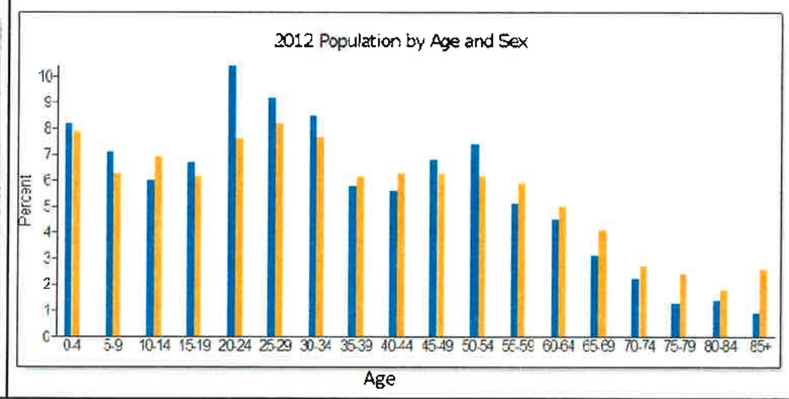
BIBB SOCCER FIELD PARK	ADDRESS: 409 42nd Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 45,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 4.05

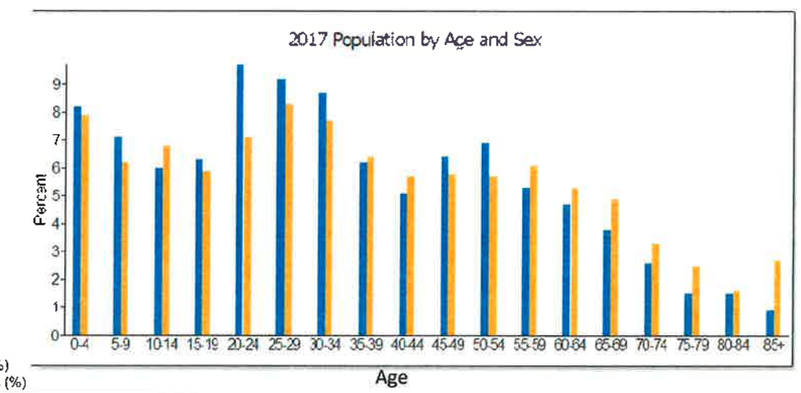


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Soccer Field	This field is used as a practice field for recreational soccer. •Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Extend the Godwin Creek Golf Course parking lot east towards the field. •Shade trees along the east and west property lines. •Add benches and a picnic table. •Add water fountains.

2012 Household income







Insights:

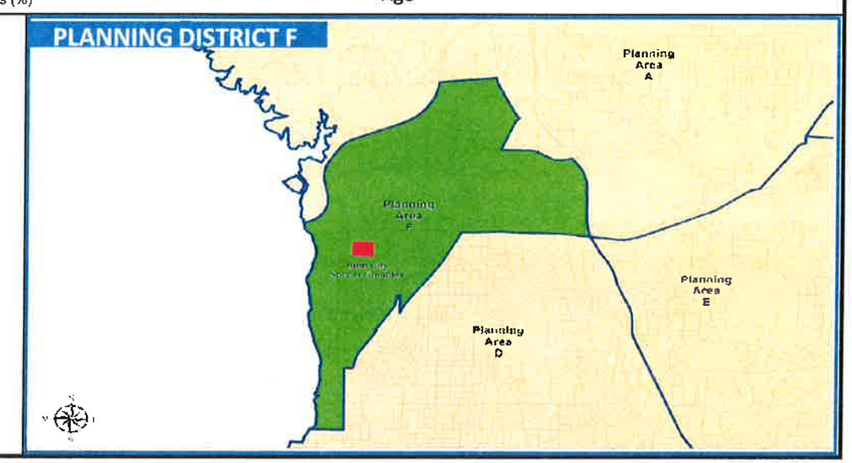
- The park is located in the North Highlands neighborhood, which is a low-to-moderate income level area.
- Anderson Village Park is two blocks from this field and provides amenities that this park does not.
- The neighboorhood is urban and dense, therefore recreation fields are scarce. This park is serving a need for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
176,519 sq. ft.
4.05 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 60 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Bibb Soccer Fields
(409 42nd Street)

REVISION
DATE

DATE: 6-25-2012
SCALE: 1"=60'
DRAWN BY: JWoods
CHECKED BY:

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BIBB SOCCER FIELDS

403 42nd Street
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Bleachers
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion

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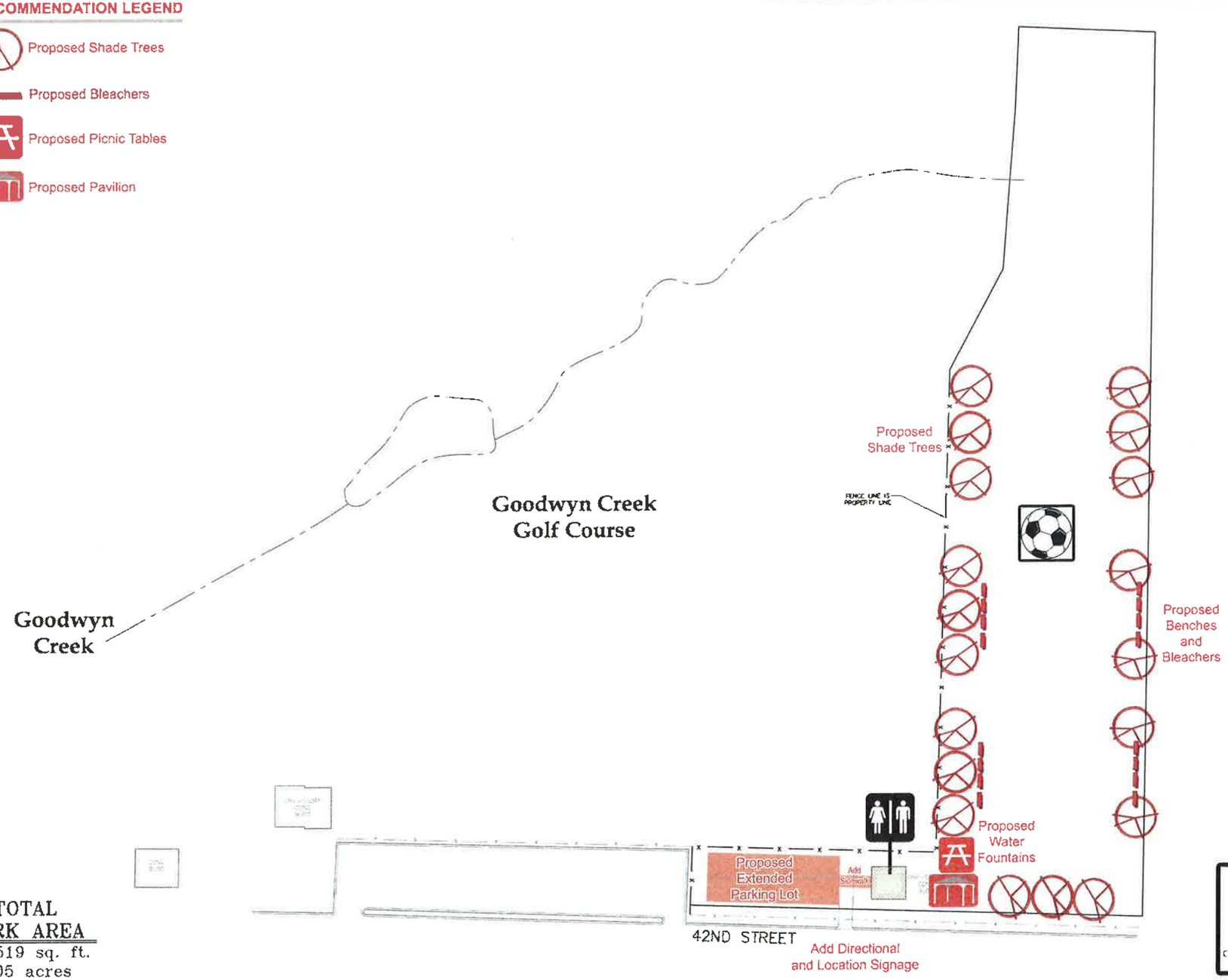


TOTAL PARK AREA
176,519 sq. ft.
4.05 acres

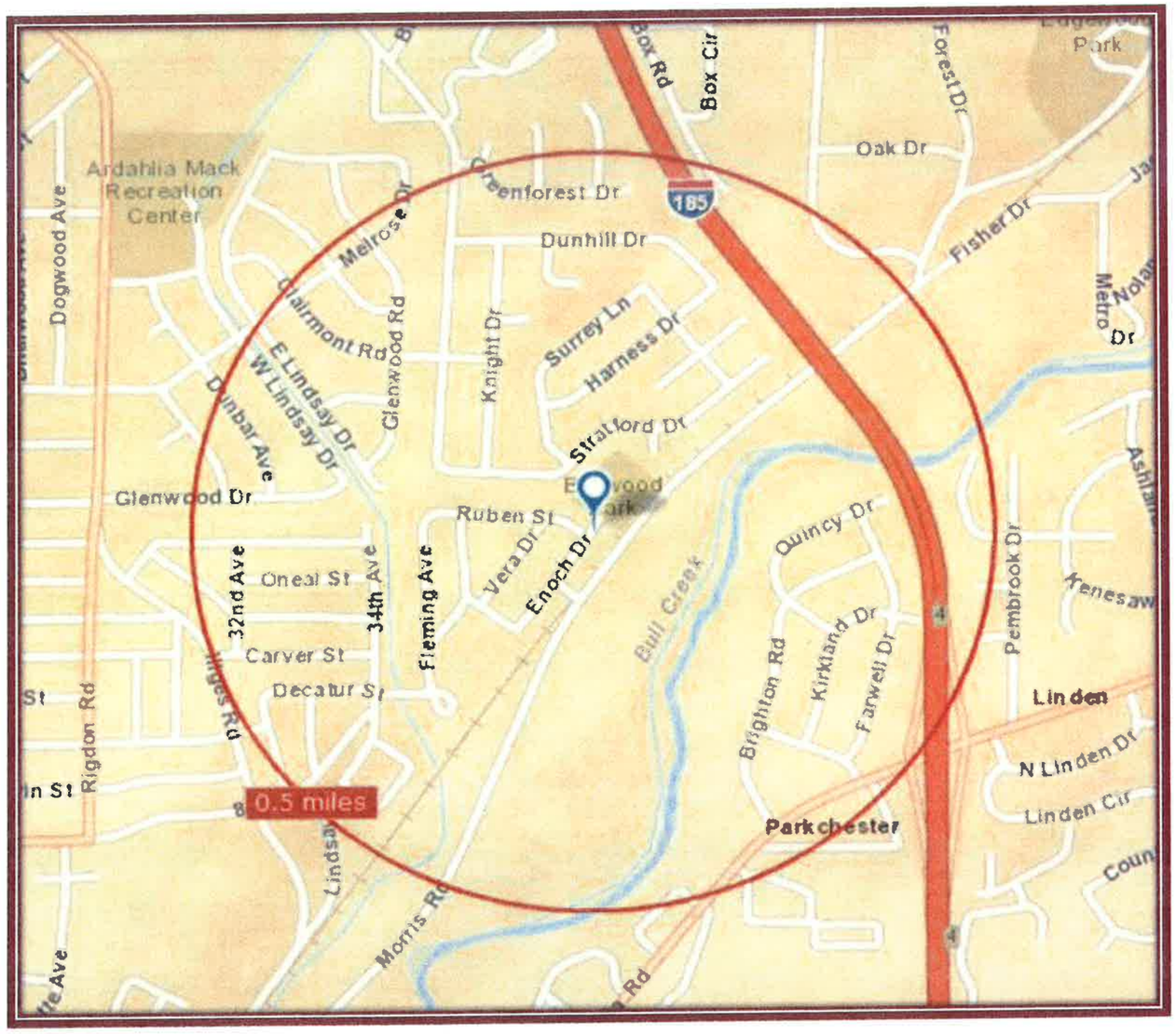
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
When progress has preserved.

BOXWOOD PARK/RECREATION CENTER

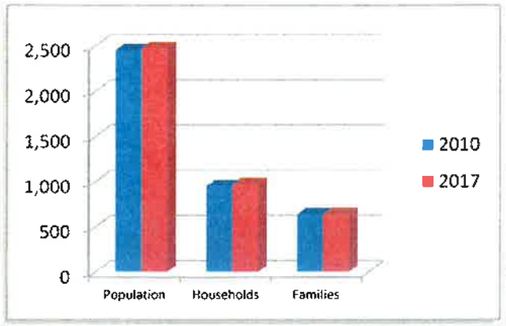
Boxwood Park is a Neighborhood Park located at 1110 Enoch Drive. with 4.03 acres. Boxwood Recreation Center offers recreational programming for all ages.

Amenities at the park include:

- Recreation Center
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Playground
- Outdoor basketball.

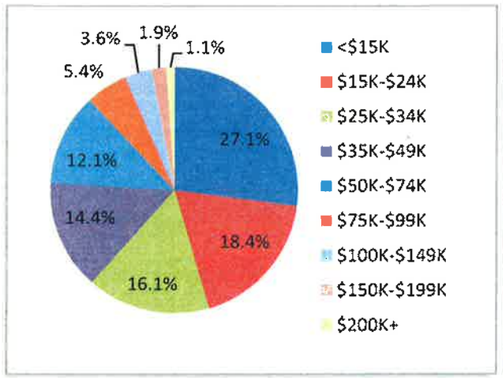


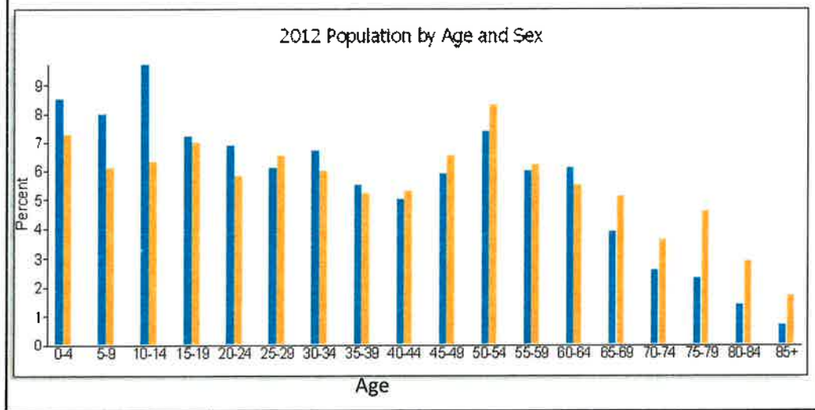
BOXWOOD PARK	ADDRESS: 1110 Enoch Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT : D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $101,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 4.03

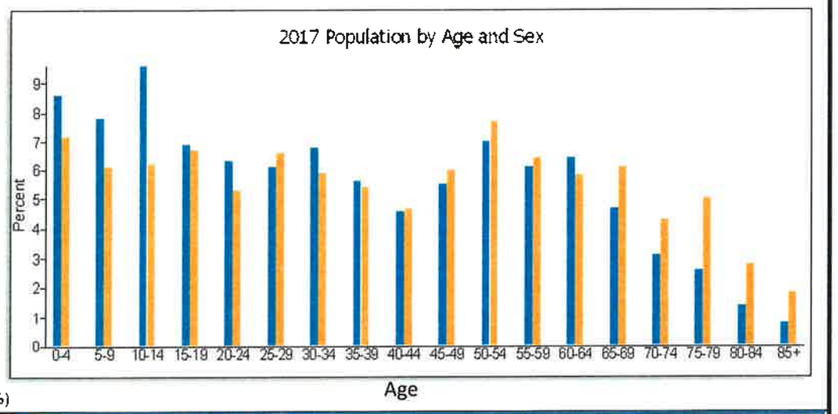


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •Multi-Purpose Field •Playground •Outdoor Basketball Court	•Monday through Friday – Senior Programming •Games, Pool, and Ping Pong • Monday through Friday – Youth Programming •Game Room, Assist with School Work (Tutoring) •Wi-Fi access •Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday Closed Saturday and Sunday	??•Signage ???•Covered Pavilion ???•Additional Basketball Courts •Market Days •Community Gardens •Shade Trees •Bleachers or benches for courts or playgrounds

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Two-thirds of the population in this area is low-to-moderate income.
- Age and sex projections will be consistent over next five years.
- Population, households, and families projected to slightly increase over next five years.
- The success of this park hinges on neighborhood interests. This park has been vandalized numerous times. The hope is that the neighborhood will embrace the park and enable its vitality.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

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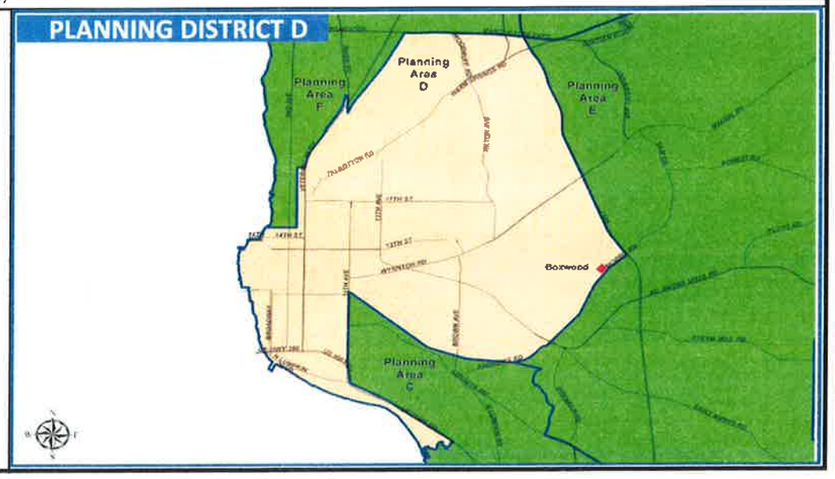

FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED JUNE 20, 2012

LEGEND

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R/W	RIGHT-OF-WAY
MON	MONUMENT
TELE	TELEPHONE
PED	PEDESTAL
TP	TELEPHONE POLE
PP	POWER POLE
SP	SIGNAL POLE
UP	UTILITY POLE
GP	GUY POLE
LP	LIGHT POLE
WF	WATER FOUNTAIN
-E-	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
-T-	OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
-X-	FENCE
-C-	OVERHEAD CABLE
S	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
T	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
CV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA
175,653 sq. ft.
4.03 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 15 30 60
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
PLANNING COMMISSION

Columbus, GA

Boxwood Park (Enoch Drive)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 6-21-2012
SCALE: 1"=30'
DRAWN BY: JWoods
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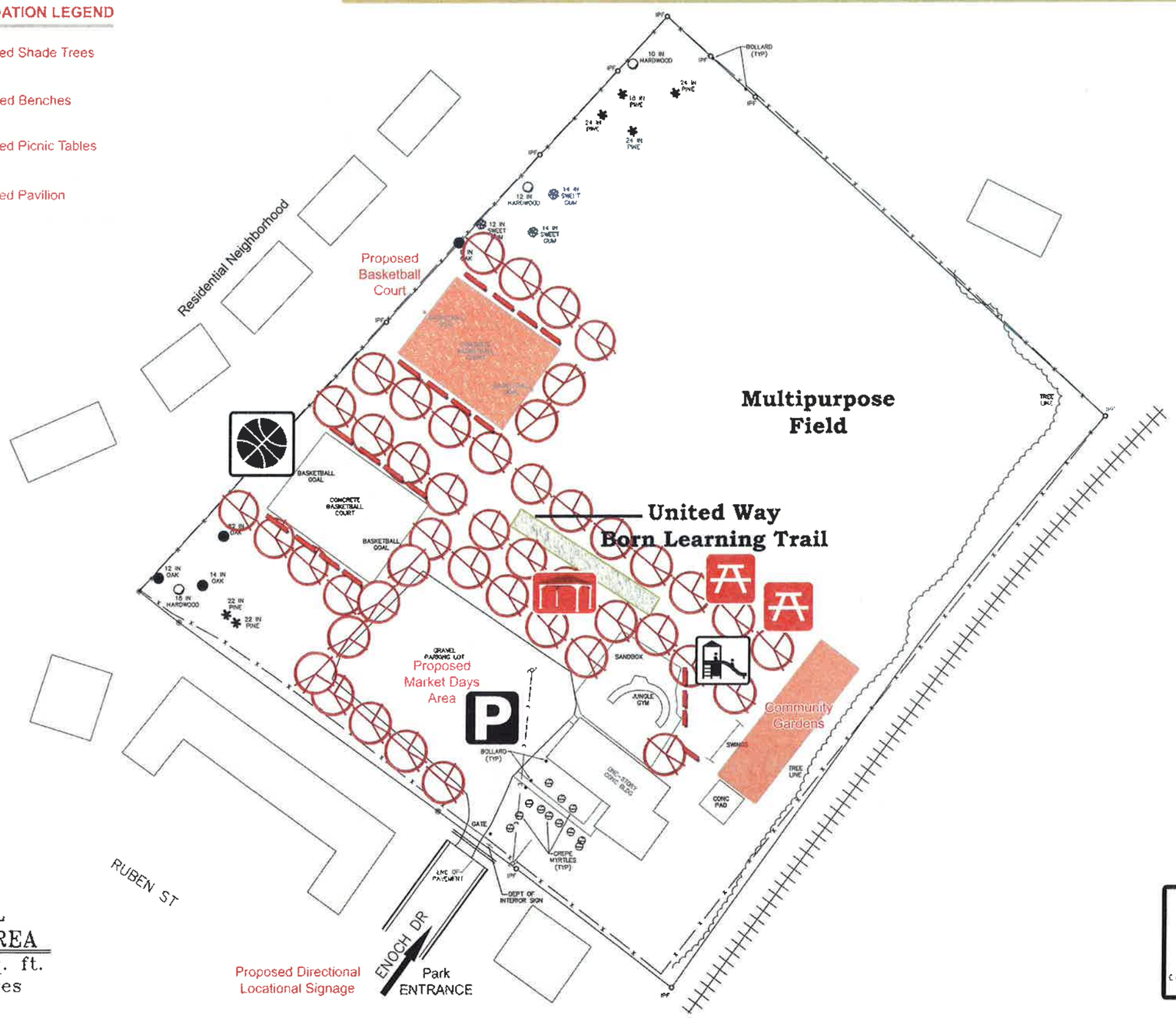
BOXWOOD PARK RECREATION CENTER

1110 Enoch Drive
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

TOTAL PARK AREA
175,653 sq. ft.
4.03 acres

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

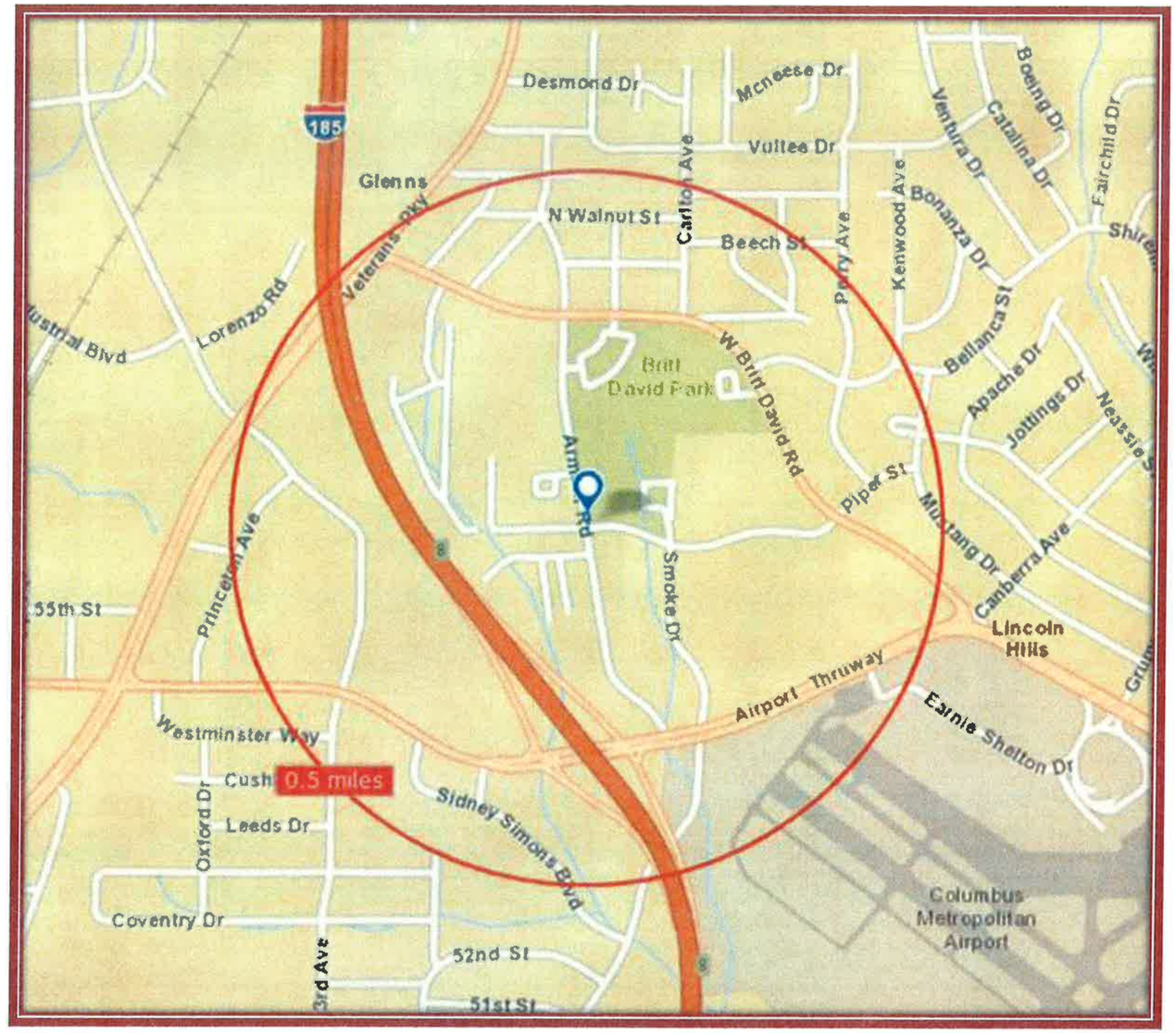
BRITT DAVID PARK

Britt David Park is classified as a Community Park, and offers an array of structured activities for youth and adults.

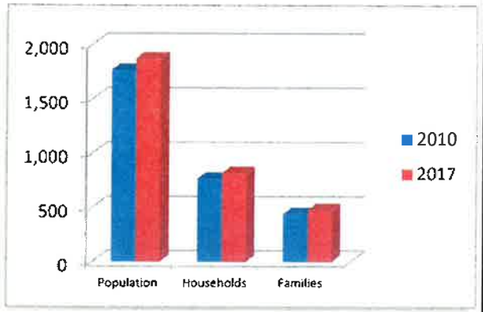
Cultural Arts Studio
The Cultural Arts Studio, located at the Northern end of the park, offers a variety of Arts & Crafts including painting classes, pottery, ceramics, and photography classes. Numerous programs are offered to the community at this center that includes children to seniors.

Britt David Park also has the following amenities:

- 2 Baseball-Babe Ruth field
- 2 Baseball-Little League field
- 2 softball - Little League field
- 1 Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- 1 Walking Trail
- Football field
- Grills/Picnic Area
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground

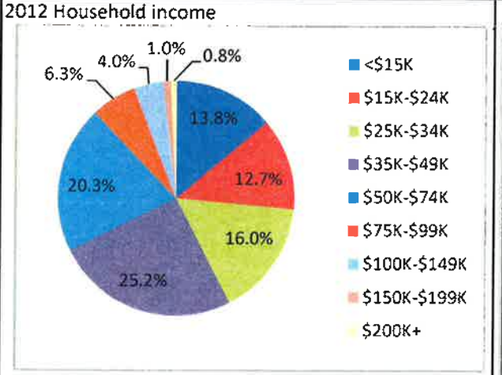


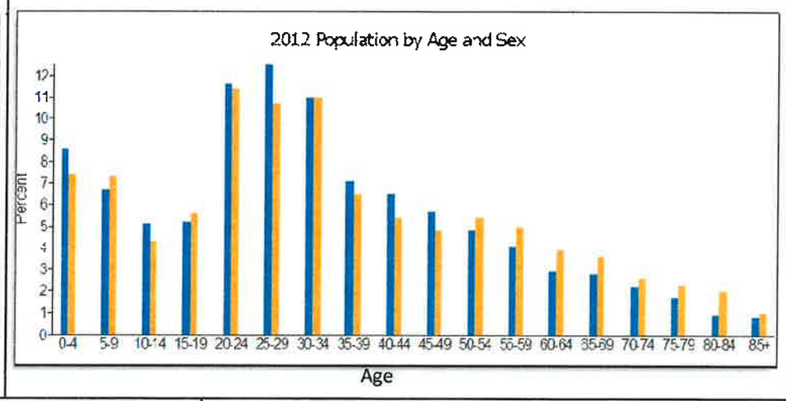
BRITT DAVID PARK	ADDRESS: 5560 Armour Rd.	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 642,500 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 39.95

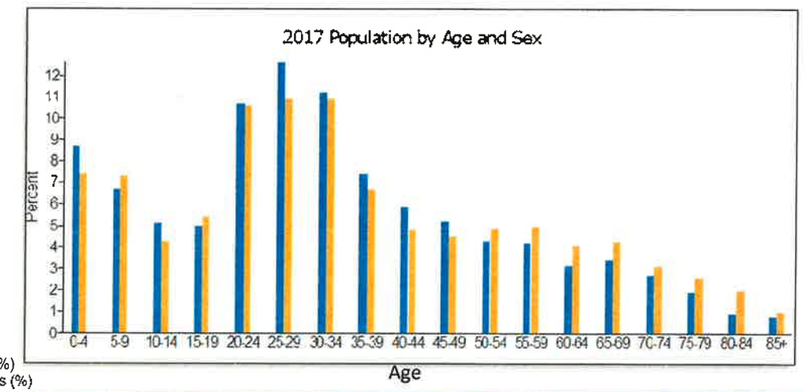


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•2 Baseball Fields - Babe Ruth •2 Baseball Fields - Little League •2 Softball Fields - Little League • Football Field •Walking Trail •Covered Pavilion/Outdoor Restrooms •Pottery studio •Playground •Grill/Picnic Area	•Pottery Studio •Hours - Monday – 9 AM to 8:30 PM Tuesday – 9 AM to 10 PM Wednesday – 10 AM to 5 PM Thursday – 9 AM to 10 PM Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed •Youth Athletics •Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Proposed rain garden behind western most softball field •Shade trees around all fields •Picnic tables

2012 Household income







Insights:

- This park is located in a stable, middle class neighborhood. It serves as the center point of a mixed use area, which includes single family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, an elementary school, and a public library - all within walking distance of each other.
- The neighborhood is mainly comprised of young families, and the neighborhood amenities play a large role in that.
- Young families will continue to locate in this area in the future due to affordable, stable housing.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

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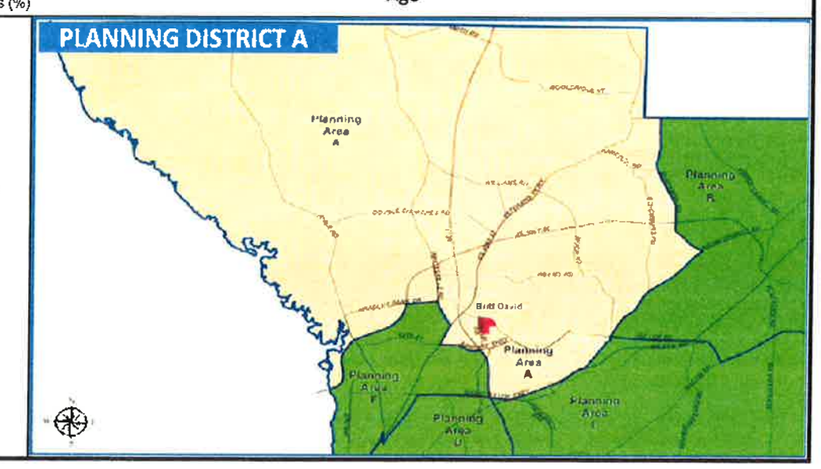

TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,740,134 sq. ft.
39.95 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
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NORTH

COLUMBUS,
MUSCOGEE COUNTY,
GEORGIA

Columbus, GA

Britt David Park
(5590 Armour Rd)

REVISION
DATE

DATE: 6-26-2012
SCALE: 1"=100'
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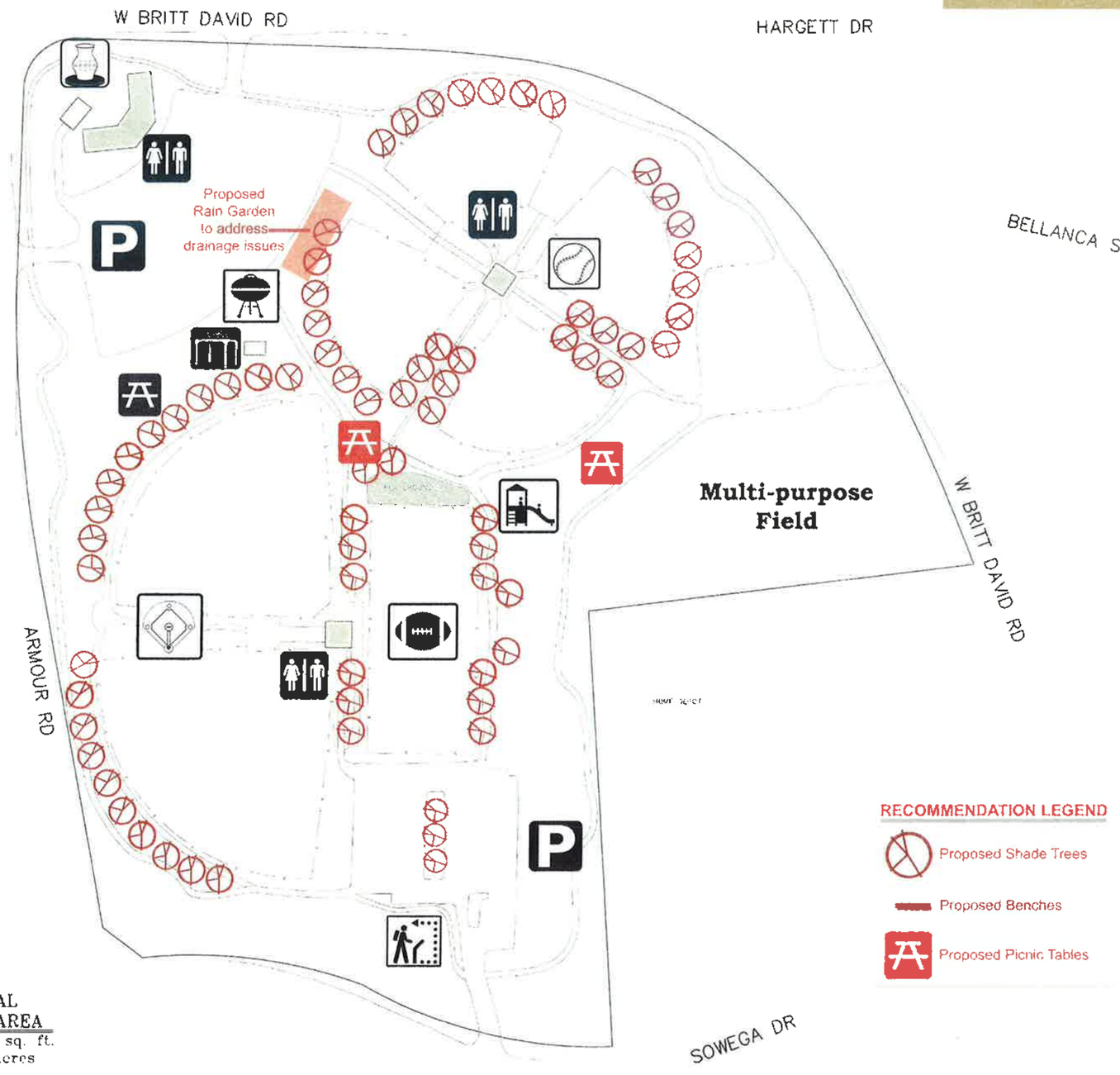
BRITT DAVID PARK

5560 Armour Road
Columbus, GA



TOTAL PARK AREA
1,740,134 sq. ft.
39.95 acres

QUICK TAB REFERENCE

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

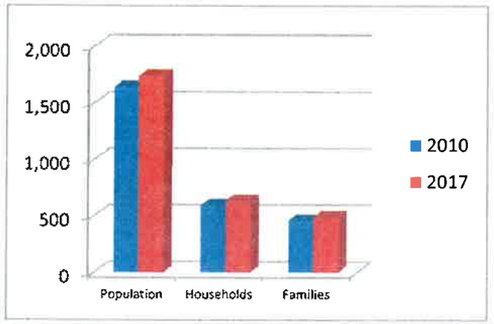
CARVER PARK

Carver Park and Recreation Center is classified as a Community Park with 63.48 acres.

Carver Park and Recreation Center offers a wide variety of structured and informal activities. The center can also be rented for private gatherings, reunions, sport events or banquets. The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

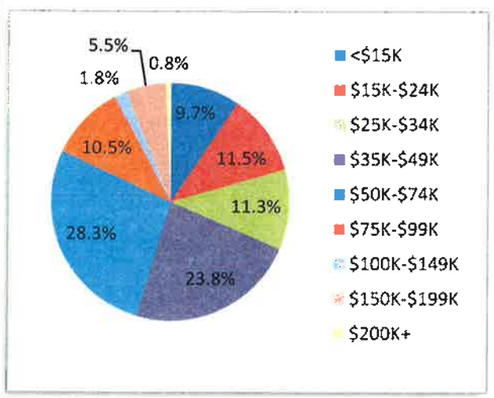
- Recreation Center
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Rental Facilities
- Outdoor Basketball
- Playground
- Picnic/Grills
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Multi-purpose field
- Fishing

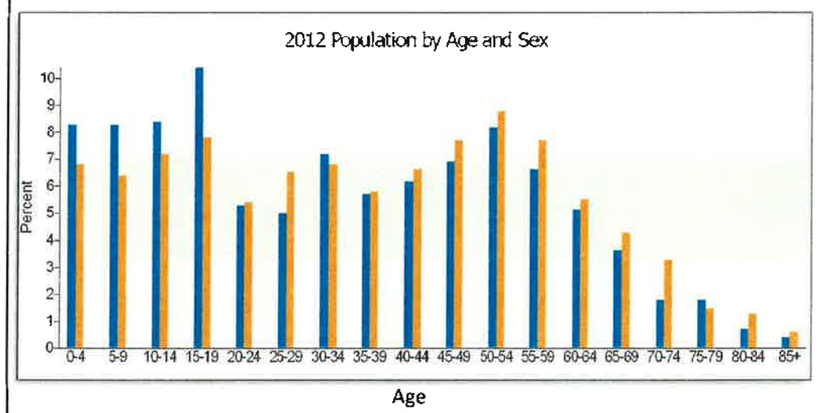
CARVER PARK	ADDRESS: 6665 Hunter Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 0,0 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 63.48

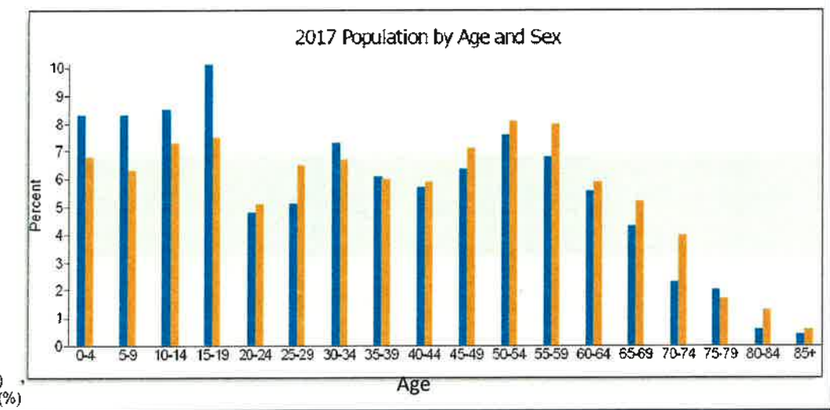


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •Playground •Walking Trail •Fishing •Rental Facilities •Outdoor Basketball Court •Softball Field - Adult •Picnic/ Grills •Outdoor Restrooms •Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Multi-Purpose Field	•Monday through Friday – Youth Programming •After school program (Tutorial) •Modeling •Aerobics •Tuesday and Thursday – Senior Programming •Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday - Friday (Inside Actitivies) Closed Saturday and Sunday •Hours: 5 AM to 11 PM – (Outside Actitivies)	•Extend Hunter Road and connect it to the Western portion of Hunter Road. •The ROW is reserved. •Loop back street to connect loop-possible near Forrest Road Elementary. •Partner with Science Department of Elementary. •Check topography and create better connectivity.

2012 Household income







Insights:

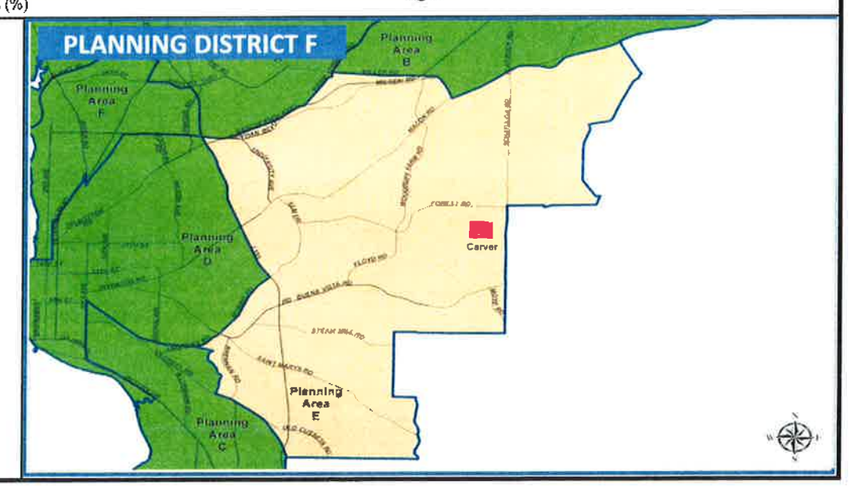
- The southeastern portion of Muscogee County has seen an explosion of new housing over the last 15 years. Most of the houses are in new subdivisions and housing costs are affordable.
- This area is desirable for families due to the proximity to schools and employment centers.
- Income levels are middle level trending upward.
- This park serves a wide variety of ages and has something for everyone. The recreation center is able to provide senior as well as youth programming.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community parkby driving no morethan 15 minutes. Community parksshall also serve a population standardof four (4) acres/1000 persons.

Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parkswill be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.



TOTAL PARK AREA
2,765,316 sq. ft.
63.48 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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(IN FEET)
1 inch = 100 ft.

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Columbus, GA

Carver Park
(6665 Hunter Rd)

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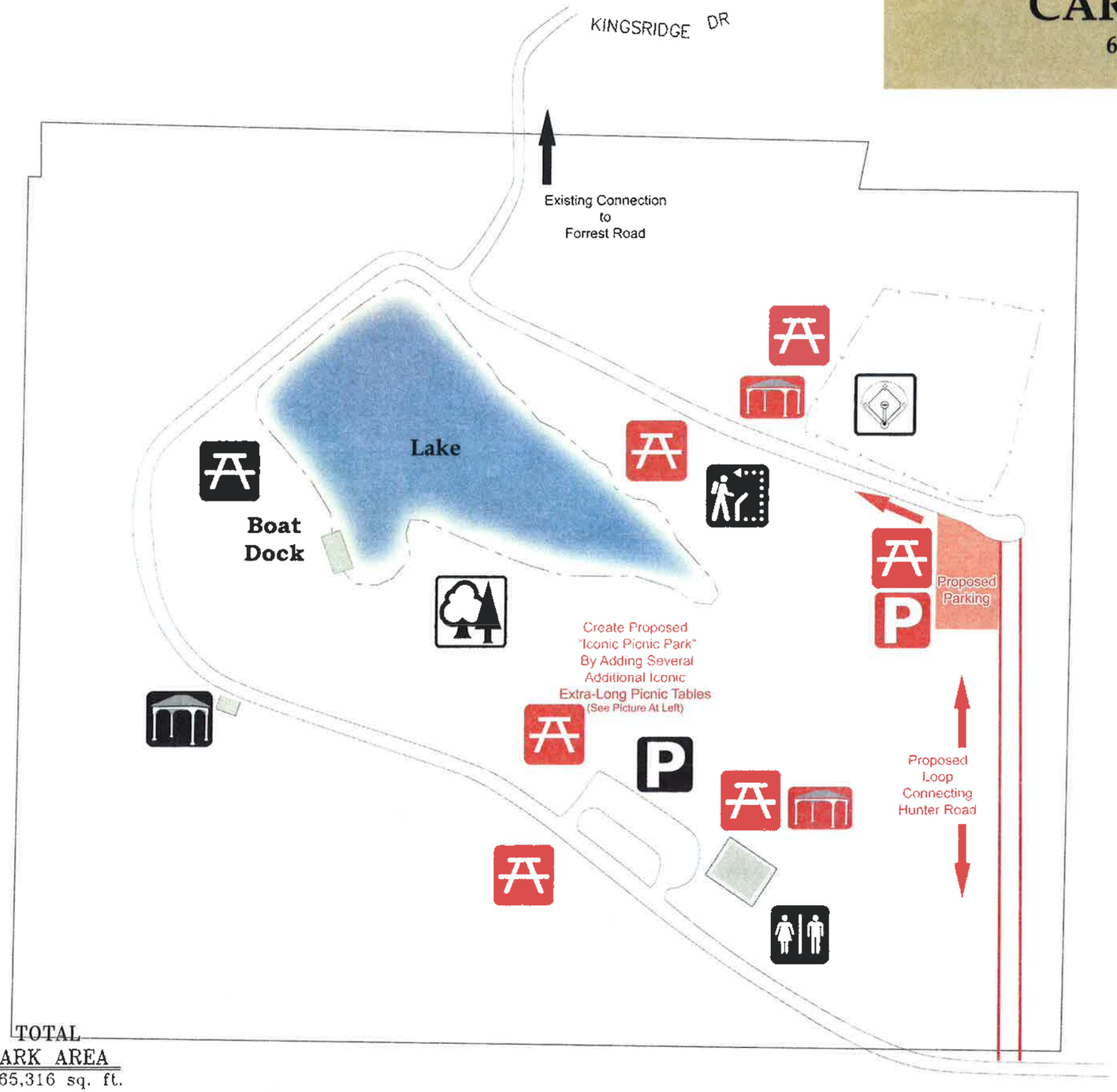
CARVER PARK

6665 Hunter Road
Columbus, GA



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion

NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA
2,765,316 sq. ft.
63.48 acres

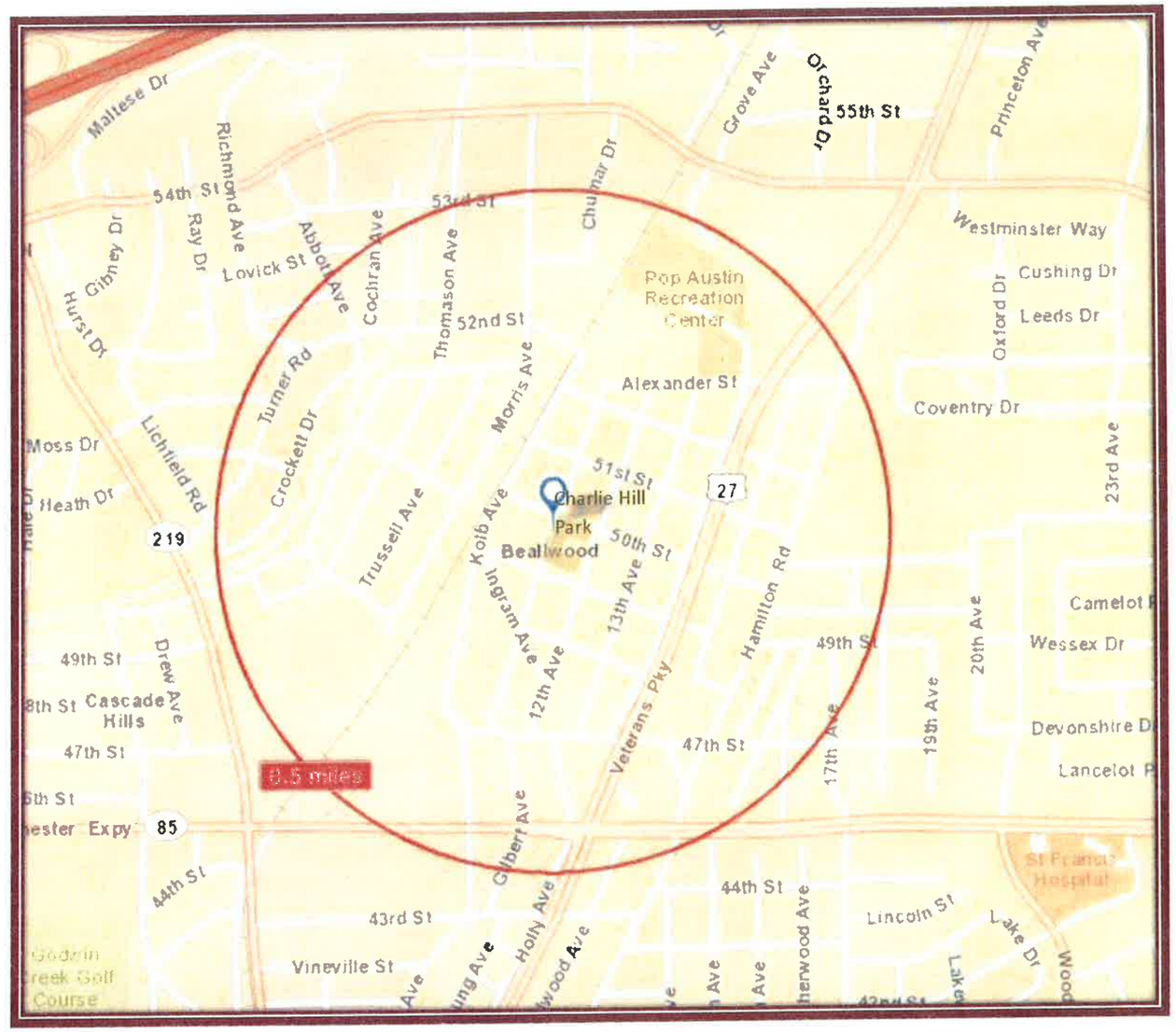
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

CHARLIE HILL PARK

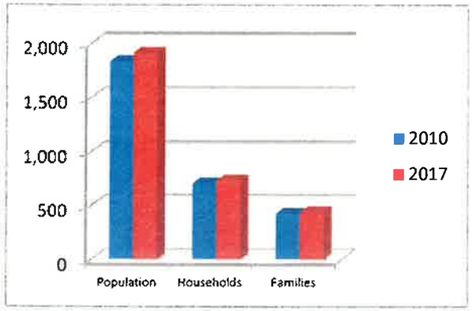
Charlie Hill Park is located at 4924 11th Avenue and is classified as a neighborhood park.

Charlie Hill has the following amenities:

- Covered pavilion/gazebo
- Playground
- Picnic
- Outdoor basketball Court
- Outdoor restrooms

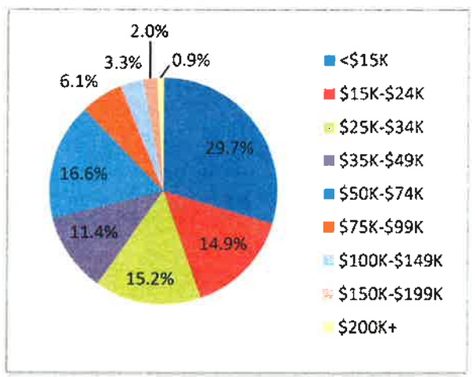


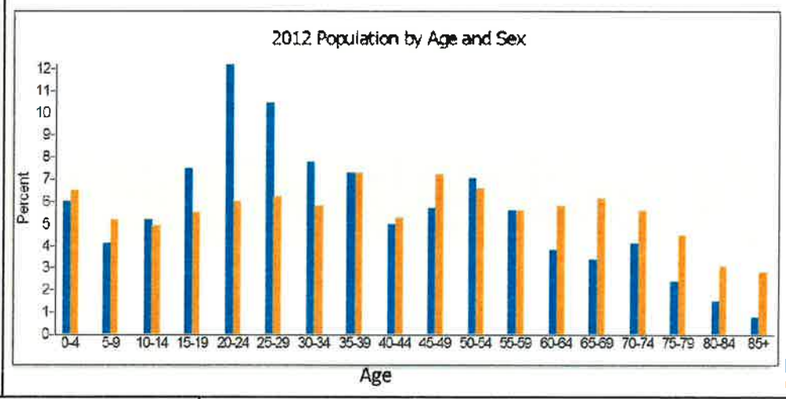
CHARLIE HILL PARK	ADDRESS: 4924 11th Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 0,0 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES:

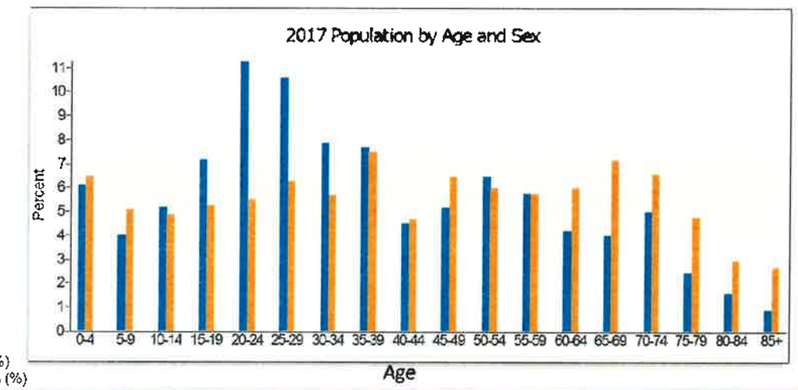


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Playground •Picnic •Outdoor Basketball Court •Outdoor Restrooms	There are no program elements for this park. •Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•No recommendation. This park is in good condition and well maintained. It is utilized by the neighborhood and adjacent church. The church shares its parking lot for park use.

2012 Household income







Insights:

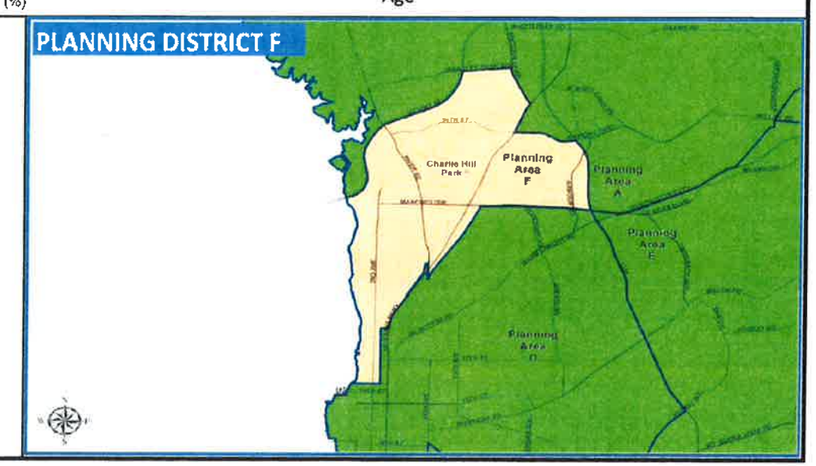
- Charlie Hill Park is centered in the Beallwood neighborhood, which has been a city focus area for redevelopment and revitalization.
- The neighborhood is low-to-moderate income and has sections of blight. The area is also negatively impacted by commercial
- Over the next five years, the 44 and under age demographic will remain stable, but the 45 and over age group will grow. Future needs in this neighborhood may need to be adjusted to meet the needs of seniors.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED MAY 17, 2012

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R/W	RIGHT OF WAY
MON	MONUMENT
TELE	TELEPHONE
PED	PEDESTAL
TP	TELEPHONE POLE
PP	POWER POLE
SP	SIGNAL POLE
UP	UTILITY POLE
GP	GUY POLE
LP	LIGHT POLE
-E-	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
-T-	OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
-X-	FENCE
S	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
T	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

TOTAL
PARK AREA
89,445 sq. ft.
2.05 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

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Charlie Hill Park As-built Survey (4909 12th Ave)

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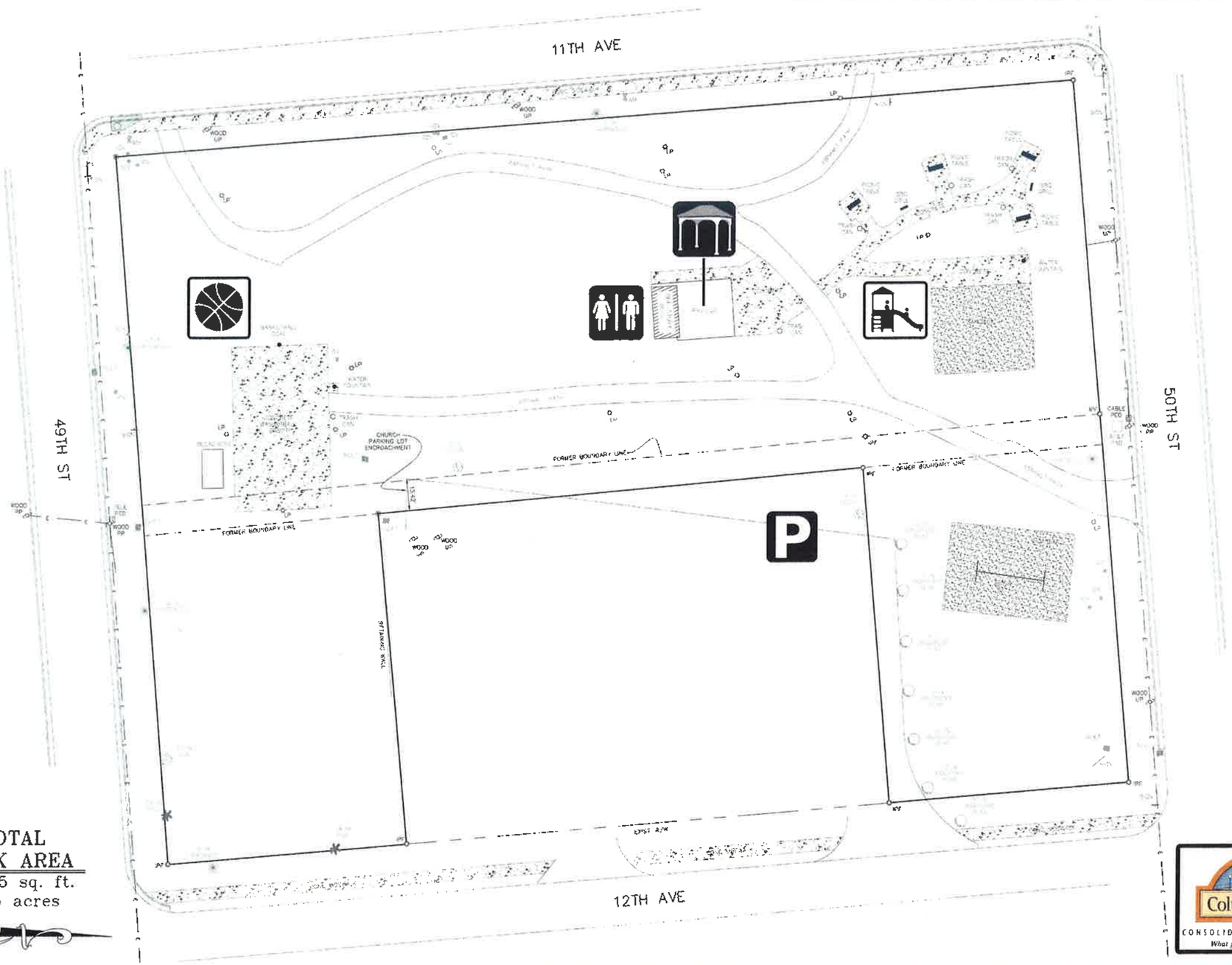
CHARLIE HILL PARK

4924 11th Avenue
Columbus, GA



TOTAL PARK AREA
89,445 sq. ft.
2.05 acres

QUICK TAB REFERENCE

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

CHATTAHOOCHEE PROMENADES AT RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK

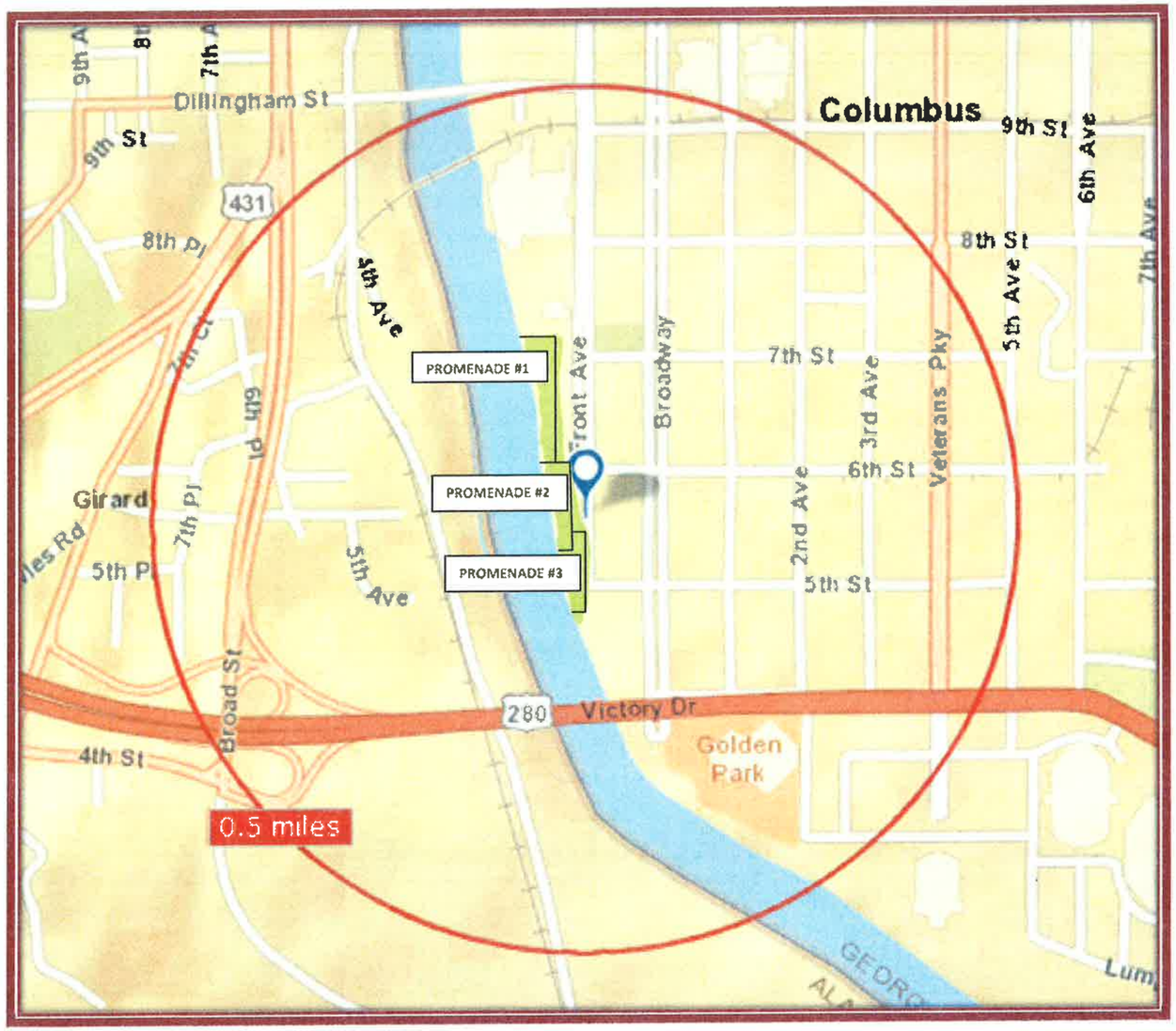
Original construction began in 1989 and Phase I had a grand opening in 1992. This one mile area spanned from the dam at The River Club to behind the Trade Center. It featured restrooms ADA accessibility and easy access from downtown at bay Avenue.

Phase II was a large project that took the length of the Riverwalk to 12 miles. Phase III extended another three miles and Phases IV and V included the northern section of the Riverwalk.

The now twenty-two mile linear park that provides an asphalt trail with restrooms and access to several points for the sports minded hiker or cyclist to the perfect spot for fishing.

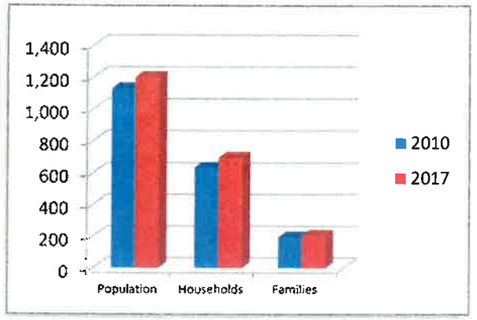
The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Picnic
- Rental Facilities/Promenades 1, 2 & 3
- River Walk



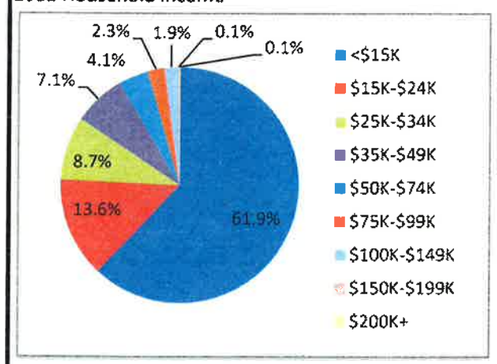
CHATTAHOOCHEE PROMENADES AT LINEAR PARK	ADDRESS: 501 Front Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: N/A (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: N/A

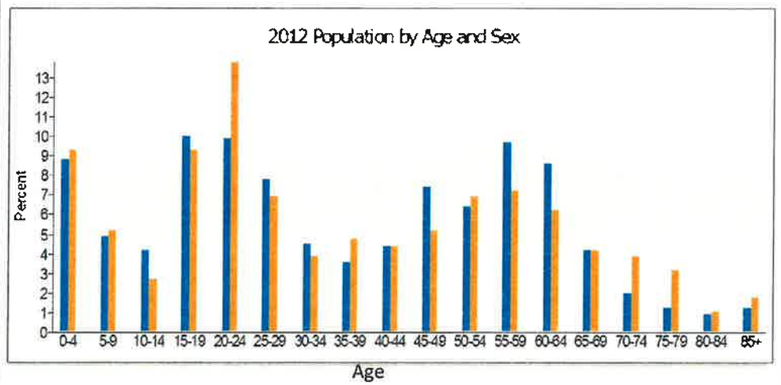
Demographics

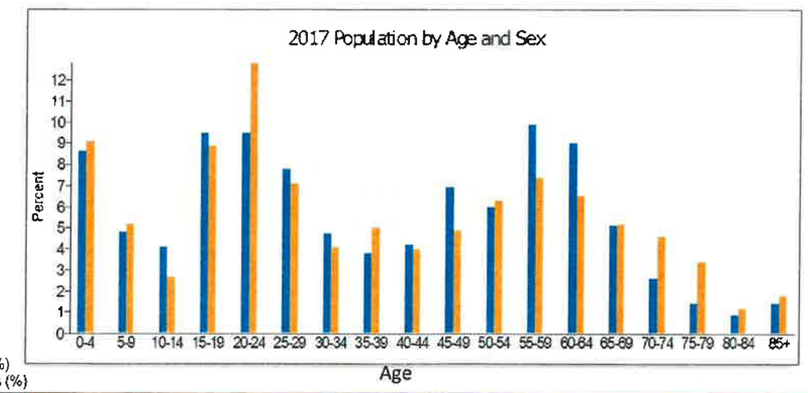


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Picnic Areas & Rest Stops •Pedestrian Biking/Running/Walking Trail •Covered Pavilions	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for the Riverwalk.

2012 Household income







Males (%)
Females (%)

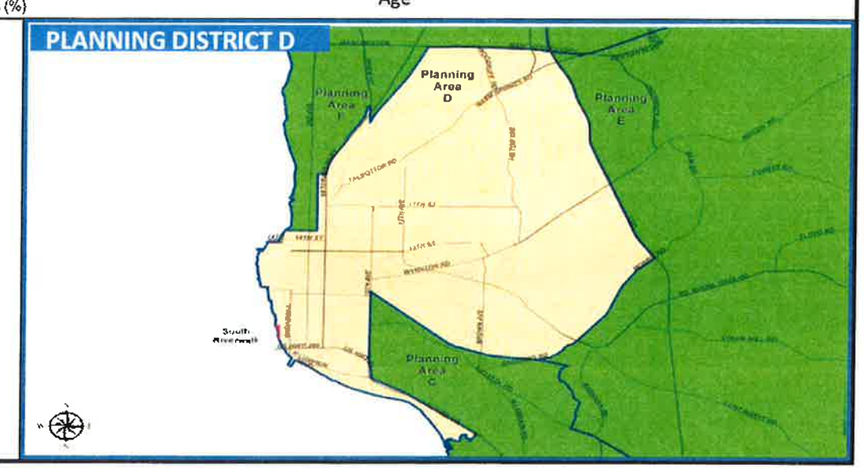
Insights:

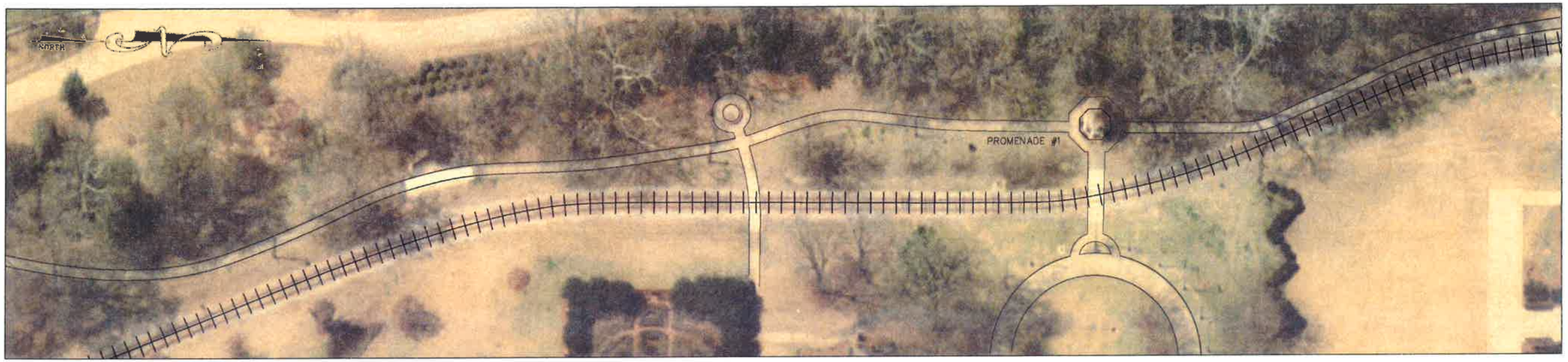
- The Riverwalk was Columbus' first linear park. It runs from the Lake Oliver Dam to the north to Fort Benning to the south. It is the North-South complement to the East-West Fall Line Trace.
- The Riverwalk will be fully completed by 2015 and will have no disconnects.

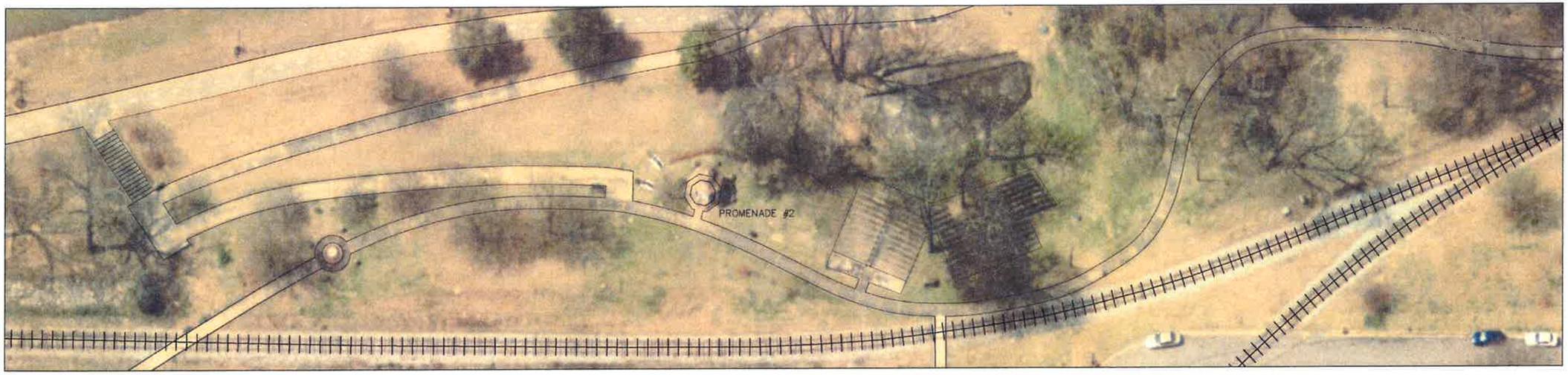
Regional Parks:

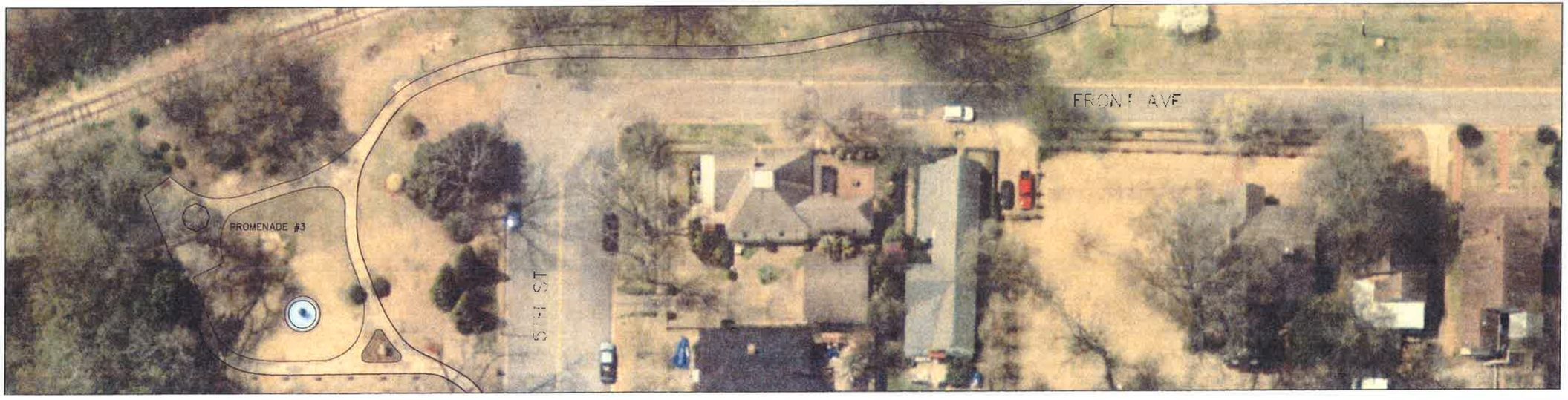
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000 persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 feet buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.









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Chattahoochee Promenades (Front Ave/Riverwalk)

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CHATTAHOOCHEE PROMENADES AT THE RIVERWALK LINEAR PARK

501 and 601 Front Avenue
Columbus, GA

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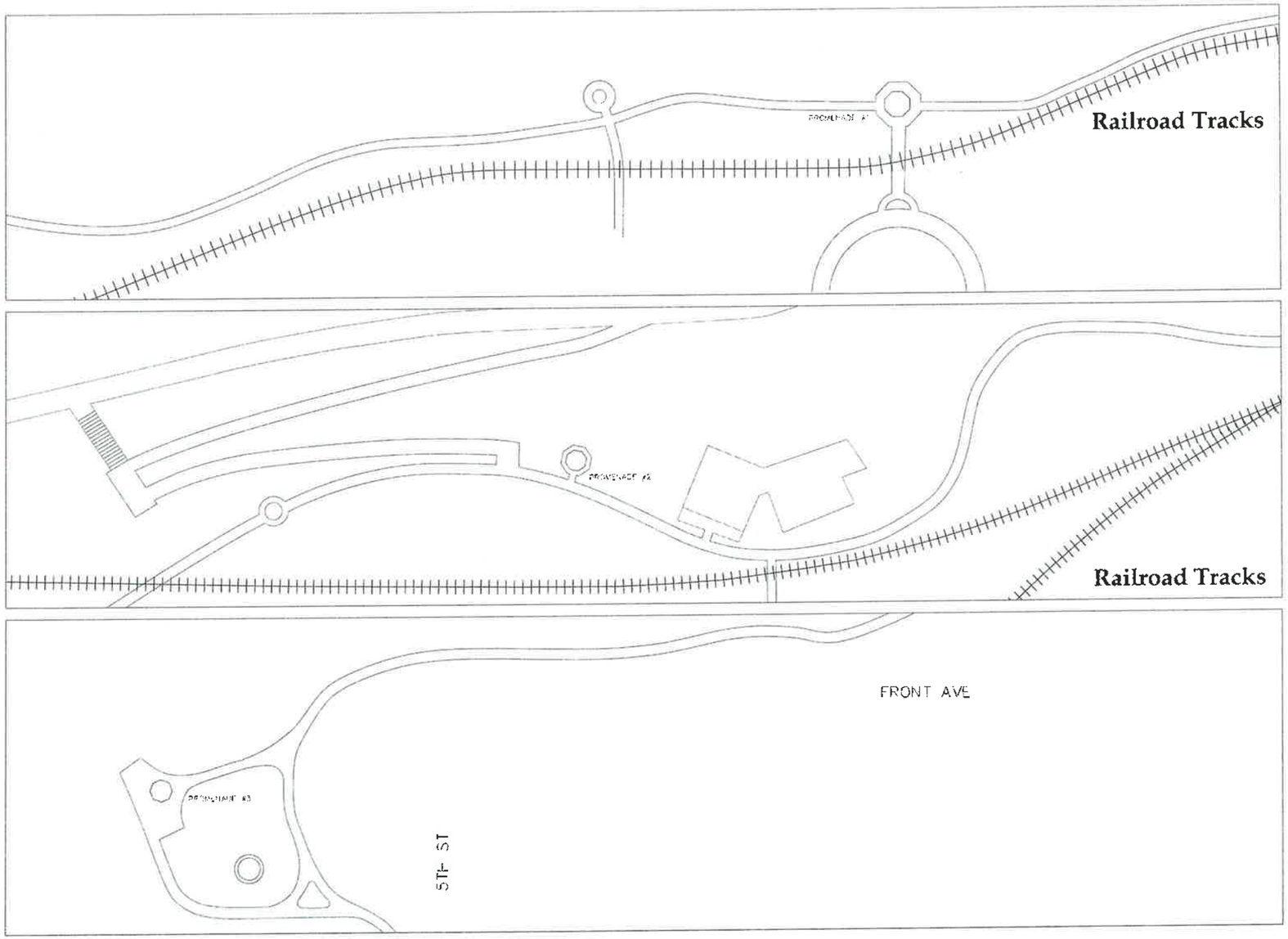

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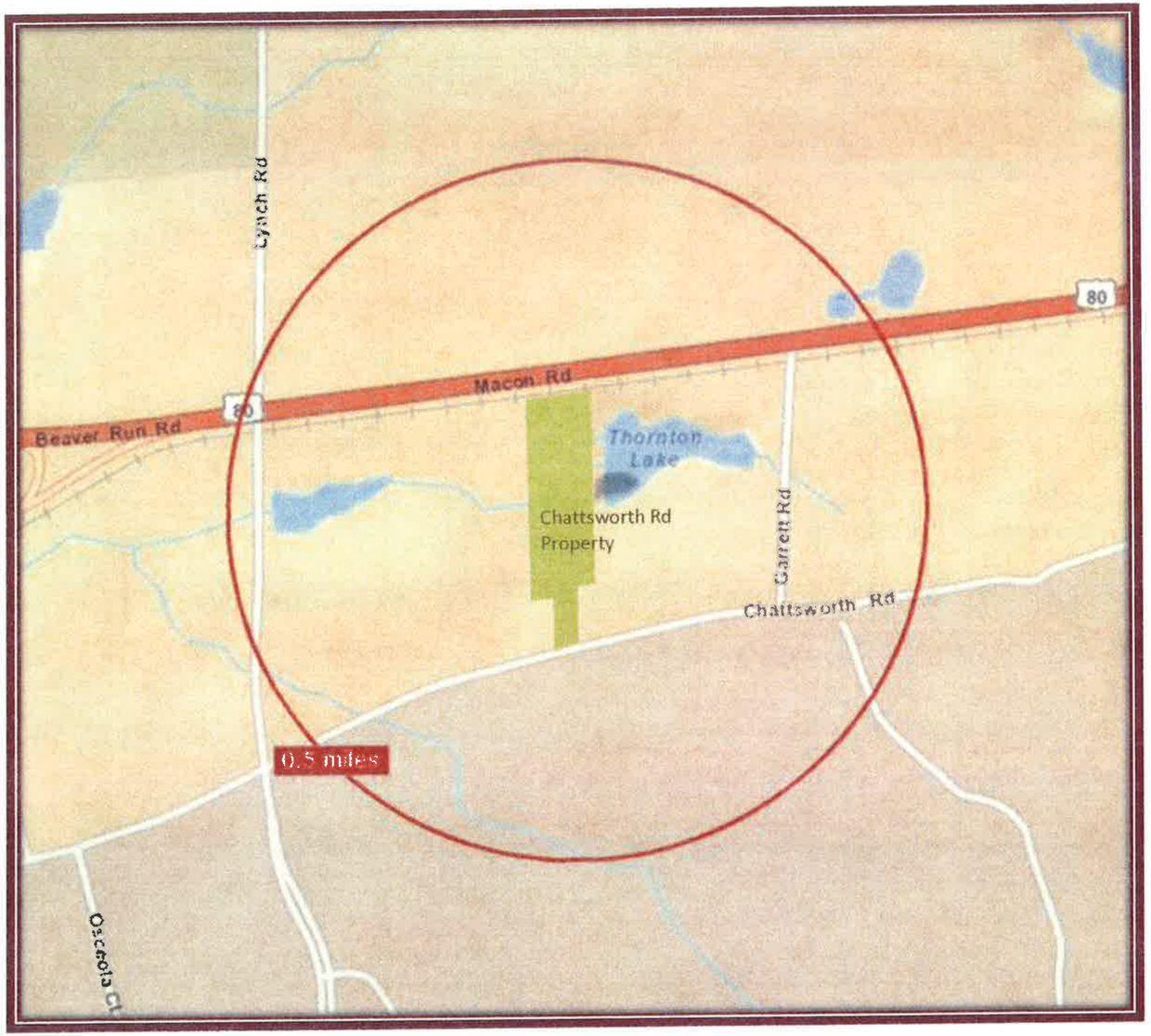
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

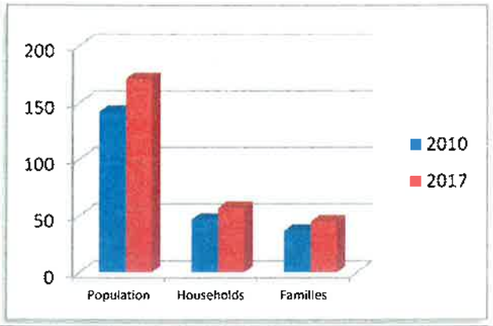
CHATTSWORTH ROAD PROPERTY

By Resolution and Quit Claim Deed this property was part of a land swap for the National Infantry Museum.

The land is a Land & Water Conservation property that is currently undeveloped. It is 14.376 acres and the Parks and Recreation Department is currently working on planning for this area.

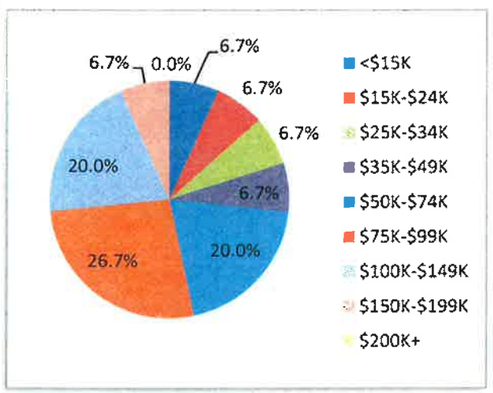


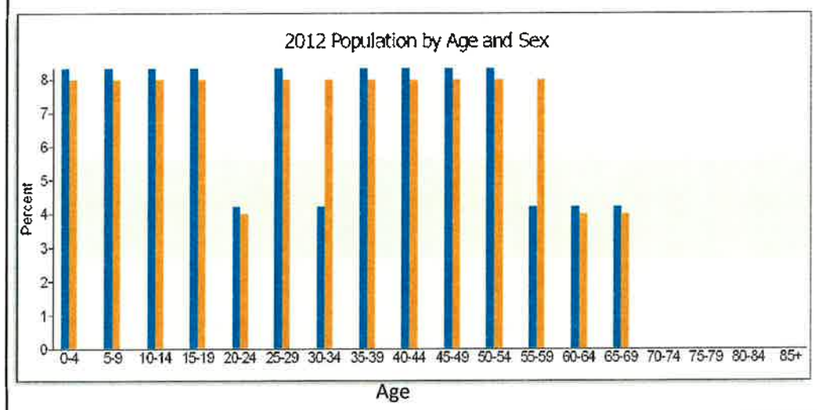
CHATSWORTH ROAD PROPERTY	ADDRESS: 8881 Chatsworth Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6	PLANNING DISTRICT: B
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 57,520 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 14.376

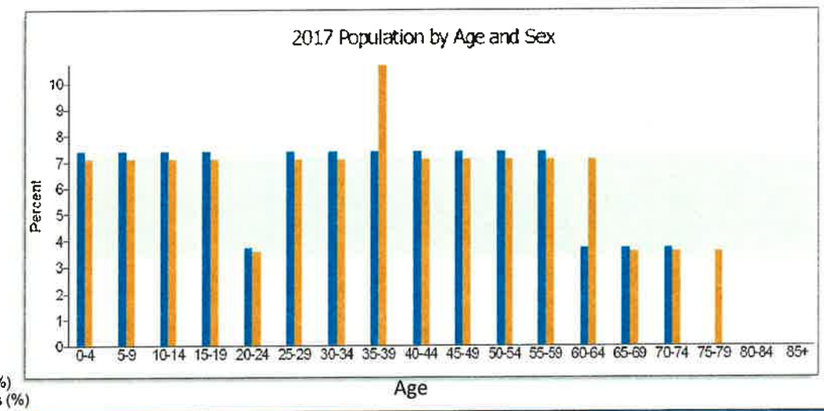


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Undeveloped property	Undeveloped property	This property should be divested as a potential park. The property is adjacent to various firing ranges on Fort Benning and has environmentally sensitive wetlands on the north side of the property. The property is located in a sparsely populated area and Chatsworth Road is narrow and not built for heavy traffic. This property would serve well as dedicated greenspace.

2012 Household income







Insights:

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•This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:
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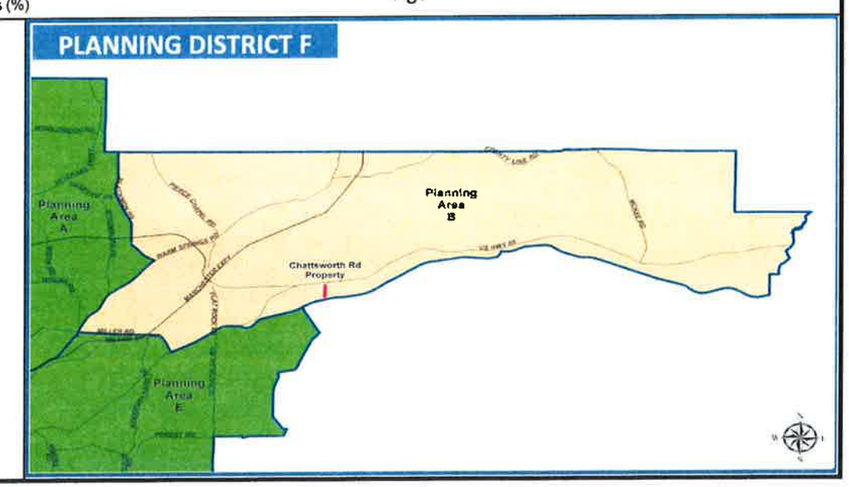
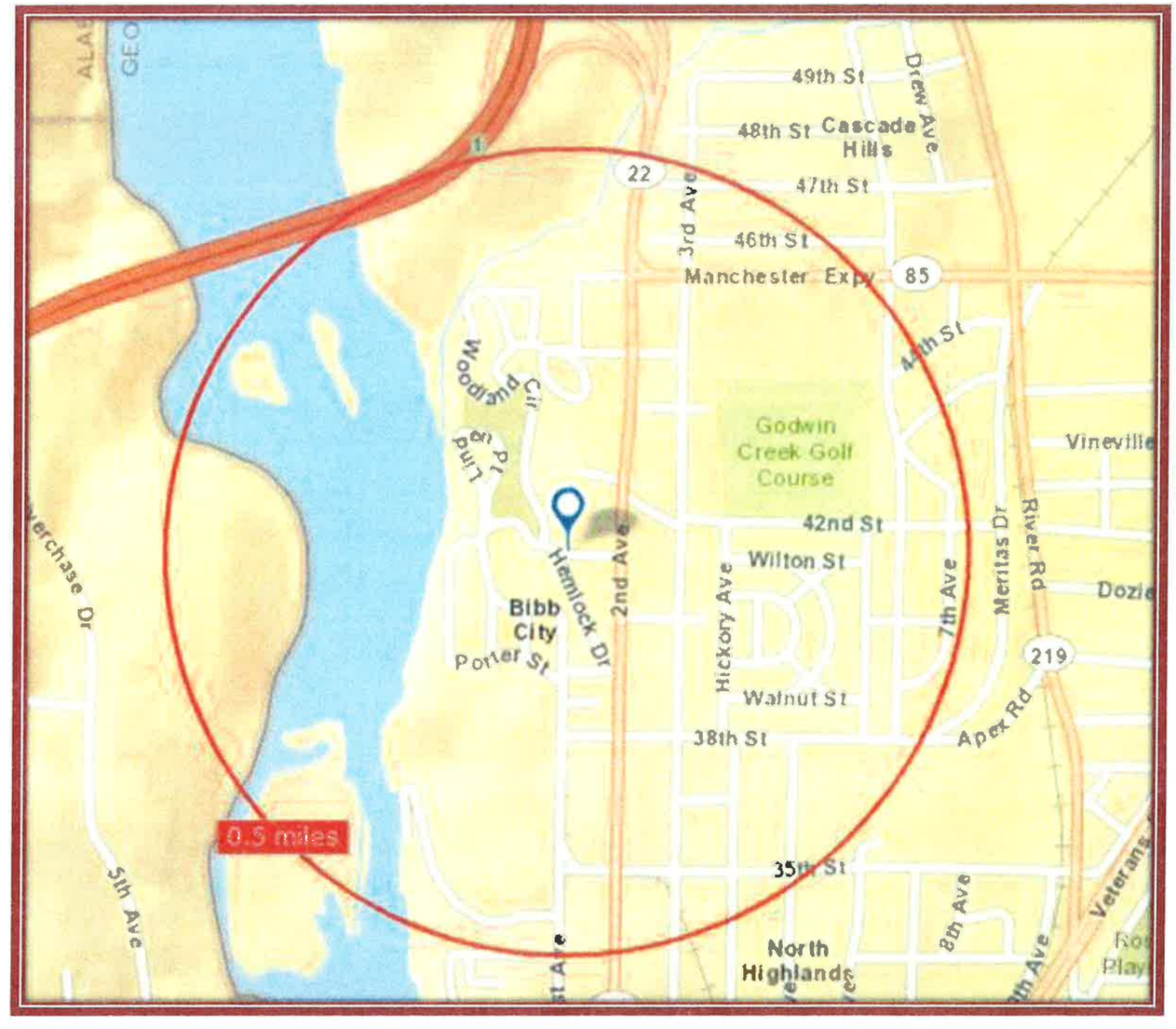


COMER COMMUNITY CENTER

The Comer Center sits on 3.63 acre and is located at 107 41st Street.

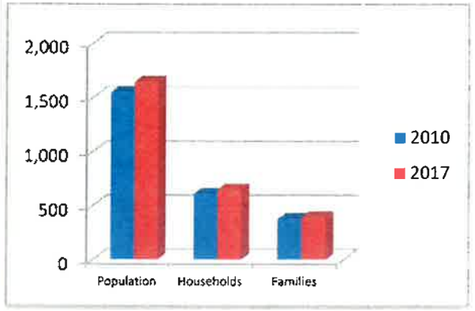
Amenities include:

- Rental Facilities
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Multi Purpose Court
- Meetings room
- Game Room



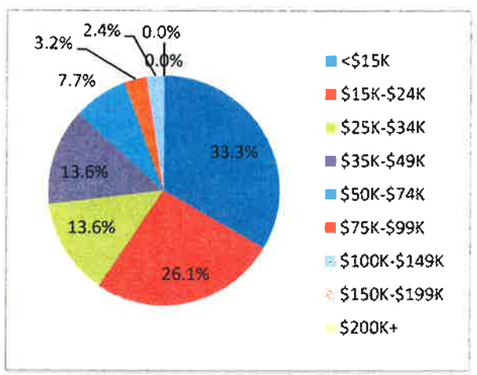
COMER COMMUNITY CENTER	ADDRESS: 107 41st Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Special Facility
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 856,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 3.63

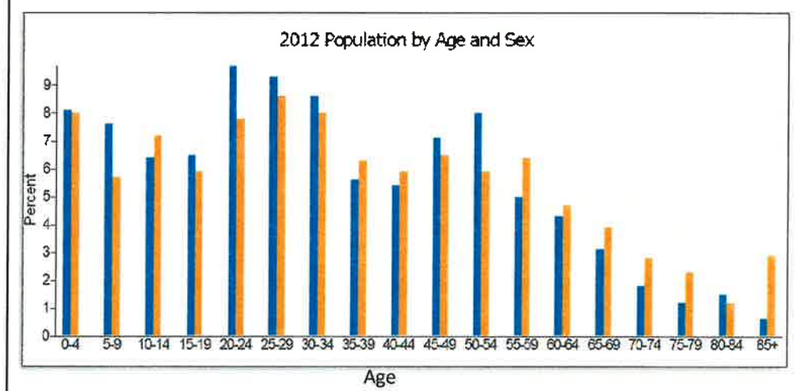
Demographics

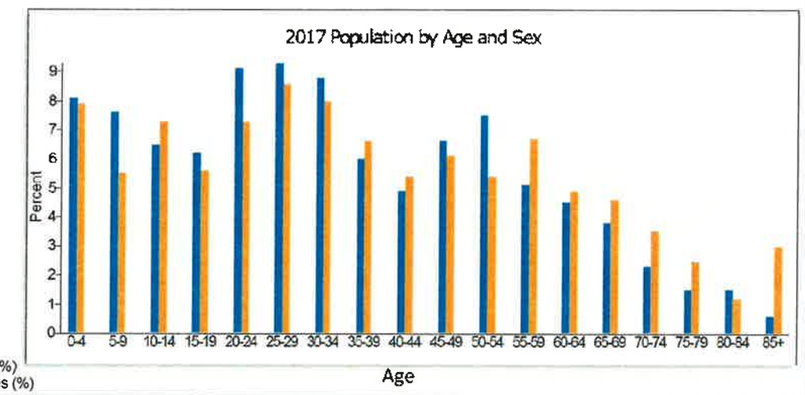


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Rental Facilities •Indoor Basketball • Indoor Volleyball •Multi-Purpose Court	•Reserved for Rental Activities Only •Hours of Operation: 8 AM to 5 PM	Move senior citizen programming from Fox Senior Center.

2012 Household income

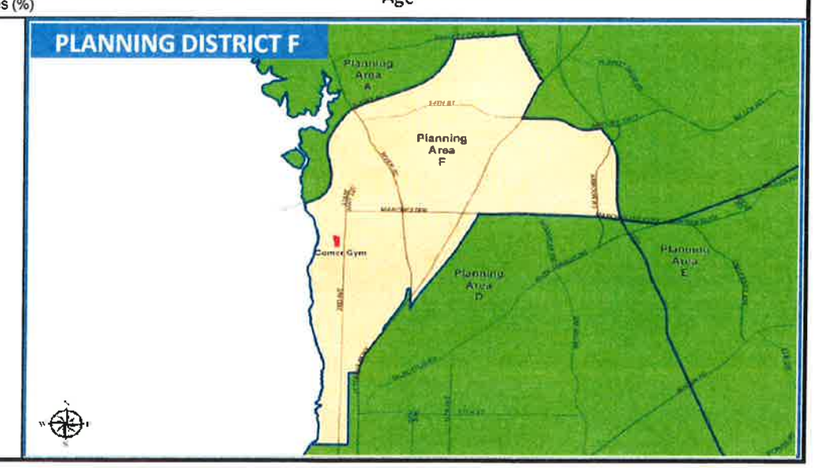






Insights:
This facility is only being used as a rental facility. It is not catering to the surrounding neighborhood.

Special Facility:
These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.
Amenities will be formal in nature and may include a recreation center, rental facility, multi-purpose fields, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, pools, and walking trails among other amenities.



NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
158,222 sq. ft.
3.63 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Columbus, GA

Carver Recreation Center
(107 41st St)

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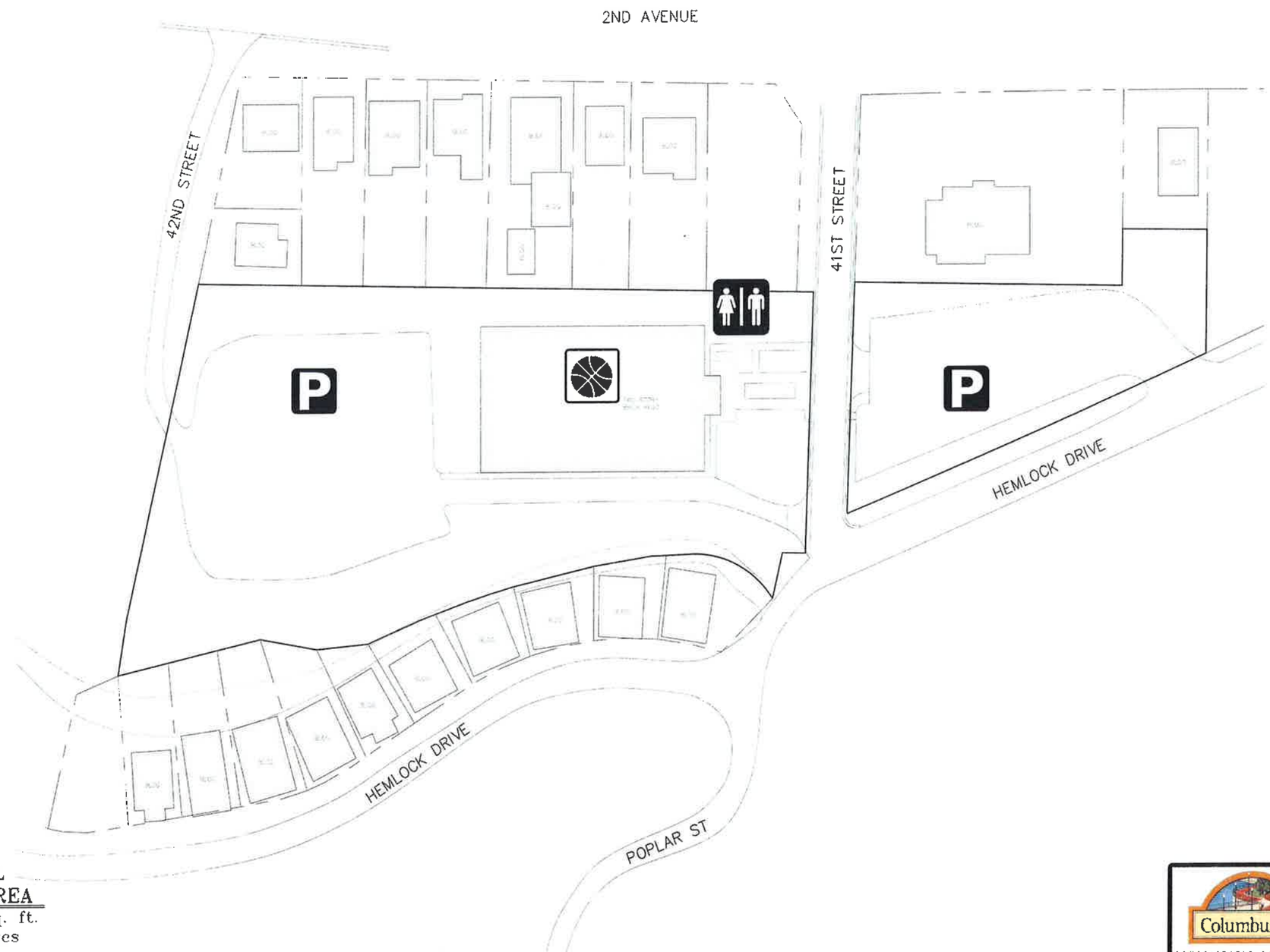
COMER CENTER

107 41st Street
Columbus, GA



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

TOTAL
PARK AREA
158,222 sq. ft.
3.63 acres

NORTH

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

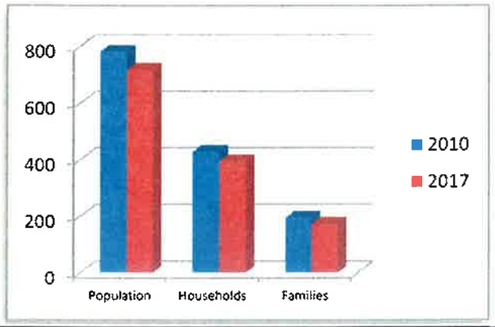
COOPER CREEK PARK and TENNIS CENTER

Classified as a Regional Park, Cooper Creek is home to one of the top clay court tennis facilities in the country. Cooper Creek is located at 4816 Milgen Road. The thirty lighted courts make Cooper Creek the largest soft-court public tennis facility in the United States. The Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA) has its offices at Cooper Creek, and it is the second largest USTA organization in the South.

In addition to tennis, the following are the amenities provided at the Park:

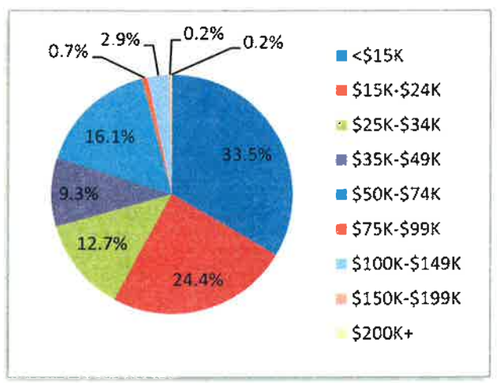
- 3 Covered Pavilion/Gazebos
- Fishing
- Fitness trail (4.3)
- 2 Playgrounds
- 3 Rental Facilities
- 2 Walking Trails
- 30 Tennis Courts
- Rental Facilities
- 10 Grills

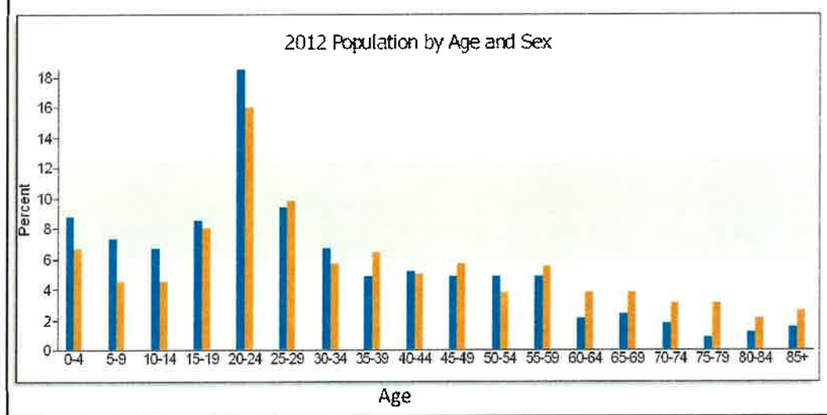
COOPER CREEK PARK AND TENNIS CENTER	ADDRESS: 4816 Milgen Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 3,102,354 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 140

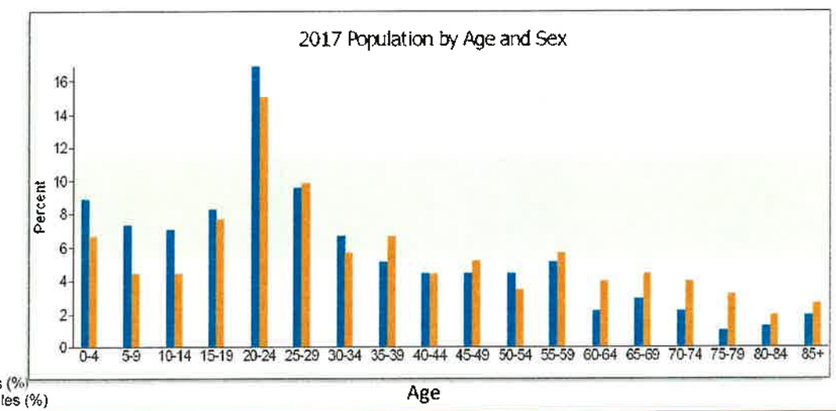


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•3 covered Pavilion/ Gazebo •Fishing •Fitness Trail •2 Playground •3 Rental Facilities •2 Walking Trail •30 Tennis Courts •Rental Facilities •10 Grills	·Park Hours - 6 AM to 9 PM - (Back portion of the Park) 5 AM to 11 PM - (Tennis facilities)	•Add dog water fountains, bathrooms and human water fountains. •Lake restoration- (Partner with Auburn University Fisheries or Landscape Architecture Department) •Signage and connectivity signage to FLT •Potential Fishing - Needs cut outs around lakes possible docks and plantings/cattails, etc. •Adding 12 clay courts and 8 hard courts •Needs facilities and trail upgrades.

2012 Household income







Insights:

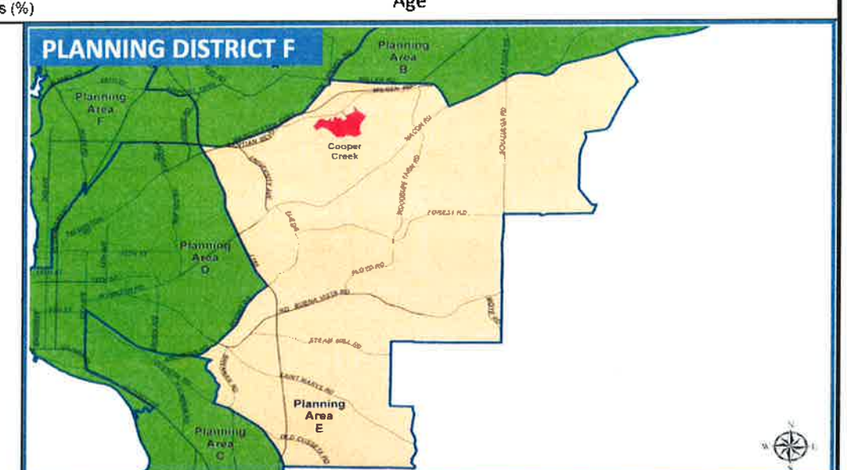
- The Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA) is based at Cooper Creek Park. CORTA offices are located at the park as well. CORTA is the second largest United States Tennis Association chapter in the South.
- Income levels in this area are a bit misleading, as many young people live in apartments to the north and east. Many of these young people are students at Columbus State University (CSU). Because of CSU, proximity to the Fall Line Trace, and proximity to Cooper Creek Park, this area should remain a desirable location for college-age students to live.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.
- One of the aspects of the park that appeals regionally to citizens is the abundance and accessibility of wildlife (geese, ducks, etc.).

Regional Parks:

Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
7,319,747 sq. ft.
168 acres

COLUMBUS,
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Columbus, GA

Cooper Creek Park
(5075 Cooper Creek Pkwy)

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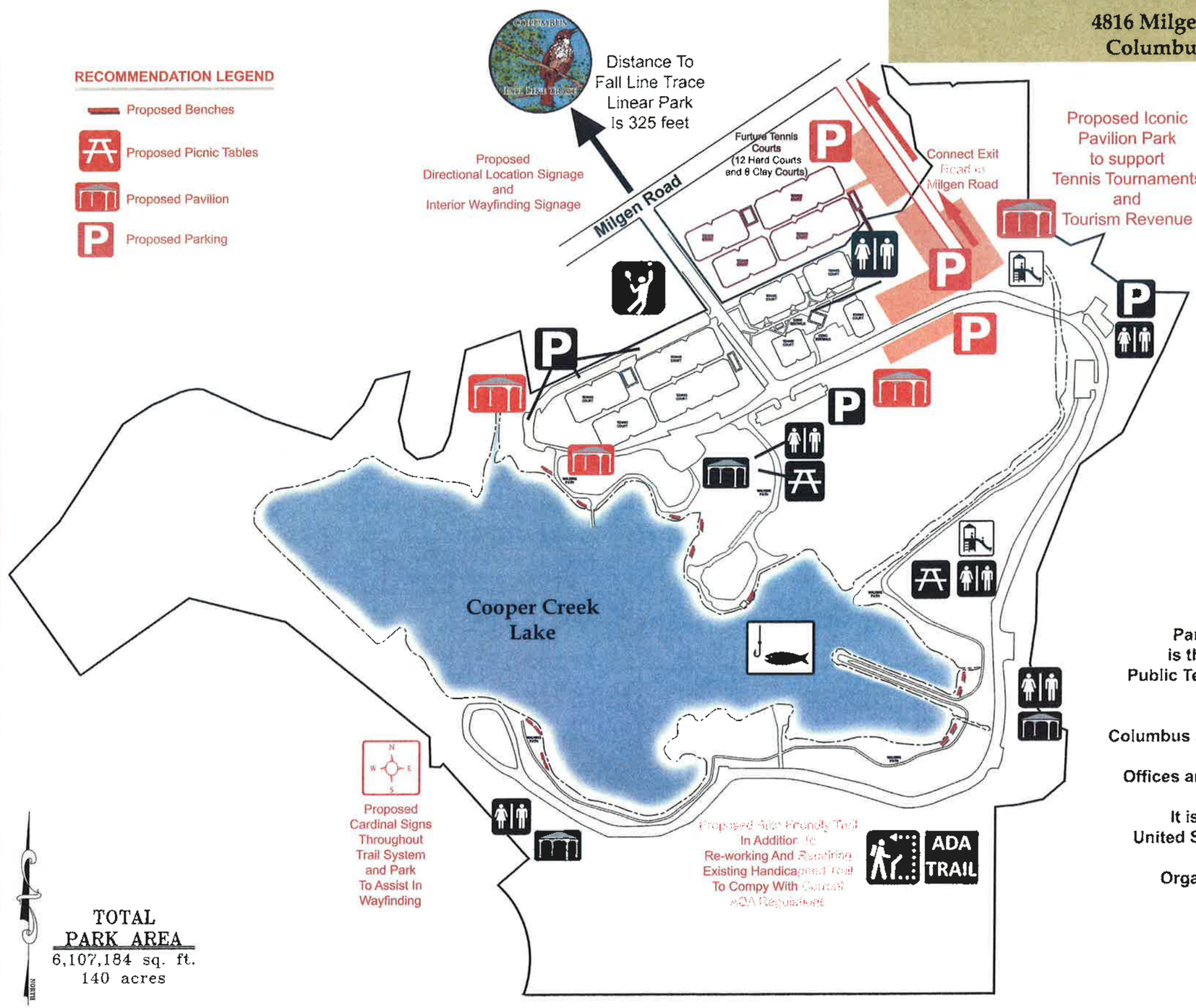
COOPER CREEK PARK

4816 Milgen Road
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion
- Proposed Parking



TOTAL
PARK AREA
6,107,184 sq. ft.
140 acres

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Cooper Creek
Park and Tennis Center
is the Largest Soft-Court
Public Tennis Facility in the United
States.

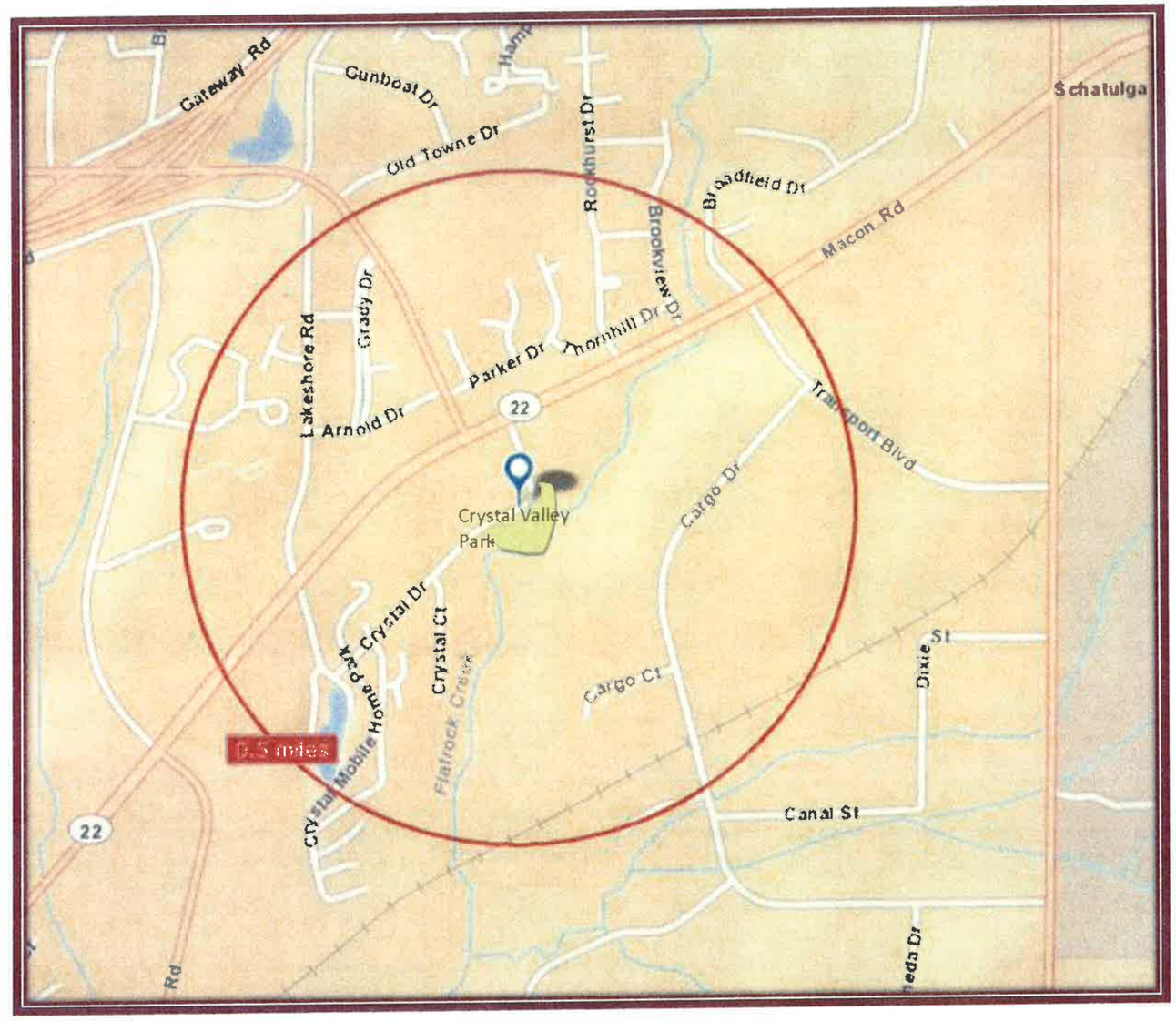
Columbus Regional Tennis Association
(CORTA)
Offices are located in Cooper Creek
Park.
It is the Second Largest
United States Tennis Association
(USTA)
Organization in the South.

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

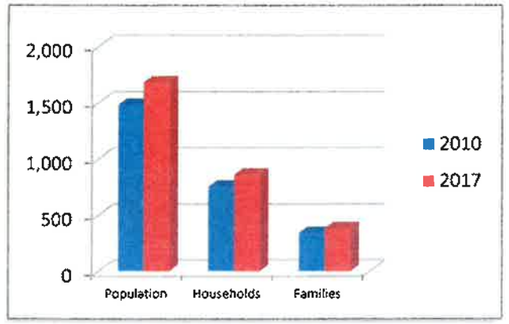
CRYSTAL VALLEY PARK

Crystal Valley is classified as a Neighborhood Park and offers the following amenities:

- 1Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- 2 Playgrounds
- 1 Picnic
- 1 Grill

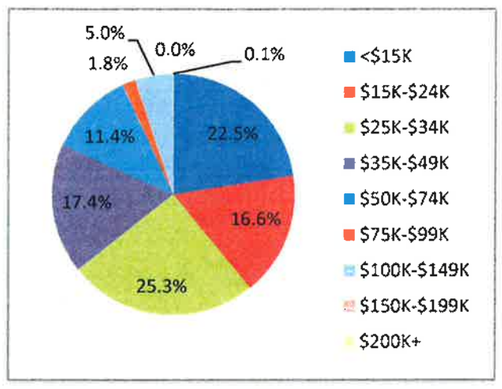


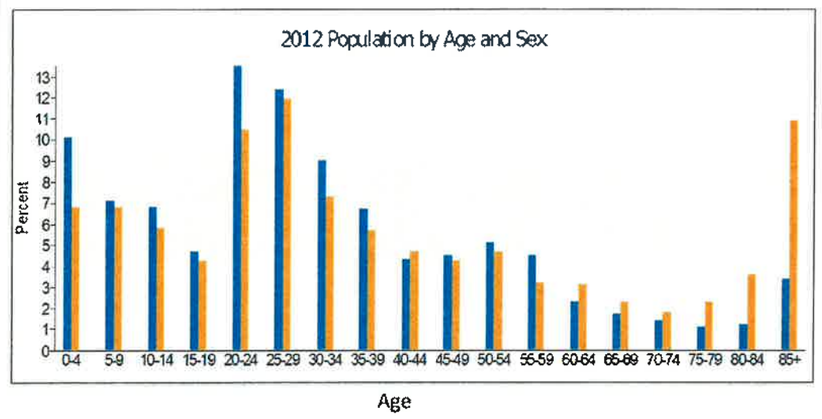
CRYSTAL VALLEY PARK POPULATION ANALYSIS	ADDRESS: 6250 Crystal Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 0,0 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 2.57

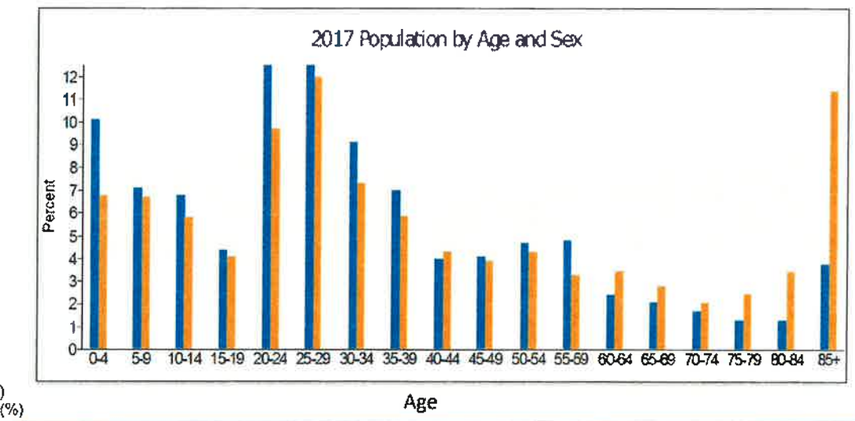


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•1 Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •1 Outdoor Basketball •2 Playgrounds •1 Picnic	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	• Construct a new pavilion • Add a grill near the proposed pavilion • Add additional picnic tables • Add additional benches near playground and basketball court

2012 Household income







Insights:

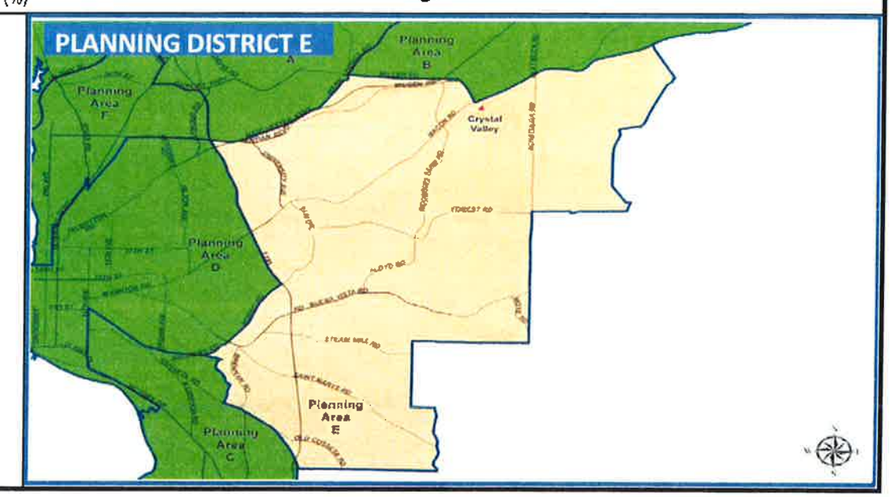
- New multi-family developments have been built in this immediate area over the last 10 years. The developments have helped to stabilize the area and create population growth.
- The park originally served the neighborhoods to the north and the residents of the Crystal Valley Trailer Park to the west. The park usage declined due to the northern neighborhoods becoming more transitional (rental) housing and the perception of crime related to the trailer park.
- Population projections show that this area is ideal for young adults. The new apartments in the area provide quality housing in an accessible and convenient location (near job centers , retail, and highway access). However, monthly rental rates are low compared to market rate apartments to the north. This is a desirable area for young service employees or industrial employees.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



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PED	PEDESTAL
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PP	POWER POLE
SP	SIGNAL POLE
UP	UTILITY POLE
GP	GUY POLE
LP	LIGHT POLE
WF	WATER FOUNTAIN
-E-	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
-T-	OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
-X-	FENCE
-C-	OVERHEAD CABLE
	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
PB	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA
112,090 sq. ft.
2.57 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

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Crystal Valley Park
(6250 Crystal Dr)

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CRYSTAL VALLEY PARK

6250 Crystal Drive
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion
- Proposed Grill Area

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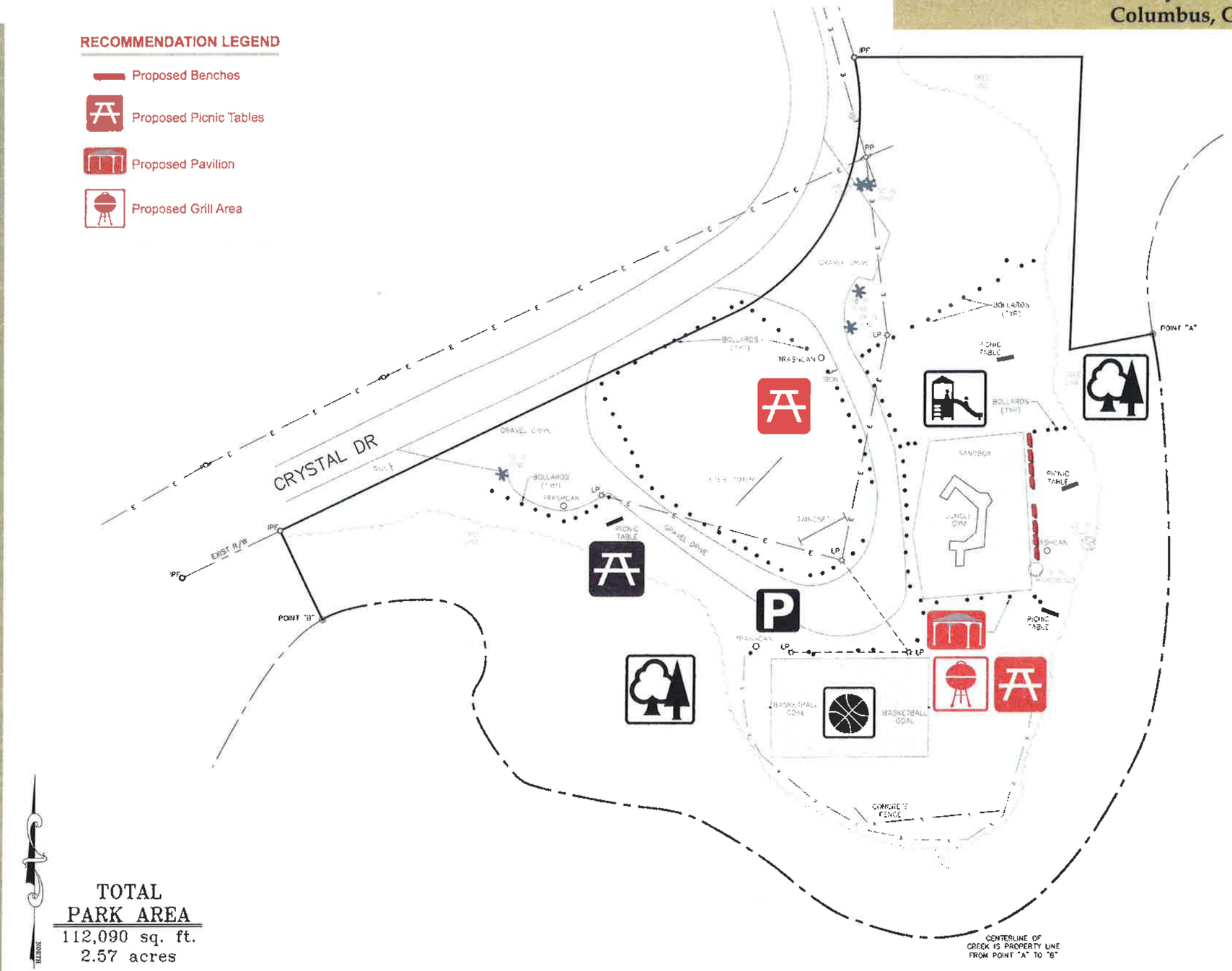


NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
112,090 sq. ft.
2.57 acres

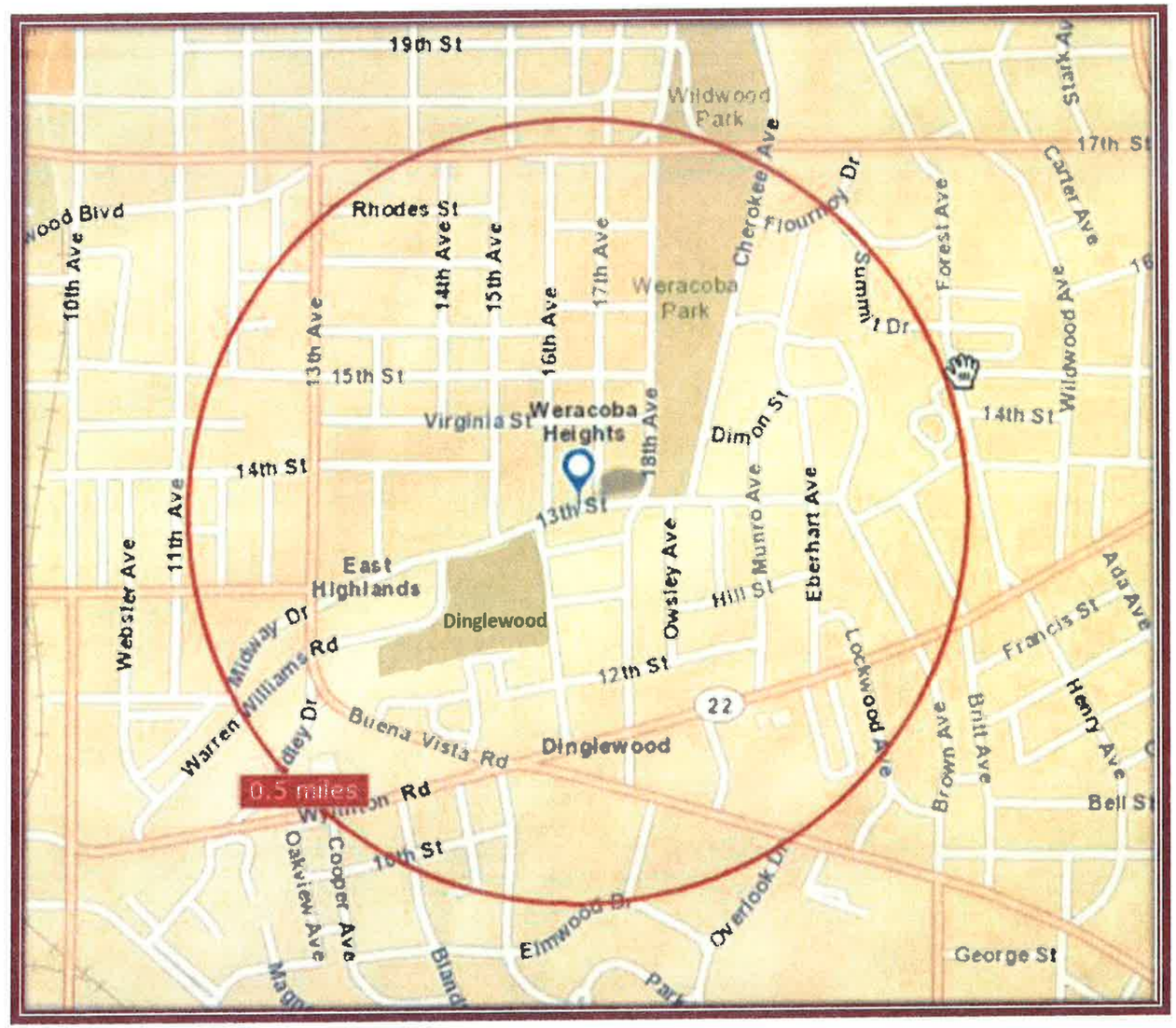
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

DINGLEWOOD PARK

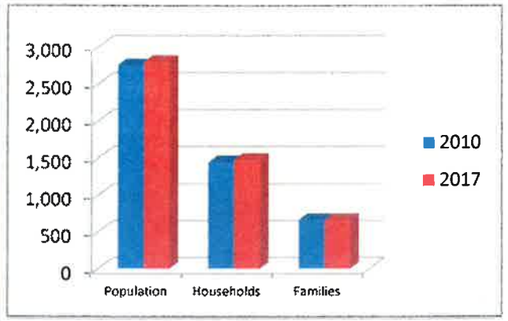
Dinglewood is classified as a Neighborhood Park. The 15.7 acre Park is located at 1660 13th Street.

Amenities:

- Grills
- Picnic Area

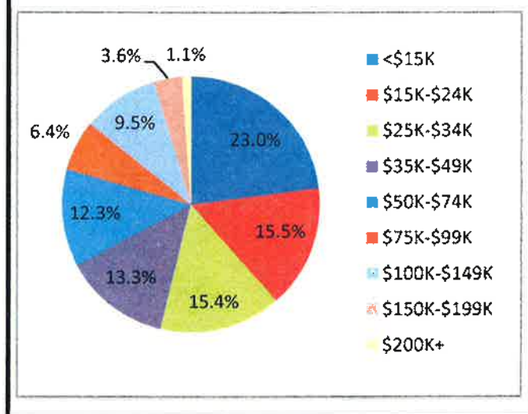


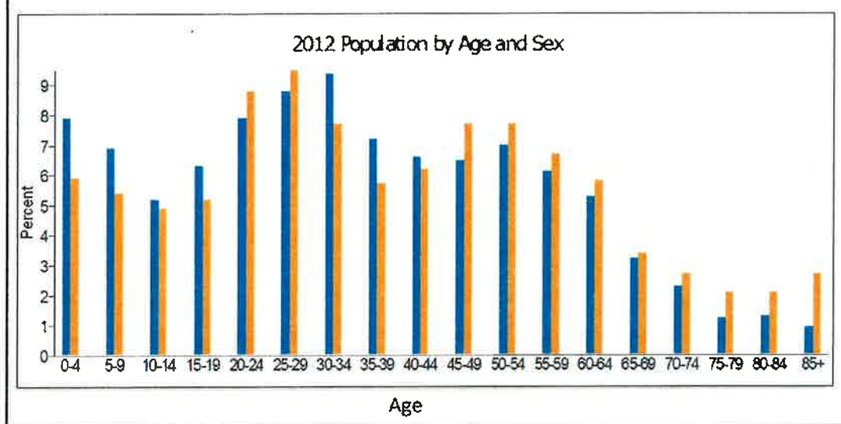
DINGLEWOOD PARK	ADDRESS: 1660 13th Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $155,778 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 15.7

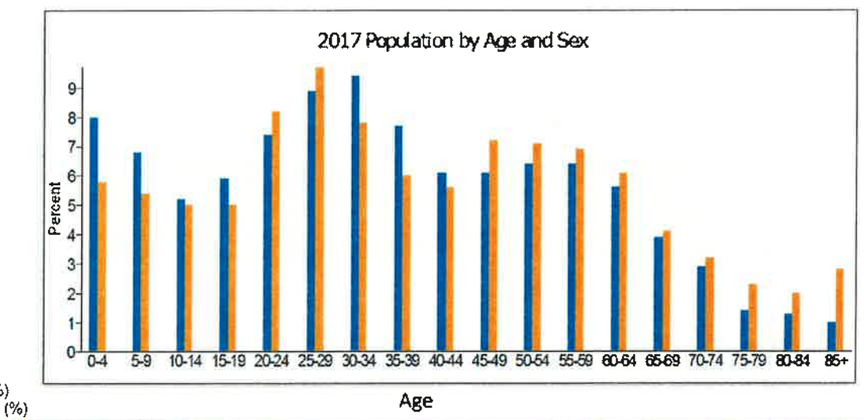


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Grills •Picnic Area	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Correct drainage issues with terracing and native plantings •Delineate crosswalks on 16th Avenue •The southeast corner of 13th Street and 18th Avenue shall be ADA-accessible. •Delineate crosswalks on 18th Avenue •Delineate crosswalks on 13th Street at Warren Williams Road •Create connectivity to the Columbus Museum

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Dinglewood Park serves as a buffer between residential areas and commercial developments. Ideally, it should serve as a pedestrian link between the aforementioned entities.
- The surrounding area is a true mixed-use urban area. There are wide ranges of people, via age, income level, and race. The area is popular among all groups and has the potential to be a connected, sister park to Lakebottom Park.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

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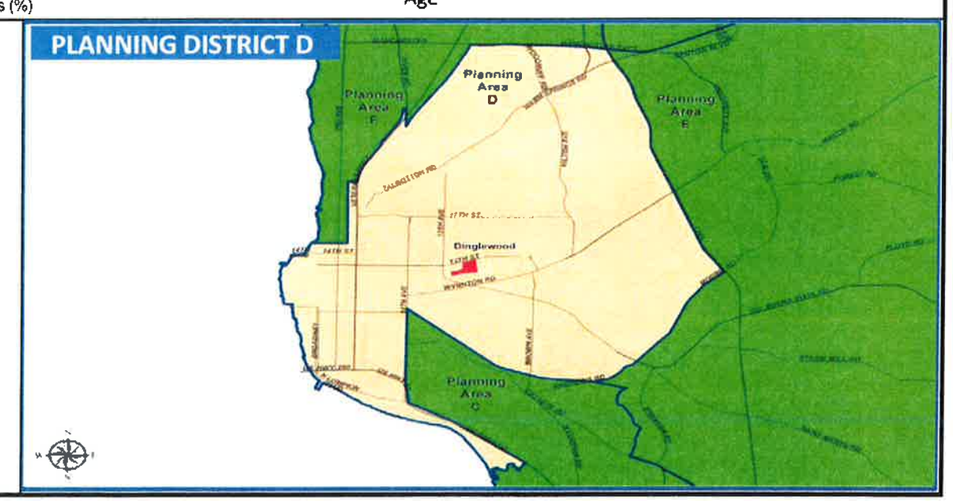

TOTAL
PARK AREA
683,951 sq. ft.
15.70 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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(IN FEET)
1 inch = 60 ft.

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Dingle Wood Park
1660 13th St

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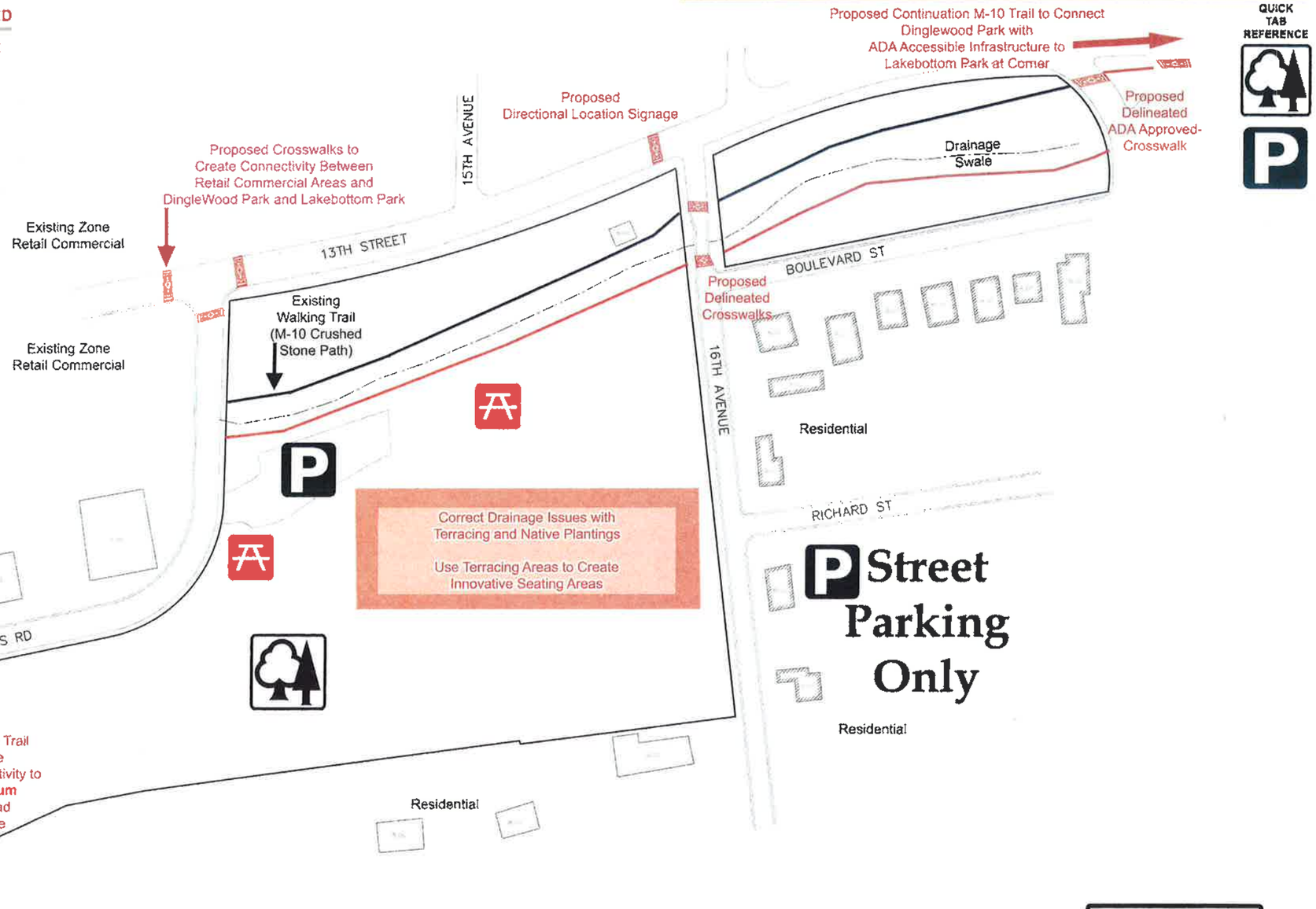
DINGLEWOOD PARK

1660 13th Street
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Walking Trail Connectivity
- Proposed Crosswalk
- Proposed Picnic Tables



TOTAL
PARK AREA
683,951 sq. ft.
15.70 acres

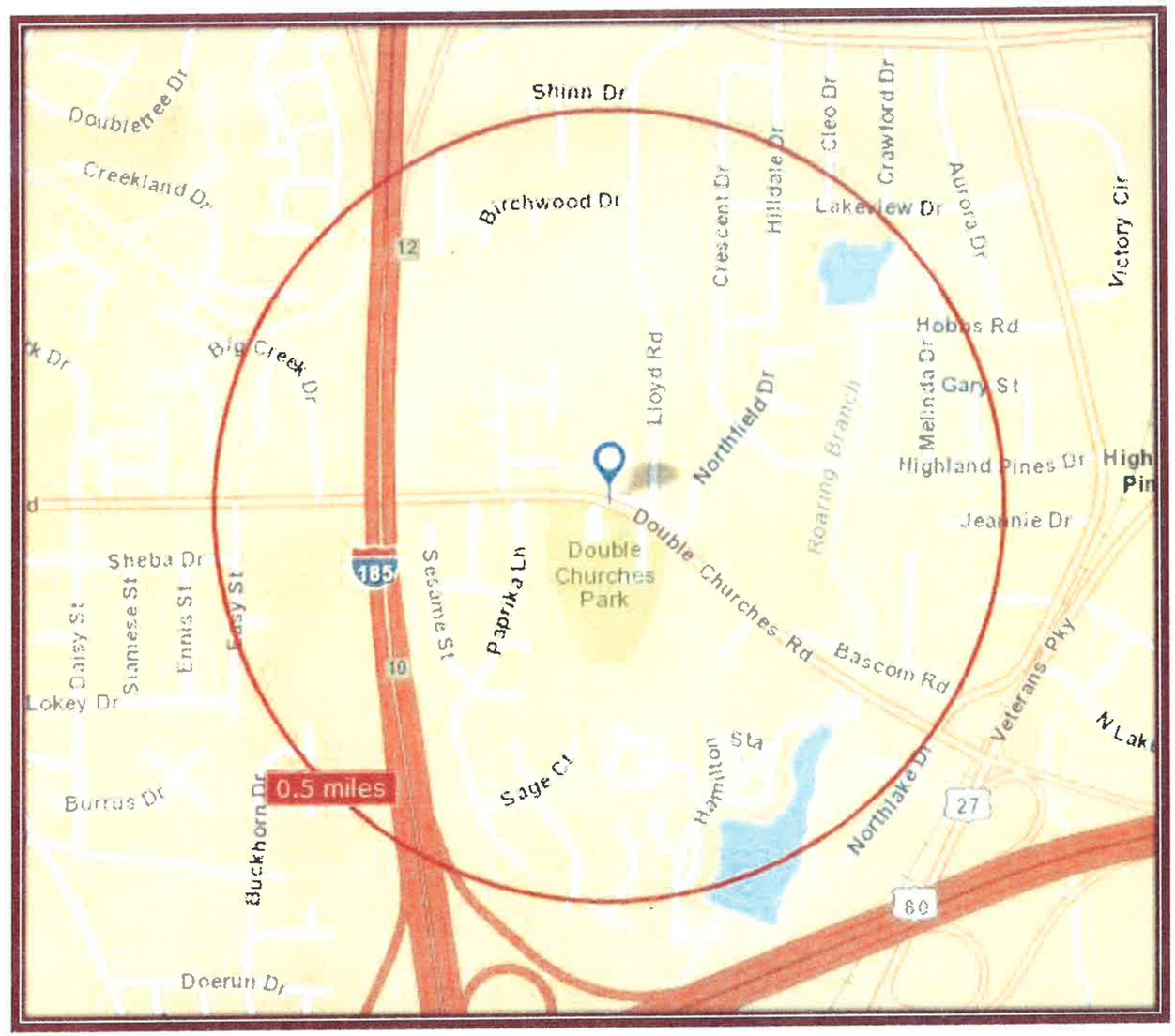
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

DOUBLE CHURCHES PARK and POOL

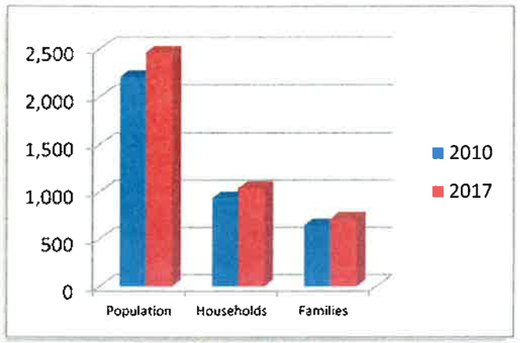
Double Churches Park is classified as a Community Park with 29.04 acres. This park features a newly remodeled leisure pool.

This park also features the following amenities:

- Concession Stands
- 3 Baseball-Little League fields
- Outdoor Basketball
- Picnic area
- Playground
- 1 Softball-Little League field
- Swimming Competitive
- Swimming-Leisure
- Swimming-Programmed
- Tennis

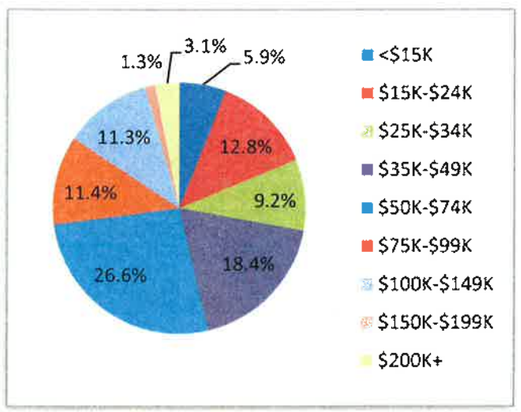


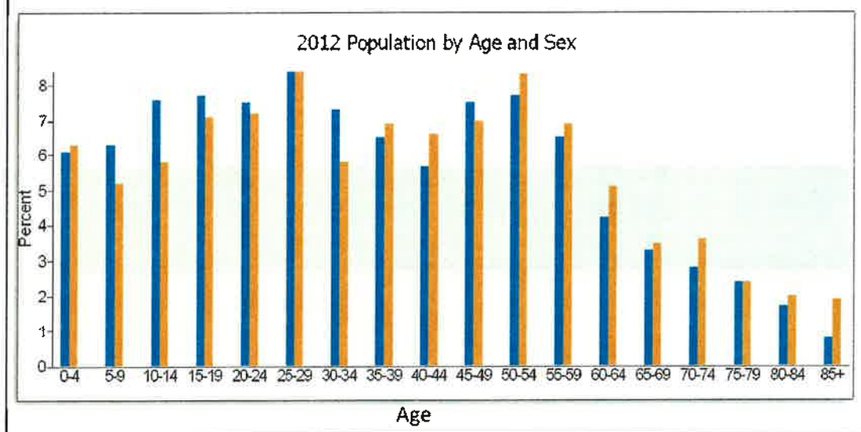
DOUBLE CHURCHES PARK	ADDRESS: 2300 Double Churches Rd.	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 1,285,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 29.04

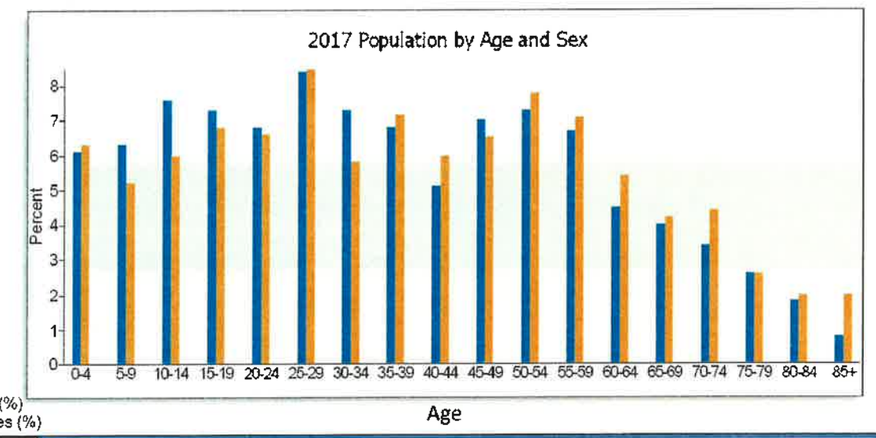


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •3 Baseball-Little League •Outdoor Basketball •Picnic •Playground •Softball -- Little League •Swimming Competitive •Swimming Leisure •Swimming Programmed •Tennis	•Park Hours - 5 AM to 11 PM •Pool Hours – Seasonal Operating Hours Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 12 PM to 6 PM Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM Closed Monday and Tuesday	•Additional parking is a serious need. If on-site parking isn't an option, then shared parking arrangements with neighboring property owners should be explored. •Build a perimeter walking trail (topography permitting). •Add pavilions near the baseball fields and the tennis courts. •Add shade trees throughout the park.

2012 Household income







Insights:

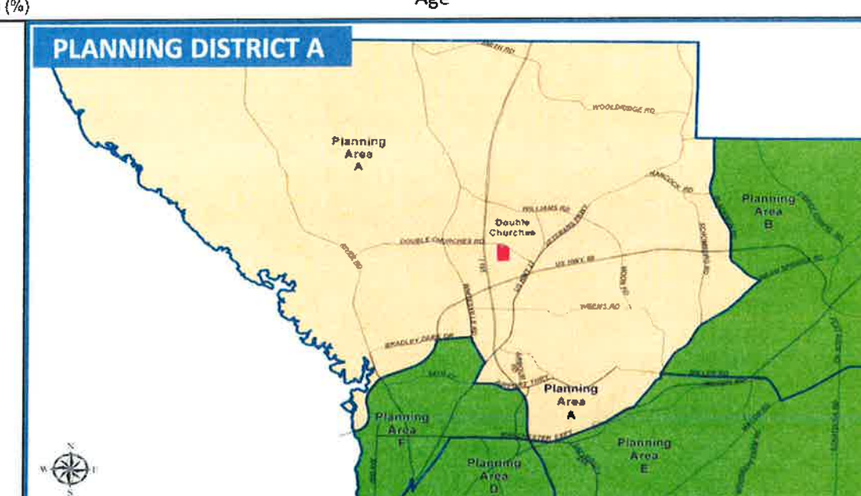
- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential and commercial development.
- Roughly 1/3 of this park is topographically challenging - possibly unusable. Based on density and income for this area, that is unfortunate. American Little League is based at this park, and averages 600-800 players per year. There is also a community pool that does tremendous business in the summer. This site suffers because it has extremely high participation but most activities are amassed into a small area.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community parkby driving no morethan 15 minutes. Community parksshall also serve a population standardof four (4) acres/1000 persons.

Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parkswill be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. 100 feet buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,265,055 sq. ft.
29.04 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
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Double Churches Rd Pool
(2300 Double Churches Rd)

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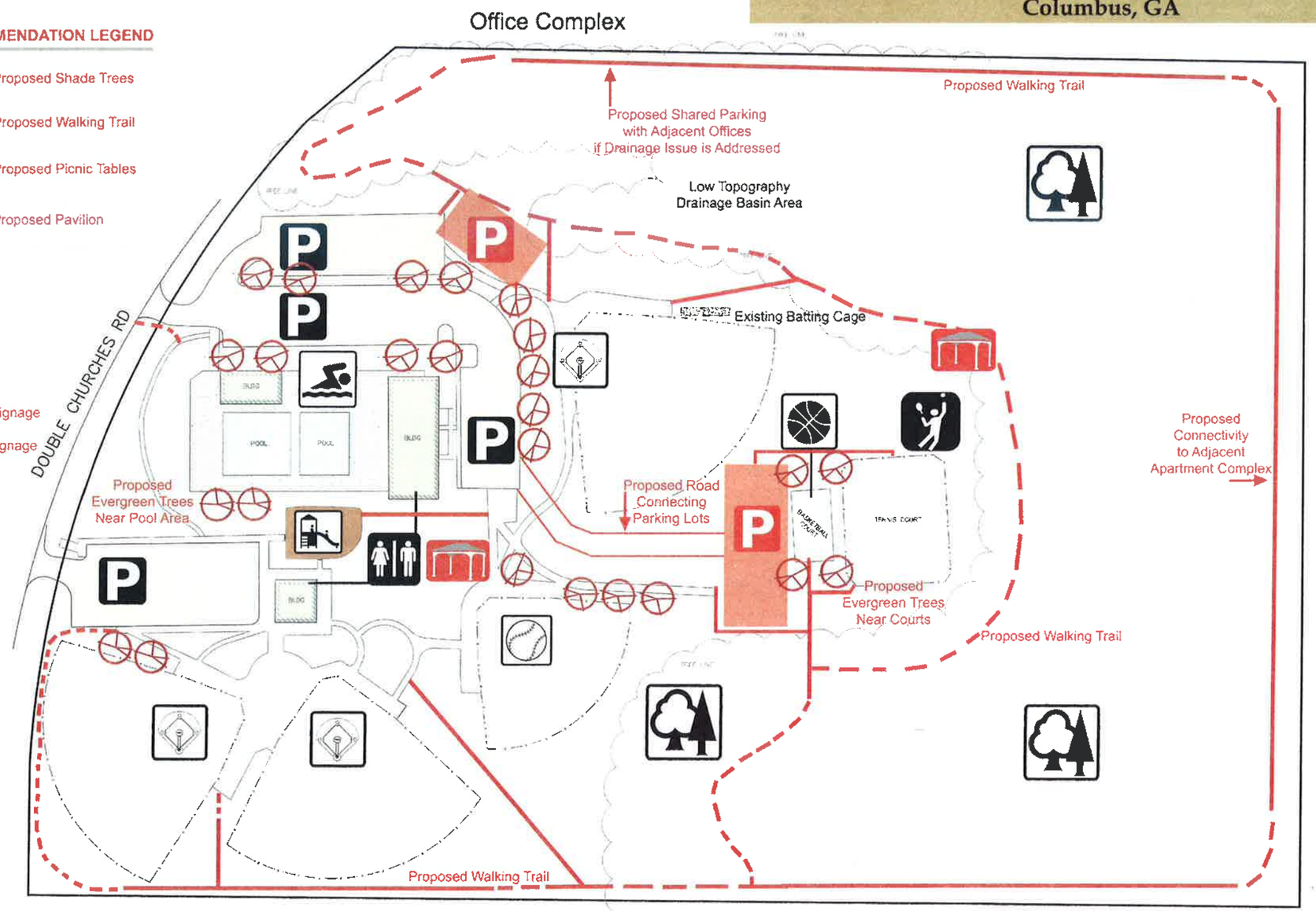
DOUBLE CHURCHES PARK

2300 Double Churches Road
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Walking Trail
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Pavilion



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TOTAL
PARK AREA
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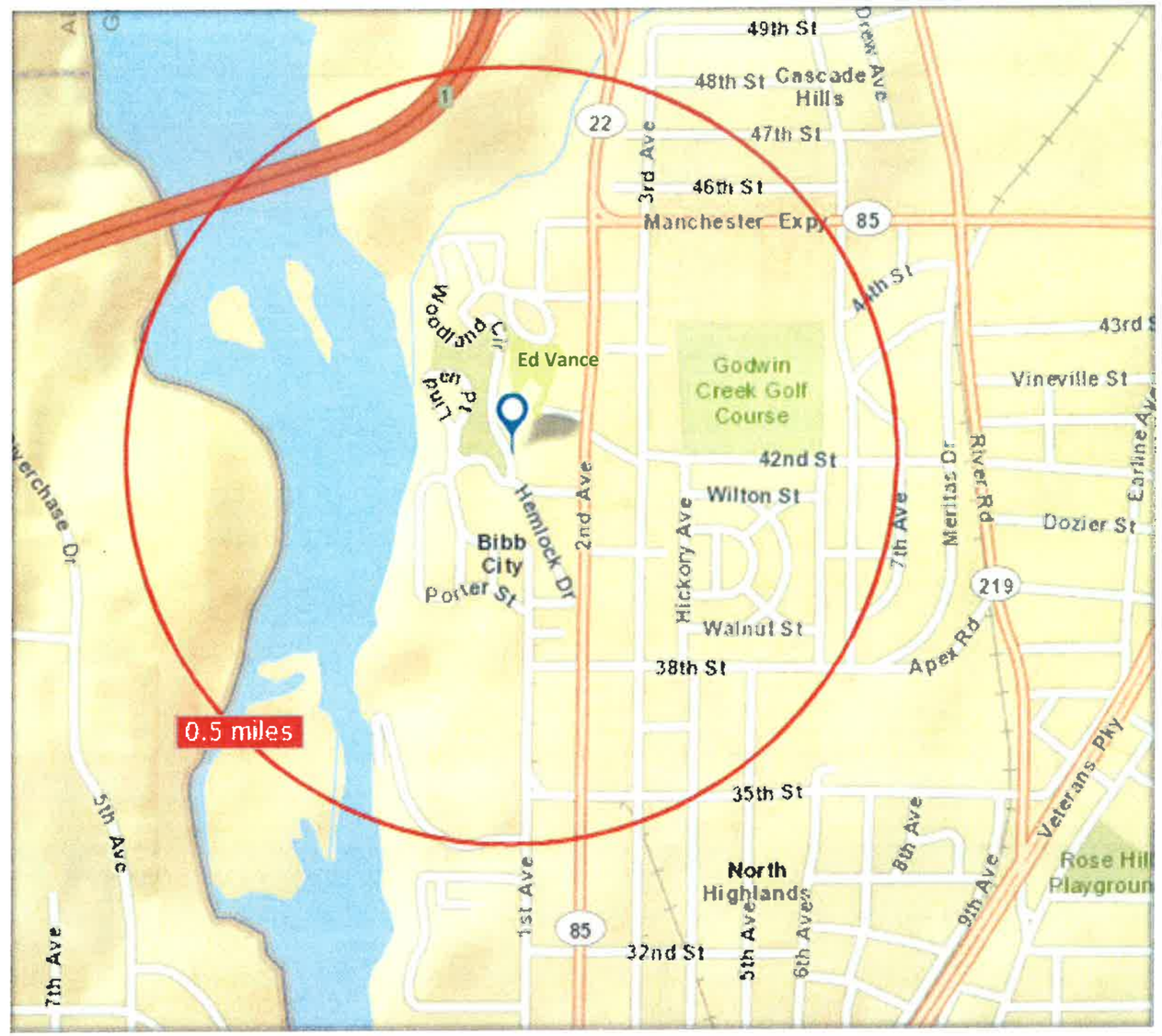
ED VANCE PARK

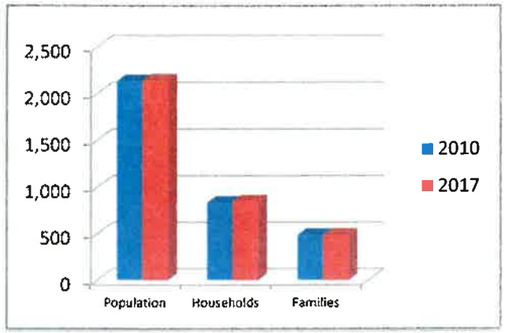
Ed Vance Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park and covers 2.05 acres of land.

Amenities at the Park:

- Playground

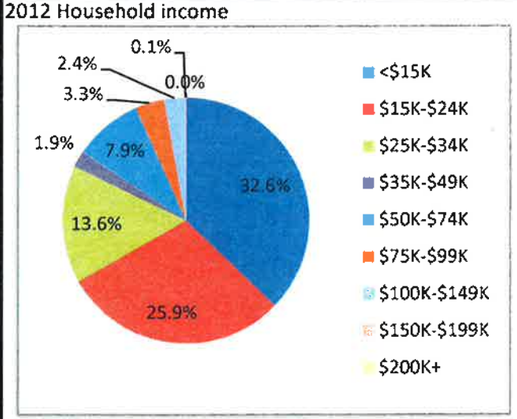


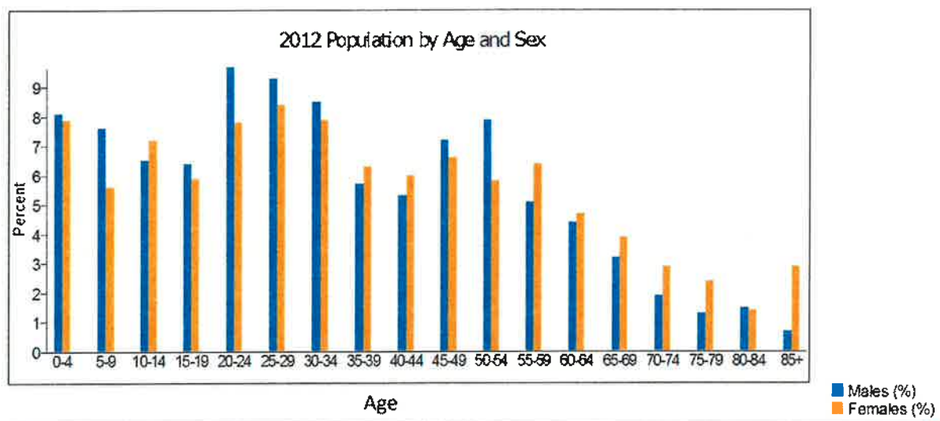
ED VANCE PARK	ADDRESS: 28 Hemlock Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 423.00 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 2.05

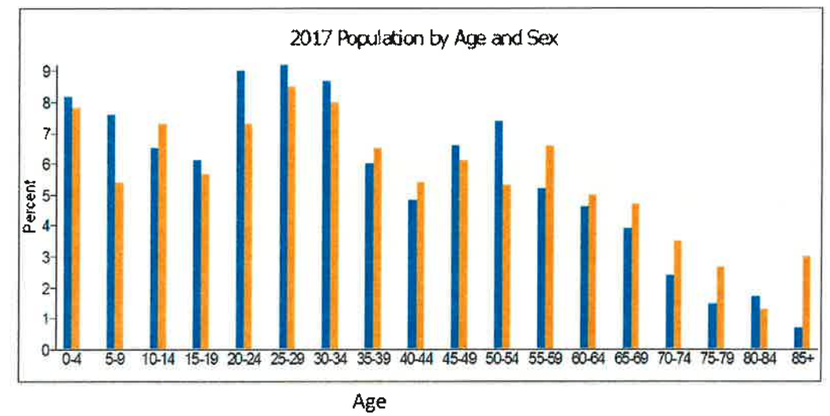


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Playground	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Connectivity across Hemlock Drive to Hemlock Park. •Add picnic tables. •Enhance and enlarge the playground. •Add safety fencing along Hemlock Drive. •Create enhanced crosswalk across Beechwood Heights and Hemlock Drives.

2012 Household income







Insights:

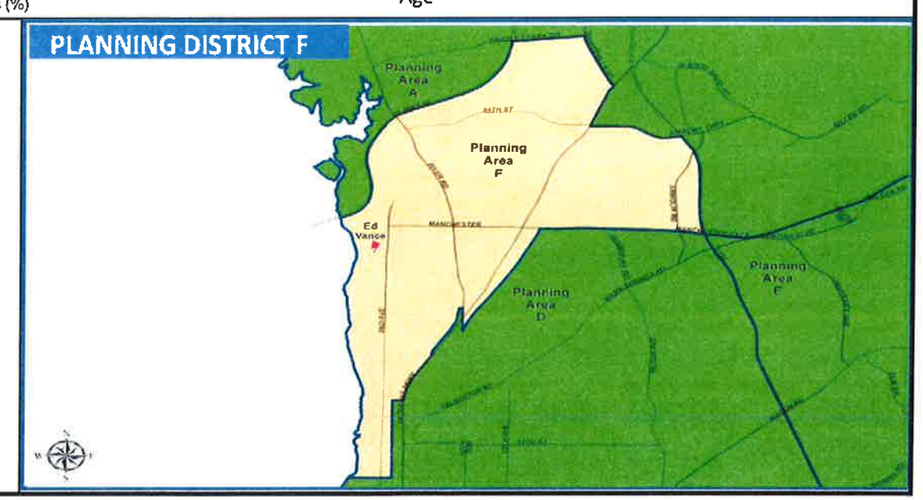
- Ed Vance Park is a neighborhood park in the heart of the former Bibb City. During it's existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreation center/auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all of the parks), was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems, thus isolating the two neighborhood parks from the original system.
- The former Bibb City is undergoing a gentrification. As former Bibb Mill employees pass on or move, young urban professionals have moved in. Income levels have and will increase and Bibb City has a very strong neighborhood association that is focused on community improvement.

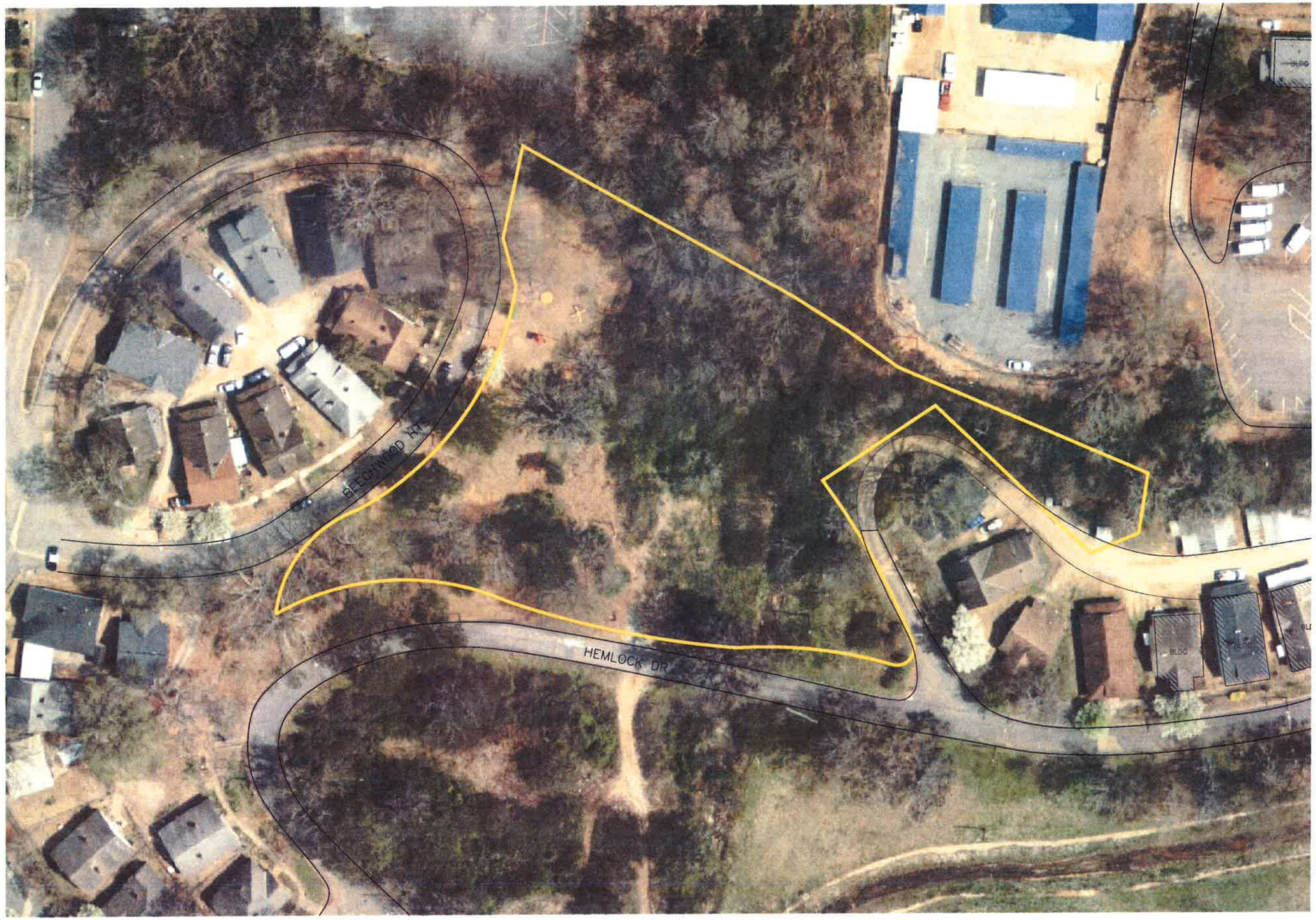
Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.





TOTAL
PARK AREA
89,324 sq. ft.
2.05 acres

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Ed Vance Park
(28 Hemlock Dr)

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ED VANCE PARK

28 Hemlock Drive
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Playground Enhancement
- Proposed Crosswalk
- Proposed Picnic Area with Trash Receptacles

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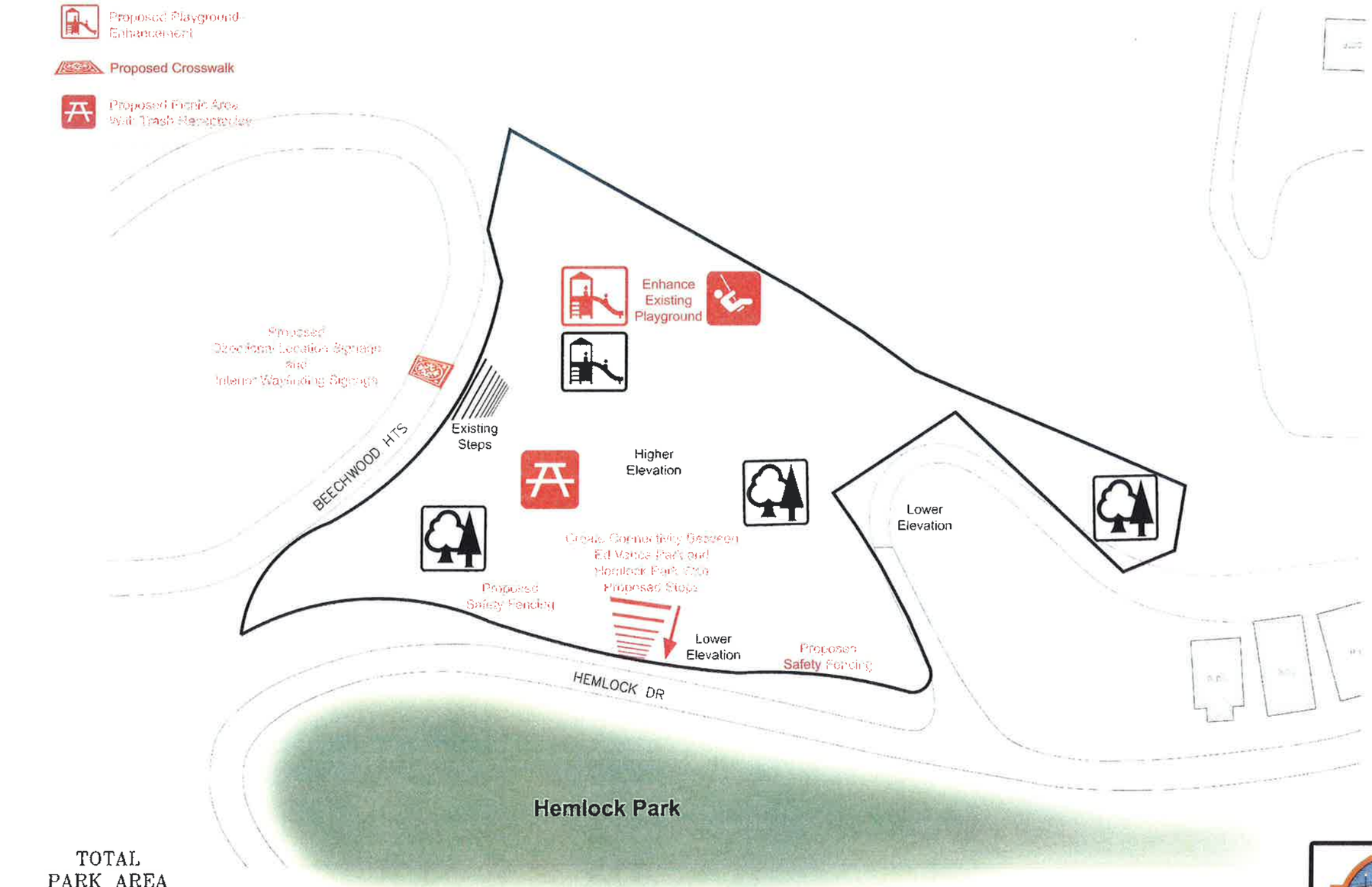

TOTAL PARK AREA
89,324 sq. ft.
2.05 acres

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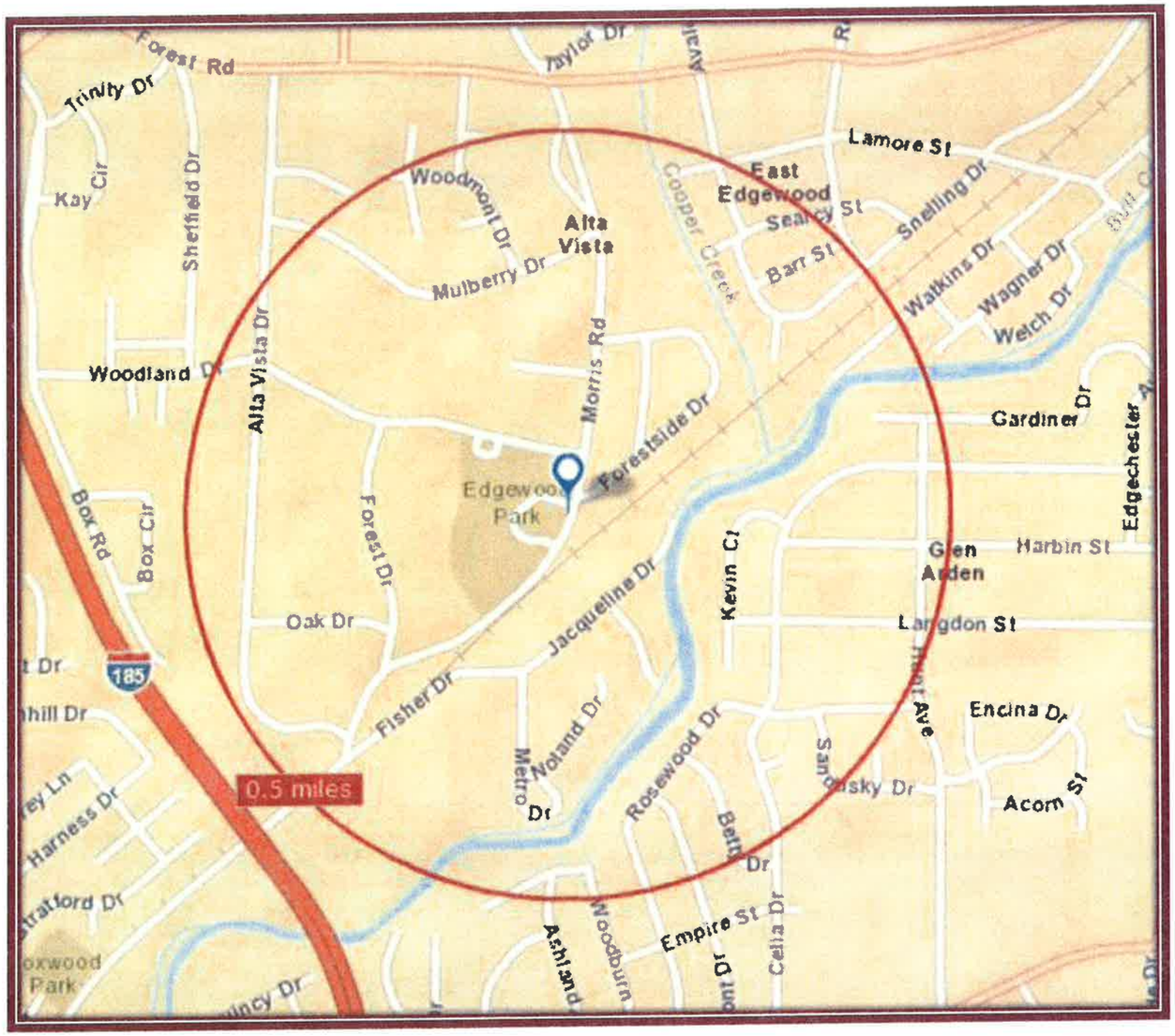
EDGEWOOD PARK

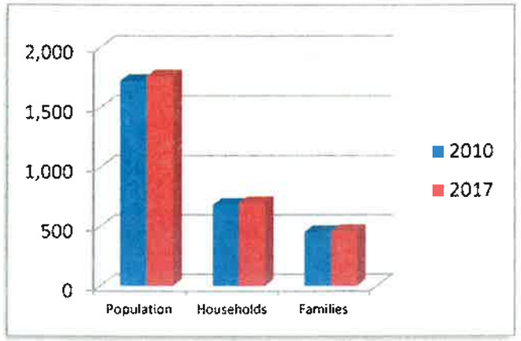
Edgewood Park is classified as a Neighborhood Park with 15.15 acres and offers an array of facilities for the citizens.

Amenities:

- Concession Stands
- 1 Baseball-Babe Ruth field
- 3 Baseball-Little League fields
- Playground
- 1 Softball-Little League field
- Outdoor Restrooms

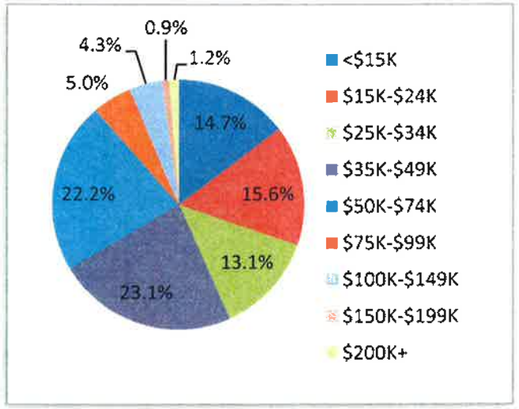


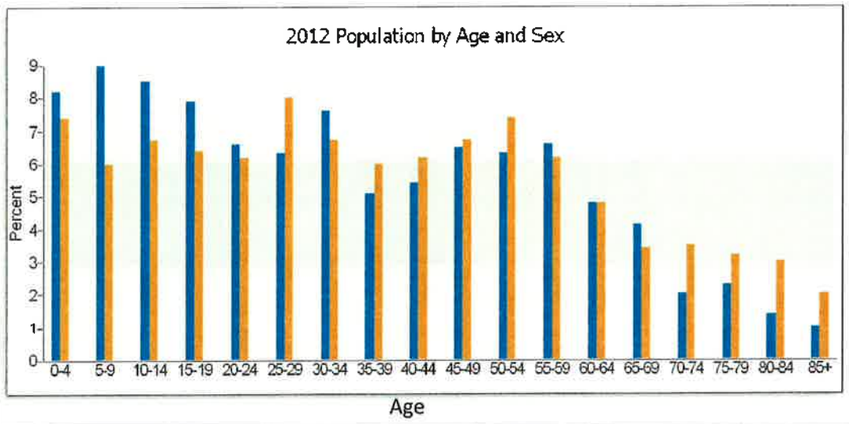
EDGEWOOD PARK	ADDRESS: 1501 Morris Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 236,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 15.15

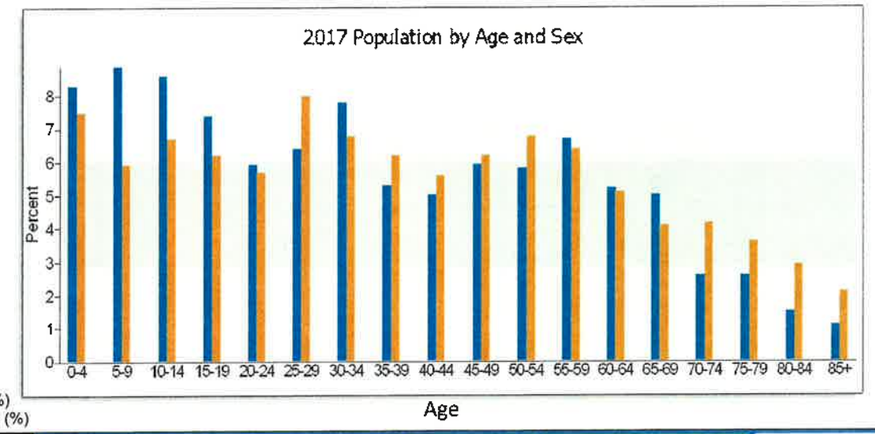


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •1 Baseball-Babe Ruth •3 Baseball-Little league •1 Playground •1 Softball - Little League •Outdoor Restrooms	•Park Hours - 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add shade trees throughout the park. •Connect the baseball fields to the walking trail. •Add picnic tables near the baseball fields and the playground. •Provide a deliniated access between the Boys and Girls Club and the park. •Close the Edgewood Senior Center on Reese Road and build a new Edgewood Senior Center on the site of the Babe Ruth Field.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Edgewood Park is located in a stable, middle class neighborhood. The area is predominantly single family residential with limited neighborhood commercial uses.
- The neighboring Boys and Girls Club is one of the highest utilized non-profit recreation centers in the city. It is a nice complement to the park.
- This area has a strong population of varying ages. The senior population is quite strong.
- Eastern Little League is based at this location. It averages 150 children for baseball. There is no longer a Babe Ruth League, so there's no need for the Babe Ruth Field.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

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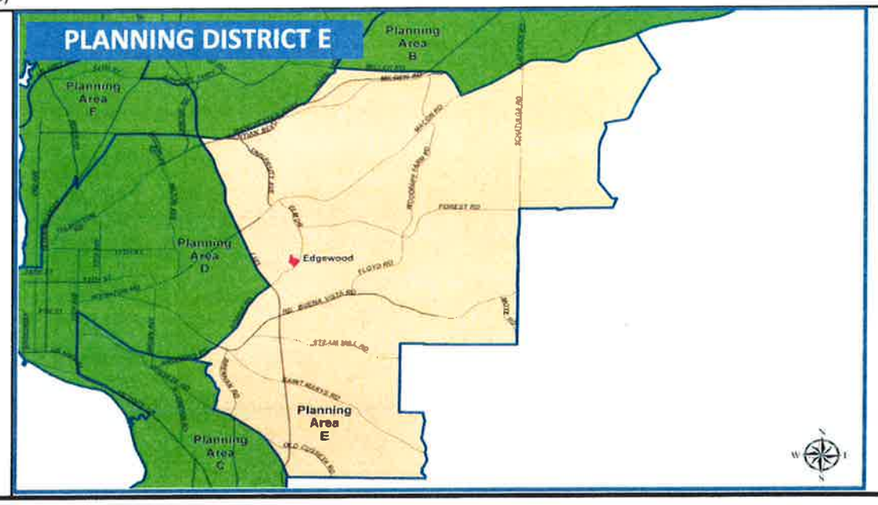

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GRAPHIC SCALE

(IN FEET)

1 inch = 60 ft.

TOTAL
PARK AREA
660,139 sq. ft.
15.15 acres

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Edgewood Park
(1523 Morris Rd)

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EDGEWOOD PARK

1501 Morris Road
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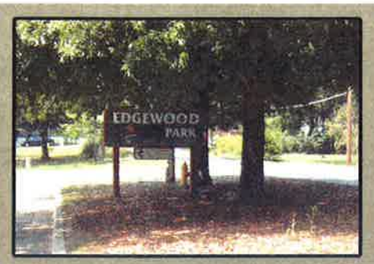
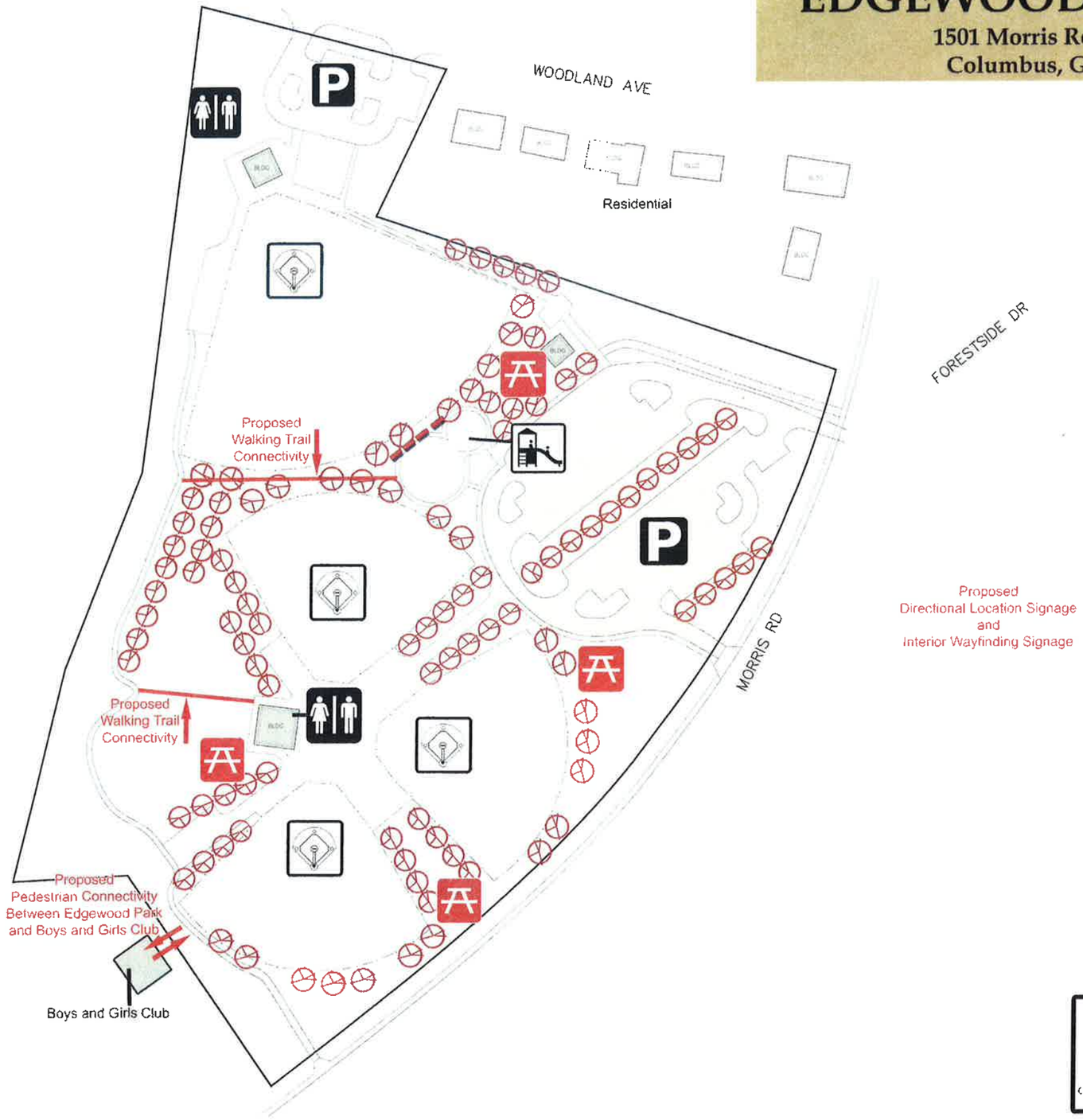


RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Walking Trail Connectivity



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PARK AREA
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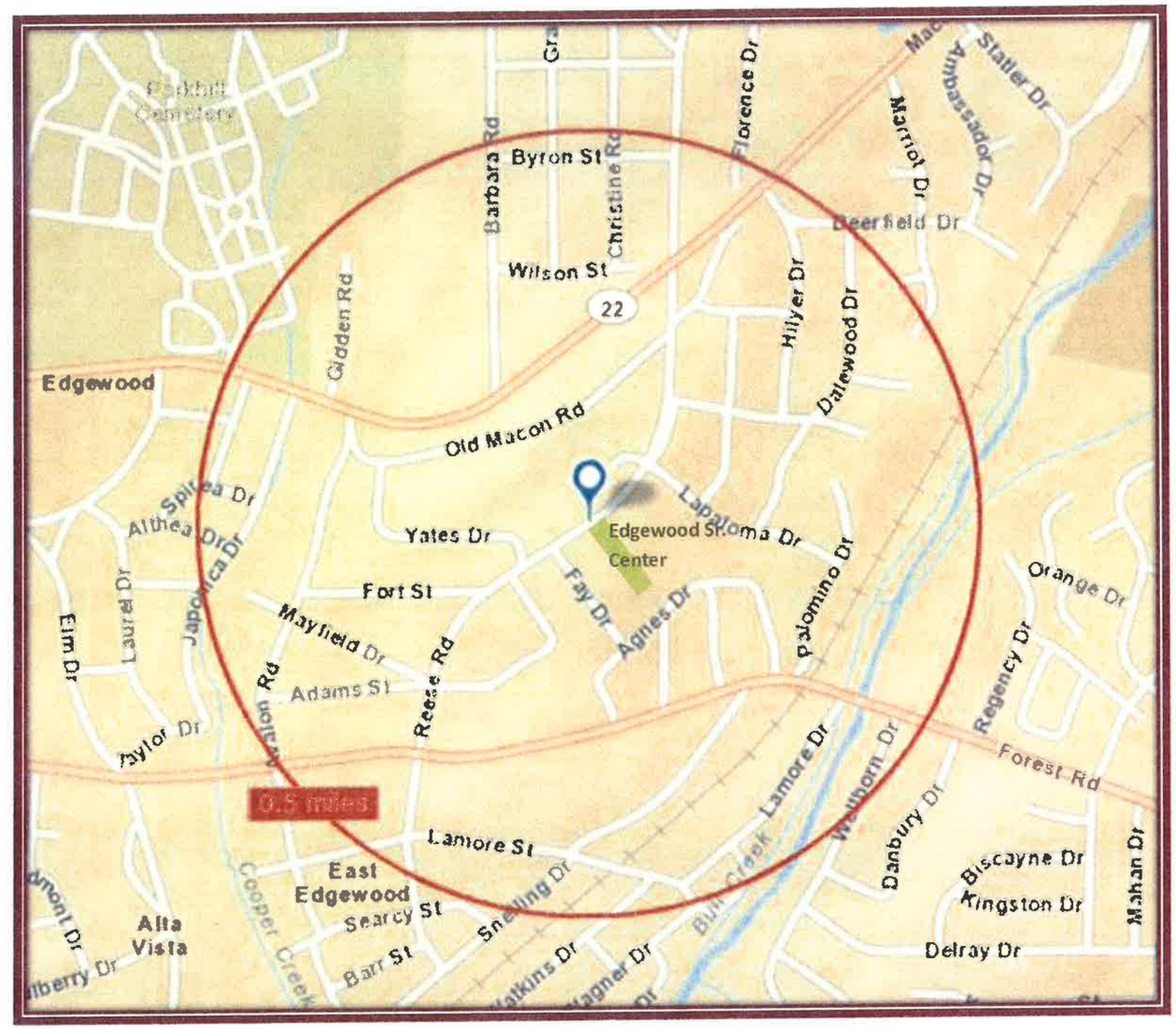
EDGEWOOD SENIOR CENTER

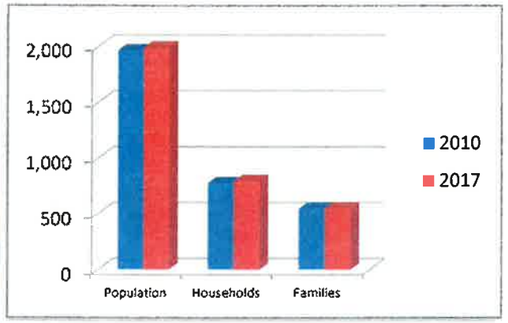
Edgewood Senior Center features a cozy gathering hall where seniors can meet for games, snacks, or to socialize. It is located at 2630 Reese Road and covers 1.06 acres.

Amenities:

- Senior Citizen Center

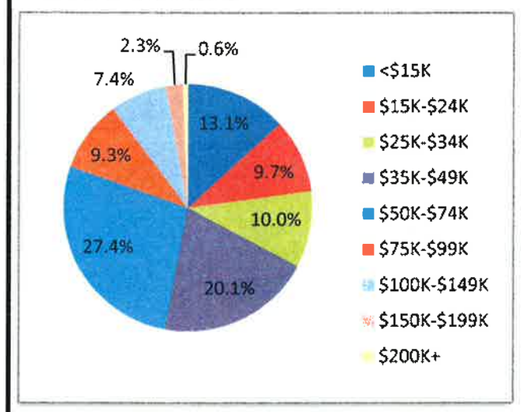


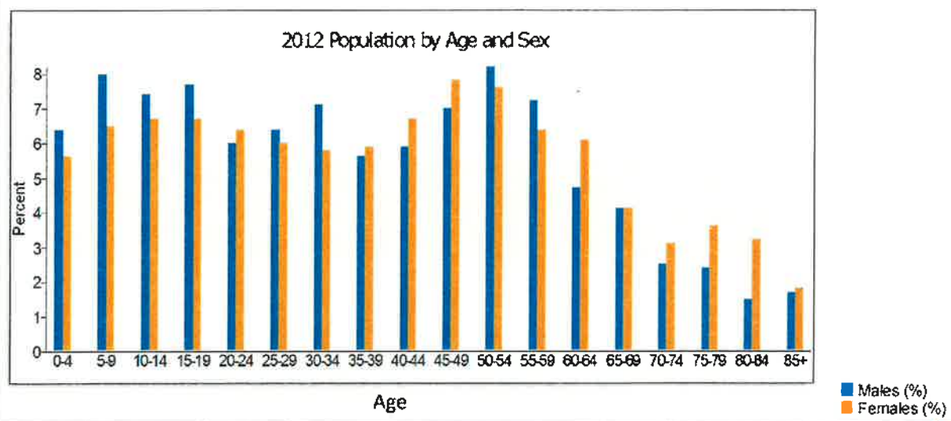
EDGEWOOD SENIOR CENTER	ADDRESS: 2630 Reese Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Special Facility
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 414,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 1.03

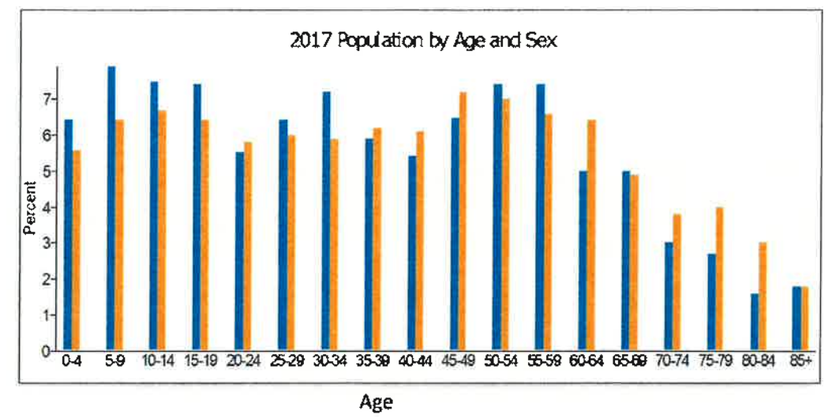


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
Senior Programming	• Monday – Breakfast and Bible Study • Tuesday – Lunch • Wednesday – Lunch and Card Games • Thursday – Lunch and Bingo • Hours: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM – Monday 8 AM to 4 PM – Tuesday through Friday Closed Saturday and Sunday	• This property should be divested and sold by the Columbus Consolidated Government. • A senior population this strong should be served by a modern, accessible Senior center. Said senior center should be located at Edgewood Park on Morris Road.

2012 Household income







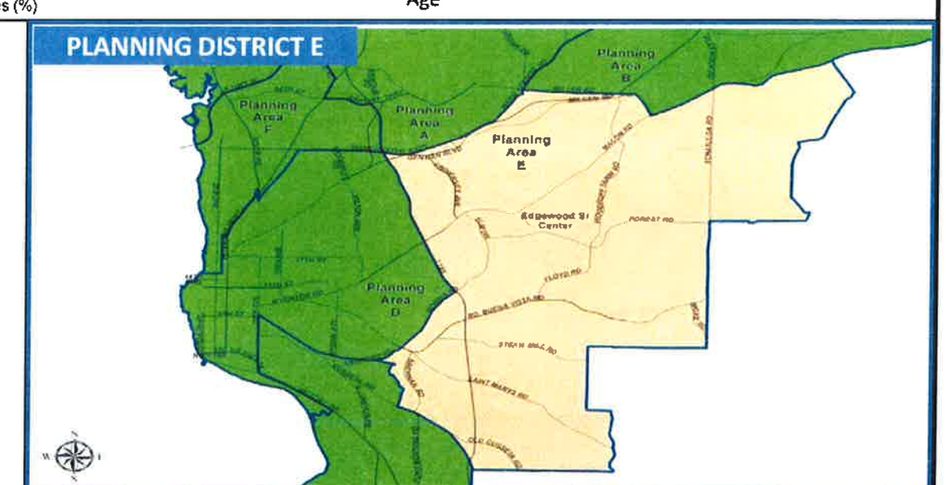
Insights:

- Edgewood Senior Center is located in an old fire station. It lacks appropriate parking and accessibility.
- This portion of East Columbus has a strong senior population and needs recreational services and programs.
- Income levels are stable and support the notion of a strong middle class.

Special Facility:

These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.

Amenities will be formal in nature and may include a recreation center, multi-purpose fields, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, pools, and walking trails among other amenities.



NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
46,153 sq. ft.
1.06 acres

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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Columbus, GA

Edgewood Senior Center
(2630 Reese Rd)

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EDGEWOOD SENIOR CENTER

2630 Reese Road
Columbus, GA

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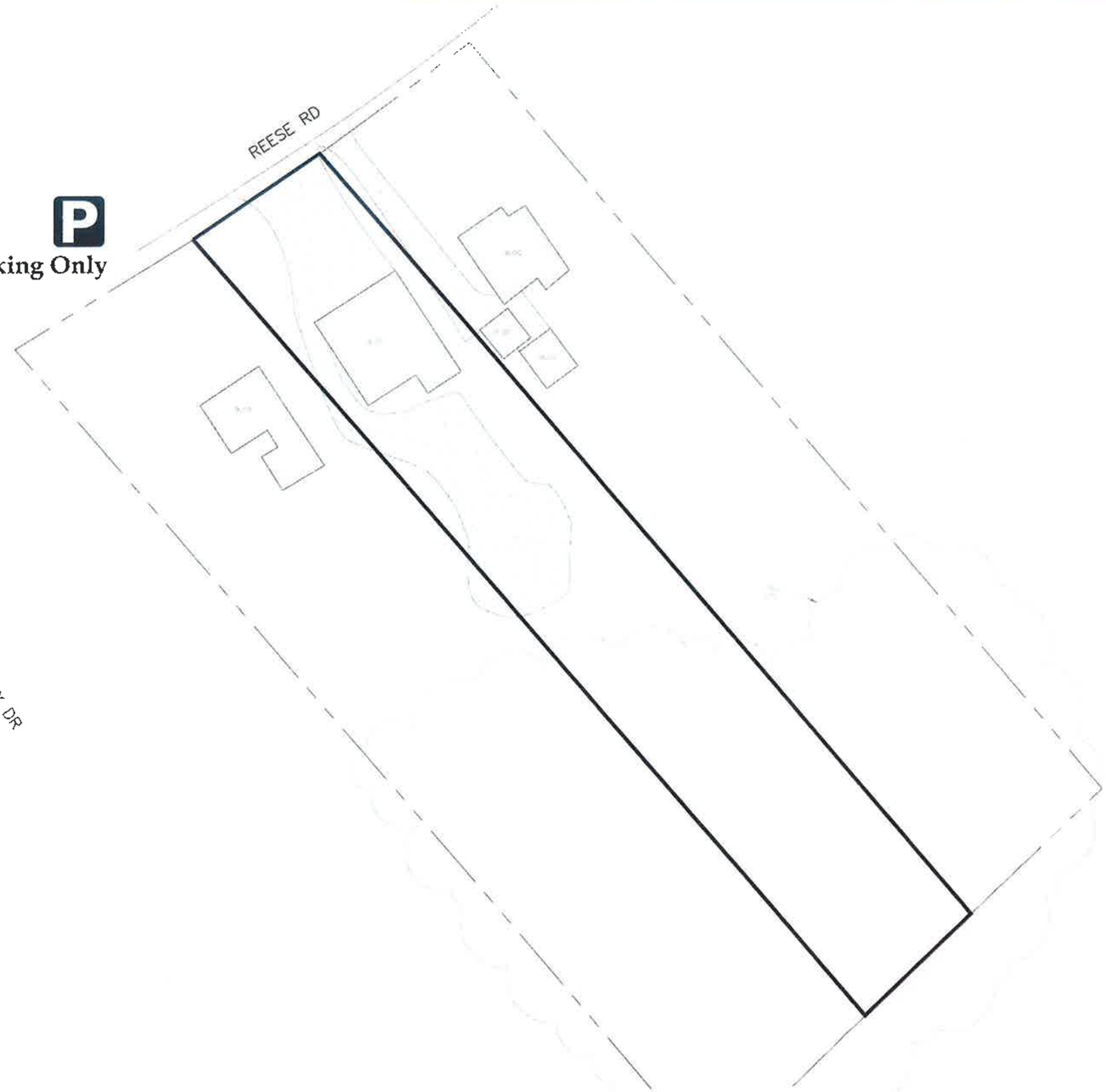

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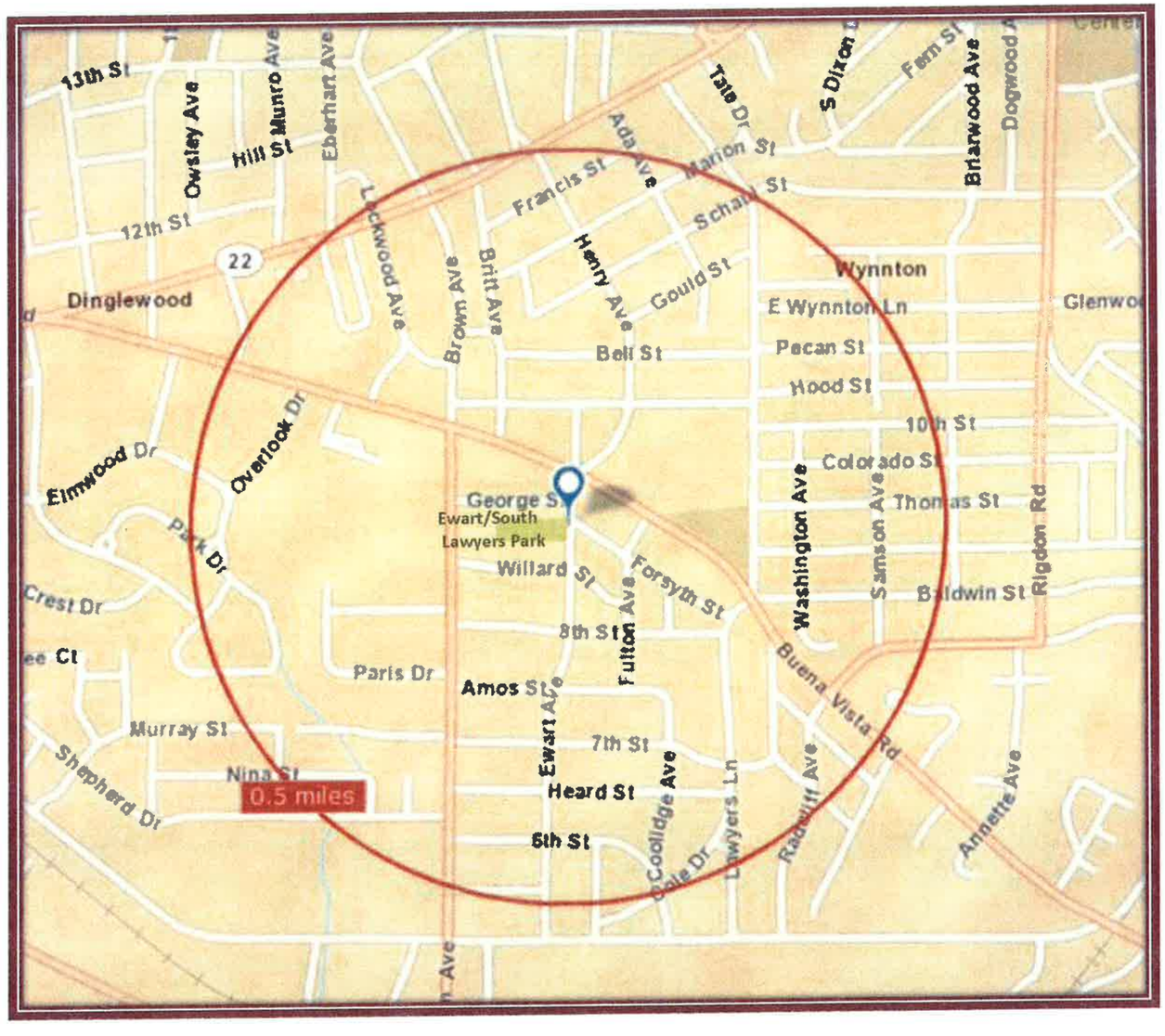
EWART/SOUTH LAWYERS LANE PARK

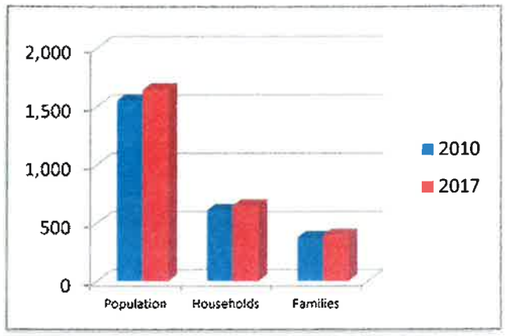
Ewart/South Lawyers Lane Park is classified as Neighborhood Park, and is located at 909 Ewart Avenue. The park covers 2.11 acres.

Amenities:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Walking Trail

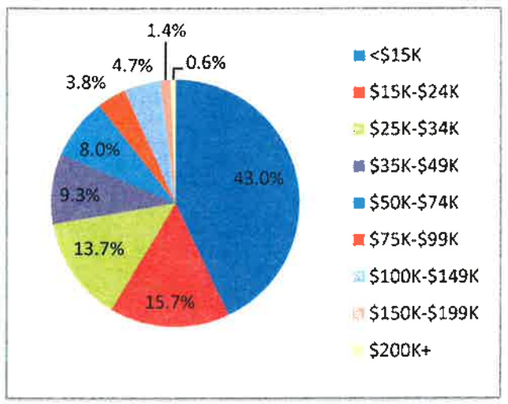


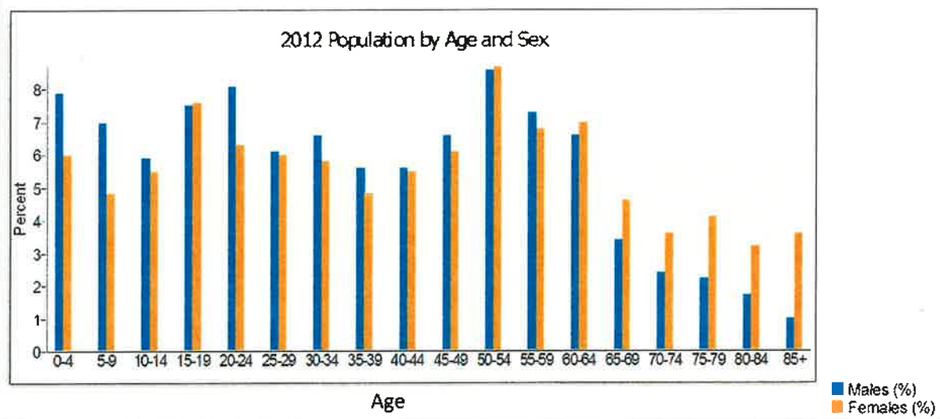
EWART-SOUTH LAWYERS LANE PARK	ADDRESS: 909 Ewart Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 22,612 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 2.11

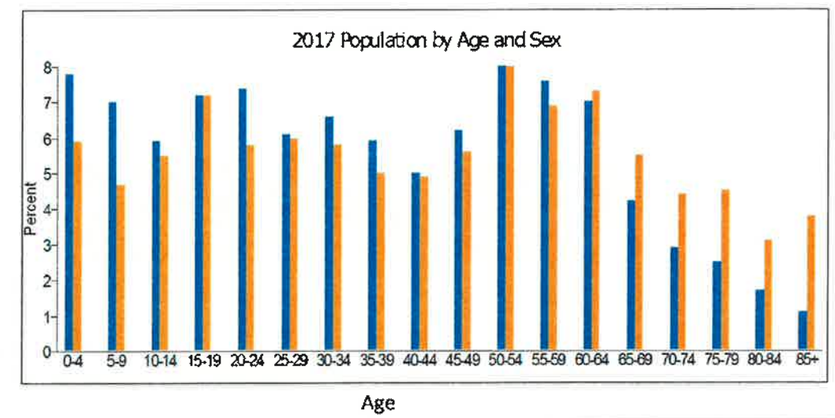


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Picnic area •1 Playground •Walking Trail	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add swings. •Add picnic tables and a grill area.

2012 Household income







Insights:

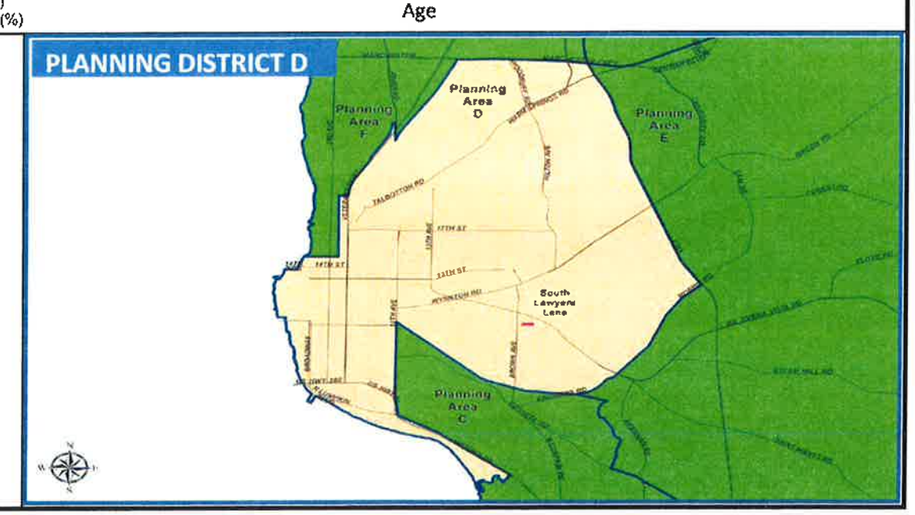
- This park is located in a low-to-moderate income area.
- The area population is wide ranging and age diverse.
- This park is within a quarter mile of Fluellen Park, which is an active park with a recreation center. Ewart Park serves as a nice compliment to Fluellen.
- The topography is flat and the walking trail is well maintained.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



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NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
91,702 sq. ft.
2.11 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 15 30 60
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
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Columbus, GA

Ewart Park As-built Survey
(909 Ewart Ave)

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EWART - SOUTH LAWYER'S LANE PARK

909 Ewart Avenue
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Swings
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Grill

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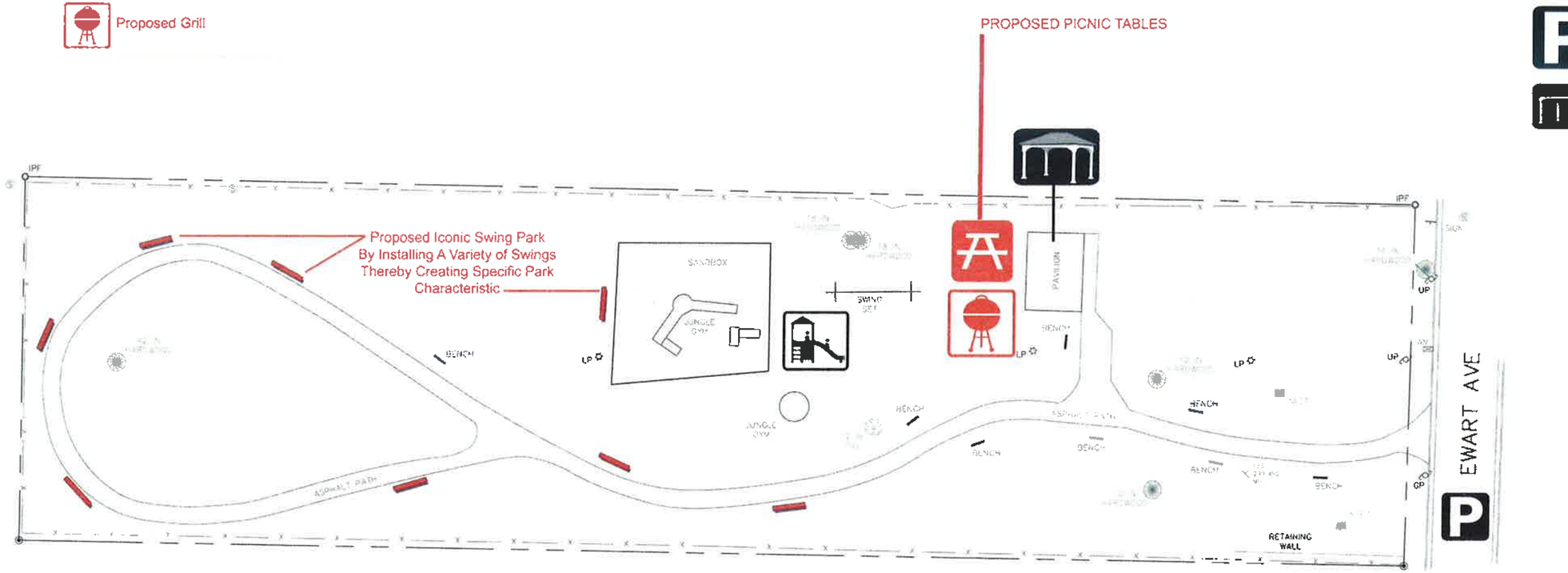

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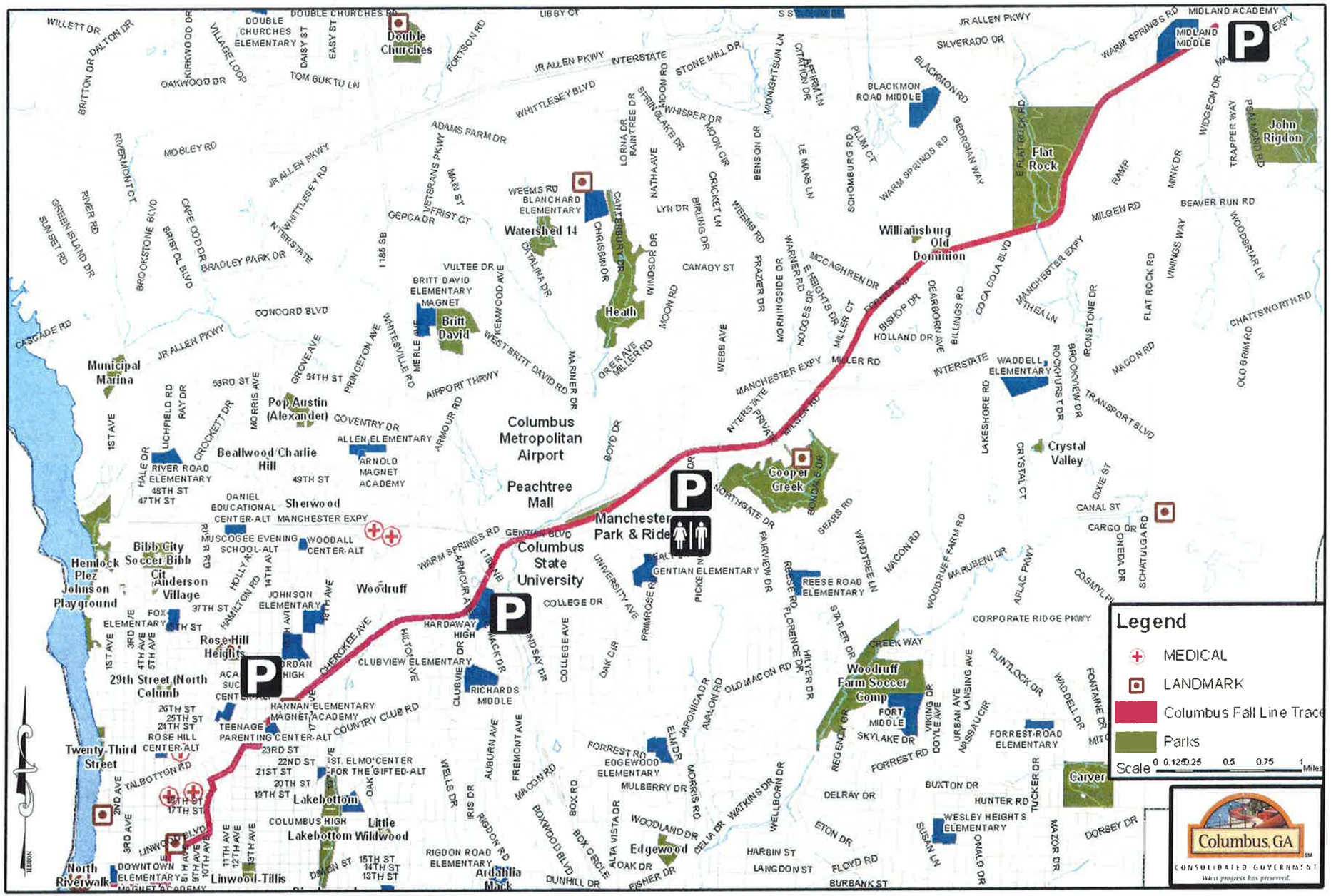
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

FALL LINE TRACE - LINEAR PARK

Columbus, GA



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FALL LINE TRACE – MANCHESTER EXPRESSWAY

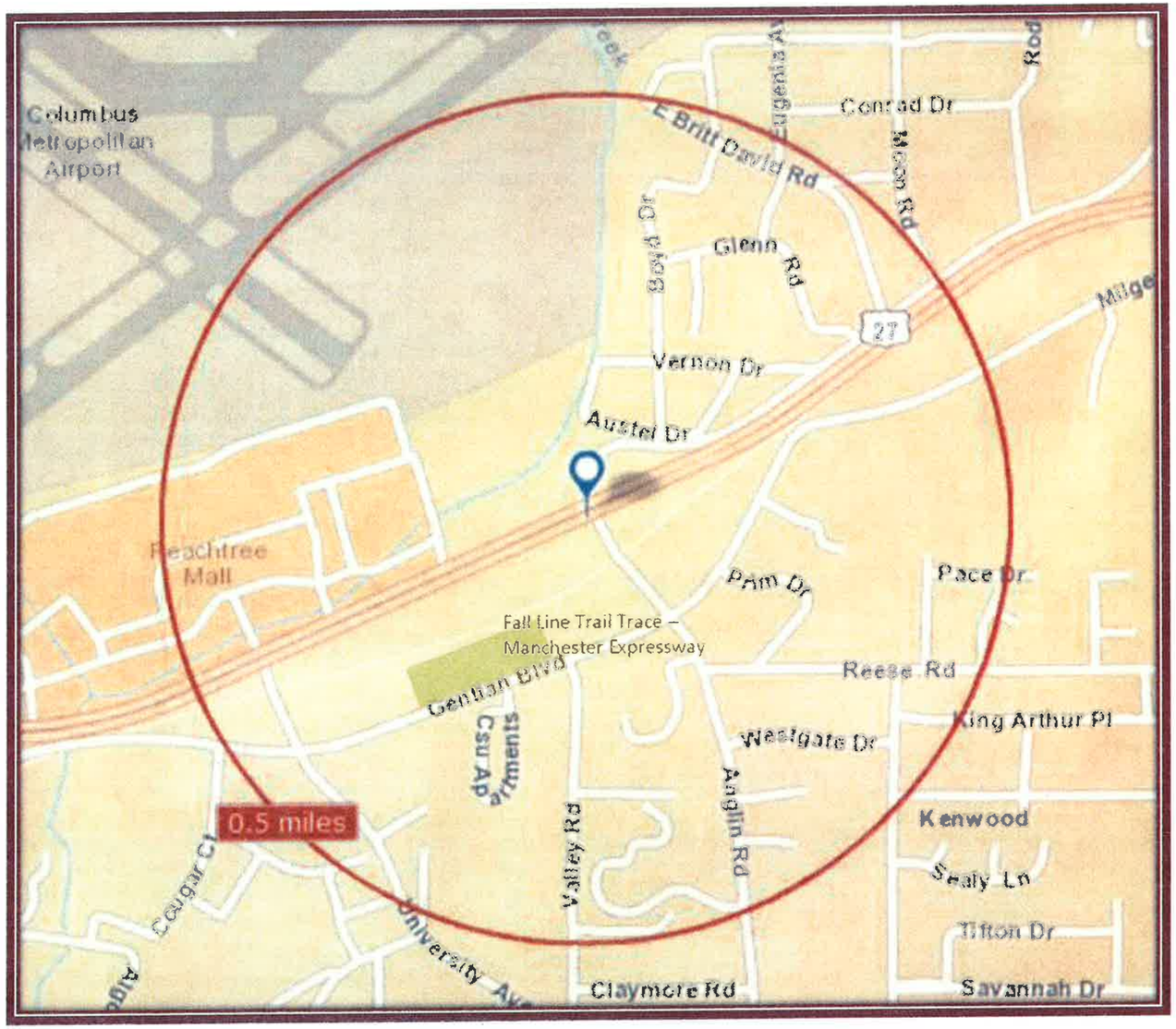
The Columbus Fall Line Trace, Columbus' Rails-to-Trails project, was constructed on land purchased by the Columbus Consolidated Government from Norfolk Southern Railroad. The project provides a 12-foot wide asphalt trail that includes: two park and ride/rest areas, one near Hannan Magnet Academy on Warm Springs Road and one on Manchester Expressway across from Legacy Chevrolet. Both park and ride locations include water fountains, vending machines, and restrooms, allowing people to park their vehicles and bike/jog/walk to their destination(s) or use the trail to intersect with the METRA bus transit system at numerous points.

Residents can access the trail at numerous road crossings and trail spur connectors including one at Flat Rock Park.

The Fall Line Trace-Linear Park on Manchester Expressway is classified as Regional Park, and is located along Manchester Expressway, between Reese Road, and University Avenue.

Amenities:

- Gazebo
- Bike Rentals
- Outdoor restrooms
- Fitness Trail
- Playground
- Born Learning Trail



FALL LINE TRACE - MANCHESTER EXPRESSWAY	ADDRESS: 3690 Manchester Expressway	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
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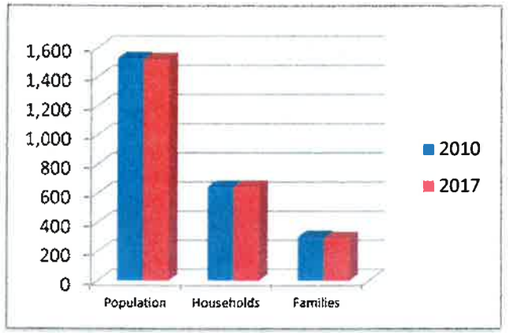
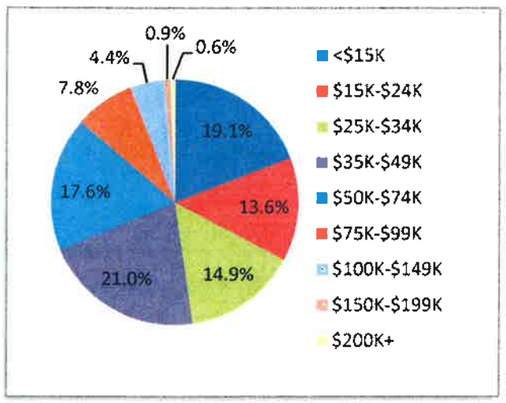
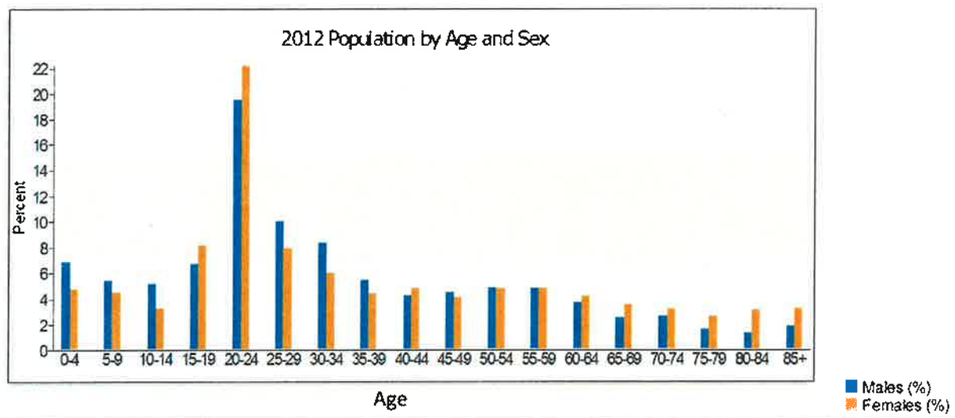
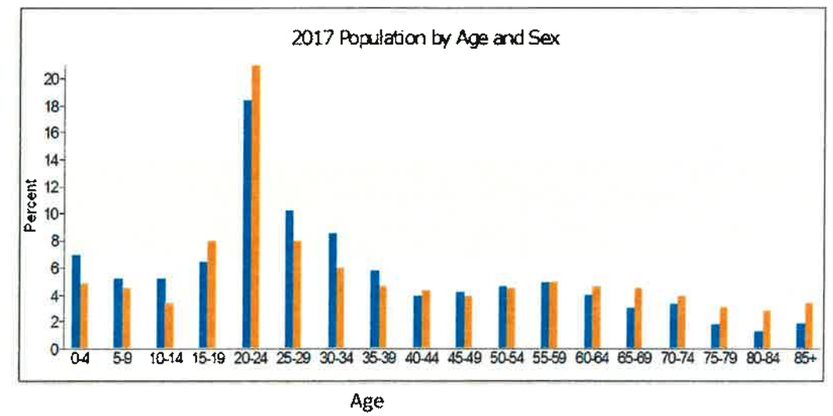


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Gazebo •Bike Rentals/Shop •Outdoor Restrooms •Fitness Trail •Playground •Born Learning Trail	•Rest Area Hours - 6 AM to 9 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:

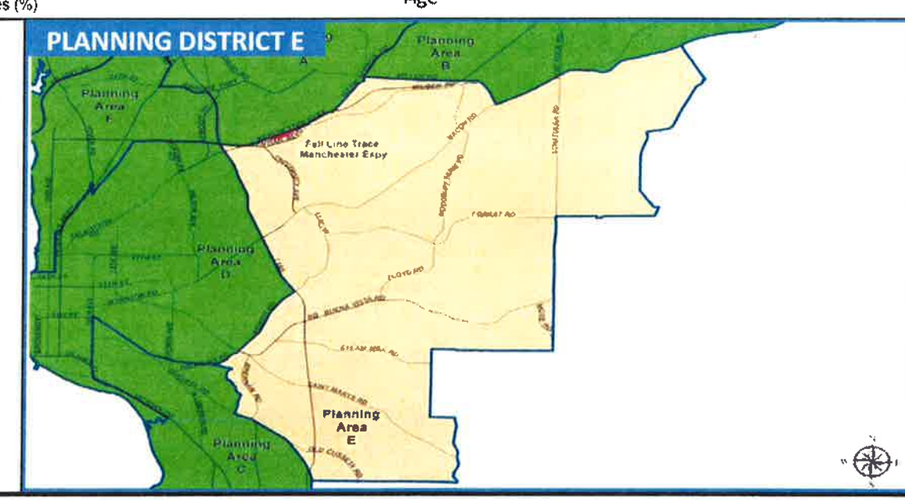
- The Fall Line Trace is one of two linear parks in Columbus. It begins at the Frank Martin Bridge and runs east to Psalmond Road.
- This particular Park-and-Ride site is heavily used, surprisingly at the playground.
- The facility has been leased to a bike shop, which rents and repairs bicycles, as well as offering retail sales.

Regional Parks:

Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.



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TOTAL
PARK AREA
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3.59 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

NORTH

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Fall Line Trace - Manchester Expy
(3690 Manchester Expy)

REVISION	DATE

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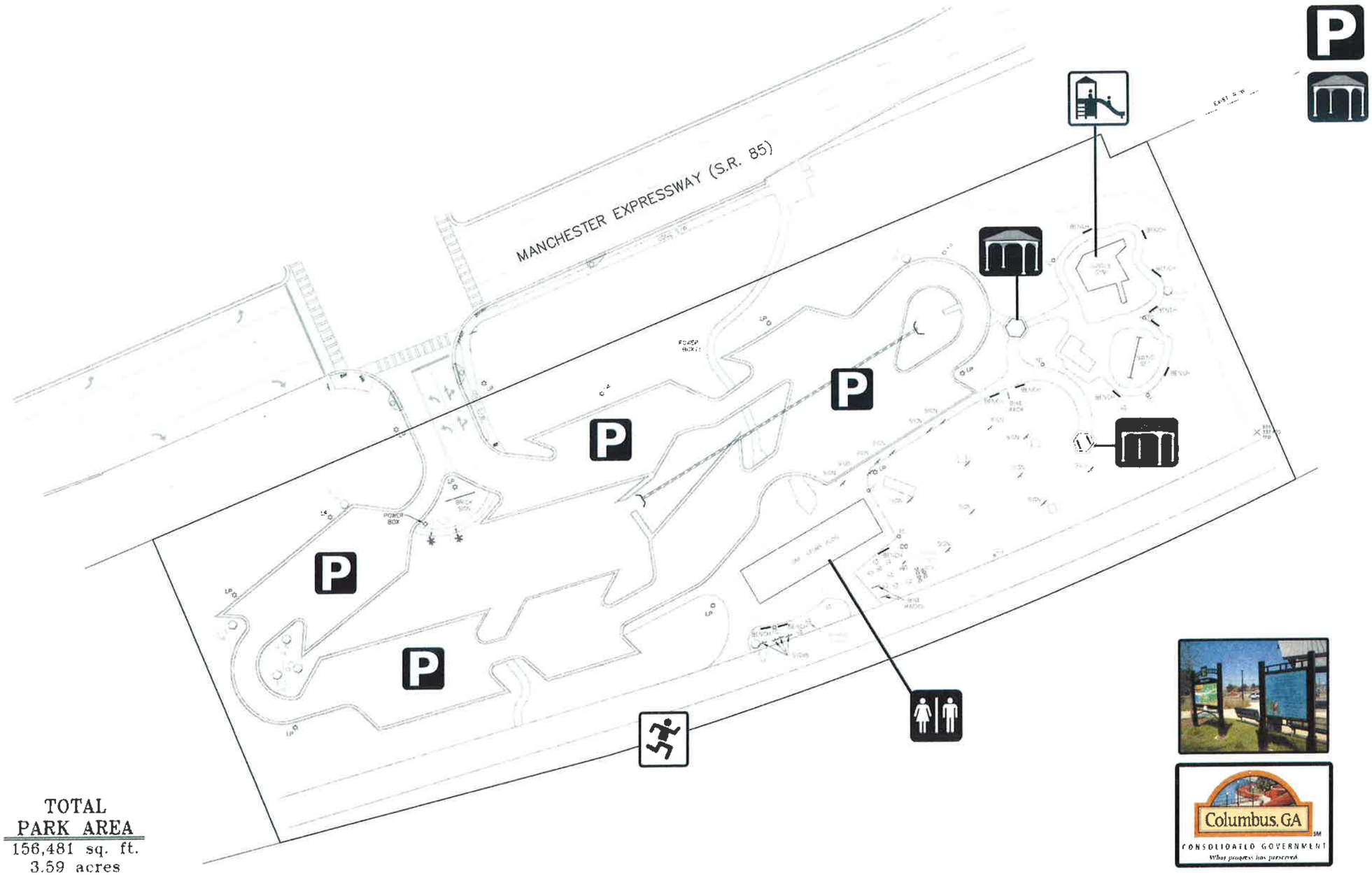
FALL LINE TRACE - LINEAR PARK

3690 Manchester Expressway
Columbus, GA



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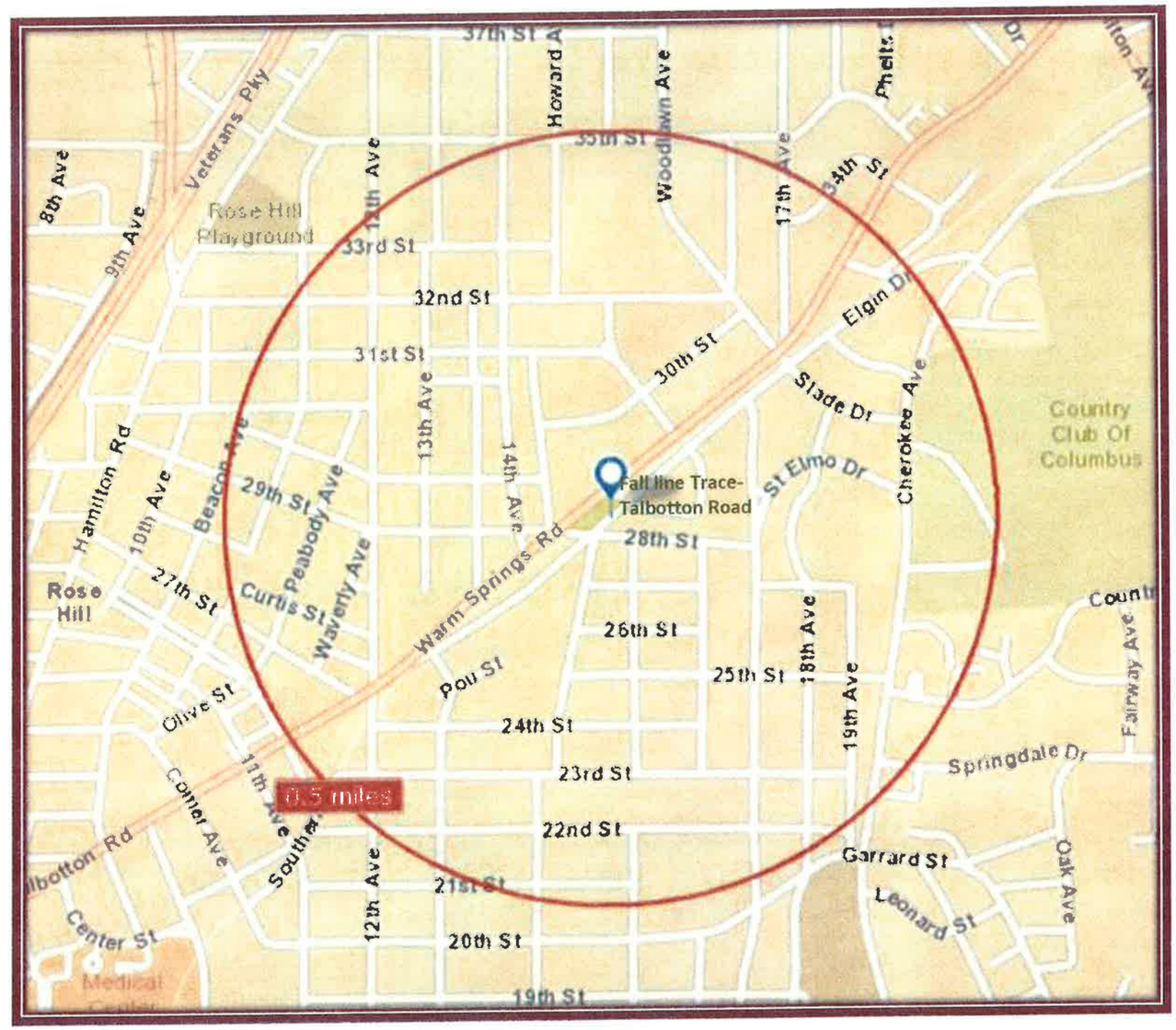
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has proceeded

FALL LINE TRACE – TALBOTTON ROAD

The Fall Line Trace-Linear Park on Talbotton Road is classified as neighborhood Park, and is located between Warm Springs Rd, Talbotton, and 28th Street.

Amenities:

- Covered Pavilion
- Gazebo
- Picnic area
- Outdoor restrooms



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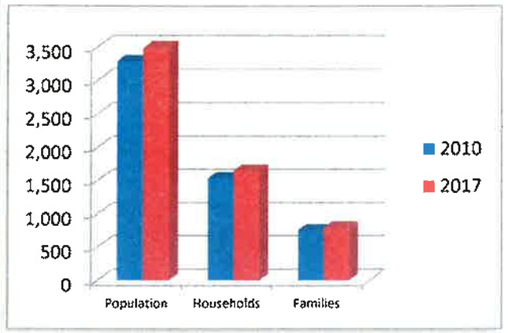
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY: $ 365,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 2



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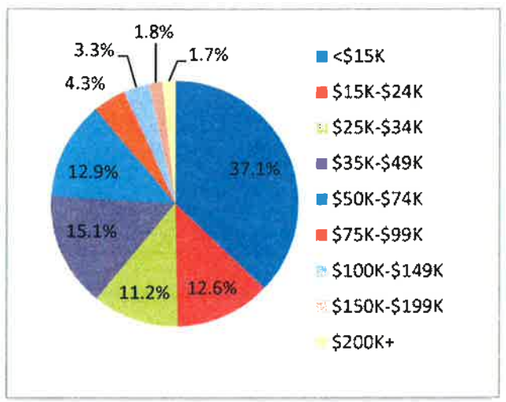
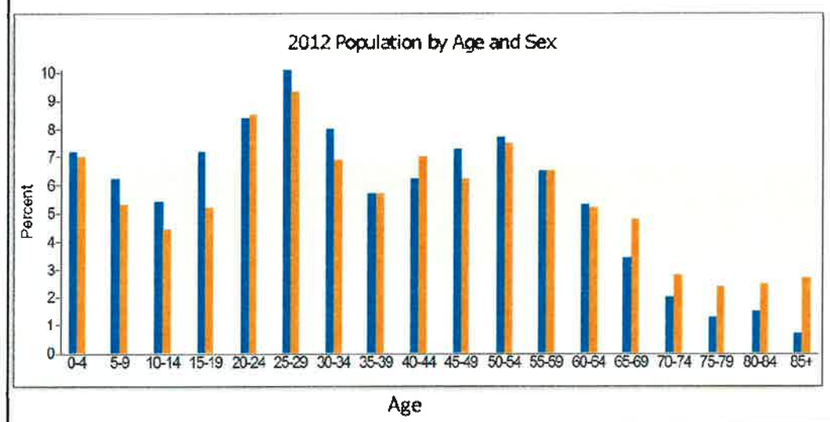
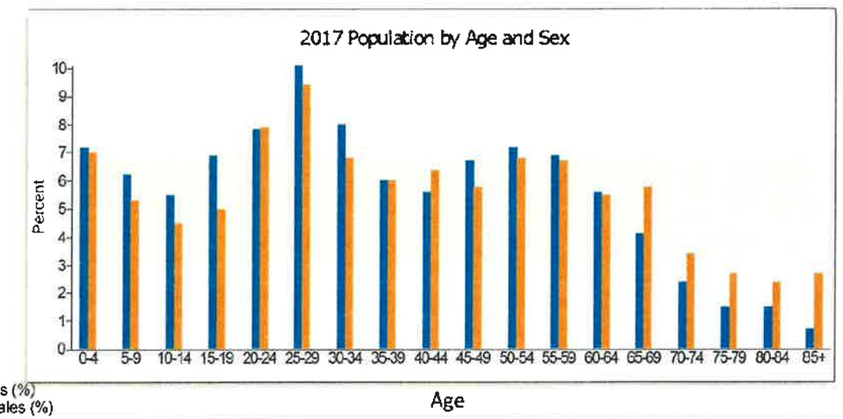
2012 Household income







Insights:

- The Fall Line Trace is one of two linear parks in Columbus. It begins at the Frank Martin Bridge and runs east to Psalmond Road.
- This Park-and-Ride facility is one of two existing along the Trace. It sits along the north side of the East Highlands neighborhood, which is a designated redevelopment area.
- At this time, there has been no interest from potential tenants to lease the facility for commercial purposes.

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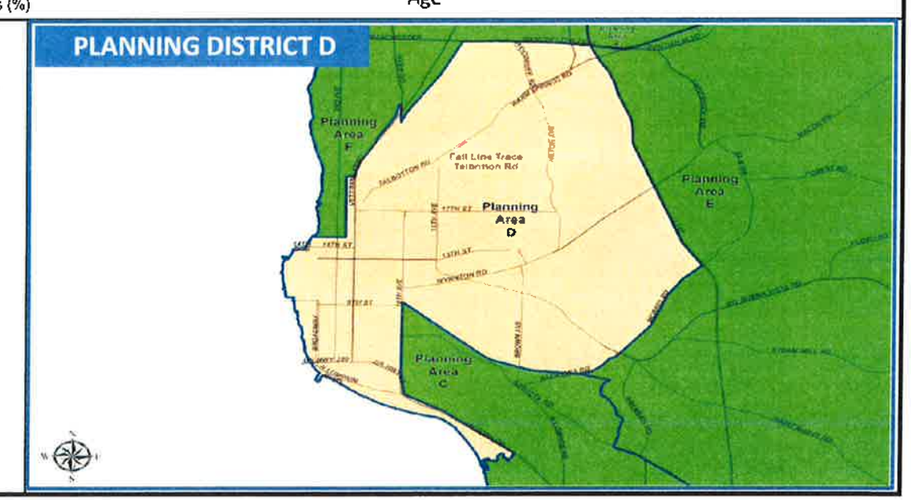

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NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
34,357 sq. ft.
0.79 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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1 inch = 20 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
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Fall Line Trace (Talbotton Rd) As-built Survey

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FALL LINE TRACE - LINEAR PARK

1401 Talbotton Road
Columbus, GA

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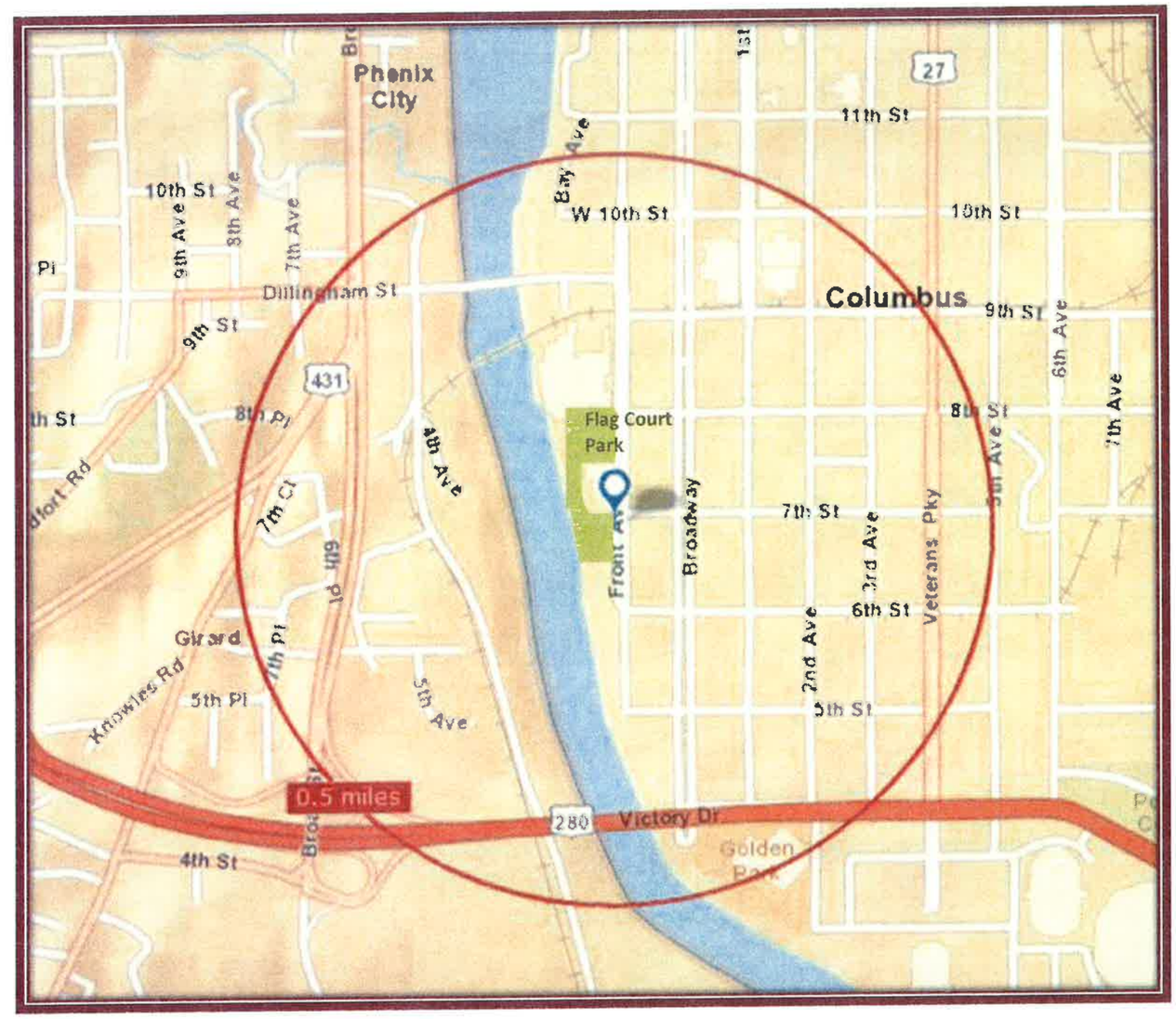
What progress has preserved.

FLAG COURT PARK

Classified as a Mini Park, Flag Court Park is located at 685 Front Avenue.



FLAG COURT PARK	ADDRESS: 685 Front Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Mini Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
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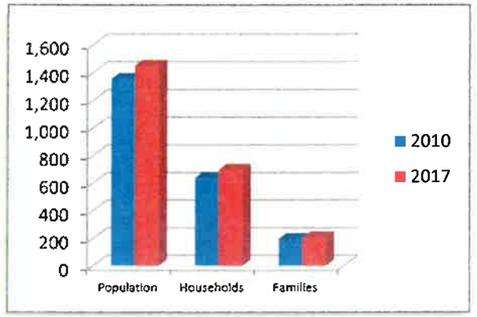
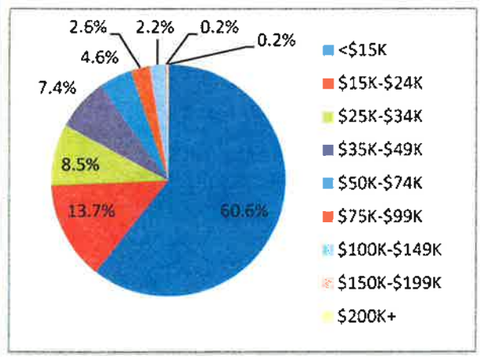
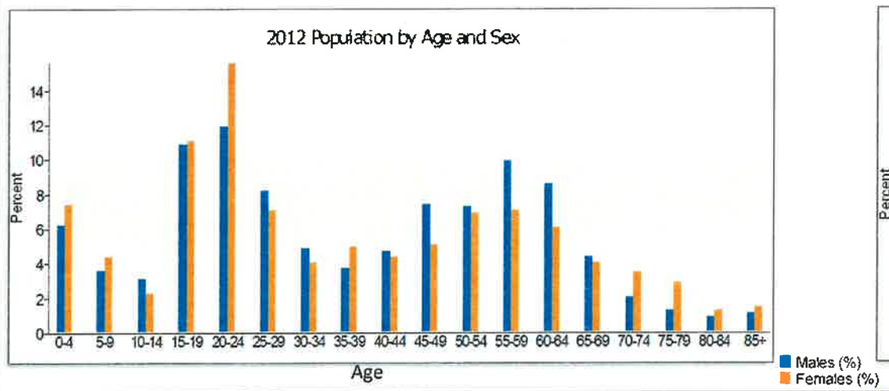
Demographics

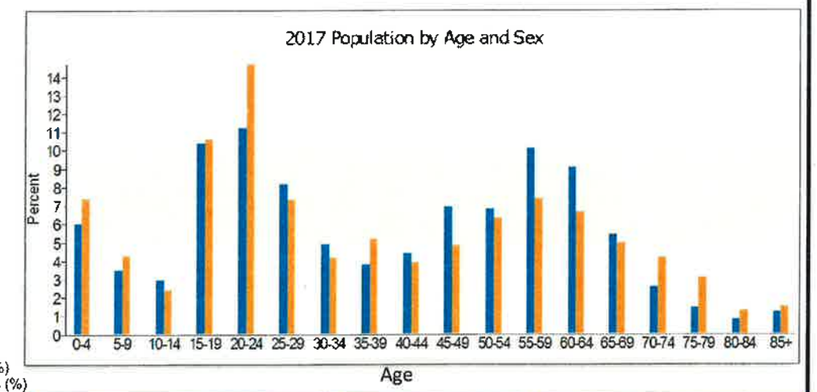


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Walking Trail	There are no program elements.	This park should be divested as it's own entity and absorbed into the Chattahoochee Promenades Park.

2012 Household income



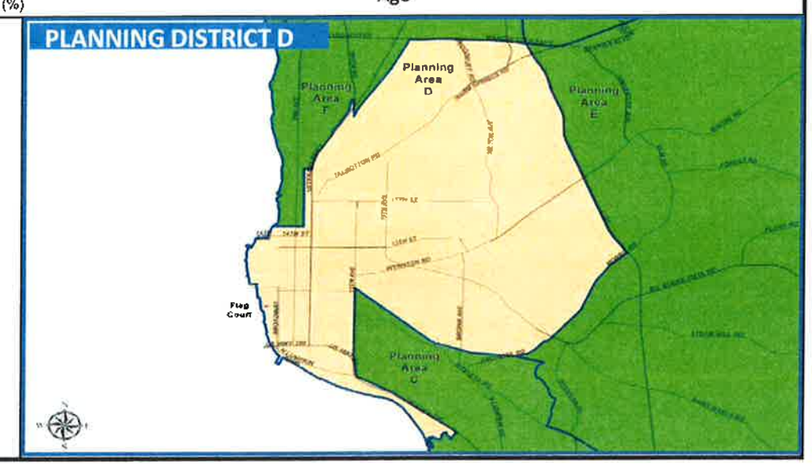




Insights:
Flag Court Park is part of Columbus' historic riverfront. Instead of standing on it's own, it should be consolidated with the Chattanoochee Promenades Park.

Mini Parks:
Also known as pocket parks, mini parks are small areas accessible to the general public.

These parks are frequently created on a single vacant building lot or small, irregular parcels of land. Although they are too small for physical activities, mini parks provide greenery, an outside sitting area, and in certain situations, there may be enough room for a small playground.



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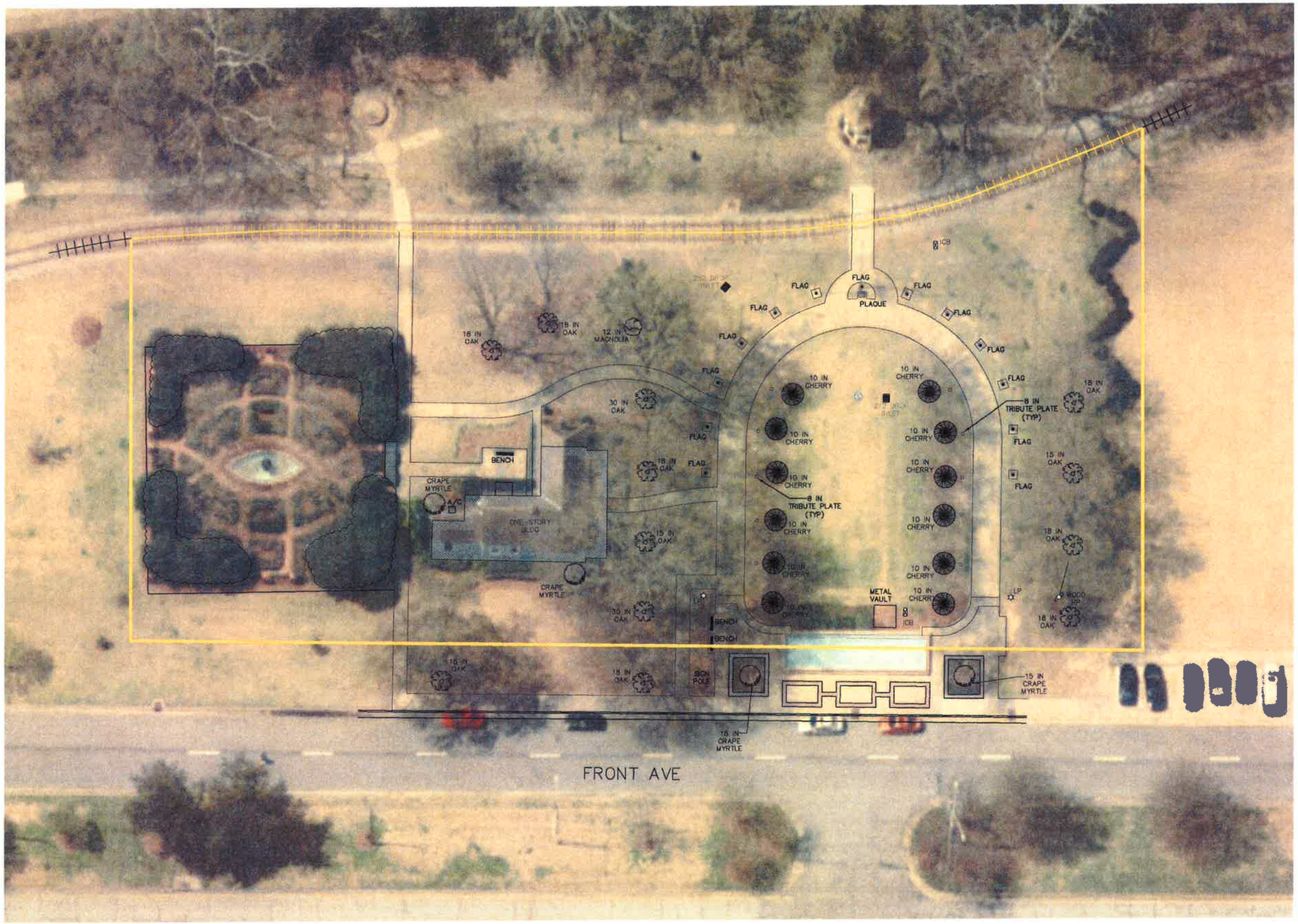

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TOTAL
PARK AREA
53,358 sq. ft.
1.22 acres

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Flag Court/ Keep Columbus Beautiful (685 Front Ave)

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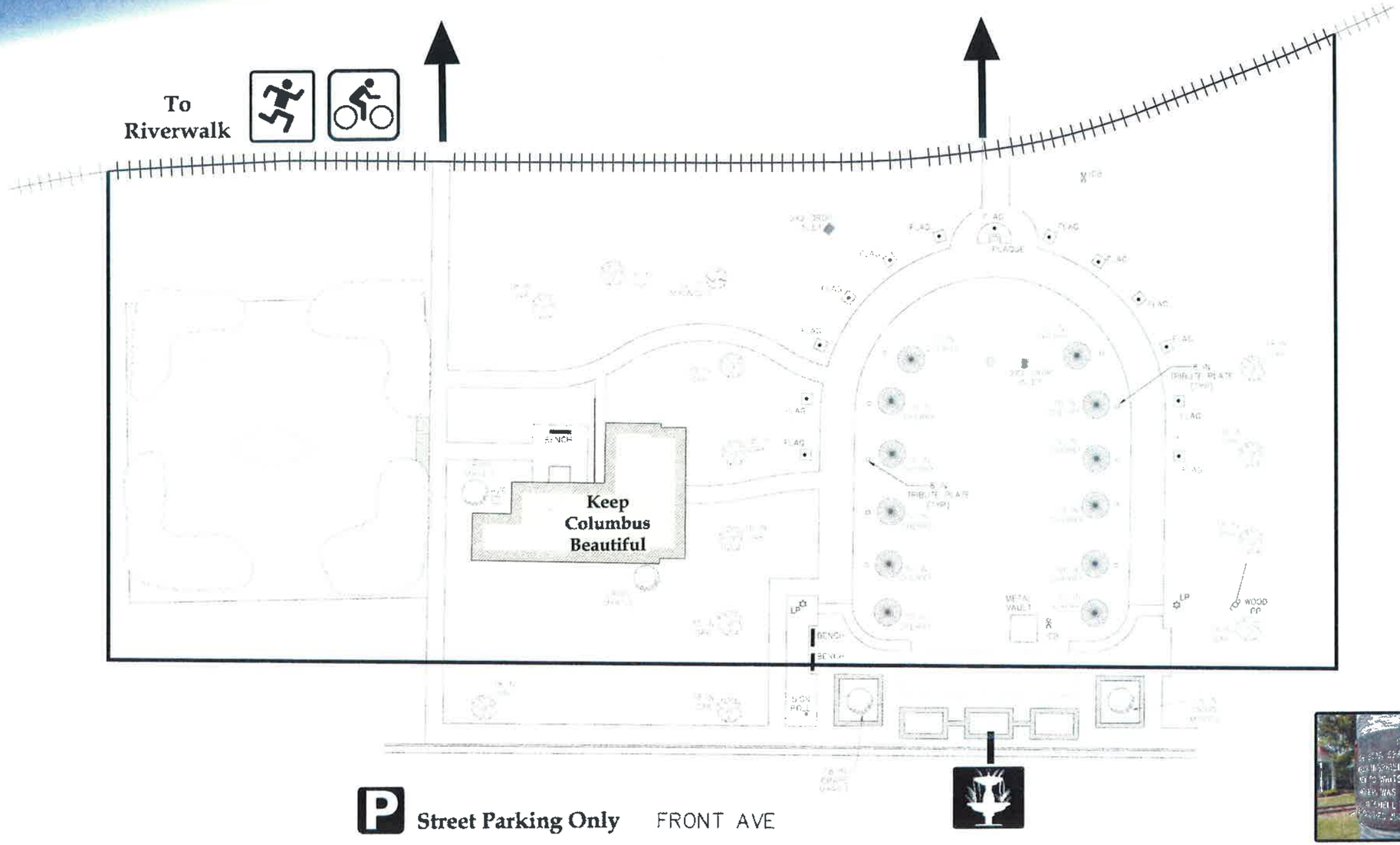
FLAG COURT PARK

685 Front Avenue
Columbus, GA

Chattahoochee River



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TOTAL PARK AREA
53,358 sq. ft.
1.22 acres

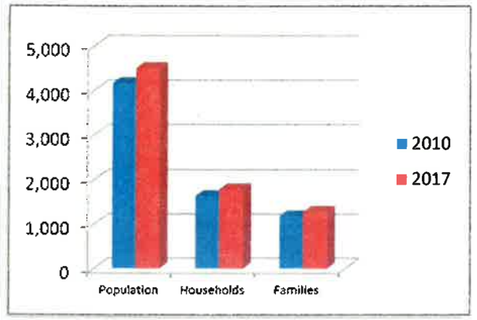
FLAT ROCK PARK

Flat Rock Park is a classified as a Regional Park located at 6106 Warm Springs Rd. With 214.79 acres the park offers an array of natural activities for the citizens to enjoy.

The following are the amenities provide at the Park:

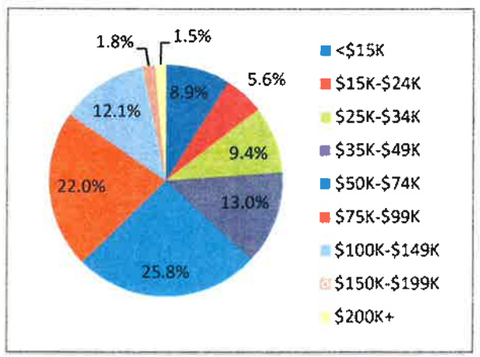
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebos
- Fishing
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground
- Rental Facility
- Walking Trail
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Disc golf
- Grills
- Picnic Areas

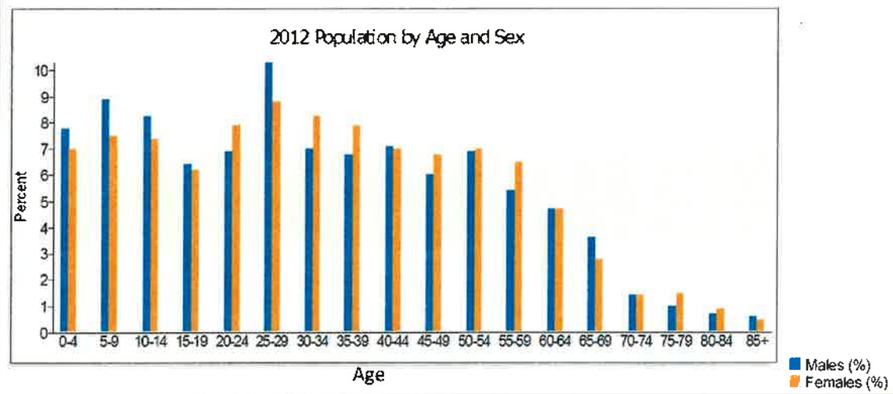
FLAT ROCK PARK	ADDRESS: 6106 Warm Springs Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6	PLANNING DISTRICT: B
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 0,0 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 214.79

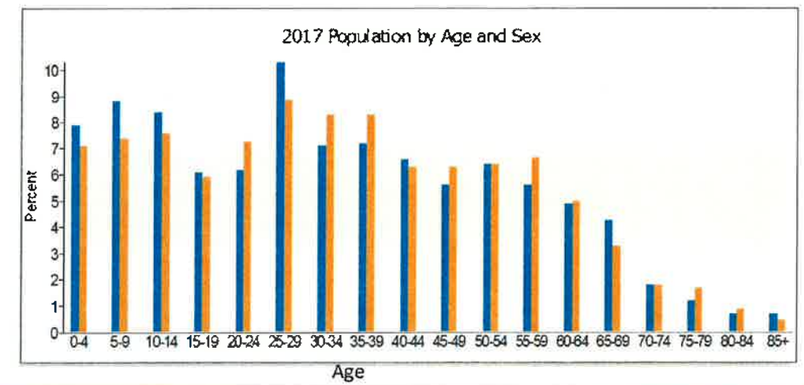


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/ Gazebos •Fishing •Outdoor Restrooms •Playground •Rental Facilities •Walking Trail •Mountain Bike Trail •Disc Golf •Grills •Picnic Areas	•Park Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM	Flat Rock Park is an extremely valuable asset to the city, yet it is not fully utilized to it's potential. Consultants should be hired to create a plan that maximizes the potential of the park yet enables it to maintain its rural charm.

2012 Household income





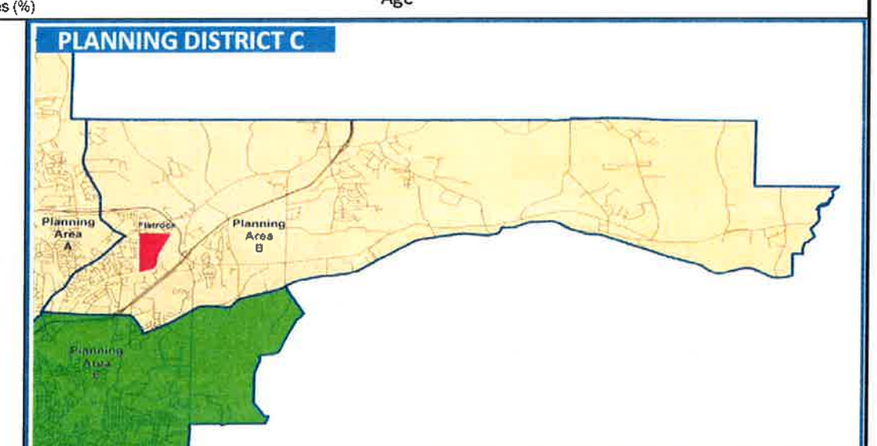


Insights:
Flat Rock Park is one of the oldest and largest parks in Columbus. It is located in one of the fastest developing areas of town and serves a vital park need for the area. However, its mission is not to serve as a neighborhood park, which is what it has become. It is no longer a regional destination, unless a citizen is seeking disk golf or the mountain bike trail (which are exclusive to Flat Rock).

Regional Parks:
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000 persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 feet buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also



TOTAL
PARK AREA
9,356,345 sq. ft.
214.79 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 100 200 400
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 100 ft.

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Flat Rock Park
214.79 Acres

REVISION	DATE

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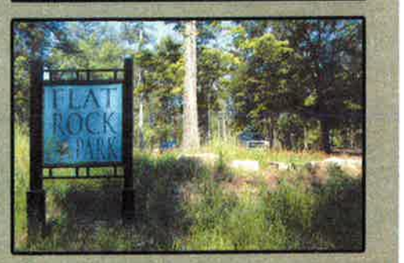
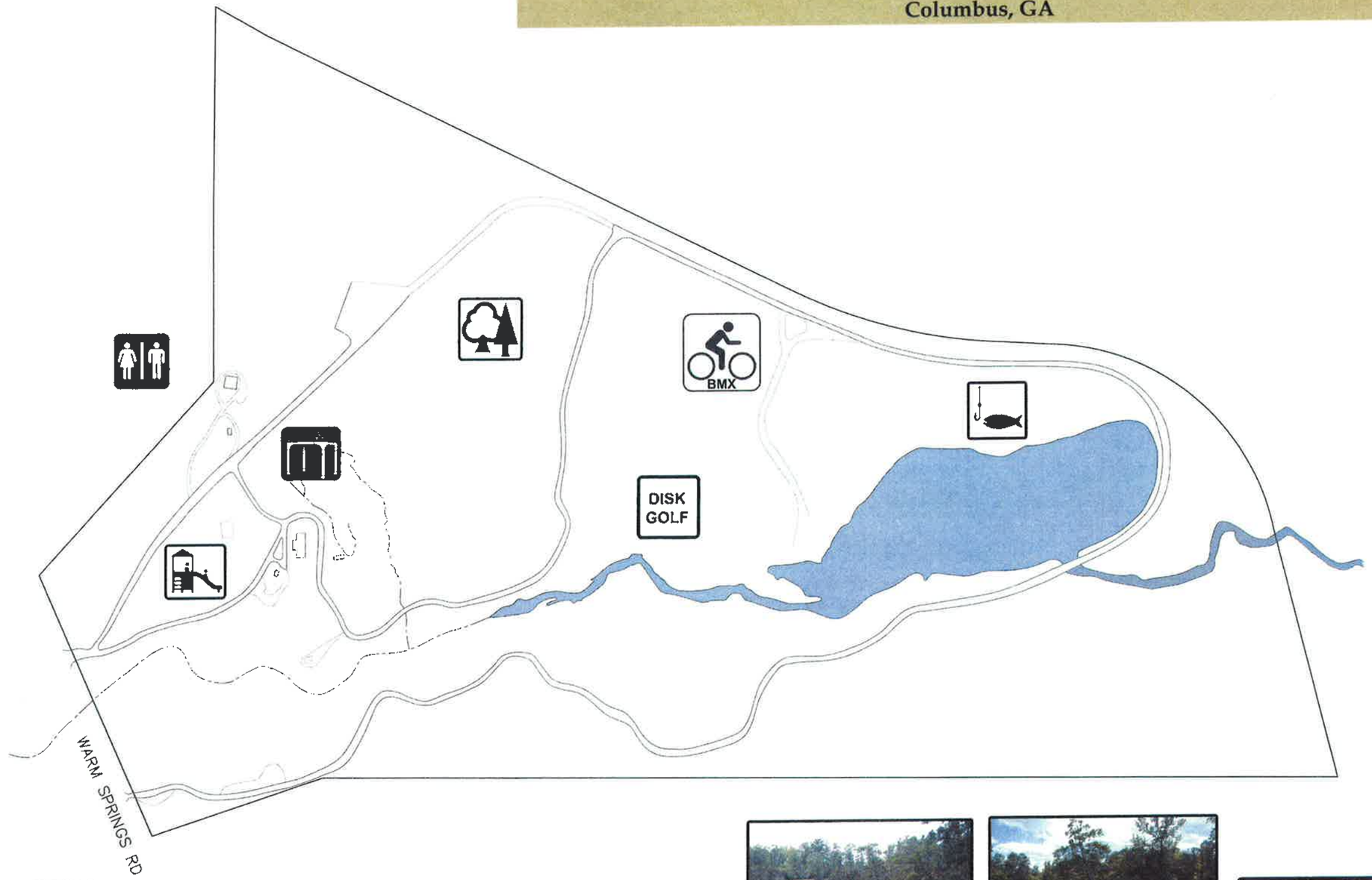
FLAT ROCK PARK

6106 Warm Springs Road
Columbus, GA





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TOTAL
PARK AREA
9,356,345 sq. ft.
214.79 acres

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Where progress has purpose.

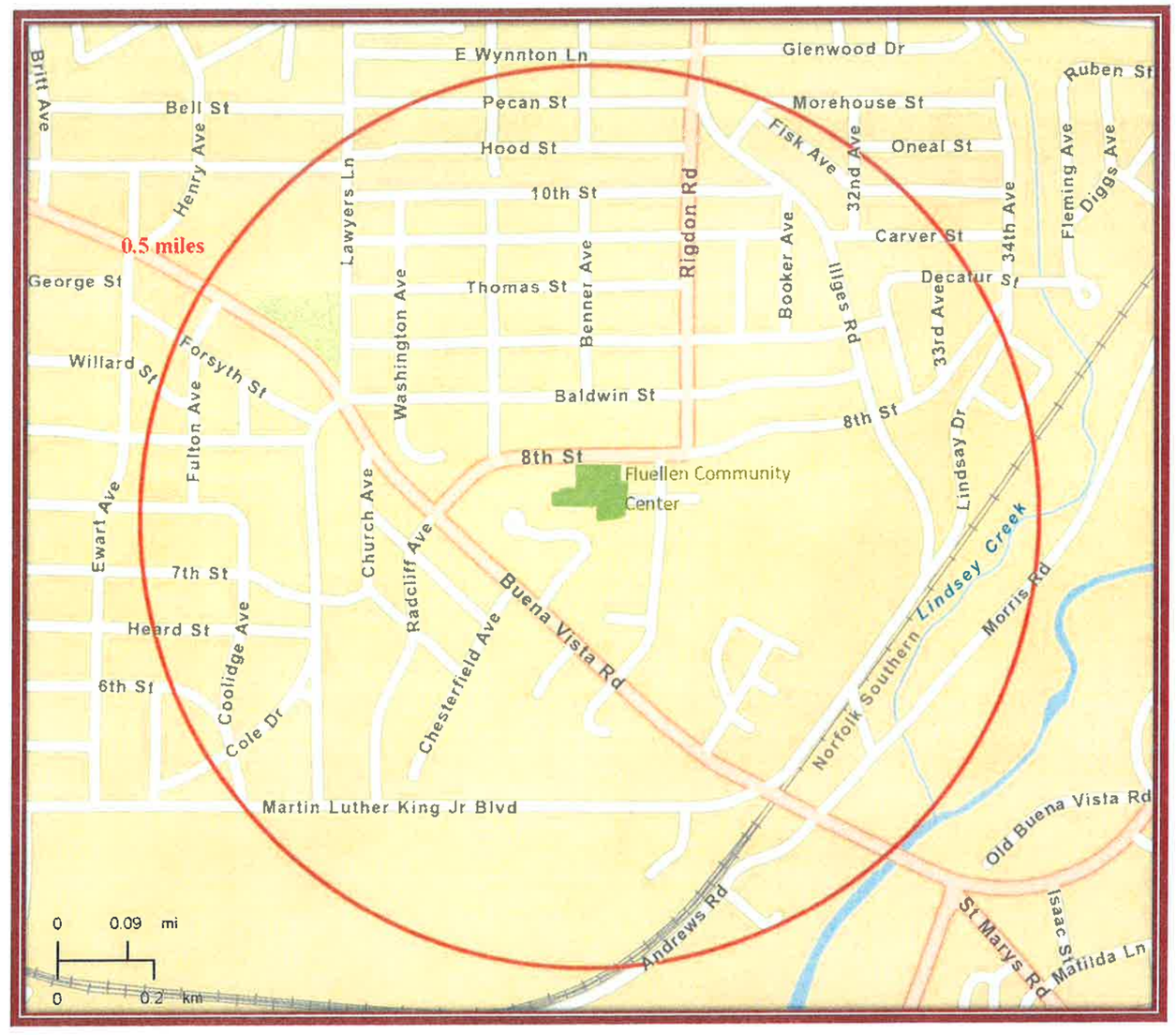
FLUELLEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Fluellen Recreation Center at 8th Street features a game room, multi-purpose activity room, full size kitchen, basketball courts, a playground, a memorial garden, and a recreation center.

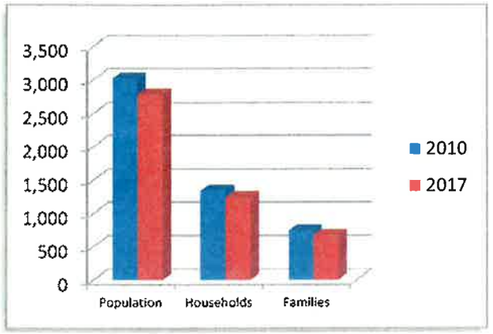
Even though this is one of our smaller centers, participation numbers in this center are at an all time high. Numerous programs are offered to the community at this center that includes children to seniors.

Fluellen has the following amenities:

- Recreation Center
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- 2 outdoor Basketball Courts
- Playground
- Grills

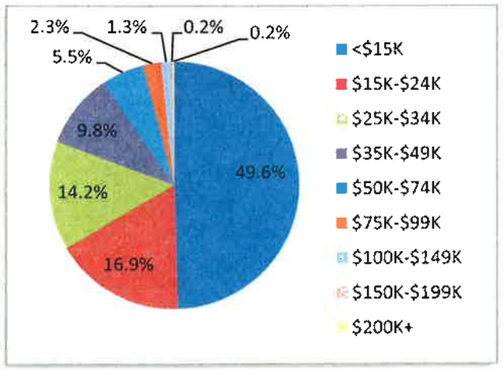


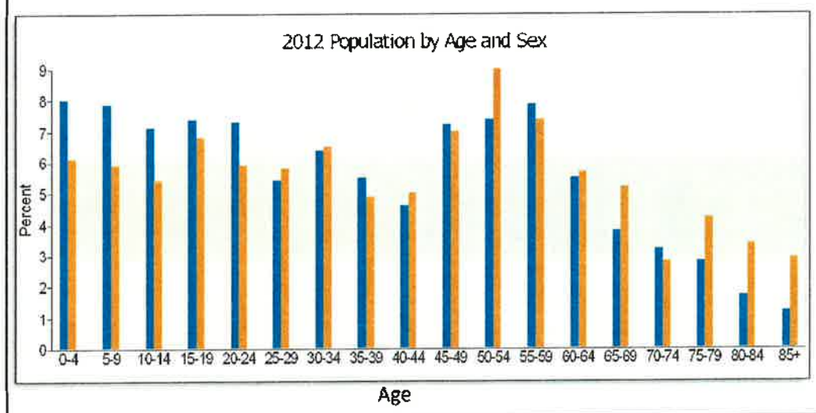
FLUELLEN COMMUNITY CENTER	ADDRESS: 2916 8th Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$687,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 3.78

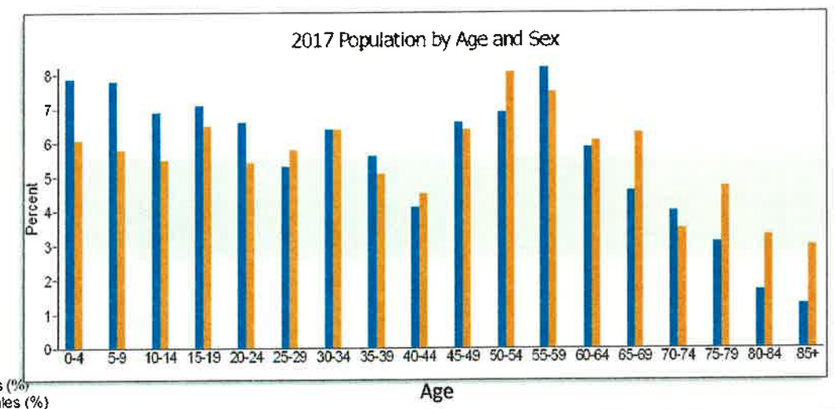


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •Rental Facilities •2 Basketball Courts •Playground	•Monday through Friday – Senior (Daytime) •Monday and Wednesday – Senior Exercises •Tuesday and Thursday – Senior Bingo •Monday through Friday – Youth (Evening) •Monday and Wednesday – Youth ceramics •Thursday – Young Life •Friday – Open Recreation & Games •Recreation Center Hours – 11 AM to 7 PM •Closed Saturday and Sunday •Park (Outside Activities) Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add shade trees on the east of the creek. •Add a bridge to cross the creek which dissects the property. •Utilize the eastern part of the property for a senior center with adequate parking, a walking trail, and outdoor game tables. Senior center parking access shall come from 7th Street.

2012 Household income







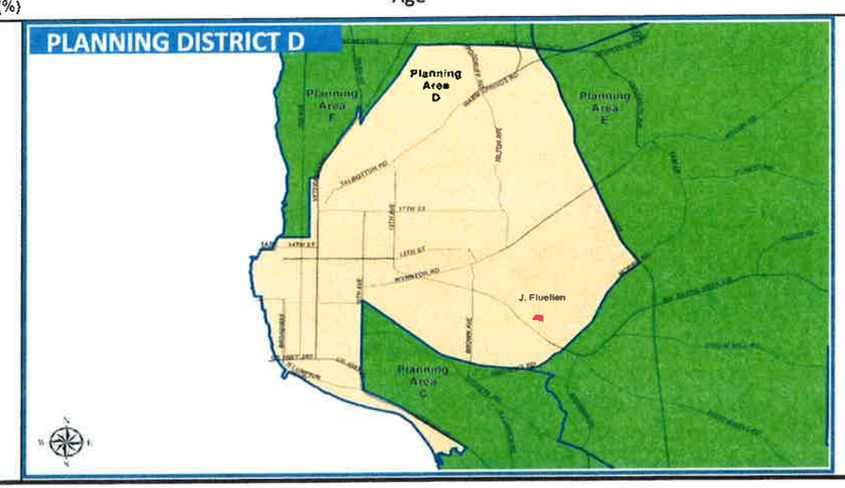
Insights:

- This park is located in a low-to-moderate income area.
- The area population is dense and age diverse.
- This park is within a quarter mile of Ewart Park, which is a passive park with a covered pavilion and picnic area. Fluellen Community Center serves as a nice compliment to Ewart Park.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

Neighborhood parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.
Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED MAY 23, 2012

TOTAL
PARK AREA
164,872 sq. ft.
3.78 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

LEGEND

	RIGHT-OF-WAY MONUMENT
	IRON PIN FOUND
IPF	IRON PIN FOUND
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MON	MONUMENT
TELE	TELEPHONE
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GP	GUY POLE
LP	LIGHT POLE
WF	WATER FOUNTAIN
-E-	OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
-T-	OVERHEAD TELEPHONE
-X-	FENCE
-C-	OVER-HEAD CABLE
	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
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CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
PB	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
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Columbus, GA

Fluellen Community Center
(2916 8th St)

REVISION:

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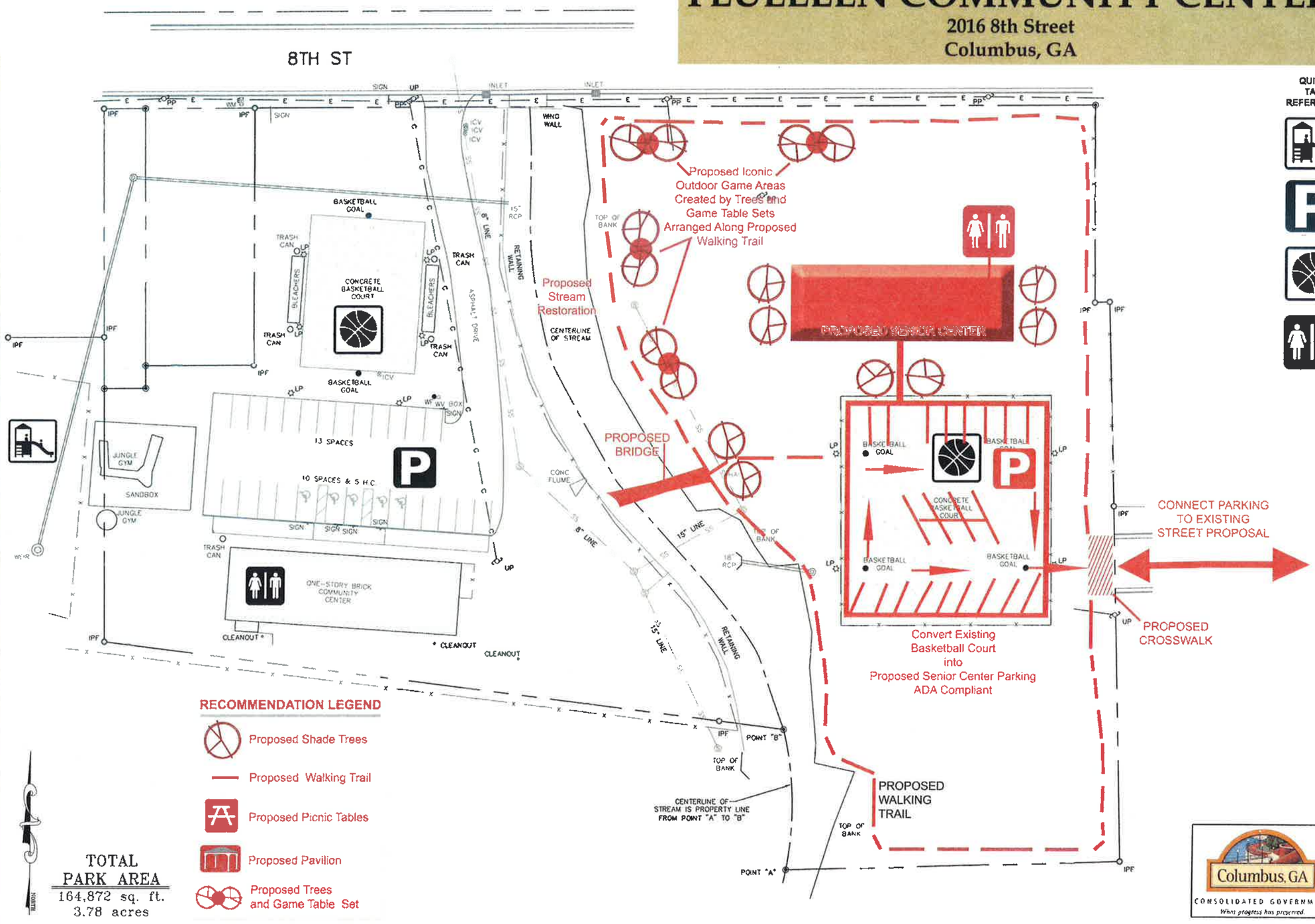
FLUELLEN COMMUNITY CENTER

2016 8th Street
Columbus, GA

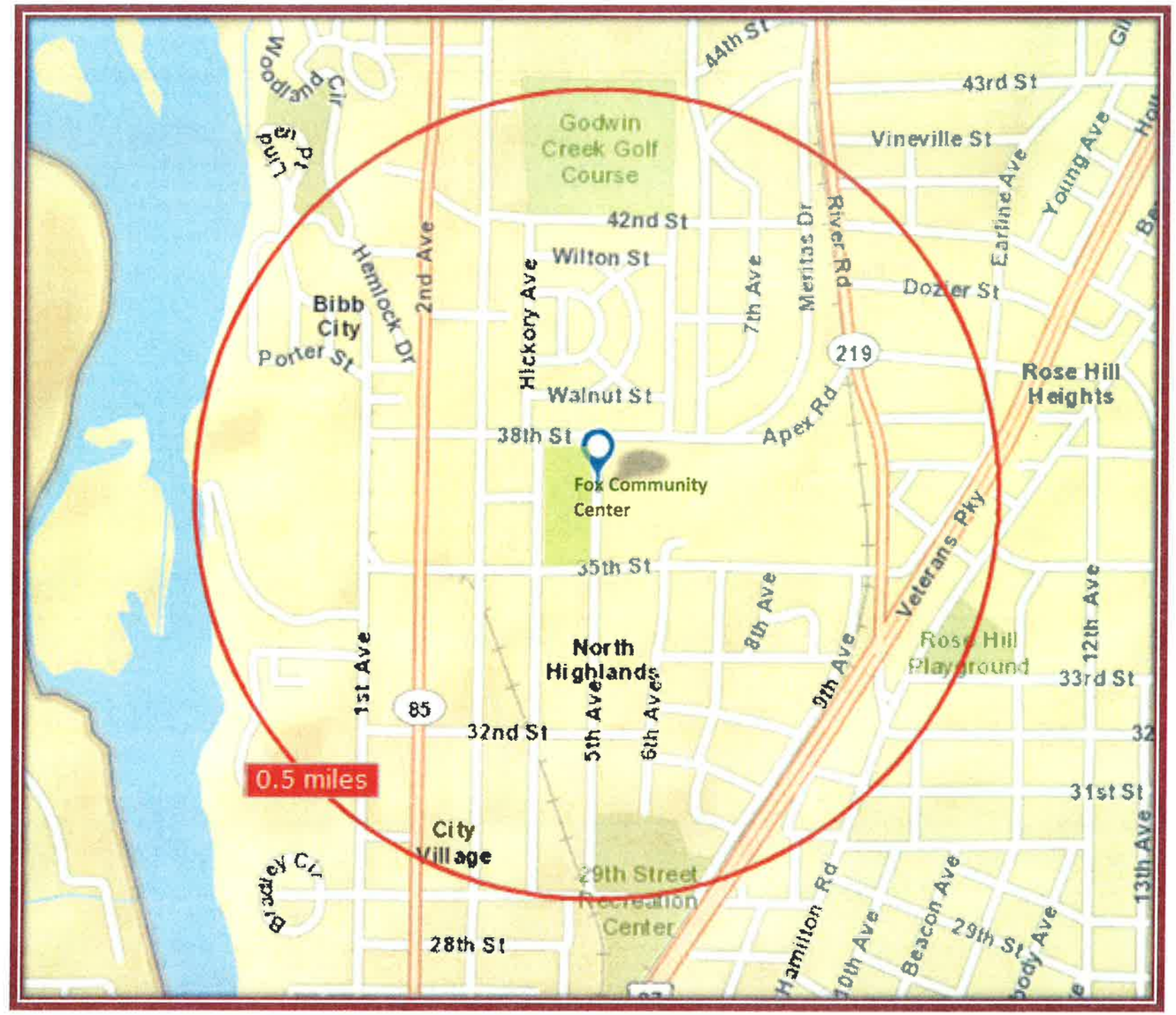


FOX COMMUNITY CENTER PARK

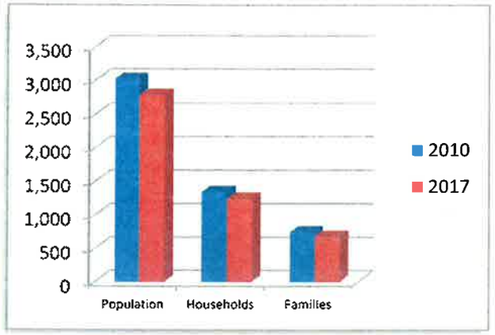
The Fox Community Center is classified as a Neighborhood Park located at 3720 5th Avenue. With 4.09 acres the center features a cozy gathering hall where seniors can meet for games, quilting, dancing, bingo, and to socialize.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Outdoor Volleyball
- Bocce Court
- Park benches
- Community garden

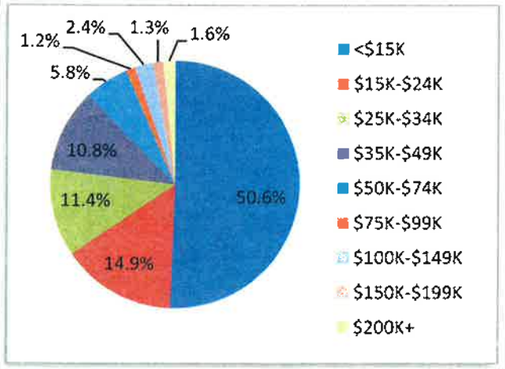


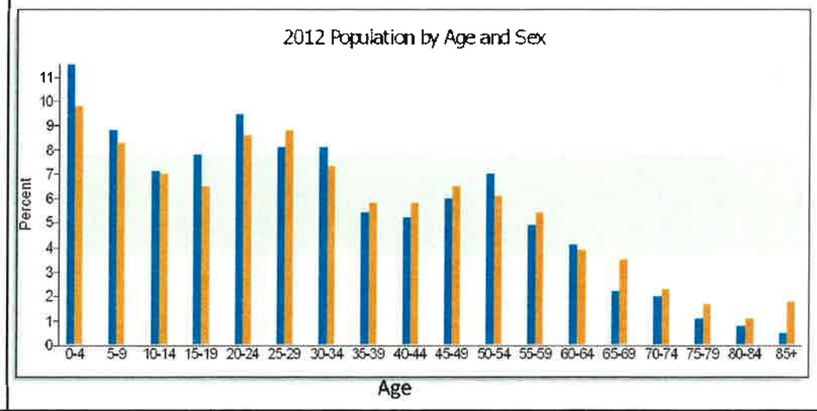
FOX COMMUNITY CENTER	ADDRESS: 3720 5TH AVENUE	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 787,424 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 4.12

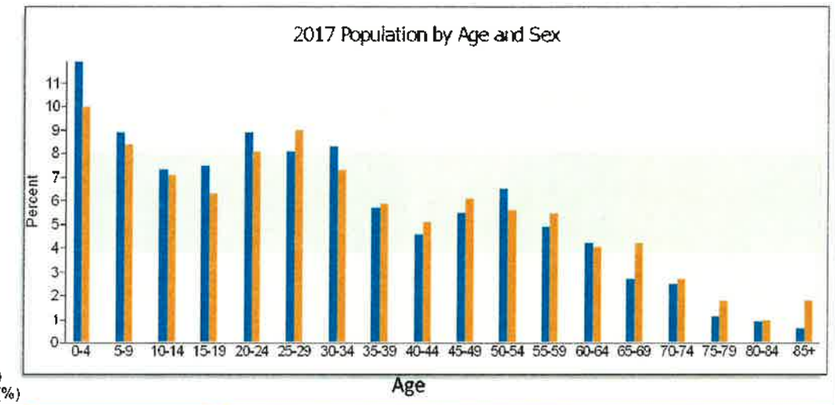


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Rental Facilities •Outdoor Volleyball •Bocce Court •Park Benches •Community Garden	•Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9: 30 AM to 10:30 AM Exercises with various instructors •Tuesday and Fridays – 1 PM to 4 PM – Partner Bridge •Wednesday – 10:30 AM – Singles Bridge •Thursday – 9 AM to 12 Noon – Quilting/Sewing •Friday – Sewing/Crafts – 9 AM to 2 PM •Community Center – Monday through Friday 8 AM to 5 PM •Closed Saturday and Sunday •Park (Outside Activities) Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Relocate Fox Senior Center to Comer Community Center. •Utilize Fox Senior Center as a rental facility only.

2012 Household income







Insights:
This facility should be used as a rental facility. It will not cater to the surrounding neighborhood.

•This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Parks:
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Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

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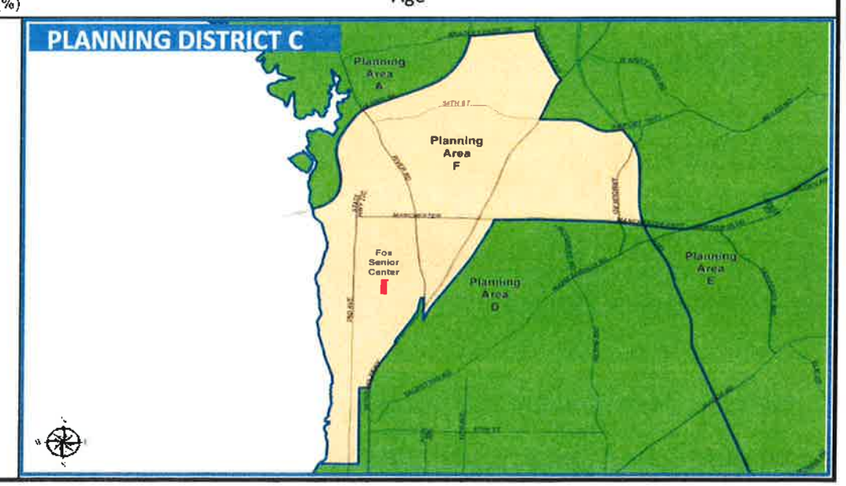

TOTAL
PARK AREA
177,984 sq. ft.
4.09 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

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Fox Senior Center
(500 38th St)

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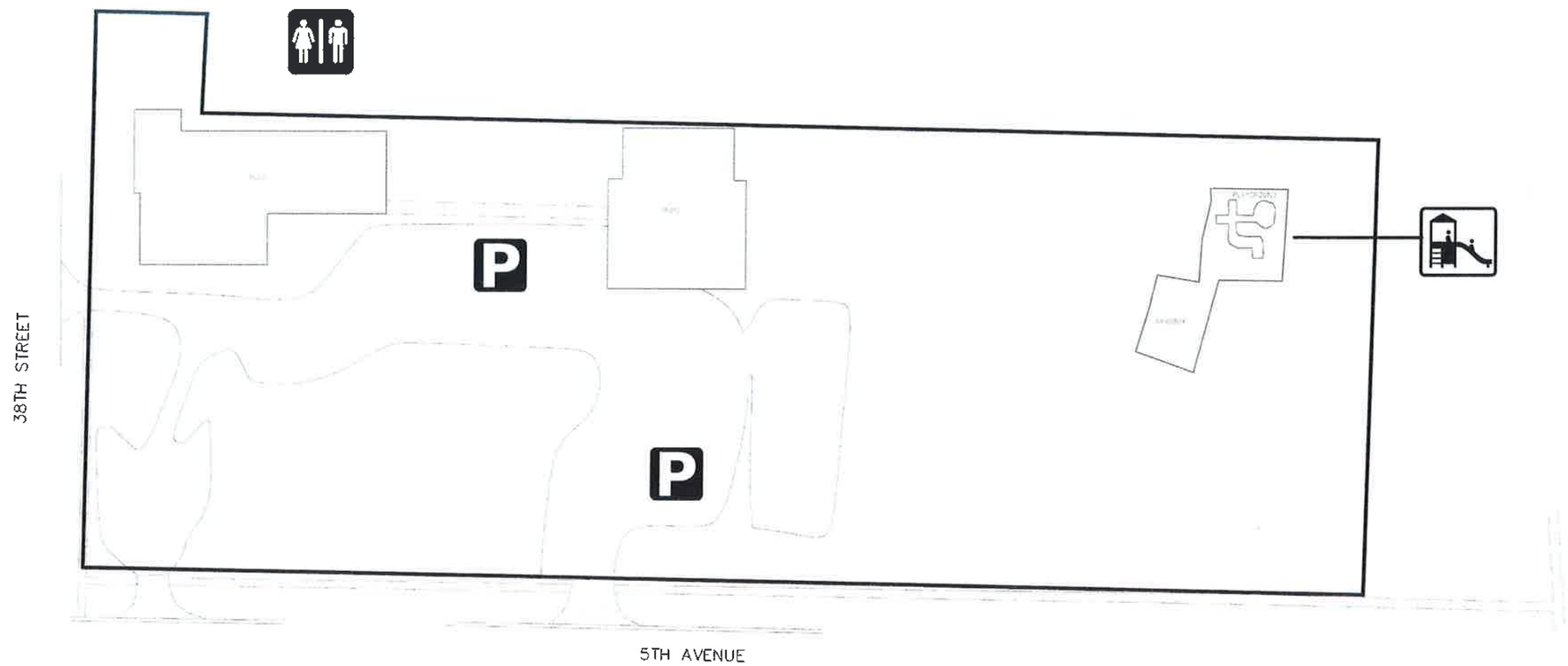
FOX SENIOR CENTER PARK

3720 5th Avenue
Columbus, GA



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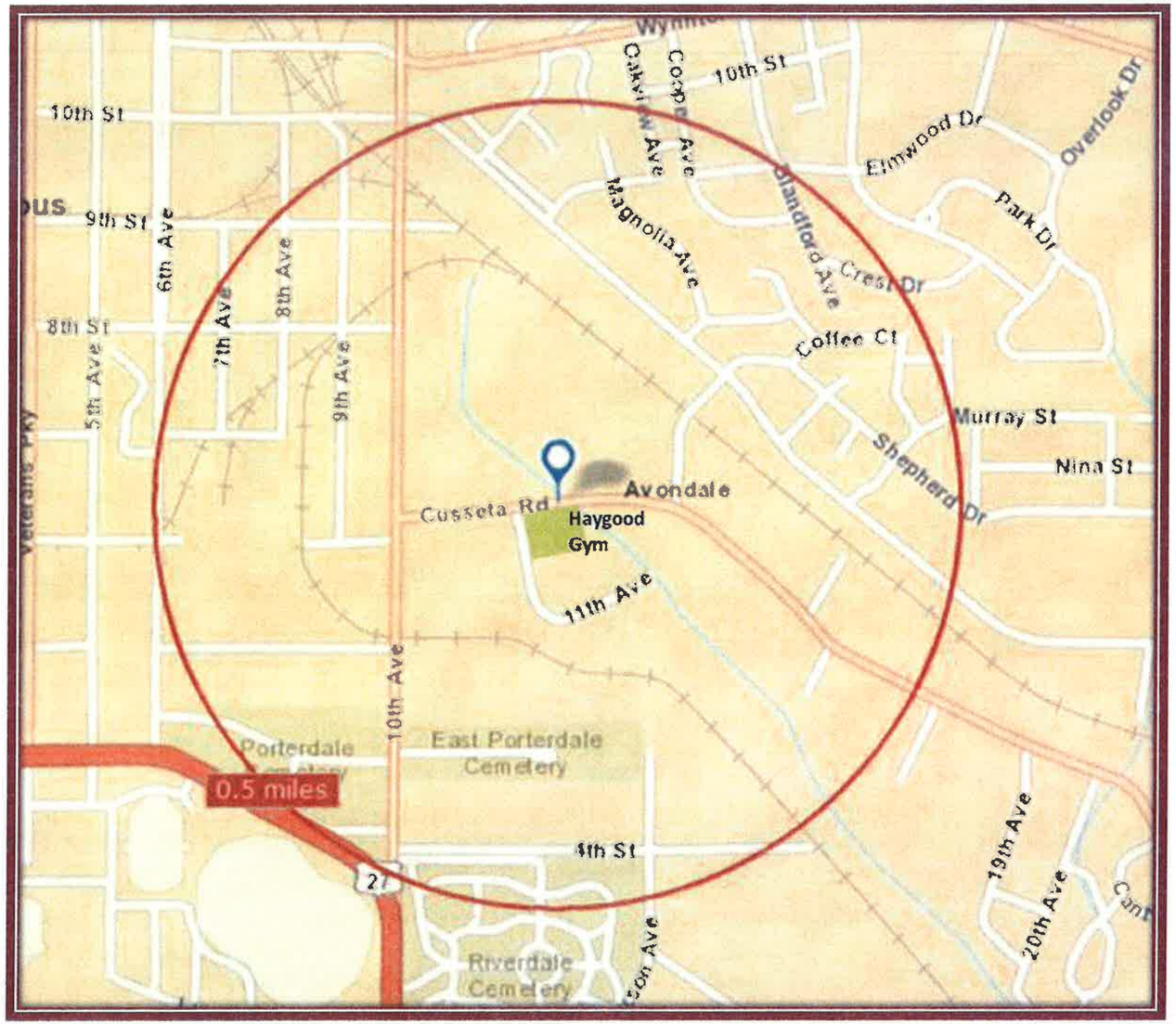
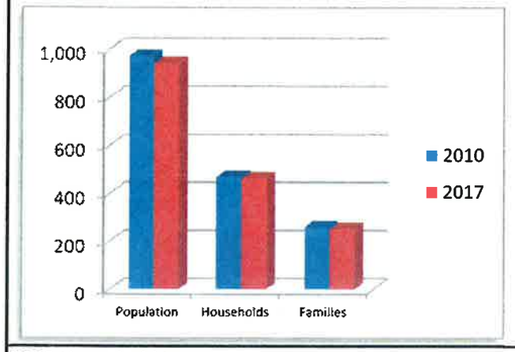
HAYGOOD GYM/RECREATION CENTER

Haygood Gym/Recreation Center Center is classified as a Community Park located at 601 11th Avenue. With 0.98 acres the center features a boxing gym for young and adults.

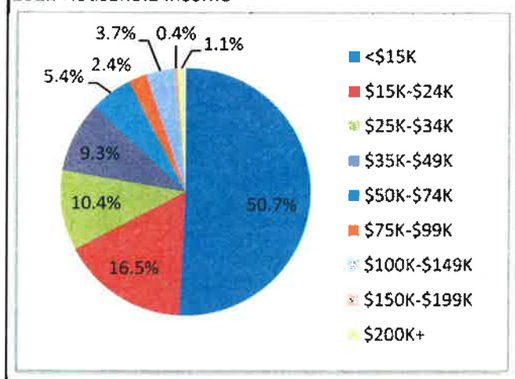


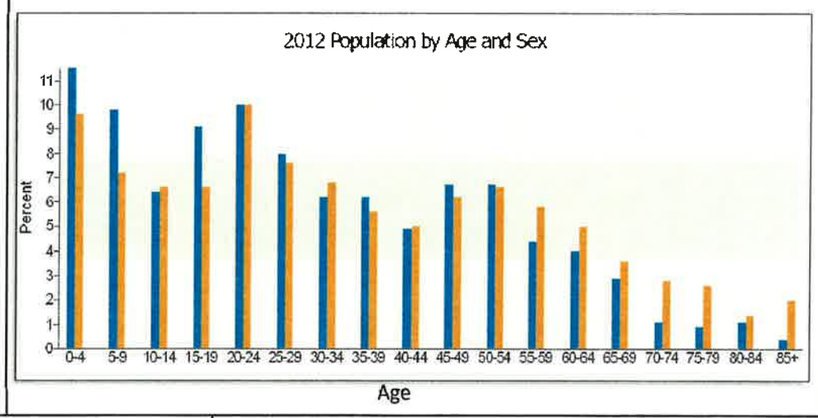
HAYGOOD GYM & RECREATION CENTER	ADDRESS: 1152 Cusseta Rd.	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Special Facility
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 1,620,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 0.96

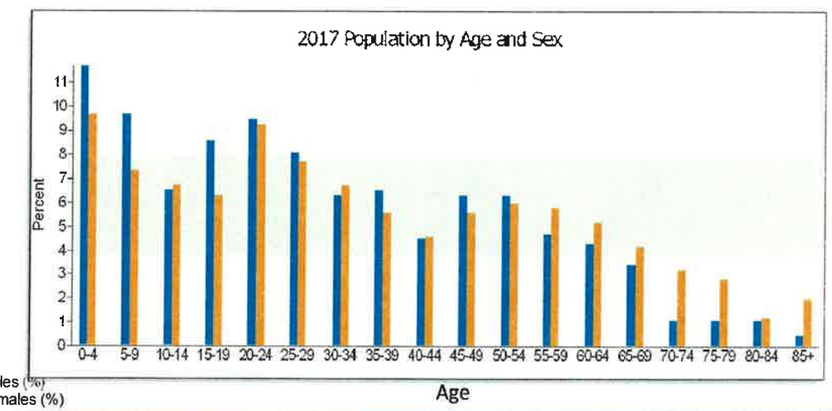


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Boxing	•Monday through Friday •Boxing and weight training •Hours: 5 PM to 10 PM •Closed Saturday and Sunday	Haygood Gym & Recreation Center serves a specific customer and no changes are recommended.

2012 Household income





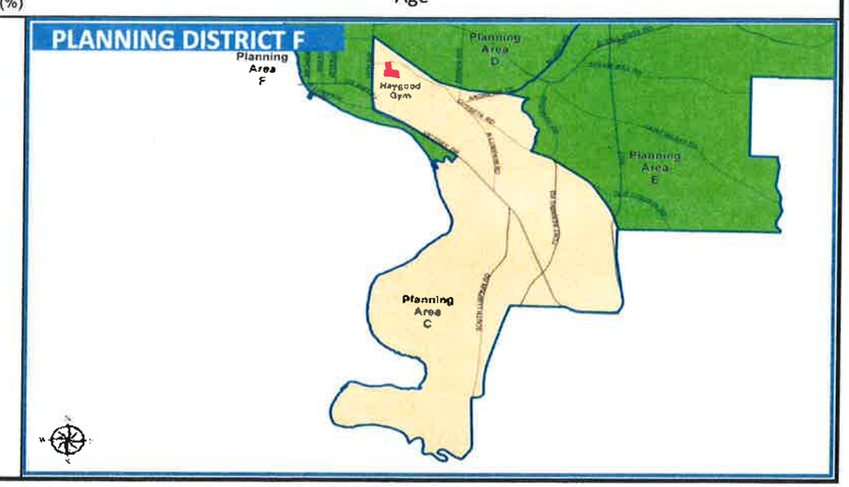


Insights:
Haygood Gym serves the community as a whole, not a particulal area. It meets the needs of the community and is securely based on the site occupied by the Columbus Public Works Department.

•This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Special Facility:
These parks or facilities are programmed for a unique demographic, such as providing recreation for special needs citizens, para-athletes, and other citizens who may be underserved by other parks , facilities, or programs within a community.

Amenities will be formal in nature and may include a recreation center, multi-purpose fields, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, pools, and walking trails among other amenities.



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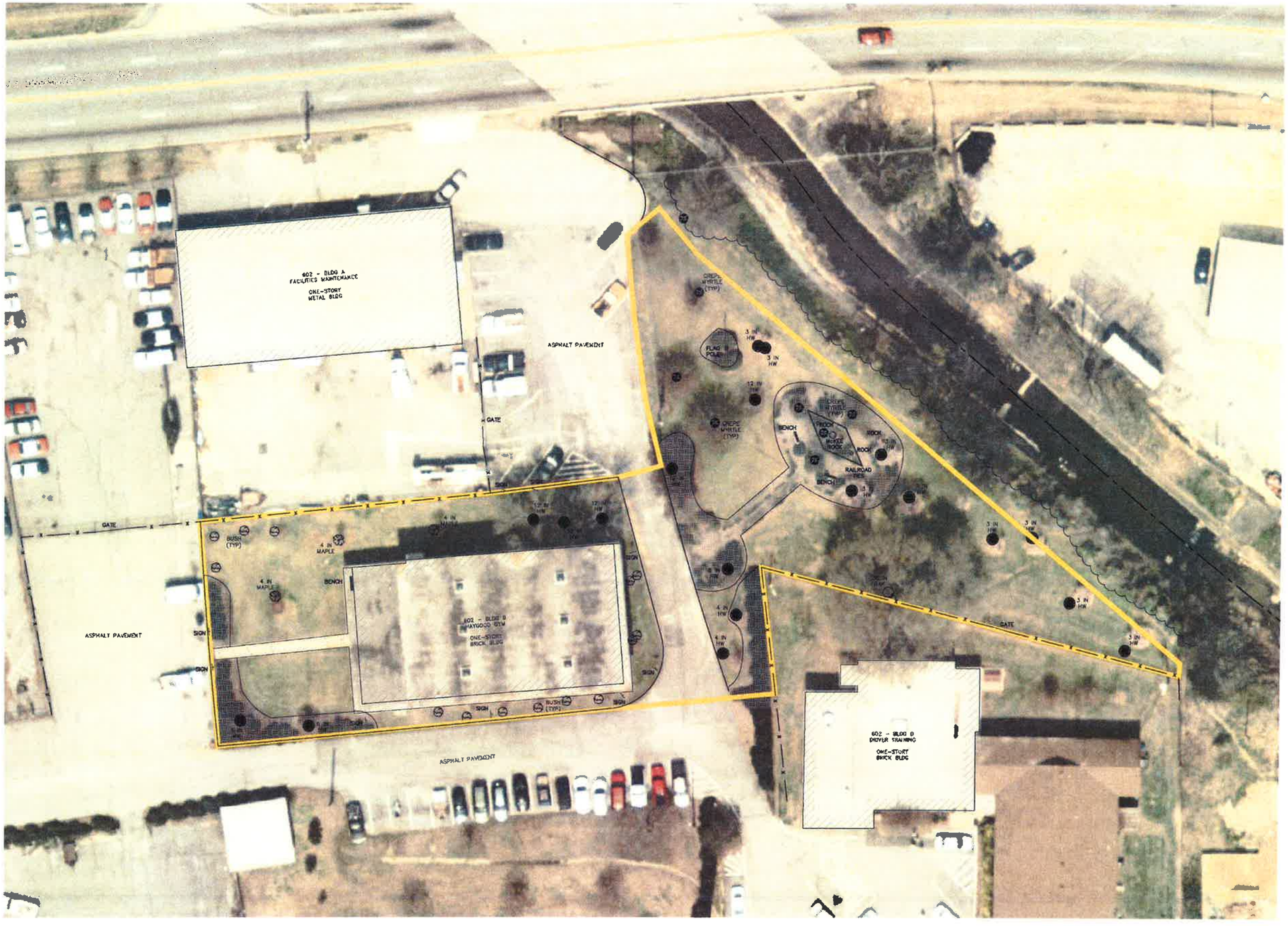

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	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
41,655 sq. ft.
0.96 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 10 20 40
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Haygood Recreation Center (601 11th Ave)

REVISION	DATE

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HAYGOOD RECREATION CENTER

6011 11th Avenue
Columbus, GA

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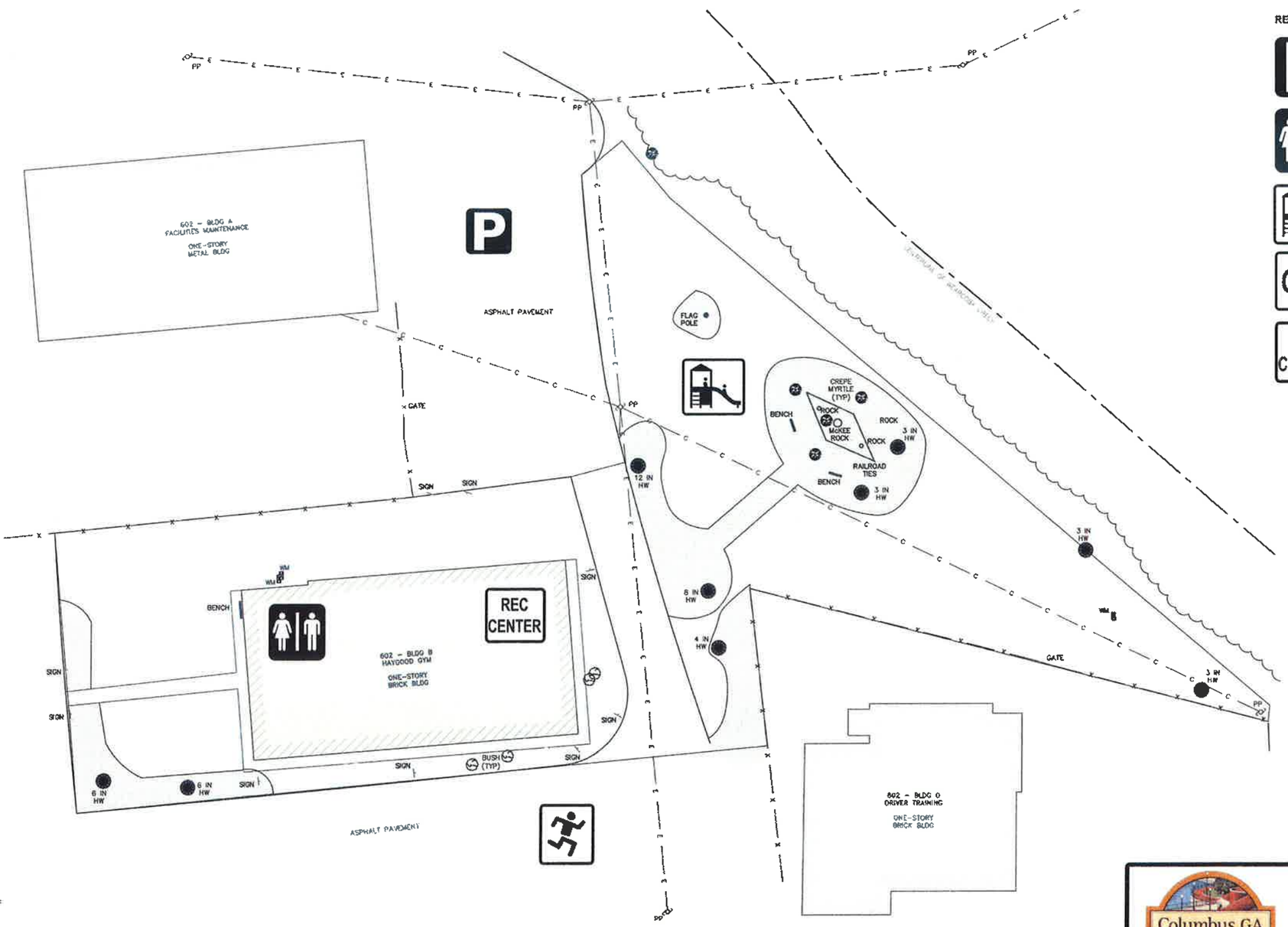

TOTAL PARK AREA
41,655 sq. ft.
0.96 acres

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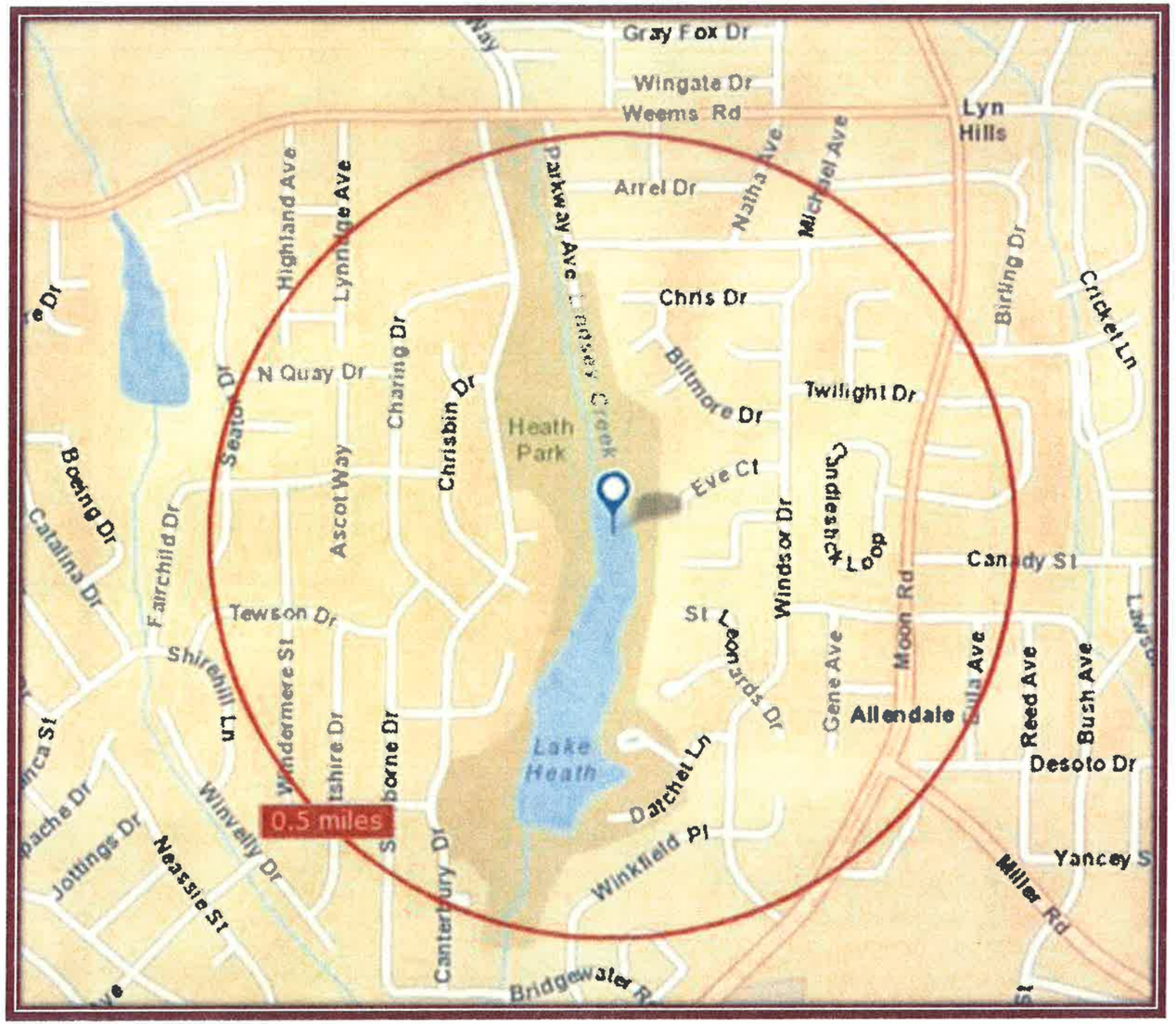
HEATH PARK

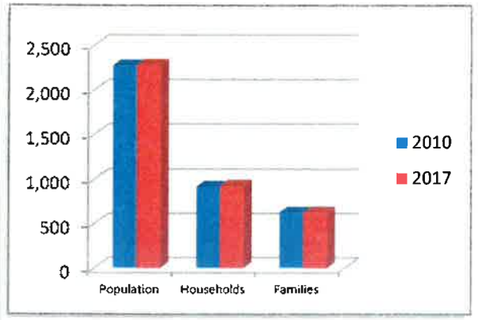
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Heath Park is located at 5845 Datchet Lane with 45.40 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebos
- Fishing
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground
- Picnic areas
- Walking Trail (1.9 miles)
- Grills

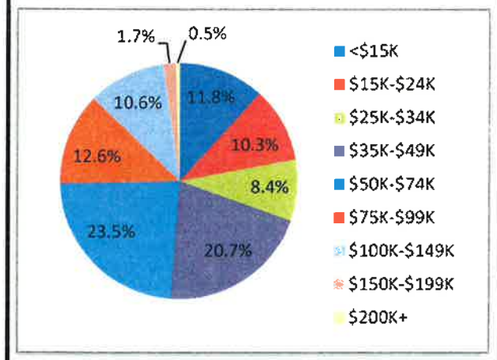


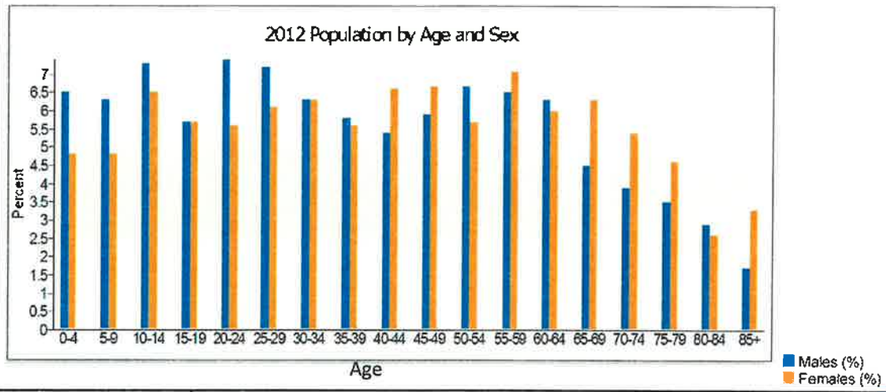
HEATH PARK & HEATH PARK PAVILION	ADDRESS: 5845 Datchet Lane & 6195 Parkway Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 339,840 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 78.2

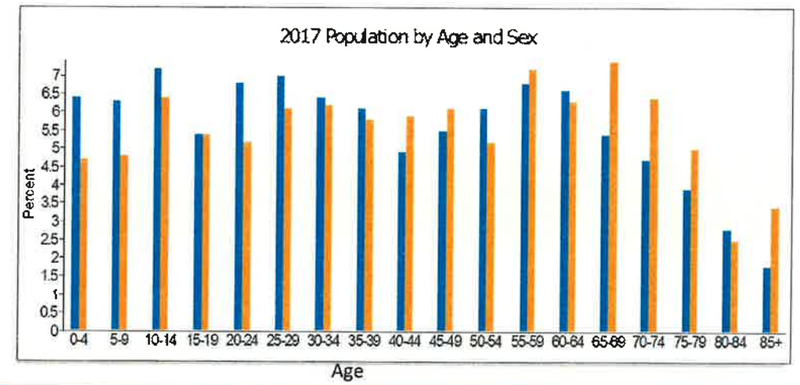


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Fishing •Outdoor Restrooms •Playground •Picnic Area •Walking Trail (1.9 Miles) •Grills	•Park Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM	•Heath Park should be considered one park, not two (Heath Park Pavilion off Weems Road). •At various locations throughout the park, the existing walking trail merges in with the road - there is more than enough space to keep the two separate. •Trail erosion needs to be addressed near the lake. •Identify locations and create cut-outs to offer more fishing opportunities. •Identify various types of environmental practices to enhance fishing and wildlife preservation.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Heath Park is a vital amenity to the Windsor Park neighborhood, which was developed in the early 1960s. Many Windsor Park residents have lakefront property and direct access to the park.
- The surrounding area was the cusp of urban sprawl in the 1970s but is now part of the urban core of Columbus. The neighborhoods are organized and have a strong identity and bond. Many of the residents who moved into the area in the 1960s have not left. This accounts for the high number of senior citizens in the area.
- Many of the houses in the area are large, well-built, and affordable. Young families continue to find the area as a safe, stable environment in which to raise a family. This is also an area that former residents (primarily young families) return to live, thus making it a multi-generational neighborhood because of familiarity.

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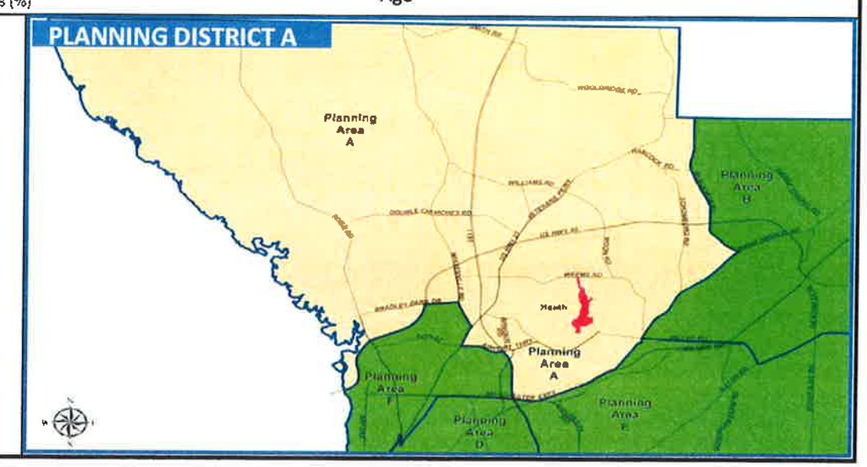

TOTAL
PARK AREA
2,341,248 sq. ft.
53.75 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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(IN FEET)
1 inch = 100 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Heath Park
(5845 Datchet Ln)

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HEATH PARK

5845 Datchet Lane
Columbus, GA

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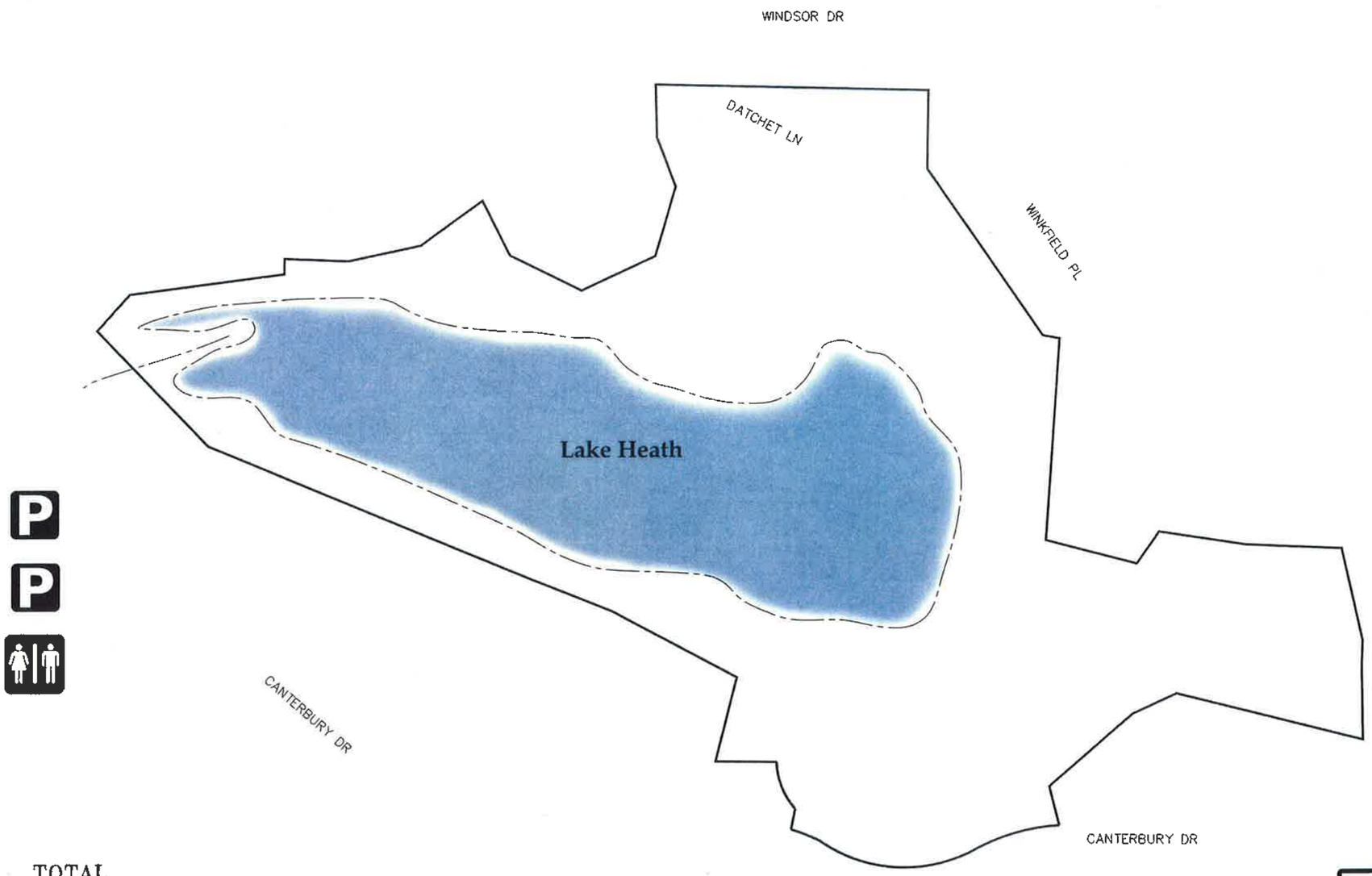

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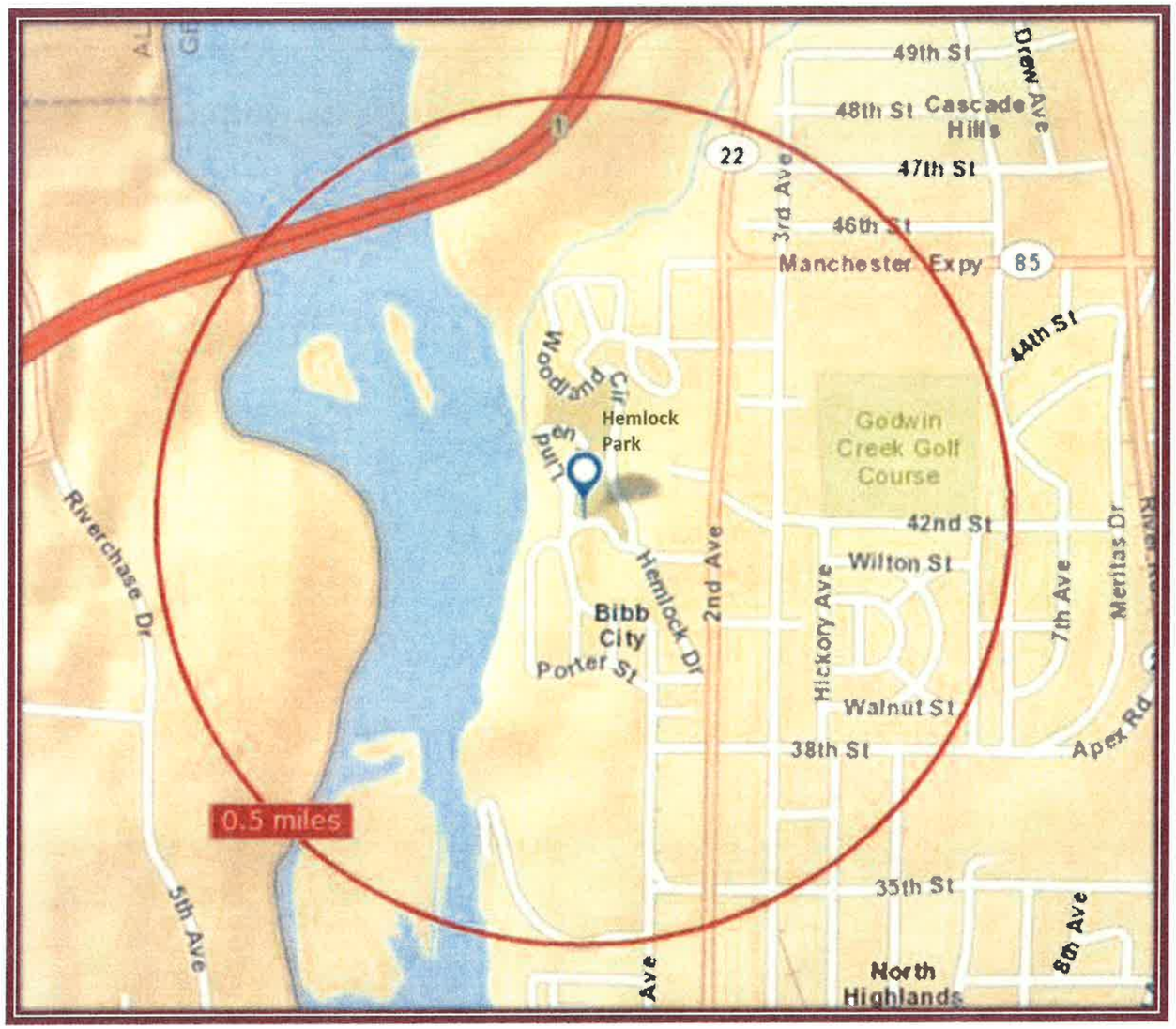
NORTH

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

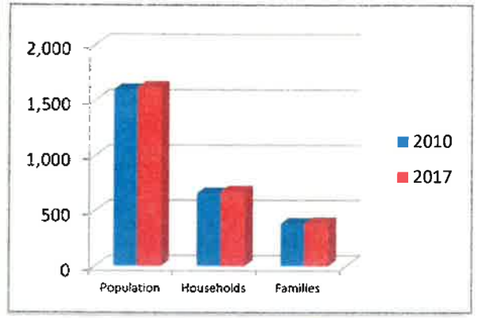
HEMLOCK PARK

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Hemlock Park is a 5.92 acres located at 15 Poplar Street.



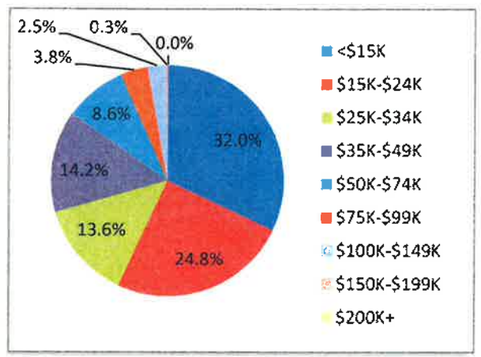
HEMLOCK PARK	ADDRESS: 15 Poplar Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 1,178 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 5.92

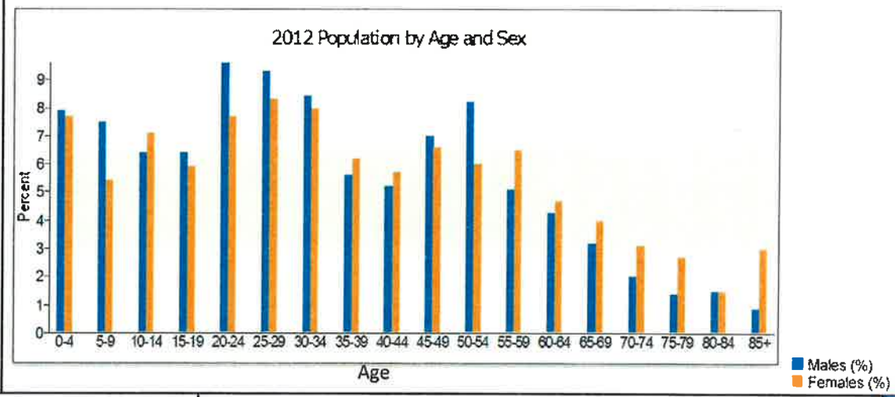
Demographics

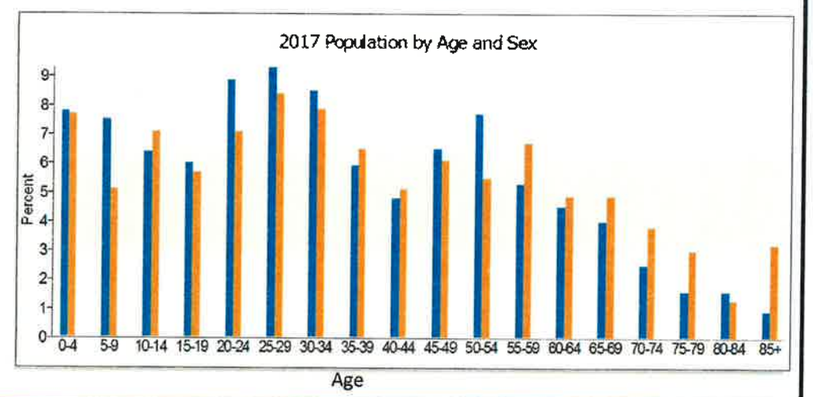


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
There are no site elements for this park. All facilities were removed years ago.	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	Hemlock Park should be divested as park property and solely utilized as greenspace due to it being in the floodway.

2012 Household income







Insights:

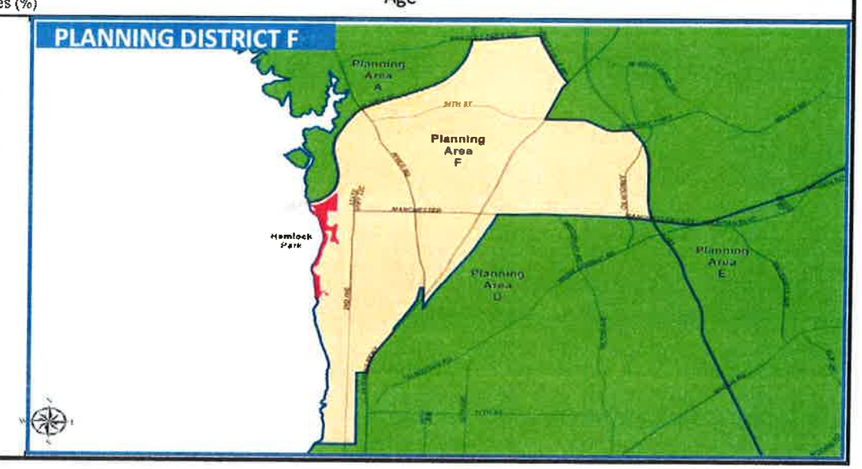
- Hemlock Park was a community park in the heart of the former Bibb City. During it's existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreation center/auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all of the parks) was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems.
- Hemlock Park will serve as a perfect example of urban greenspace.

Neighborhood Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
258,269 sq. ft.
5.92 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 50 ft.

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(Hemlock Dr)

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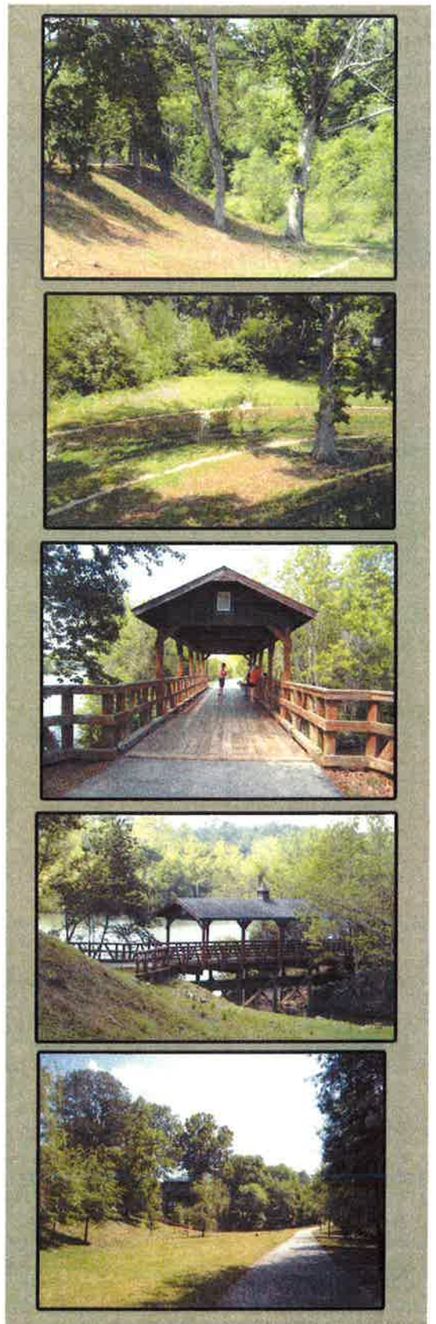
HEMLOCK PARK

15 Poplar Street
Columbus, GA



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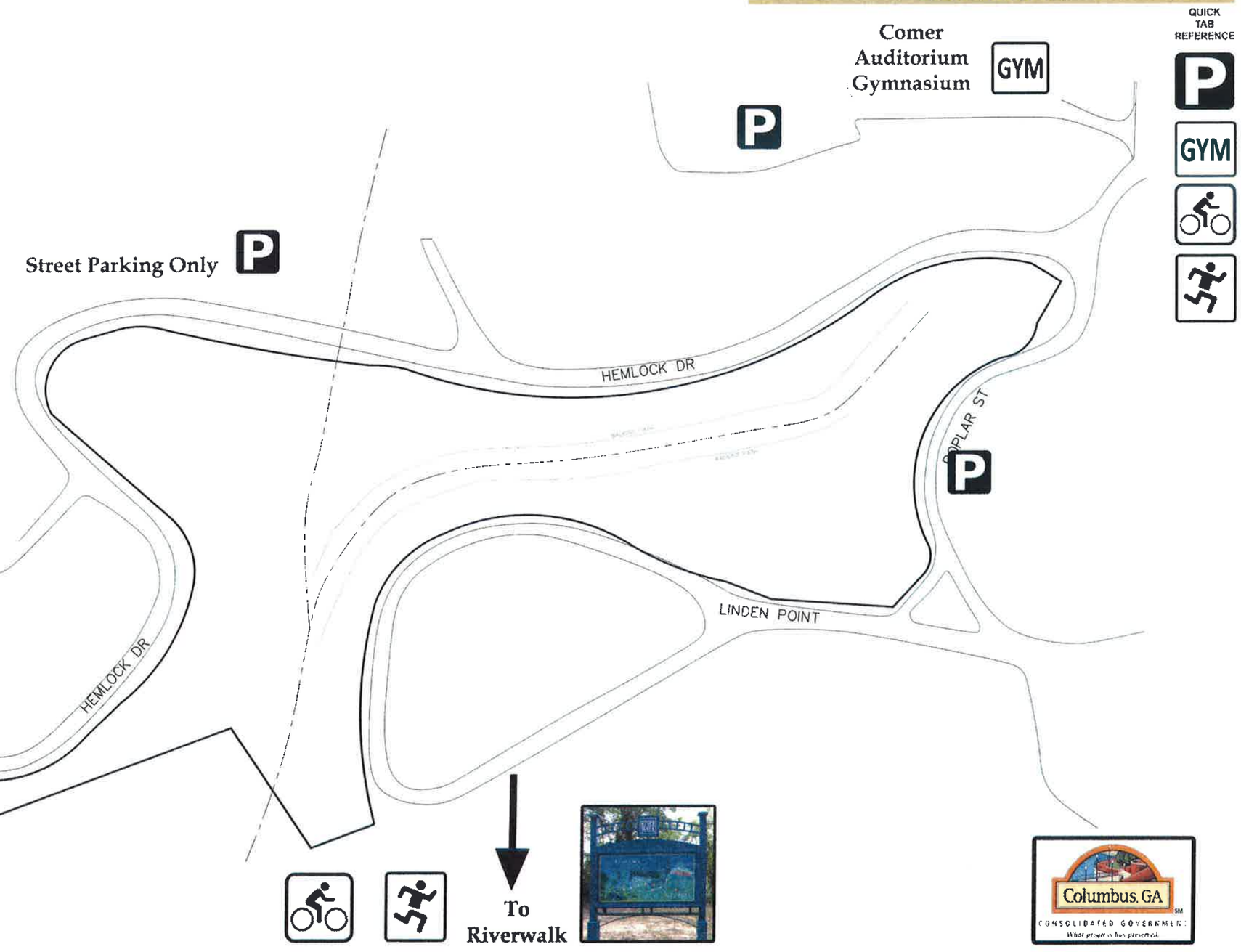

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NORTH

HERITAGE PARK

Heritage Park is a joint project of Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc., Uptown Columbus, Inc., and the City of Columbus. The mission of Heritage Park is to provide the citizens and guests of Columbus, Georgia, a meaningful insight into the industrial history of Columbus from 1850 to 1910, through interpretive sculptures and descriptive venues.

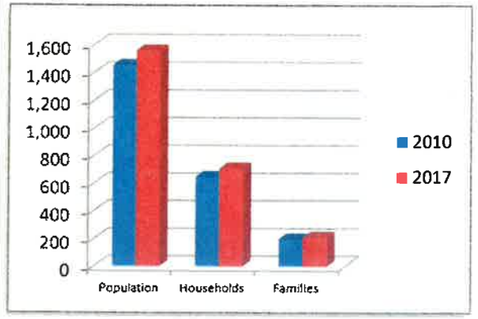
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Heritage Park is a 0.91 acres located at 700 Front Avenue.

Amenities Include:

- Covered Pavilion
- Fountain
- Historical Information

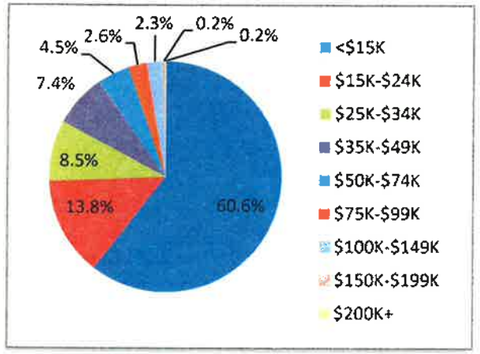
HERITAGE PARK	ADDRESS: 700 Front Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 640,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 0.91

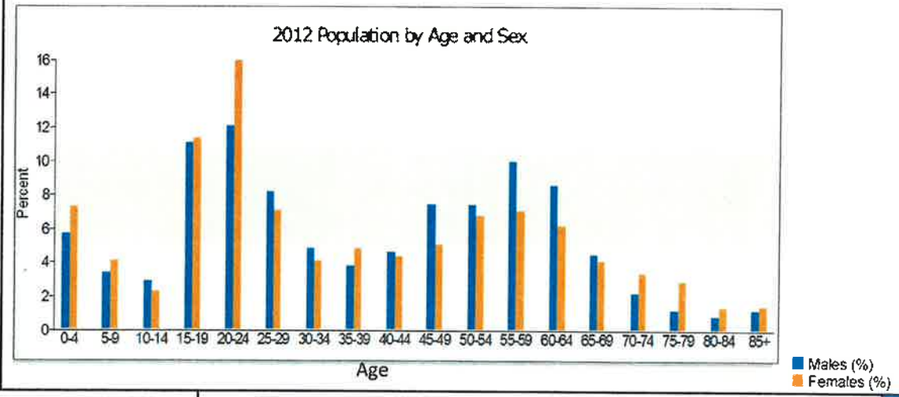
Demographics

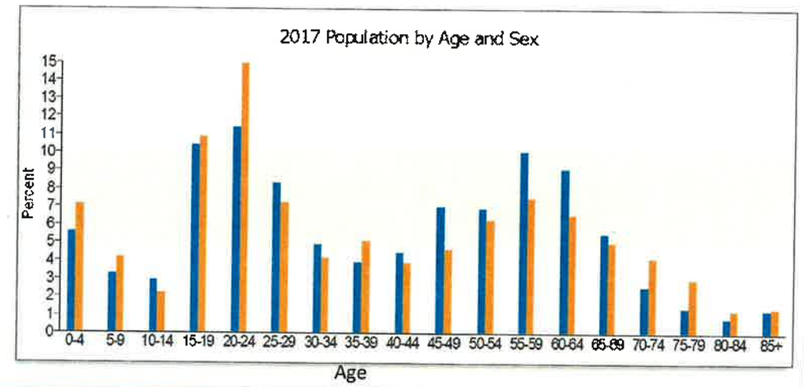


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion •Fountain •Historical Information	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:
Heritage Park pays homage to the rich history of Columbus and was built to complement the Columbus Historic District and serve as a bridge to the various parks and civic facilities along the Chattahoochee River.

Neighborhood Parks:
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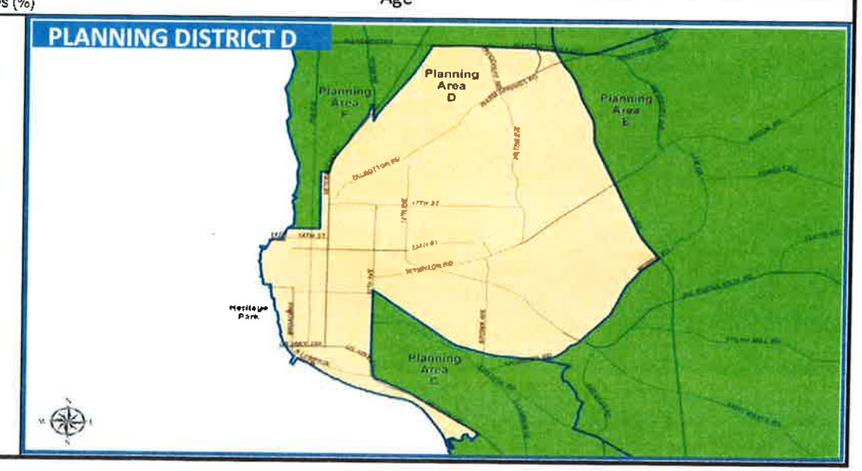

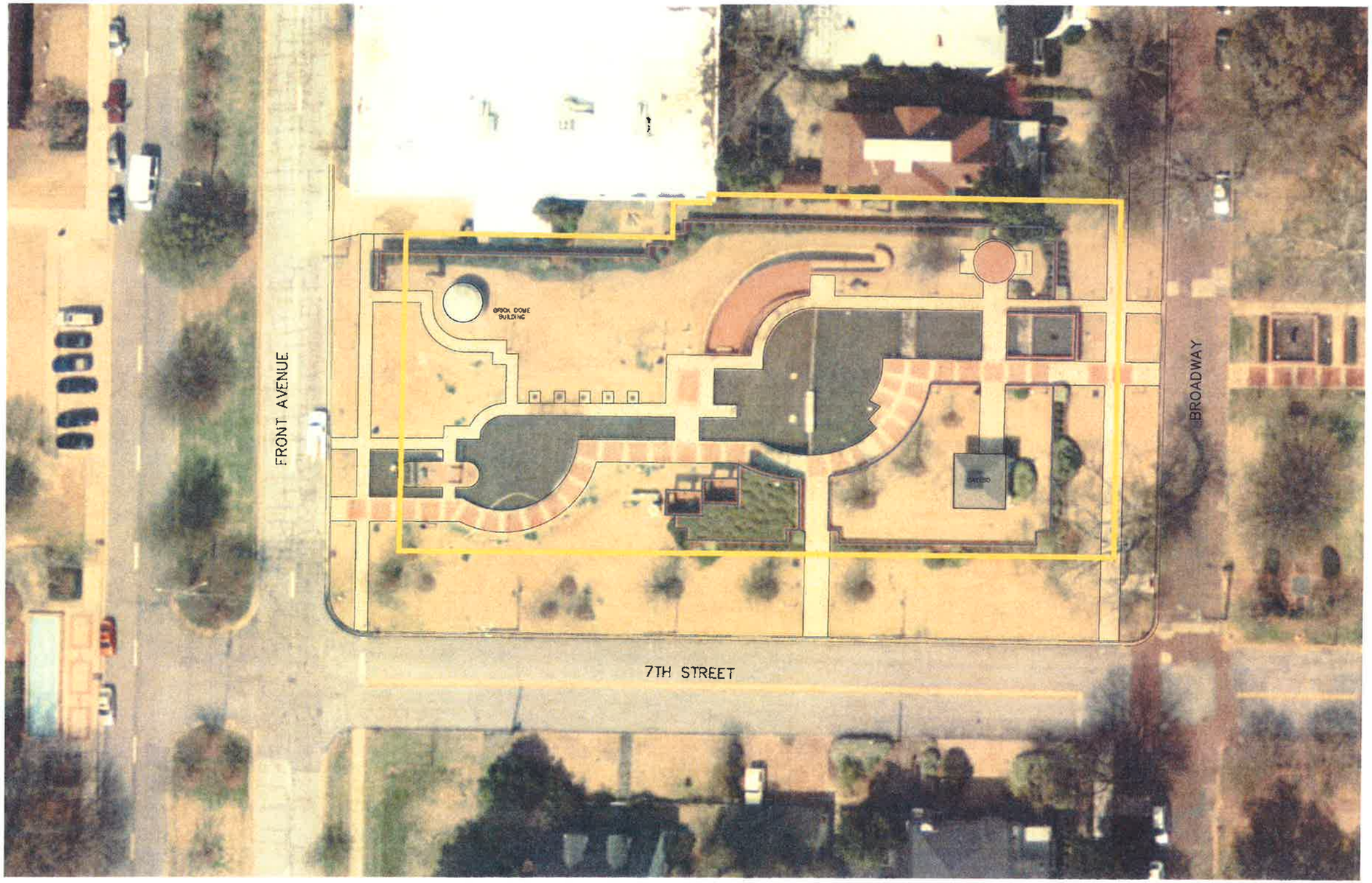

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
40,940 sq. ft.
0.94 acres

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Columbus, GA

Heritage Park
(700 Front Ave)

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HERITAGE PARK

700 Front Avenue
Columbus, GA

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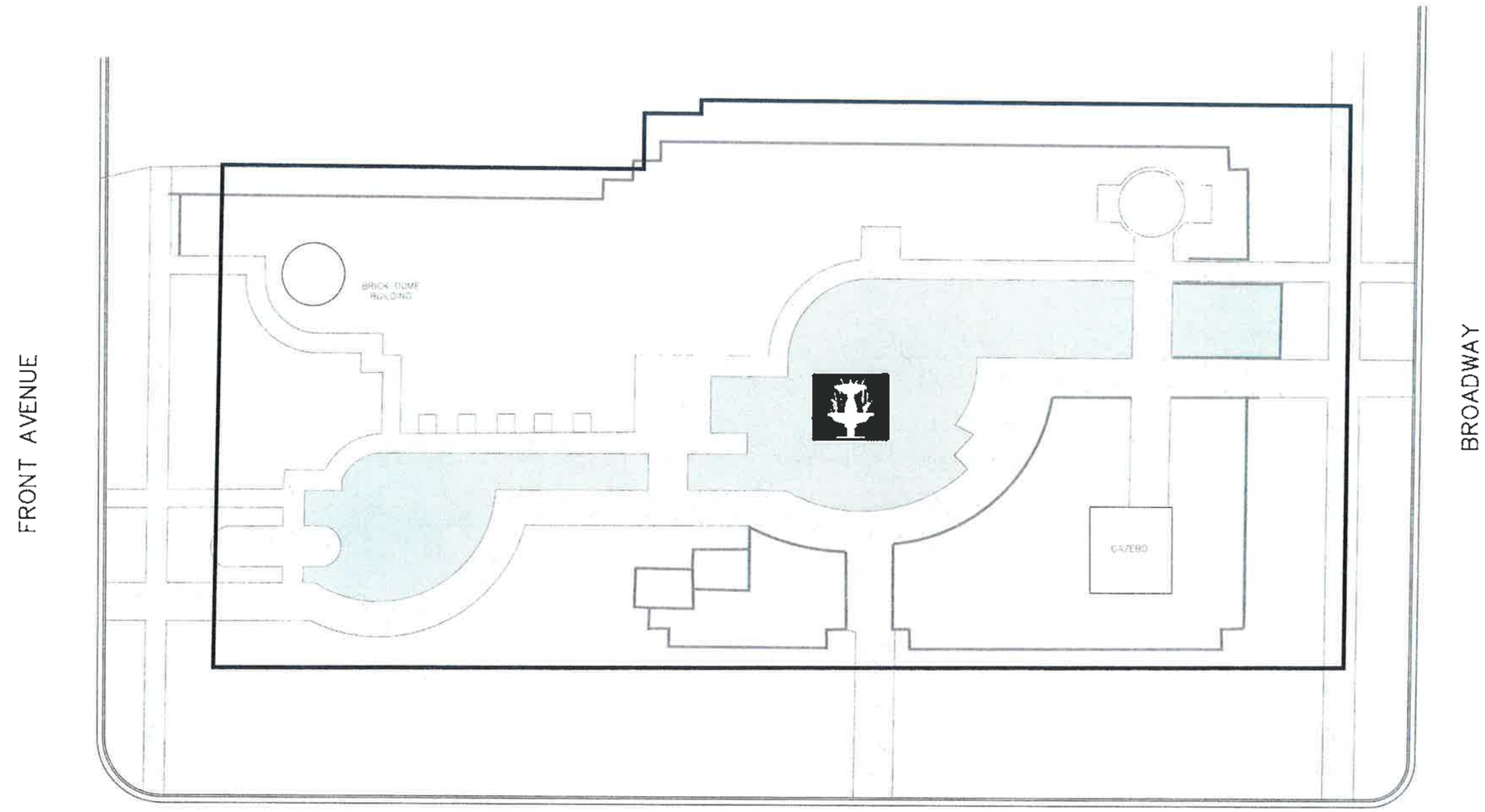

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What progress has proven

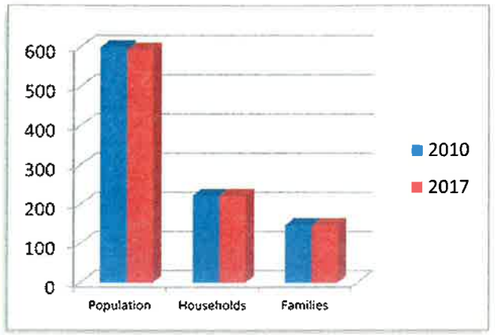
JOHN RIGDON PARK / PSALMOND ROAD RECREATION CENTER /POOL

Classified as a Regional Park, John Rigdon Park is located at 6800 Psalmond Road with 129.50 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

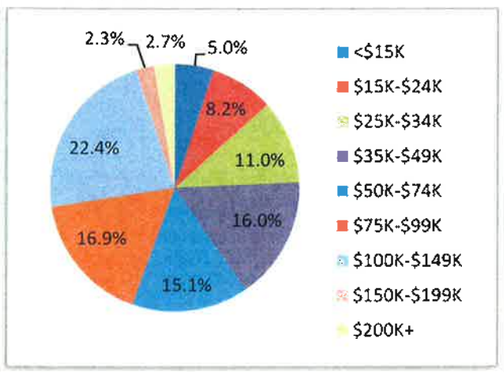
- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- 1 Baseball-Babe Ruth field
- 4 Baseball-Little League fields
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Playground
- Pottery Studio
- Rental Facilities
- 1 Softball-Little League field
- Swimming-Competitive
- Swimming-Leisure
- Swimming-Programmed

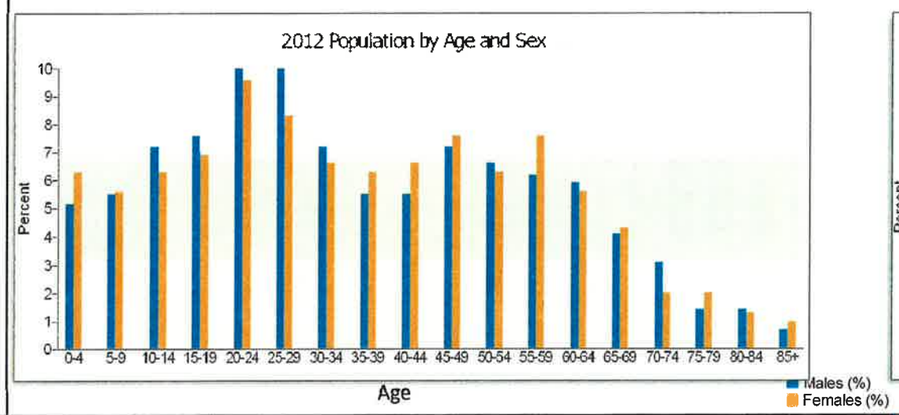
JOHN RIGDON PK/PSALMOND RD REC. CENTER/POOL	ADDRESS: 6800 Psalmond Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 6	PLANNING DISTRICT: B
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 5,459,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 55.58

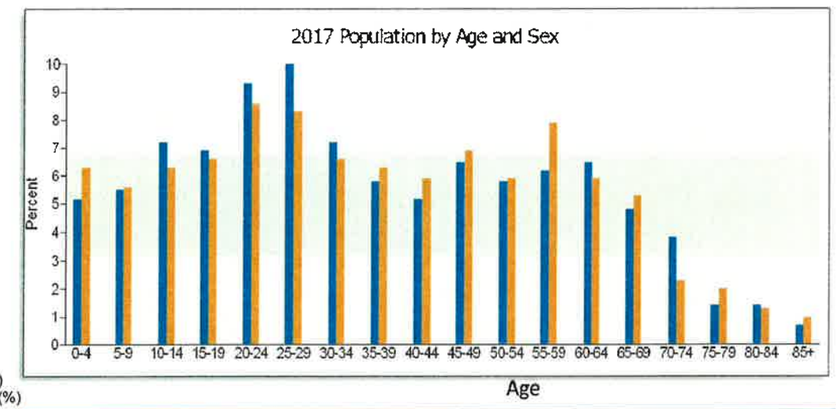


SITE ELEMENTS		PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands	•1 Softball-Little League	•Mon, Wed, and Fri – Pool Table Tournaments-	•Walking trail with interior connectivity.
•Recreation Center	•Swimming- Competitive	Tue, Thurs, Fri -Family Board Games - Sat - Video Game Night	•Benches along said trail.
•1 Baseball-Babe Ruth	•Swimming- Leisure	•Weekdays - Tutoring	•Add shade trees throughout the park.
•4 Baseball-Little League	•Swimming- Programmed	•Hours (Rec Center): 11 AM - 7 PM – Mon. thru Fri.	•Add a deliniated crosswalk across Psalmond Road.
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo		•2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday	
•Indoor Basketball		•Closed Sunday	
•Indoor Volleyball		•Park (Outside Activities) Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	
•Playground		•Pool Hours – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 12 PM to 6 PM	
•Pottery Studio		Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM	
•Rental Facilities		Closed Monday and Tuesday	

2012 Household income







Insights:

- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential development.
- Residents in this area typically live on estate lots and are family-dominant.
- This park serves all of Northeast Columbus. It is the easternmost park in the city. It is also one of the most used.
- This park is highly utilized and hosts the largest Little League baseball and Babe Ruth baseball leagues in the city.
- The Fall Line Trace trailhead is just north of this park on Psalmond Road.

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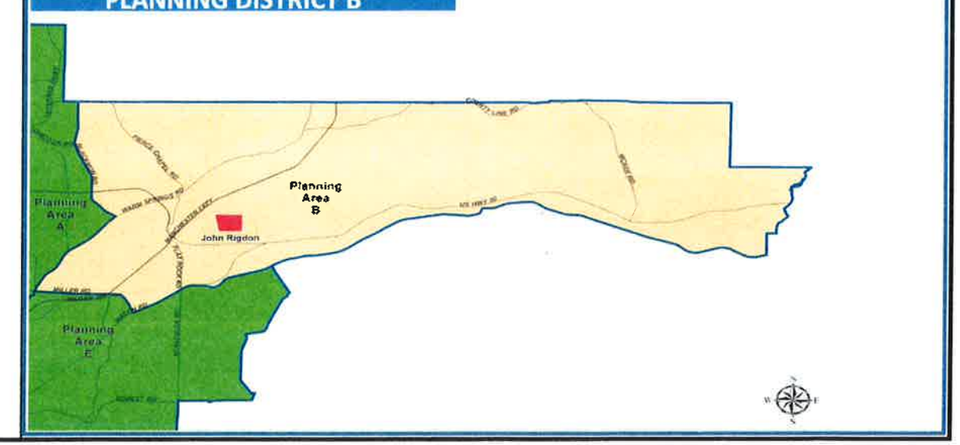

TOTAL
PARK AREA
2,421,387 sq. ft.
55.58 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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John Rigdon Park/ Psalmond Road Recreation Center/ Pool (6800 Psalmond Rd)

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JOHN RIGDON PARK/ PSALMOND ROAD RECREATION CENTER / POOL

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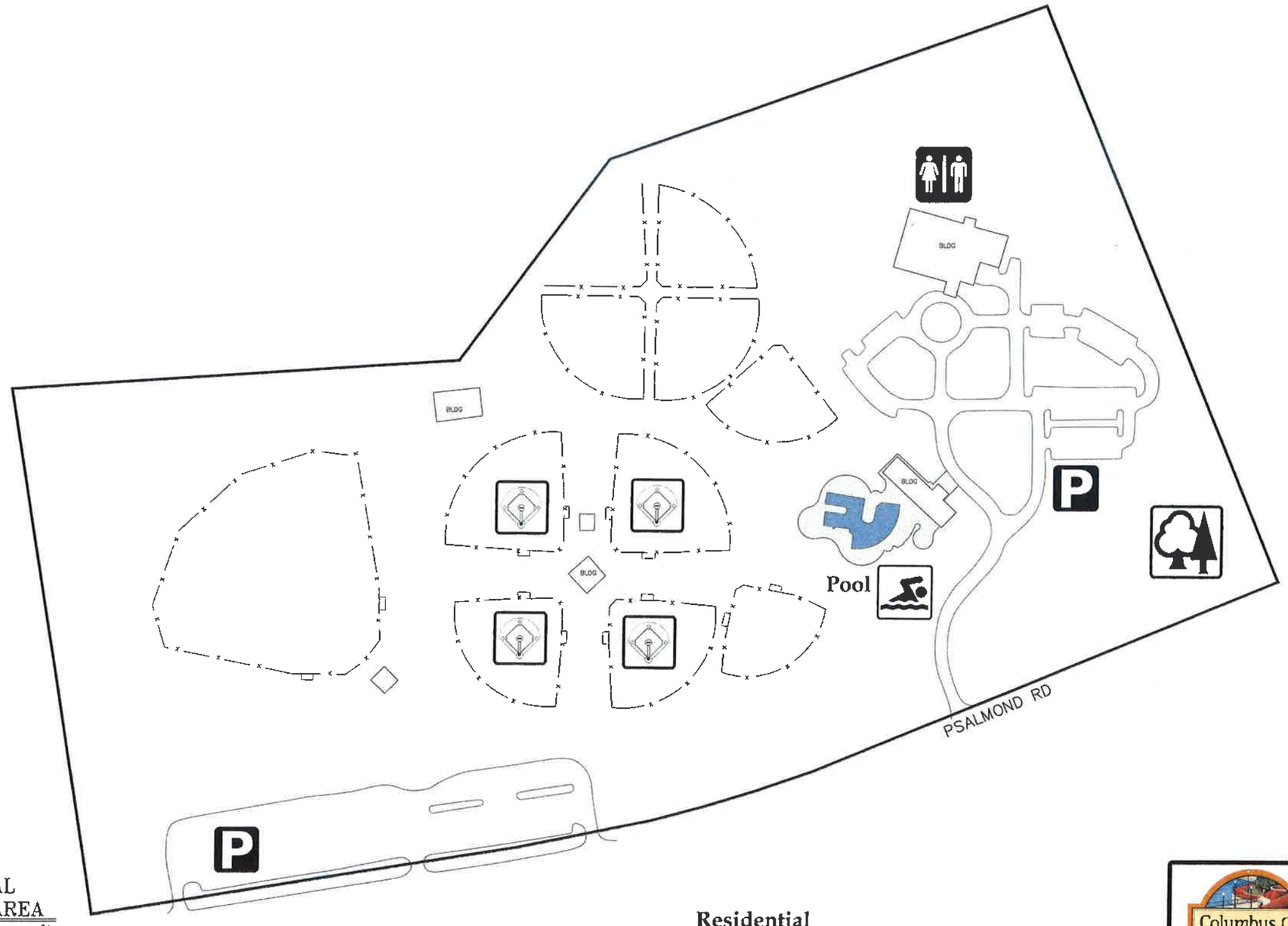

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Residential

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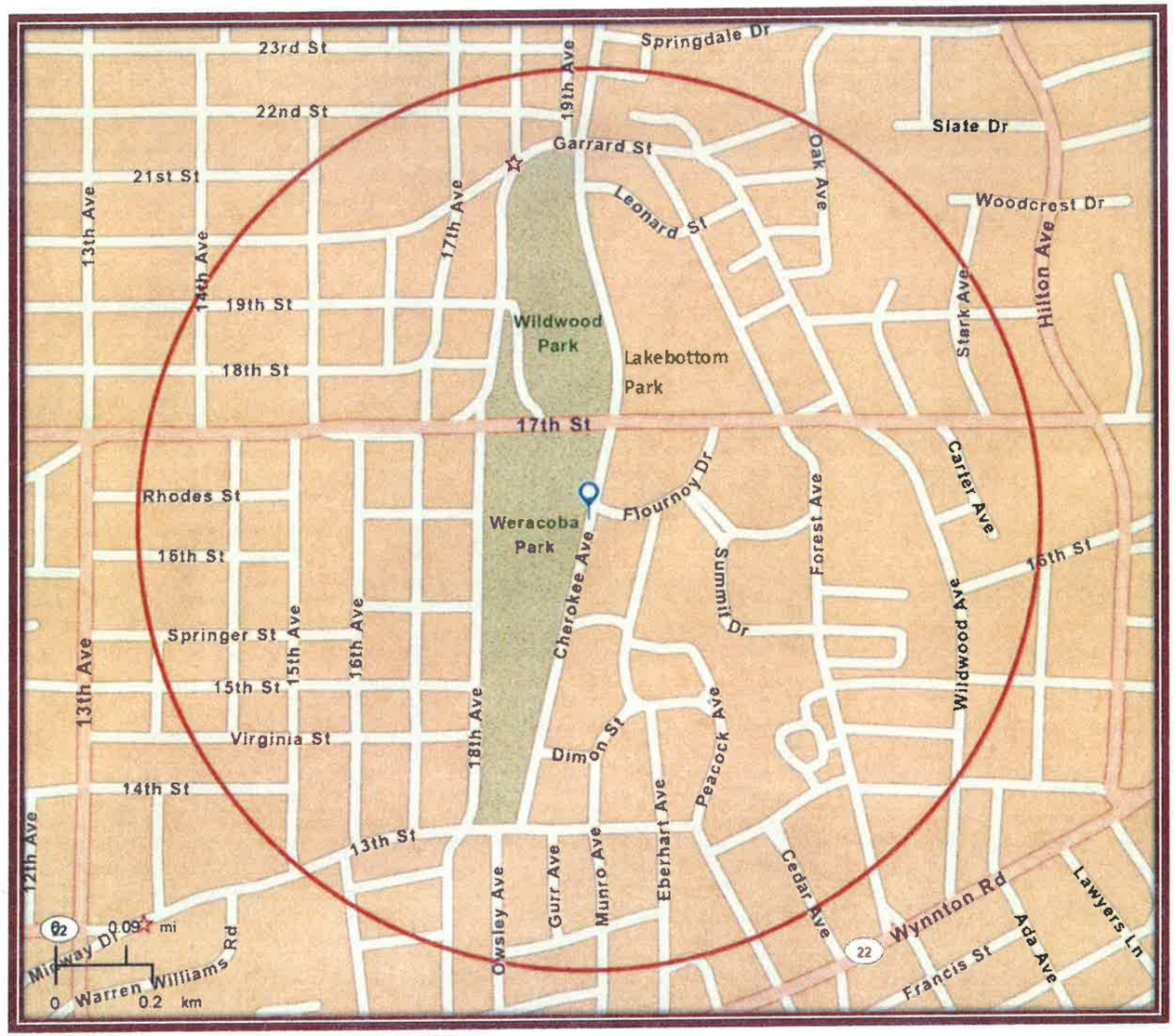
LAKEBOTTOM AND WERACOBA PARKS

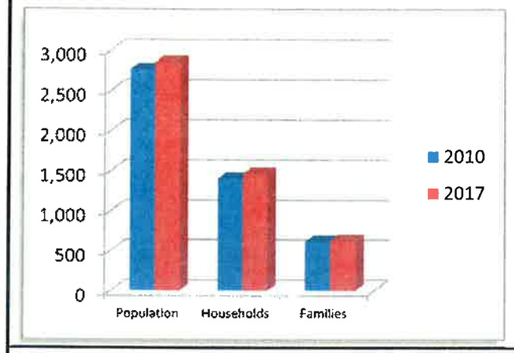
The Park began around 1888. Originally known as Wildwood Park and later named Weracoba Park. It got its name from the man-made Weracoba Creek which feeds the park. Once there was a lake with islands and arched bridges connecting them. Boating was a popular past time at the park. In 1925 the lake was drained and Columbus High was built near the site of the ball fields.

Classified as a Community Park. Lakebottom is a 42.1 acres located at 1505 Cherokee Avenue. The following are the amenities provided at the park:

- Concession Stands
- 2 Baseball-Little League field
- Covered Pavilion
- Fitness Trail
- Football field
- Grills
- Outdoor Basketball
- Outdoor Volleyball
- Picnic areas
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- 1 Softball-Little League field
- Tennis courts
- Track
- Walking Trail

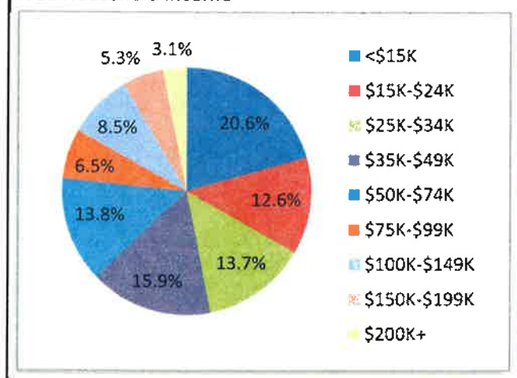


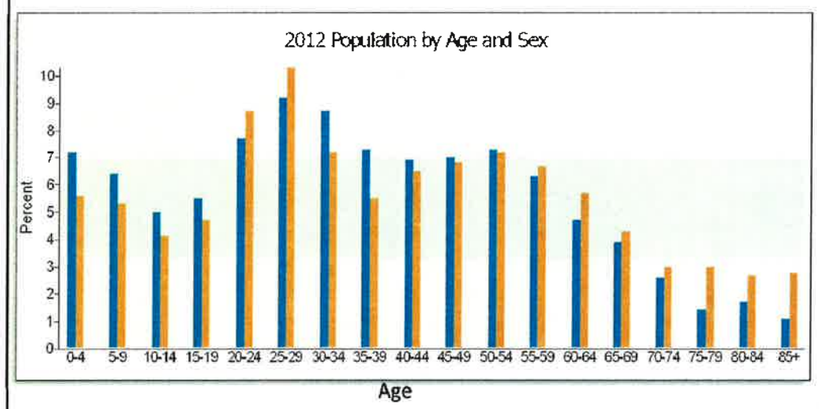
LAKEBOTTOM AND WERACOBA PARKS	ADDRESS: 1505 Cherokee Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 2,233,753 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 42.1

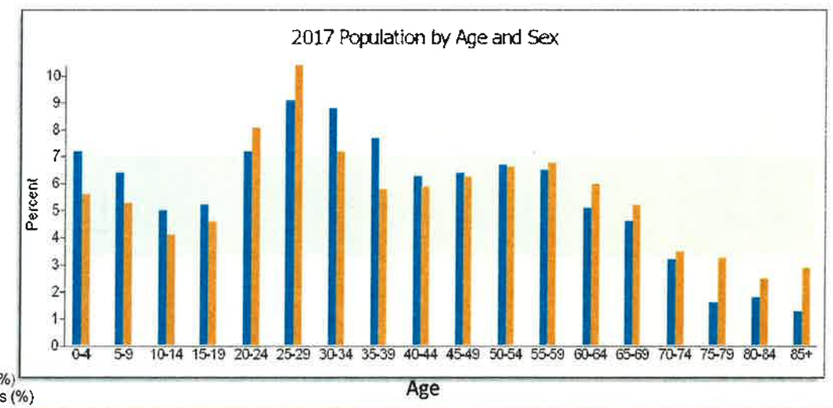


SITE ELEMENTS		PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands	•Rental Facilities	•Park Hours-5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.
•2 Baseball-Little League	•1 Softball-Little League		
•Covered Pavilion	•Tennis		
•Fitness Trail	•Track		
•Football	•Trail Walking (miles)		
•Grills			
•Outdoor Basketball			
•Outdoor Volleyball			
•Playground			
•Picnic Area			

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Lakebottom Park, as it's commonly called, is the most popular and most used park in Columbus. It is essentially Columbus' version of Central Park.
- The park is nestled in the center of a mixed-use, historic neighborhood. One of the best features of the park are the residences that face the park on all sides.
- The Park District neighborhood is a popular place to live and many of the area homes have accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The park is one of the driving forces behind the success of these ADUs.
- Lakebottom Park was acquired by the City of Columbus in 1921 and the lake was drained. The City later converted it to a park.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community parkby driving no morethan 15 minutes. Community parksshall also serve a population standardof four (4) acres/1000 persons.

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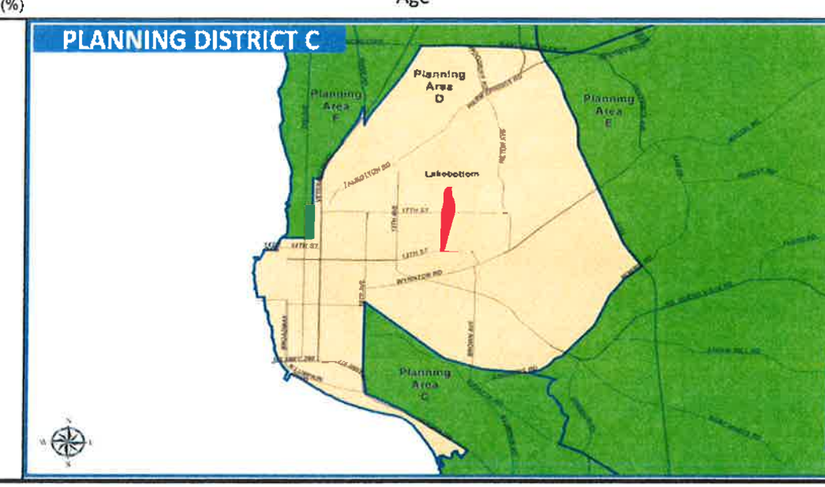

TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,831,828 sq. ft.
42.05 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
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(IN FEET)
1 inch = 80 ft.

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Lakebottom Park
(1505 Cherokee Ave)

REVISION
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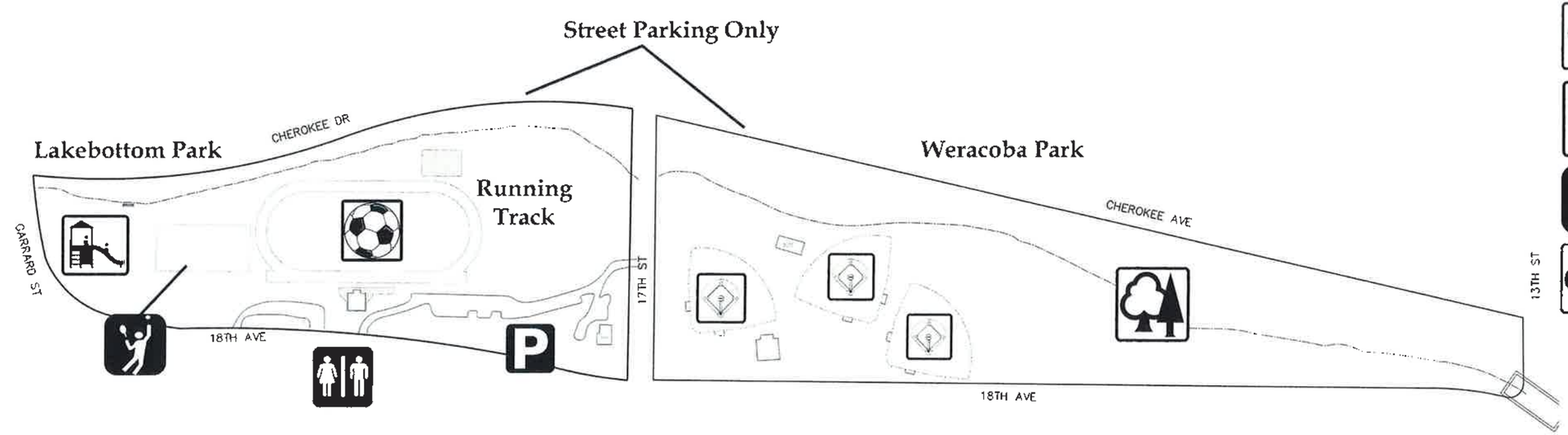
LAKEBOTTOM AND WERACOBA PARKS

1505 Cherokee Avenue / 1823 17th Street
Columbus, GA



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Walking / Running Trail Surrounding
Both Parks

TOTAL
PARK AREA
1,831,828 sq. ft.
42.05 acres

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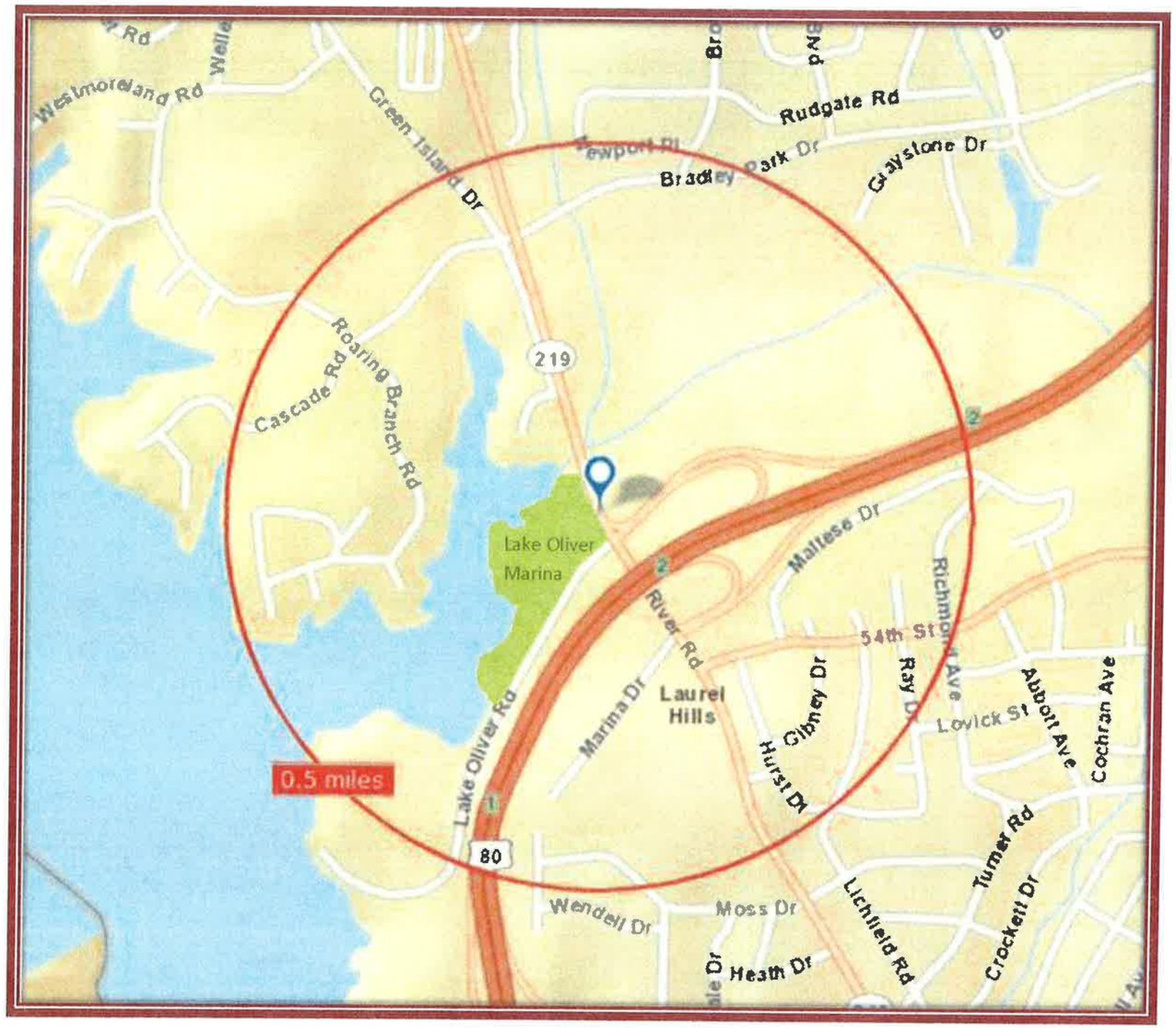
LAKE OLIVER MARINA PARK

City Marina (Operated by the City of Columbus) – is located on the lower east side of lake Oliver near the intersection of U.S. Hwy 80 and River Road along the cove at the mouth of Roaring Branch.

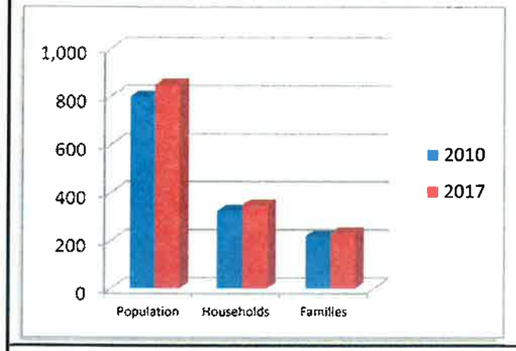
Common recreation activities at the marina include bank fishing, pier fishing, and tournament fishing, picnicking, and hiking on the Riverwalk (which connects City Marina to Columbus via Oliver Dam Road). Facilities provided include a bait shop providing fishing supplies, gas, five boat docks, three boat launching lanes, a fishing pier, and several bank fishing areas among others.

The following are the amenities provided at the park:

- Grills
- Picnic Area
- Fishing
- Outdoor restrooms
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Concession Stands
- Rental Facility

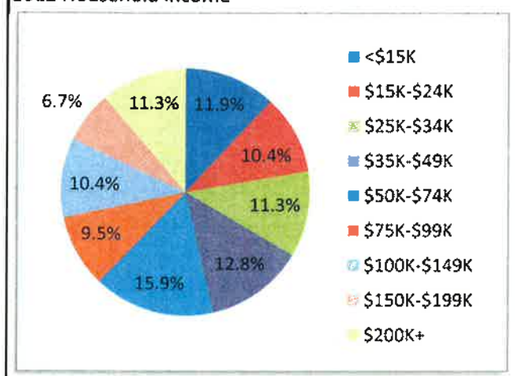


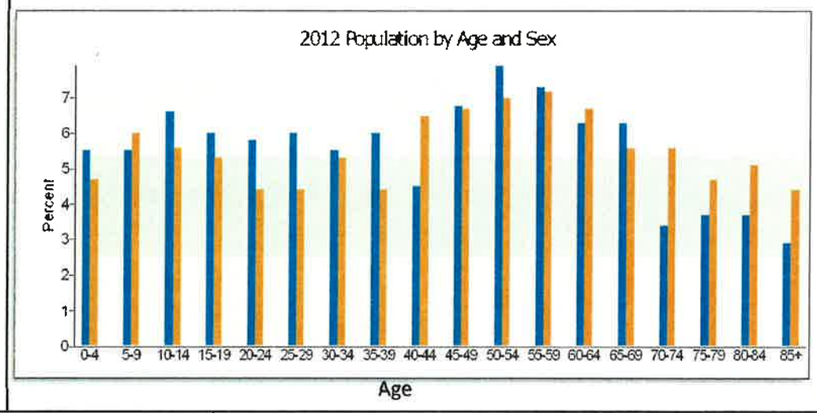
LAKE OLIVER MARINA	ADDRESS: 5501 River Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 1,215,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 13.07

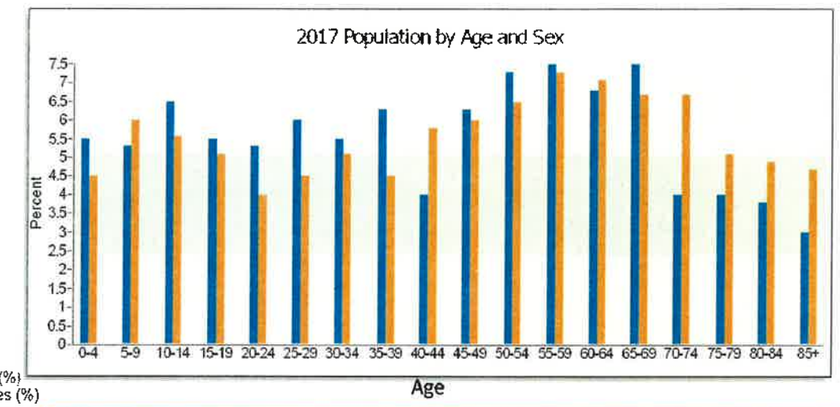


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Grills •Picnic Area •Fishing •Outdoor Restrooms •Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Bait Shop/Concessions •Rental Facility	•Summer Hours: 6 AM to 9 PM - Monday through Sunday •Winter Hours: 9 AM to 7 PM - Monday through Friday 6 AM to 7 PM - Saturday and Sunday	•Add a playground near the picnic area. •Add more picnic tables. •Study the site to identify more areas suitable for bank fishing.

2012 Household income







Insights:

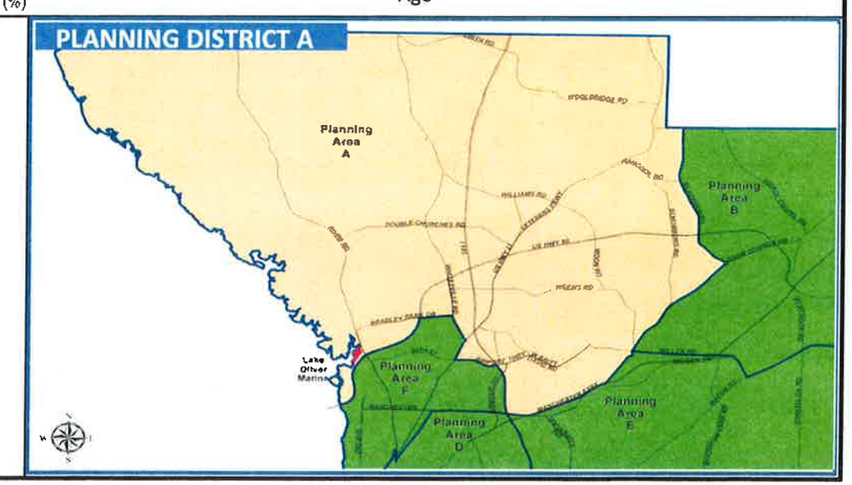
- Many families fish from the banks, however, children may not always participate. Therefore, a distraction, such as a playground, may be in order.
- The marina serves the entire community and is highly used.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Regional Parks:

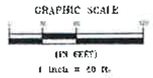
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000 persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 feet buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also



TOTAL
PARK AREA
569,154 sq. ft.
13.07 acres



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Lake Oliver Marina
(5543 River Rd)

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LAKE OLIVER MARINA PARK

5501 River Road
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Playground-Enhancement
- Proposed Picnic Area With Trash Receptacles

QUICK TAB REFERENCE

TOTAL
PARK AREA
569,154 sq. ft.
13.07 acres

NORTH

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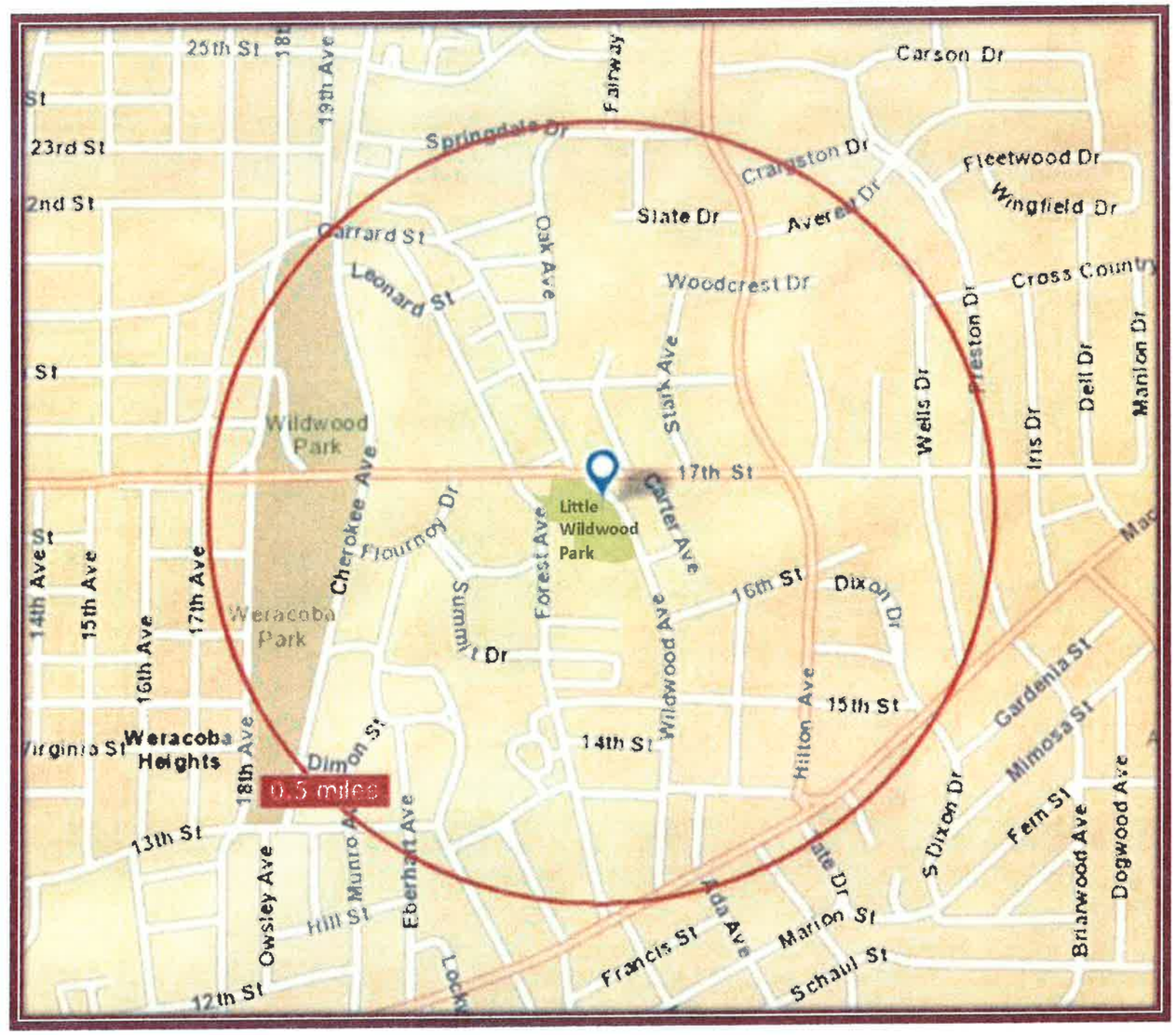
What progress has powered.

LITTLE WILDWOOD PARK

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Little Wildwood is a 5 acre Park located at 22 Forest Avenue.

The following are the amenities provided at the park:

- Grills
- Picnic Areas



LITTLE WILDWOOD PARK	ADDRESS: 1662 Forest Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
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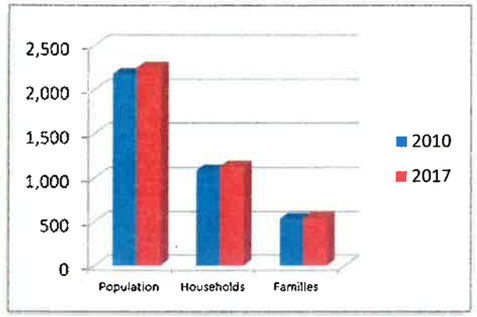
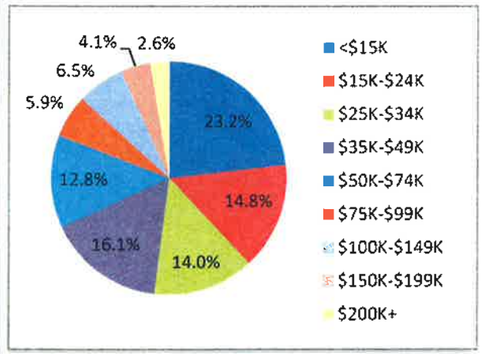
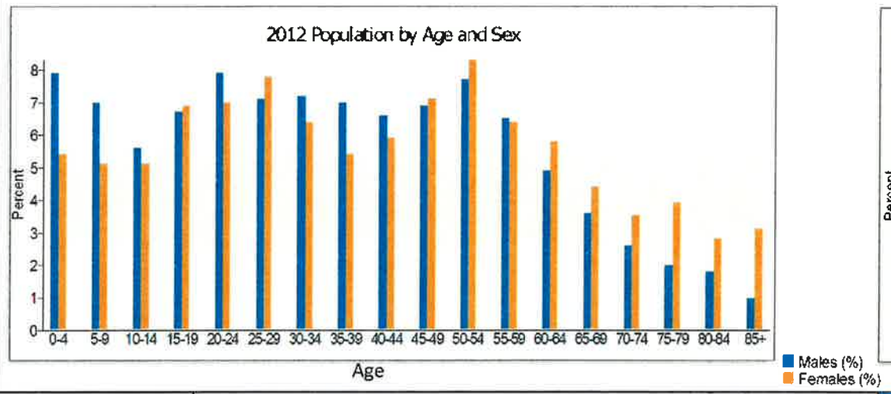
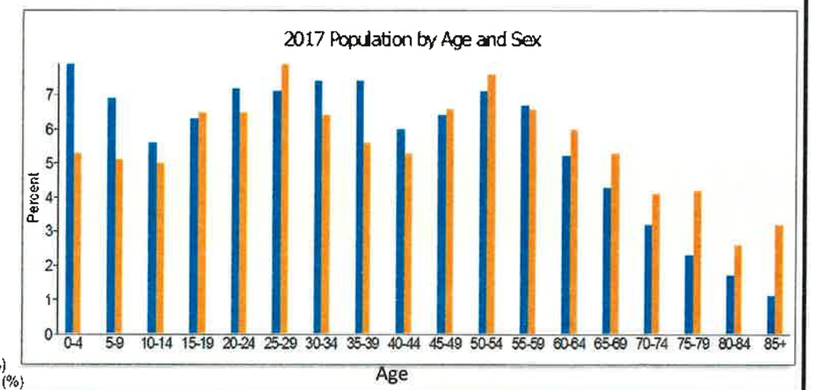


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Grills •Picnic Area	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for Little Wildwood Park. It's primary purpose should be as a link to Lakebottom Park to the west. All picnic tables need to be upgraded/repaired.

2012 Household income







Insights:

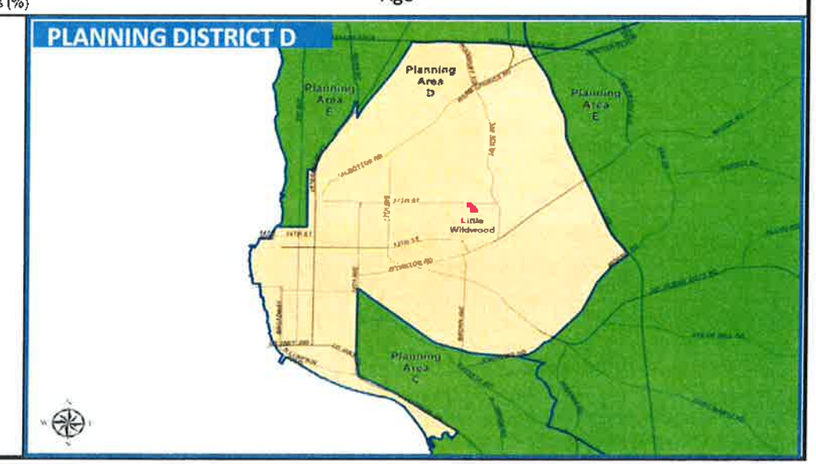
- Little Wildwood sits on the eastern end of a 3-park area. Lakebottom Park is two blocks west and Dinglewood Park is adjacent to Lakebottom on its southwest.
- This park sits in the center of a mixed-use, vibrant neighborhood in Midtown Columbus. It serves as one of two passive parks (Dinglewood) that bookend Lakebottom Park.
- Emphasizing Little Wildwood as part of a larger Lakebottom complex should be pursued. Walkability should also be encouraged between the parks. This park is highly underutilized because it is over-shadowed by Lakebottom Park.

Neighborhood Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



TOTAL PARK AREA
217,865 sq. ft.
5.00 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 40 ft.

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Little Wildwood Park
(Wildwood Ave)

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LITTLE WILDWOOD PARK

22 Forest Avenue
Columbus, GA

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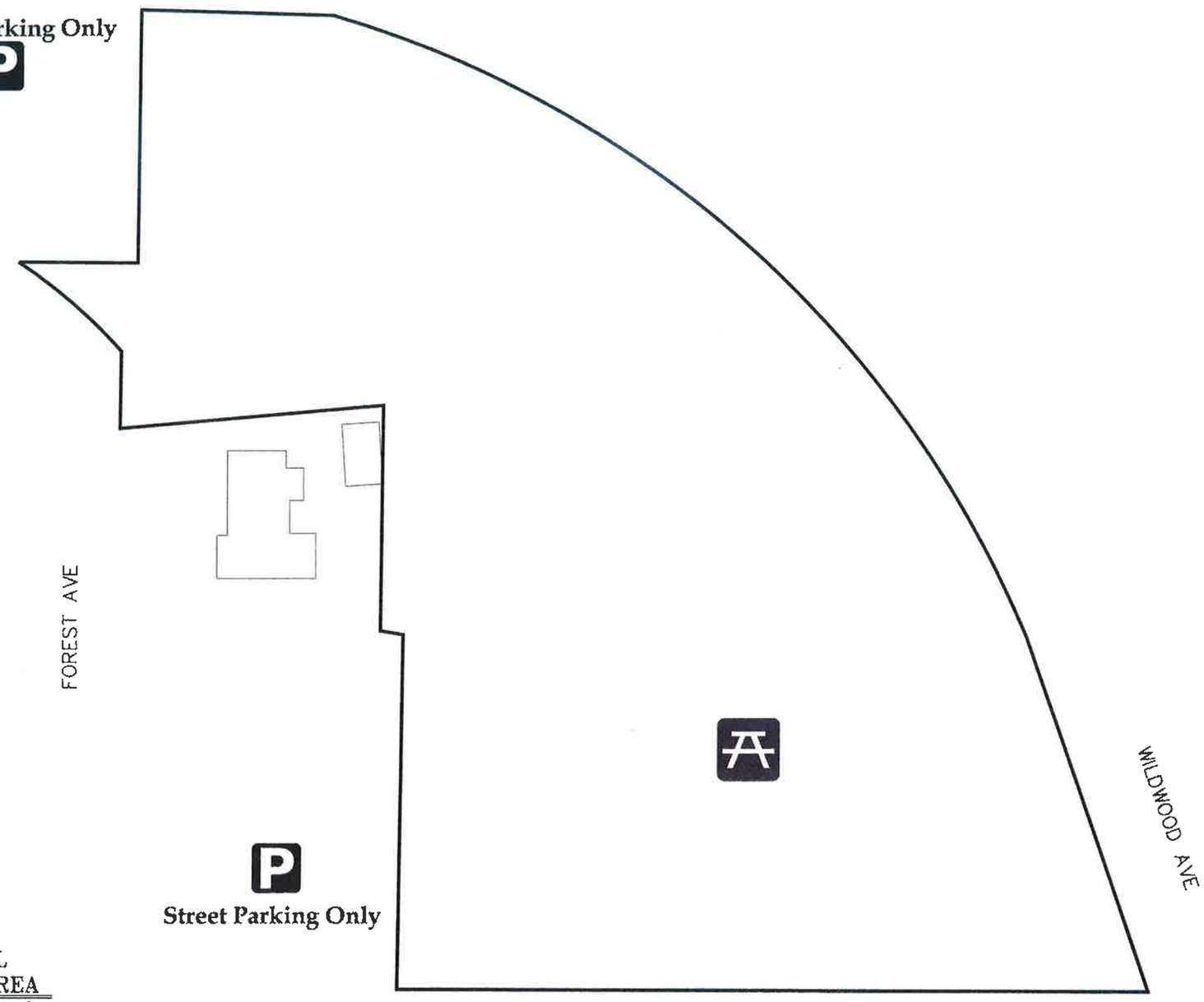

TOTAL
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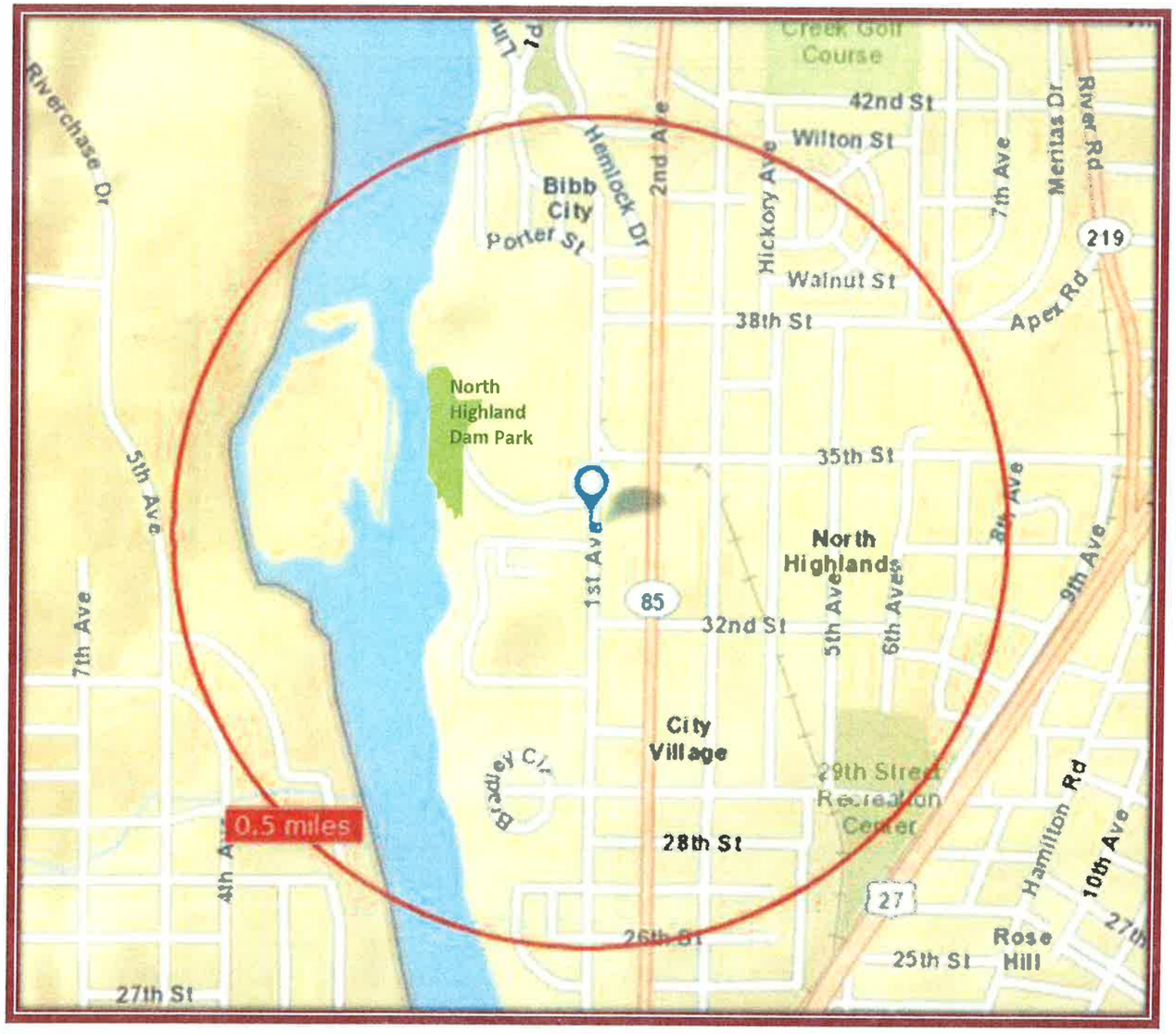
What progress has preserved.

NORTH HIGHLAND DAM PARK

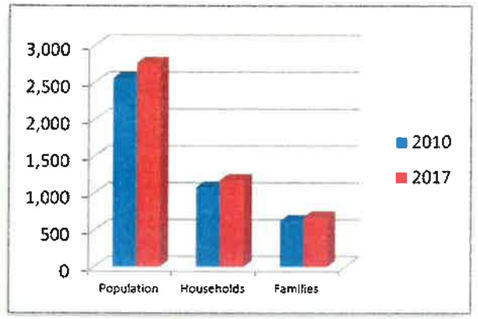
North Highland is classified as a Community Park, and is located at 3333 1st Avenue.

Amenities provided:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Fishing

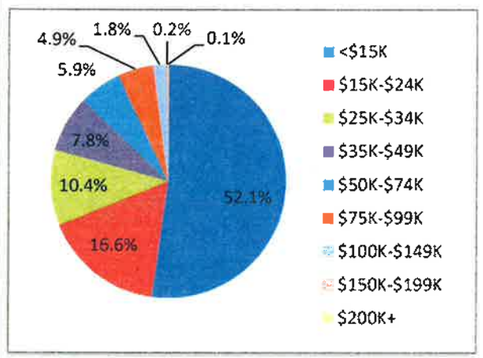


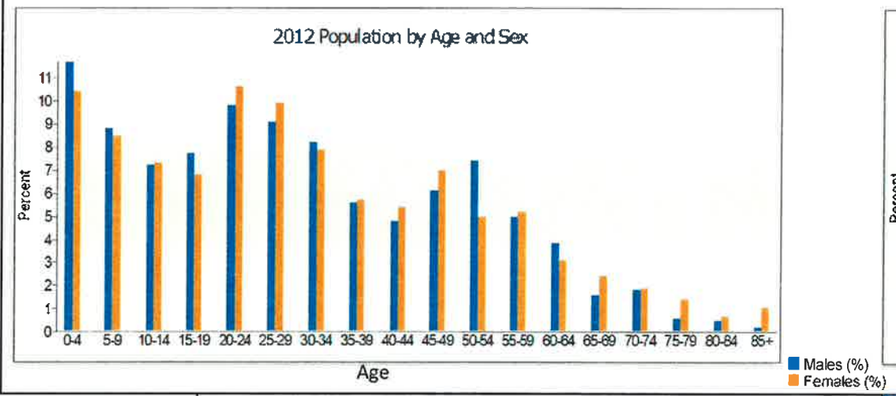
NORTH HIGHLAND DAM PARK	ADDRESS: 3333 1st Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ N/A (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: N/A

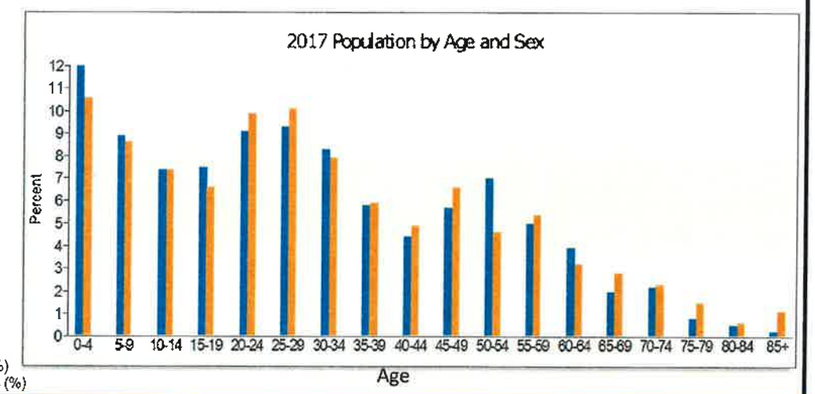


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Outdoor Restroom •Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Boat Ramp	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:
This park is primarily utilized as the beginning point for the Columbus Whitewater course. Rafts are put in at the boat ramp. This is also part of the Riverwalk pedestrian trail.

Community Parks:
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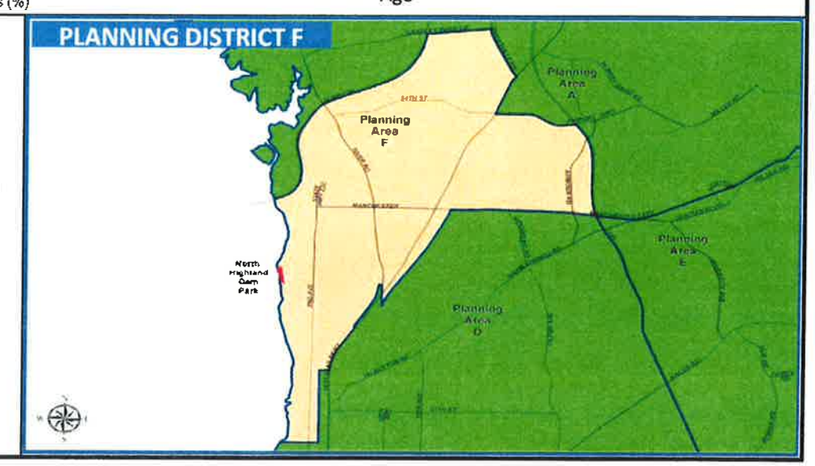

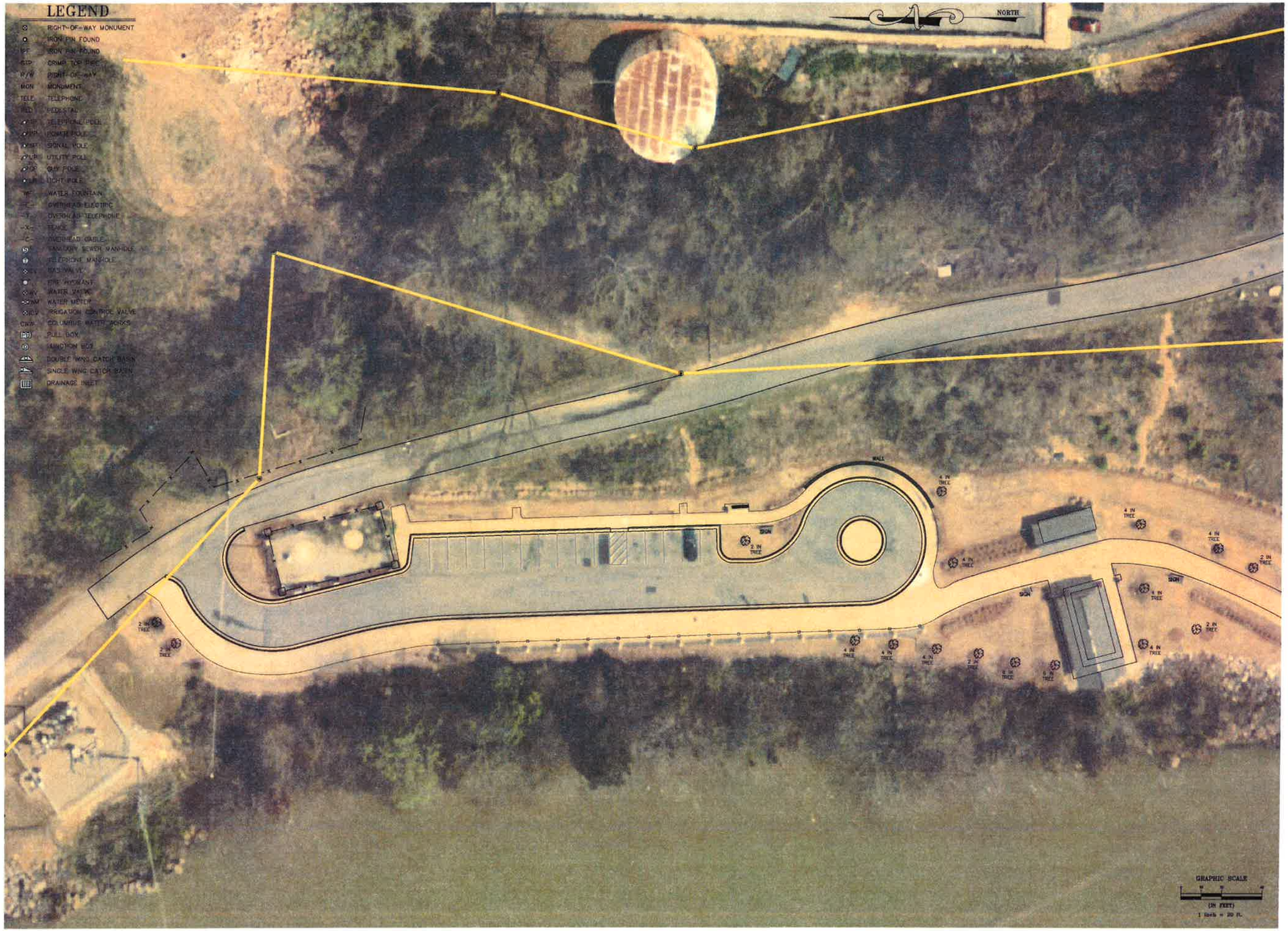

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Columbus, GA

North Highlands Dam Park
(3333 1st Ave)

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NORTH HIGHLAND DAM PARK

3333 1st Avenue
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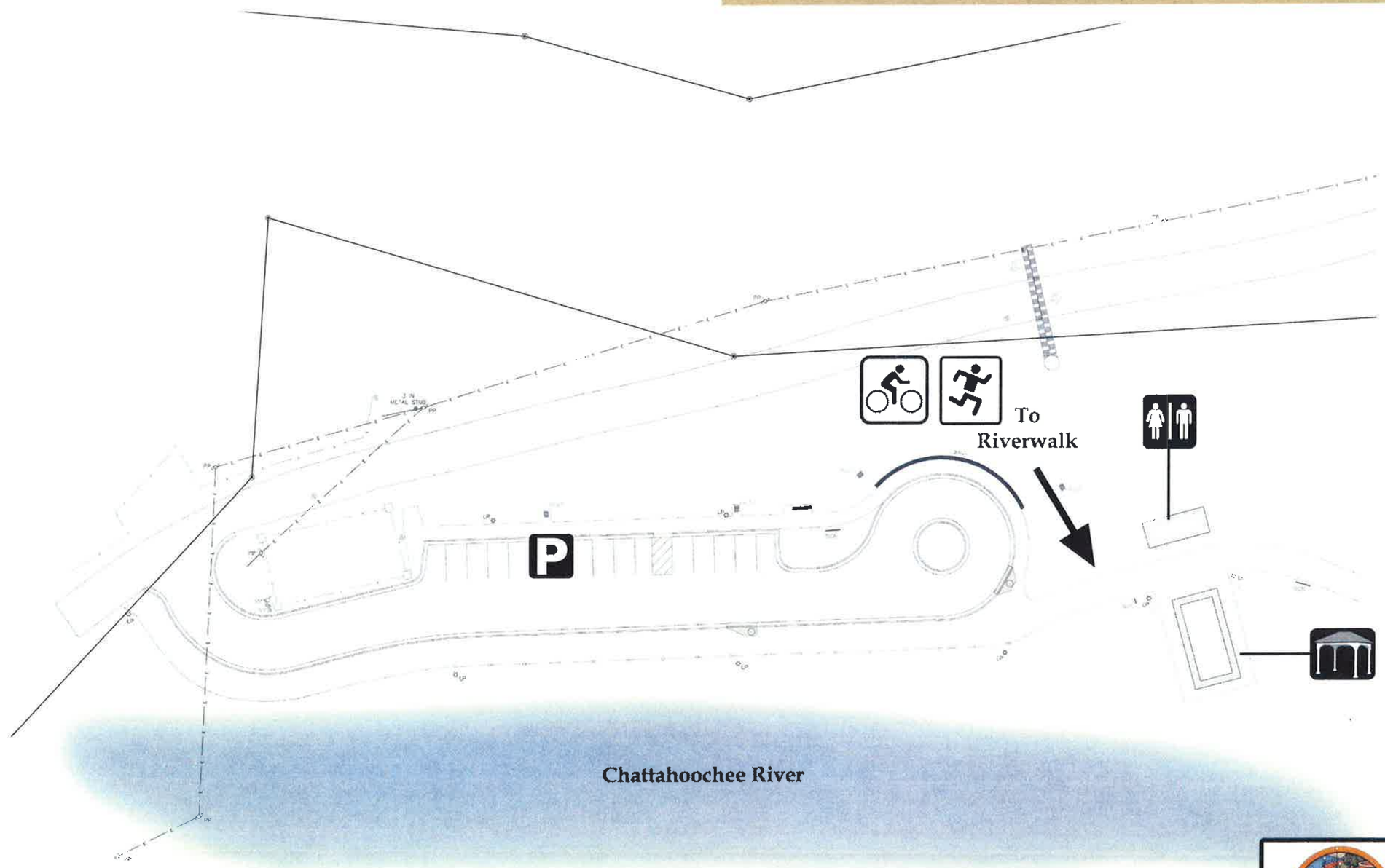

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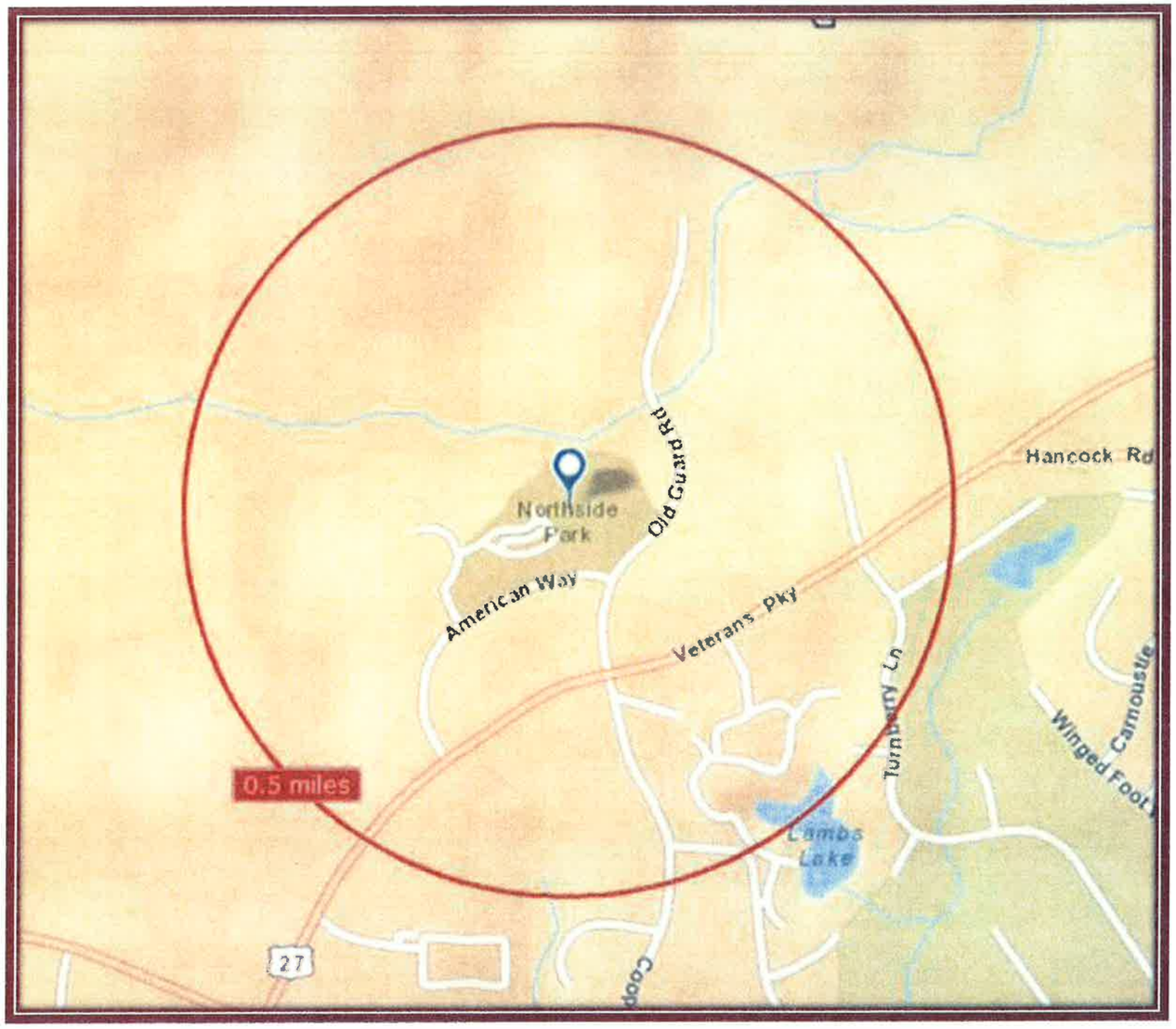
NORTHSIDE PARK

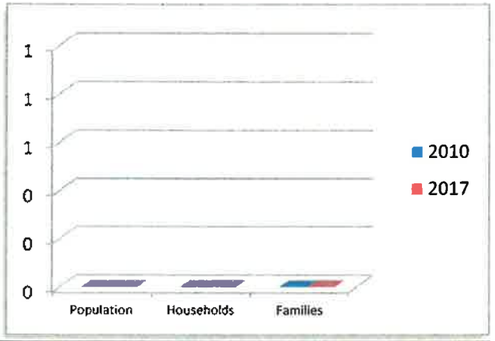
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Northside Park is located at 8301 Veterans Pkwy with 35.00 acres.

The following are the amenities provide at the Park:

- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- Indoor Basketball courts
- Indoor Volleyball court
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- 3 Softball-Little League fields
- Walking Trail

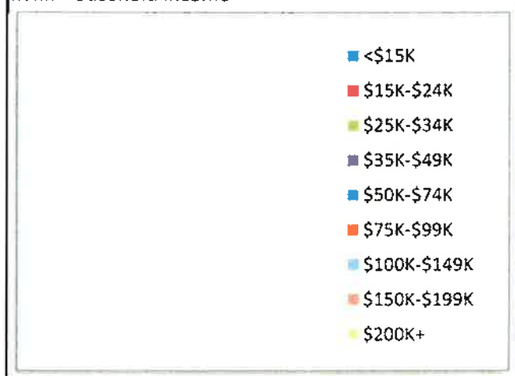


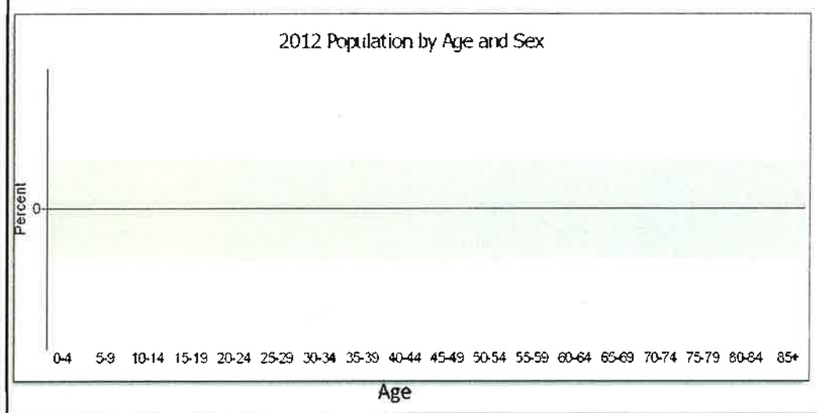
NORTHSIDE PARK	ADDRESS: 8301 Veterans Parkway	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 3,075,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 37.08

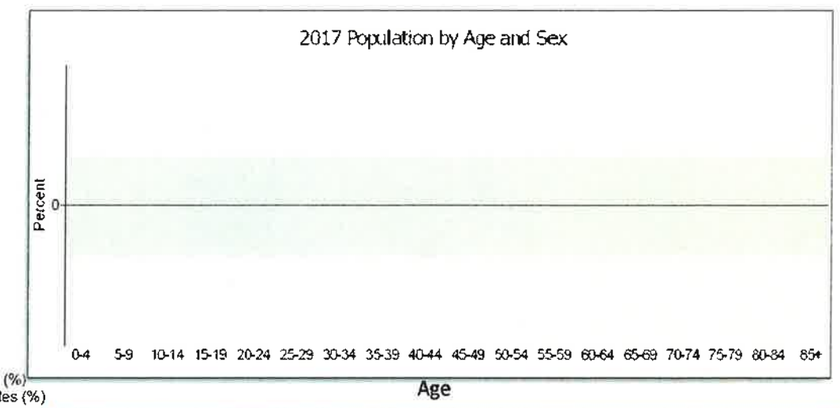


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •Recreation Center •Indoor Basketball •Indoor Volleyball •Playground •Rental Facilities •3 Softball-Little League •Walking Trail	•Monday through Saturday •After school program to include pool, air hockey •Every other Tuesday – Bridge Club Other Activitis include Line Dancing, Clogging and Exercising (Boot Camp with personal trainer) •Recreation Center can be rented for private use. •Hours (Rec Center): 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday •2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday •Closed Sunday •Park (Outside Facilities) Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add shade tress near ballfields. •Add picnic area.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Northside Park is part of a massive government development, which includes an elementary school, a middle school, a high school, and a fire station. At the time of construction, all facilities on the development were built for future growth. That growth has almost caught up. A 270-acre mixed-use development is under development to the southwest of the park.
- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential and commercial development.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:
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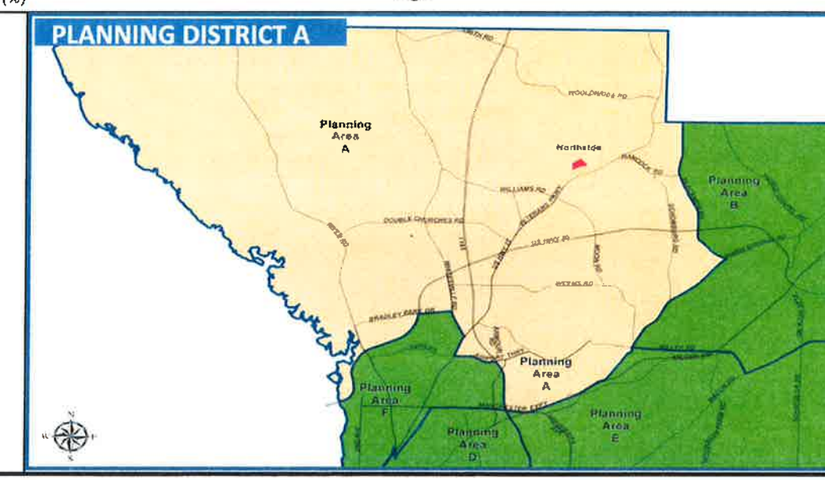

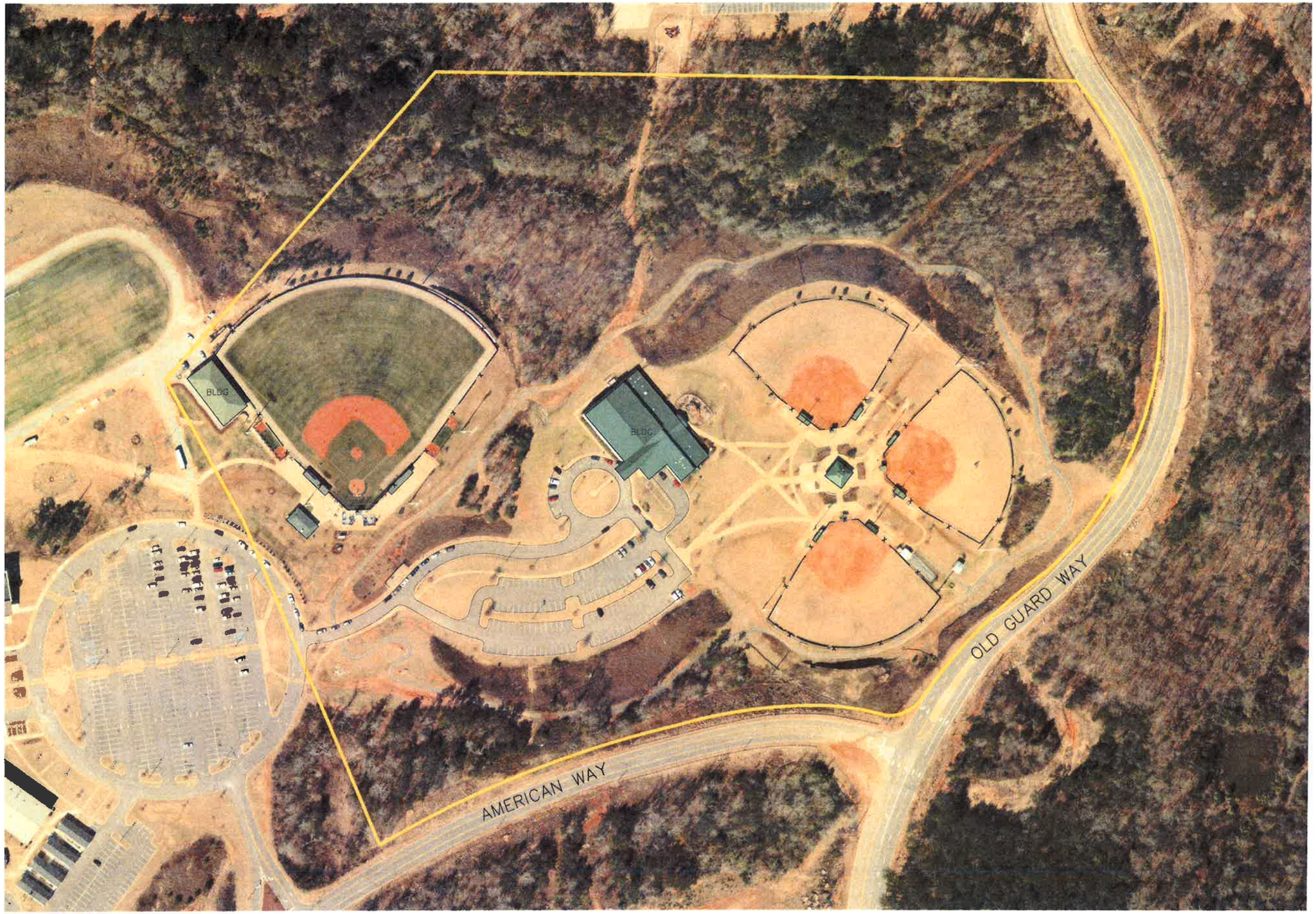

NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA
1,615,325 sq. ft.
37.08 acres

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Columbus GA

Northside Park
(8301 Veterans Pkwy)

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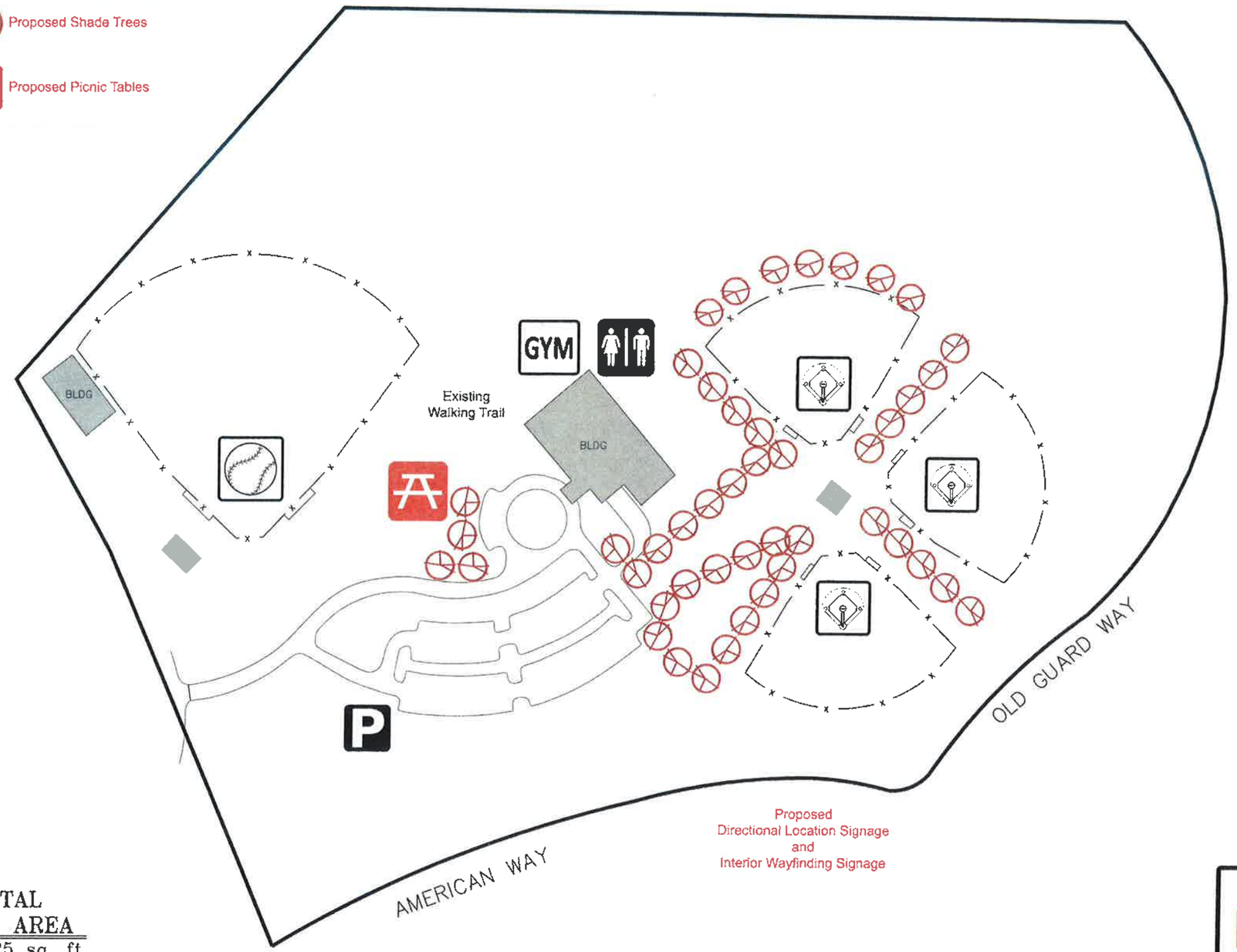
NORTHSIDE PARK

8301 Veterans Parkway
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

Proposed Shade Trees

Proposed Picnic Tables



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NORTH

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1,615,325 sq. ft.
37.08 acres

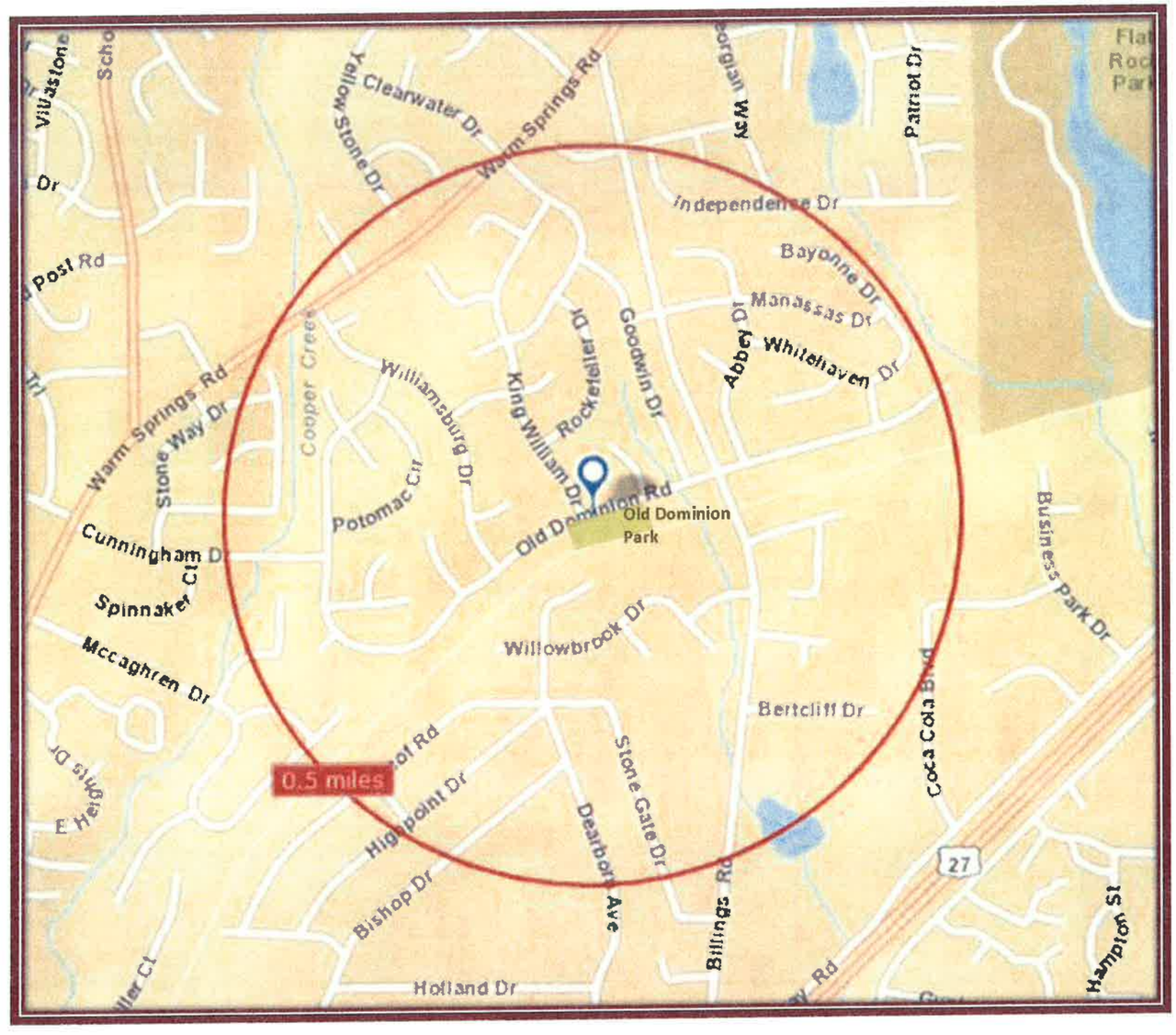
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

OLD DOMINION PARK

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Old Dominion Park is located at 5614 Old Dominion Road and is 1.88 acres.

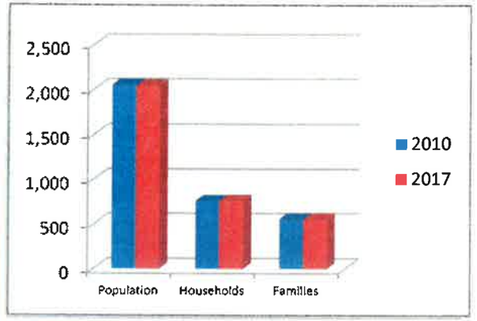
The following are the amenities provided at the park:

- Outdoor Basketball court
- Playground



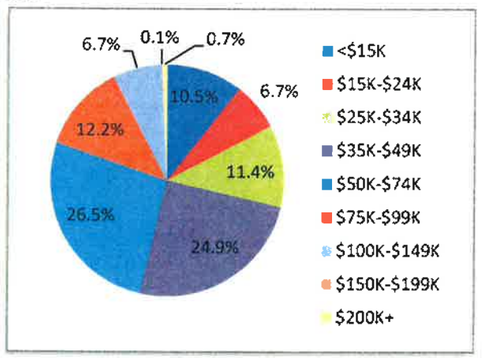
OLD DOMINION PARK	ADDRESS: 5614 Old Dominion Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5	PLANNING DISTRICT: B
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 18,400 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 1.88

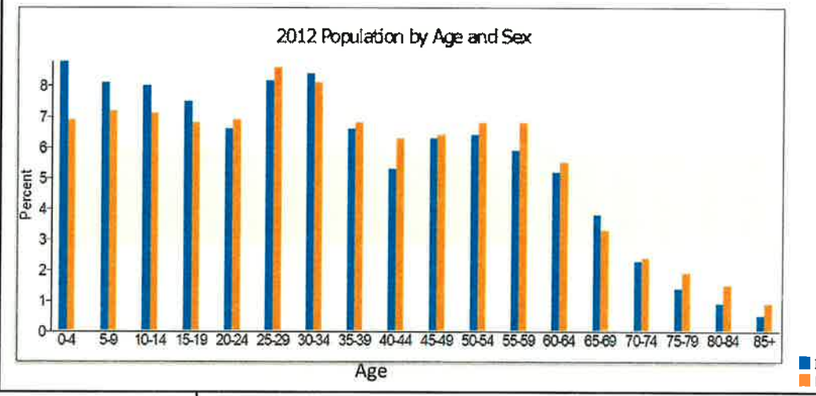
Demographics

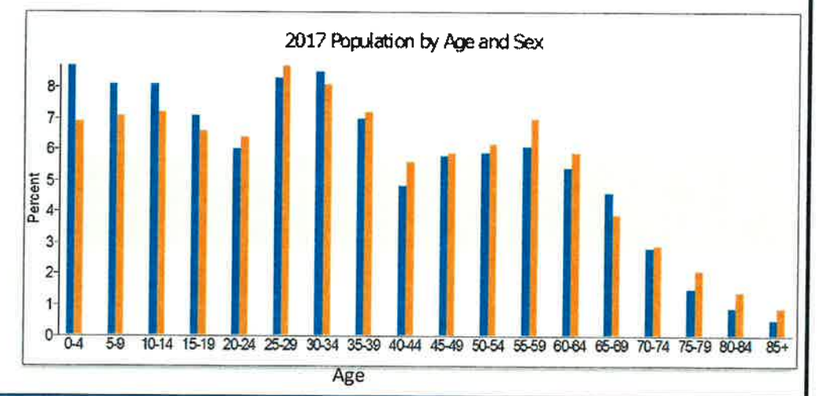


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Outdoor Basketball •Playground •Multi-purpose Field	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add shade trees throughout the park. •Add benches near the playground. •Add security fencing. •Create an access to the Fall Line Trace. •Add a parking lot at the west end of the park. •Add picnic tables near the multi-purpose field.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Old Dominion Park serves the Williamsburg neighborhood. This is a single family residential area with numerous young families.
- This is a middle class neighborhood that was started over 40 years ago. Housing is stable and there is a close sense of community.

Neighborhood Parks:

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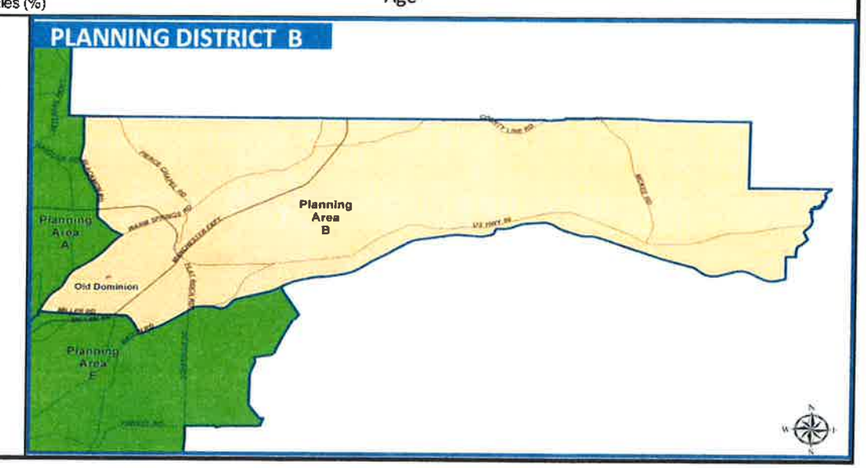
Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 feet perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



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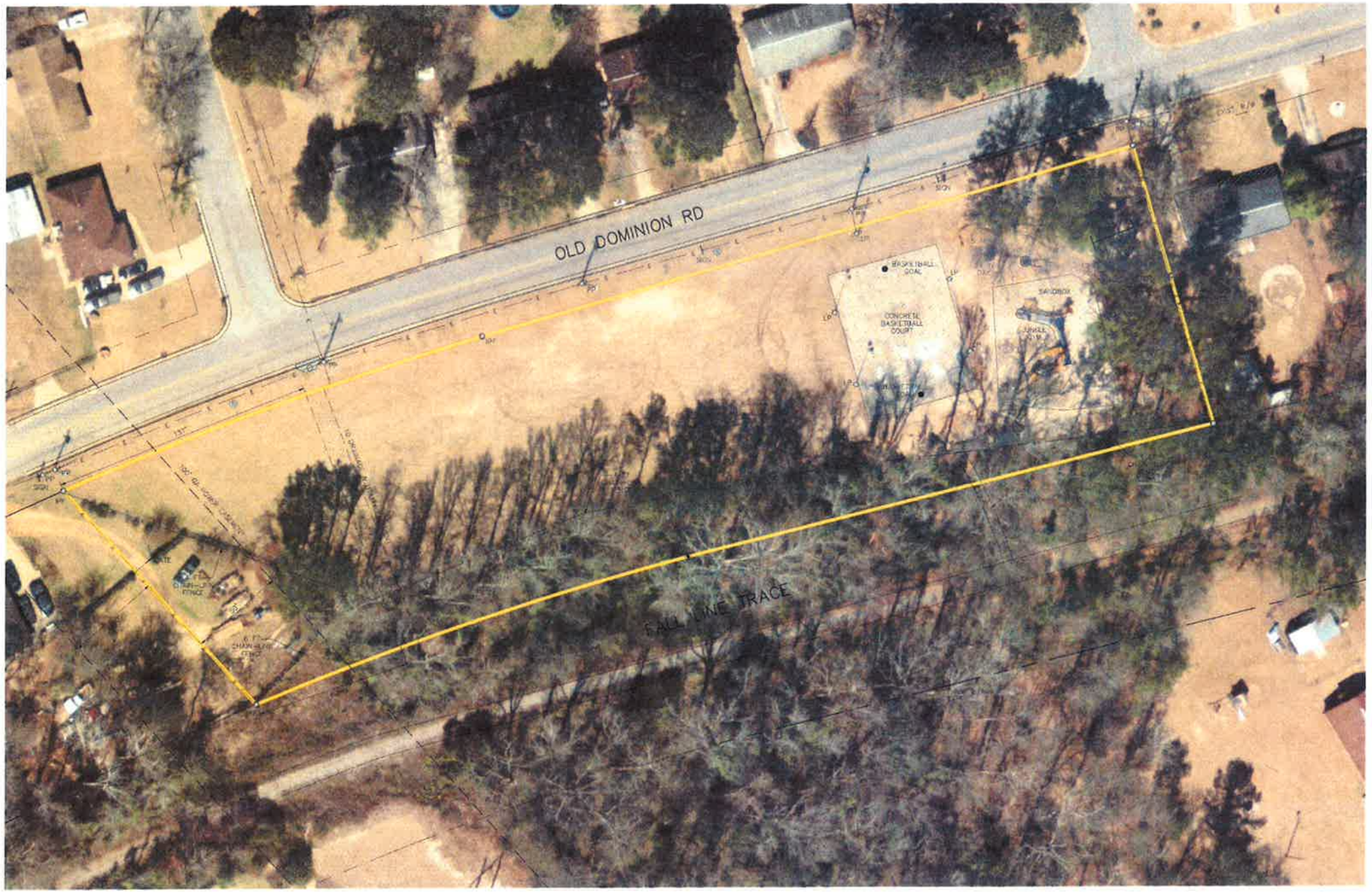

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	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
81,725 sq. ft.
1.88 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 10 20 40
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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Columbus, GA

Old Dominion Park As-built Survey (5614 Old Dominion Rd)

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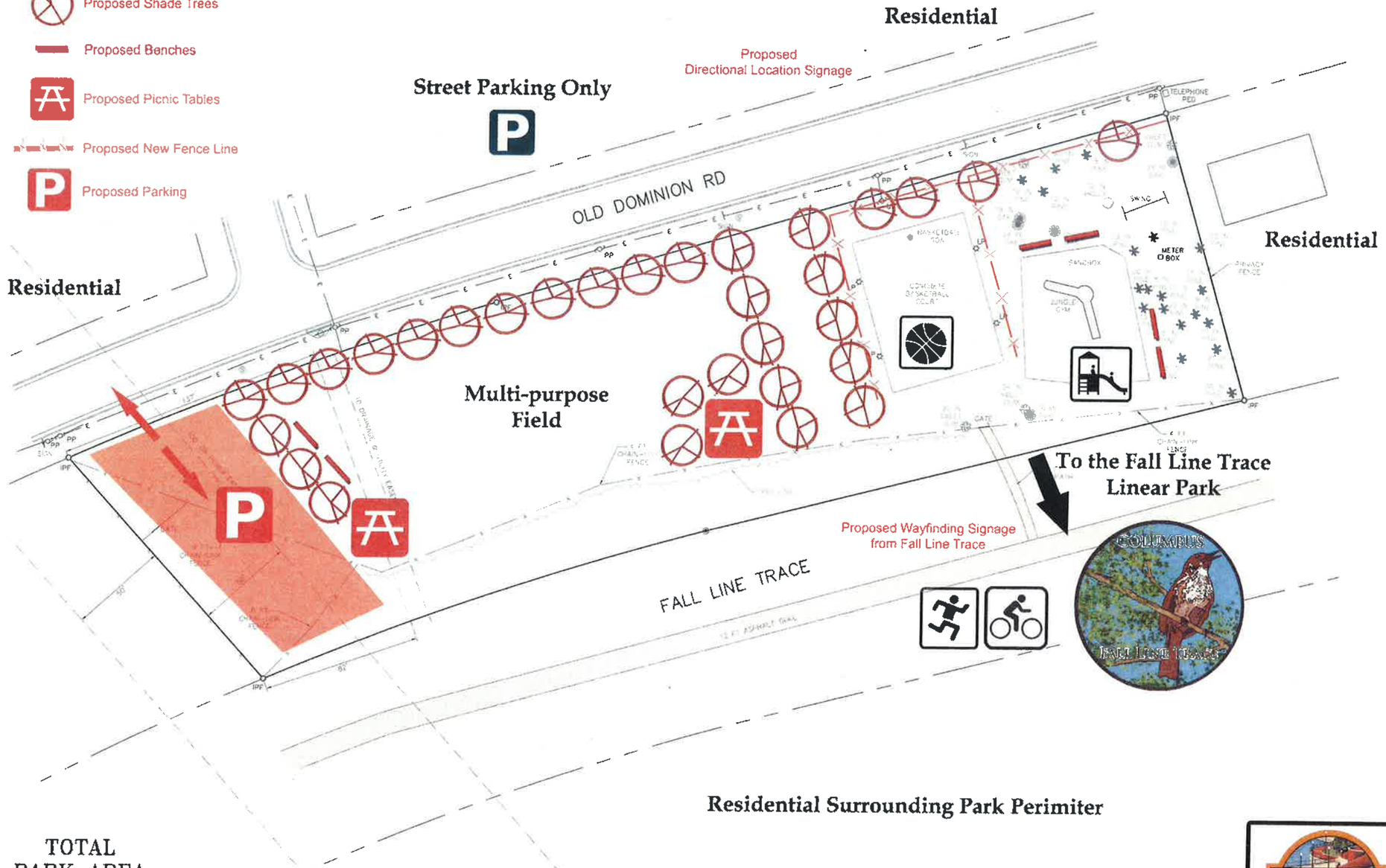
OLD DOMINION PARK

5614 Old Dominion Road
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed New Fence Line
- Proposed Parking



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

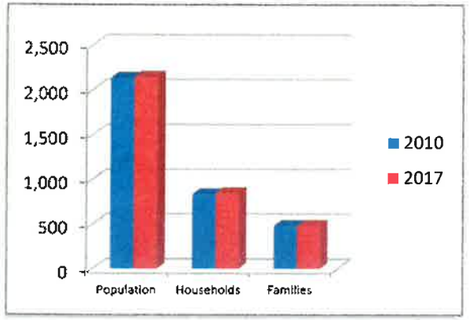
TOTAL
PARK AREA
81,725 sq. ft.
1.88 acres

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

PLEZ JOHNSON PARK

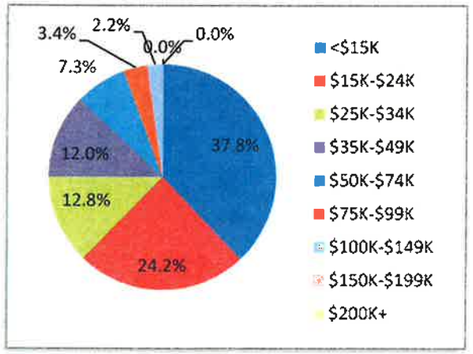
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Plez Johnson Park is a 3.16 acres located at 4001 Hemlock Drive.

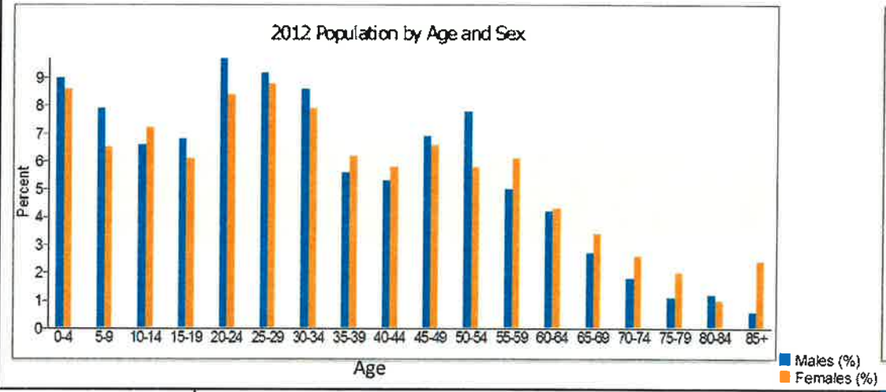
PROJECT TITLE: **PLEZ JOHNSON PARK**	ADDRESS: 4001 Hemlock Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 131,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 3.16

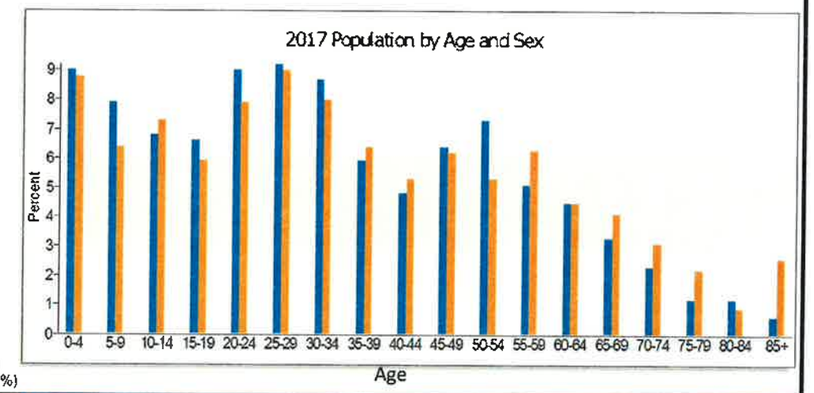


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
There are no site elements.	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	This park should be divested as park use and solely utlized as urban greenspace.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Plez Johnson Park is a neighborhood park in the former Bibb City. During it's existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreation center/auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all of the parks) was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems, thus isolating the two neighborhood parks from the original system.
- Plez Johnson Park will serve as a perfect example of urban greenspace.

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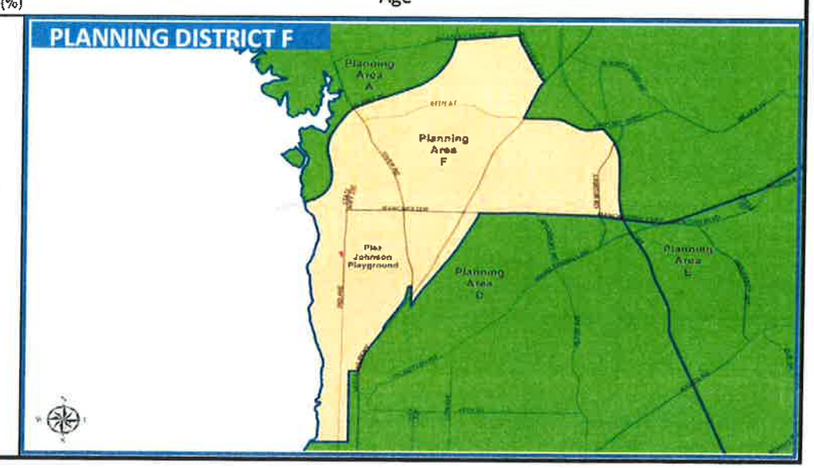

FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED JUNE 6, 2012

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
138,672 sq. ft.
3.18 acres

LEGEND

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Plez Johnson Park As-built Survey (4001 2nd Ave)

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PLEZ JOHNSON PARK

4001 Hemlock Drive
Columbus, GA

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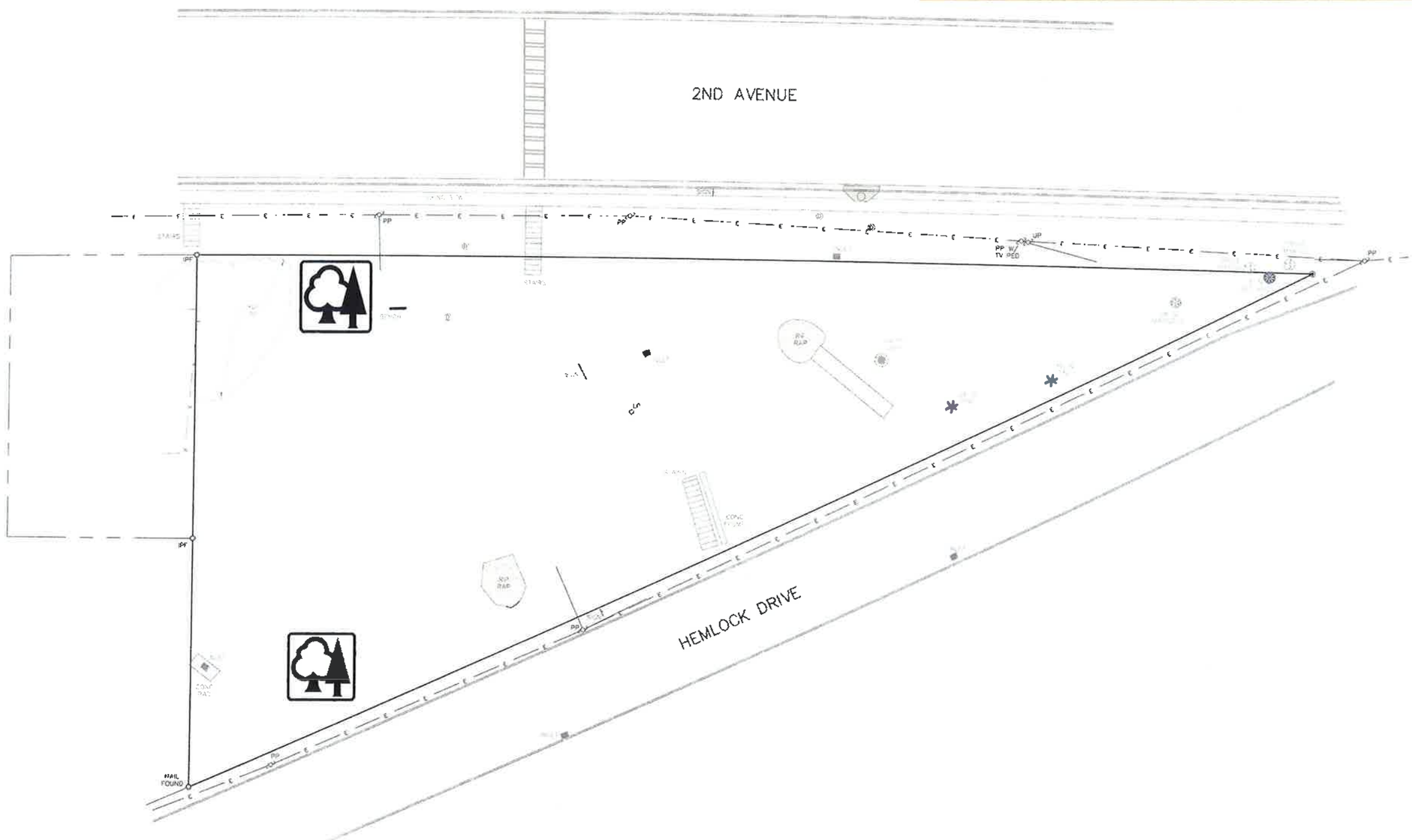

TOTAL PARK AREA
138,672 sq. ft.
3.18 acres

NORTH

Columbus, GA
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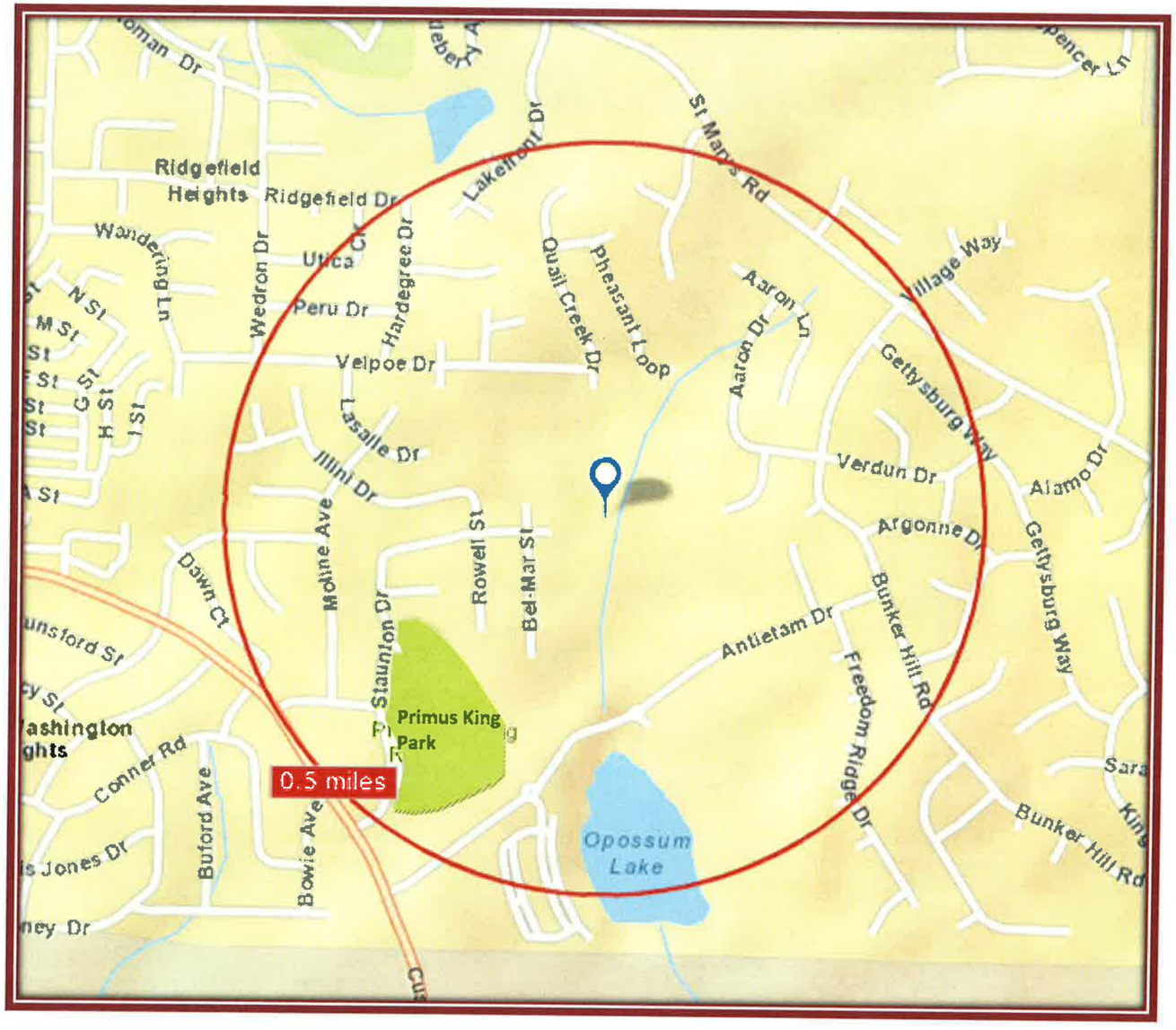
What progress has preserved.

PRIMUS KING PARK

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Primus Park is located at 4715 Cusseta Road with 14.80 acres.

The following are the amenities provide at the park:

- Baseball-Little League
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Football
- Picnic
- Playground
- Soccer
- Tennis



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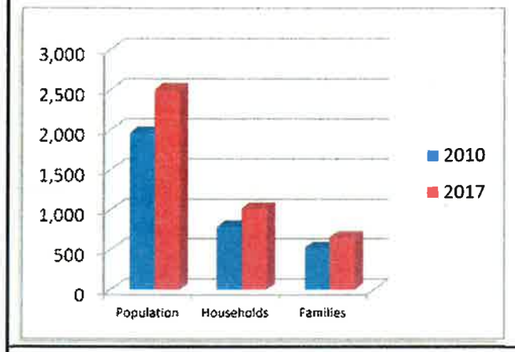
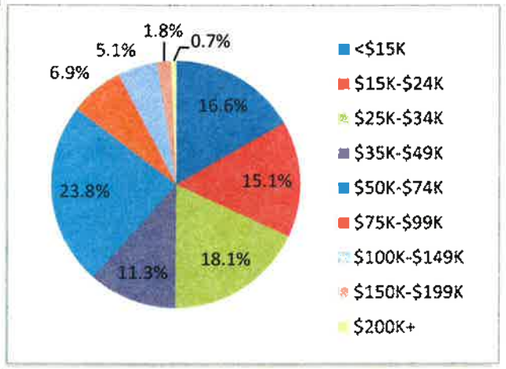
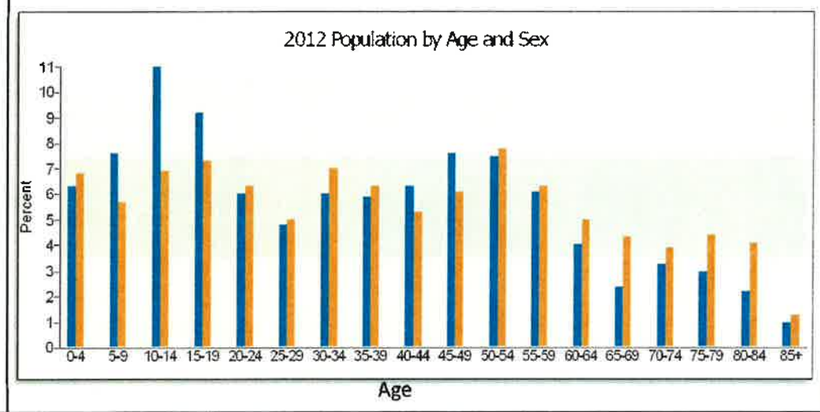
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 21,440 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 14.8

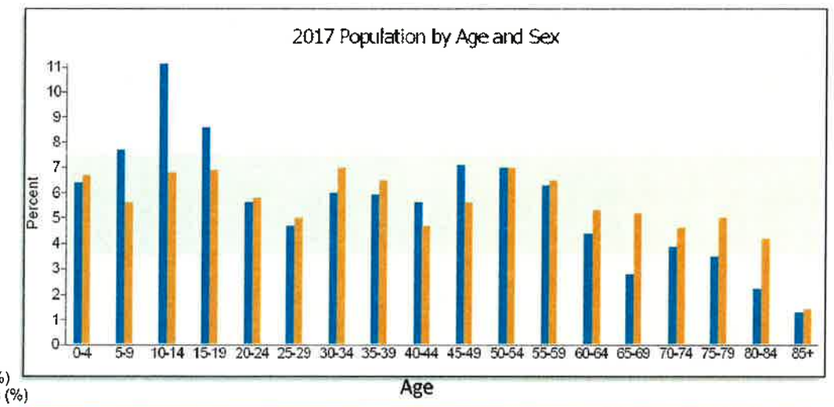


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Community Center •Covered Pavilion / Gazebo •Basketball Court •Picnic Area •Playground •Multi-purpose Field •Tennis Court	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park. The community center is boarded up and the park needs maintenance.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- The community center is closed and boarded and needs maintenance.
- The existing neighborhood to the west is stable and over 40 years old.
- The developing neighborhood to the east includes an apartment complex and large single family houses on small lots. Due to proximity to Fort Benning, this development includes a large number of military families.
- Southeast Columbus is one of the fastest growing residential areas in Columbus. Most single family development since 2005 has taken place here. It is a middle class area that is gaining a significant military population.
- This area has much age diversity, but only one notable park (Shirley Winston) serves a diverse population. This particular area is under-served.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Parks:

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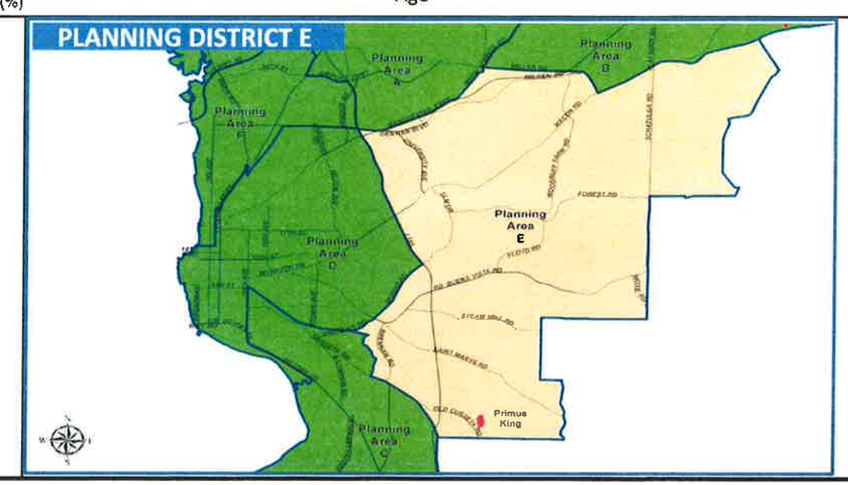

TOTAL
PARK AREA
657,654 sq. ft.
15.10 acres

COLUMBUS,
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Primus King
(4715 Old Cusseta Rd)

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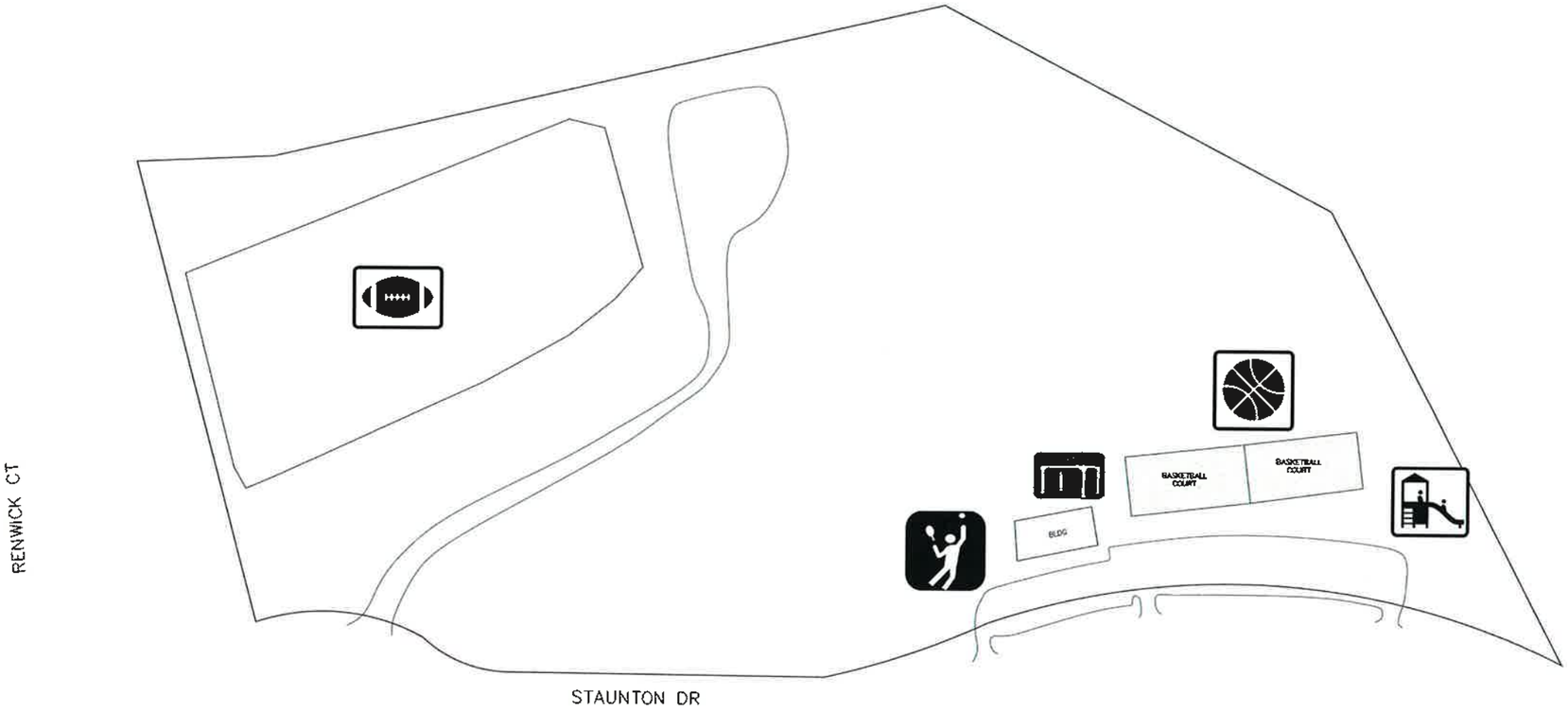
PRIMUS KING PARK

4715 Old Cusseta Road
Columbus, GA



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TOTAL
PARK AREA
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15.10 acres

NORTH

Columbus, GA
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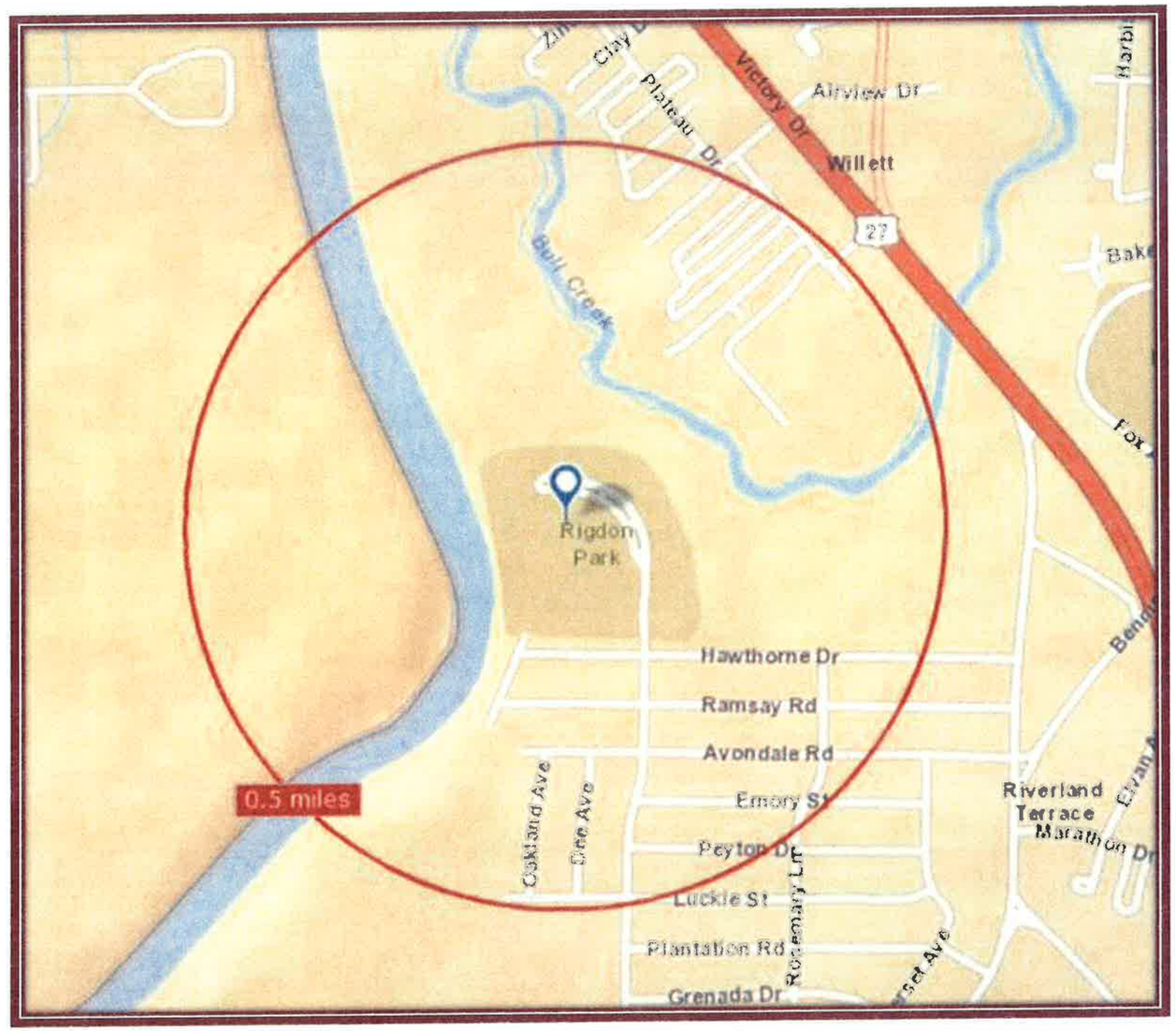
RIGDON PARK /POOL

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Rigdon Park is located at 1600 Howe Avenue with 28.16 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Concession Stands
- 2 Baseball-Little League fields
- Outdoor Basketball courts
- Outdoor Volleyball court
- Football fields
- 2 Softball-Little League fields
- Playground
- Swimming-Competitive
- Swimming-Leisure
- Swimming-Programmed



RIGDON PARK & POOL	ADDRESS: 1600 Howe Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: C
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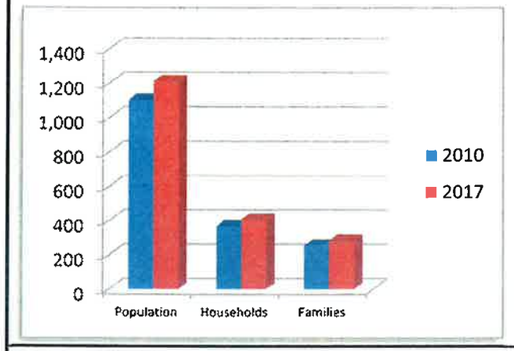
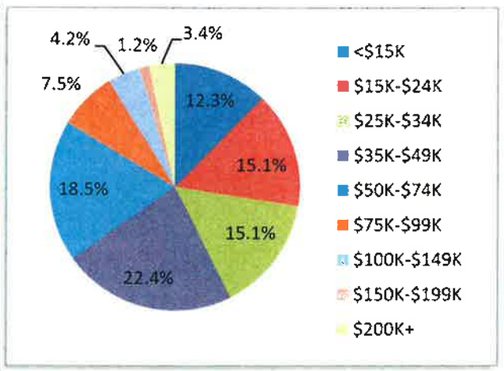
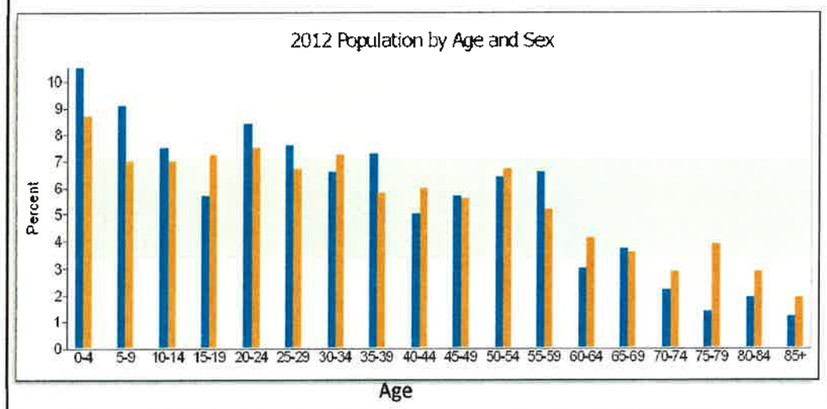
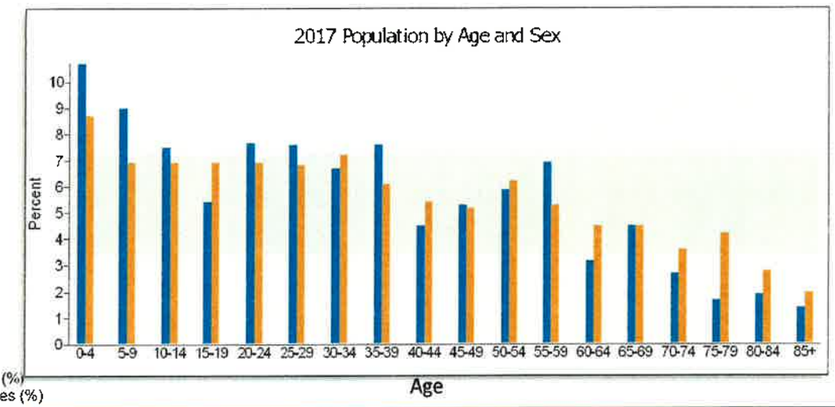


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •2 Baseball- Little League • Outdoor Basketball •Outdoor Volleyball •Football •2 Softball- Little League •Playground •Swimming-Competitive •Swimming-Leisure •Swimming-Programmed	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM •Pool Hours – Seasonal Operating Hours Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 12 PM to 6 PM Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM Closed Monday and Tuesday	•Consider a name change to avoid confusion with John Rigdon Park. •Add a pavilion near the pool area. •Add shade trees near the ball fields. •Utilize the football field for soccer also. •Add trees in the parking lot medians.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- This area is surrounded by the Oakland Park neighborhood. Oakland Park began as a Vietnam-era development catering to military families. Since that time, much of the houses have been sold to local investors and families. Several retired military still live in the neighborhood, which helps strengthen the age diversity in the area.
- The neighboring area is projected to grow, primarily due to access to Fort Benning as well as the tourist atrractions at Oxbow Meadows. The National Infantry Museum, the proposed Armor Museum, and a proposed 400+ unit, mixed-use development are changing the erroneous perception of the area as poor, blighted, and crime infested.
- Incomes for this area are stable despite a 1/4 of the area being low-to-moderate income.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

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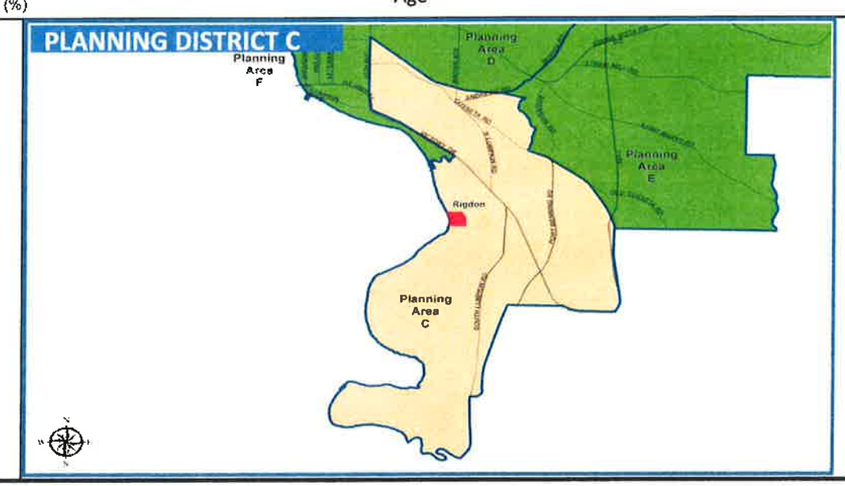
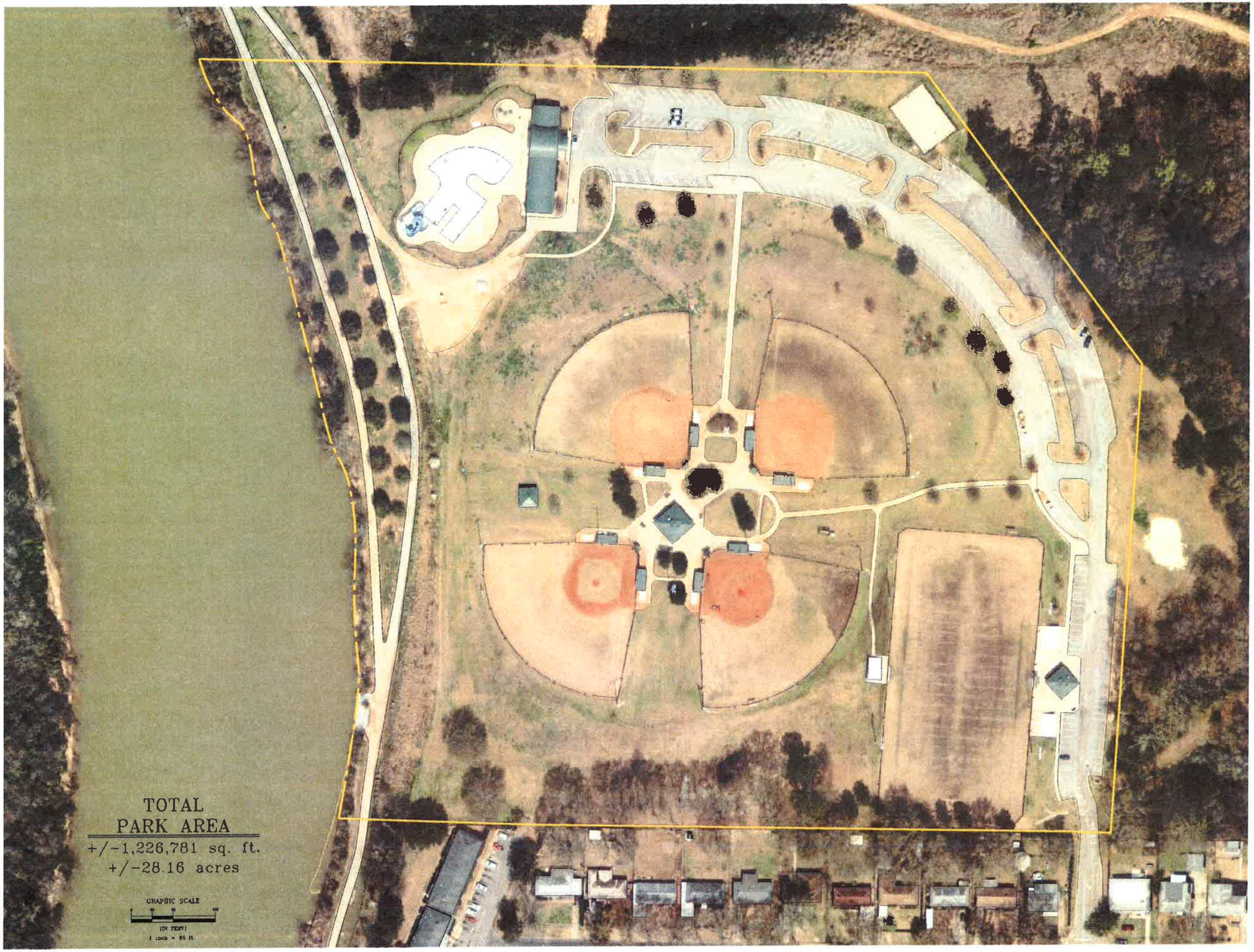
Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parkswill be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. 100 feet buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.





COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA
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Rigdon Park Pool
(1600 Howe Ave)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 6-15-2012

SCALE: 1"=60'

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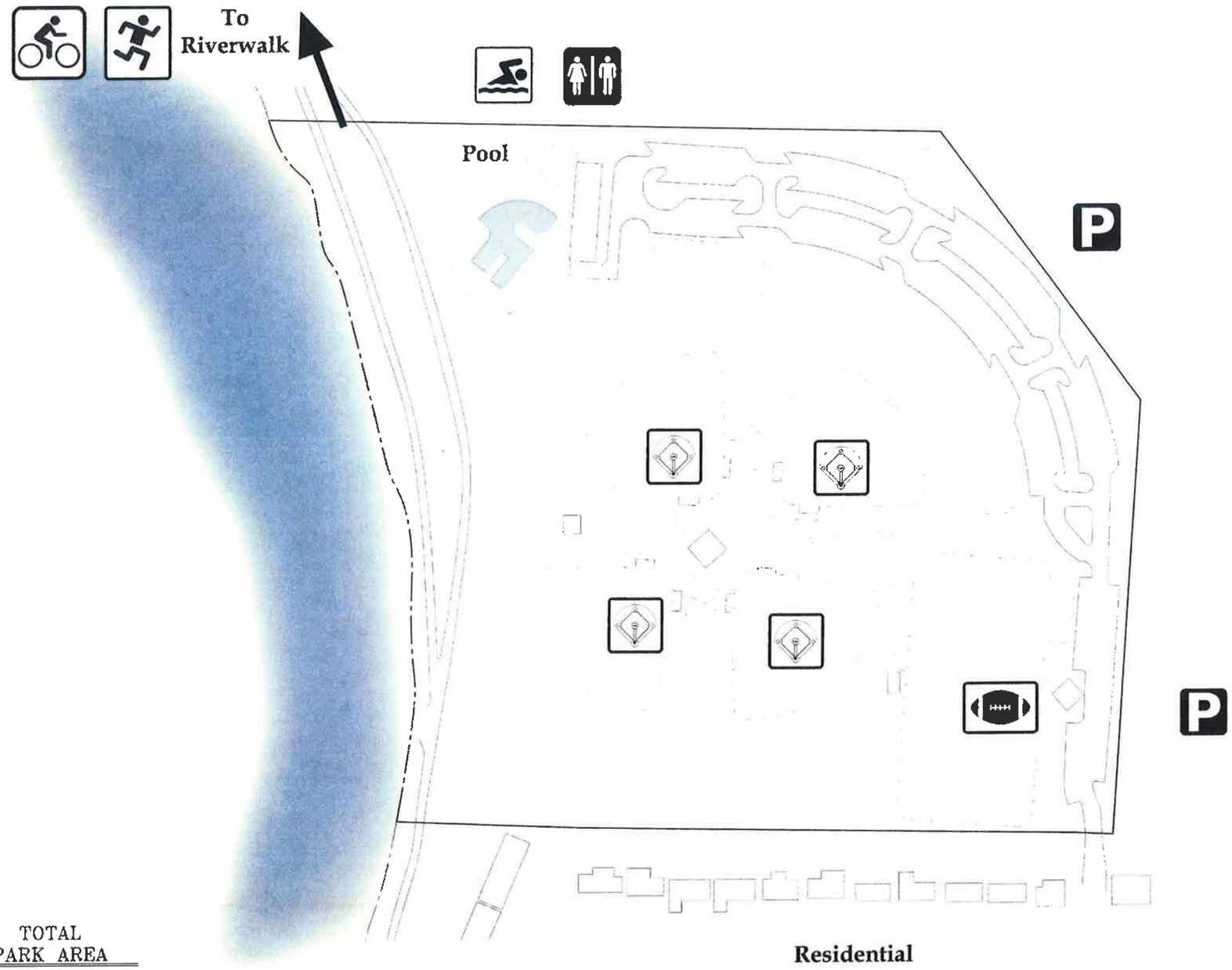
RIGDON PARK / POOL

1600 Howe Avenue
Columbus, GA



TOTAL
PARK AREA
+/-1,226,781 sq. ft.
+/-28.16 acres

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TAB
REFERENCE

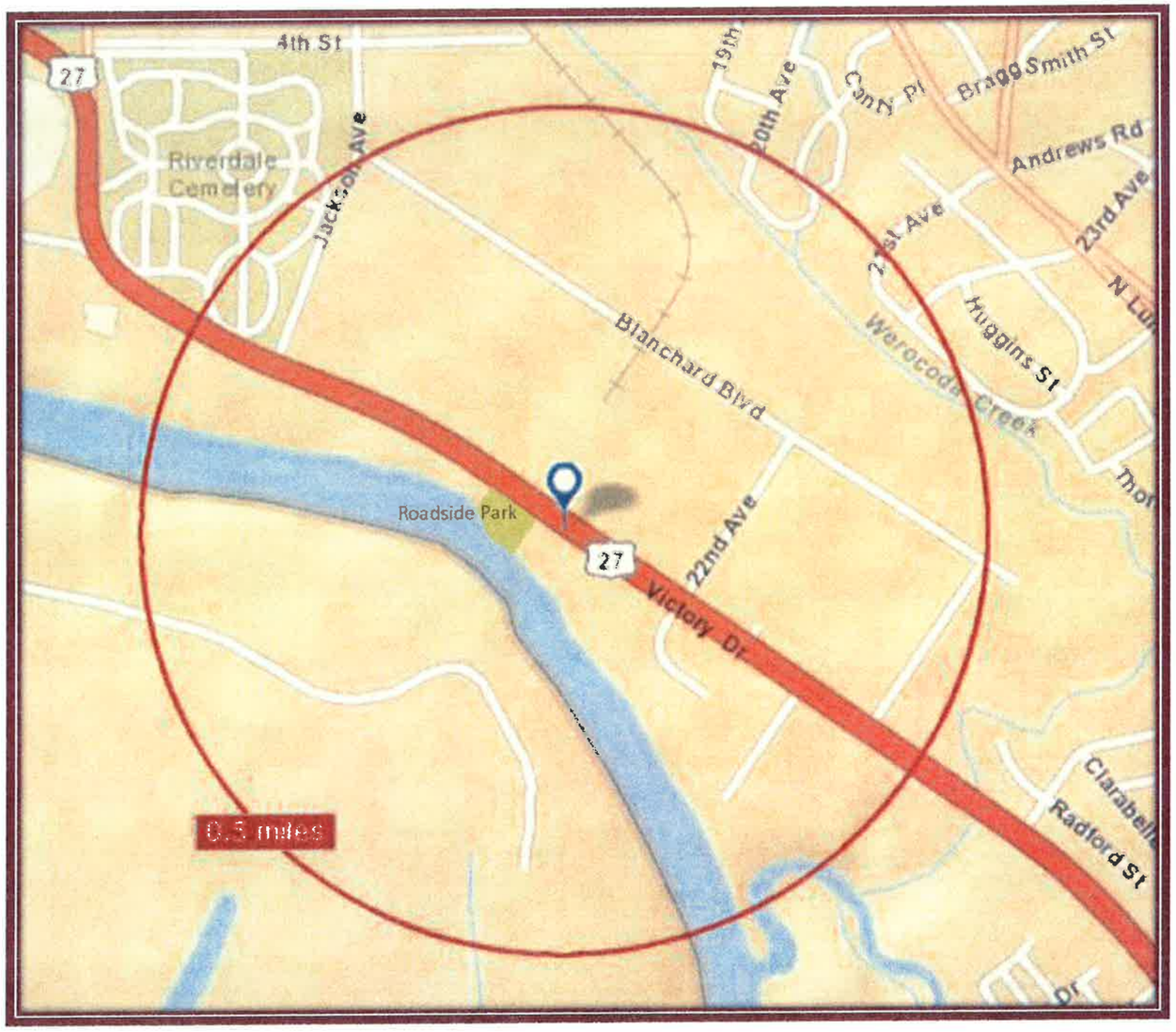
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

ROADSIDE PARK

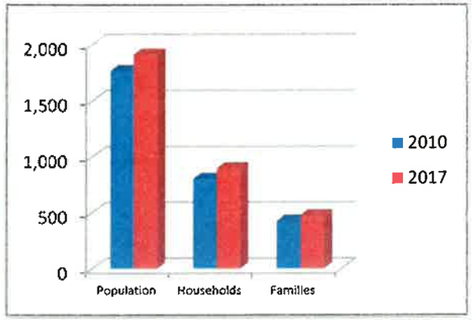
Classified as a Community Park, Roadside Park is located at 1824 Victory Drive and has 2.19 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Fishing

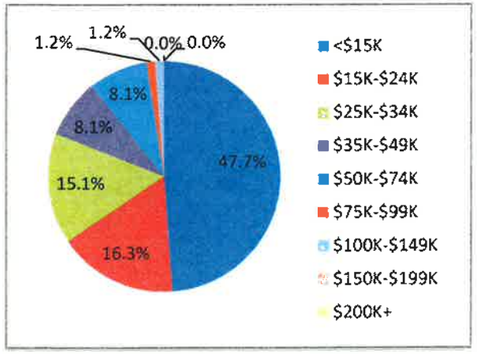


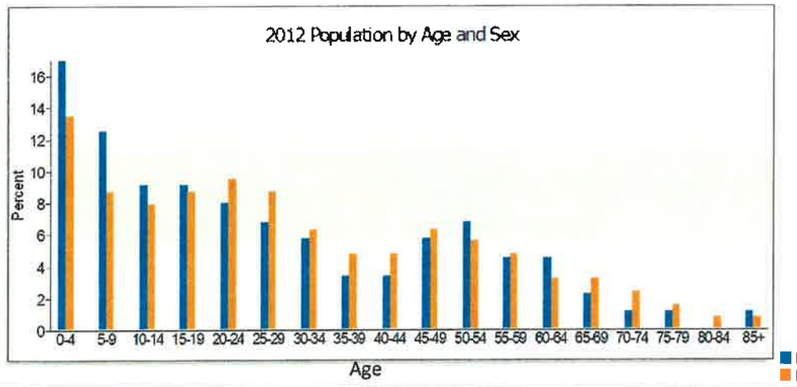
ROADSIDE PARK	ADDRESS: 1824 Victory Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 12,824 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 2.19

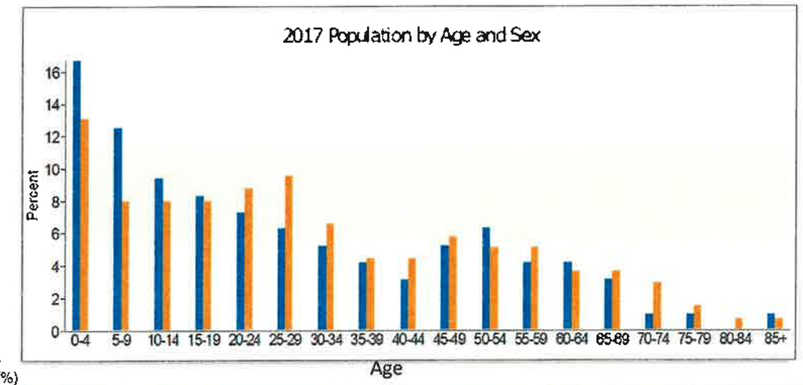


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Fishing	•Park Hours ~ 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:
This park serves as a rest stop along the Riverwalk.

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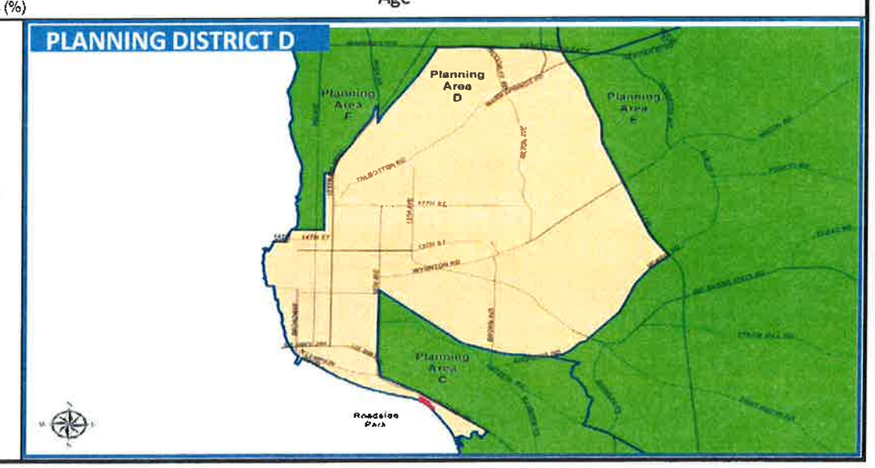

FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED MAY 31, 2012

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S/W	SIDEWALK
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NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
+/-95,234 sq. ft.
+/-2.19 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 15 30 60
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Roadside Park As-built Survey (Victory Dr)

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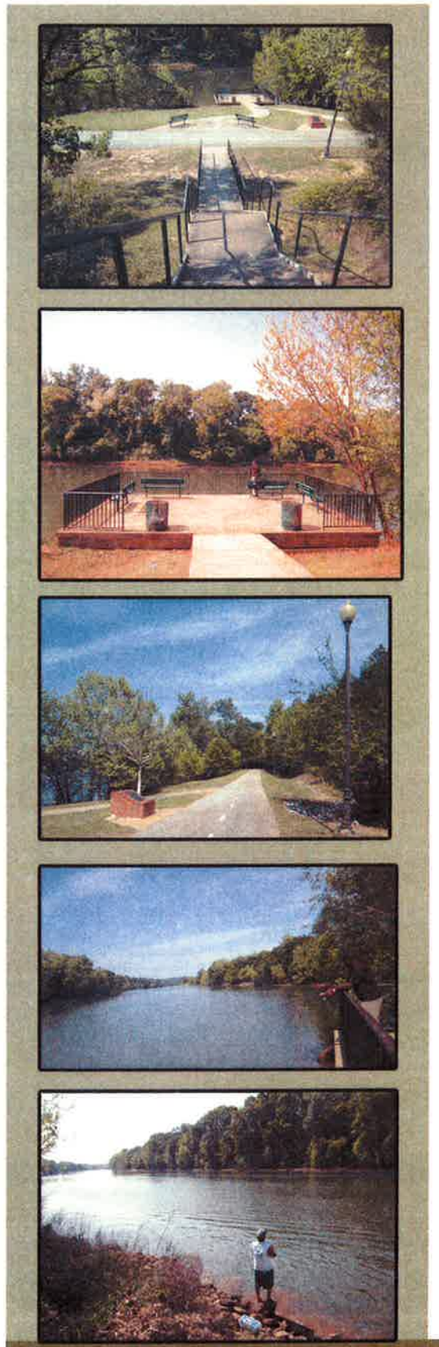
ROADSIDE PARK

1824 Victory Drive
Columbus, GA



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TOTAL
PARK AREA
+/-95,234 sq. ft.
+/-2.19 acres

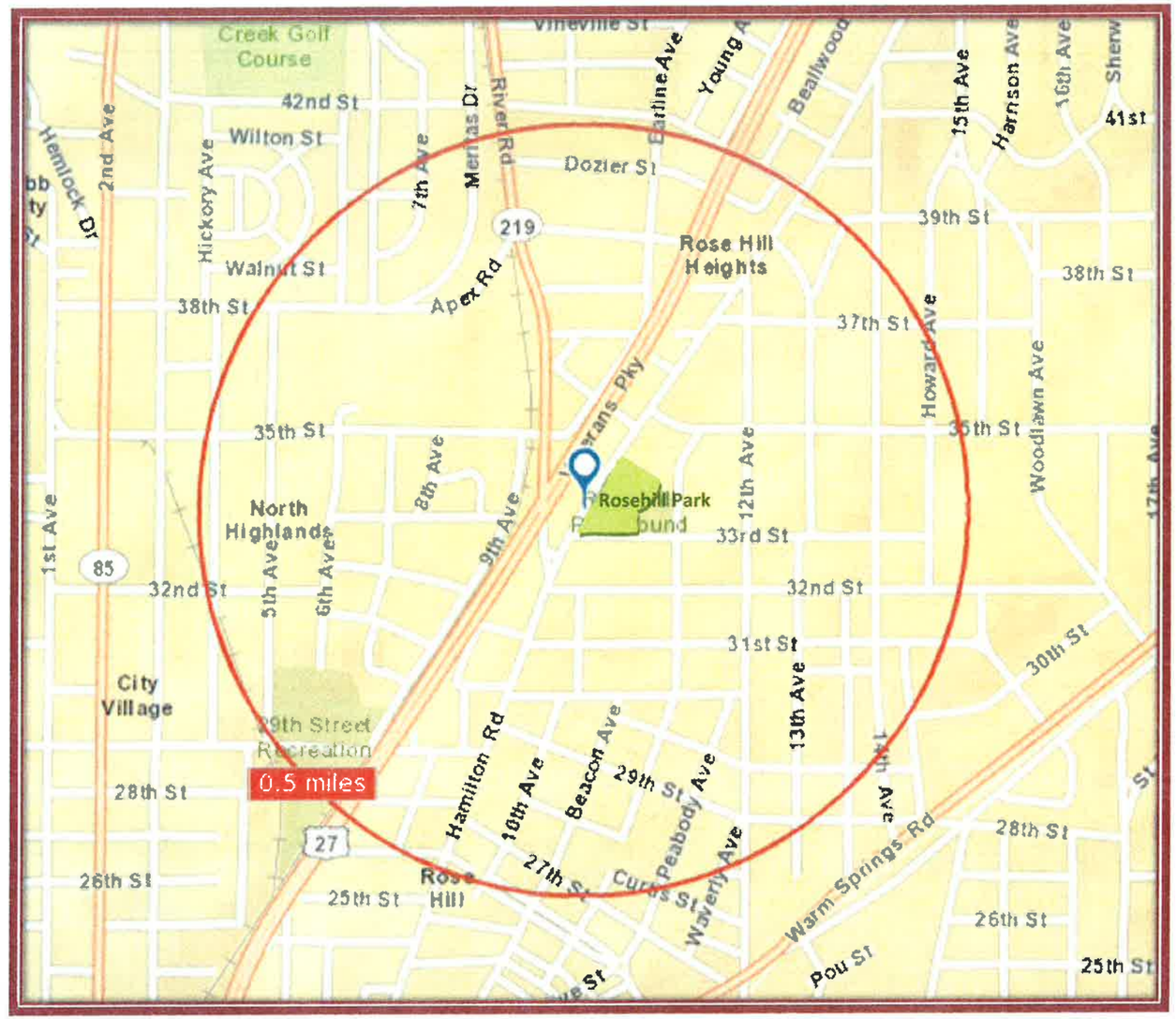
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

ROSEHILL HEIGHTS PARK

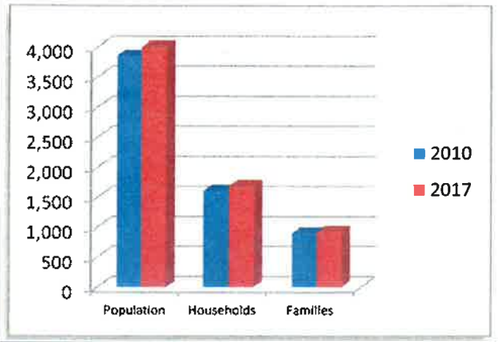
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Rosehill Park is located at 3300 Hamilton Road, with 5 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Outdoor Basketball
- Softball-Adult

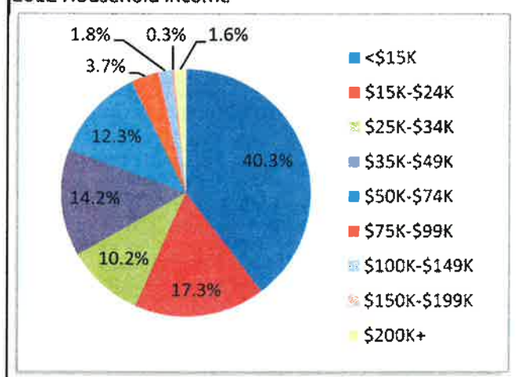


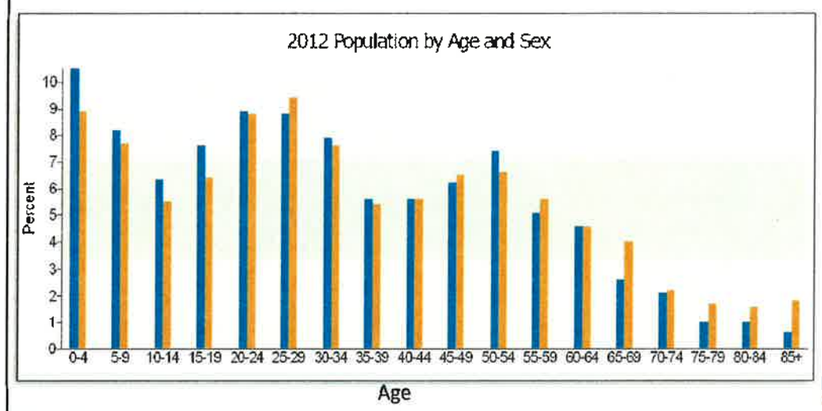
ROSE HILL HEIGHTS PARK	ADDRESS: 3300 Hamilton Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 43,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 5

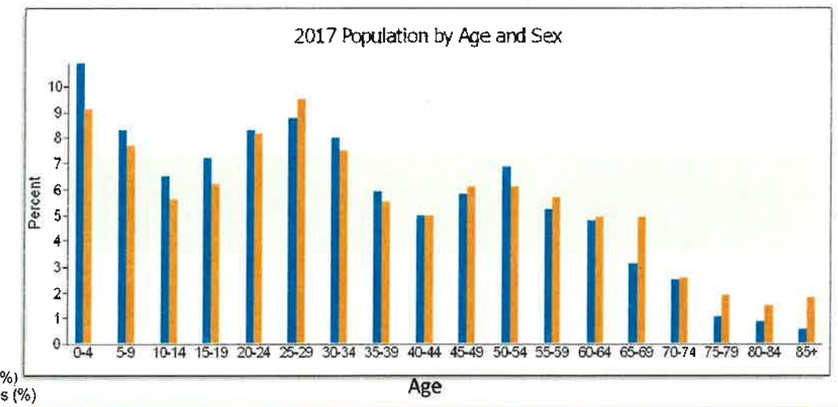


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Outdoor Restrooms •Outdoor Basketball •Softball Field - Adult •Playground	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	Recent upgrades have been made to this park. There are no current recommendations.

2012 Household income







Insights:

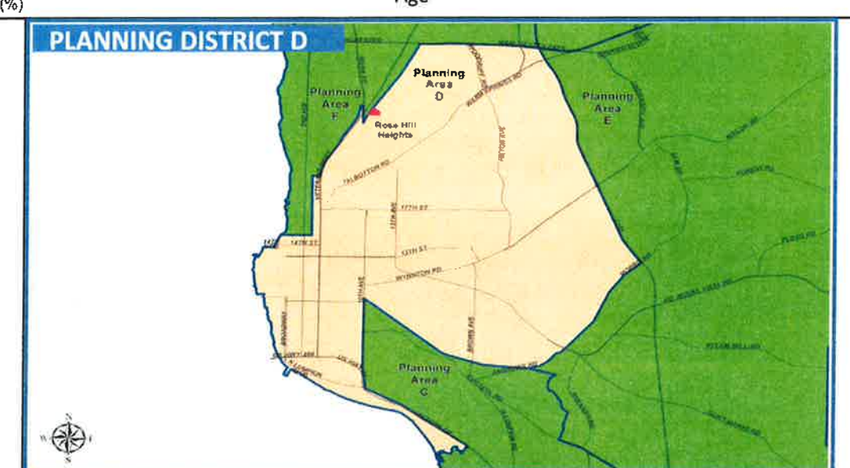
- Rose Hill Park sits on the western fringe of one of the densest residential areas of Columbus. Most of the area is single family residential and the housing is 50+ years old.
- The area has a strong population ranging from 0-69 but has a significant fall-off beyond the age of 69. Beyond the 1/2 mile study area, the elderly population increases.
- The income level leans heavily towards low-to-moderate income, but proximity to the west side of Veterans Parkway is skewing those figures (public housing, North Highlands). The park serves the eastern neighborhoods. Veterans Parkway serves as the disconnect between Rose Hill Park and the North Highlands area. 29th Street Park serves as the recreation opportunity for the west side of Veterans Parkway.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED JANUARY 31, 2013

LEGEND

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	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
160,656 sq. ft.
3.69 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 30 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Rosehill Heights Park
(3300 Hamilton Rd)

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ROSEHILL HEIGHTS PARK

3300 Hamilton Road
Columbus, GA

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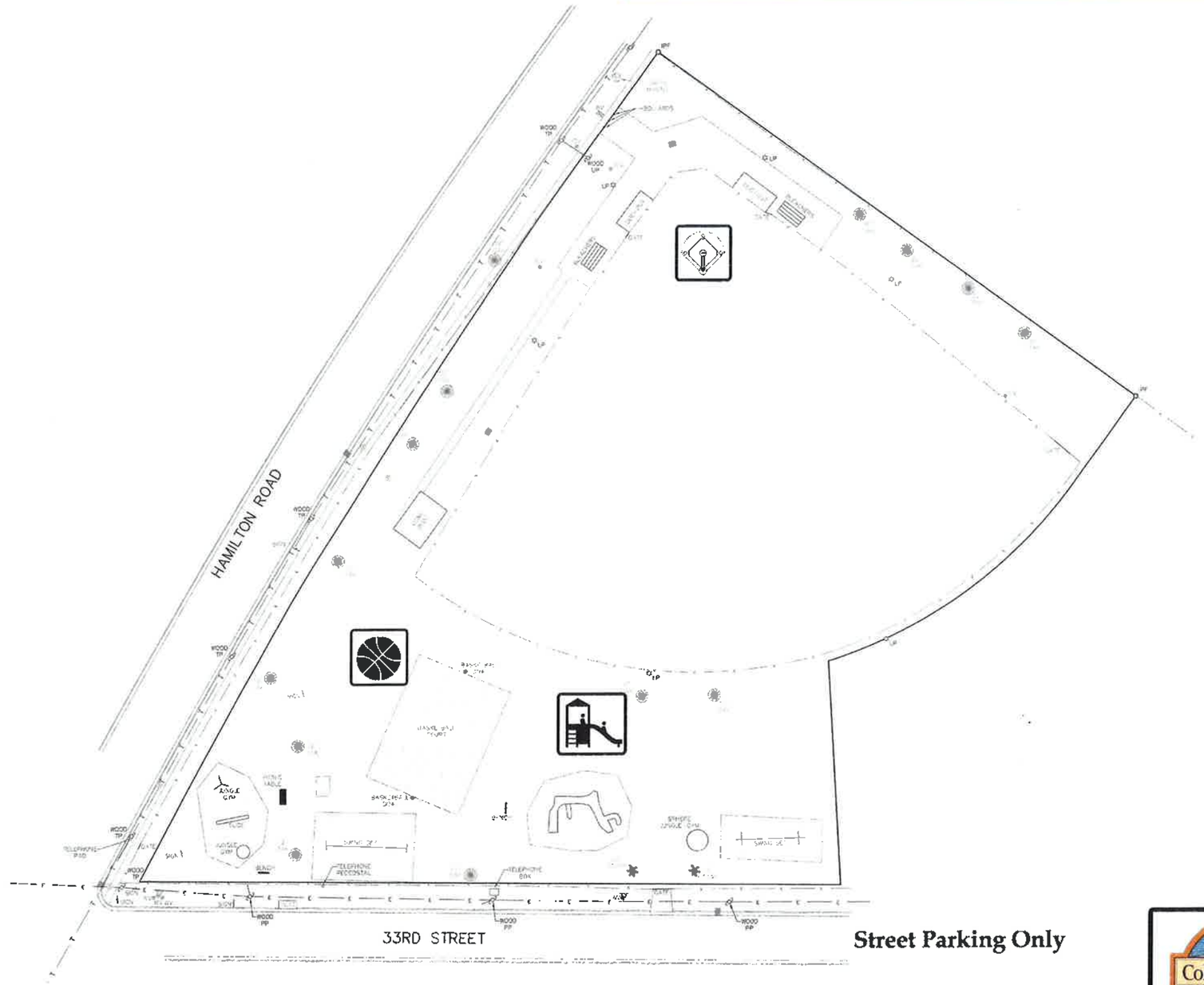


TOTAL PARK AREA
160,656 sq. ft.
3.69 acres

Street Parking Only

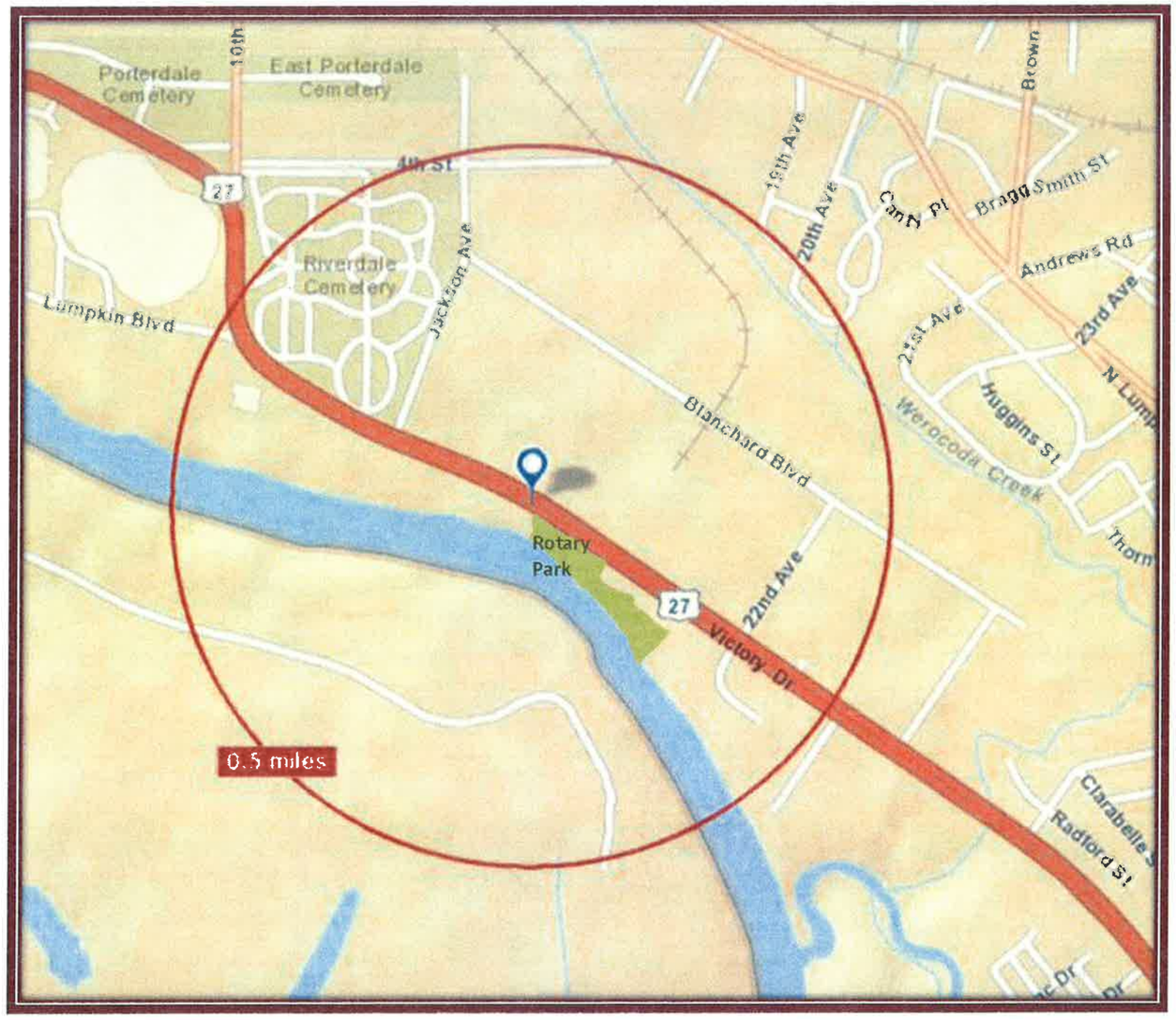
Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

ROTARY PARK

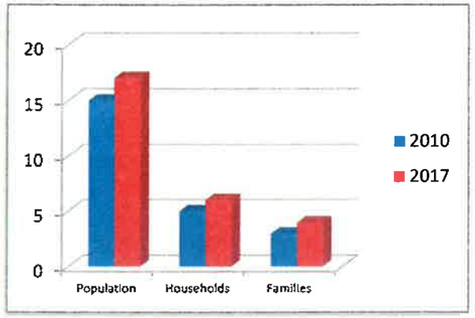
Classified as a Community Park, Rotary Park is located at 1808 Victory Drive and is 5.50 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Picnic Area
- Fishing

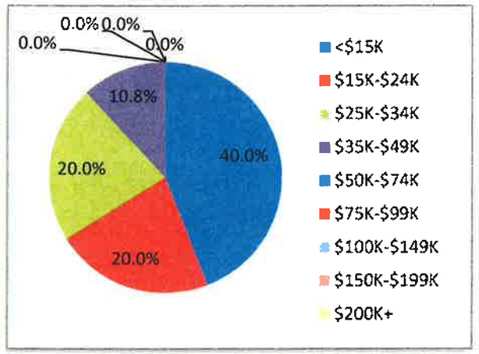


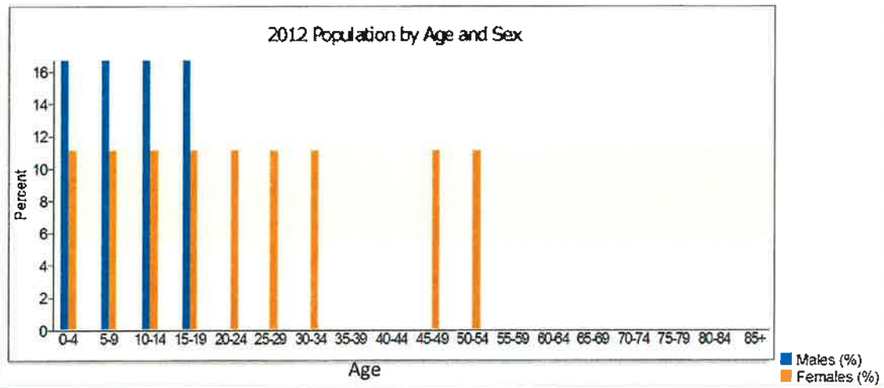
ROTARY PARK	ADDRESS: 1808 Victory Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 73,077 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 5.5

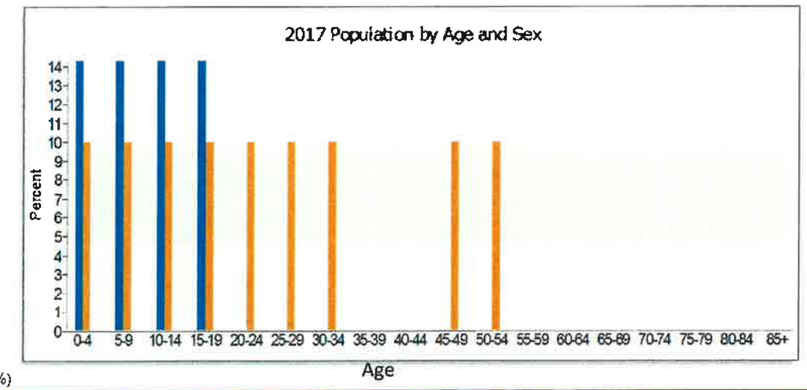


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion / Gazebo •Outdoor Restrooms •Picnic Area •Fishing •Boat Ramp	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this park.

2012 Household income





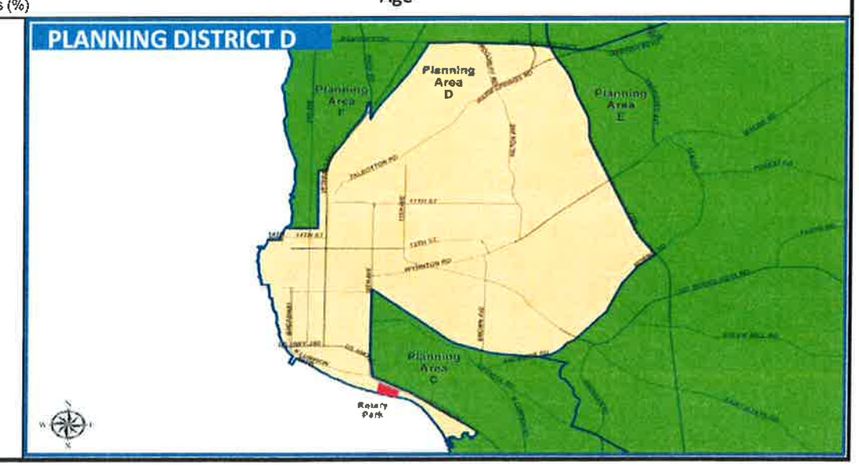


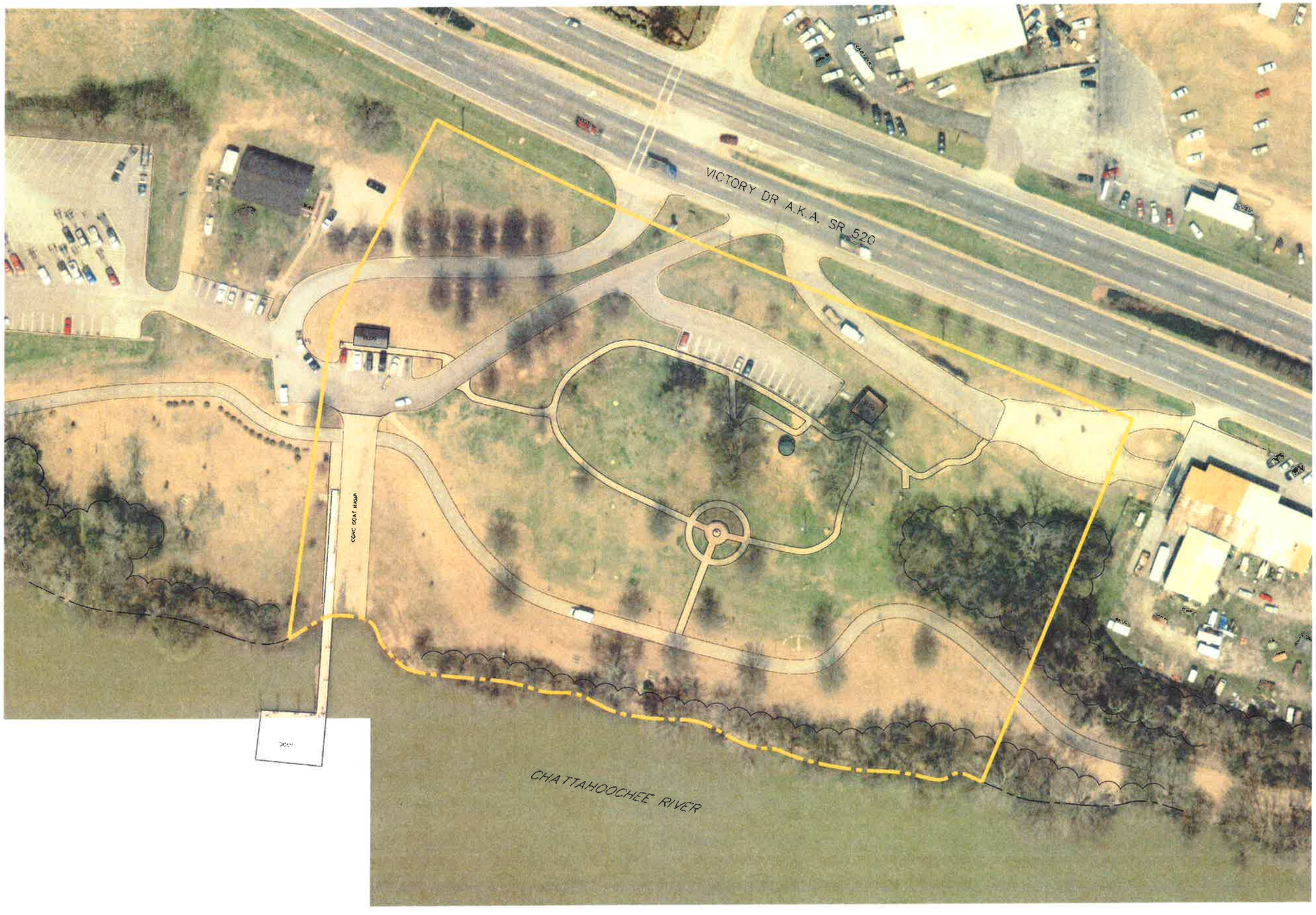
Insights:
Rotary Park provides boating access to the southern part of the River (below the dams). It's focus is fishing and there is a small bait shop that provides bait and fishing supplies. It is also along the Riverwalk.

Regional Parks:
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.





NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
+/-290,078 sq. ft.
+/-6.71 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 40 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
Where prosperity lives, preserved.

Rotary Park
(1326 Victory Dr)

REVISION	DATE

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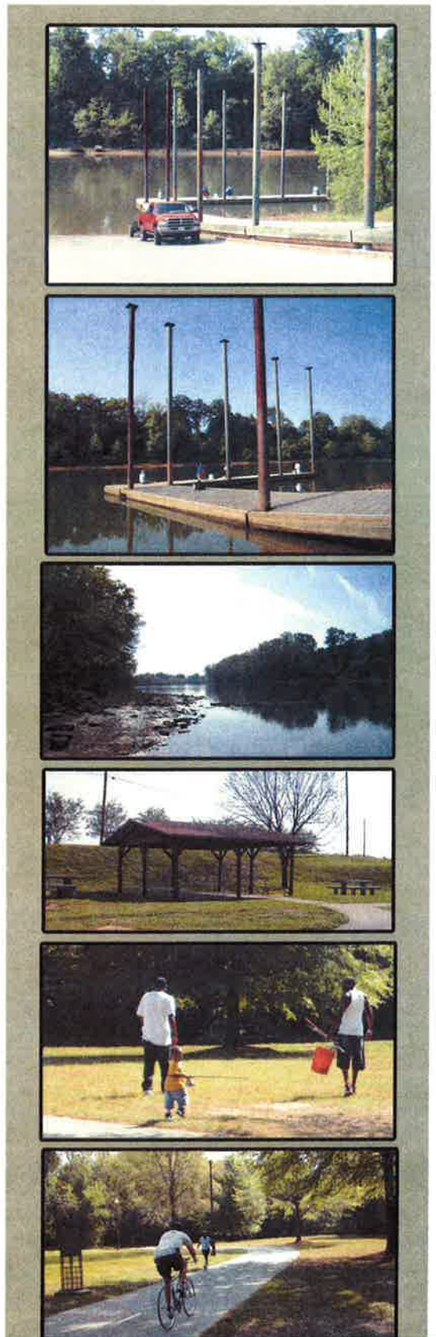
ROTARY PARK

1808 Victory Drive
Columbus, GA



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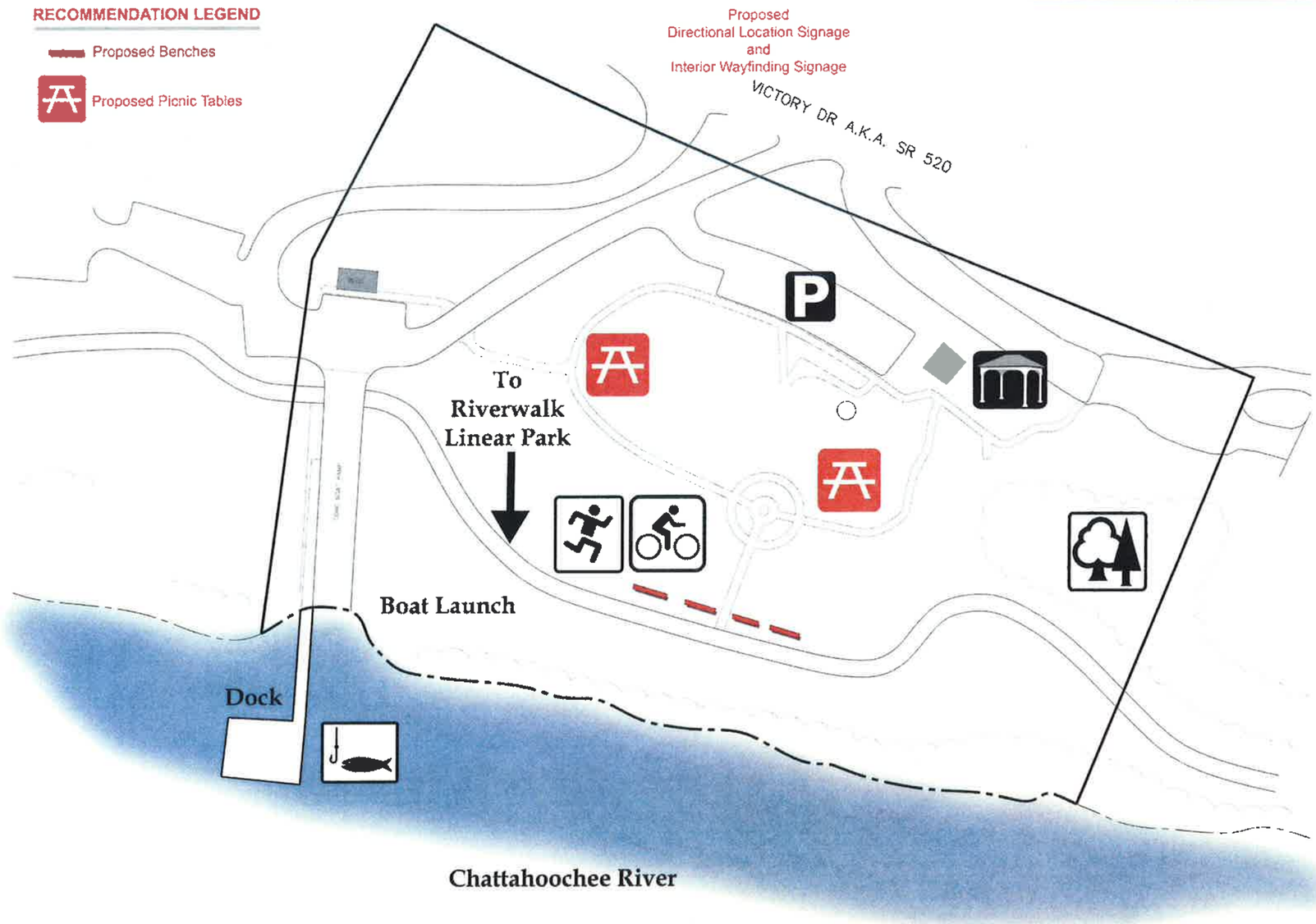
Proposed Benches

Proposed Picnic Tables



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TOTAL
PARK AREA
+/-290,078 sq. ft.
+/-6.71 acres

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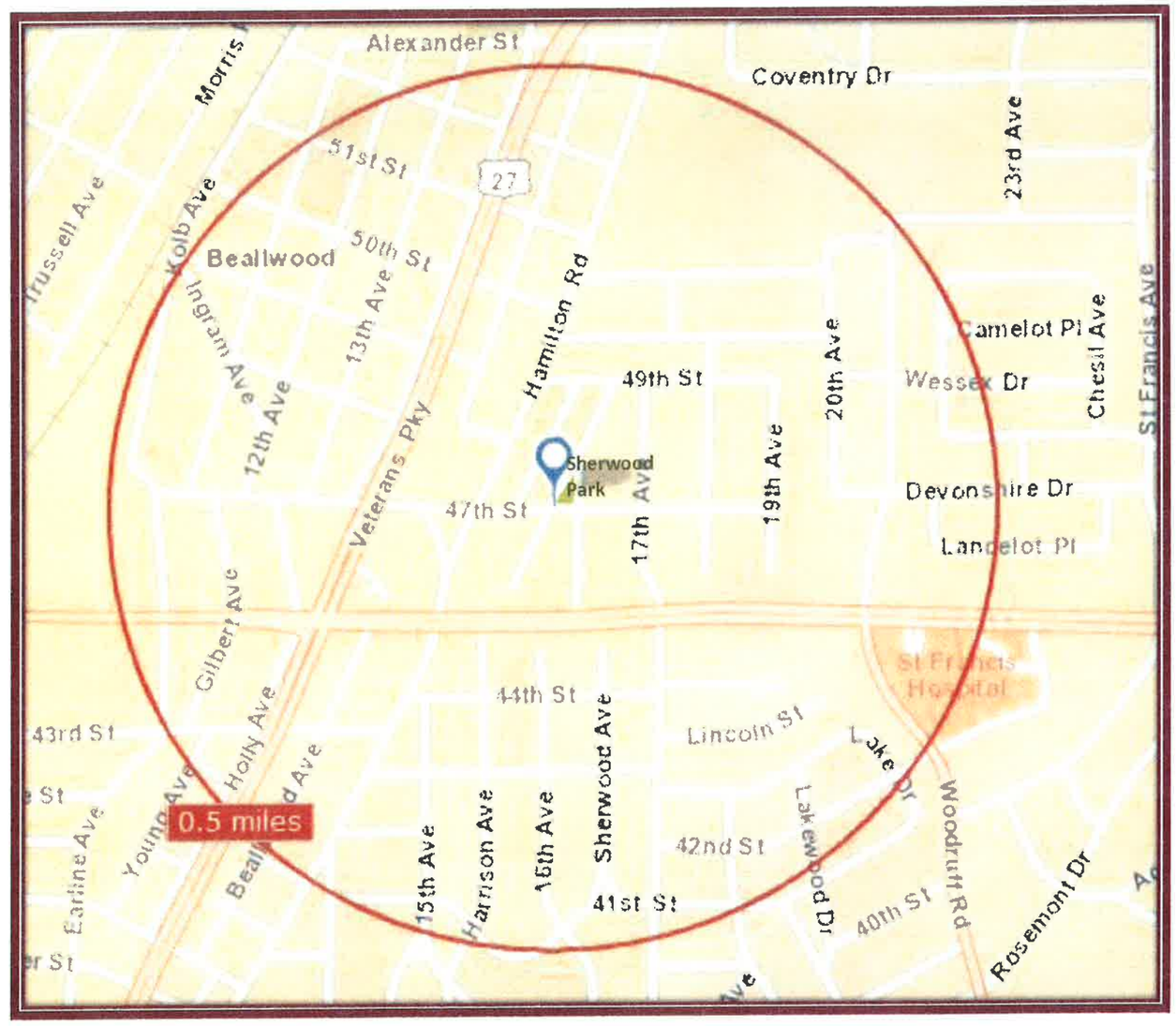
SHERWOOD PARK

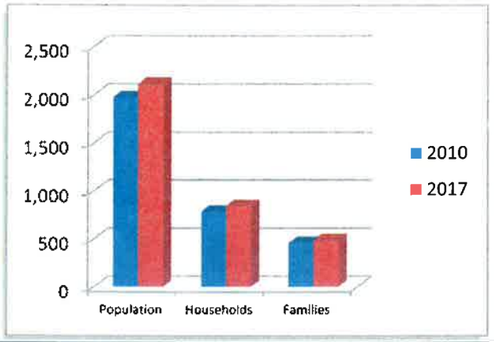
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Sherwood Park is located at 4700 16th Avenue, with 0.18 acres.

The following are the amenities provided at the Park:

- Playground

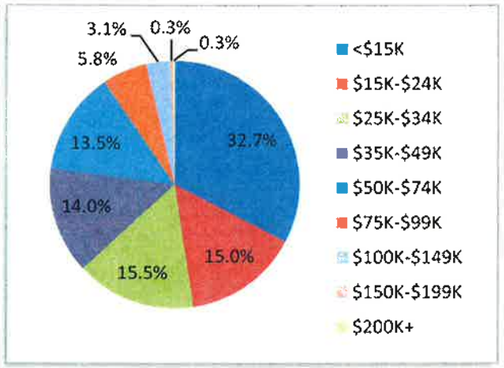


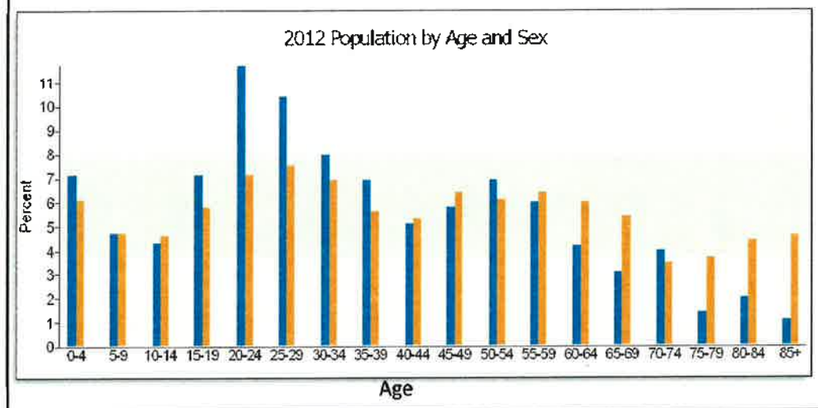
SHERWOOD PARK	ADDRESS: 4700 16TH Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Mini Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 3,459 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 0.18

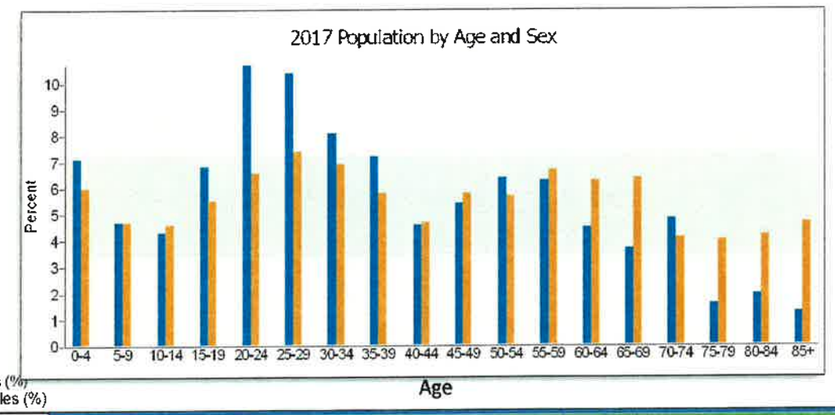


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Playground	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project.

2012 Household income





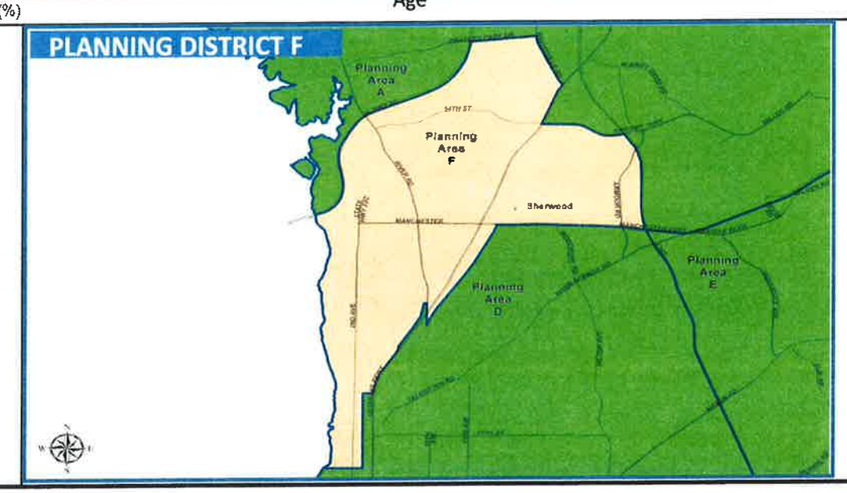


Insights:
Sherwood Park has no shade and isn't safely accessible (all park-goers have to cross a street). It would be ideal as a heat island mitigation project and could possibly have benches near shade trees within a heat island.

•This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Mini Parks:
Also known as pocket parks, mini parks are small areas accessible to the general public.

These parks are frequently created on a single vacant building lot or small, irregular parcels of land. Although they are too small for physical activities, mini parks provide greenery, an outside sitting area, and in certain situations, there may be enough room for a small playground.



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-X-	FENCE
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GV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

TOTAL
PARK AREA
8,028 sq. ft.
0.32 acres

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 10 ft.

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Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Sherwood Park As-built Survey
(4700 16th Ave)

REVISION	DATE

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SHERWOOD PARK

4700 16th Avenue
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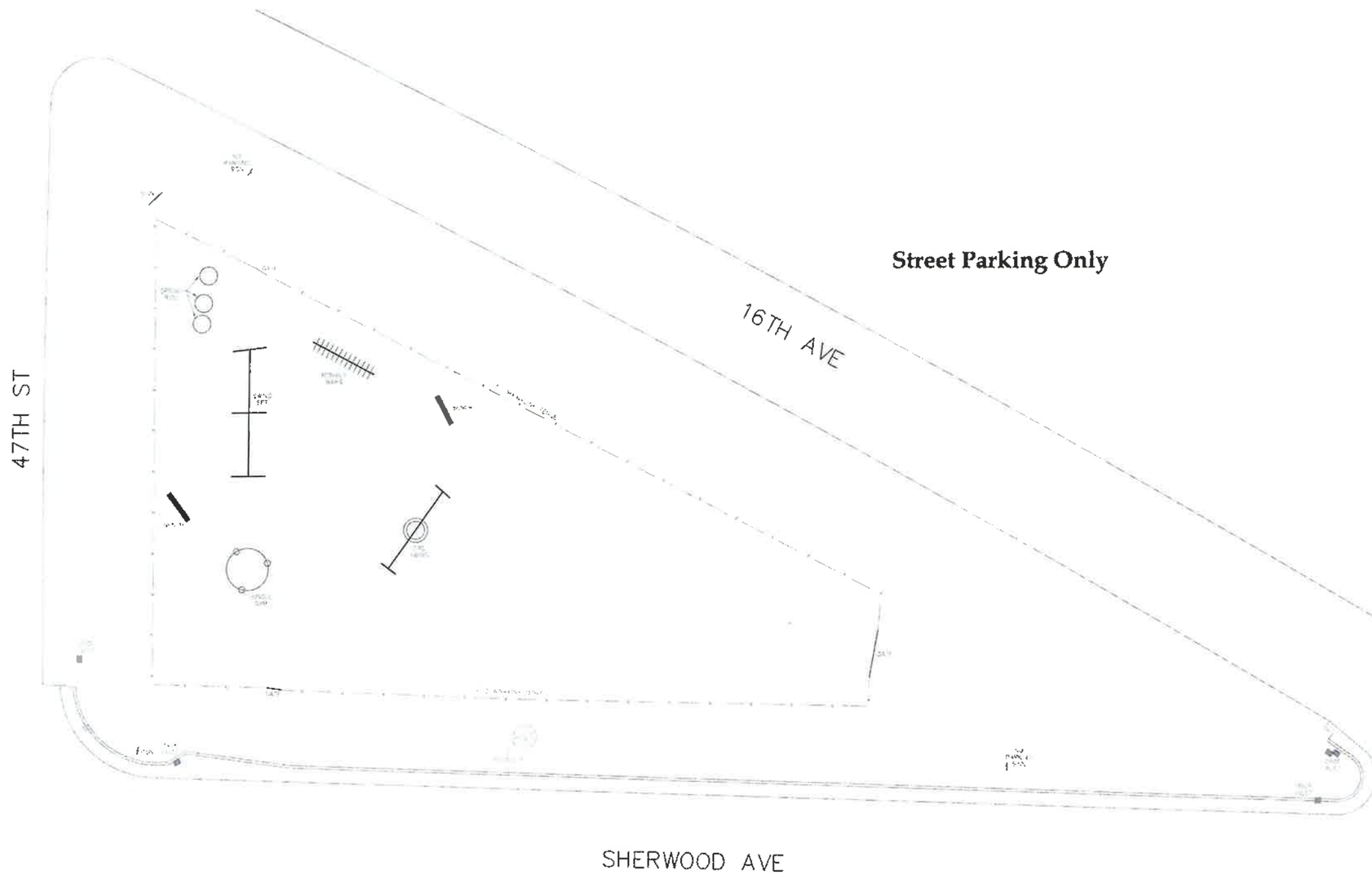

TOTAL PARK AREA
8,028 sq. ft.
0.32 acres

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SHIRLEY WINSTON PARK/RECREATION CENTER/POOL

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

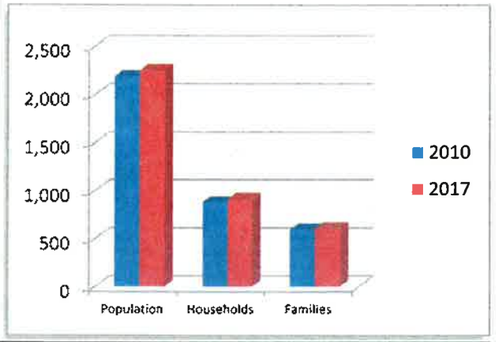
This multi-purpose facility offers an array of structured activities for youth, young adults and seniors. Park amenities include a 19,000 Sq. foot recreation center. Little League Baseball field complex, half mile asphalt walking trail, 50 meter leisure pool, and a football field.

Amenities provided at the Park:

- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- 1 Baseball-Babe Ruth field
- 2 Baseball-Little League fields
- Football field
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- 1 Softball-Little League
- Swimming Competitive
- Swimming-Leisure
- Play-Programmed
- Walking Trail

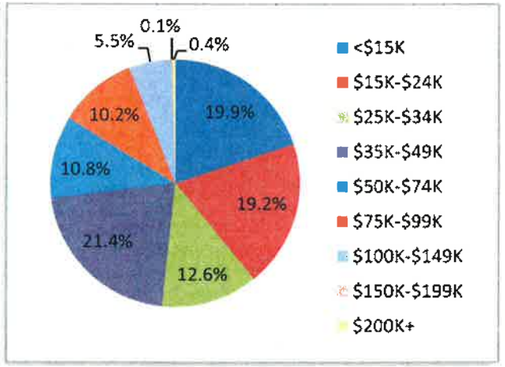
SHIRLEY WINSTON PARK & RECREATION CENTER	ADDRESS: 5033 Steam Mill Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Community Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 5,263,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 76.31

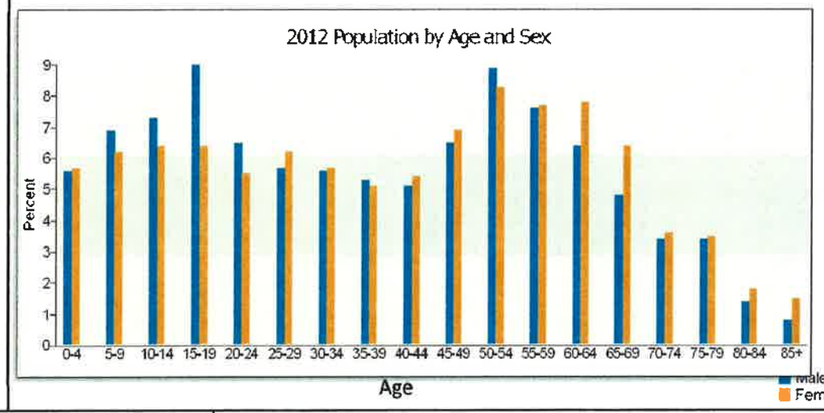
Demographics

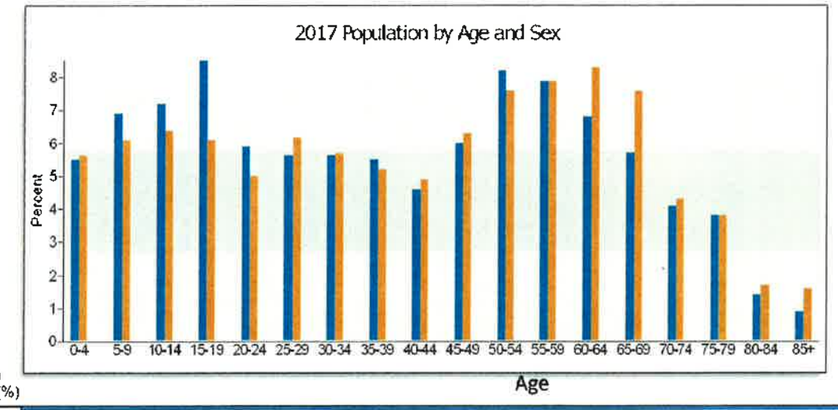


SITE ELEMENTS		PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands	•Swimming-Competitive	•Monday - Friday – Seniors - Dancing, Aerobics, Card Games	•Connect the walking trail to avoid pedestrians walking through the parking lot.
•Recreation Center	•Swimming-Leisure	•Monday - Friday – Youth - Basketball after 12 Noon, Weights, children's activity room, and game room.	•Add shade trees throughout the park, particularly around the ball fields.
•1 Baseball-Babe Ruth	•Swimming-Programmed	•Hours (Rec Center): 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday - Friday •2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday - Closed Sunday	•Create pedestrian connections to Dumas Street and Columbia Drive.
•2 Baseball-Little League	•Walking Trail	•Pool Hours – Seasonal Operating Hours Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 12 PM to 6 PM Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM Closed Monday and Tuesday	•Encourage street crossings as the speed tables.
•Football		•Park (Outside Facilities) Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	
•Indoor Basketball			
•Indoor Volleyball			
•Playground			
•Rental Facilities			
•1 Softball-Little League			

2012 Household income







Insights:

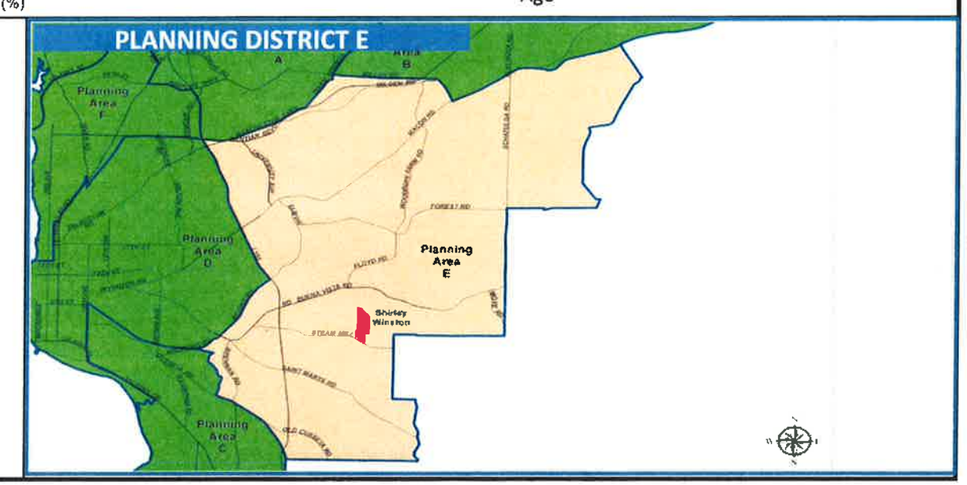
- Shirley Winston Park serves one of the fastest growing areas of Columbus. The area is predominantly single family residential with a scattering of neighborhood commercial uses.
- The surrounding neighborhoods are stable with well built housing. Most of the housing is over 50 years old. However, there are numerous subdivisions under construction about a mile southeast of this park.
- The recreation center is actually a super center. It has strong participation from seniors and youth alike. Age diversity is healthy in this area.

Community Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 20-100 acres in size and shall serve a more localized area within a geographic area of the County.

Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a community parkby driving no morethan 15 minutes. Community parksshall also serve a population standardof four (4) acres/1000 persons.

Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature but will not be developed to the extent of regional parks. Both active and passive type amenities similar to regional parkswill be permissible but not to the quantity, size and tournament quality standards of regional parks. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire



TOTAL
PARK AREA
3,323,956 sq. ft.
76.31 acres

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Columbus, GA

Shirley Winston Park
(5025 Steam Mill Rd)

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SHIRLEY WINSTON RECREATION CENTER/ POOL PARK

5033 Steam Mill Road
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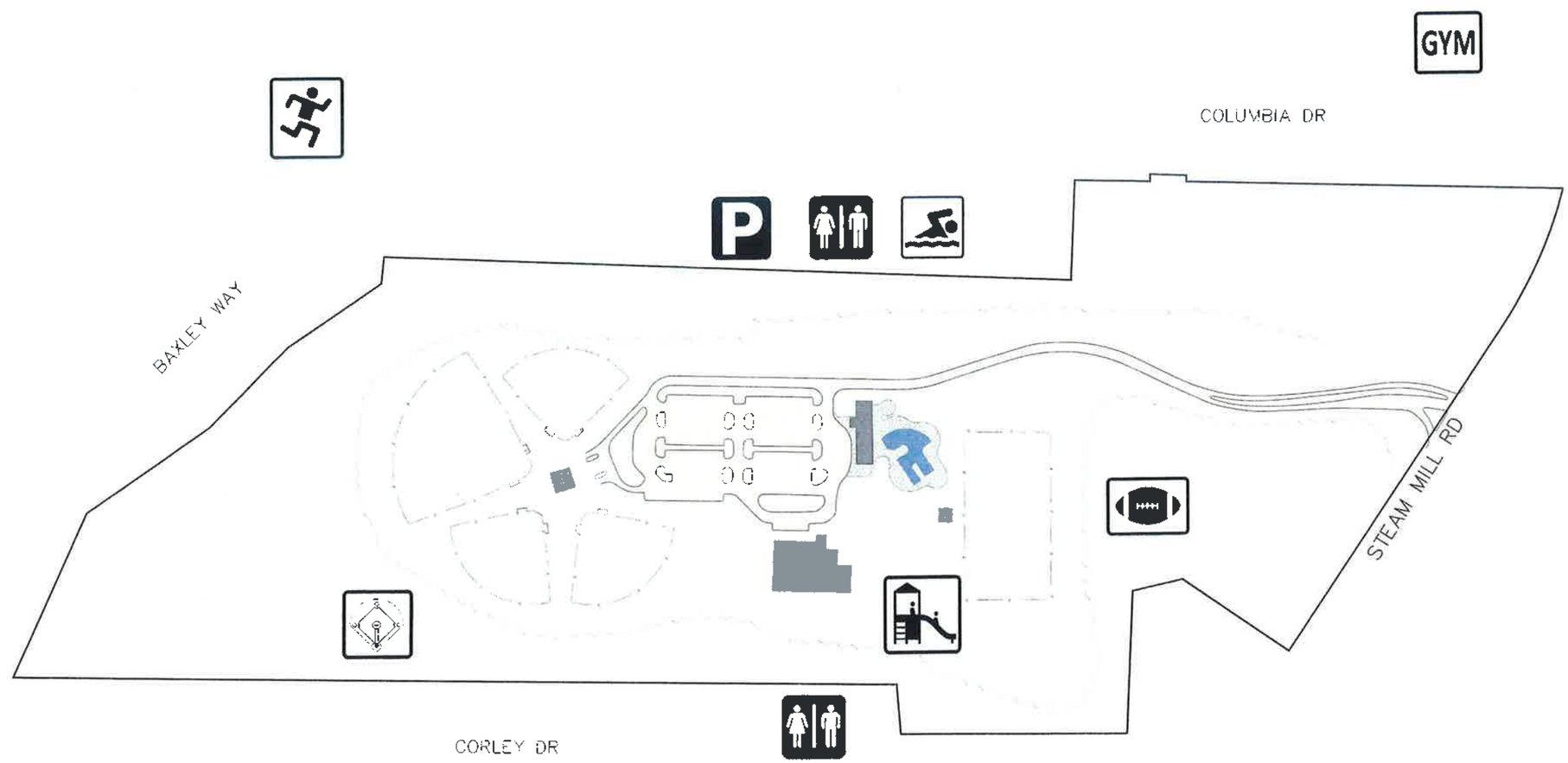

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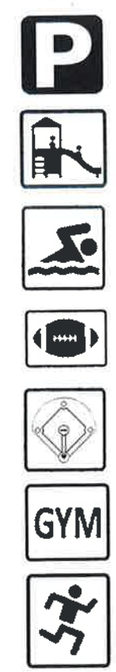

TOTAL PARK AREA
3,323,956 sq. ft.
76.31 acres

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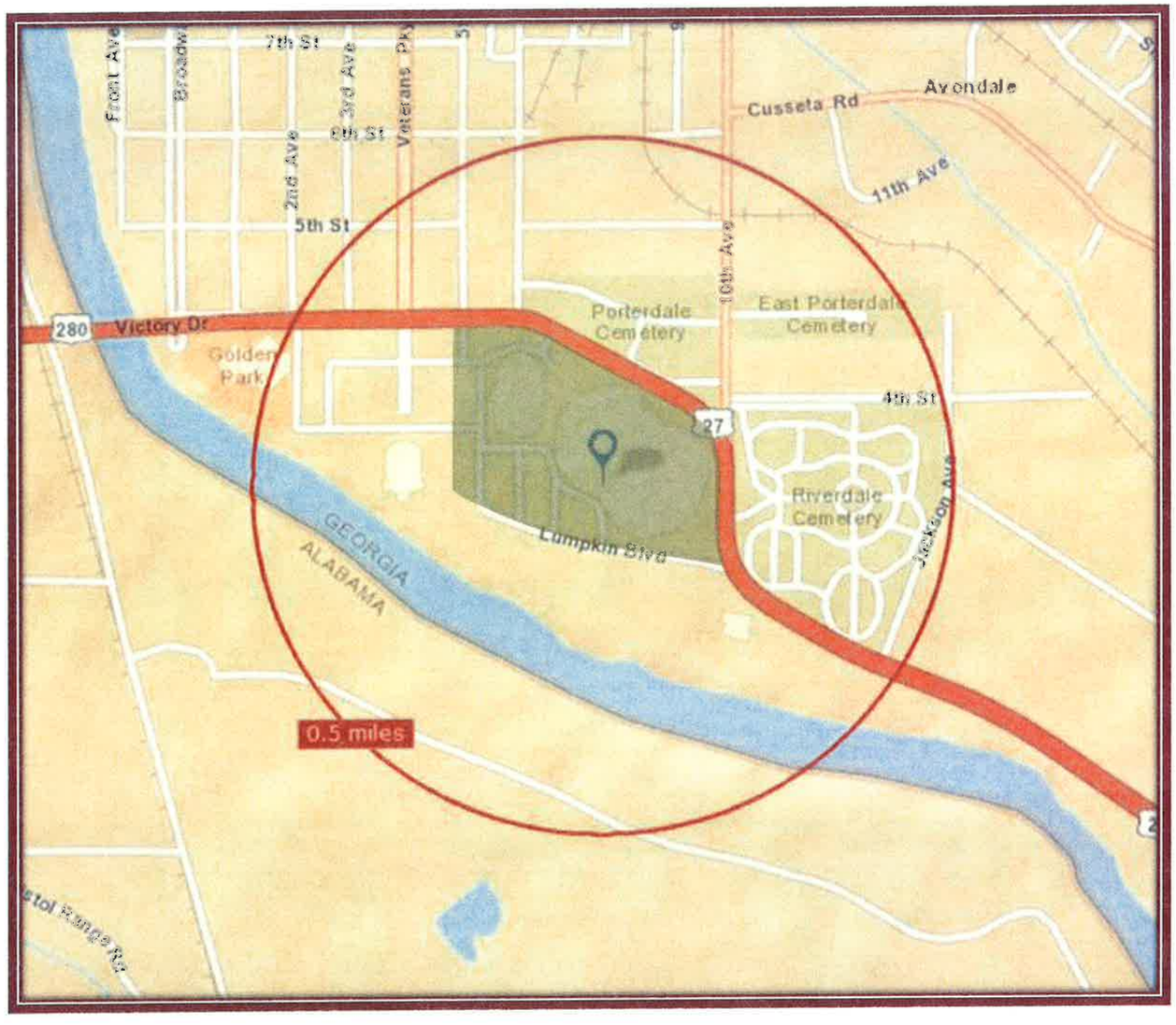
SOUTH COMMONS/ GOLDEN PARK

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

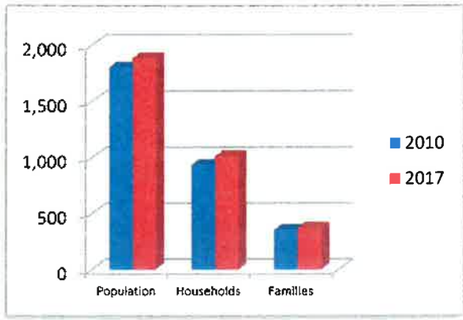
Classified as a Regional Park, this facility offers an array of structured activities for youth, young adults and seniors.

Amenities provided at the Park:

- Concession Stands
- Rental Facilities
- Football field
- Softball-Adult fields
- Championship Stadium

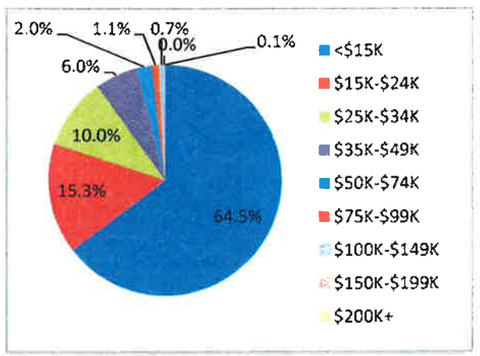


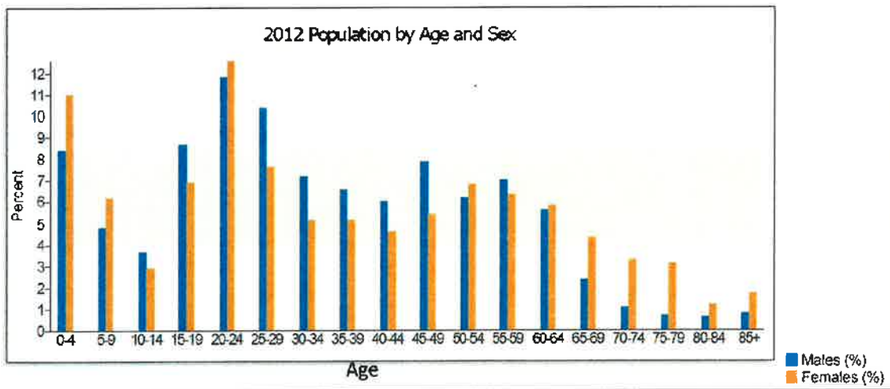
SOUTH COMMONS AND GOLDEN PARK	ADDRESS: 400 Victory Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 12,262,700 (EXCLUDES CIVIC CENTER & ICE RINK)	ACRES: 90

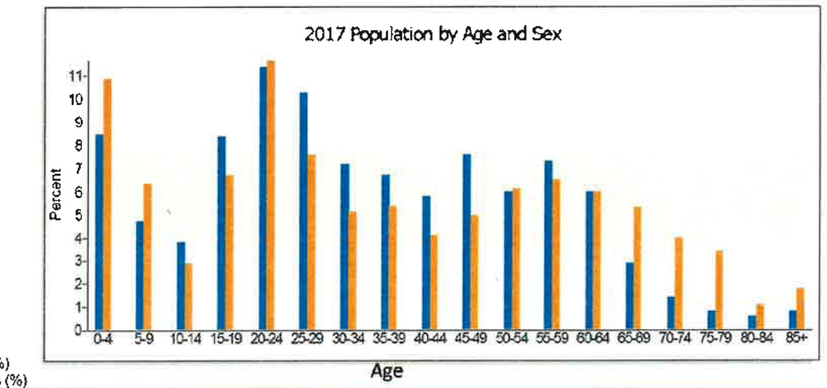


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •Rental Facilities •Baseball Complex -Pro •Seven (7) Softball Fields -Adult •Football Stadium •Skate Park •Civic Center •Ice Rink	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There are no recommendations for this complex.

2012 Household income





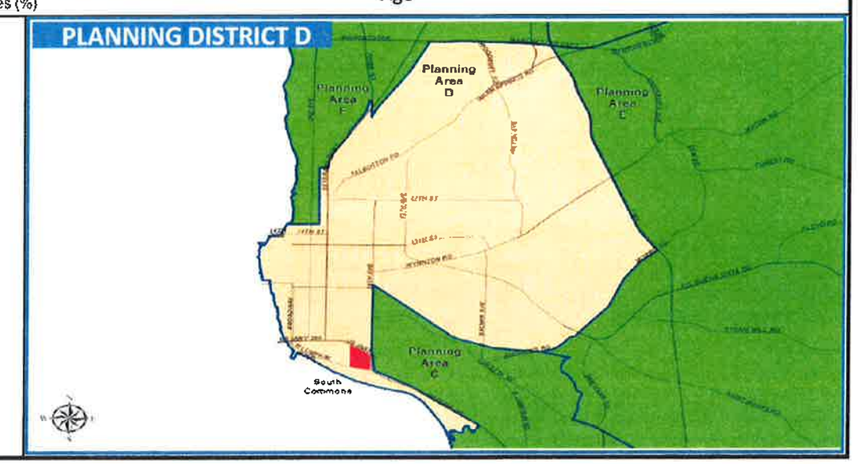


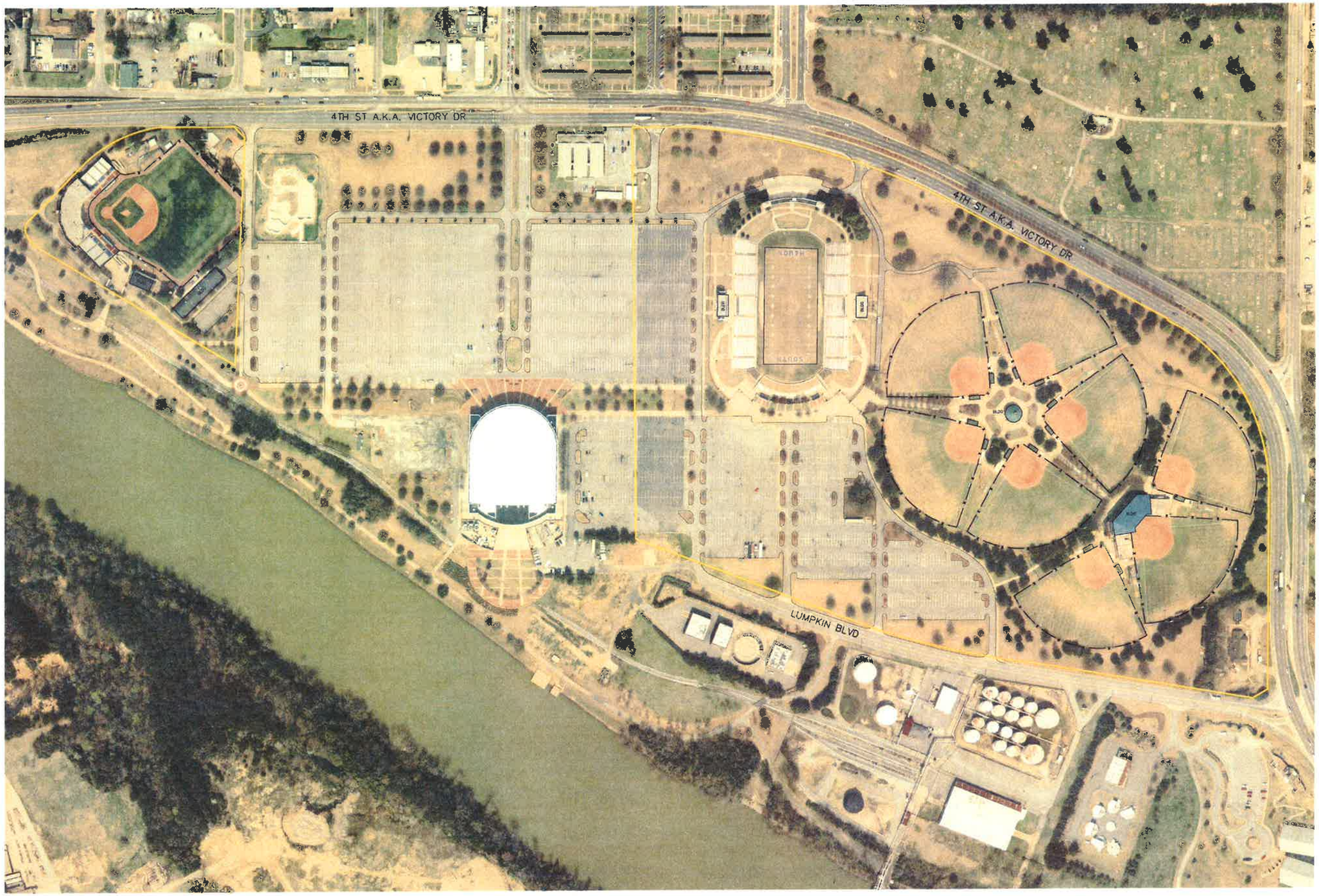
Insights:
South Commons and Golden Park officially includes the Softball Stadium and adjacent fields, Memorial Stadium, Golden Park, and the Columbus Skate Park. The Columbus Civic Center and the Columbus Ice Rink (not under oversight of Columbus Parks and Recreation Department) are also part of the South Commons complex. This area is the main activity facility in the city.

Regional Parks:
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.





OVERALL
PARK AREA
2,850,271 sq. ft.
65.43 acres

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South Commons/ Golden Park (110 4th St)

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SOUTH COMMONS / GOLDEN PARK

400 Victory Drive
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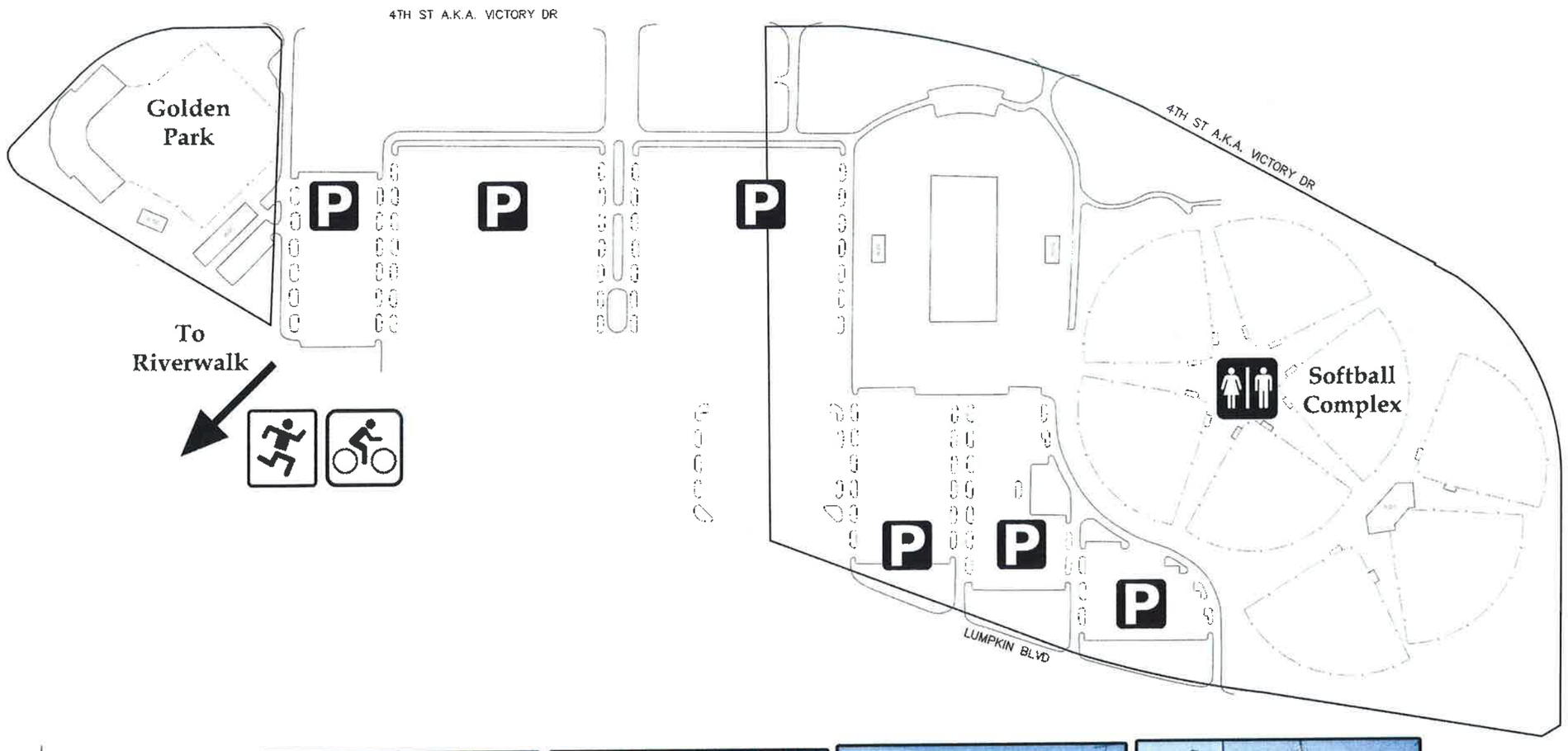

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TOTAL PARK AREA
19,018 sq. ft.
0.44 acres

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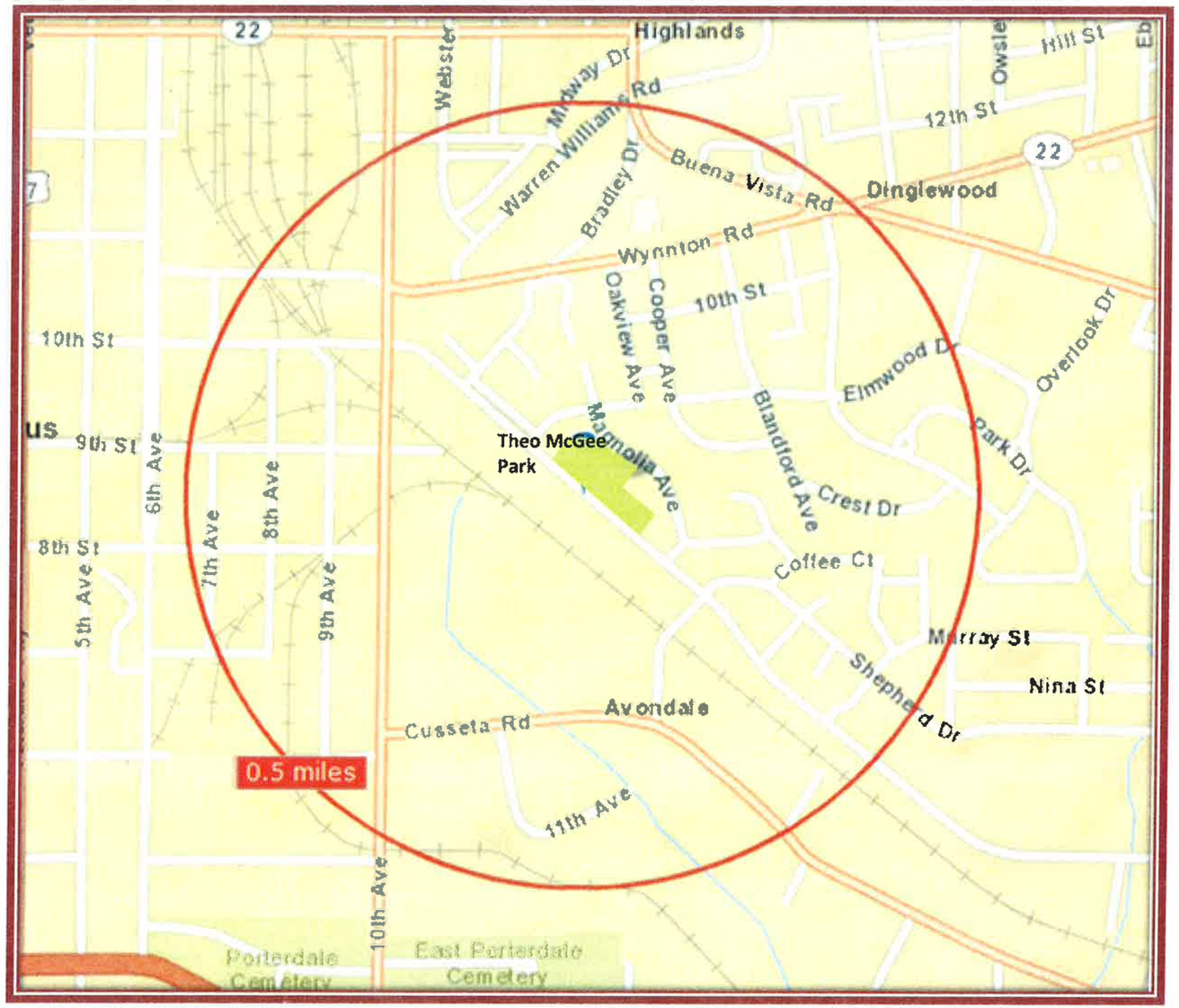
THEO McGEE PARK

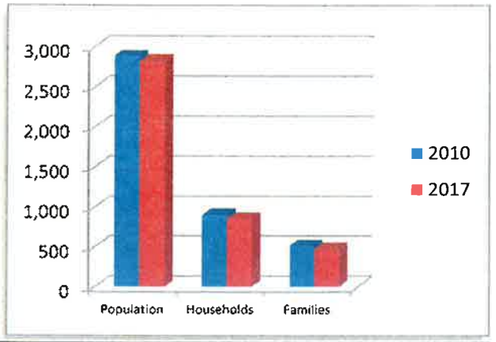
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Theo McGee is located at 1140 Martin L King Jr. Blvd. with 4.10 acres.

Amenities provide at the Park:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Outdoor Basketball court
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Play Ground
- 1 Softball-Little League field

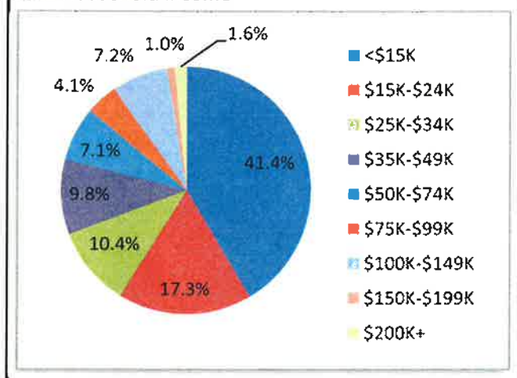


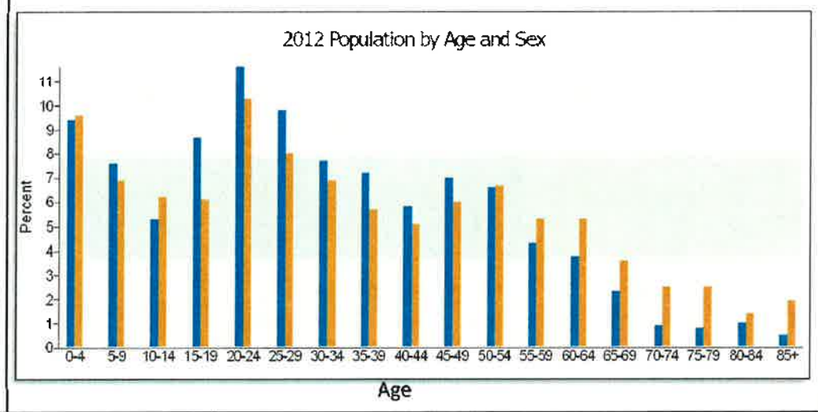
THEO McGEE PARK	ADDRESS: 1140 Martin Luther King Jr.Blvd.	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 18,060 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 4.1

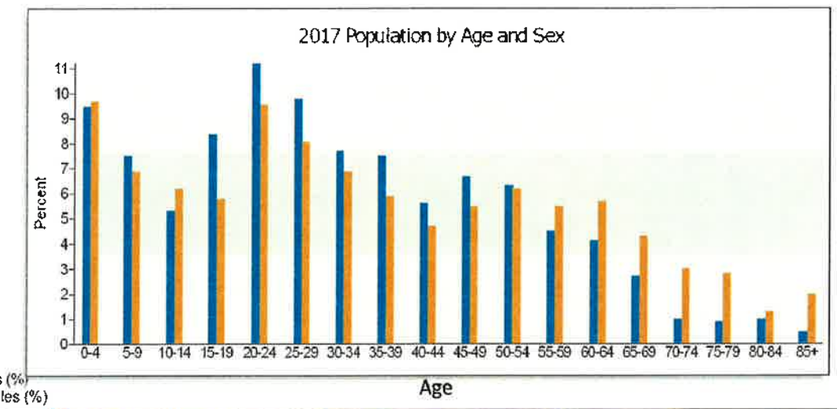


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•1 Softball Field -Little League •Outdoor Basketball •Outdoor Restrooms •Playground	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Add benches throughout the park. •Add shade trees. •Add a direct access from the AJ McClung YMCA to the park. •Refurbish the softball fields and the basketball court. •Add a parking lot with access to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. •Add picnic tables.

2012 Household income







Insights:

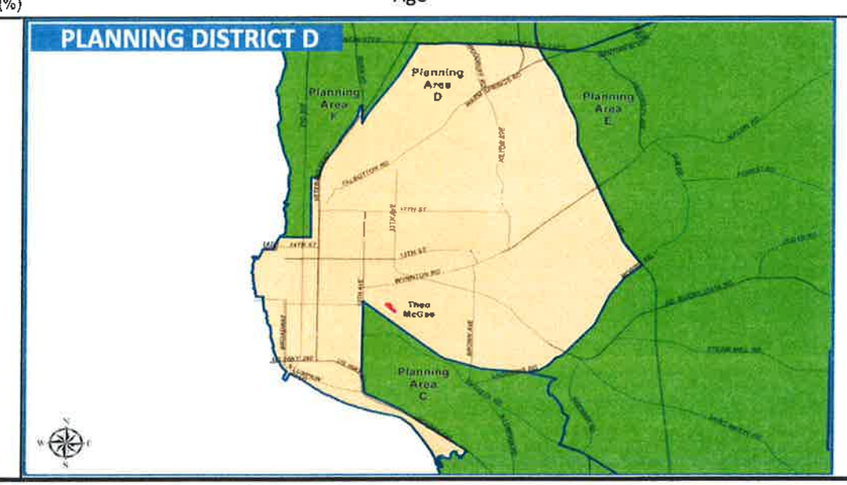
- The northern side of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard is residential, but most of it is public housing. The south side of said road is primarily industrial and commercial. The multiple railroad lines running parallel to said road assists in forming a level of isolation for the residents to the north side.
- Much of the area is low-to-moderate income and will remain as such without reinvestment into the area.
- The area has decent age diversity except for the elderly. However, that demographic will increase over the next 5 years.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.



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	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET
HW	HARDWOOD
BP	BRADFORD PEAR
CB	CHINABERRY

TOTAL PARK AREA
176,072sq. ft.
4.04 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 20 40 80
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 40 ft.

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Theo McGee Park
(1140 MLK, Jr Blvd)

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THEO McGEE PARK

1140 Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard
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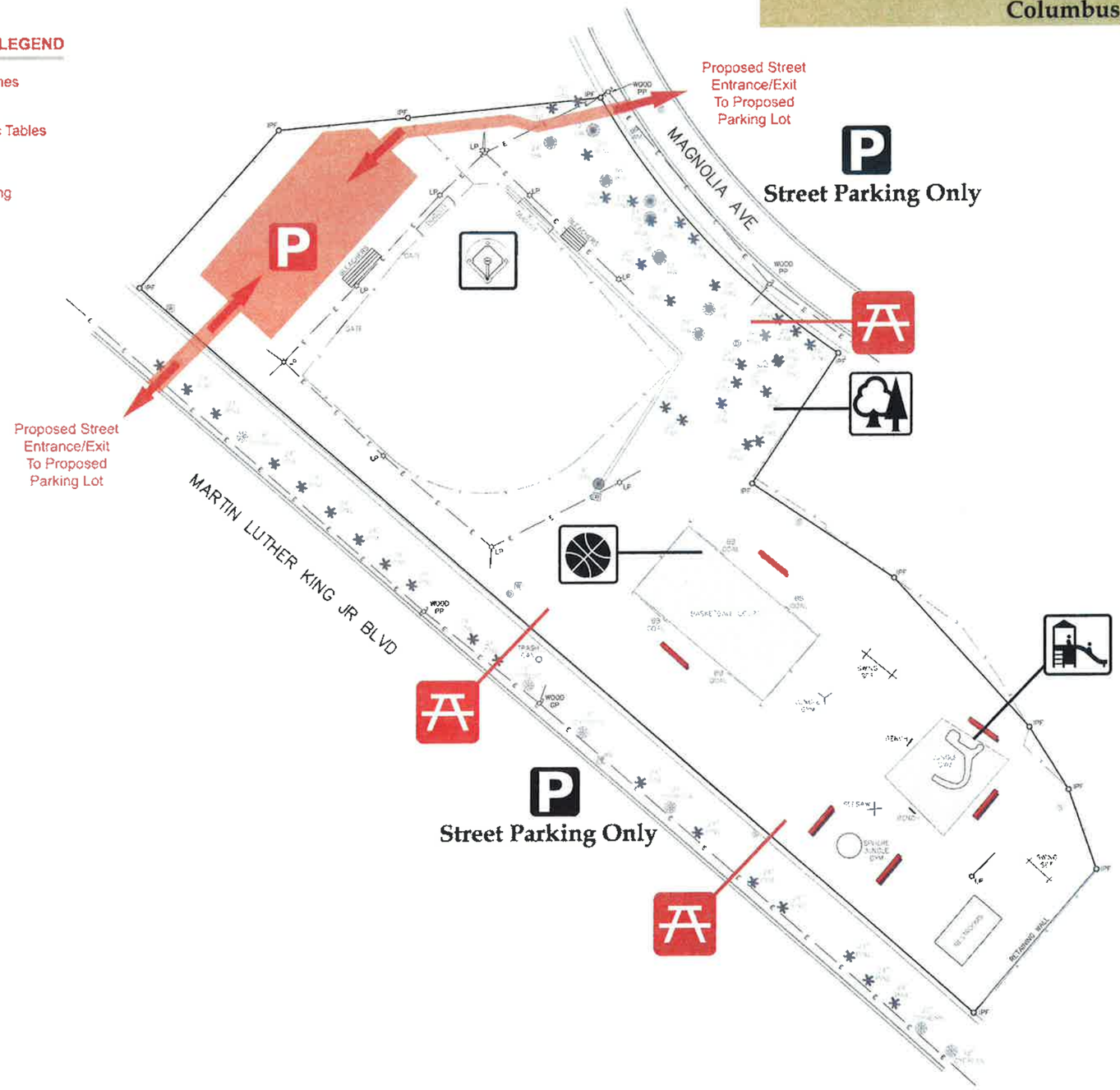
RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Benches
- Proposed Picnic Tables
- Proposed Parking



QUICK TAB REFERENCE

NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
176,072sq. ft.
4.04 acres

Columbus, GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
What progress has preserved.

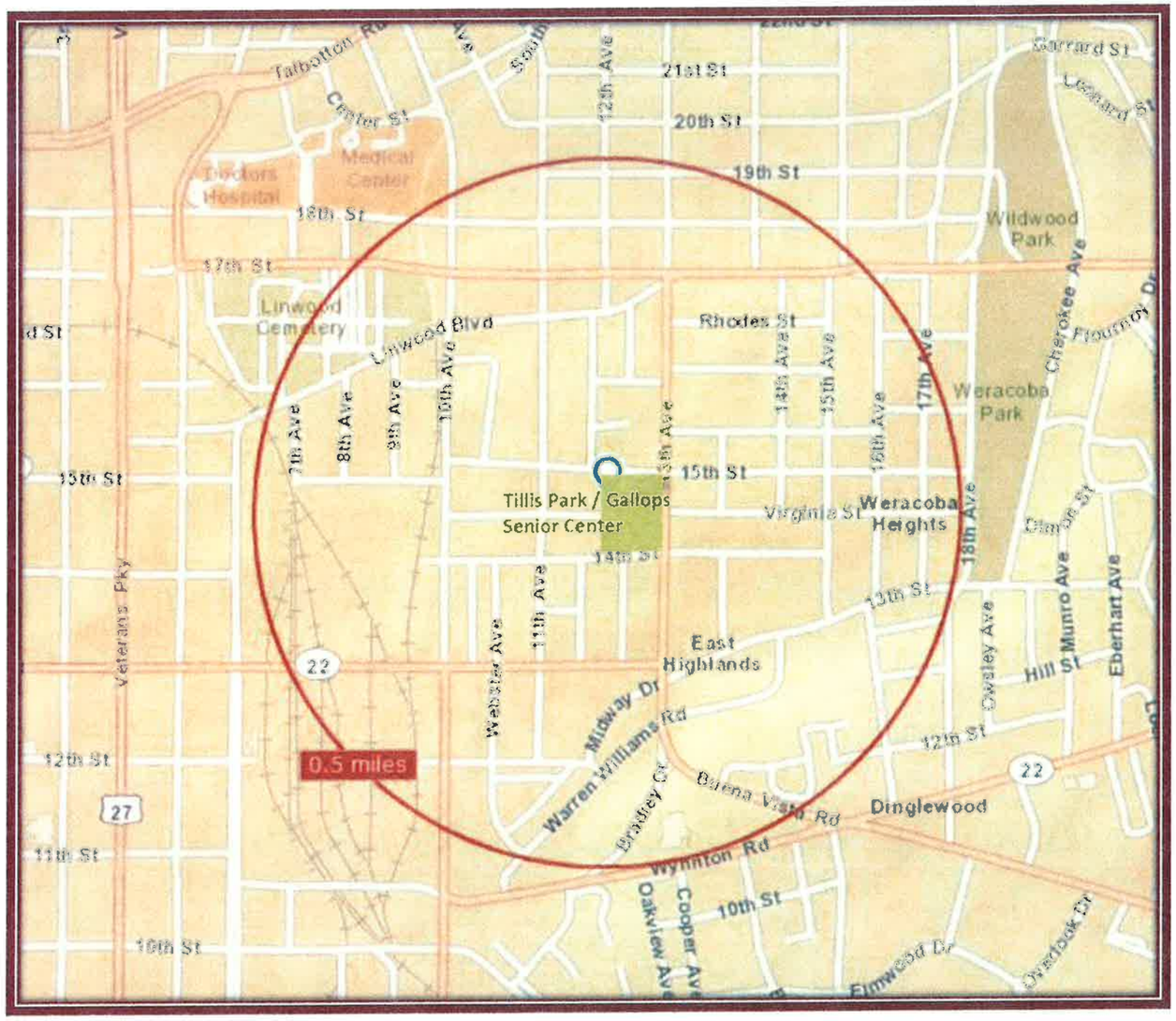
TILLIS PARK / GALLOPS SENIOR CENTER

Columbus GA
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

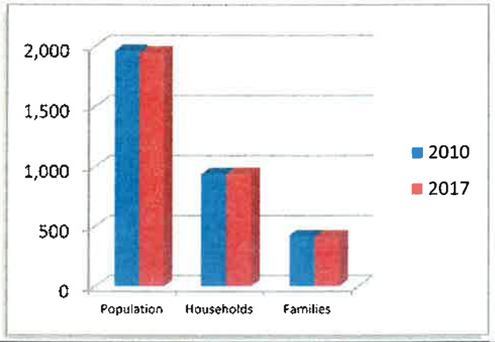
Classified as a Neighborhood Park, this facility offers an array of structured activities for youth, young adults and seniors. The Center is located at 1435 13th Avenue.

Amenities provided at the Park:

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion/Gazebo
- Outdoor Basketball
- Picnic
- Softball-Adult fields
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- Pottery Studio

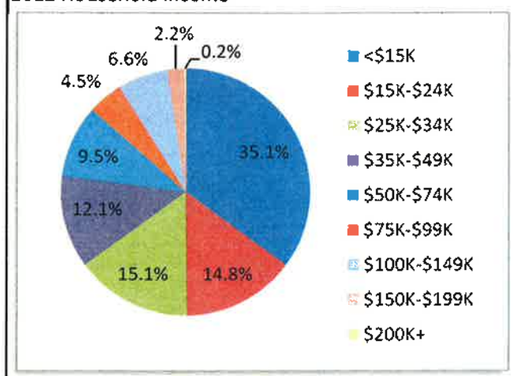


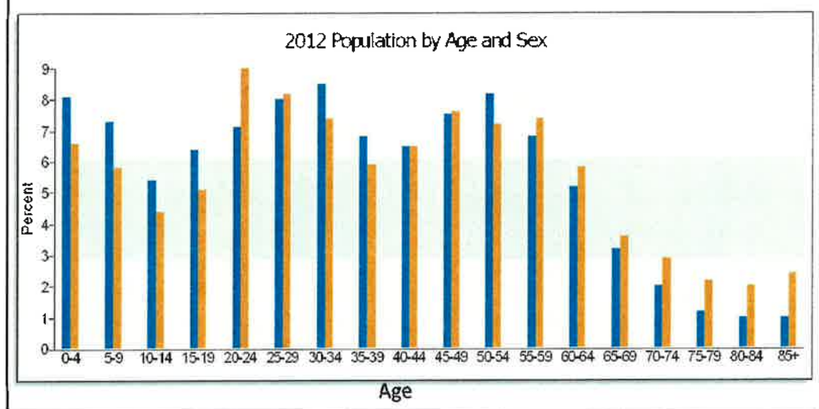
TILLIS PARK - GALLOPS SENIOR CENTER	ADDRESS: 1435 13th Avenue	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 4,690,000 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 8

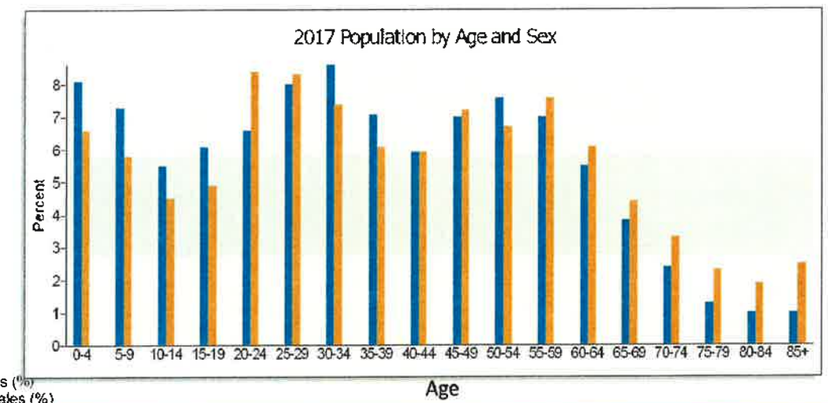


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •Outdoor Restrooms •Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Outdoor Basketball •Picnic Area •Softball-Adult •Playground •Senior Center •Pottery Studio •Community Schools	•Monday through Saturday – Senior Center •Line Dancing, Bingo, Card Games, Sewing/Crocheting, Active pool exercises and ceramics. •Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday •8 AM to 8:30 PM – Tuesday •8 AM to 9 PM – Friday •9 AM to 2 PM – Saturday. Closed Sunday •Park Hours (Outside Facilities) – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Proposed new staircase from parking lot to basketball court. •Unlock outdoor bathroom doors. •Add shade trees throughout the park. •Add picnic tables around the softball field.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- This park complex sits on the eastern end of the Boogerville neighborhood; the western side of the Park District; and the southern portion of East Highlands. All 3 areas are very different from each other. Boogerville is now a commercial and industrial area. The Park District borders the west side of Lakebottom Park and is a historic district. East Highlands is a mixed-income neighborhood that is more affluent and middle class to the south but very poor and low-to-moderate income to the north.
- This area has a good age diversity. Gallops Senior Center is one of the more popular senior centers in Columbus.
- Growth should remain steady in this area over the next 5 years.
- The recreation center is utilized by the Community Schools program. All Community Schools' camps are held there.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

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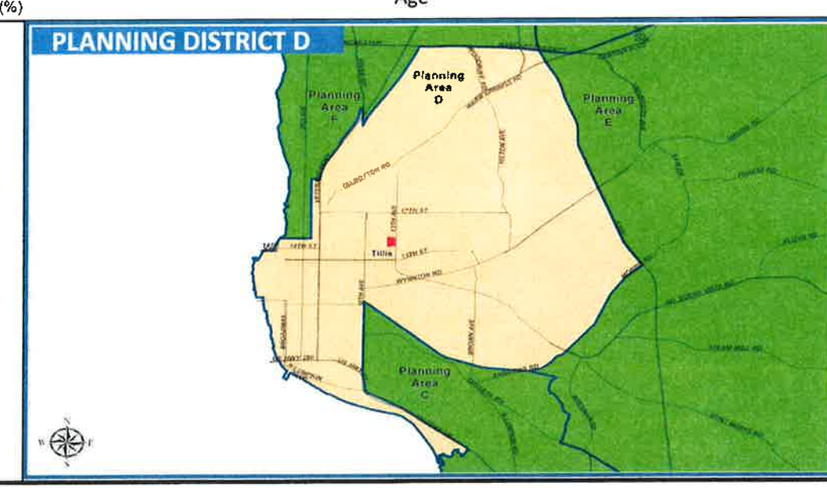
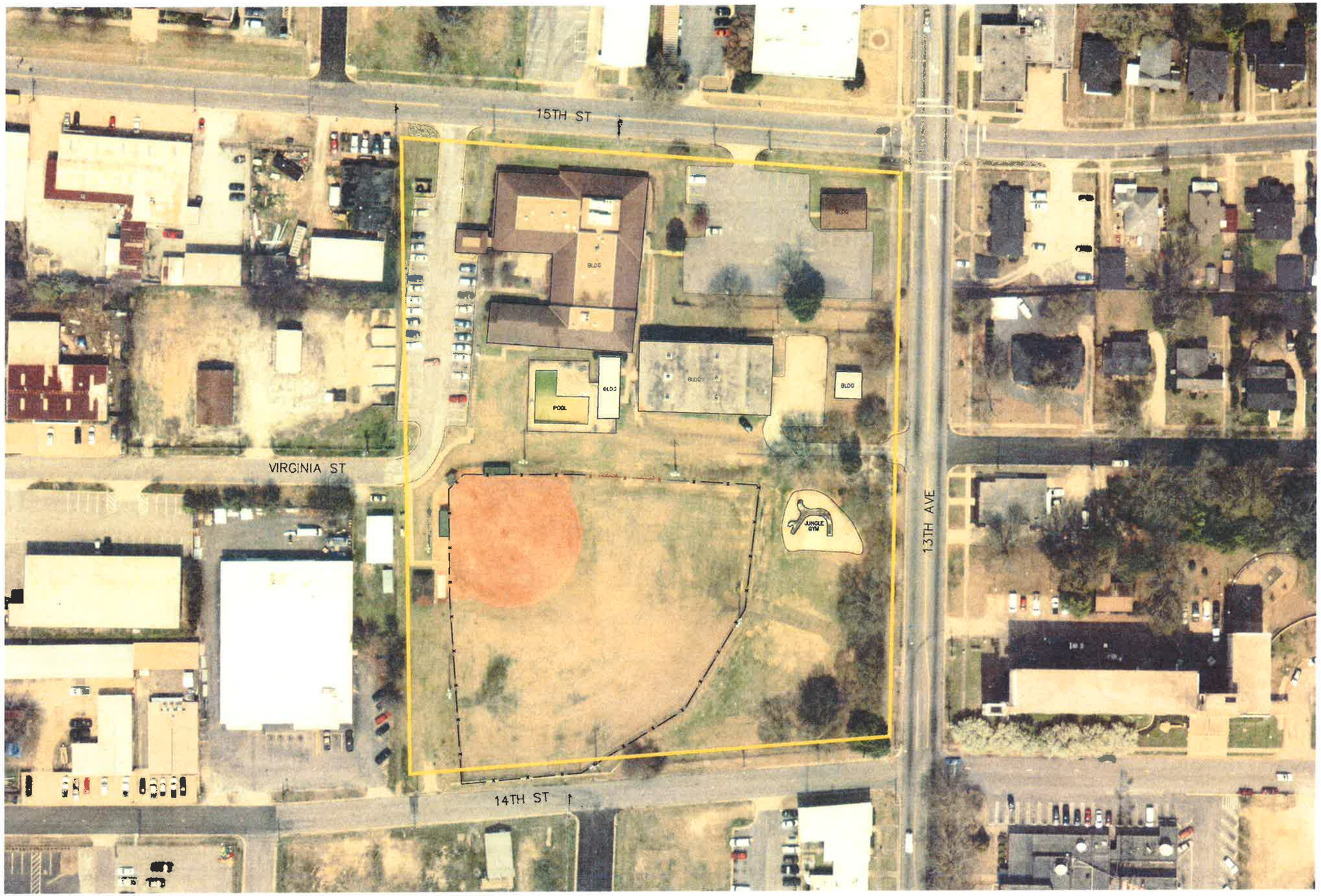
Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000 persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.





TOTAL
PARK AREA
253,363 sq. ft.
5.82 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 40 ft.

COLUMBUS,
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GEORGIA

Columbus, GA

Tillis Park/Gallops Senior Center
(1212 15th St)

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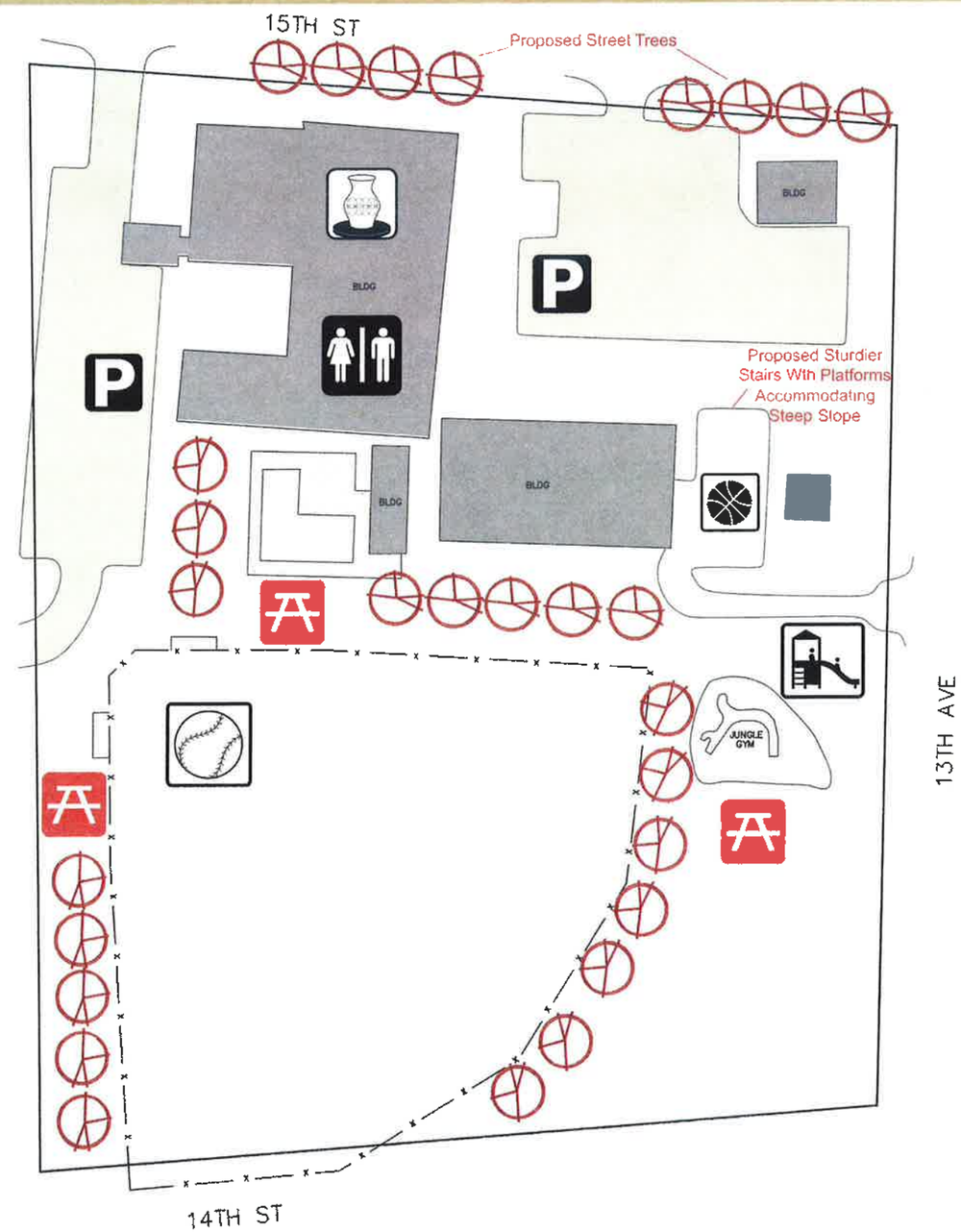
TILLIS PARK / GALLOPS SENIOR CENTER

1435 13th Avenue
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

- Proposed Shade Trees
- Proposed Picnic Tables



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NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA
253,363 sq. ft.
5.82 acres

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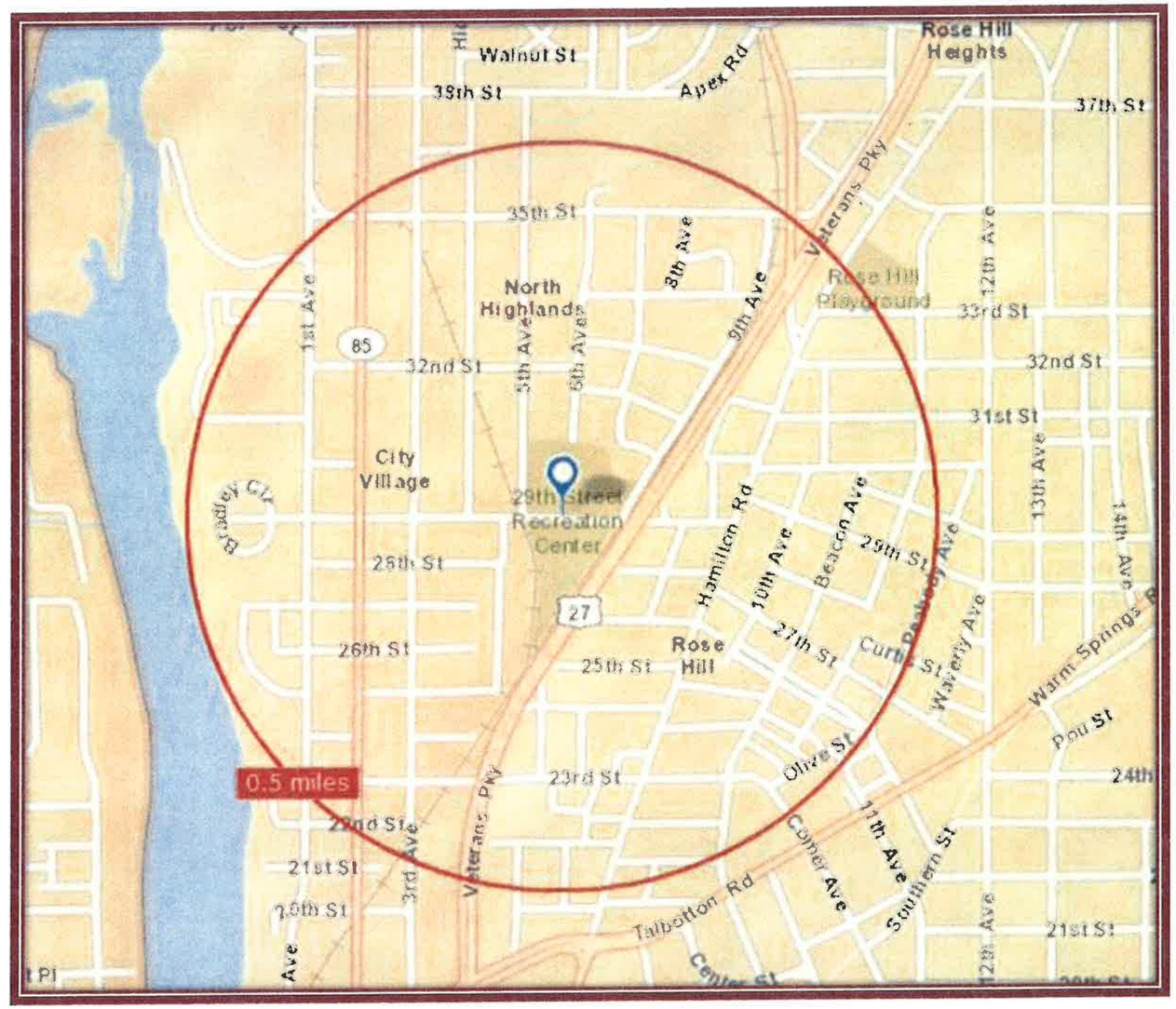
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

TWENTY-NINETH STREET PARK (NORTH COLUMBUS RECREATION CENTER)

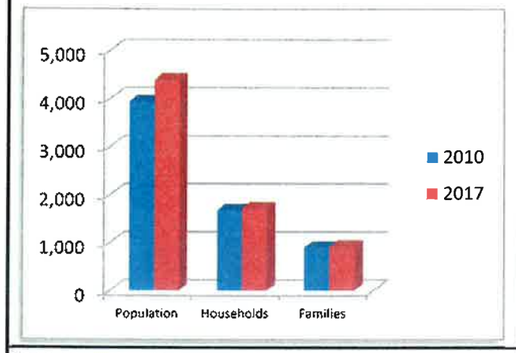
Classified as a Community Park, the Twenty-Ninth Street Park offers an array of activities for youth, young adults, and seniors.

Amenities provided at the Park:

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Play Ground
- 3 Softball-Little League
- Rental Facilities
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Recreation Center

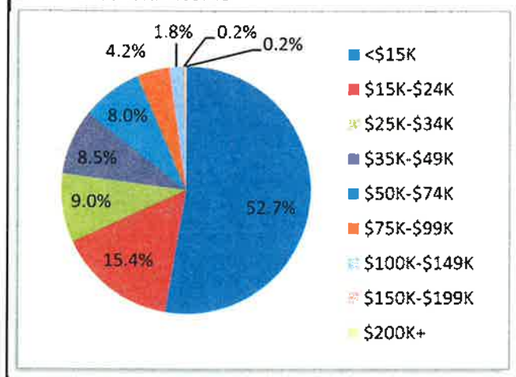


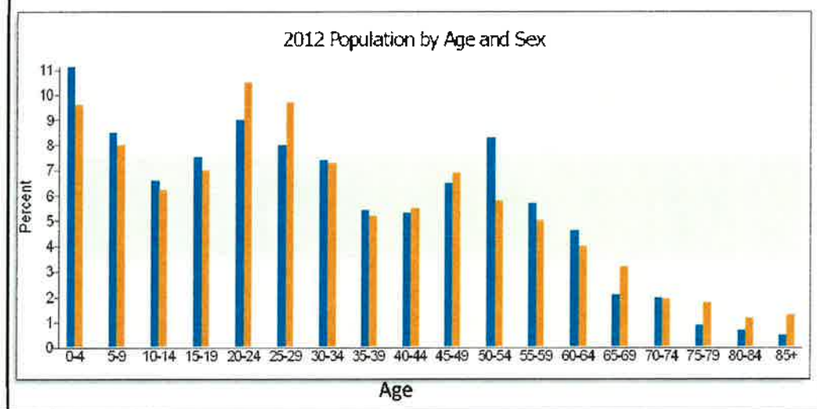
TWENTY-NINTH STREET PARK	ADDRESS: 501 29th Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 484,880 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 13.3

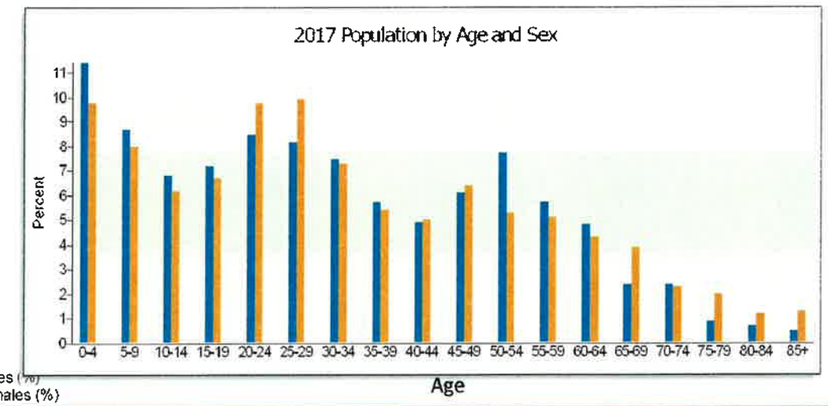


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Recreation Center •Outdoor Restrooms •Indoor Basketball •Playground •Softball-Adult •Rental Facilities	•Youth Activities – Open Recreation to include a gymnasium, weight room, game room and a children's activity room. •Hours (Rec Room): 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday •2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday •Closed Sunday •Park Hours (Outside Facilities) – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Consider refocusing a field for a kickball league. •Add shade trees throughout the park. •Add picnic benches throughout the park.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- The income level leans heavily towards low-to-moderate income, mainly due to the surrounding public housing; the North Highlands neighborhood; and the Habitat for Humanity homes in City Village.
- Much of the housing in the area is substandard and in decay (excluding Habitat for Humanity homes).
- The surrounding area lacks a strong elderly population and there's change to that scenario expected over the next 5 years.
- The Columbus Housing Authority has made some façade upgrades to the public housing and built a pergola to complement the park.
- This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Neighborhood Park:

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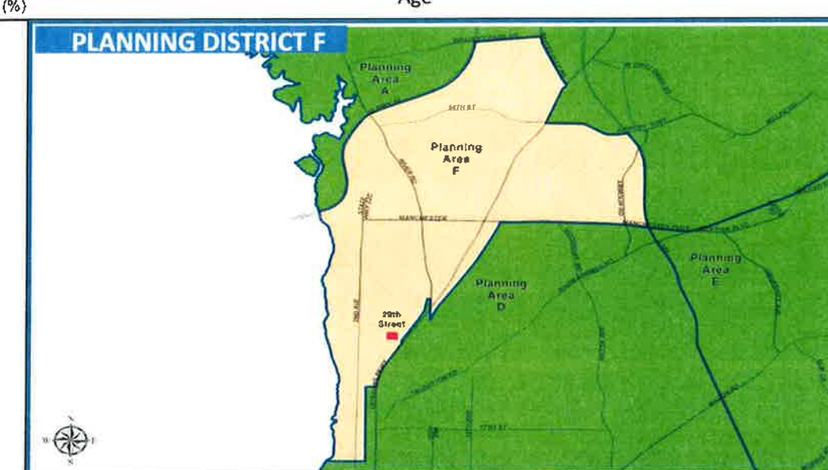

TOTAL
PARK AREA
582,323 sq. ft.
13.3 acres

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Twenty-Nineth St Park/ N. Cols. Rec
(501 29th St)

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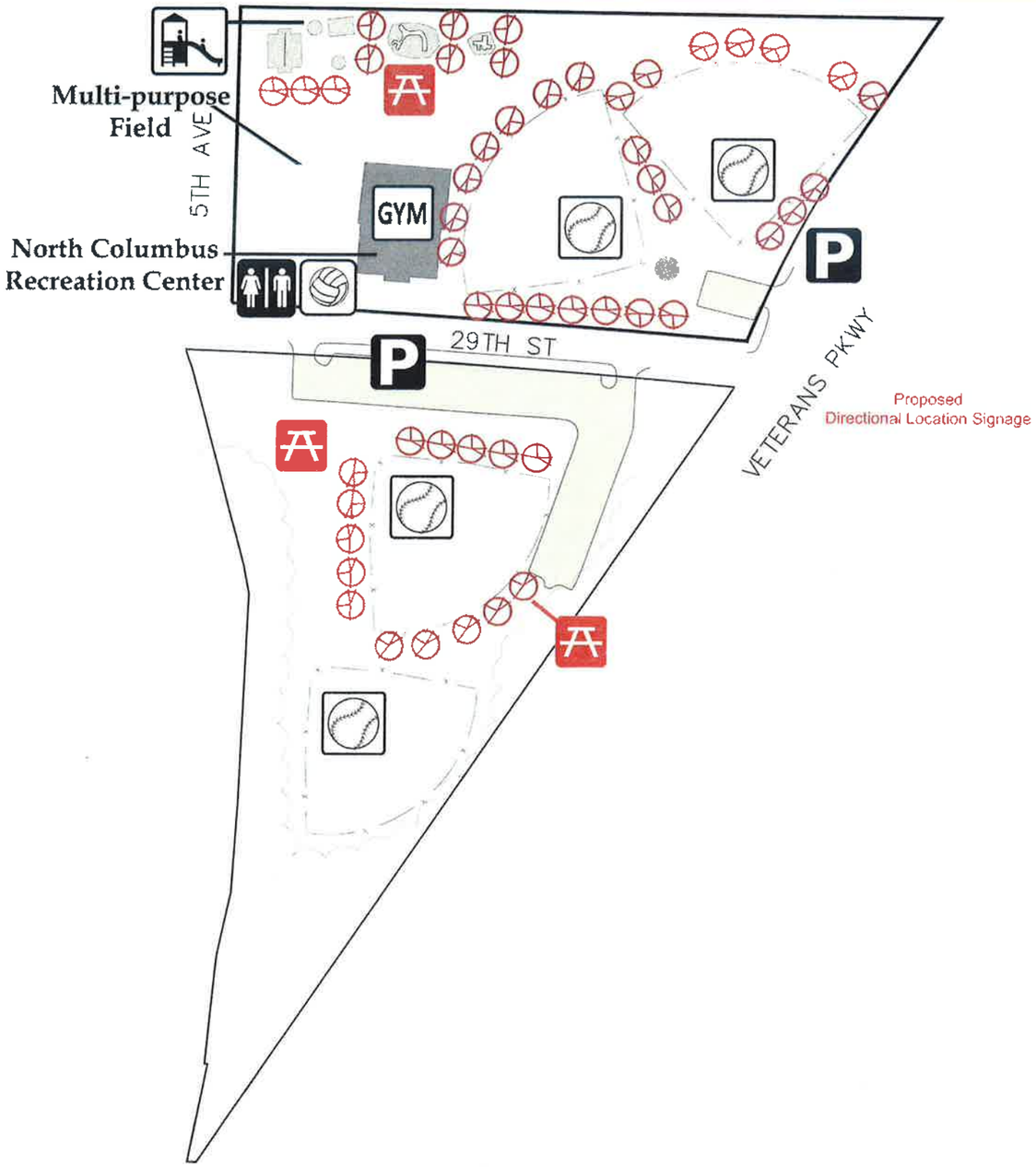
TWENTY-NINTH STREET PARK

501 29th Street
Columbus, GA

RECOMMENDATION LEGEND

Proposed Shade Trees

Proposed Picnic Tables



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PARK AREA
582,323 sq. ft.
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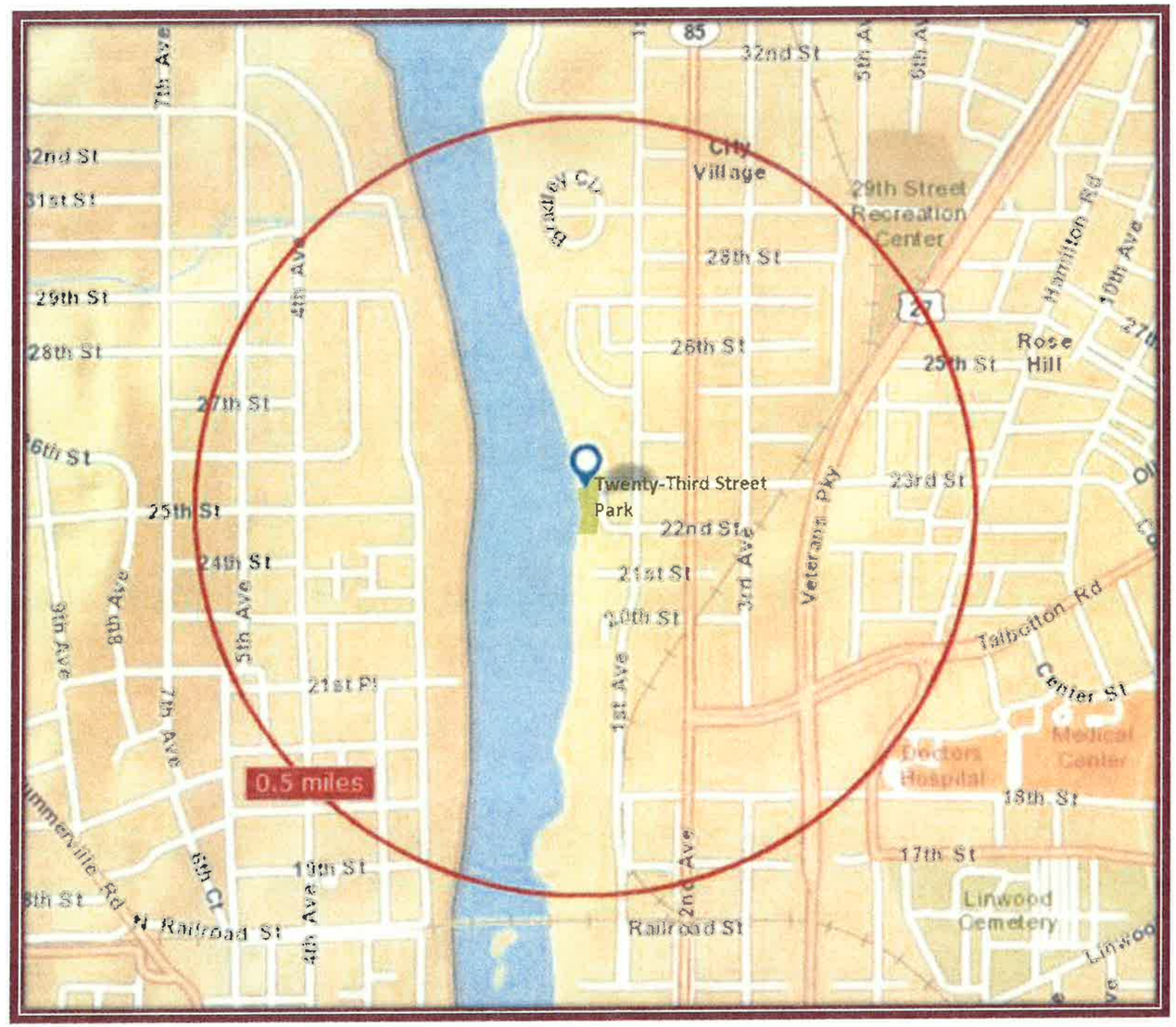
TWENTY-THIRD STREET PAVILION

Classified as a Neighborhood Park. Twenty-Third Street Park is located at 10 23rd Street.

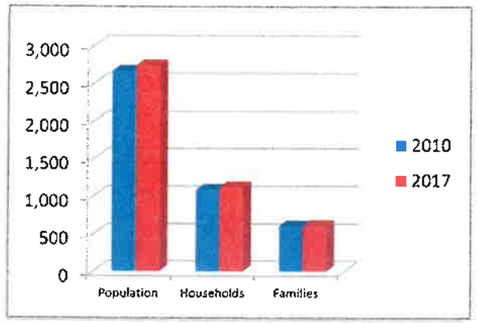
The following amenities are provided at the Park:

- Covered Pavilion/Gazebos
- Fishing
- Picnic Area
- Outdoor Restrooms



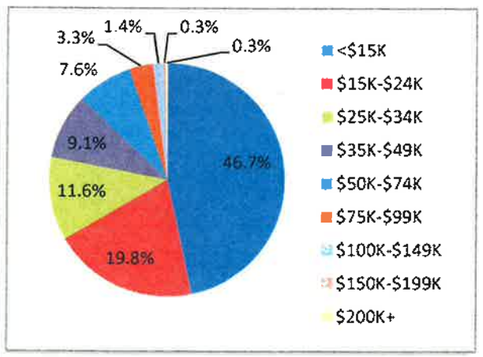
TWENTY-THIRD STREET PARK	ADDRESS: 10 23rd Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7	PLANNING DISTRICT: F
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 64,940 (PART OF THE RIVERWALK)	ACRES: 0.81

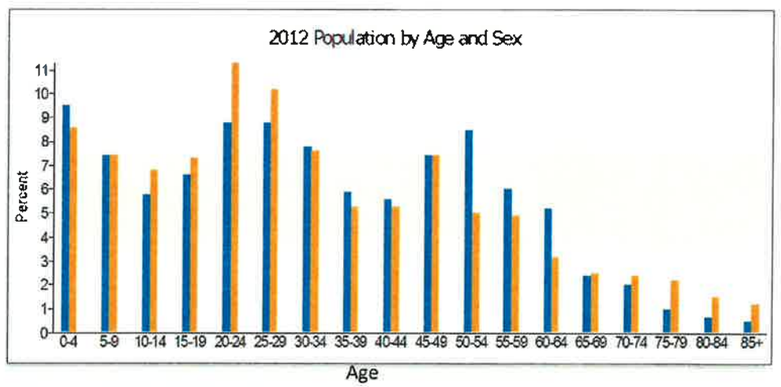
Demographics

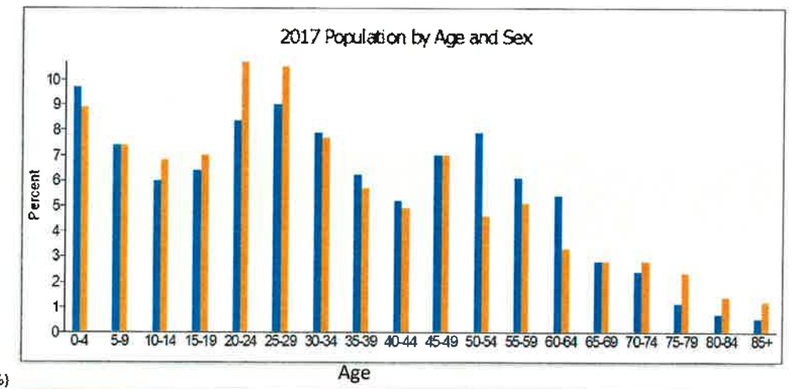


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Covered Pavilion/Gazebo •Fishing •Picnic Area •Outdoor Restrooms •Columbus Whitewater	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	•Continue to purchase the rest of the block so more parking can be added. •Access to the river exists at this location. Encourage kayakers to use it as an access point.

2012 Household income





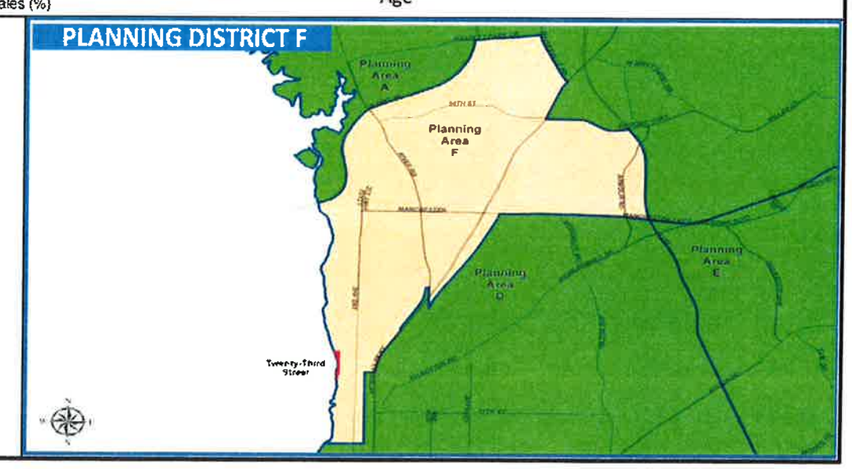


Insights:
This park serves as a rest stop along the Riverwalk. However, it has a problem with homeless people using it as shelter. Opening up the block to parking will help alleviate that problem.

Regional Parks:
Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.



TOTAL
PARK AREA
52,622 sq. ft.
1.21 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

COLUMBUS,
MUSCOGEE COUNTY,
GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
PLANNING DIVISION

Columbus, GA

Twenty-Third St Park
(10 23rd St)

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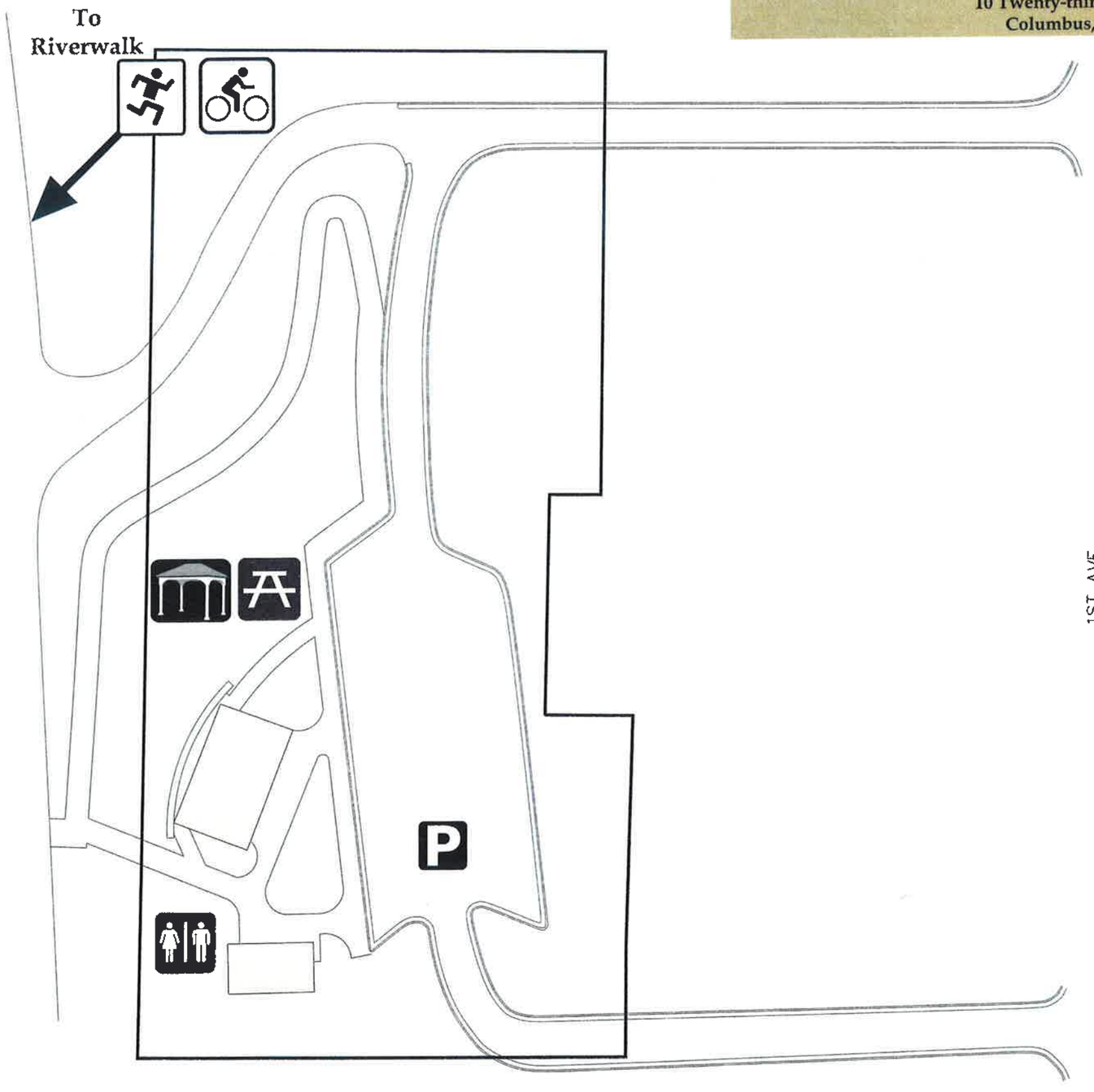
TWENTY-THIRD STREET PARK

10 Twenty-third Street
Columbus, GA



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TOTAL PARK AREA
52,622 sq. ft.
1.21 acres

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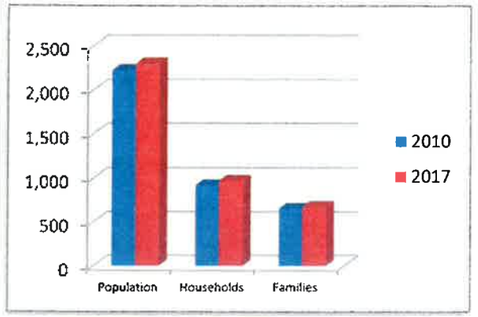
WATERSHED 14 PARK

Watershed 14 is located at 3131 Stinson Street

Amenities provided at the Park:

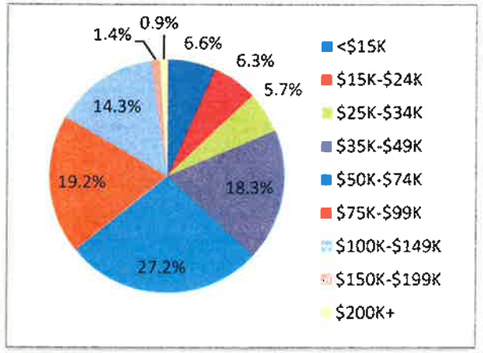
- Fishing

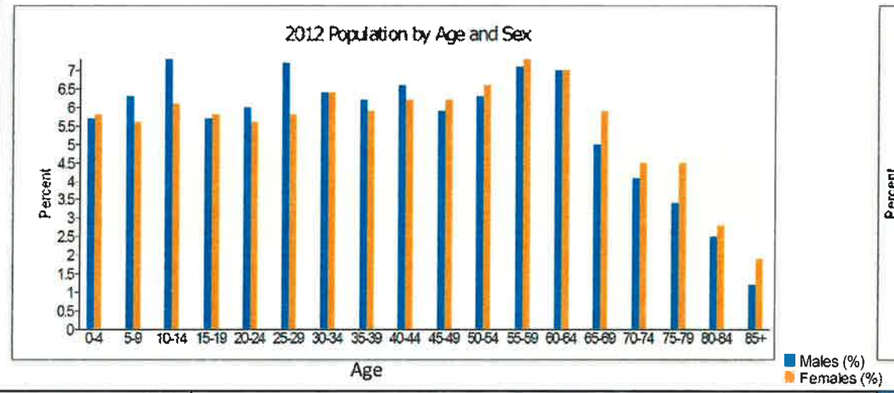
WATERSHED 14 PARK	ADDRESS: 3131 Stinson Street	PARK CLASSIFICATION: N/A
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2	PLANNING DISTRICT: A
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 130,533 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: N/A

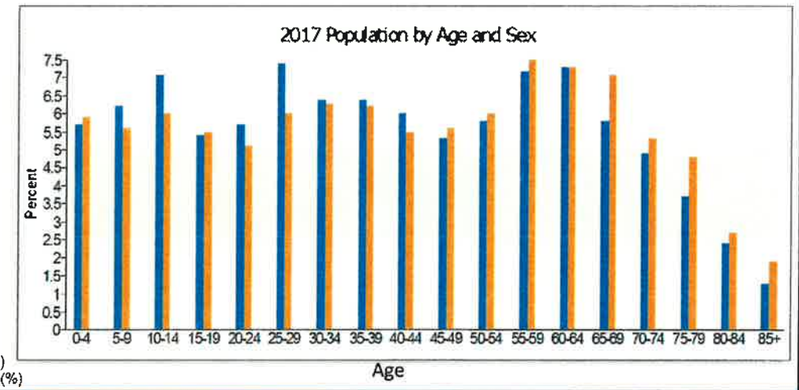


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Fishing	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	Due to the lack of accessibility to this park, it should be divested as park property and only remain as a watershed lake.

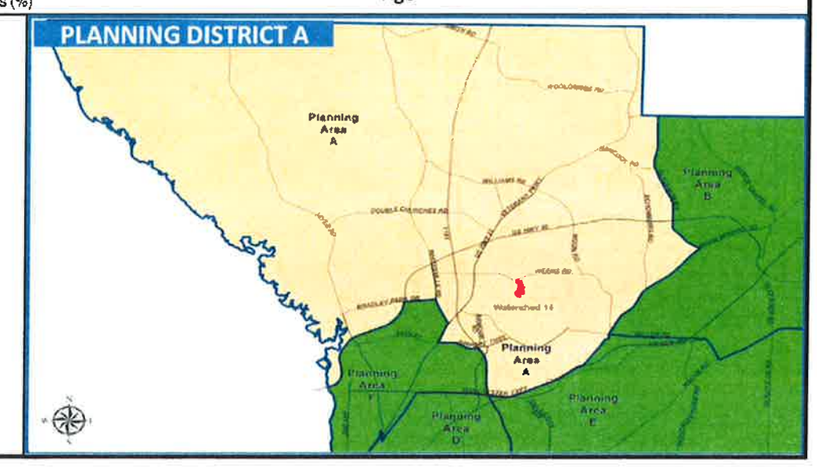
2012 Household income







Insights:
Watershed 14 is a watershed lake tucked back into a dense residential area. The lake has pedestrian access from Stinson Street but there is no parking. The street deadends into the lake property. It is very difficult to find.

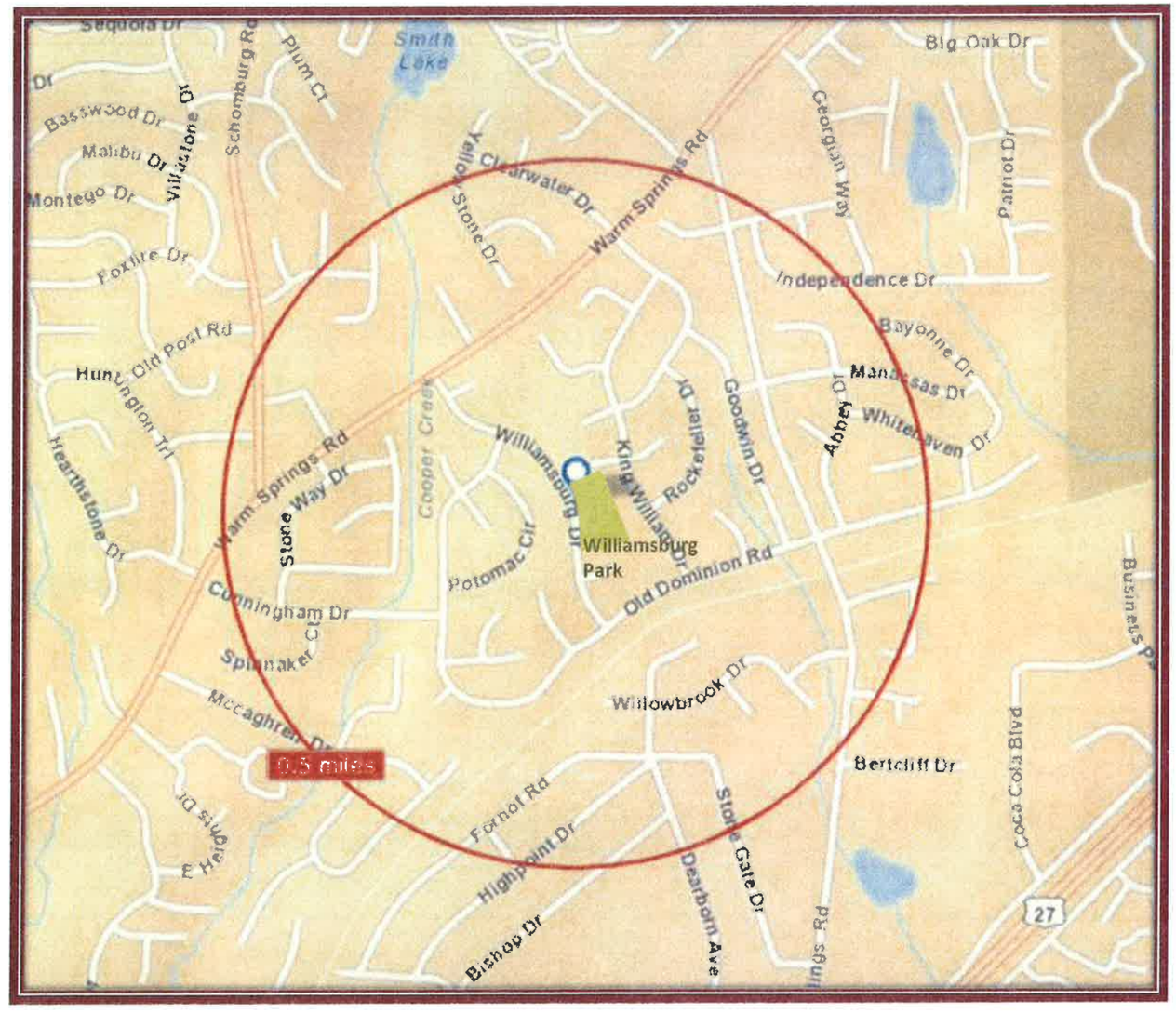


WILLIAMSBURG PARK

Classified as a Neighborhood Park, Williamsburg Park is located at 6220 Williamsburg Drive with 3.26 acres.

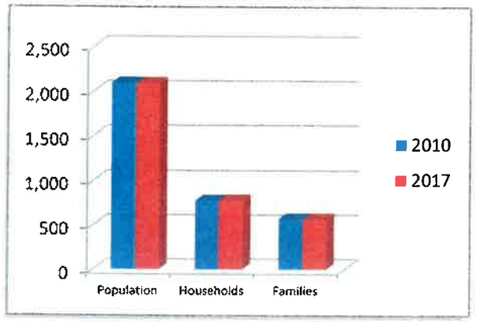
Amenities provided at the Park:

- Playground
- Picnic
- Grills



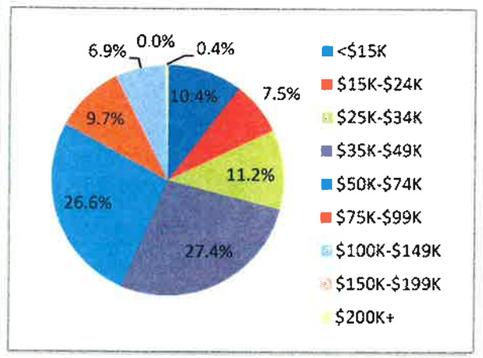
WILLIAMSBURG PARK	ADDRESS: 6220 Williamsburg Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Neighborhood Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5	PLANNING DISTRICT: B
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 26,080 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 3.26

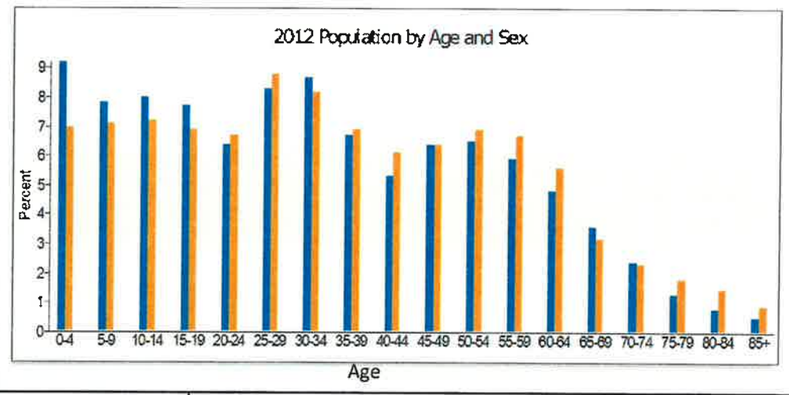
Demographics

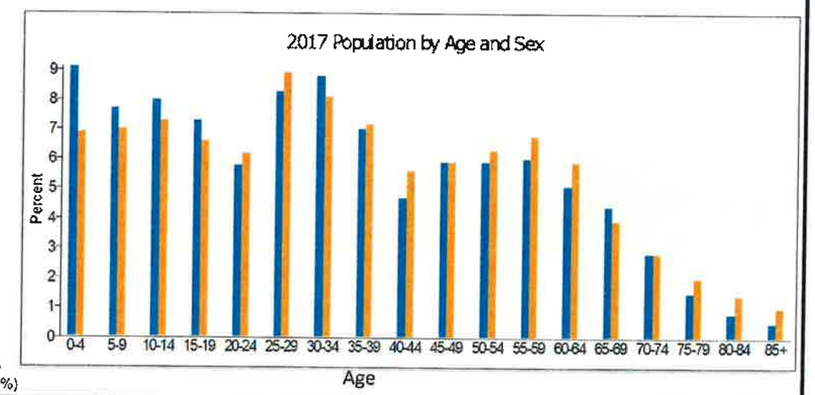


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Playground •Picnic Area •Grills	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	There is no recommendation for this park.

2012 Household income







Insights:

- Williamsburg Park serves the Williamsburg neighborhood. This is a single family residential area with numerous young families.
- This is a middle class neighborhood that was started over 40 years ago. Housing is stable and there is a close sense of community.
- Williamsburg Park serves as the passiove park compliment to Old Dominion Park, which serves as an active park for this neighborhood.

Neighborhood Parks:

These parks ideally shall be a minimum of 2-20 acres in size and shall serve the immediately adjacent, local neighborhood. Each citizen living within this area shall have access to the park by walking no more than a standard city block distance of six (6) blocks.

Neighborhood parks shall serve a population standard of three (3) acres/1000persons. There will be no parking lots or restroom facilities provided at a neighborhood parks.

Amenities will be informal in nature and may include picnic shelters, benches, multi-purpose fields, ½ basketball and volleyball courts and walking trails among other amenities. The 100 FT perimeter buffer requirement of regional and district parks is desired but not mandated.

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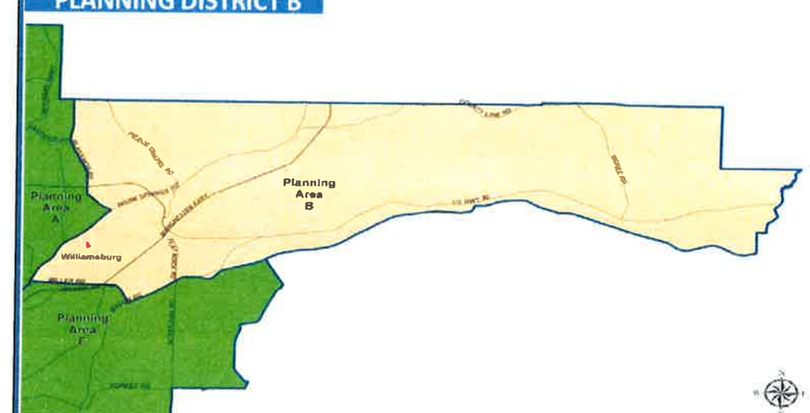

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LEGEND

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-C-	OVERHEAD CABLE
	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
	TELEPHONE MANHOLE
CV	GAS VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
WV	WATER VALVE
WM	WATER METER
ICV	IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE
CWW	COLUMBUS WATER WORKS
	PULL BOX
	JUNCTION BOX
	DOUBLE WING CATCH BASIN
	SINGLE WING CATCH BASIN
	DRAINAGE INLET

NOTE:
TREE SAMPLING
100 FT x 100 FT AREA
80 TREES (MOSTLY PINE)

NORTH

GRAPHIC SCALE
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 20 ft.

TOTAL
PARK AREA
142,156 sq. ft.
3.26 acres

COLUMBUS,
MUSCOGEE COUNTY,
GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus, GA

Williamsburg Park
(6220 Williamsburg Dr)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 7-3-2012
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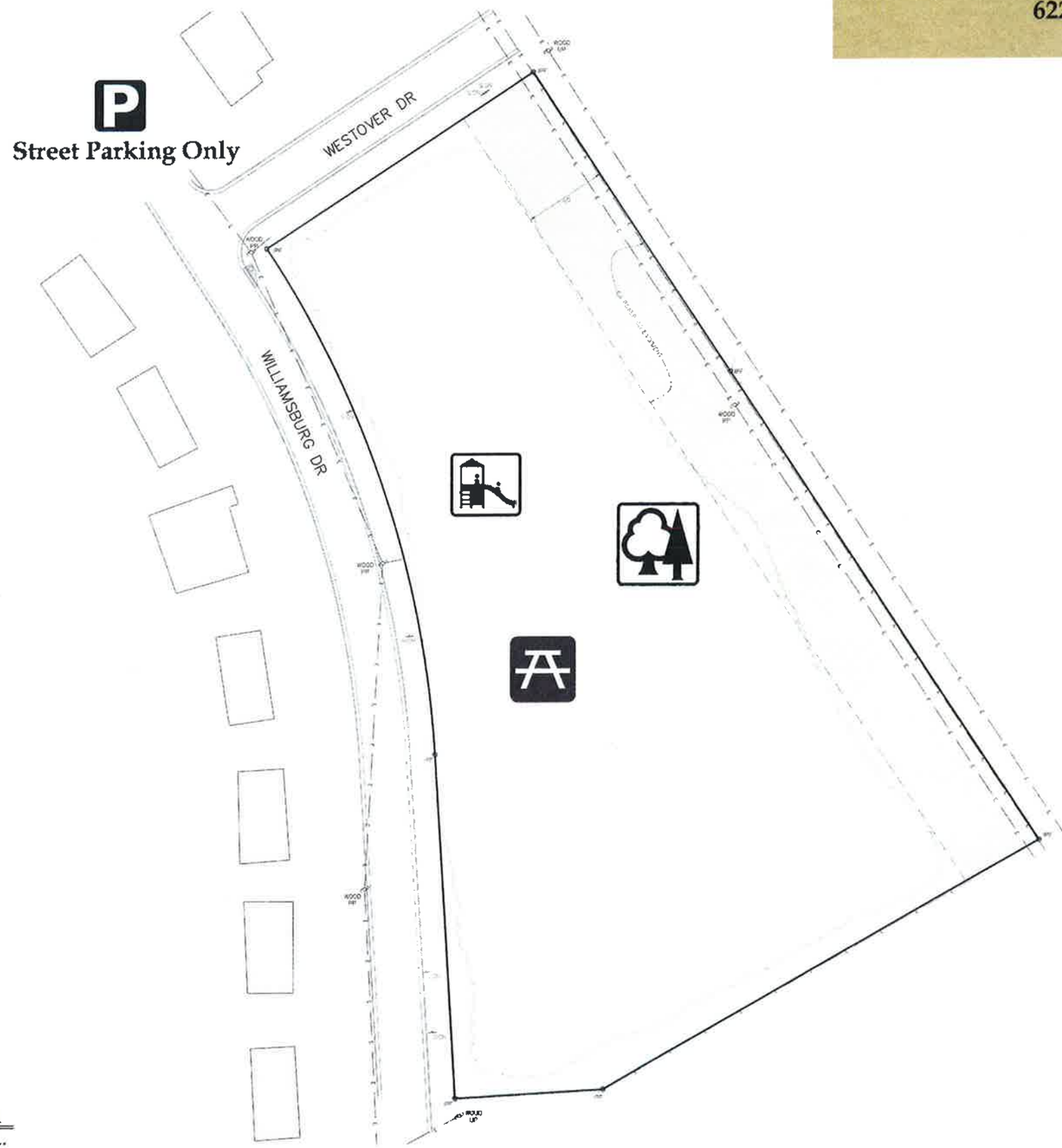
WILLIAMSBURG PARK

6220 Williamsburg Drive
Columbus, GA



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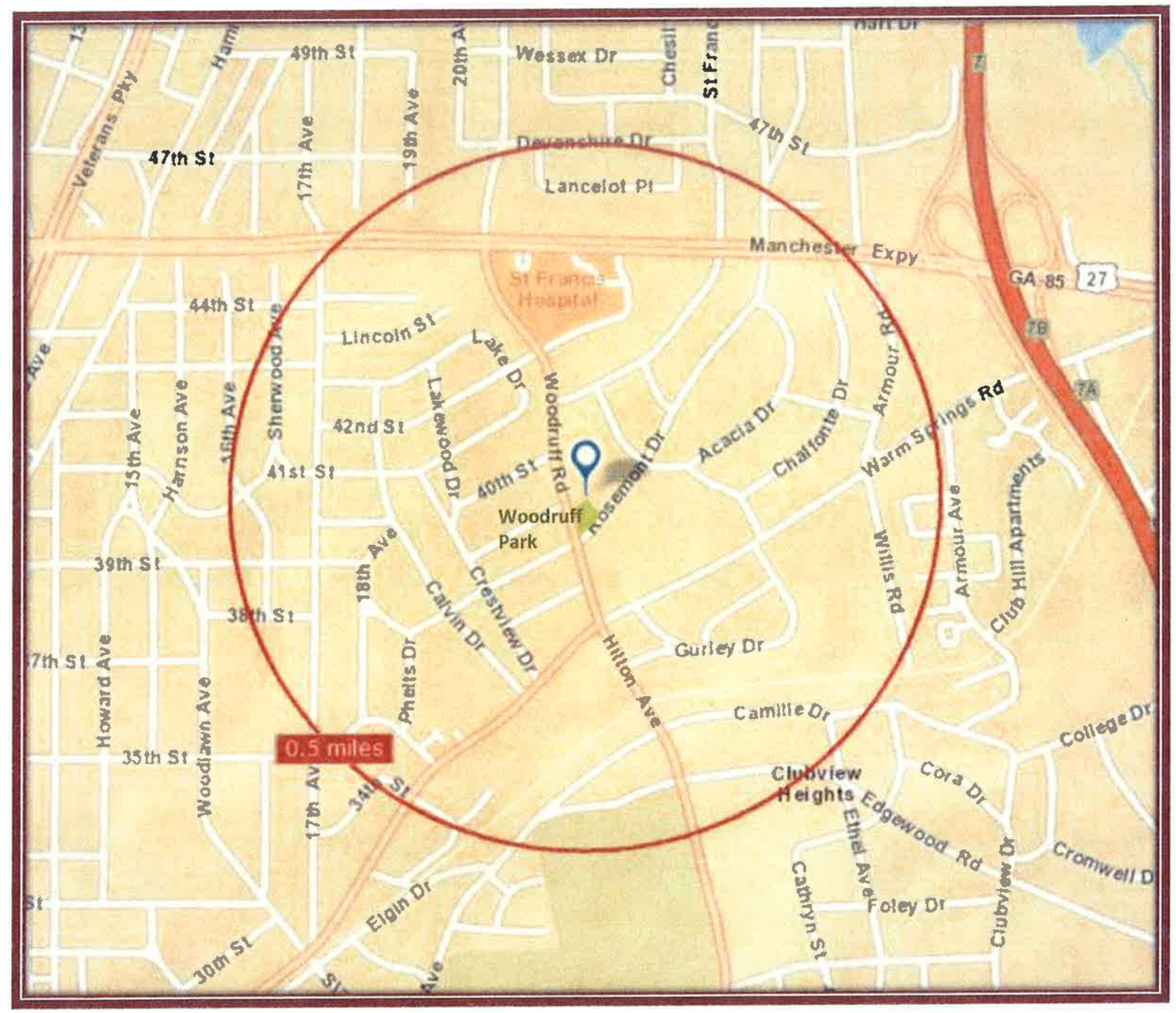
WOODRUFF PARK

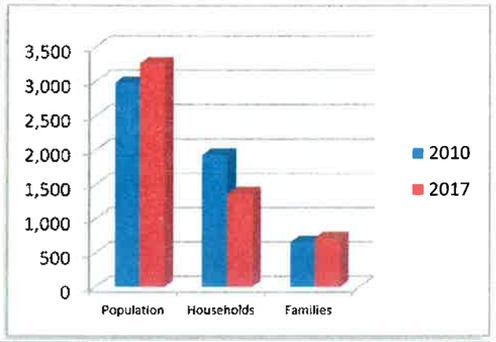
Classified as a Mini Park, Woodruff Park is located at 3808 Rosemont Drive, with 0.44 acres.

Amenities include:

- Picnic Area
- Grill

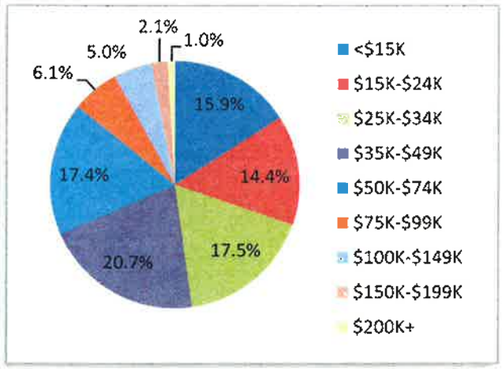


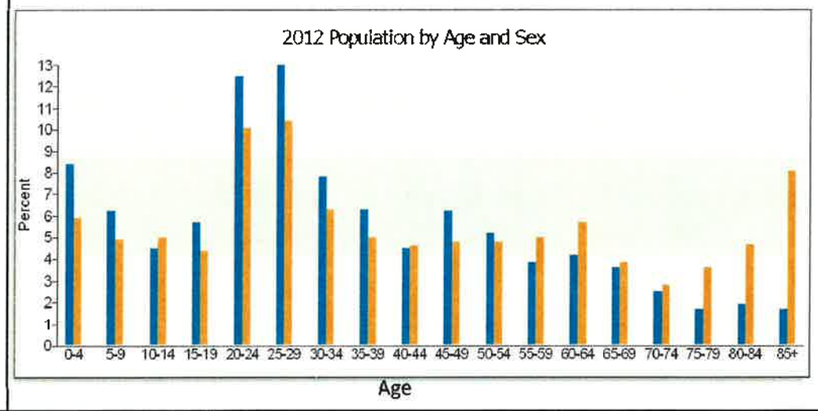
WOODRUFF PARK	ADDRESS: 3808 Rosemont Drive	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Mini Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8	PLANNING DISTRICT: D
Demographics	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$32,432 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 0.44

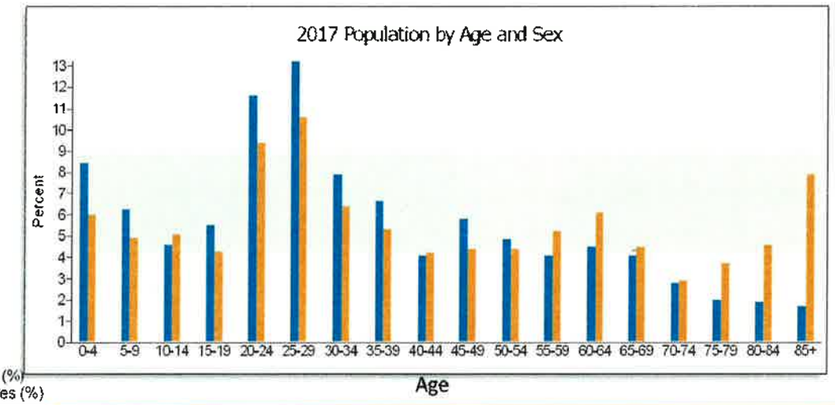


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
There are no site elements.	There are no program elements.	This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project.

2012 Household income



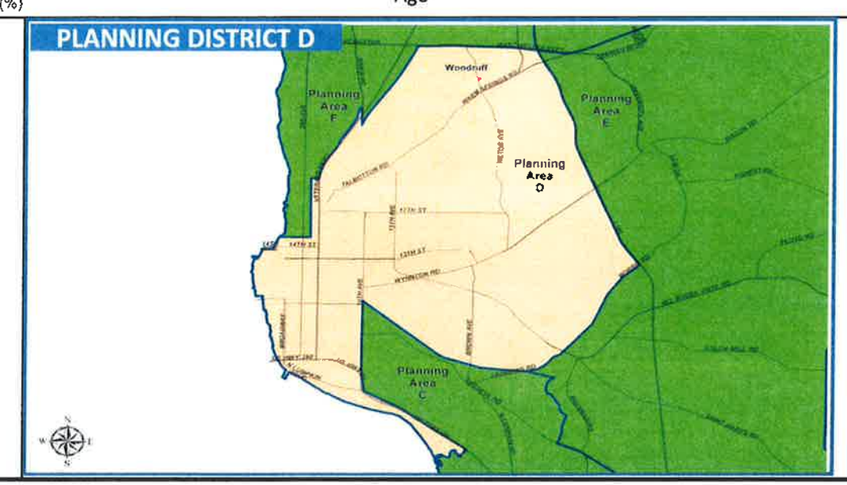




Insights:
Woodruff Park is located at the intersection of Woodruff Road and Rosemont Drive. It is a triangular-shaped lot that is non-accessible and hostile to the public due to the heavy traffic along Woodruff Road.

Mini Parks:
Also known as pocket parks, mini parks are small areas accessible to the general public.

These parks are frequently created on a single vacant building lot or small, irregular parcels of land. Although they are too small for physical activities, mini parks provide greenery, an outside sitting area, and in certain situations, there may be enough room for a small playground.



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NORTH

TOTAL
PARK AREA
19,018 sq. ft.
0.44 acres

GRAPHIC SCALE
0 5 10 20
(IN FEET)
1 inch = 10 ft.

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
BY: COLUMBUS, GA GIS

Columbus GA

Woodruff Park As-built Survey (3808 Woodruff Rd)

REVISION	DATE

DATE: 5-17-2012
SCALE: 1"=10'
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WOODRUFF PARK

3808 Rosemont Drive
Columbus, GA

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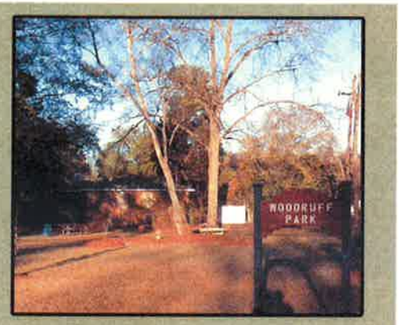

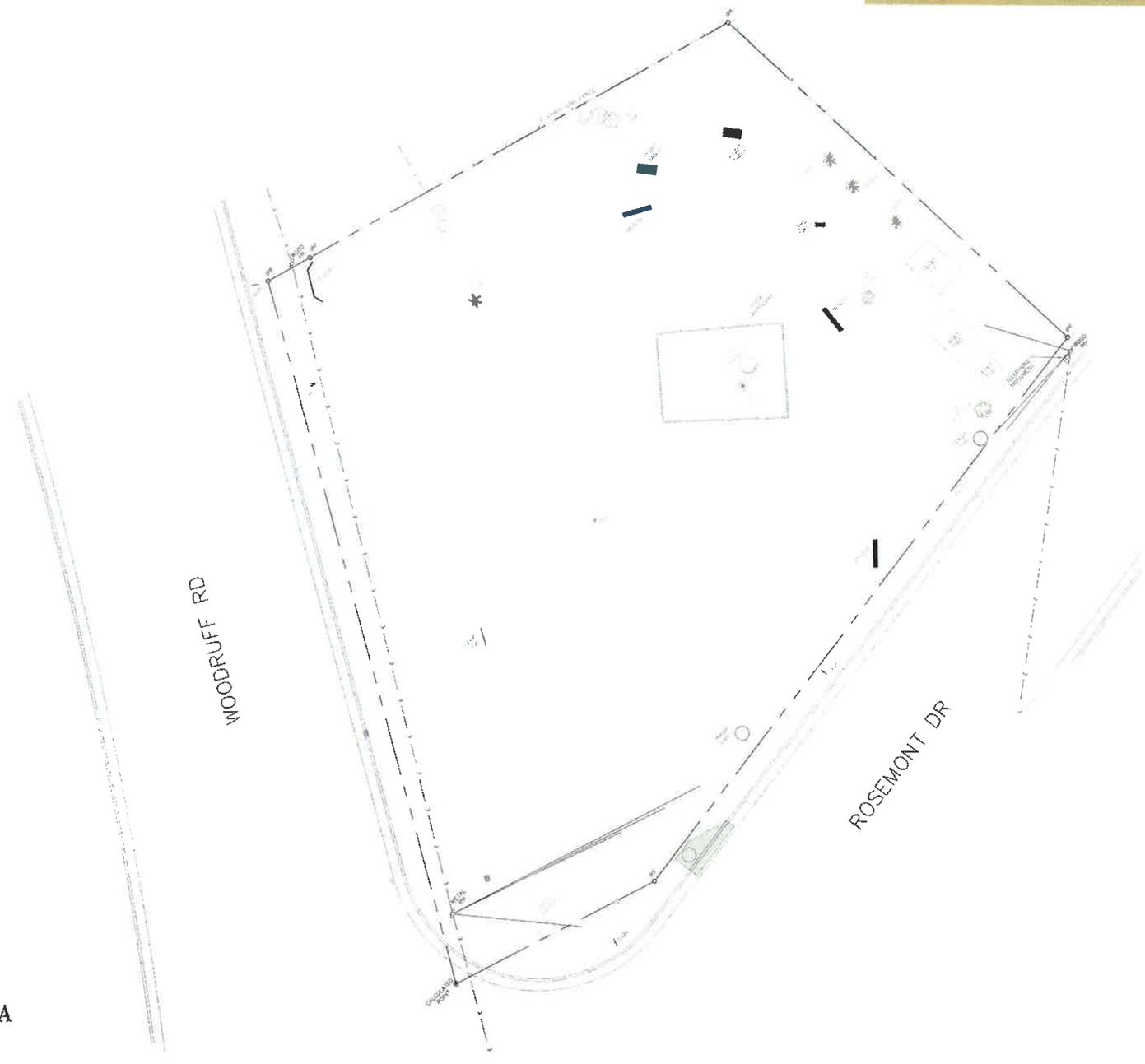

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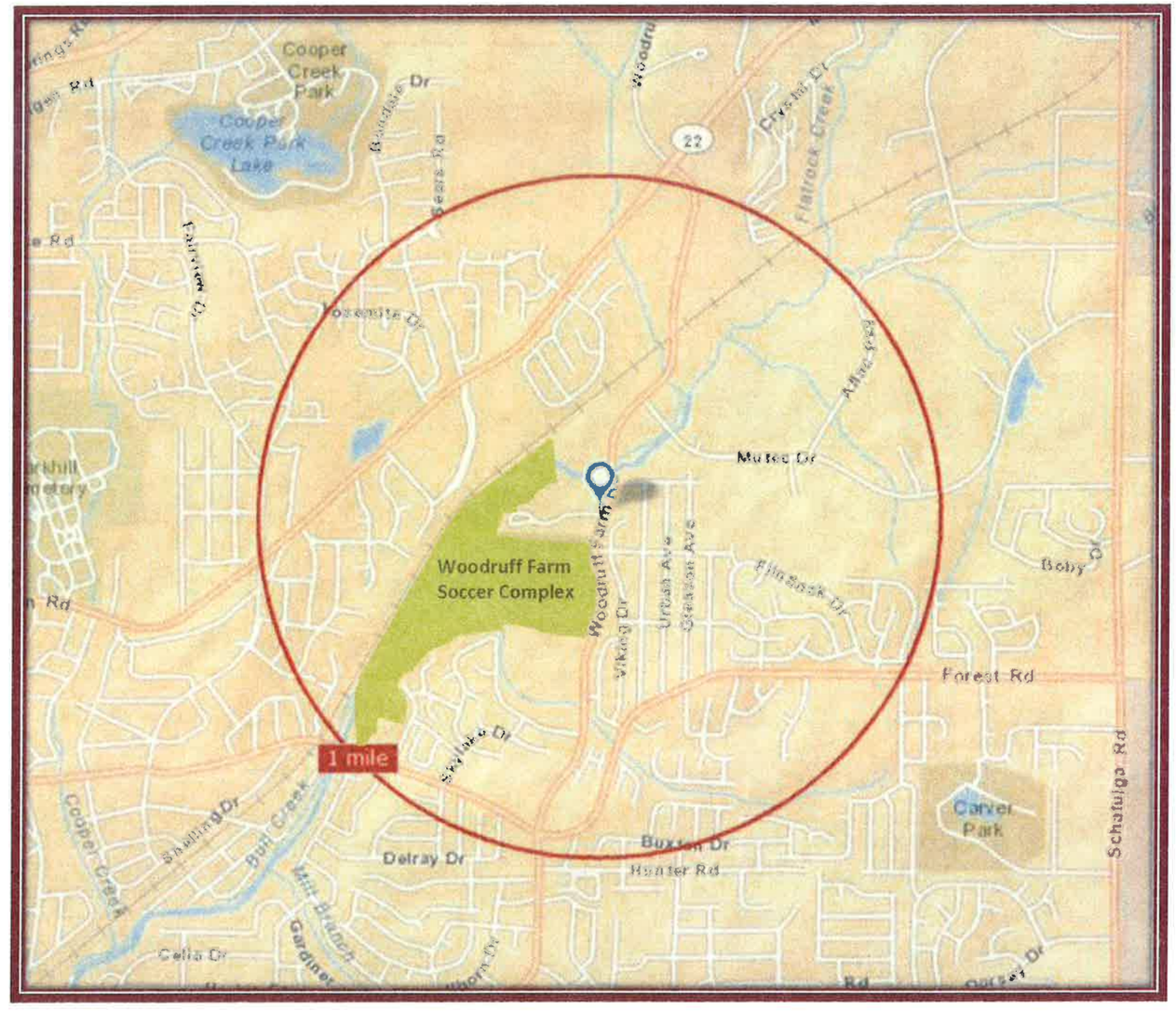
WOODRUFF FARM SOCCER COMPLEX

Woodruff Farm Road Soccer Complex was built in 1993 as a joint partnership between the city of Columbus and private donors. Offering twelve full-sized fields, with full lighting, it is renowned as one of the finest complexes in the Southeast.
Classified as a Regional Park, this facility offers an array of structured activities for youth, and adults.

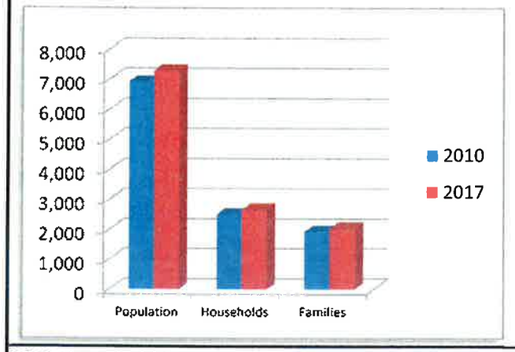
Amenities provided at the Park:

- Concession Stands
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Soccer fields



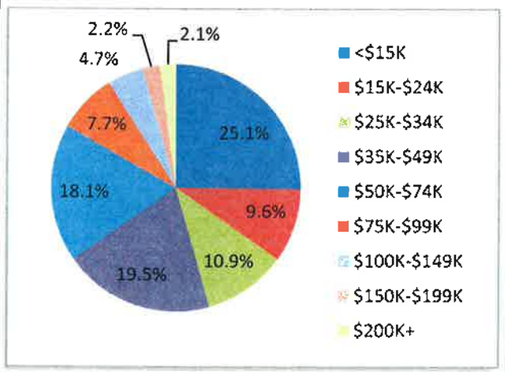
WOODRUFF FARM SOCCER COMPLEX	ADDRESS: 3547 Woodruff Farm Road	PARK CLASSIFICATION: Regional Park
POPULATION ANALYSIS	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1	PLANNING DISTRICT: E
	CURRENT ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY:$ 1,724,910 (PUBLIC OWNED)	ACRES: 136.4

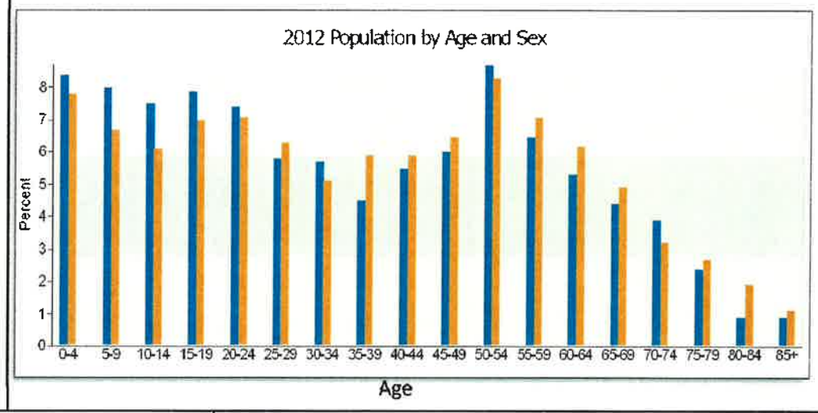
Demographics

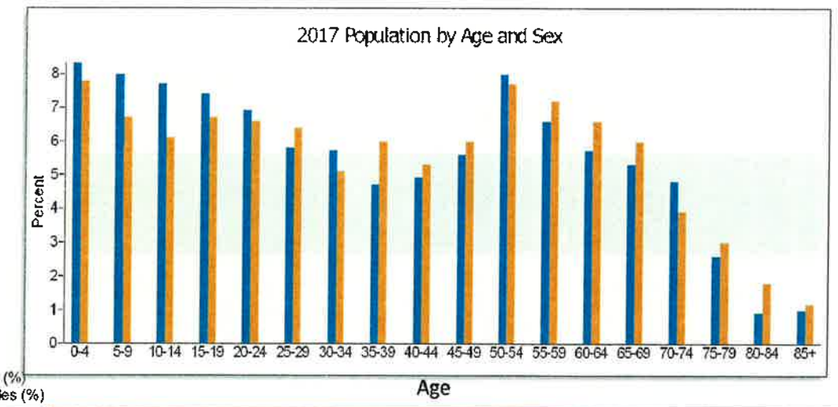


SITE ELEMENTS	PROGRAM ELEMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
•Concession Stands •Picnic Area •Playground •Soccer Fields	•Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM	No recommendations are needed for this par

2012 Household income







Insights:

The Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex is one of the most heavily used parks in Columbus. It brings in large soccer tournaments as well as hosting local adult and youth soccer leagues. There are 6 youth fields and 1 regulation field located on property of the Muscogee County School District. Ideally, fee simple acquisition of these fields should be pursued.

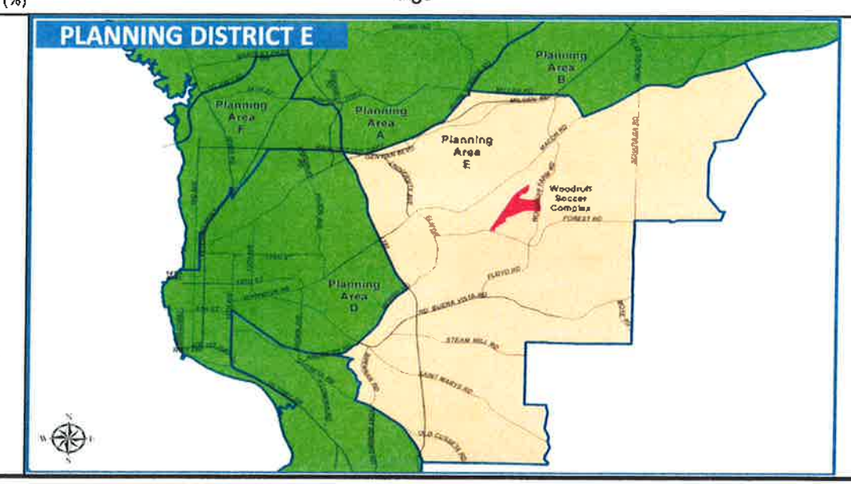
•This is a Land and Water Conservation Fund property.

Regional Parks:

Regional parks ideally shall be a minimum of 100 acres in size and shall serve a broad geographic region of the County. Each citizen living within the County shall have access to a Regional park by driving no more than 20 minutes.

Regional parks shall serve a population standard of five (5) acres/1000persons. Amenities within these parks will be both active and passive in nature. 100 FT. buffers shall be maintained around the entire perimeter of these parks.

Regional parks will support competitive athletic leagues and tournaments and have numerous athletic and passive park amenities such as tennis and basketball courts, softball/baseball, multi-purpose fields, shelters, playgrounds, walking trails and other amenities that provide for an all day experience. Indoor facilities such as shelters, recreation centers are also typical in a regional park.



NORTH

TOTAL PARK AREA

5,668,451 sq. ft.
130.13 acres

COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Planning Division

Columbus GA

Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex
(3151 Woodruff Farm Rd)

DATE	DESCRIPTION

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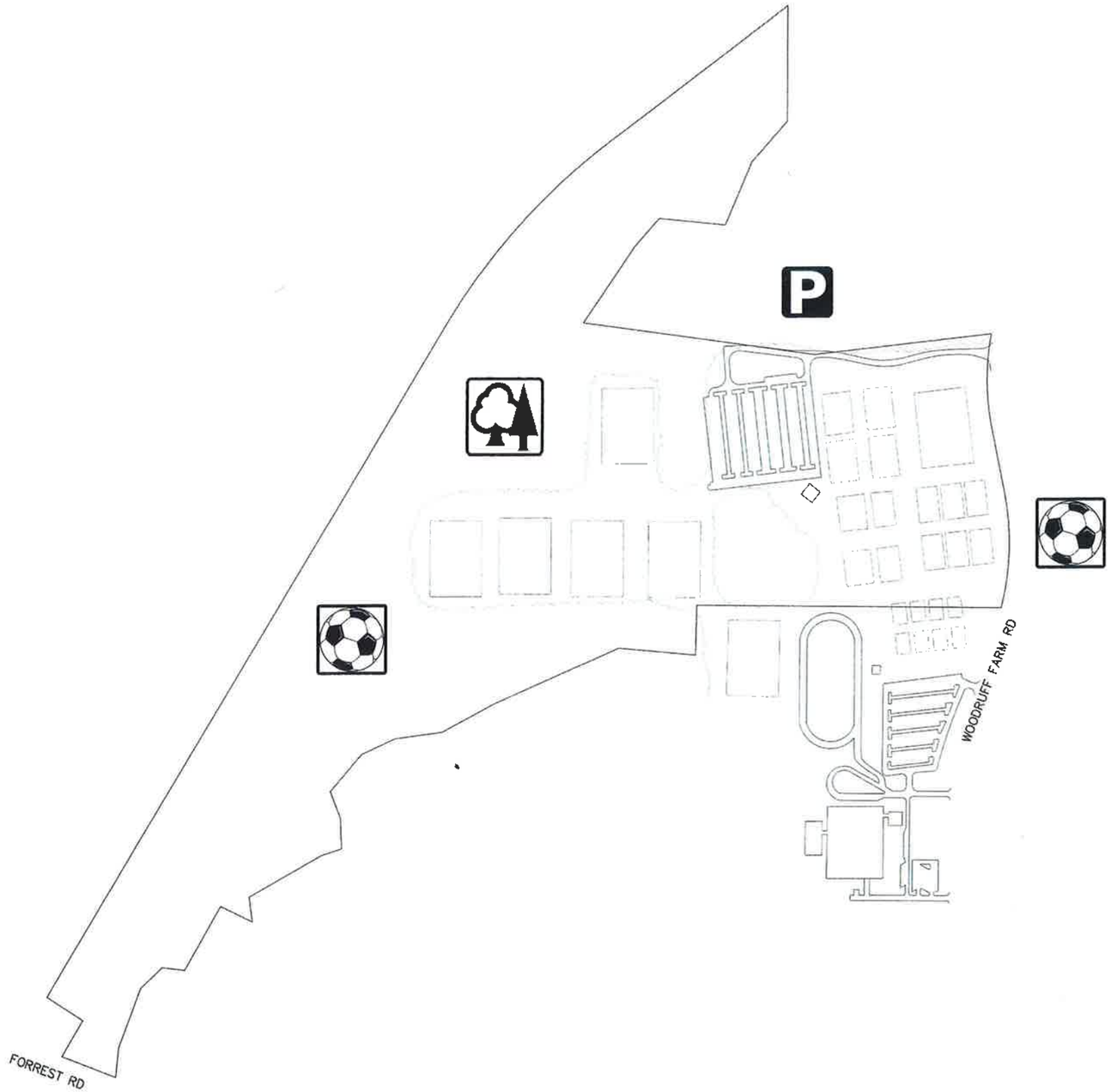
WOODRUFF FARM SOCCER COMPLEX PARK

3547 Woodruff Farm Road
Columbus, GA



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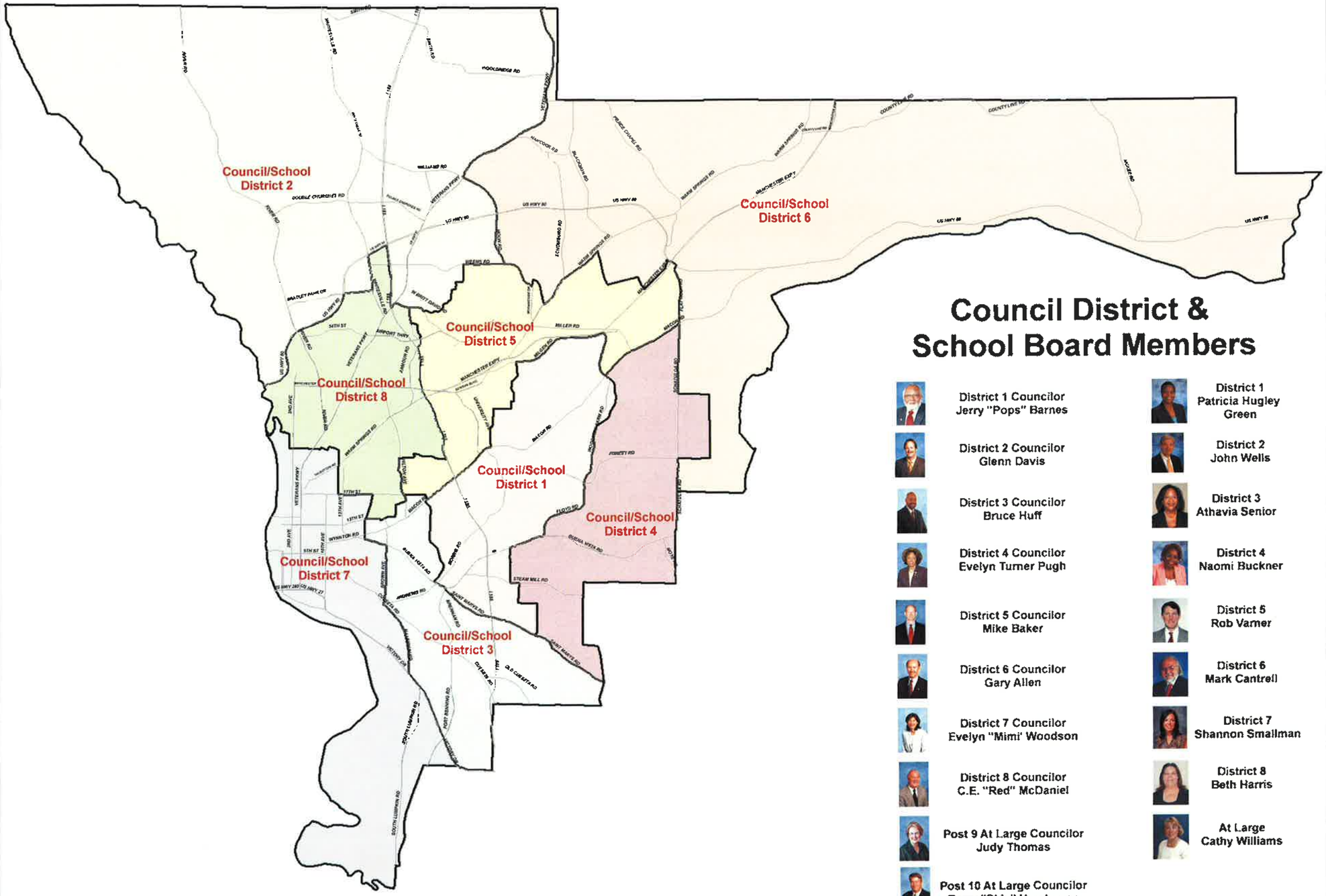

Council District & School Board Members

District 1 Councilor
Jerry "Pops" Barnes

District 2 Councilor
Glenn Davis

District 3 Councilor
Bruce Huff

District 4 Councilor
Evelyn Turner Pugh

District 5 Councilor
Mike Baker

District 6 Councilor
Gary Allen

District 7 Councilor
Evelyn "Mimi' Woodson

District 8 Councilor
C.E. "Red" McDaniel

Post 9 At Large Councilor
Judy Thomas

Post 10 At Large Councilor
Berry "Skip" Henderson

District 1
Patricia Hugley Green

District 2
John Wells

District 3
Athavia Senior

District 4
Naomi Buckner

District 5
Rob Varner

District 6
Mark Cantrell

District 7
Shannon Smallman

District 8
Beth Harris

At Large
Cathy Williams

Date: 2/25/2013

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Council/School Board Members At Large
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Legend

Columbus Historic Districts

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- Downtown Historic District
- High Uptown Historic District
- Liberty Heritage Historic District
- Peacock Woods/Diamond Circle
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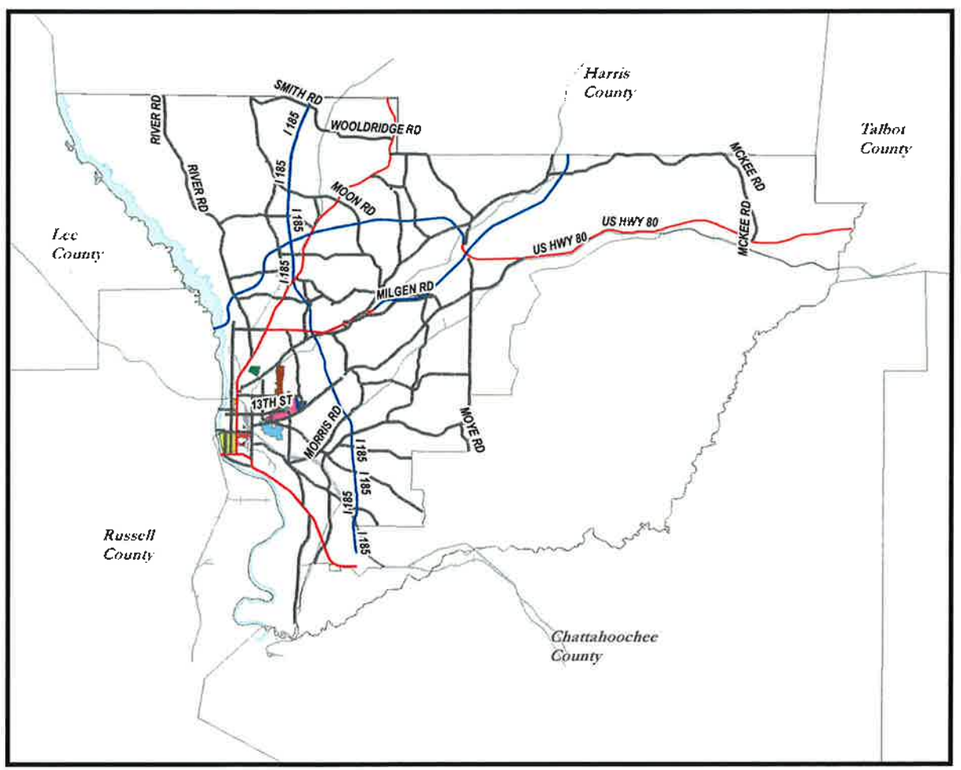
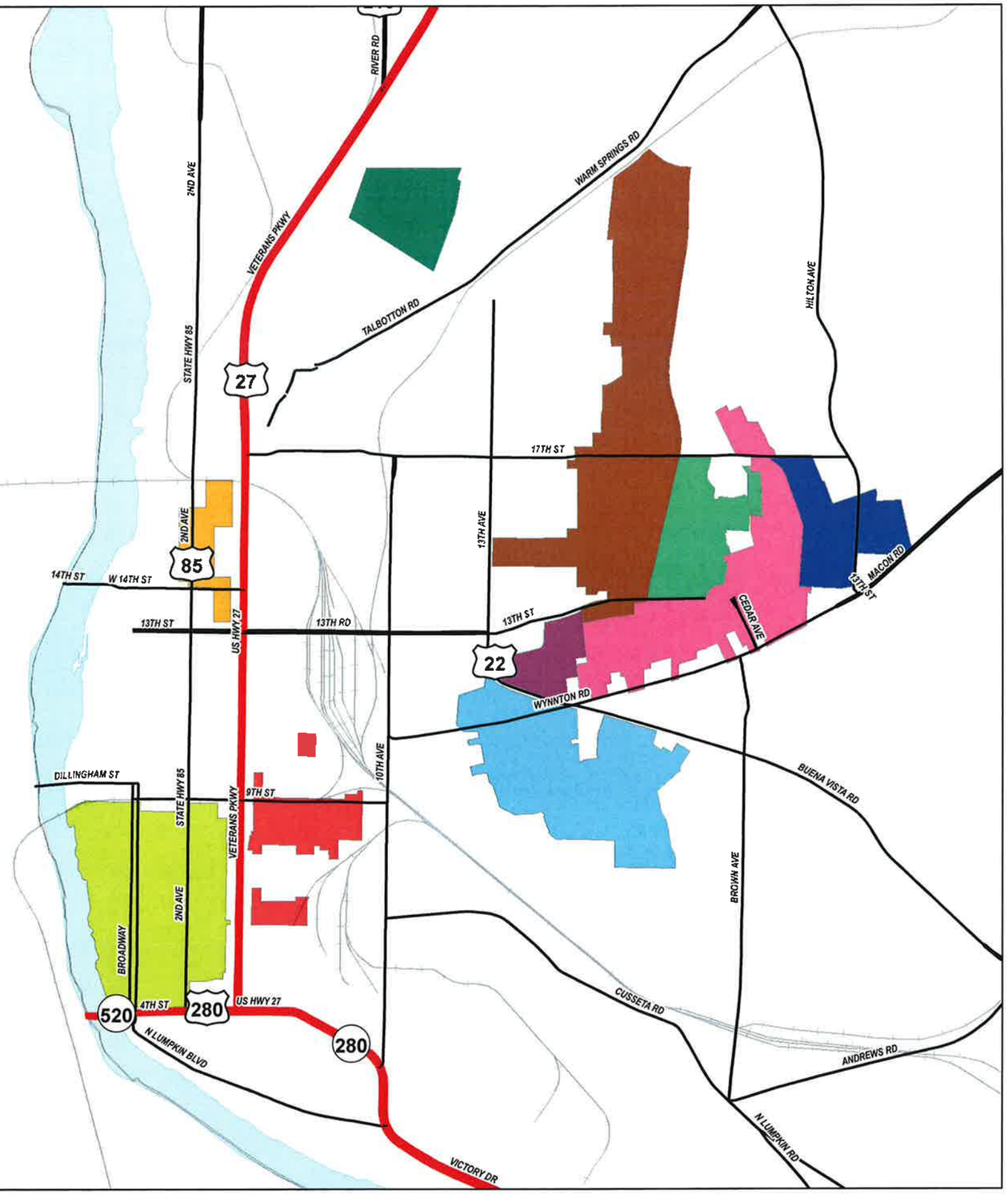
- Wynnton Village Historic District





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CCG Historic Districts

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Legend

- Fall Line Trace
- Riverwalk

Cultural Sites

1) Amphitheater
2) Coca-Cola Space Science Center
3) Columbus Aquatic Center
4) Columbus Botancial Gardens
5) Columbus Civic Center
6) Columbus Civil War Naval Museum
7) Columbus Ice Rink
8) Columbus Iron Works
9) Columbus Museum
10) Columbus Public Library
11) Columbus South Commons
12) Columbus State University
13) Columbus Whitewater Express
14) East Porterdale Cemetary
15) Flag Court - Keep Columbus Beautiful
16) Gertrude 'Ma Rainey 'Pridgett, House
17) Golden Park
18) Heritage Park
19) Jonathan Hatcher Skateboard Park
20) Keep Columbus Beautiful
21) Liberty Theater
22) LInwood Cemetery
23) Mildred L Terry Public Library
24) National Infantry Museum
25) North Columbus Library
26) Old Slave Cemetery
27) Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center
28) Oxbow Meadows Golf Course
29) Porterdale Cemetary
30) Porterdale East Cemetary
31) RiverCenter For The Performing Arts
32) Riverdale Cemetary
33) Riverside Theater
34) Saunders Center For Music Studies - Columbus State University
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36) South Columbus Library
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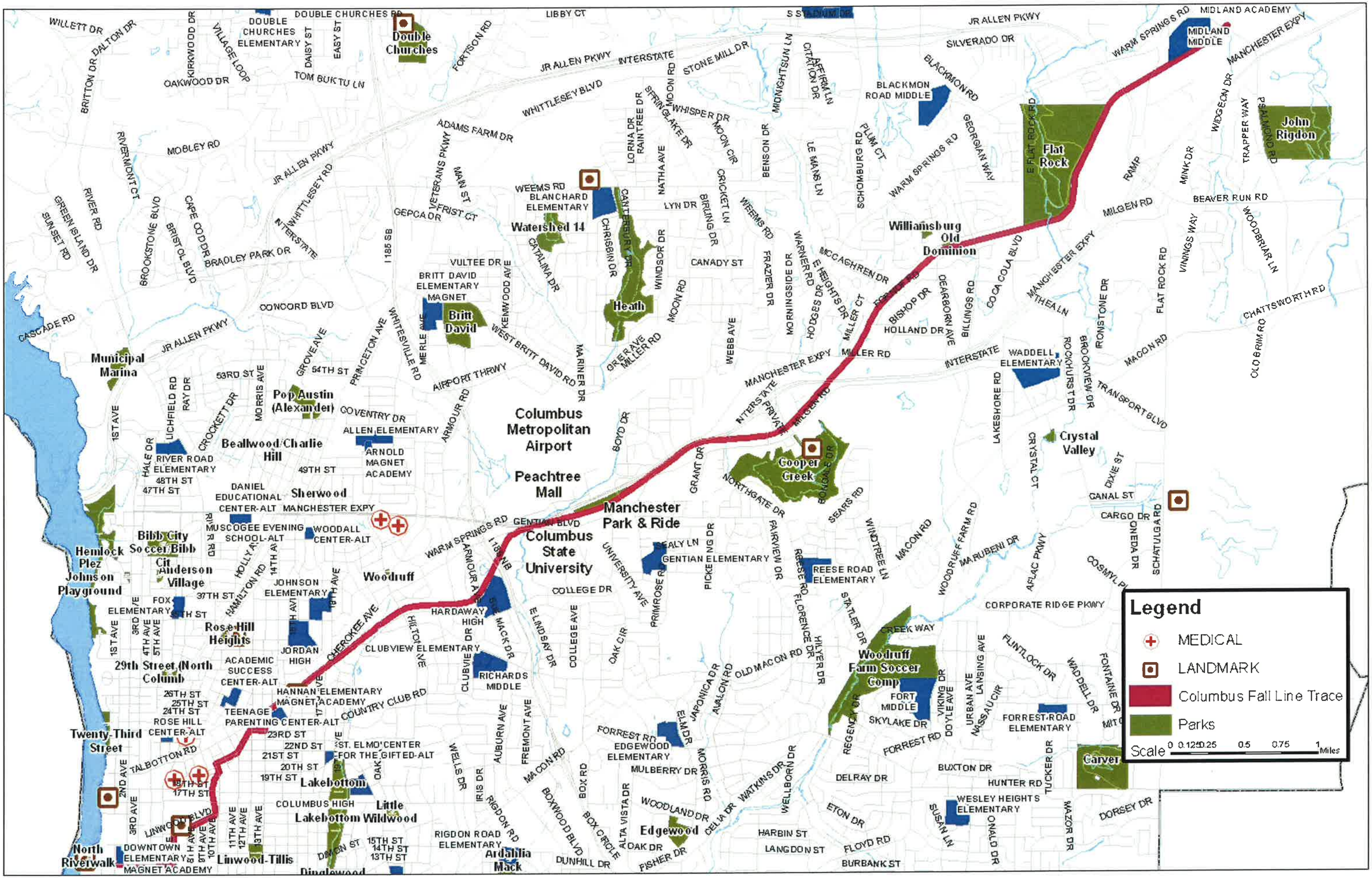
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Municipal Marina
Pop Austin (Alexander)
Beallwood/Charlie Hill
Sherwood
Bibb City Soccer/Bibb Cit
Hemlock Plez Johnson Playground
Anderson Village
Woodruff
Rose Hill Heights
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Twenty-Third Street
North Riverwalk
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Wildwood
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Dinglewood
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Edgewood
Columbus Metropolitan Airport
Peachtree Mall
Manchester Park & Ride
Columbus State University
Cooper Creek
Williamsburg Old Dominion
Flat Rock
Crystal Valley
Woodruff Farm Soccer Comp
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COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
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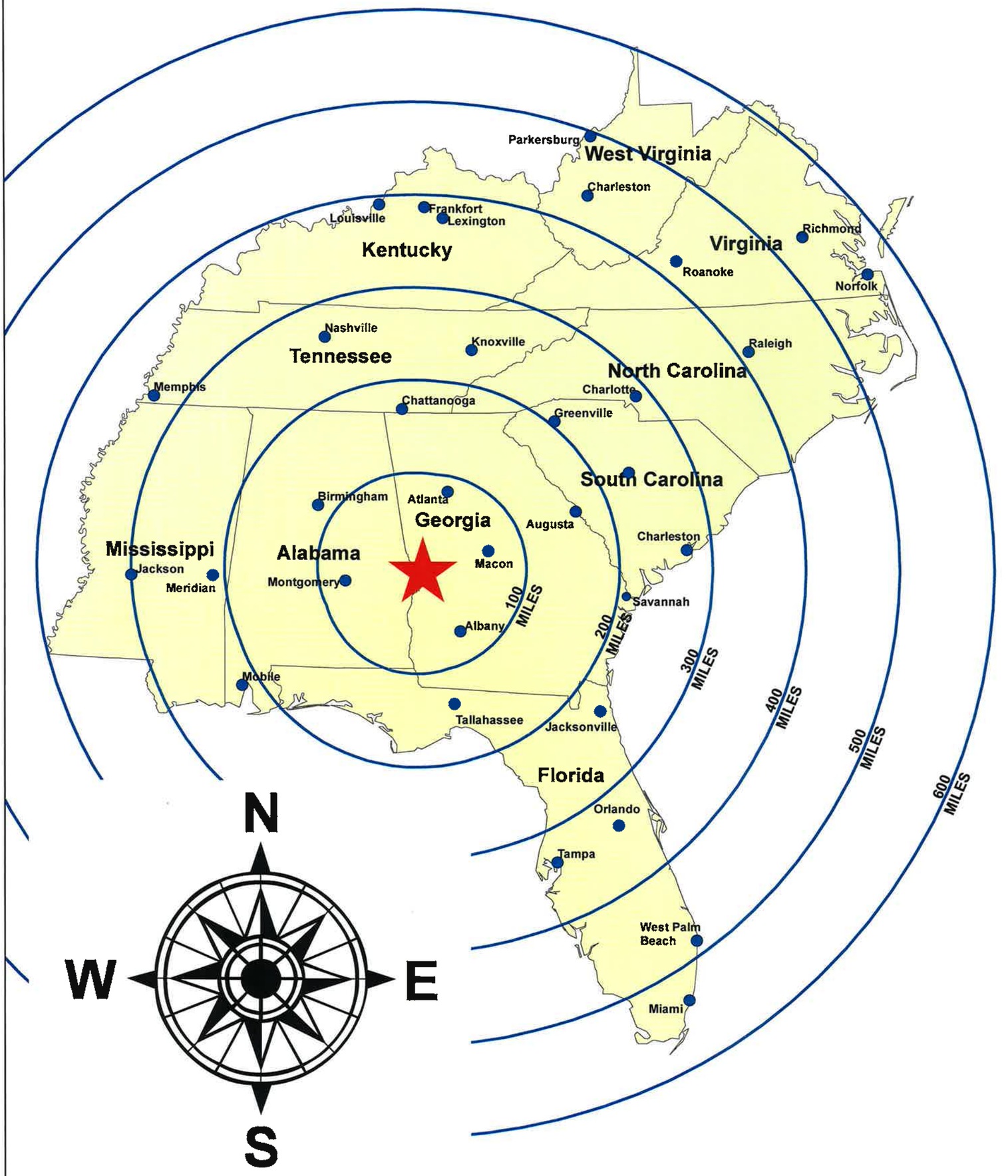

Figure 1

LOCATION AND PROXIMITY MAP
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Figure 2

CORPORATE AREA EXPANSION
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

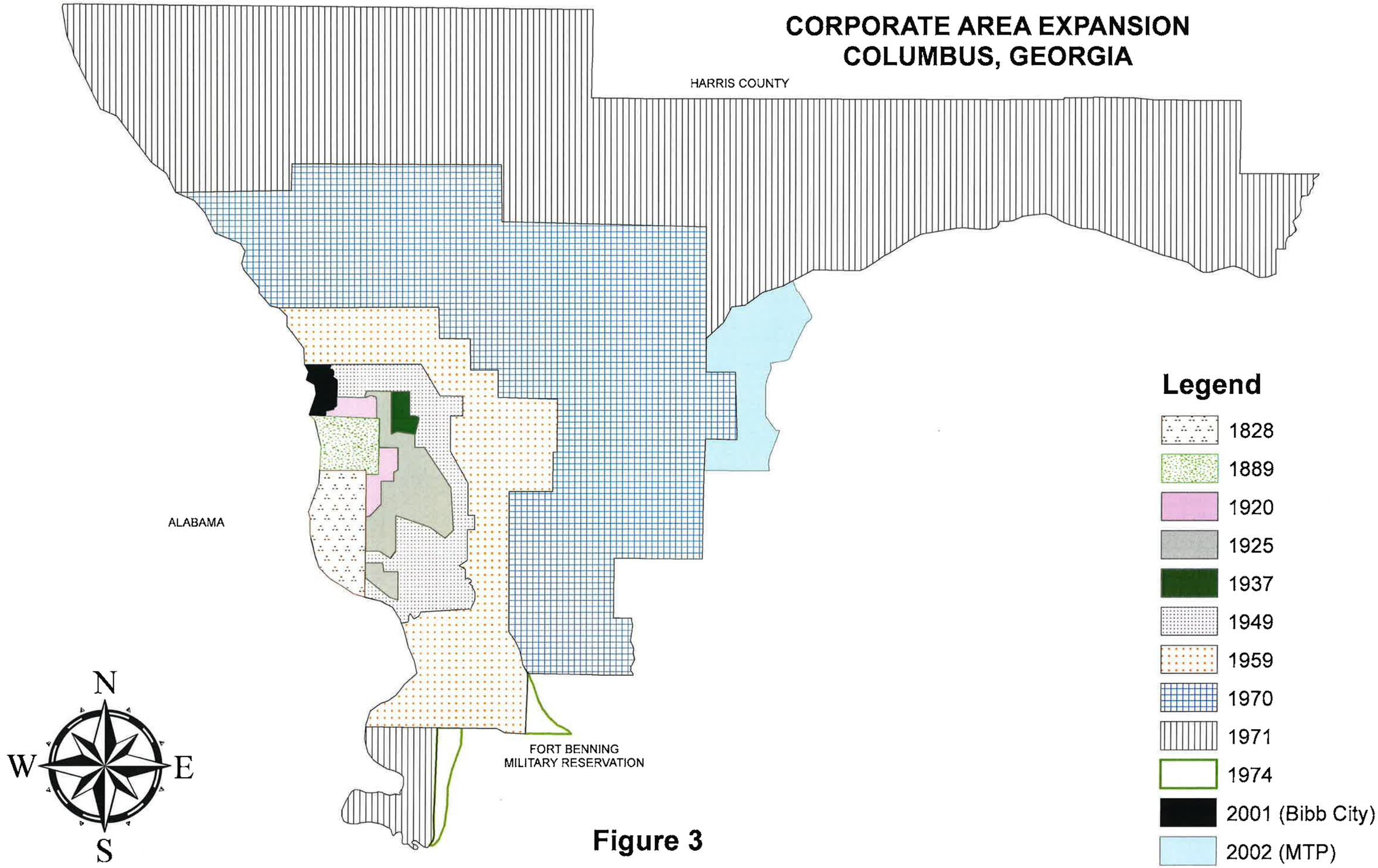

Figure 3

APPENDIX B - Acronyms

ACRONYMS

ATP – Alternative Transportation Plan

CCG – Columbus Consolidated Government

C-PCTS – Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study

FLT – Fall Line Trace

LOST – Local Option Sales Tax

MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

MCSD – Muscogee County School District

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding

MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization

P & R – Parks and Recreation

"Plan" – 2028 Comprehensive Plan

SAFETEA-LU – Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users

SPLOST – Special Local Option Sales Tax

SWOT Analysis – Strengths / Weaknesses / Opportunities / Threats Analysis

TSPLOST – Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax

APPENDIX C

Appendix C includes the following:

1. Insights
2. Site Elements
3. Program Elements
4. General Recommendations
5. Park Specific Recommendations
6. Public Participation Process

APPENDIX C1 – Insights

1. INSIGHTS

Note: Photographs in this section are not necessarily matched with park information.

Anderson

- Anderson Village is a former mill village with historical significance. The mill is long gone and the retired mill workers have moved on as well. The homes sit on small lots with little usable yard area. The park serves as the yard area for the village. The homes front the park which provides a level of security.
- The housing surrounding the park is historical, affordable, and stable.
- Young families will increase in this area over the next five (5) years.
- Anderson Village is a prime candidate to be considered a conservation subdivision. Creating a conservation subdivision could make the area more favorable to young higher wage earners who want to live in a trendy urban setting that has close proximity to the River Walk, Uptown Columbus, and Columbus Regional Medical Complex.

Antietam Road Property

- Although this is a fast-growing residential area in need of parks, it also is in need of vital greenspace. Primus King Park (on north border of this property) can meet the needs of the northern subdivision.

Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center

- This recreation center is only being utilized as a rental facility. It is not catering to the surrounding neighborhood.

Belvedere Park

- Belvedere Park became expendable with the development of Shirley Winston Park on Steam Mill Road. Athletic functions and a new recreation center at Shirley Winston were utilized to replace Belvedere Park.
- The surrounding neighborhood is predominantly middle income with a portion of the area being low-to-moderate income.

- The housing in the neighborhood is primarily single family residential, stable, and affordable.

Benning Hills Park

- Benning Hills Park is located in the Benning Hills neighborhood. This area has been in decline for several years. Military families once dominated the area but over time it has become a blighted area.
- Most of the residents in the neighborhood are low-to-moderate income. However, despite income levels, Benning Hills' residents have great pride in their neighborhood and fiercely defend it.
- The neighborhood has a strong youth population which will remain stable. Kaboom, the national non-profit organization that builds playgrounds in underserved areas, built a playground at Benning Hills Park, the first and only Kaboom playground in Columbus.

Benning Park / Frank Chester

- The surrounding area is low-to moderate income with a large amount of public/subsidized housing.
- The park is vital to neighborhood stabilization in this area.
- The senior population is strong in the one-half (½) mile study zone, but the senior center caters to most seniors in southwest Columbus. This senior center is highly utilized and active.
- The senior center and the recreation center share the building, however, the internal design of the building separates the two facilities so they can operate independently of each other. The youth activity at the center is high.

Bibb Soccer Field

- The park is located in the North Highlands neighborhood, which is a low-to-moderate income level area.
- Anderson Village Park is two blocks from this field and provides amenities that this park does not.
- The neighborhood is urban and dense, therefore recreation fields are scarce. This park is serving a need for the neighborhood.

Boxwood Park

- Two-thirds of the population in this area is low-to-moderate income.
- Age and sex projections will be consistent over the next five (5) years.
- Population, households, and families projected to slightly increase over the next five (5) years.
- The success of this park hinges on neighborhood interests. This park has been vandalized numerous times. The hope is that the neighborhood will embrace the park and enable its vitality.

Britt David Park

- This park is located in a stable, middle class neighborhood. It serves as the center point of a mixed use area, which includes single family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, an elementary school, and a public library – all within walking distance of each other.
- The neighborhood is mainly comprised of young families, and the neighborhood amenities play a large role in that.
- Young families will continue to locate in this area in the future due to affordable, stable housing.

Carver Park

- The southeastern portion of Muscogee County has seen an explosion of new housing over the last fifteen (15) years. Most of the houses are in new subdivisions and housing cost is affordable.
- This area is desirable for families due to the proximity to schools and employment centers.
- Income levels are middle level trending upward.

- This park serves a wide variety of ages and has something for everyone. The recreation center is able to provide senior as well as youth programming.

Charlie Hill Park

- Charlie Hill Park is centered in the Beallwood neighborhood, which has been a city focus area for redevelopment and revitalization.
- The neighborhood is low-to-moderate income and has sections of blight. The area is also negatively impacted by commercial properties.
- Over the next five (5) years, the forty-four (44) and under age demographic will remain stable, but the forty-five (45) and over age group will grow. Future needs in this neighborhood may need to be adjusted to meet the needs of seniors.

Chattahoochee Promenades at the RiverWalk Linear Park

- The Riverwalk was Columbus' first linear park. It runs from the Lake Oliver Dam to the north and Fort Benning to the south. It is the North-South complement to the East-West Fall Line Trace.
- The Riverwalk will be fully completed by 2015 and will have no disconnects.

Chatsworth Road Property

- This property should be divested as park property.

Comer Community Center

- This facility is only being used as a rental facility. It is not catering to the surrounding neighborhood.

Cooper Creek Park

- The Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA) is based at cooper Creek Park. CORTA offices are located at the park as well. CORTA is the second largest United States Tennis Association chapter in the South.
- Income levels in this area are a bit misleading, as many young people live in apartments to the north and east. Many of these young people are students at Columbus State University (CSU). Because of CSU, proximity to the Fall Line Trace, and proximity to Cooper Creek Park, this area should remain a desirable location for college-age students to live.

- The park serves as a neighborhood park for the subdivisions to the south and southeast. Those residents primarily utilize the passive aspects of the park.
- One of the aspects of the park that appeals regionally to citizens is the abundance and accessibility of wildlife (geese, ducks, etc.).

Crystal Valley

- New Multi-family developments have been built in this immediate area over the last ten (10) years. The developments have helped to stabilize the area and create population growth.
- The park originally served the neighborhoods to the north and the residents of the Crystal Valley Trailer Park to the west. The park usage declined due to the northern neighborhoods becoming more transitional (rental) housing and the perception of crime related to the trailer park.
- Population projections show that this area is ideal for young adults. The new apartments in the area provide quality housing in an accessible and convenient location (near job centers, retail, and highway access). However, monthly rental rates are low compared to market rate apartments to the north. This is a desirable area for young service employees or industrial employees.

Dinglewood Park

- Dinglewood Park serves as a buffer between residential areas and commercial developments. Ideally, it should serve as a pedestrian link between the aforementioned entities.
- The surrounding area is a true mixed-use urban area. There are wide ranges of people, via age, income level, and race. The area is popular among groups and has the potential to be a connected, sister park to Lakebottom Park.

Double Churches Road Park

- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential and commercial development.
- Roughly one-third (1/3) of this park is topographically challenging – possible unusable. Based on density and income for this area, that is unfortunate. American Little League is based at this park, and averages 600-800 players each year. There is also a community pool that does tremendous business in the summer. This site suffers because it has extremely high participation but most activities are amassed into a small area.

Ed Vance Park

- Ed Vance Park is a neighborhood park in the heart of the former Bibb City. During it's existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreations center / auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all the parks), was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems, thus isolating the two neighborhood parks from the original system.
- The former Bibb City is undergoing a gentrification. As former Bibb Mill employees pass on or move, young urban professionals have moved in. Income levels have and will increase and Bibb City has a very strong neighborhood association that is focused on community improvement.

Edgewood Park

- Edgewood Park is located in a stable, middle class neighborhood. The area is predominantly single family residential with limited neighborhood commercial uses.
- The neighboring Boys and Girls Club is one of the highest utilized non-profit recreation centers in the city. It is a nice compliment to the park.
- This area has a strong population of varying ages. The senior population is quite strong.
- Eastern Little League is based at this location. It averages 150 children for baseball. There is no longer a Babe Ruth League; therefore there is no need for the Babe Ruth Field.

Edgewood Senior Center

- Edgewood Senior Center is located in an old fire station. It lacks appropriate parking and accessibility.
- This portion of East Columbus has a strong senior population and needs recreational services and programs.
- Income levels are stable and support the notion of a strong middle class.

Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park

- This park is located in a low-to-moderate income area.
- The area population is wide ranging and age diverse.
- This park is within a quarter (1/4) mile of Fluellen Park, which is an active park with a recreation center. Ewart Park serves as a nice compliment to Fluellen.
- The topography is flat and the walking trail is well maintained.

Fall Line Trace – Manchester Expressway

- The Fall Line Trace is one of two (2) linear parks in Columbus. It begins at the Frank Martin Bridge and runs east to Psalmond Road.
- This particular Park-and-Ride site is heavily used, surprisingly at the playground.
- The facility has been leased to a bike shop, which rents and repairs bicycles, as well as offering retail sales.

Fall Line Trace – Talbotton Road

- The Fall Line Trace is one of two (2) linear parks in Columbus. It begins at the Frank Martin Bridge and runs east to Psalmond Road.
- This Park-and-Ride facility is one of two existing along the Trace. It sits along the north side of the East Highlands neighborhood, which is a designated redevelopment area.
- At this time, there has been no interest from potential tenants to lease the facility for commercial purposes.

Flag Court Park

- Flag Court is part of Columbus' historic riverfront. Instead of standing on its own, it should be consolidated with the Chattahoochee Promenades Park.

Flat Rock Park

- Flat Rock Park is one of the oldest and largest parks in Columbus. It is located in one of the fastest developing areas of town and serves a vital park need for the area. However, its mission is not to serve as a neighborhood park, which is what it has become. It is no longer a regional destination, unless a citizen is seeking disk golf or the mountain bike trail (which are exclusive to Flat Rock).

Fluellen Community Center

- This park is located in a low-to-moderate income area.
- The area population is dense and age diverse.
- This park is within a quarter (1/4) mile of Ewart Park, which is a passive park with a covered pavilion and picnic area. Fluellen Community Center serves as a nice compliment to Ewart Park.

Fox Community Center

- This facility should be used as a rental facility. It will not cater to the surrounding neighborhood.

Haygood Gym / Recreation Center

- Haygood Gym serves the community as a whole, not a particular area. It meets the needs of the community and is securely based on the site occupied by the Columbus Public Works Department.

Heath Park

- Heath Park is a vital amenity to the Windsor Park neighborhood, which was developed in the early 1960's. Many Windsor Park residents have lakefront property and direct access to the park.
- The surrounding area was the cusp of urban sprawl in the 1970s but is now part of the urban core of Columbus. The neighborhoods are organized and have a strong identity and bond. Many of the residents who moved into the area in the 1960s have not left. This accounts for the high number of senior citizens in the area.
- Many of the houses in the area are large, well-built, and affordable. Young families continue to find the area as a safe, stable environment in which to raise a family. This is also an area that former residents (primarily young families) return to live, thus making it a multi-generational neighborhood because of familiarity.

Hemlock Park

- Hemlock Park was a community park in the heart of the former Bibb City. During its existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreation center / auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all of the parks) was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems.
- Hemlock Park will serve as a perfect example of urban greenspace.

Heritage Park

- Heritage Park pays homage to the rich history of Columbus and was built to complement the Columbus Historic District and serve as a bridge to the various parks and civic facilities along the Chattahoochee River.

John Rigdon Park / Psalmond Road

- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential development.
- Residents in this area typically live on estate lots and are family-dominant.
- This park serves all over Northeast Columbus. It is the eastern most park in the City. It is also one of the most used.
- This park is highly utilized and hosts the largest Little League baseball and Babe Ruth baseball leagues in the city.
- The Fall Line Trace trailhead is just north of this park on Psalmond Road.

Lake Oliver Marina

- Many families' fish from the banks, however, children may not always participate. Therefore, a distraction, such as a playground may be in order.
- The marina serves the entire community and is highly used.

Lakebottom – Werecoba Park

- Lakebottom Park, as it's commonly called, is the most popular and most used park in Columbus. It is essentially Columbus' version of Central Park.
- The park is nestled in the center of a mixed-use, historic neighborhood. One of the best features of the park is the residences that face the park on all sides.

- The Park District neighborhood is a popular place to live and many of the area homes have accessory dwelling units (ADU's). The park is one of the driving forces behind the success of these ADU's.
- Lakebottom Park was acquired by the City of Columbus in 1921 and the lake was drained. The City later converted it to a park.

Little Wildwood Park

- Little Wildwood sits on the eastern end of a three (3) park area. Lakebottom Park is two (2) blocks west and Dinglewood Park is adjacent to Lakebottom on the southwest end.
- This park sits in the corner of a mixed-use, vibrant neighborhood in Midtown Columbus. It serves as one of two passive parks (Dinglewood) that bookend Lakebottom Park.
- Emphasizing Little Wildwood as part of a larger Lakebottom complex should be pursued. Walkability should be encouraged between the parks. This park is highly underutilized because it is overshadowed by Lakebottom Park.

North Highland Dam Park

- This park is primarily utilized as the beginning point for the Columbus Whitewater course. Rafts are put in at the boat ramp. This is also part of the Riverwalk Pedestrian trail.

Northside Park

- Northside Park is part of a massive government development, which includes an elementary school, a middle school, a high school, and a fire station. At the time of construction, all facilities on the development were built for future growth. That growth has almost caught up. A 270-acre mixed-use development is under development to the southwest of the park.
- This area is relatively affluent compared to other areas of Columbus. It is also one of the fastest growing areas in regards to population and residential and commercial development.

Old Dominion Park

- Old Dominion Park serves the Williamsburg neighborhood. This is a single family residential area with numerous young families.
- This is a middle class neighborhood that was started over forty (40) years ago. Housing is stable and there is a close sense of community.

Plez Johnson Park

- Plez Johnson Park is a neighborhood park in the former Bibb City. During its existence, Bibb City had a community park (Hemlock Park), a recreation center / auditorium (Comer), and two neighborhood parks (Ed Vance and Plez Johnson), all of which were connected at one time. However, Hemlock Park (which was the common tie to all of the parks) was divested as a park because of flooding and infrastructure problems, thus isolating the two neighborhood parks from the original system.
- Plez Johnson Park will service as a perfect example of urban greenspace.

Primus King Park

- The community center is shuddered and needs maintenance.
- The multi-use field is disconnected from the park due to topography.
- The existing neighborhood to the west is stable and over forty (40) years old.

- The developing neighborhood to the east includes an apartment complex and large single family houses on small lots. Due to proximity to Fort Benning, this development includes a large number of military families.
- Southeast Columbus is one of the fastest growing residential areas in Columbus. Most single family development since 2005 has taken place here. It is a middle class area that is gaining a significant military population.
- This area has much age diversity, but only one notable park (Shirley Winston) serves a diverse population. This particular area is underserved.

Rigdon Park / Pool

- This area is surrounded by the Oakland Park neighborhood. Oakland Park began as a Vietnam-era development catering to military families. Since that time, much of the houses have been sold to local investors and families. Several retired military still live in the neighborhood, which helps strengthen the age diversity in the area.
- The neighboring area is projected to grow, primarily due to access to Fort Benning as well as the tourist attraction at Oxbow Meadows. The National Infantry Museum, the proposed Armor Museum, and a proposed four-hundred (400) + unit, mixed-use development are changing the erroneous perception of the area as poor, blighted, and crime infested.
- Incomes for this area are stable despite ½ of the area being low-to-moderate income.

Roadside Park

- This park serves as a rest stop along the Riverwalk.

Rose Hill Heights Park

- Rose Hill Park sits on the western fringe of one of the densest residential areas in Columbus. Most of the area is single family residential and the housing is fifty plus (50+) years old.
- The area has a strong population ranging from 0-69 but has a significant fall-off beyond the age of 69. Beyond the one-half (1/2) mile study area, the elderly population increases.

- The income level leans heavily towards low-to-moderate income, but proximity to the west side of Veteran's Parkway is skewing those figures (public housing, North Highlands). The park serves the eastern neighborhoods. Veteran's Parkway serves as the disconnect between Rose Hill Park and the North Highlands area. 29th Street Park serves as the recreation opportunity for the west side of Veteran's Parkway.

Rotary Park

- Rotary Park provides boating access to the southern part of the River (below the dams). Its focus is fishing and there is a small bait shop that provides bait and fishing supplies. It is also along the Riverwalk.

Sherwood Park

- Sherwood Park has no shade and isn't safely accessible (all park-goers have to cross a street). It would be ideal as a heat island mitigation project and could possibly have benches near shade trees within a heat island.

Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center

- Shirley Winston Park serves one of the fastest growing areas of Columbus. The area is predominantly single family residential with a scattering of neighborhood commercial uses.
- The surrounding neighborhoods are stable with well built housing. Most of the housing is over fifty (50) years old. However, there are numerous subdivisions under construction about a mile southeast of this park.
- The recreation center is actually a super center. It has strong participation from seniors and youth alike. Age diversity is healthy in this area.

South Commons and Golden Park

- South Commons and Golden Park officially includes the Softball Stadium and adjacent fields, Memorial Stadium, Golden Park, and the Columbus Skate Park. The Columbus Civic Center and the Columbus Ice Rink (not under oversight of Columbus Parks and Recreation Department) are also part of the South Commons complex. This area is the main activity facility in the city.

Theo McGee Park

- The northern side of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard is residential, but most of it is public housing. The south side of said road is primarily industrial and commercial. The multiple railroad lines running parallel to said road assists in forming a level of isolation for the residents to the north side.
- Much of the area is low-to-moderate income and will remain as such without reinvestment into the area.
- The area has decent age diversity except for the elderly. However, that demographic will increase over the next five (5) years.

Tillis Park – Gallops Senior Center

- This park complex sits on the eastern end of the Boogerville neighborhood; the western side of the Park District; and the southern portion of East Highlands. All three (3) are very different from each other. Boogerville is now a commercial and industrial area. The Park District borders the west side of Lakebottom Park and is a historic district. East Highlands is a mixed-income neighborhood that is more affluent and middle class to the south but very poor and low-to-moderate income to the north.
- This area has good age diversity. Gallops Senior Center is one of the more popular senior centers in Columbus.
- Growth should remain steady in this area over the next five (5) years.

- The recreation center is utilized by the Community Schools program. All Community Schools' camps are held there.

Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park

- The income level leans heavily towards low-to-moderate income, mainly due to the surrounding public housing; the North Highlands neighborhood; and the Habitat for Humanity homes in City village.
- Much of the housing in the area is substandard and in decay (excluding Habitat for Humanity homes).
- The surrounding area lacks a strong elderly population and there's change to that scenario expected over the next five (5) years.
- The Columbus Housing Authority has made some façade upgrades to the public housing and built a pergola to complement the park.

Twenty-Third (23rd) Street Park

- This park serves as a rest stop along the Riverwalk. However, it has a problem with homeless people using it as shelter. Opening up the block to parking will help alleviate that problem.

Watershed (14) Park

- Watershed 14 is a watershed lake tucked back into a dense residential area. The lake has pedestrian access from Stinson Street but there is no parking. The street dead-ends into the lake property. It is very difficult to find.

Williamsburg Park

- Williamsburg Park is located in the middle of two major parks (Cooper Creek and Flat Rock Park), and is surrounded by a stable, middle class residential neighborhood.
- This park functions well as a green passive park area. The maturity of its trees gives character to the adjacent neighborhood.

Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex

- This park is located in a stable, middle class neighborhood. Given its complexity and purpose, the park welcomes a high concurrence from around the county.
- The neighborhood is mainly comprised of young families which will continue to locate in this area in the future, due to affordable, stable housing, and the contribution of the area itself to the quality of life of its residents.
- Amenities within this park are active and passive in nature, and a wide buffer area is maintained around the entire perimeter of the park.

Woodruff Park

- Woodruff Park is located at the intersection of Woodruff Road and Rosemont Drive. It is a triangular-shaped lot that is non-accessible and hostile to the public due to the heavy traffic along Woodruff Road.

APPENDIX C2 – Site Elements

2. SITE ELEMENTS

Anderson

- Pavilion
- Playground
- Outdoor Basketball Court

Antietam Road Property

- Undeveloped
- Greenspace

Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center

- Recreation Center

Belvedere Park

- Football Field
- Recreation Center
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Outdoor Restrooms

Benning Hills Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Benning Park / Frank Chester

- Recreation Center / Senior Center
- Pottery Studio
- Four (4) Softball Fields – Adult
- Rental Facilities
- Indoor Basketball and Volleyball
- Multi-Purpose Court
- Seven (7) Tennis Courts
- Playground

Bibb Multi-Use Field

- Soccer Field

Boxwood Park

- Recreation Center
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Playground
- Outdoor Basketball Court

Britt David Park

- Two (Babe Ruth) Baseball Fields
- Two (Little League) Baseball Fields
- Two (Little League) Softball Fields
- Football Field

- Walking Trail
- Covered Pavilion / Outdoor Restrooms
- Pottery Studio
- Playground
- Grill / Picnic Area

Carver Park

- Recreation Center
- Walking Trail
- Fishing
- Rental Facilities
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Softball Field (Adult)
- Picnic Area / Grills
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Playground

Charlie Hill Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Outdoor Restrooms

Chatsworth Road Property

- Undeveloped Property

Comer Community Center

- Rental Facilities
- Indoor Basketball Court
- Indoor Volleyball Court
- Multi-Purpose Court

Cooper Creek Park

- Three (3) covered Pavilions / Gazebo's
- Fishing
- Fitness Trail – (4.3 Miles)
- Two (2) Playgrounds
- Three (3) Rental Facilities
- Two (2) Walking Trails
- Thirty (30) Tennis Courts
- Ten (10) Grills

Crystal Valley

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Outdoor Basketball Court

- Playgrounds
- Picnic Table

Dinglewood Park

- Grills
- Picnic Area

Double Churches Road Park

- Concession Stands
- Three (3) Baseball fields (Little League)
- One (1) Softball Field (Little League)
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Swimming (Competitive, Leisure, and Programmed)
- Tennis Court

Ed Vance Park

- Playground

Edgewood Park

- Concession Stands
- One (1) Baseball Field (Babe Ruth)
- Three (3) Baseball Fields (Little League)
- One (1) Playground
- One (1) Softball Field (Little League)
- Outdoor Restrooms

Edgewood Senior Center

- Senior Activities/Programming

Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Picnic Area
- One (1) Playground
- Walking Trail

Fall Line Trace – Manchester Expressway

- Gazebo
- Bike Rentals
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Fitness Trail
- Playground
- Born Learning Trail

Fall Line Trace – Talbotton Road

- Covered Pavilion
- Gazebo
- Picnic Area
- Outdoor Restrooms

Flag Court Park

- Fountain
- Historical Markers
- Historical Flags

Flat Rock Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebos
- Fishing
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- Walking Trail
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Disc Golf
- Grills
- Picnic Areas

Fluellen Community Center

- Recreation Center
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Two (2) Basketball Courts
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- Grills

Fox Community Center

- Rental Facilities
- Outdoor Volleyball
- Bocce Court
- Park Benches

Haygood Gym / Recreation Center

- Boxing
- Weight Training

Heath Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Fishing
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Walking Trail (1.9 Miles)
- Grills

Hemlock Park

- Walking Trail

Heritage Park

- Covered Pavilion
- Fountain
- Historical Information

John Rigdon Park / Psalmond Road

- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- One (1) Baseball Field – Babe Ruth
- Four (4) Baseball Fields – Little League
- One (1) Softball Field – Little League
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Playground
- Pottery Studio
- Rental Facilities
- Swimming – Competitive, Leisure, and Programmed

Lake Oliver Marina

- Grills
- Picnic Area
- Fishing
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Concession Stands

Lakebottom – Werecoba Park

- Consession Stands
- Two (2) Baseball Fields – Little League
- Covered Pavilion
- Fitness Trail
- Football
- Grills
- Outdoor Basketball
- Outdoor Volleyball
- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Rental Facilities
- One (1) Softball Field – Little League
- Tennis
- Track
- Trail – Walking

Little Wildwood Park

- Grills

- Picnic Area

North Highland Dam Park

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Fishing

Northside Park

- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- Indoor Basketball
- Indoor Volleyball
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- Three (3) Softball Fields – Little League
- Walking Trail

Old Dominion Park

- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Playground

Plez Johnson Park

- Needs Update

Primus King Park

- One (1) Baseball Field – Little League
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Football / Soccer Field
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Tennis

Rigdon Park / Pool

- Concession Stands
- Two (2) Baseball Fields – Little League
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Outdoor Volleyball Court
- Football Field
- Two (2) Softball Fields – Little League
- Playground
- Swimming – Competitive, Leisure, and Programmed

River Walk – Linear Park

- Picnic Area
- Rental Facilities / Three (3) Promenades
- Multi-Use Trail

Roadside Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Fishing

Rosehill Park

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Softball Field – Adult

Rotary Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Fishing

Sherwood Park

- Playground

Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center

- Concession Stands
- Recreation Center
- One (1) Baseball Field – Babe Ruth
- Two (2) Baseball Fields – Little League
- Football Field
- Indoor Basketball Court
- Indoor Volleyball Court
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- One (1) Softball Field – Little League
- Swimming – Competitive, Leisure, and Programmed
- Walking Trail

South Commons and Golden Park

- Concession Stands
- Rental Facilities
- Baseball Complex – Pro
- Seven (7) Softball Fields – Adult
- Football Stadium

Theo McGee Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Outdoor Restrooms
- Playground
- One (1) Softball Field – Little League

Tillis Park – Gallops Senior Center

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo

- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Picnic Area
- One (1) Softball Field – Adult
- Playground
- Rental Facilities
- Pottery Studio

Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park

- Outdoor Restrooms
- Indoor Basketball
- Playground
- One (1) Softball Field – Adult
- Rental Facilities

Twenty-Third (23rd) Street Park

- Covered Pavilion / Gazebo
- Fishing
- Picnic Area
- Outdoor Restrooms

Watershed (14) Park

- Fishing

Williamsburg Park

- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Grills

Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex

- Concession Stands
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Soccer

Woodruff Park

- Picnic Area
- Grill

APPENDIX C3 – Program Elements

3. PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Anderson

- There are no program elements for this park. It strictly serves the surrounding neighborhood.
- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Antietam Road Property

- There are no program elements for this property.

Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center

- This recreation center is only utilized as a rental facility.
- Hours of Operation – Depends on planned Activities.

Belvedere Park

- This park is no longer used. Grounds are maintained by the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Benning Hills Park

- Multi-Purpose Court
- Picnic Area
- Playground

Benning Park / Frank Chester

- Senior Center
  - Ceramics, Art, Needlepoint, Bible Study, Bingo & Exercise Classes
  - Hours of Operation – 8 AM to 5 PM – Monday through Friday
    9 AM to 2 PM – Saturday, Closed Sunday
- Recreation Center
  - Arts & Crafts, After School Program (Tutoring / Mentoring), Basketball, Game Room
  - Hours of Operation – 3 PM to 7 PM Monday through Friday
    Closed Saturday and Sunday

Bibb Multi-Use Field

- This field is used as a practice field for recreational soccer.
- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Boxwood Park

- Senior Programming
  - Games, Pool, and Ping Pong
  - Hours of Operation – 11 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday
    Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Youth Programming
  - Game Room, Assist with School Work (Tutoring), Wi-Fi access
  - Hours of Operation – 3 PM to 7 PM Monday through Friday
    Closed Saturday and Sunday

Britt David Park

- Pottery Studio
  - Monday – 9 AM to 8:30 PM
  - Tuesday – 9 AM to 10 PM
  - Wednesday – 10 AM to 5 PM
  - Thursday – 9 AM to 10 PM
  - Closed Friday – Sunday
- Youth Athletics
- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Carver Park

- Senior Programming – Tuesday & Thursday
- Youth Programming – Monday through Friday
  - After School Program (Tutorial)
  - Modeling
  - Aerobics
- Hours of Operation (Inside Activities)
  - 11 AM to 7 PM (Monday – Friday)
  - Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Hours of Operation (Outside Activities)
  - 5 AM to 11 PM

Charlie Hill Park

- There are no program elements for this park.
- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Chatsworth Road Property

- Undeveloped Property

Comer Community Center

- Reserved for Rental Activities Only
- Hours of Operation: Office 8 AM to 5 PM.
  Rental Hours – Depends on activities.

Cooper Creek Park

- Park Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM - (Back portion of the Park)
  5 AM to 11 PM - (Tennis facilities)

Crystal Valley

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Dinglewood Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Double Churches Road Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM
- Pool Hours – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 12 PM to 6 PM
  Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM
  Closed Monday and Tuesday

Ed Vance Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Edgewood Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Edgewood Senior Center

- Hours of Operation: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM – Monday
  8 AM to 4 PM – Tuesday through Friday
  Closed Saturday and Sunday

Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Fall Line Trace – Manchester Expressway

- Rest Area Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM

Fall Line Trace – Talbotton Road

- Rest Area Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM

Flag Court Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Flat Rock Park

- Park Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM

Fluellen Community Center

- Senior Programming – Monday through Friday (Daytime)
  - Monday and Wednesday – Senior Exercises
  - Tuesday and Thursday – Senior Bingo
  - Friday – Open Recreation and Games
- Youth Programming – Monday through Friday (Evening)
  - Monday and Wednesday – Youth Ceramics
  - Thursday – Young Life
  - Friday – Open Recreation and Games
- Hours of Operation – Recreation Center – 11 AM to 7 PM
  - Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Park Hours (Outside Activities) - 5 AM to 11 PM

Fox Community Center

- Senior Programming
  - Monday, Wednesday and Friday – Exercising (9:30 Am to 10:30 AM)
  - Tuesday and Friday – Partner Bridge (1 PM to 4 PM)
  - Wednesday – Singles Bridge (10:30 AM)
  - Thursday – Quilting / Sewing (9 AM to 12 Noon)
  - Friday – Sewing / Crafts (9 AM to 2 PM)
  - Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Park Hours (Outside Activities) – 5 AM to 11 PM

Haygood Gym / Recreation Center

- Boxing
- Hours of Operation – Monday through Friday – 5 PM to 9 PM

  Closed Saturday and Sunday

Heath Park

- Park Hours – 6 AM to 9 PM

Hemlock Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Heritage Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

John Rigdon Park / Psalmond Road

- Recreation Center
  - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – Pool Table Tournaments
  - Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – Family Board Games
  - Saturday – Video Game Night – (Wi and others)
  - Weekdays – Tutoring
- Hours of Operation – 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday

  2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday – Closed Sunday
- Pool Hours – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 12 PM to 6 PM

  Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM

  Closed Monday and Tuesday
- Park Hours (Outside Activities) – 5 AM to 11 PM

Lake Oliver Marina

- Hours of Operation
  - Summer – 6 AM to 9 PM – Monday through Sunday
  - Winter – 9 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday

    6 AM to 7 PM – Saturday and Sunday

Lakebottom – Weracoba Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Little Wildwood Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

North Highland Dam Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Northside Park

- Recreation Center
  - Center can be rented for private use
  - Activities – Bridge Club, Line dancing, Clogging and Exercise Class
  - After School Program includes pool and air hockey
- Hours of Operation (Recreation Center)
  - 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday
  - 2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday, Closed Sunday
- Park Hours (Outside Facilities) – 5 AM to 11 PM

Old Dominion Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Plez Johnson Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Primus King Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Rigdon Park / Pool

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM
- Pool Hours – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 12 PM to 6 PM
  Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM
  Closed Monday and Tuesday

River Walk – Linear Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Roadside Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Rosehill Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Rotary Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Sherwood Park

- Park Hours - 5 AM to 11 PM

Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center

- Senior Programming
  - Line and Hula Dancing, Aerobics, Card Games
- Youth Programming
  - Open Basketball (After 12 Noon), Weight room, Children's Activity Room,
    And game room
- Hours of Operation (Recreation Center)
  - 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday
  - 2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday, Closed Sunday
- Park Hours (Outside Facilities) – 5 AM to 11 PM
- Pool Hours – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 12 PM to 6 PM
  Saturday and Sunday – 11 AM to 7:30 PM
  Closed Monday and Tuesday

South Commons and Golden Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Theo McGee Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Tillis Park – Gallops Senior Center

- Senior Center Programs
  - Line Dancing, Bingo, Card Games, Sewing / Crocheting, Active Pool Exercises and ceramics
- Hours of Operation (Senior Center)
  - 8 AM to 5 PM - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
  - 8 AM to 8:30 PM - Tuesday
  - 8 AM to 9 PM - Friday
  - 9 AM to 2 PM – Saturday. Closed Sunday
- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park

- Youth Programming
  - Open Recreation to include gymnasium, weight room, game room, and a children's activity room.
- Hours of Operation (Recreation Room)
  - 11 AM to 7 PM – Monday through Friday
  - 2 PM to 6 PM – Saturday. Closed Sunday
- Park Hours (Outside Activities) – 5 AM to 11 PM

Twenty-Third (23rd) Street Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Watershed (14) Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Williamsburg Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM
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Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

Woodruff Park

- Park Hours – 5 AM to 11 PM

APPENDIX C-5 – Recommendations

4. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Connectivity was a resounding theme demanding attention throughout this park system. Signage is one aspect of connectivity. Signage is both necessary and a must for the park system to become user friendly. We strongly recommend using the following types of signage: Identification Signage, Wayfinding Signage, and Directional Signage.

- Identification Signage: Some of the parks such as Charlie Hill Park and Boxwood Park are well marked with a large wooden sign. The other parks need this same signage for uniformity will create a more park-user-friendly system. This is directional signage placed within the city for location purposes as well as within a park to help the user find the park's amenities.

- Wayfinding Signage: This is the process one uses to navigate to get from one place to another. Most people use land marks. But if you have never been to a particular place some cities are relying on this type of signage which can consist of simple arrows within a colored circle. Columbus Parks and Recreation has two exceptional linear parks, The Riverwalk and The Fall Line Trace. The first being about 22 miles long running alongside the Chattahoochee River and the latter being 11 miles long created from a "Rails-to-Trails" project. Both are exceptional linear parks that intersect several other parks within the system or are within a few blocks of another park. For example, The Fall Line Trace is within five (5) blocks of Lakebottom Park and approximately two (2) blocks of Cooper Creek Park. Neither park has signage to indicate connectivity to the Fall Line Trace Linear Park or vice versa. The Riverwalk is similar. In addition several parks are within walking distance of other parks, but as a visitor, there is no indication or encouragement to get you to the other park.

- Directional Signage: Regional parks require directional signage. We highly recommend signage on interstate, freeways, expressways, arterial, collector and local roads to encourage regional visitors and adjacent city usage.

General Programming Recommendations

In addition to connectivity, public participation repeatedly voiced that programming was of great importance to their local community. The neighborhoods wanted to be involved in how the Super Centers and pools would set open/closing hours to include nights, weekdays and weekends. Senior centers were strongly suggested and supported in the demographic information acquired through ESRI Community Analyst. These neighborhoods were also willing to serve in crime prevention programs and increase their involvement. With this encouragement we recommend the following general suggestions: Increase program hours to meet the needs of the residents adjacent to the recreation center; Partner with local and regional companies to support necessary programs such as fishing and historical recreation at Flat Rock Park or connectivity within the community to the existing linear parks to and from schools or nearby parks; lower the city's heat index by increasing the number of shade trees within the ballfield areas which would also encourage use of said fields; increase fees of rentals, ball players, etc., as suggested above to financially support the park system's needs and meet its future goals; Encourage cultural diversity and intergenerational programming within the Super Centers; Increase location signage of each park, especially regional, linear parks and Super Centers; Focus on Child Safety 1st through ID programs, bike safety etc. and partner with non-profit organizations; Expand Britt David Potter Studio; Bring back Park Rangers; Put speed tables near all parks to create an awareness for the park participants; create more multi-use trails; Utilize the high-activity established with the Whitewater Rafting and create or lease to companies who will create high-adrenaline parks to compliment the Riverwalk area or other large regional park areas; Encourage children to utilize the parks by creating challenge courses and partnering with Fort Benning; Establish tutoring programs that partner with Columbus State University or Columbus' area high schools; Create user friendly dog parks; Partner with local organizations to assist in "local ownership" with "Adopt-A-Park".

APPENDIX C-5 Recommendations

5. PARK SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Anderson

- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Additional benches throughout the park.
- Outdoor game area.
- Picnic tables near the pavilion.
- Delineate the north side of the park as a small multi-purpose field.

Antietam Road Property

- This property serves as necessary greenspace in one of the fastest growing residential areas of Columbus. It should be left in its natural state and divested as potential park property. There are serious elevation drops regarding this property. The lowest elevations on the property serve as wetlands. This property is undevelopable.

Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center

- Convert the former school site into a heat island project.

Belvedere Park

- There is interest by specific parties to utilize this park for their activities, such as a radio-controlled car race track, cross-fit obstacle course, and etc. The recreation center needs to be utilized as a rental facility.

Benning Hills Park

- Benning Hills Park is a heavily forested Active Park. There are no recommendations for this park.

Benning Park / Frank Chester

- Shade trees around the softball fields.
- Picnic tables near the softball fields.
- Covered pavilion.

Bibb Soccer Field

- Extend the Godwin Creek Golf Course parking lot east towards the field.
- Shade Trees along the east and west property lines.
- Add benches and a picnic table.
- Add water fountains.

Boxwood Park

- Signage.
- Covered Pavilion.
- Additional Basketball Court.
- Market Days.
- Community Gardens.
- Shade Trees.
- Bleachers or benches for courts or playgrounds.

Britt David Park

- Proposed rain garden behind western most softball field.
- Shade trees around all fields.
- Picnic tables.

Carver Park

- Extend Hunter Road and connect it to the Western portion of Hunter Road.
- The ROW is reserved.
- Loop back street to connect loop – possible near Forrest Road Elementary.
- Partner with Elementary School Science Department.
- Check topography and create better connectivity.

Charlie Hill Park

- No recommendations. This park is in good condition and well maintained. It is utilized by the neighborhood and adjacent church. The church shares its parking lot for park use.

Chatsworth Road Property

- This property should be divested as a potential park. The property adjacent to various firing ranges at Fort Benning and has environmentally sensitive

wetlands on the north side of the property. The property is located in a sparsely populated area and Chatsworth Road is narrow and not built for heavy traffic. This property would serve well as dedicated greenspace.

Comer Community Center

- Move senior citizen programming from Fox Senior Center.

Cooper Creek Park

- Add dog and human water fountains, and bathrooms.
- Lake Restoration – (Partner with Auburn University Fisheries or Landscape Architectural Department).
- Signage and connectivity signage to Fall Line Trace.
- Potential Fishing – need cut outs around lakes, possible docks, and plantings/cattails, etc.
- Adding twelve (12) clay and eight (8) hard courts.
- Needs facilities and trail upgrades.

Crystal Valley

- Construct a new pavilion.
- Add a grill near the proposed pavilion.
- Add additional picnic tables.
- Add additional benches near playground and basketball court.

Dinglewood Park

- Correct drainage issues with terracing and native plantings.
- Delineate crosswalks on 16th Avenue.
- The southeast corner of 13th Street and 18th Avenue shall be ADA accessible.
- Delineate crosswalks on 18th Avenue.
- Delineate crosswalks on 13th Avenue at Warren Williams Road.
- Create connectivity to the Columbus Museum.

Double Churches Road Park

- Additional parking is a serious need. If on-site parking isn't an option, then shared parking arrangements with neighboring property owners should be explored.
- Build a perimeter walking trail (topography permitting).
- Add pavilions near the baseball field and the tennis courts.
- Add shade trees throughout the park.

Ed Vance Park

- Connectivity across Hemlock Drive to Hemlock Park.
- Add picnic tables.
- Enhance and enlarge the playground.
- Add safety fencing along Hemlock Drive.
- Create enhanced crosswalk across Beechwood Heights and Hemlock Drives.

Edgewood Park

- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Connect the baseball fields to the walking trail.
- Add picnic tables near the baseball fields and the playground.
- Provide a delineated access between the Boys and Girls club and the park.
- Close the Edgewood Senior Center on Reese Road and build a new Edgewood Senior Center on the site of the Babe Ruth field.

Edgewood Senior Center

- This property should be divested and sold by the Columbus Consolidated Government. A senior population this strong should be served by a modern, accessible senior center. Said senior center should be relocated to Edgewood Park on Morris Road.

Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park

- Add swings.
- Add picnic tables and a grill area.

Fall Line Trace – Manchester Expressway

- There are no recommendations for this park.

Fall Line Trace – Talbotton Road

- There are no recommendations for this park.

Flag Court Park

- This park should be divested as its own entity and absorbed into the Chattahoochee Promenades Park.

Flat Rock Park

- Flat Rock Park is an extremely valuable asset to the city, yet it is not fully utilized to its potential. Consultants should be hired to create a plan that maximizes the potential of the park yet enables it to maintain its rural charm.

Fluellen Community Center

- Add shade trees on the east side of the creek.
- Add a bridge to cross the creek which dissects the property.
- Utilize the eastern part of the property for a senior center with adequate parking, a walking trail, and outdoor game tables. Senior Center parking access shall come from 7th Street.

Fox Community Center

- Relocate Fox Senior Center to the Comer Community Center.
- Utilize Fox Senior Center as a rental facility only.

Haygood Gym / Recreation Center

Haygood Gym and Recreation Center serves a specific customer and no changes are recommended.

Heath Park

- Heath Park should be considered one park, not two (Heath Park Pavilion off Weems Road).

- At various locations throughout the park, the existing walking trail merges in with the road – there is more than enough space to keep the two separate.
- Trail erosion needs to be addressed near the lake.
- Identify locations and create cut-outs to offer more fishing opportunities.
- Identify various types of environmental practices to enhance fishing and wildlife preservation.

Hemlock Park

- Hemlock Park should be divested as park property and solely utilized as greenspace due to it being in the floodway.

Heritage Park

- There are no recommendations for this park.

John Rigdon Park / Psalmond Road

- Walking trail with interior connectivity.
- Benches along said trail.
- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Add a delineated crosswalk across Psalmond Road.

Lake Oliver Marina

- Add a playground near the picnic area.
- Add more picnic tables.
- Study the site to identify more areas suitable for bank fishing.

Lakebottom – Weracoba Park

- There are no recommendations for this park.

Little Wildwood Park

- There are no recommendations for Little Wildwood Park. Its primary purpose should be as a link to Lakebottom Park to the west. All picnic tables need to be upgraded / repaired.

North Highland Dam Park

- There are no recommendations for this park.

Northside Park

- Add shade trees near ball fields.
- Add picnic area.

Old Dominion Park

- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Add benches near the playground.
- Add security fencing.
- Create an access to the Fall Line Trace.
- Add a parking lot at the west end of the park.
- Add picnic tables near the multi-purpose field.

Plez Johnson Park

- This park should be divested as park use and solely utilized as urban greenspace.

Primus King Park

- There are no recommendations for this park. The community center is boarded up and the park needs maintenance.

Rigdon Park / Pool

- Consider a name change to avoid confusion with John Rigdon Park.
- Add a pavilion near the pool area.
- Add shade trees near the ball fields.
- Utilize the football field for soccer also.
- Add trees in the parking lot medians.

River Walk – Linear Park

- There are no recommendations for the Riverwalk.

Roadside Park

- There are no recommendations for this park.

Rose Hill Park

- Recent upgrades have been made to this park. There are not current recommendations.

Rotary Park

- There are not recommendations for this park.

Sherwood Park

- This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project.

Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center

- Connect the walking trail to avoid pedestrians walking through the parking lot.
- Add shade trees throughout the park, particularly around the ball fields.
- Create pedestrian connections to Dumas Street and Columbia Drive.
- Encourage street crossings on the speed tables.

South Commons and Golden Park

- There are no recommendations for this complex.

Theo McGee Park

- Add benches throughout the park.
- Add shade trees.
- Add a direct access from the AJ McClung YMCA to the park.
- Refurbish the softball fields and the basketball court.
- Add a parking lot with access to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.
- Add picnic tables.

Tillis Park – Gallops Senior Center

- Proposed new staircase from parking lot to basketball court.
- Unlock outdoor bathroom doors.
- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Add picnic tables around the softball field.

Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park

- Consider refocusing a field for a kickball league.
- Add shade trees throughout the park.
- Add picnic benches throughout the park.

Twenty-Third (23rd) Street Park

- Continue to purchase the rest of the block so more parking can be added.
- Access to the river exists at this location. Encourage kayakers to use it as an access point.

Watershed (14) Park

- Due to lack of accessibility to this park, it should be divested as park property and only remain as a watershed lake.

Williamsburg Park

- No recommendations

Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex

- No recommendation due to wetland area

Woodruff Park

- This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project.

APPENDIX C6 – Public Participation Process

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Public Input Process

During the month of June, 2012, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department, with the assistance of the Columbus Planning Department, held four meetings to gauge public opinion regarding the proposed master plan. The meetings were conducted on the following dates and locations:

June 18, 2012	Shirley Winston Park Super Center
June 21, 2012	Northside Super Center
June 25, 2012	Psalmond Road Super Center
June 28, 2012	Frank Chester Super Center

Each meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department, including but not limited to, the department in summary; the various divisions and their responsibilities; the existing financial and facilities situation; recreation programming; future facilities; and input from the public regarding Strengths/Weaknesses/Threats/Opportunities (SWOT) Analysis as it relates to the current system and future possibilities.

Prior to public comment, the Planning Department explained the concept of master planning and the goals of creating a usable and realistic master plan for future recreation needs and wants. Following the Planning Department, the floor was opened for the public to provide input.

Each meeting held public comment based on SWOT Analysis. The public was guided to begin with strengths of parks and recreation, then move towards local parks and recreation weaknesses, identify threats, and offer opportunities for future possibilities. Finally, the attendees were asked what Parks and Recreation's needs were, with funding not be an obstacle. Below are the results of the aforementioned themes:

Strengths

- Numerous facilities
- Recreation opportunities, particularly athletics
- Public safety / community policing
- Programming for kids and seniors
- Collaboration with other recreation entities
- Utilize community input
- Family-friendly community
- Good management
- Growth encouraged and supported
- Nice recreation centers
- Volunteerism
- Athletics participation
- Corporate partnerships
- Cultural arts
- Financing
- Transportation accessibility
- Greenspace
- After-school program
- Tourism
- Chattahoochee River
- Diversity
- Southern hospitality
- Military influence

Weaknesses

- Lack of marketing/communication
- Lack of connectivity between parks
- Lack of open space utilization
- Lack of fitness programs
- Field maintenance
- Park maintenance
- Lack of summer programs
- Lack of hours flexibility / reduced hours of recreation centers
- Lack of funding
- Lack of security
- Homeless using parks
- Lack of meeting places / rental facilities

Threats

- Drugs
- Vandalism
- Lack of lighting
- Lack of connectivity
- Crossover between pedestrian ways and vehicle roads
- Funding cutbacks
- Idle youth
- Crime
- Graffiti
- Lack of volunteers

Opportunities

- Full utilization of natatorium
- Social media & other communication tools
- Special needs programming
- Re-open closed facilities
- After-hours usage
- Partnerships with colleges/corporations/nonprofits/churches/neighborhood associations/MWR
- Expand night & weekend hours
- Cultural diversity programming
- Intergenerational programming
- Fees
- Volunteers
- Chattahoochee River restoration
- More greenspace
- Park connectivity
- Focus on child safety: 1st Aid; ID program; bike safety; etc.

Needs

- More involvement from surrounding neighborhoods
- SWP
- More senior centers
- Longer hours of recreation centers and pools, to include nights and weekends
- Crime prevention programs
- Mentoring
- Park Rangers
- More senior citizen programming
- Additional parking at Double Churches Park and the Psalmond Road pool
- Dog parks
- More lake recreation, such as fishing, skiing, canoeing, etc.
- More shade trees
- Lighted practice fields
- Updated or rehabilitated restroom facilities
- Partnerships
- Grant writing
- Broader Cultural Arts program
- Fine arts program (music, dance, etc.)
- More leisure recreation
- More programming geared towards girls
- Volunteers
- Rigdon Park recreation center
- Expand Britt David Pottery Studio
- Speed tables on roads near parks
- More exercise equipment
- Pool at Frank Chester Park
- Indoor walking track

(***Needs*** Continued)

- More multi-use trails
- Tutoring programs
- Neighborhood-level recreation centers

Following the final meeting on June 28, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Planning Department analyzed the comments from the citizens and established a full SWOT analysis to assist in forming a plan. These meetings were the most important source of information for the Plan. By participating in the public forum, many citizens shared their hopes and concerns for the future of parks and recreation in Columbus.

APPENDIX D – Data Collection

Data Collection

Needs Assessment is an umbrella term used in the Master Plan process to gather rich feedback and consideration from community stakeholders within the Columbus, Georgia area. For instance, the public, city employees, and city-wide leadership provided valuable data. More specifically, a qualitative method was used for this portion of the Master Plan. The research tools used to gather information included community meetings and focus groups with specific user groups.

Community Meetings

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department provided venues for the public to participate and provide input into the Master Plan. The community meetings were held during the last two weeks of June 2012. The meeting schedule is shown in Table below:

Date	Location	Attendees
June 18, 2012	Shirley Winston Recreation Center	20
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	Total Attendance	61

Table Community Meeting Dates and Locations

The purpose of the community meetings was to gather valuable community input (i.e., park facilities, amenities, security, programs, future park development, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, etc.) in order to accurately plan for the future of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The four meetings attracted a total of 61 citizens in attendance. Minutes and responses from each community meeting can be found in the Appendix section of the Master Plan.

The community meetings provided a forum for the public to address their concerns associated with Columbus, Georgia and specifically Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The facilitators used the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to capture this input.

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following strengths:

- Large number of recreation facilities available to the public
- Significant number of recreation opportunities such as basketball, baseball, senior programs and programs for all ages
- Access to local recreation centers and physical activities are encouraged
- Good participation in youth sports
- Good volunteer based especially in youth sports and with retired citizens

- Green Space
- Great after-school programs and summer camps
- Great city-wide investment in Whitewater
- Columbus proximity to the Chattahoochee River
- Accessible and active Riverwalk linear park
- Arts and Cultural activities are offered
- Britt David Cultural Art studios allow citizens opportunities for arts
- There are opportunities and programs for senior citizens
- Parks and Recreation offers accessible transportation for people with disabilities
- Multiple libraries in town
- Columbus Public Safety Departments (i.e., EMS, CPD, MCSD, MCMO)
- Columbus Parks and Recreation Department offers educational programs
- Collaboration and partnerships with other community agencies
- Joint effort between Muscogee County School District and Columbus-Consolidated Government
- Noticeable partnerships in education between corporations and educational institutions
- Good corporate partnerships
- Columbus, Georgia seeks community input which is important such as community forums
- Columbus, Georgia is a wholesome community with values
- Columbus, Georgia is family oriented
- Columbus, Georgia has good management
- Growth is encouraged and supported
- Active neighborhood associations and community policing
- Accessible transportation city-wide
- Proximity to Fort Benning
- Military influence from retirees bring experience to community
- Columbus is a diverse place to live for families
- Citizens of Columbus, Georgia are friendly and welcome newcomers

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following weaknesses:

- Improve marketing
- Lack of public transportation on the north end of town and lack of connectivity between facilities
- Improve utilization of open space (green space)
- Lack of fitness programs for youth and seniors
- Improve area maintenance of fields and trails
- Lack of summer programs for keeping youth and parents involved
- Increase the operational hours of the recreation centers
- Lack of multi-generational activities and programs
- Lack of collaboration between colleges

- Lack of activities for adults to correspond with "Panhandle Growth"
- Lack of activities on night and weekends for all ages
- Improve communications and marketing on available city-wide opportunities
- Budget constraints limit operational hours for recreation centers
- The Natatorium (Columbus Aquatic Center) is a poor investment
- Additional manpower needed for Police
- Lack of Crime Prevention
- Increase security city-wide especially at public parks, Riverwalk, Fall Line Trace
- Homelessness is problematic in Columbus
- Lack of sit-down eating places in South Columbus
- Lack of mall or retail shopping opportunities
- Lack of sidewalks in the community – children have to walk in the road

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following opportunities:

- Utilization of the new Natatorium (Columbus Aquatic Center)
- Increase local swim lessons for youth
- Communication through media outlets
- Increase programs for children with disabilities
- Build more senior centers
- Reopen closed recreation centers
- Develop additional partnerships with private groups and churches
- Offer additional programs such as yoga, pilates, tai chi
- Utilize more volunteers and especially senior citizens
- Partner with Whitewater for programs
- Purchase more green space for park development
- Add more trail connectors to the Riverwalk
- Offer military focused programs
- Increase literacy program
- Increase neighborhood watch programs
- Build more youth centers
- Add more lights to parks
- Participation in recycle program

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following threats:

- Funding-cutbacks (Economy)
- City-wide crime trends
- Vandalism and graffiti
- Idle youth and teens
- Perception of safety
- Lack of city transportation
- Blight and boarded up dilapidated structures
- Drugs

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department was perceived to have the following needs:

- Additional special events such as block parties
- More recreational facilities (i.e., senior centers, gyms, etc.)
- Renovated public restrooms at park facilities
- Additional cultural arts programs such as ceramics
- Park Rangers for security and enforcement
- Focus more programs on baby boomers
- More programs centered around diversity
- More parks and facilities similar to Cooper Creek and Lakebottom Parks
- Additional parking at Double Churches and Psalmond Road
- Additional lake recreation with amenities to water ski, canoe, and kayak
- Dog parks are needed in North Columbus
- Dancing programs and dancing events
- Additional evenings and weekend programs for all ages
- Open Britt David Cultural Art Center on the weekends
- More focus on the older population for games and activities
- Practice fields need lights
- Convert pavilion at Heath Park to a recreation center
- Add recreation center at Rigdon Park
- Longer hours and longer season at city pools
- Offer better technology at the recreation and senior centers for the public to use
- Additional green space and trails for biking and walking
- Improved and more fitness equipment at centers
- Build a facility with an indoor walking track
- Offer additional tutoring programs during the summer
- More smaller community oriented recreation centers that are located in neighborhoods

Focus Groups

In addition to the community meetings, focus groups were facilitated with seniors, people with disabilities and their caregivers, multicultural participants, and employees of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. Focus groups provide supplemental sources of information and are specific to targeted stakeholder groups. All focus groups identified the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and needs of Columbus, Georgia community and the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department.

Senior Focus Group

The introduction of the baby boomer generation produces a growing senior population in Columbus, Georgia. Given this unique opportunity to plan for an influx of people entering the senior population (55+ years old), the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department decided to

facilitate two focus groups with the senior population. The senior focus groups were held on July 18, 2013 at Fox Senior Center in Columbus, Georgia and on August 1, 2013 at Frank Chester Senior Center in Columbus, Georgia. There were approximately 20 seniors representing all areas of the city/county in attendance.

The senior focus groups provided a forum for seniors (55+ years old) to address their concerns associated with Columbus, Georgia and specifically Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The facilitators used the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to capture this input.

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following strengths:

- Offers the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Existing senior facilities
- Friendly environment for seniors
- Opportunities for seniors to socialize
- Most of the recreation centers offer senior programs
- Programs are cost effective for seniors
- Staff provides excellent customer service
- Offers Health and Wellness Walk/Picnic
- Adequate programs and amenities
- Fall Line Trace / Riverwalk
- Columbus offers community activities
- Adequate security in Columbus
- Transportation is a benefit
- Muscogee County School District
- Fort Benning Military Installation

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following weaknesses:

- Access to transportation
- Lack of food based senior programs
- Lack of staffing in the recreation department
- Improve advertising and marketing for senior programs
- Lack of volunteers
- Increase number of programs for seniors
- Seniors are charged to swim at the Columbus Aquatic Center
- Lack of senior facilities due to increase in senior population
- Lack of senior trips
- Lack of police presence
- Lack of affordable transportation for seniors
- Lack of dining options in South Columbus
- Lack of funding

- Lack of jobs for seniors (competing with youth for jobs)

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following opportunities:

- Capitalize on growth of senior population
- Partnerships with Fort Benning
- More baby-boomers are retiring means greater access to retired volunteers

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following threats:

- Lack of finances
- Safety
- Homelessness around town
- Lack of street lights and park lights at certain locations
- Increase in crime
- Drugs among youth and adults
- Speeding down city streets, neighborhoods and parks
- Blighted properties around town
- Lack of connective with sidewalks and trails
- Lack of development in South Columbus

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department was perceived to have the following needs:

- More access to technology classes and up-to-date computers in the centers
- Additional staff at the senior centers
- Offer more green spaces for passive and active recreation
- Add park benches and tables at Frank Chester Senior Center
- More advertising to seniors and disabled veterans
- Fix landscaping at Benning Park
- Develop walking trails at Benning Park
- Offer more presenters from the community at the senior centers
- More exercise programs are desired
- Offer more intergenerational program opportunities
- Offer more gardening programs
- More senior trips are desired
- Offer more contracted services to seniors (i.e., arts/crafts, fitness, money management)

Therapeutic Recreation Focus Group

It is imperative to provide quality therapeutic recreational programs to individuals with disabilities, and it is equally as important to provide resources to caregivers and partner with service providers that offer support services. Given this unique opportunity to plan for individuals with disabilities and the influx of soldiers returning from combat, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department decided to facilitate a focus group with individuals with

disabilities, caregivers, and service providers. The therapeutic recreation focus group was held on July 29, 2013 at Pop Austin Recreation Center in Columbus, Georgia. There were approximately 10 individuals representing all areas of the city/county in attendance.

The therapeutic recreation focus group provided a forum for individuals with and without disabilities to address their concerns associated with Columbus, Georgia and specifically Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The facilitators used the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to capture this input.

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following strengths:

- Strong public/private partnerships around the city and within the Parks and Recreation Department
- Dial-a-ride is an option for transportation for people with disabilities
- Therapeutic recreation staff display a loving and caring environment for participants
- The therapeutic recreation program promotes friendships among participants
- The therapeutic recreation program offers structured programs
- Programs are diverse

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following weaknesses:

- Involvement is Special Olympics of Georgia has declined
- Lack of therapeutic recreation staff
- Limited organized transportation by the therapeutic recreation program
- Concern for safety due to lack of staff
- Budget cuts and concerns for the future of the therapeutic recreation program
- Lack of volunteers
- Limited operational hours and limited programs
- City Council's lack of knowledge regarding the therapeutic recreation program

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following opportunities:

- Swimming for people with disabilities at the new Columbus Aquatic Center
- Intergenerational programs
- More public/private partnerships
- Increase volunteer base
- Future plans for additional tennis courts
- Consider fee based programs
- Whitewater on the river

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following threats:

- Budget Cuts/City Finances
- Increase in crime
- Lack of city-wide transportation

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department was perceived to have the following needs:

- Offer more pottery classes for participants in the therapeutic recreation program
- Additional marketing of therapeutic recreation programs
- More volunteers
- Fee based programs to offset budget cuts
- More staff to facilitate programs
- Increase number of programs and demographics of participants
- Offer more training opportunities for staff and caregivers
- Adaptive equipment for sports and programs
- Advocacy from everyone
- Additional programs (i.e., physical activities, diagnose based programs, life skills, social skills, pet therapy, etc.)

Multicultural Focus Group

It is imperative to provide quality programs to individuals from various ethnical backgrounds, and it is equally as important to provide resources to service providers that offer support services. Given this unique opportunity to plan for individuals from various ethnical backgrounds and the influx of soldiers and families relocating to Fort Benning Military Installation, the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department decided to facilitate a focus group with individuals that represent culture differences and service providers. The multicultural focus group was held on August 1, 2013 at Frank Chester Senior Center in Columbus, Georgia. There were approximately 5 individuals representing various areas of the city/county in attendance.

The multicultural focus group provided a forum for individuals to address their concerns associated with Columbus, Georgia and specifically Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The facilitators used the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to capture this input.

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following strengths:

- Vital information is available for senior from ethnic backgrounds
- Excellent public library and community resources
- Excellent public transportation (bus system)
- People of color are living healthier and longer lives
- Good healthcare facilities throughout city
- Phenomenal Mayor
- Green space is well kept on the south side of Columbus
- Evidence of street improvements throughout Columbus
- Good tourism offered in Columbus
- City offers diverse activities for all people to enjoy
- There are affordable youth activities

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following weaknesses:

- Lack of affordable housing throughout city
- Lack of sit down dining options on the south side of town
- Lack of shopping options on the south side of town
- Limited public transportation and hours of operation
- Lack of communication with the public
- Increase in crime throughout city
- City faces finance hardships
- Lack of physical activities and programs
- Lack of programs for middle-aged population
- Lack of jobs

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following opportunities:

- Partnerships with Fort Benning Military Installation
- Utilize current green space more effectively
- Future transportation options (light rail and long bus hours)
- Neighborhood watch programs
- Literacy programs
- Public/private partnerships
- More economic impact on the Riverwalk
- Create a more bicycle friendly community

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following threats:

- Unstable job market
- Crime throughout the city
- Poor finances within the city government
- Lack of sidewalks and lighting in certain areas of the city
- Blighted properties in certain neighborhoods

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department was perceived to have the following needs:

- More multicultural activities and programs city-wide
- Longer hours at the recreation centers
- More summer camp locations
- Additional paved walking trails for city-wide connectivity
- Better technology and equipment
- More cultural matinee programs for seniors
- More trips and experiences
- More bi-lingual communication throughout the city
- Better communication and connections that cross culture lines
- More ethnicities publicly represented at events

- Offer language classes
- Culture groups need to support other culture groups

Department of Parks and Recreation Employee Focus Group

Feedback from employees of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department provided a rare opportunity to discuss the future of the department and city. This was a unique and mutually beneficial discussion because the participants are employees as well as citizens of the city where they work. The employee focus group was held on August 21, 2013 at Psalmond Road Recreation Center in Midland, Georgia. There were approximately 120 individuals, in attendance, representing all areas of the department.

The employee focus group provided a forum for individuals to address their concerns associated with Columbus, Georgia and specifically Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The facilitators used the S.W.O.T. Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to capture this input.

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following strengths:

- Parks
- Shopping (retail)
- School system
- Dining
- Churches
- Recreation centers
- Diverse housing
- Increased population
- Close Proximity to other cities
- Aquatic center
- Transportation
- Trail system
- Entertainment
- Diverse population (race, disabilities)
- Good Highways
- Hospitals
- Fort Benning
- Variety of higher education
- Theatre & arts
- Growth of industrial industry
- Law enforcement & public safety
- Oxbow meadows

- Local news and media outlets

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following weaknesses:

- Public transportation
- Lack of upward mobility
- Limited air transportation
- Lack of money
- Support for new equipment
- Lack of family entertainment
- Muscogee county school district
- Hours of operation at Britt David
- Lack of professional opportunities for young professionals

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following opportunities:

- More therapeutic programs for children
- Obtain a minor baseball team
- Other college level sports
- Theme parks
- Advanced city through technology
- Create registration software
- More diverse recreation programs
- More volunteers
- Better fine dining

Columbus, Georgia was perceived to have the following threats:

- Gangs
- Military cuts
- Budget cuts
- Crime
- Education (closing of school)
- Lack of community support
- Citizens of the community
- Lack of parenting
- Lack of respect for authority
- Political agendas
- Drop-out rates

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department was perceived to have the following needs:

- Better marketing of department
- Longer hours for recreation centers
- More programs for recreation centers
- Updated fees to match the supply and demand
- Discounts for city employees
- Lack of fees for user groups (ex. little leagues, soccer association, etc.)
- Hire employees with specific skills
- Better security needed at parks
- Internal transparency between recreation centers
- Create membership programs
- Offer more training opportunities
- Continue to offer diverse programs
- Inclusive adult programs with disabilities
- More fee-based programs
- Implementing the "safe place" program
- Extend hours at cultural arts studio
- Better equipment for park services
- More employees for park services
- Require certifications for personnel
- Diverse recreation opportunities
- Better branding as a department & city
- Enforcing park rules & ordinances
- Prevent public dumping at parks
- Better patrol at parks (i.e. park rangers)
- More attention to skate board park
- More speed limit signs in parks
- Program registration system (i.e. Rec Pro, Rec1, etc.)
- Pay for performance (employee annual review)
- More dog parks

APPENDIX E – Community Minutes/S.W.O.T Analysis/Responses

Community Meeting Minutes

Date	Location	Attendees
June 18, 2012	Shirley Winston Recreation Center	20
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June 18, 2012

Shirley B. Winston Recreation Center

6:30-7:30pm

A meeting of the Community was held on Monday, June 18th at 6:30pm at the Shirley B. Winston Recreation Center

City Staff Present: James Worsley, Rick Jones, Alina Phillips, Verona Campbell, Will Johnson, Reggie Thompson, Antonio Owens, Garry Freeman, Becky Glisson, Travis Landrum, Shelley Stephens, Mille Del Torro, and Mia Frederick.

Call to Order: James Worsley, Parks & Recreation Director, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm by welcoming and appreciating the citizens of the Columbus Community for attending.

The staff introduced themselves.

James Worsley opens it up wanting to get the citizens view point and perception on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats going here at Parks and Recreation, and the Columbus Community as a whole. He gave an overview of the schematics of different divisions with parks and recreation, from the director, to the financial office, admin staff, asst. Director, ands several divisions, including the marina, aquatics, park services, and community schools. He explained to the citizens of what we look like today, and want we wanted to look like 10 to 20 years from now. James highlighted that there are over 300 part-time and full-time employees with parks and recreation. He spoke about the many amenities that parks and recreation provides for the community, and that he wanted feedback from the citizens. He mentioned that the new facility will be up and running late spring of 2013, on Macon road, behind the public library. He is hoping to have swim competitions and swim meets. The new facility will have a parking garage and a city service center for shopping around. James then introduced Mr. Jones, who went over the overview of the master plan for the city.

Mr. Jones talked about the master plan for the city. He explained to the citizens that he wanted to have a plan that the citizens would like and want. He said that they may have a bunch of maps and statistics, but it doesn't do any good, if we do not have the input back for you. He wants a master plan for the next 20 years, and to be clear and articulate of what the citizens

really want. He wanted to encourage the citizens to think about what they wanted 20 years from now, where they are going to be in 20 years. And where the children are going to be in those 20 years. He gave examples, of what if they wanted to join little league, what are they going to need? Additional baseball fields? Soccer fields? What will the kids need 20 years from now? He wants to know how to make things community assessable for the citizens. How much everything will cost. He discussed the new park plan and would like the community ideas. Before he finished speaking on the master plan, he really wants the citizens to tell their comments, and let us here there thoughts on things that an individual park may or may not meet. "It's not just the cities plan, but your plan as well."

James Worsley, picks back up, thanking Mr. Jones for sharing, and tells the audience that it is now time us to track our strengths, and get their input of what they would like to see in Parks in Recreation and the city of Columbus as a whole. The citizens begin to give voice their opinion and give their feedback on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and their needs and desires for the community. *(Attached to the minutes you will find a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and their needs).* If money was not an option what would the citizens want to see? Overall, the citizens love the community as a whole, and that its family oriented, and has good management in parks and recreation. They stressed about the lack of marketing and P.R, because many people are still unaware of what services are provided by parks and recreation and what goes on in the community. Possibly, starting a sports program or different programs, to keep our youth away from crime; that maybe they will be looked up as a role model or a mentor to children. In need of cultural arts beyond ceramics, and possibly utilizing retired teachers, to teach the youth in possibly dance, performing arts, and even music, and to get children to know their neighbors, and parents to know their neighbors.

After getting everyone's feedback, time was running to an end, and James stated, "Where do we go from here?" He addressed, that today's meeting was about listening and discussing, not giving the citizens answers, and dismissing their ideas. It was about learning their view and perception on how they felt and what they thought of the community, and where they wanted to see improvement. He wanted the citizens of Columbus to think about those things that were discussed and what we may have and not have. He mentioned that there will be focus groups; working with the seniors and disabilities. There will be surveys online, and to take those surveys to provide more feedback. He addressed that he we want to gather information, and move the department onto accreditation. There are 144 standards in our field and we plan in meeting no less than 85 percent. He explained that in the last few years it lost accreditation, and now it is time to get that back. He made it clear, that some things will be short term and some things will take a long term process, and we are going to make sure things are implemented throughout. He told the citizens, not to give up hope. He then gives recognition for Millie Del Toro and Shelley Stephens for the "Princess within Award".

Meeting called to an end at 7:35pm.

James Worsley, let everyone know to feel free to ask questions and address anything because the staff will be staying afterwards. Also, that there are refreshments.

The next meeting will be at Northside Recreation Center, Thursday, June 21st at 6:30pm.

Mia Frederick

Administrative Assistant

Community Meeting S.W.O.T Analysis List

06/18/12

6:30-7:30pm

Shirley B. Winston Recreation Center

Strengths

- # of facilities available
- Recreation Opportunities
    - Basket Ball
    - Baseball
    - Senior Opportunities
    - All age Opportunities
- Libraries
- Public Safety
- Education Program
- Collaboration with other agencies
    - Boys & Girls Club
- Community Input = Important
- Wholesome community environment
    - Values
- Family Oriented
- New Direction/View for community
    - New programs/ Expansions/ Game days/Aerobics/ Gym Screens- High Tech
- Good Management
- Growth Encouraged & Supported
- Local Recreation Centers
    - Encourage Walking/Jobs/ Etc.

- Infantry
    - Ft. Benning
    - NWR program

Weaknesses

- Marketing
    - Lack of "User Friendliness
    - Church
    - Word of Mouth
- Transportation
    - North End of Town
    - Lack of Connectivity between Facilities
- Utilization of Open Space
    - Purpose?
    - WFRA Structures
    - Pavilions/ Picnic Tables
    - Tennis Courts Opportunity
        - Box Wood, Not SWP
- Lack of Fitness Programs
    - Youth
    - Seniors
- Field maintenance
    - Especially smaller # of player parks
    - Volunteer system
    - Concessions
    - Pays umpires
- Area Maintenance – SWP
    - Trails
    - Timeliness of Repairs
    - Lighting
        - Breakers Used to turn on
- Maintenance
    - Priority Parks
    - Problem Solving
- Not enough Summer programs

- Keeping youth involved
- Keeping parents involved
  - Program generated

- Centers
  - Hours of Operation
    - Winter Hours Shorter
    - Summer Hours Longer
    - Scheduling

    (Averaging 100-175 kids- SWP)

- Lack of Collaboration Between Colleges
  - Degree Application
    - Community Hours
    - Interns
    - Summer Camps
  - Playground Supervision
    - Parents get workout/ walk time
  - Colleges extending beyond self-campus
    - Accommodating cost
  - City Spending $ on Facility
    - Are local rec. centers supporting natatoriums

Needs

- Safety/ Knowing Neighbors
- Family Day in the Park/ Block Party
- SWP
  - Growth Opportunities
  - Senior Center
  - More Hours
  - Opportunity for retirees
  - Additional Gym
- Sport's Program
  - Equal Opportunities
  - Crime Prevention
- Local Schools

- Athletes Host Camp at Centers
- Opportunities for mentoring
  - High schools
  - Assist Rec. Centers
- Sports
  - Fishing
    - Rec. Opportunities
    - Big Brothers, Big Sisters
    - Teach Youth in Urban Areas
  - Bowling
- Public Awareness of Volunteer Opportunities
- Rest Room Facilities
  - Cleanliness/ Functional
- Senior High School Civic Center Gathering
  - Senior Retirees at Civic Center---Info.
- Lake Bottom Park Trail, Restrooms
  - Severely not kept up.
- Restrooms- Doors/Cleanliness
  - Park Rangers
- Partner
  - With Churches/ Neighborhoods
  - "Jam with the Lamb"
- Grant Writer
  - Funds Generator
- Cultural Arts Programs
  - Ceramics
  - Partnering with Seniors/ Mentors of youth
  - Providing Programs for senior citizens
- Liberal Arts
  - Columbus Music heritage
  - Statistics for young Ladies (High School 15-20 Girls Average) at Shirley B. Winston
  - Utilize Retired Teachers
- Leisure Recreation

- Involve & offer programs geared for grilss
- Music learning opp's
- Volunteer opportunities to meet needs
  - Recruiting
  - Whistle distribution
- Get children and parents to know their neighbors.

Threats

- Drugs
  - Monitored/ Frequency
- Vandalism
  - Necessity of Police Presence
  - Neighborhood Watch
- SWP
  - Lighting
  - Connectivity—Transportation
  - Walk ability---- safety in walking zone.
- Possibly have sports programs, and different program ideas for the children, to keep the crime prevention from the youth.

Opportunity

- Utilization of natatorium
  - Local Swimming Lessons for youth
- Communication
  - Media
  - Facebook
  - Website
  - Newsletters
  - PTA
- Roller Skating
  - Surface Issues
- Special Needs Children
  - Facilities/ Programs
  - Fort Benning

- More senior Centers
- Community Advisory boards (EA. Centers)
- Re-open Closed Facilities
- After-Hour Usage of Facilities
    - i.e. Basketball Lights

Community Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2012

Northside Recreation Center

6:30-7:30pm

A meeting of the Community was held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 6:30pm at the Northside Recreation Center.

City Staff Present: Dr. Worsley, Becky Glisson, Travis Landrum, Millie Del Toro, Shelley Stephens, Verona Campbell, Mr. Marshall, Holli Browder, Will Johnson, Mia Frederick.

Advisory Board: Gary Gibson and Irene Pate

Call to Order: Dr. James Worsley, Parks and Recreation Director called the meeting at 6:30pm, welcoming and thanking the citizens of Columbus who were able to attend the community meeting.

The staff introduces themselves.

James Worsley, lets everyone know that the agenda is to go over the purpose of the meeting, the yearly assessment, an overview of the master plan, and go over different, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and needs of the Columbus community. He wants to gather everyone's valuable input and insight on information that they have and what they want to see, in not just parks and recreation, but in the city of Columbus in itself.

Dr. Worsley gave a brief overview, stating that there are several divisions in Parks and Recreation, with 300 full and part-time jobs, 4 supercenters, 8 community centers, 44 playgrounds, 78 athletic fields, and 33 miles of linear park, i.e. the Riverwalk. He lets the citizens know about the new facility opening up on Macon road, in the late spring of 2013 that he hopes will open up many swimming opportunities for the community. After explaining about the new facility, he turns it over to Will Johnson who went over the master plan for the community of Columbus.

Will Johnson, discusses the master plan that they want it to be in house instead of consultants, and to develop for recreational opportunities for the community. He states that they are looking for a 20 year plan, and it will be the citizen driven. The information that will be given from the citizens will be where parks and recs. need to go as a whole. He talked about 5 essential

subjects: 1. Community Assessment, 2. Existing recreation in Columbus, 3. Citizen Participation (the biggest part of the plan) 4. Determining Future recreational needs both active and passive (goal of study), and 5. Financial future needs (Big issue with anything). He stated that he wanted to hear the citizen's wants and not worry about money at this point. After his discussion on the master plan, he turned it back over to Dr. Worsley.

Dr. Worsley, thanks Mr. Johnson, for talking about the master plan, and then tells the public, that they are going into getting input about parks and recreation and the community as a whole strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and needs. (See Community List 6/21/12). He hears multiple feedback on each category from the recreational centers being a great asset, and the many opportunities they have for their children, to the hours of operation needing to be longer, to the lack of communication and marketing, and that if money were not object, possible having a security officer or park ranger for more safety. After hearing everyone's feedback, Dr. Worsley states, where do they go from here? It is not going to be done overnight, but the purpose of the meeting is to get valuable feedback, to focus on what citizens really want and need. He talked about different focus groups, and focusing on specific ones. He mentioned surveys that may be posted on Facebook, the website, or given out on paper, to get even more feedback, and how the community and parks and recreation are transforming as a whole. He talked about organizing and compiling the data, as well as reporting the results to the community, as soon as they are able, and that standard is 24 months. And when that happens, he will go about scheduling future meetings to show the improvement.

Meeting called to an end at 7:30pm.

James Worsley, lets everyone know to feel free to ask questions and address anything, and that there are also refreshments.

The next meeting will be at Psalmond Road Recreation Center, Thursday, Monday, June 25th at 6:30pm

Mia Frederick

Administrative Assistant

Community Meeting S.W.O.T Analysis List

June 21, 2012

6:30-7:30pm

Northside Recreation Center

Community Strengths

- -Rec Centers (infrastructure) improvements to capitol
- Volunteerism- youth sports
- Participation in youth sports
- Joint effort from School District and City and also between County and City
- Partnerships in Education between corporations and educational institutions
- Neighborhood Associations
- Corporate Partnerships
- Community policing

Weaknesses

- Panhandle Growth- need more activity for adults to correspond to growth
- (Senior Centers) like Shirley Winston and Gallops
- Communication of available opportunities
- Night/weekend more opportunities for all ages
- Flexible hours for the recreation centers, longer hours for more use for those who work for weekends and later weeknights. 9-5 weekday doesn't serve working adult population.
- -i.e. Inflatable movies, more classes.
- Budget constraints limited hours, current hours do not serve the population
- Additional manpower with police
- Crime prevention/control/abatement
- Sunday - family day for those to use sites
- Restriction on hours defeats purpose of the recreation center
- Multi-generational loss of the time that all could come together
- Marketing and communication
- Facebook

Opportunities

- Partnerships with private groups

- Churches, programming at other locations
- Yoga, pilates, tai chi
- Marketing and communication- print media
- Facebook
- Public Service Announcements
- Texting- blast- tweet
- Increased population from "BRAC"
- anticipate increased demand from the new number of families
- Cultural Diversity
- Intergenerational - 4-5 generations in work force
- -Art displays, sharing
- -Educational
- Middle demographic- taxpayers- empty nesters
- Ready for fun-= outlets *** Boomers
- Camps like - CSU for a fee
    - Reasonably priced, because right now they are not.
- for kids
- Volunteer Labor
- Donations for Sunday Sunday Use- over & above tax funding
- Family birthday parties- rentals pay for use

Threats

- funding-cutbacks (inspite of increased taxes)
- large participation in recycling program
- Crime- idle youth- teens
- City-wide crime trends

Parks and Recreation Needs

(If money were no object)

- Security Detail- Park Rangers- Park Watch- CPO Officers
- Longer hours
- Baby boomer focused
- More centers, more locations
- More diversity

- Northside, to be similar to Cooper Creek with amenties such as picnic tables, trails
- More sidewalks, encourage pedestrian activity
- Appear like a neighborhood
- Lakebottom Park
- Parking also needed more at Double Churches, Psalmond Road Pool
- Lake Recreation with amenties to water ski, canoe, kayak
- Dog Parks needed in North Columbus, no one lives out near Oxbow Meadows
- Dancing- somewhere to go every night
- Things that went on every night for all aspects of the population offered by the Rec Dept
- Evening Recreation
- Sunday Hours are wanted most
- Britt David Studio to be open on weekends
- Trees

Community Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2012

Psalmond Road Recreation Center

6:30-7:30pm

A meeting of the Community was held on Monday, June 25th at 6:30pm at the Psalmond Road Recreation Center

City Staff Present: Dr. Worsley, Rick Jones, Gary Freeman, Tommy Groce, Becky Glisson, Travis Landrum, Alina Phillips, Millie DelToro, Shelley Stephens, Mia Frederick

Advisory Board: Irene Pate, Jenn Collins

Call to Order: Dr. James Worsley, Parks and Recreation Director called the meeting at 6:30pm, welcoming and thanking the citizens for attending the community meeting

The staff introduces themselves, along with a few members of the advisory board who were in attendance.

Dr. Worsley gets started by appreciating the citizens for their attendance, and hopes to get their valuable input during the meeting. He explained to the citizens the purpose of everyone being here, as well as going over the overview about what is currently offered and what's to come. He

then mentioned that he will open up a discussion further into the meeting to get the citizen's view on different strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and needs, and where we will go from there.

What is the purpose of the community meeting? Dr. Worsley states that it is to get the citizens valuable feedback. He shows an outline of the on the PowerPoint provided, showing the director, assist director, city council, advisory board, community school, city staff, and more. He lets the citizens know a little more about the Parks and Recreation department, and that it has over 300 part-time/fulltime employees, 4 leisure pools, 4 Super Centers, 4 senior centers, 8 recreation centers, 38 tennis courts, 78 athletic fields, 44 playgrounds around the system, and close to 2,000 acres of park land as well as 53 parks around Muscogee County, and almost 33 miles of linear park, and he is referring to places like the Riverwalk. He mentions the special facilities, such as the Cooper Creek tennis courts, Woodruff soccer fields, and more. Anyone a Blues fan? He asks. He explains that we are over the Ma Rainey House as well. He goes on to explaining that Parks and Recreation has 24 before and after school programs. And that the district supervisors, Millie and Shelley oversee a ton of staff and the summer staff; that there is a budget of 1 million dollars of revenue each year. There are also 3 cultural arts studios; 1 at Psalmond road, 1 at Northside, and Britt David is what they like to call the home base. There is therapeutic recreation as well, services that provide to people with disabilities.

He then asks the citizens how many of you heard of what everyone is now calling the "Natatorium." It is pretty much another term for an indoor pool. It will be an aquatic facility, where you might find opportunities for Olympic style meets. This facility is scheduled to come on line by spring 2013.

Dr. Worsley then turned it over to Mr. Jones, who talked about the master plan for Parks and Recreation. He stressed that the citizens feedback and input were very important with what they are trying to accomplish here. Parks and recreation is going through an accreditation he mentioned. But, as he said, putting that aside, whether Parks and Recs. get accredited or not, they need a need a plan of action on how they want to develop the community for recreation needs. It has to be citizen driven. He asked the citizens, what are we looking for 20 years down the road? Are we looking for more Super Centers? Would they still need any more softball fields? Maybe parking trails may be a necessity. He also stated that they needed to address things that we haven't talked about, and were unaware of until now. Assessment/ demographics/ population. He explained that 20 years out, what is the population going to look like? We are already having land and transportation issues. There is not that much land anymore in Muscogee County. He wants to make sure with this master plan that he is not duplicating what we already have. He talked about the Parks and Recs. Facebook page to keep the citizens informed, in seeing that plan of what you like and don't like. He expressed, that there may be programs that you want and that the Community of Columbus don't have. He

stated that we've had boys and girls club but we didn't have a natatorium. The master plan is designed for your future needs. What is it going to cost? And we are going to put that together. It tells council of what they needed to be planning for. He left us with, that our responsibility is to gather ideas from the citizens, and that they have to stay involved to ensure that these ideas come to life.

He then turned it back over to Dr. Worsley, who wanted the citizens to give their input on not just parks and recreation, but the city of Columbus. To give their opinions on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and needs. His main goal is to get everyone to be open and honest as possible, to get the valuable input that is needed. The public gave their opinions for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and needs *(See Community List 6/25/12)*, from strengths being, the strong volunteer base that parks and recs. established and the fact that much growth is occurring. To weaknesses, the majority being the finances, and the security at the Riverwalk, with broken light fixtures, and vandalism in bathrooms, and to having flexible hours needed at the recreation centers. There was discussion of opportunities, such as more development and green space; that will have more opportunity to purchase land. The citizens gave their feedback on the threats in the community, such as the economy to security issues. Dr. Worsley states that if there is any problems dealing with security, or if they see something that is not supposed to be done, then if 911 is not called, call 311.

A citizen asked about federal state funding, and how much does park and recreation acquire? Mr. Jones was able to speak about the federal dollars. Federal dollars and grants is more work than it is really worth, he explains. It's just tough so we have to look for alternatives in funding sources, for support. He explained that it is up to public, and their needs, on how we are going to pay for everything internally.

Another citizen said that a future need should be to look for partnership and private funding. She stated that with some of the big companies in Columbus, we should be able to partner, and they help with some activities and provide funding, so that we are not always looking for the tax payer. She believes that it is not the government's responsibility to do everything.

The accreditation process was asked to be explained, and Dr. Worsley, explains the process, in becoming accredited. There are only a few parks and recreation that are accredited in the nation. There are 104 standards that an organization has to have to make. Being accredited can help in ways, for example if we were to apply for a grant, they may ask if we are accredited and then give us the opportunity to apply. Promotes accreditation in the....if we want to apply for this grant and are you accredited. The app fee is and 3000 dollars for process. Most agencies don't have a master plan; they go out and get things, not knowing how much it's going to cost. But with the accreditation process and the master plan, the community comes in, and

we have the master plan and we get feedback on what the community wants, and what can be done as a whole on where revenue is going to come from.

After asking if there were any more questions, Dr. Worsley closes up by asking if there are any more questions, and that surveys will be delivered on the website or out in the community, for those who are not online savvy. As well as a follow up meeting in the future to see what changes have occurred, and how far along we are.

Meeting ends at 7:50pm.

The next meeting will be at Frank D. Chester Thursday, June 28th at 6:30pm.

Mia Frederick

Administrative Assistant

Community Meeting S.W.O.T Analysis List

June 25, 2012

6:30-7:30pm

Psalmond Road Recreation Center

Strengths:

- Arts-Cultural
- Finance
  - Potential
  - Natatorum-projections
- Volunteer-Base
  - Parental Support (Dependant on Location
  - Retired Citizens
  - Statistics
  - Untapped-Opportunity
- Transportation Accessibilities
  - Public Access
- Growth—Housing Retail
- No. Columbus---Parental Fundraising

- Alleviating city recs. funds.
- Collaboration between city Programs

- Green Space
  - Opportunity for future possibilities
    - Never have enough
    - Good amount of land
- After school programs (24 programs)
  - Summer camps
- Library
- Investment in White Water/ River Restoration
- Ft. Benning—Diversity
- CSU-asset to be tapped
  - Parks-planning collaboration
- Sports Council-Collaboration
- Police/Fire/EMS—Active

Weaknesses:

- Finances-Natatorium-Splost
  - "Money Pit"
  - Speculate Funds to be Produced
  - Committed to it w/o funds.
- Sports Fields- Baseball tennis Court: Soccer
  - % of usage
  - Need High Volume usage
  - Not accessible
- Security
  - Riverwalk/ Fall Line Trace
  - Repairs
  - Patrolling Parks
  - Usage driven by perception of safety
- Cash game
- Homeless are an issue
  - Living situations
  - Affect interactions
- Communication
  - Between citizens and city
  - Signs not adequate
  - Know what each department is doing
- Affordable
- Meeting Places
  - Flat Rock Park closed 2 buildings

- Hours of Rec. Operations

Opportunities:

- White water/ river restoration
- Project promotion by city involvement
- Green space
    - More development
    - More green space needed
- Low income centers---sweat equity
    - Volunteers accommodate
    - Lack of funds
    - River center utilizes this program
- Riverwalk/ FLT
    - Connectivity spider legs
- Oxbow Meadows
    - Greatly connected
    - Education Opportunities
- Extended Program Hours
- Partnering Public/Private to support programs and facilities.

Threats:

- Economy
- Vandalism- call 311
- Perception of Safety
- Graffiti- call 311

Needs:

- Badminton(Low Cost)- Older Demographics
    - Reduce Basketball
    - Focus on older population
    - Games/Activities
- Get the word out as to activities
- Parking Issues- Northern Ball Fields
- Practice Fields Need Lights
- Building underutilized –Longer Hours
- Health Park
    - Water/lights
    - Pavilion- convert to rec. center
- Cultural Arts
    - Britt David
    - Longer Hours/Weekends

Community Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2012

Frank D. Chester Recreation and Senior Center

6:30-7:30pm

A meeting of the Community was held on Thursday, June 28th at 6:30pm at the Frank D. Chester Recreation and Senior Center.

City Staff Present: Dr. Worsley, Tommy Groce, Becky Glisson, Travis Landrum, Holli Browder, Verona Campbell, Joy Hendrix, Tim Marshall, Will Johnson, Lisa Goodwin (Deputy City Manager), and Mia Frederick

Council Member Present: Council Huff

Advisory Board: Irene Pate, Lyndon Burch

Call to Order: Dr. James Worsley, Parks and Recreation Director called the meeting at 6:30pm, welcoming and thanking the citizens for attending the community meeting

The staff introduces themselves, along with a few members of the advisory board who were in attendance.

After Dr. Worsley welcomes everyone, he begins the slideshow that is provided, and talks about the agenda for the meeting, consisting of the purpose, overview of the department, overview of the master plan, the SWOT assessment, wrap-up, and any questions and concerns that the citizens might have. He explained that they were here tonight to get the citizen's valuable feedback, and hear what they too have to say. He mentioned the accreditation process, and that we are going to meet at least 144 standards as a roadmap to work on our master plan, and get the citizen's feedback, to make Columbus parks and recreation department the best in the nation. He shows the citizens a structure of the staff and workers in the parks and recreation department, as well as an overview of what we have in the department, including 300 full time and part-time workers, 4 leisure pools, 33 miles of linear parks i.e. River park, and much more. He then moves on to talk about the Natatorium which is a fancy word for inside swimming pool that can seat up to 900 people. He then turns it over to Will Johnson, to share the master plan process.

Mr. Johnson explains that with the master plan process they are not using consultants but that it is in house. They have 2 years to develop the master plan, and it started in January. It is a 20 year plan, and it has to be citizen driven. He explained that we need to know what people need. The master plan consist of 5 points: Community Assessment, Existing Recreation in Columbus, Citizen Participation, Determining future recreation needs, and financing future needs. He explains that whatever ideas that are had, look at it as if money is not an option; we just want to

hear it. Mr. Johnson stated that parks and recreation responsibility is to develop the plan, and in 2013 the plan will be up for an update. The last plan was done in 1975 to 1990, and it is a recurring plan, so every year we will get a new plan.

He then turns it back over to Dr. Worsley who begins the SWOT assessment *(See Community List 06/28/12)*; letting the citizens know, not to hold back, and that perception is your reality. Much feedback was given on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, from the greatness of the diversity, and how friendly everyone is, to the lack of sit down restaurants in the south and lack of shopping opportunities, too slim to none transportation, and possible having programs for the troops, and to threats of not having enough volunteers, public safety, and no money to work with. Once gathering even more feedback under SWOT, Dr. Worsley then goes on to asking about Needs of the citizens; if money was not an option, what would they want the recreation department to look like? Much was mentioned, to a rec. center in Rigdon Park, to longer season and hours for the pool, to technology at the rec. center, to possibly help with educational studies, to more improved greenway, and even a pool at Frank Chester, and much more. After hearing the needs provided from the citizens, Dr. Worsley asks, "Where do we go from here?" He talks about, now with the feedback given from the citizens; they will be forming focus groups, surveys, analyzing data, organize and compile data, and report results to the community. For the citizens who were not computer savvy or didn't have computers to take surveys to provide more feedback online, Columbus Parks and Recreation would provide survey at the local rec centers, senior centers, churches, and libraries.

Before Dr. Worsley closed the meeting, Councilor Huff provided a few words to the community, thanking Parks and Recreation for making Columbus proud. He lets the citizens know that they are in the process of planning a district meeting together for September for the whole district.

Meeting End at 7:40pm

Mia Frederick

Administrative Assistant

Community Meeting S.W.O.T Analysis List

June 28, 2012

6:30pm-7:30pm

Frank D. Chester Recreation and Senior Center

Strengths

- Proximity to the river
  - Riverwalk, recreational opportunities
- Diversity
  - Fort Benning
  - Children exposed to other cultures, food, dance
- Partnerships with agencies such as Girls' Inc
- Columbus State University, Columbus Tech, other colleges that give us strength in diversity
- Friendliness and civility of the citizens of Columbus, Georgia
  - welcoming newcomers
- Number of sports facilities available- soccer complex; south commons, ball parks, golf, tennis
- Community Forums
- Opportunities for Senior Citizens and senior focused activities
- Britt David Cultural Art studios to allow citizens opportunities for arts
- Military influence from retirees bringing experience to community
- Arts, Music and performing arts
- Handicapped Transportation by Parks and Recreation vehicles
  - Available mini bus

Community Weaknesses

- Lack of sit-down eating places in South Columbus- need for fine dining
  - (Must go to Macon Road for closest fine dining)
- Lack of Mall or Retail shopping opportunities
- Availability to get transportation to facilities across town from South Columbus with a means of transportation through Parks and Recreation to and from facilities
- Lack of nursing home/healthcare facilities on South side of Columbus

- Residential facilities in this area
- Arbor Point Phase 3
- Perception of funds mismanagement (image of)

Community Opportunities:

- Handicapped accessible transportation
- Land available along river
- Military/Troop focused programming
- Morale based activities
- Youth safety opportunities 1st Aid training-become better citizens
- Bicycle safety- bicycle rodeos- Safe Kids Columbus
- Literacy Programs
- Neighborhood watch programs
- More youth Centers
- More Lights at Parks

Community Threats or Barriers:

- -Funding $$$
- Not having Volunteers or enough volunteers
- Transportation
- Public Safety- more presence of police cruisers
    - Speeding in low speed areas
    - Noise abatement
    - Consistency of residents
    - Perception of personal safety
- Crime
- # of owner occupied housing
- High Vacancy
    - Take advantage of aid programs to purchase homes
    - Moderate of income of public safety officials
    - Black and white cruisers
- Blight and boarded up dilapidated structures

- Boarded up windows
- Vandalism- Lack of community watch
- Drugs
- Patrol visibility
- Recreation opportunities later in the evening- stay open later extend the hours
- 80% of warrants from the south ide and they are getting younger and younger
- Variety of opportunities
- Transportation of children- lack of automobile
- Frustration due to the financial stress
- One parent is overwhelmed and stressed
- Safety when participating
- Rigdon Park, lighting, basketball after dark
- Need for more sidewalks in the community- children have to walk in road
- Within Neighborhoods-safe routes
- enforcement of appropriate use of sidewalks
- youth participation- something to occupy the youth and keep them involved in something positive

Community Parks and Recreation Needs:

- Recreation Center in Rigdon Park
- Longer hours and longer season at the city pools
- Recreation Center with technology within their community
- Larger facility for Britt David for cultural arts
- More improved and better green space opportunities for biking, walking
- Speed bumps/ speed tables signage and blinking lights leading out to South Lumpkin Road- for pedestrian safety
- Gym or exercise facility with everything you need -complex machines- fitness centers
- More green space
- Extended hours at all recreation facilities
- Utilize green space for positive recreation
- Pool at Frank Chester Recreation
- Pool for senior citizens
- Indoor walking Track
- More outdoor walking trails

- South Lumpkin - Fort Benning Development
- Donated by D.O.I. To be used for recreation- across from Oxbow Meadows
- Tutoring Program established during the summer
- Tutoring for latch key kids after practice or for youth in athletics
- More programs like Turn Around Columbus at Fluellen
- More smaller community oriented recreation centers that are located in neighborhoods

APPENDIX F – Parks and Recreation Survey

The Parks and Recreation Department initiated and conducted the following survey which will stay active until the end of April 2014:

The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a Parks and Recreation Community Needs Assessment, and is asking for your input!

The primary purpose of the Parks and Recreation Community Needs Assessment is to take a thorough look at the existing Parks and Recreation services and identify future needs in Columbus/Muscogee County. The goals are to identify all strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The community needs assessment is a tool that will be used to assist in developing both short and long range strategic plans.

Your help is appreciated! The information you provide through this survey will be one of the sources used to evaluate the existing Parks and Recreation Department and develop recommendations for improvements. The survey should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. The information you provide will remain anonymous. However, if you wish to be included in updates and findings, please provide your contact information at the end of the survey.

When you're ready to begin, please click the button below. Please allow time for the pages to load.

Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Columbus Parks and Recreation Department

APPENDIX G - Project List and Funding Source

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT COST	FUNDING SOURCE	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE/ ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Columbus Fall Line Trace	$12,500,000.00	1999 SPLOST & Federal ARRA Funds	2007	2011
14th Street Pedestrian Bridge	$5,723,923.20	Federal ARRA Funds & MPO - L230 funds, Local/City Funds	2010	2013
14th Street Plaza	$1,900,000.00	Federal MPO L230 Funds & Local/City Funds	2011	2015
Columbus River Walk Phase 1- Bay Avenue (12th Street) to Ft. Benning	$3,255,000.00	Federal TE Funds & Local/City Funds - Columbus Water Works	1989	1992
Columbus River Walk - 13th Street to 14th Street	$2,149,901.25	Federal HPP & TE Funds & Local/City Funds	2011	2014
Columbus River Walk - City Mills to Bibb Mill	$10,000,000.00	TSPLOST Funds	2013	2015
South Lumpkin Multi-Use Trail	$3,948,000.00	TSPLOST Funds & Federal HPP Funds	2013	2015
South Commons Memorial Wall	$75,000.00	2009 LOST Facility Infrastructure	2014	2014
Liberty District Ma Rainey House	$300,000.00	Federal Grants/1999 SPLOST (Liberty District Account)/In Kind Match	2004	2014
Liberty District Resting Gardens Cemetery Memorial	$200,000.00	1999 SPLOST (Liberty District Account)	2014	2014
Oxbow Support Facility (Dog Park / Walking Trail)	$1,500,000.00	1999 SPLOST / Columbus Water Works	2011	2013

APPENDIX H – Phasing of Proposed Projects

Columbus Parks & Recreation Phasing Program	PHASES **Phase 1:** 2014-2018 (P1) **Phase 2:** 2019-2023 (P2) **Phase 3:** 2024-2028 (P3) **Phase 4:** 2029-2034 (P4)						
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Delineate the north side of the park as a small multi-purpose field		X			Anderson Village Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				Anderson Village Park	TBD	City
Add benches within the park	X				Anderson Village Park	TBD	City
Picnic tables near the pavilion		X			Anderson Village Park	TBD	City
Develop an outdoor game area		X			Anderson Village Park	TBD	City
This property serves as necessary greenspace in one of the fastest growing residential areas of Columbus. It should be left in its natural state and divested as potential park property. There are serious elevation drops regarding this property. The lowest elevations on the property serve as wetlands. This property is undevelopable.	X				Antietam Road Property	TBD	City
Convert the former school site into a heat island project.	X				Ardahlia Mack Recreation Center	TBD	City
There is interest by specific parties to utilize this park for their activities, such as a radio-controlled car race track, cross-fit obstacle course, and etc. The recreation center needs to be utilized as a rental facility.	X	X			Belvedere Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees around the softball fields.	X				Benning Park/Frank Chester	TBD	City
Picnic tables near the softball fields.	X				Benning Park/Frank Chester	TBD	City

Columbus Parks & Recreation Phasing Program	PHASES **Phase 1:** 2014-2018 (P1) **Phase 2:** 2019-2023 (P2) **Phase 3:** 2024-2028 (P3) **Phase 4:** 2029-2034 (P4)						
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Add Covered pavilion.			X		Benning Park/Frank Chester	TBD	City
Extend the Godwin Creek Golf Course parking lot east towards the field.		X			Bibb Soccer Field	TBD	City
Add shade trees along the east and west property lines.	X				Bibb Soccer Field	TBD	City
Add benches and a picnic table.	X				Bibb Soccer Field	TBD	City
Add water fountains.		X			Bibb Soccer Field	TBD	City
Add bleachers or benches for courts or playground.	X				Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Construct an additional Basketball Court			X		Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Add Shade Trees	X				Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Add signage.	X				Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Develop Market Days	X	X			Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Develop Community Gardens	X	X			Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Add Covered pavilion.			X		Boxwood Park	TBD	City
Develop a rain garden behind western most softball field	X				Britt David Park	TBD	City

Columbus Parks & Recreation Phasing Program	PHASES **Phase 1:** 2014-2018 (P1) **Phase 2:** 2019-2023 (P2) **Phase 3:** 2024-2028 (P3) **Phase 4:** 2029-2034 (P4)						
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Add shade trees around all fields	X				Britt David Park	TBD	City
Add picnic tables		X			Britt David Park	TBD	City
Check topography and create better connectivity.			X		Carver Park	TBD	City
Extend Hunter Road and connect it to the Western portion of Hunter Road				X	Carver Park	TBD	City
Loop back street to connect loop - possibly near Forrest Road Elementary.				X	Carver Park	TBD	City
Partner with Elementary School Science Department	X				Carver Park	TBD	City
This property should be divested as a potential park. The property adjacent to various firing ranges at Fort Benning and has environmentally sensitive wetlands on the north side of the property. The property is located in a sparsely populated area and Chatsworth Road is narrow and not built for heavy traffic. This property would serve well as a dedicated greenspace.	X				Chatsworth Road Property	TBD	City
Move senior citizen programming from Fox Senior Center.	X				Comer Community Center	TBD	City
Potential Fishing - need cut outs around lake, possible docks, and plantings/cattails, etc.			X		Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City
Signage and connectivity signage to Fall Line Trace	X				Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Needs facilities and trail upgrades.		X			Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City
Add dog and human water fountains, and bathrooms		X			Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City
Adding twelve (12) clay and eight (8) hard courts	X				Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City
Lake Restoration - (Partner with Auburn University Fisheries or Landscape Architectural Department).			X		Cooper Creek Park	TBD	City
Add additional picnic tables	X				Crystal Valley	TBD	City
Add additional benches near the playground and basketball court.	X				Crystal Valley	TBD	City
Construct new pavilion			X		Crystal Valley	TBD	City
Add a grill near the proposed pavilion			X		Crystal Valley	TBD	City
Correct drainage issues with terracing and native plantings		X			Dinglewood Park	TBD	City
Delineate crosswalks on 16th and 18th Avenue.	X				Dinglewood Park	TBD	City
The southeast corner of 13th Street and 18th Avenue shall be ADA accessible	X				Dinglewood Park	TBD	City
Delineate crosswalks on 13th Avenue at Warren Williams Road.	X				Dinglewood Park	TBD	City
Create connectivity to the Columbus Museum			X		Dinglewood Park	TBD	City

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Parking Study needs to be done to determine a solution to the parking problem.	X				Double Churches Road Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				Double Churches Road Park	TBD	City
Build a perimeter walking trail (topography permitting).			X		Double Churches Road Park	TBD	City
Add pavilions near the baseball field and the tennis courts				X	Double Churches Road Park	TBD	City
Add picnic tables	X				Ed Vance Park	TBD	City
Enhance and enlarge the playground		X			Ed Vance Park	TBD	City
Add safety fencing along Hemlock Drive	X				Ed Vance Park	TBD	City
Connectivity across Hemlock Drive to Hemlock Park	X				Ed Vance Park	TBD	City
Create enhanced crosswalk across Beechwood Heights and Hemlock Drives	X				Ed Vance Park	TBD	City
Close the Edgewood Senior Center on Reese Road and build a new Edgwood Senior Center on the side of the Babe Ruth field.		X			Edgewood Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				Edgewood Park	TBD	City
Add picnic tables near the baseball fields and the playground	X				Edgewood Park	TBD	City
Provide a delineated access between the Boys and Girls club and the park.	X				Edgewood Park	TBD	City

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Connect the baseball fields to the walking trail	X				Edgewood Park	TBD	City
This property should be divested and sold by the Columbus Consolidated Government. A senior population this strong should be served by a modern, accessible senior center. Said senior center should be relocated to Edgewood Park on Morris Road.		X			Edgewood Senior Center	TBD	City
Add swings	X				Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park	TBD	City
Add picnic tables and a grill area.	X				Ewart Avenue / South Lawyers Lane Park	TBD	City
This park should be divested as its own entity and absorbed into the Chattahoochee Promenades Park.	X				Flag Court Park	TBD	City
Consultants should be hired to create a plan that maximizes the potential of the park yet enables it to maintain its rural charm.		X			Flat Rock Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees on the east side of the creek			X		Fluellen Community Center	TBD	City

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Utilize the eastern part of the property for the senior center with adequate parking, a walking trail, and outdoor game tables. Senior Center parking access shall come from 7th Street.		X			Fluellen Community Center	TBD	City
Relocate Fox Senior Center to the Comer Community Center	X				Fox Community Center	TBD	City
Utilize Fox Senior Center as a rental facility only.	X				Fox Community Center	TBD	City
Separate the existing walking trail where its merges with the road.			X		Heath Park	TBD	City
Heath Park should be considered one park, not two (Heath Park Pavilion off Weems Road)	X				Heath Park	TBD	City
Trail erosion needs to be addressed near the lake	X				Heath Park	TBD	City
Identify various types of environmental practices to enhance fishing and wildlife preservation		X			Heath Park	TBD	City
Identify locations and create cut-outs to offer more fishing opportunities		X			Heath Park	TBD	City
Hemlock Park should be divested as park property and solely utilized as greenspace due to it being in the floodway.	X				Hemlock Park	TBD	City
Walking trail with interior connectivity		X			John Rigdon Park/Psalmond Road	TBD	City

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Benches along said trail		X			John Rigdon Park/Psalmond Road	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				John Rigdon Park/Psalmond Road	TBD	City
Add a delineated crosswalk across Psalmond Road		X			John Rigdon Park/Psalmond Road	TBD	City
Study the site to identify more areas suitable for bank fishing		X			Lake Oliver Marina	TBD	City
Add more picnic tables	X				Lake Oliver Marina	TBD	City
Add a playground near the picnic area		X			Lake Oliver Marina	TBD	City
Upgrade and repair existing picnic tables	X				Little Wildwood Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees near the ball fields	X				Northside Park	TBD	City
Add picnic area	X				Northside Park	TBD	City
Add a parking lot at the west end of the park			X		Old Dominion Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				Old Dominion Park	TBD	City
Add benches near the playground	X				Old Dominion Park	TBD	City
Add security fencing		X			Old Dominion Park	TBD	City

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Add picnic tables near the multi-purpose field	X				Old Dominion Park	TBD	City
Create an access to the Fall Line Trace	X				Old Dominion Park	TBD	City
This park should be divested as park use and solely utilized as urban greenspace	X				Plez Johnson	TBD	City
Add shade trees bordering the two fields	X				Pop Austin/Alexander Park	TBD	City
Build an ADA regulation walking trail around the two ball fields.		X			Pop Austin/Alexander Park	TBD	City
Reduce the Babe Ruth field dimensions to softball field dimensions.	X				Pop Austin/Alexander Park	TBD	City
Consider a name change to avoid confusion with John Rigdon Park.	X				Rigdon Park / Pool	TBD	City
Add shade trees near the ball fields	X				Rigdon Park / Pool	TBD	City
Add trees in the parking lot medians	X				Rigdon Park / Pool	TBD	City
Utilize the football field for soccer	X				Rigdon Park / Pool	TBD	City
Add a pavilion near the pool area			X		Rigdon Park / Pool	TBD	City
This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project	X				Sherwood Park	TBD	City
Connect the walking trail to avoid pedestrians walking through the parking lot		X			Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center	TBD	City

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	Park Location	Cost	Funding
Add shade trees throughout the park, particularly around the ball fields	X				Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center	TBD	City
Encourage street crossings on the speed tables	X				Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center	TBD	City
Create pedestrian connections to Dumas Street and Columbia Drive	X				Shirley Winston Park / Recreation Center	TBD	City
Add a parking lot with access to Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard.			X		Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Add benches throughout the park		X			Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees	X				Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees		X			Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Add a direct access from the AJ McClung YMCA to the park	X				Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Refurbish the softball fields and the basketball court		X			Theo McGee Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout the park	X				Tillis Park / Gallops Senior Center	TBD	City
Add picnic tables around the softball field	X				Tillis Park / Gallops Senior Center	TBD	City

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Propose new staircase from parking lot to basketball court		X			Tillis Park / Gallops Senior Center	TBD	City
Consider refocusing a field for a kickball league	X				Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park	TBD	City
Add shade trees throughout park	X				Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park	TBD	City
Add picnic benches throughout the park	X				Twenty-Ninth (29th) Street Park	TBD	City
Continue to purchase property to increase parking	X	X			Twenty-Third (23rd) Street Park	TBD	City
Due to lack of accessibility to this park, it should be divested as park property and only remain as a watershed lake.	X				Watershed (14) Park	TBD	City
This park should be divested as a park and reutilized as a heat island mitigation project	X				Woodruff Park	TBD	City

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