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AT THE
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COMMUNITY
BACKGROUND

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Milton, Georgia
LEADING UP TO NOW

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

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MILTON PARK & TRAILS
PLANS & STUDIES

2007    THE MILTON TRAIL PLAN
2012    COMPREHENSIVE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
2014    BIG CREEK GREENWAY CONNECTION STUDY
2016    MILTON COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)
2017    MILTON TRAILS BLUEPRINT
2018    MILTON PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
2018    PROVIDENCE PARK PLAN

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TRAIL NETWORK

- SIDEPATHS
  32.8 miles

- GREENWAYS
  11.4 miles

- SHARED EQUESTRIAN
  8.7 miles

TOTAL 52.9 MILE TRAIL NETWORK
- IDENTIFIED AS AN ASPIRATIONAL FUTURE OPPORTUNITY
- CONNECTION TO FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS SITE AND CENTRAL MILTON TRAIL CONCEPT
LEADING UP TO NOW

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

APPROVAL OF GREENSPACE BOND
GREENSPACE BOND APPROVED
November 2016

Acquire conservation land for the purposes of providing recreational trails, protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat, preserving agricultural land, protecting water quality of rivers and streams, and providing parks and park improvements

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APPROVAL OF GREENSPACE BOND

PURCHASE OF FORMER MILTON COUNTRY CLUB

INITIATION OF MILTON PARK AND TRAIL DESIGN EFFORTS

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PROJECT
GROUND RULES

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PROJECT GROUND RULES

1. Honor Milton’s Rural Character
2. Build From Existing Plans & Studies
3. Design Safe & Attractive Spaces For All
4. Value the Voices of All Citizens

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CASE STUDIES

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GOLF COURSE CONVERSIONS

NUMBER OF COURSES DECLINING
800 CLOSURES IN LAST DECADE
R&A/Trust for Public Land

COURSE USAGE DECLINING
30M in 2009 v. 25M in 2016
National Golf Federation

19 GOLF COURSES CONVERTED
TO PUBLIC PARKS SINCE 2006
Trust for Public Land

Atlanta, GA
Windsor, CT
Stockton, CA
Marin County, CA
Plano, TX
Chicago, IL
Detroit, MI
Wake County, NC
Highland Park, IL
Trotwood, Ohio
Huntsville, AL
Cedar Rapids, IA
Portland, OR
Rancho Canada, CA
Golden, CO
La Vista Falls, NE
Trotwood, OH
Saginaw, MI
Santa Barbara, CA
Wilmington, NC
Belgium, WI
Hillsboro, OR
Englewood, FL
Royal Palm Beach, FL
New Orleans, LA
Bothwell, WA
Montgomery County, MD
ORCHARD HILLS PARK
FORMER ORCHARD HILLS GOLF COURSE
CHESTERLAND, OH

273-ACRE PUBLIC PARK FEATURES
▪ 3.6 miles of trails
▪ 1,500 linear feet of stream
▪ 3-acres of wetlands
▪ 50-acres of forest
▪ 22-acres of meadow

TIMEFRAME
▪ Acquired 2007 | Conversion in 2011
▪ 10-year project schedule
THE HIGHLANDS
FORMER HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

121-ACRE PASSIVE PUBLIC PARK
- 2.2 miles of trails
- Cross country skiing
- Hiking
- Overlooks
- Water feature
- Leashed pets allowed

TIMEFRAME
- Acquired 2016
- Under construction
THE HIGHLANDS
GRAND RAPIDS, MI
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SITE & FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

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EXISTING FACILITIES

Pool  
Tennis courts  
Club house  
Cart barn  
Surface Parking  
(126 spaces)
Easements
Cart Paths
Drainage
Bridges
Trees
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PHASE 1
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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✓ ONLINE INPUT PORTAL
✓ CRABAPPLE FESTIVAL
✓ PUBLIC SESSIONS
  October 9  Focus: Adjacent Owners
  October 10 Focus: Active Groups
  October 17 Focus: Members of City Committees
  October 18 Citywide Session

✓ EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE
✓ PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE/COUNCIL BRIEFING
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Overall Considerations:
- Easements
- Private Property Impacts
- Storm Drainage Issues
- Extensive Cut Path Disrepair

Phase I: Public Input & Site Features Summary

Active Acres

Passive Preserve

South Woods

North Woods

Explore:
- Connection to School Site
- Existing Wetlands/Soft Ground
- Existing Steep Slope & Terrain
- Informal Staging Hill
- Existing Boardwalk
- Existing Steep Slopes
- Explore Lake Options: Keep or Remove
- Deter on-Street Parking
- Potential Emergency Service/Pedestrian Access Point
- Service & Neighborhood Access Evaluation Needed
- Clubhouse Deferred Maintenance/ Renovation Required
- Tennis Expansion Limited to Active Acres
- Existing Restroom & Water
- Tennis Courts Functional
- Existing Limited Parking
- Existing Vehicle Access Point
- Drainage Issues
- To Birmingham Park
- Clubhouse
- DinSMORE ROAD

Passive Preserve

South Woods

North Woods

Chickn Creek

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Promote safety & mitigate impacts to adjacent neighbors
Retain Existing Programs at the Active Acres
Celebrate & restore nature throughout the Passive Preserve
Balance Multiple Uses within The Park
Support Safe Park and Trail Connections
Distribute Access Points & Parking Off-Site
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DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN
OPEN THE PARK TO THE PUBLIC
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DRAFT PARK ACCESS

Public Access Points

Emergency and Service Only Access Points

NORTH WOODS

SOUTH WOODS
DRAFT PARK LAND MANAGEMENT
ACTIVE ACRES
DRAFT CONCEPT A: BASE PLAN

INCLUDES:
- Additional Tennis Courts
- Demonstration Trail
- Playground
- Park Lodge (former clubhouse)
- Pavilion - Indoor/Outdoor
- Event Lawn
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Additional Parking (+26 spaces)
OPPORTUNITIES

• Prevent further residential development
• Preserve two beloved community athletic programs for open-road residents
• Increase greenspace and protect waterways
• Expand parks and recreational programming
• Secure additional city facilities and amenities
• Promote sustainability initiatives and programming (pollinator fields, wildlife, etc.)
• Develop safe system of trails for residents to encourage healthy living
CHALLENGES

• Adjacent homeowners’ expectations (safety, property values, access, parking, views)
• Golf course and golf cart path easements (legal & physical requirements)
• Layout of the lower and upper portions of the course impacting design of trails
• Parking limitations
• Limited public access/entry points
• Funding for purchase and maintenance
• Transition of amenities
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QUESTIONS?

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