

AVONDALE ESTATES GREENSPACE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

INVENTORY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

October 26, 2018

Our Mission Statement:

“To provide assistance and support, through professional expertise in matters of open space planning and design, to the City of Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners and, as requested by the City, to other City boards or departments.”

Background and Purpose

The Greenspace Ad-Hoc Committee was created Volunteer group chosen by Board of Mayor and Commissioners, based on experience as greenspace design professionals:

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Jen Pindyck

Steve Sanchez

David Sacks

Work performed:

October 2015: Greenspace Committee formed

November 2015 - March 2016: Create draft of Avondale Estates Residential Tree Ordinance

April 2016: Identification of all greenspaces for review

April 2016 - August 2016: Walkthrough of all identified greenspaces

September 2016 - December 2016: Documentation and Review

January-June 2017: Create Draft Presentation

January 2018: Community Presentations/Discussions and Survey

October 11 and 13, 2018: Final Presentations

October 26, 2018: Submit final report to City

Background and Purpose

The following report is a catalog of all known City owned greenspace and the Committee's recommendations for each space, to be implemented in phases as the City moves forward. An appendix to the site specific recommendations includes a summary of all public outreach and meetings.



METHODOLOGY

- Researched city zoning maps and county GIS data to identify and categorize all City-owned greenspace property.
- Identified greenspace typologies.
- Conducted site visits at Greenspace properties.
- Developed an on-line survey to gain an understanding of community needs.
- Held two community workshops for input, each workshop was attended by up to 36 people.
- The on-line survey resulted in 70 responses.
- Survey data was compiled for a record of public input.
- Final presentations to the public in Oct 2018.
- Final recommendations developed for each greenspace site and report published to City website.

Key Recommendations to meet Community Needs:

1. New “Town Green” Park - Ranked high in community survey.
 - a. Downtown park with open lawn that supports community wide events.
 - b. Events are very popular and a downtown event space is recommended.
2. City wide Open Space/Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - a. Provides an official framework for implementing recommendations of the Ad-hoc community, sets budgets, and identifies gaps, opportunities, and best practices.
3. Acquisition of additional Greenspace:
 - a. As the city grows there will be increasing need for additional space for sports fields and courts, free play for pick up games, off-leash dog areas, and organized activities.
 - b. City should continue discussions with MARTA, the American Legion, and DeKalb Board of Education and explore opportunities to acquire or utilize areas large enough to support multiple activities.
 - c. Acquisition of the old High School ballfields can provide the following program:
 - Active Park - Multi-purpose fields, add courts
 - Dog Park - Identify area for fenced off-leash area
 - Walking paths

Key Recommendations to meet Community Needs:

4. City wide pedestrian / bike plan
 - a. Can be included in Open Space Master Plan scope.
 - b. Identify sidewalk, crosswalk and other pedestrian improvements.
 - c. Consider lower scaled pedestrian lighting to replace streetlights and overhead utilities, free up shoulders and verges for street trees.
 - d. Upgrade bicycle facilities through improvements such as signage, striping, multi-use trails and protected bike lanes

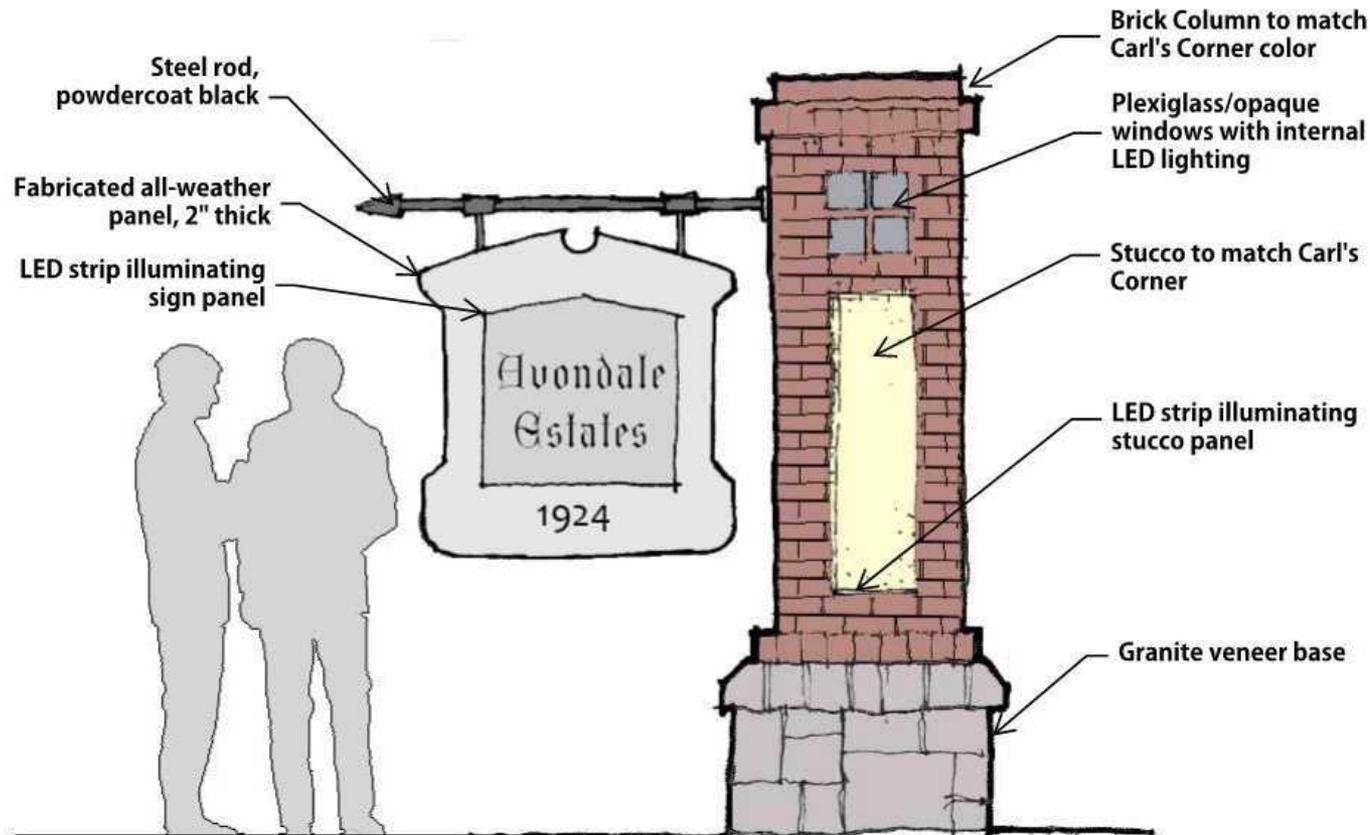
5. Improve Pedestrian Connectivity
 - a. Potentially add connections between blocks in Majestic Acres and Avonwood.
 - b. Improve pedestrian/bike access to and through downtown.
 - c. Pedestrian/bike routes to MARTA and Decatur were mentioned by workshop attendees and in the survey.
 - d. Provide social spaces, people watching, outdoor eating, places to sit along sidewalks
 - e. Establish median parks and connected streetscapes in downtown.
 - f. Include open space/streetscape concepts in Street Grid planning.

6. Dog Park:
 - a. Prior committees worked to locate a dog park within the community but existing greenspace could not accommodate dog park needs effectively.
 - b. Acquisition of property or use of non-traditional sites should be considered.

7. Community Garden:
 - a. Several groups have advocated for a Senior or Community Garden.
 - b. Location south of the lake at Berkeley Road should be considered.

Key Recommendations to meet Community Needs:

8. Leverage stormwater management to create public greenspace. Develop city policies that encourage stormwater ponds as amenities.
9. Improve public open space requirements/incentives in zoning.
10. Provide a coordinated branding/signage plan for the City.

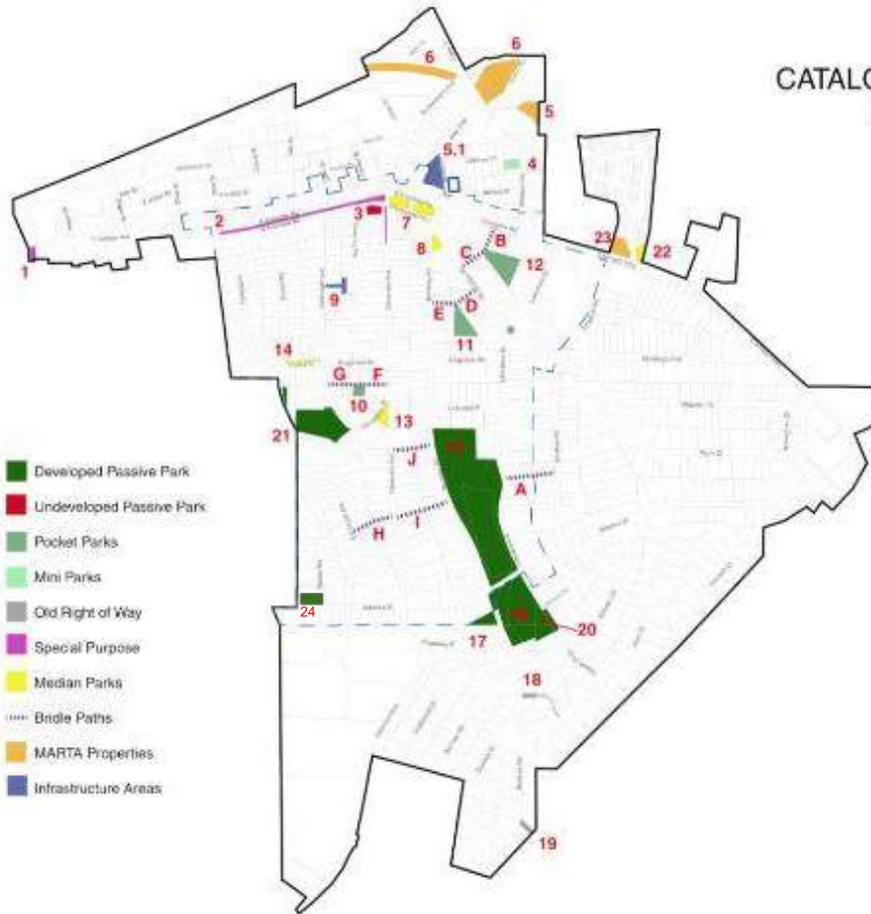


Example of a potential gateway sign for Lanier Gardens, which could be part of a larger branding/signage plan.

Site-specific Observations and Recommendations for Existing Greenspace



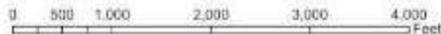
CATALOGUE OF PUBLIC GREENSPACE AVONDALE ESTATES, GA



1. Lanier Gardens (DeKalb County)
2. Carl's Corner/Abels Hedge
3. Clarendon Gateway Lot
4. Oakham Place Park
5. Greenspace behind Windsor Terrace (MARTA property)
- 5.1 Area N of City Hall Parking
6. PATH Stone Mountain Trolley Trail area
7. Dewey Brown Plaza
8. Berkeley Triangle
9. Coventry Close Drainage Easement
10. Dartmouth Avenue Pocket Park
11. Berkeley/Kingstone/Kensington Pocket Park
12. Kensington/Covington Pocket Park
13. Clarendon Place Triangle
14. Fairfield Plaza
15. Lake Avondale - Northwoods
16. Bird Sanctuary (Lake Avondale - Southwoods)
17. Berkeley Road Trail/Greenspace
18. Banbury Cross ROW
19. S. Berkeley Road ROW
20. Fletcher Park
21. Willis Park
22. Stratford Green Gateway
23. Stratford Green Gateway - MARTA property
24. Sussex Road Greenspace

Bridle Paths:

- A. Stratford to Lakeshore
- B. Covington Rd to Park #12
- C. Park #12 to Kensington Rd
- D. Kensington Rd to Park #11
- E. Park #11 to Berkeley Rd
- F. Clarendon Ave to Park #10
- G. Park #10 to Dartmouth Ave
- H. Dartmouth to Clarendon
- I. Clarendon to Berkeley
- J. Clarendon to Berkeley #2



Types of Greenspace

-  Developed Passive Park (Willis, Lake)
-  Undeveloped Passive Park (3: Clarendon gateway lot)
-  Pocket Parks (interior sites)
-  Mini Parks (4: Oakham Pl.)
-  Old R/W (Trolley line; Banbury Cross; S. Berkeley)
-  Special purpose (1: Lanier Gardens)
-  Median Parks (plazas and triangles)
-  Bridle Paths
-  MARTA properties (6,5)
-  Infrastructure areas (9: behind city hall)

Key Recommendations for Existing Greenspace Typologies:

Bridle Paths:

- Many have blended into adjacent properties and appear “lost”.
- They need to be cleared, marked on the abutting sidewalks, and/or signed.
- At a minimum, at least one path leading into each Pocket Park should be cleared to provide access.
- Potentially pave as permanent sidewalks.

Pocket Parks:

- Due to lack of accessibility behind backyards, designating the pocket parks as city park “facilities” is not recommended.
- They should be retained as informal areas that serve as bird sanctuaries/nature preserves or be permitted to be maintained by “friends groups” for the development of specific improvements.
- Recommend targeted invasive vegetation removal and control.
- Plan for future volunteer plantings of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers by the Tree Board or other groups to maintain biodiversity.

Developed Passive Parks:

- Willis Park: After recent upgrades some maintenance needs will be identified, such as irrigation, drainage improvements, and tree care.
- Lake Avondale: Uncompleted elements of the Lake Master Plan should be implemented (Bird Sanctuary area, Proposed Rain Garden, etc.)
- Additional parks will be needed as Avondale’s population grows. A Town Green can serve this purpose.

Key Recommendations for Greenspace Typologies:

Undeveloped Passive Parks:

- “Tree Lighting” lot on Clarendon should be developed to read as a public space.

Mini Parks:

- New park at South City Partners site.
- Oakham Place Park should be improved with new play equipment and furnishings.
- Promote Mini Park development as a part of new developments.

Special Purpose Area:

- Lanier Gardens should be acquired from DeKalb County and improved as a gateway to the city and connection to the East Decatur Greenway.

Median Parks (plazas and triangles):

- These highly visible areas can be important for stormwater management, public art, and/or canopy street trees. Improve street furnishings as necessary.
- Reprogram/landscape Dewey Brown Plaza.

MARTA properties:

- With the loss of the old soccer field to development, MARTA should be consulted on surplus right-of-way or property for use as permanent greenspace.

Infrastructure areas:

- These areas could be used for green infrastructure planning and potential underground stormwater control to allow passive uses at the surface.

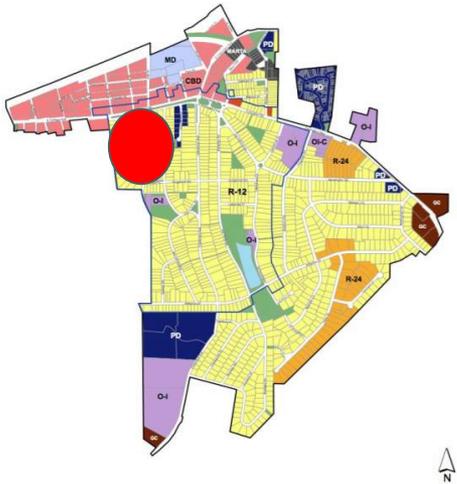
(1) Lanier Gardens

Benefits:

At an entry point of Avondale Estates along N. College from Decatur. A portion of the property is outside the City Limits.

Recommendations:

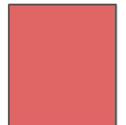
- Begin discussions with DeKalb County to take over ownership and maintenance of the park.
- Potentially annex the remainder of the space as necessary so the park is totally within City limits.
- Relocate monuments to be more visible.
- Re-landscape the space.
- Provide a site for a lighted gateway sign leading into Avondale Estates.
- Coordinate with new park space on the “Willis” (South City Partners) site.



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Special Purpose



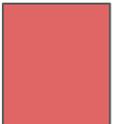
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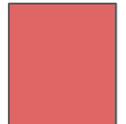
(2) Abelia Hedge



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Special Purpose



(2) Abelia Hedge



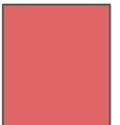
Benefits:

Buffer between roadway and residential district

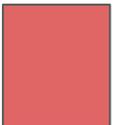
Defining landscape element for the City

Recommendations:

- Some areas of the hedge have sight distance issues, especially at pedestrian crossings and bus stops. Some trimming or clearing may be beneficial.
- Relocate historic markers or make more visible.
- Add canopy shade trees midway between light posts, clearing abelia shrubs as needed.
- Section of hedge damaged by car accident in 2017 should be treated. Re-landscape area near steps/sidewalk. Repaired light post does not match others and an effort to replace with in-kind should be made.
- Maintain integrity of hedge while accommodating changes.
- Renovate plantings at clock tower. Trim hedges to provide clear lines of sight, particularly at pedestrian crossings.
- Replace trash receptacles and street furnishings.



(2) Abelia Hedge



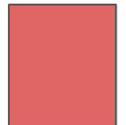
(2) Carl's Corner



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Special Purpose



(2) Carl's Corner



Avondale Estates Greenspace Committee Walks

Benefits:

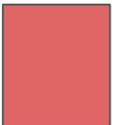
One of Avondale's original design elements (City entrance feature)

Historical Marker/ Historic arch has been repaired

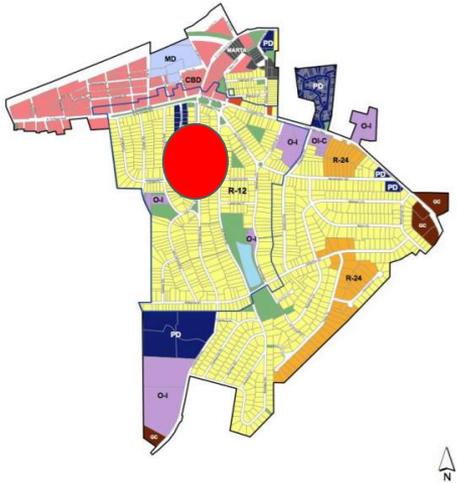
Recommendations:

- Coordinate improvements to sidewalks, median and turning movements with future signal upgrades planned by GDOT. Relocate utility poles, signal poles, medians, provide pedestrian activated signals, etc.
- Restore curb reveal with future paving projects.
- Re-create or honor lost elements (see historic photo) as part of 278 streetscape.
- Relocate curb line to remove excess pavement next to arch.
- Retain gateway sign, replace lighting with LED fixtures as needed.
- Replicate "Bird Sanctuary" sign in various areas of City Greenspaces.
- Replace trash receptacles and street furnishings.
- New Historic Wayside can be part of a future coordinated signage program for City properties, wayfinding and interpretation.

Special Purpose



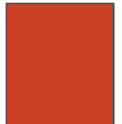
(3) Clarendon Median/Gateway Lot



ROW

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Undeveloped Passive



(3) Clarendon Median/Gateway Lot



Benefits:

Potential greenspace amenity close to historic downtown core

Used for staging holiday tree lighting

Recommendations: Gateway Lot:

- Does not “read” as public, signage or park furniture should be added to signify space as a passive greenspace.
- Potential site for a gazebo, seating area or toddler playground.
- Spatial quality could be improved by selective pruning or removal of Holly and Cedar.
- Provide low, landscaped buffers or fences adjoining residences.
- Create edge and entry points.
- Add fencing between any playground and adjoining streets.



Recommendations: Median:

- Landscape now causes sight distance issues. Replace Loropetalum with lower growing shrubs.

Undeveloped Passive



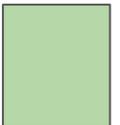
(4) Oakham Place Park



.4 Acres

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Mini Park



(4) Oakham Place Park



Benefits:

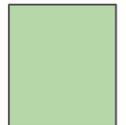
Greenspace in an area where neighboring homes do not have large lawns. Serves as a park for residential area north of Covington Road.

Recommendations:

- Add sidewalk to access park, add paved paths to define landscaped areas
- Replace playground
- Predominantly shade/Introduce ways to allow more sunlight into the site and open views into park from street.
- Upgrade park furnishings



Mini Park



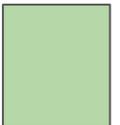
(5) Windsor Terrace/Walk Greenspace



.4 Acres

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Mini Park



(5) Windsor Terrace/Walk Greenspace



Benefits:

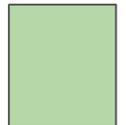
Large group of publicly held parcels (one is City Property adjacent Windsor Walk Subdivision)
Trolley bed still exists on private property

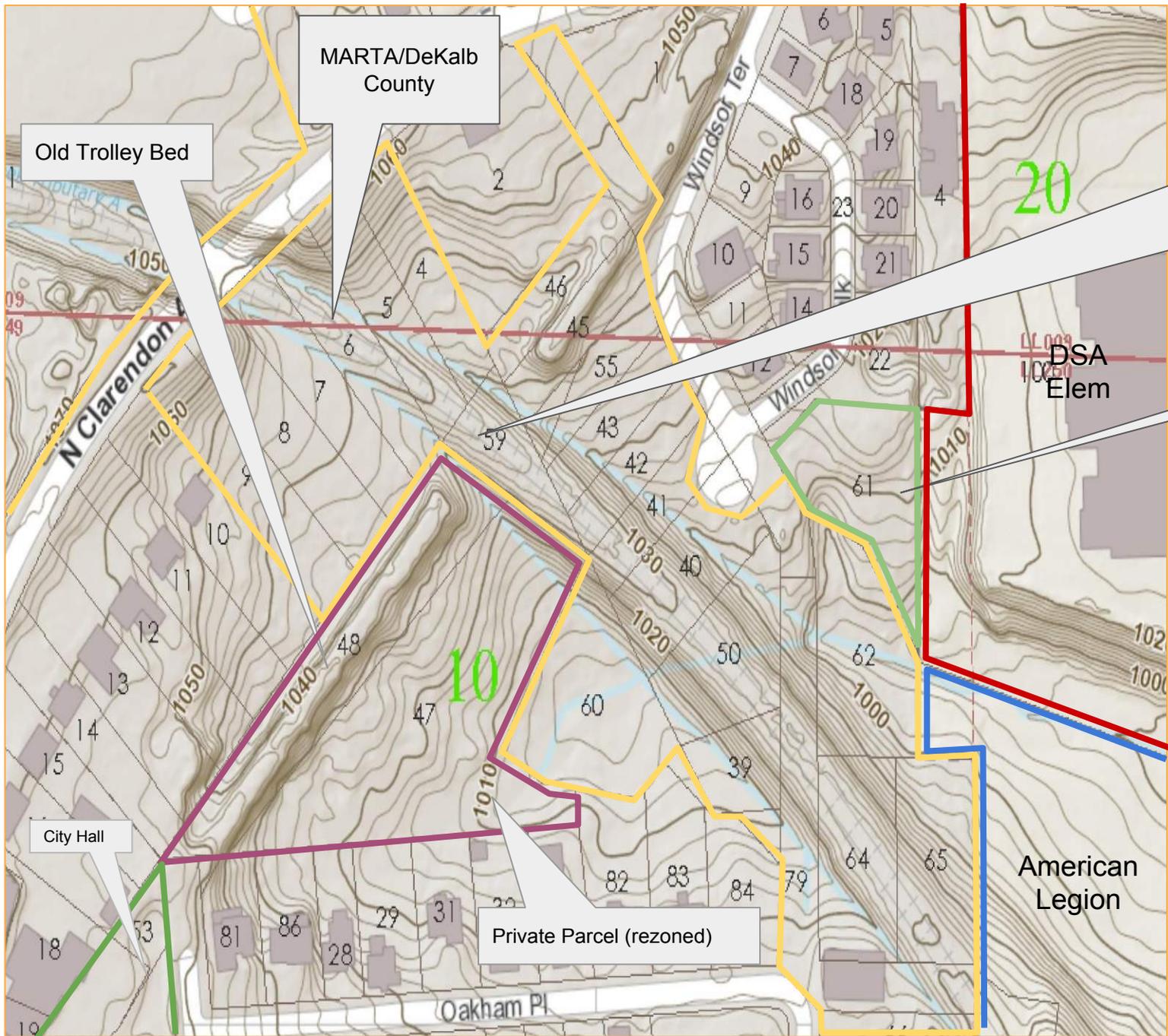
Recommendations:

- Consider agreement with MARTA and American Legion for use of open space.
- Study trolley route for downtown trail connection, MARTA overpass, require trail connections for any rezoning of private property.



Mini Park





Overpass at Marta would require added grade - existing trolley line is only four feet higher than MARTA at this area

City Property

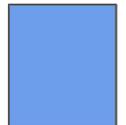
Infrastructure



(5.1) City Hall Parking Lot Property - Northern extent



Infrastructure



(5.1) City Hall Parking Lot Property - Northern extent



Benefits:

Open field in downtown Avondale.

Recommendations:

- Study site for potential park space, green infrastructure/underground stormwater retrofit and use as a trailhead
- Potential rain garden or landscape areas



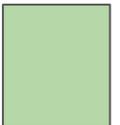
(6) Stone Mountain PATH Trail Sites Greenspace



.4 Acres

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Mini Park



(6) Stone Mountain PATH Trail Sites Greenspace



Benefits:

MARTA property north of PATH / west of Clarendon

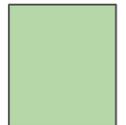
- Was serving as de facto park with playing fields
- Recently put on market by MARTA and purchased by ICON residential, Townhome project recently approved

Issues/Recommendations:

- Coordinate future trail and mini park development with townhome developers.



Mini Park



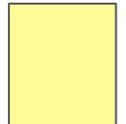
(7) Dewey Brown Plaza



1 Acre

Walk date: 2016.07.03

Median Park



Benefits:

(7) Dewey Brown Plaza

Ceremonial / memorial / civic identity: flagpoles, 9/11 marker, time capsule, etc.; central location facing City Hall

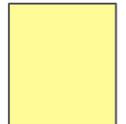
Historic landscape feature of original City plan

Recommendations:

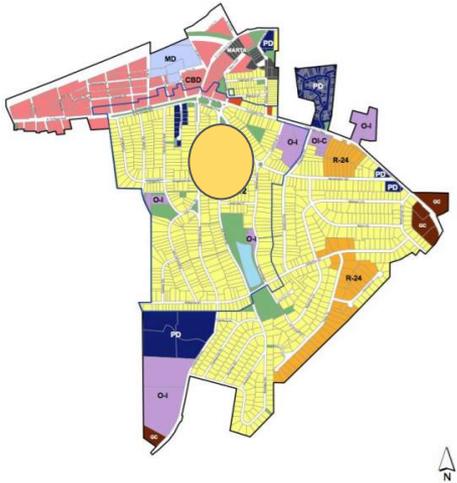
- Both plazas are an underutilized resource. Possible re-design for usability; consider pedestrian access, visibility/safety, seating, need for shade. Coordinate proposed sidewalk improvements with GDOT signal project, 2020.
- Shrub masses are now overgrown and unattractive; Remove all invasive *Elaeagnus* in use and replace with smaller, native plant material.
- Properly prune existing hardwood trees to improve crown growth and improve visibility. Remove declining *Magnolia* in east plaza.
- Avondale Plaza is much wider than necessary for current two lane section. Widen parkspace to provide bike and pedestrian facilities. Maintain one side for on-street parking on S. Avondale Plaza side. Restore curb reveals where necessary.
- Road separating the two plazas is not needed, maintain historic context by redesigning as usable hardscape plaza space. Repair eternal flame marker, consider consolidating monuments and flagpoles into hardscape plaza.



Median Park



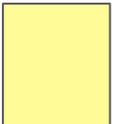
(8) Berkeley Triangle



0.3 Acre

Walk date: 2016.07.03

Median Park



(8) Berkeley Triangle



Benefits:

Lawn area frequently used for informal play (good visibility, location)

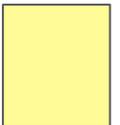
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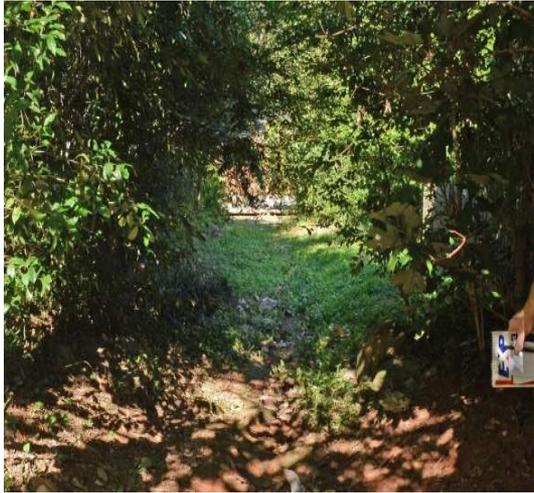
- Good canopy trees along Kensington - add benches between sidewalk and street (facing into park)
- Provide crosswalks that provide pedestrian access to triangle from Berkeley. Add wheelchair ramp on Berkeley.
- Maintain lawn space as open play area.



Median Park



(9) Coventry Close Drainageway



0.34 Acre

Walk date: 2016.08.14

Infrastructure



(9) Coventry Close Drainageway



Benefits:

Serves as a detention facility for Coventry Close

Recommendations:

- Study for potential underground stormwater storage and green infrastructure.
- Study for pedestrian / bike connection between Coventry Close cul-de-sac and Dartmouth.



(10) Dartmouth Ave "Pocket Park"



0.5 Acre

Walk date: 2016.08.14

Pocket Park



(10) Dartmouth Ave "Pocket Park"



Benefits: Nice open space that has been mowed

Recommendations:

- Bridle paths have been encroached near Clarendon and Dartmouth; they follow power lines and have been respected by fences, but clear access should be provided.
- Consider removing Chinaberry, Leyland cypress, cherry laurel and privet (invasive species), replace with native landscaping.
- Consider site for Community Garden or Atlanta Local Food Initiative Orchard (ARC program)



Pocket Park



(11) Kensington/Berkeley/Kingstone "Pocket Park"



1.44 Acre

Walk date: 2016.04.23

Pocket Park



(11) Kensington/Berkeley/Kingstone "Pocket Park"

Benefits:

- Undergrowth cleared and now maintained by City - improved aesthetics and safety
- Ecological benefits - wildlife, stormwater, air quality, temperature
- Enjoyed by immediate neighbors

Recommendations:

- Clear and grub to permanently remove invasive Wisteria. Plant pockets of native shrubs and trees. Potential volunteer planting projects.
- Provide a mulch or gravel path within the space
- Designate as a "Bird Sanctuary" as opposed to a "park" allowing public access but not encouraging overuse. Use sign similar to that at Carl's Corner to signify entrance.
- Provide at least one clear entry, potentially provide sidewalk connection on Bridle Path.
- In future acquire property for clear access to site and use as public open space.



Pocket Park



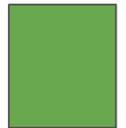
(12) Kensington/Covington "Pocket Park"



1.44 Acre

Walk date: 2016.04.23

Pocket Park



(12) Kensington/Covington "Pocket Park"

Benefits/Observations:

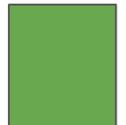
- Ecological benefits - wildlife, stormwater, air quality, temperature
- Enjoyed by immediate neighbors
- Drier site - more pines than hardwoods

Recommendations:

- Clear and grub to permanently remove invasive Wisteria. Inspect for dead, diseased or hazardous trees. Plant pockets of native shrubs and trees. Potential volunteer planting projects.
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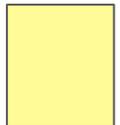
(13) Clarendon Place Triangle



0.5 Acre

Walk date: 2016.08.14

Median Park



(13) Clarendon Place Triangle



Benefits:

Attractive viewshed along City's main north-south road

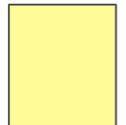
Historic landscape feature of original City plan

Recommendations:

- Improve curb reveal
- Tree maintenance needed
- Extend sidewalk along Clarendon and add benches
- Add crosswalks, paths and steps



Median



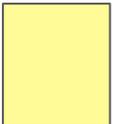
(14) Fairfield Plaza



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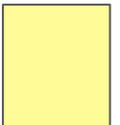


Benefits:

- Gives unique character to the block and enhances the landscape setting for adjoining homes
- Historic landscape feature of original City plan
- Drainage

Recommendations:

- Study potential to remove or relocate power pole.
- Replace street furnishings.



(15) Lake - North Woods

Recommendations:

- Implement Lake Avondale Master Plan elements not yet completed.

Additional recommendations at Community Club area:

- Some wet drainage areas noted, improvements to french drain system or additional drain lines may be required.
- Monitor and control invasive vegetation.
- Potential bridge over stream at location of aerial sewer.
- Study potential to remove power pole and provide alternative pedestrian lighting.
- Consider creating fishing ledge along lake edge in front of community club, with potential pergola for weddings.

Additional recommendations along Berkeley:

- Implement planned rain garden project.
- Extend Berkeley sidewalk/paved trail along edge of creek to create an edge between the woods and open field, extend to lake trail.

Developed Passive Park



(15) Lake - North Woods

Recommendations:

- Implement Lake Avondale Master Plan elements not yet completed.

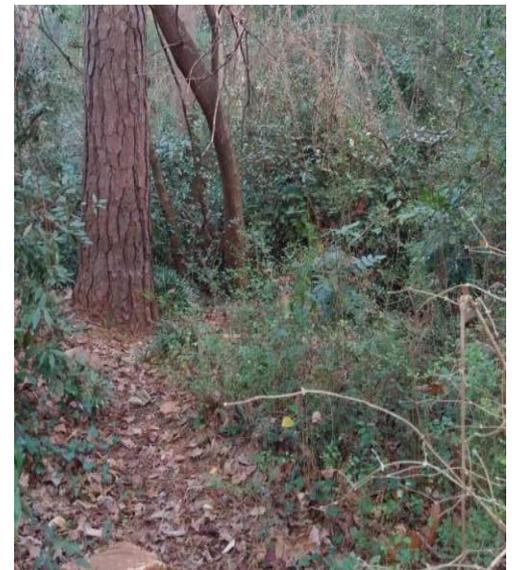
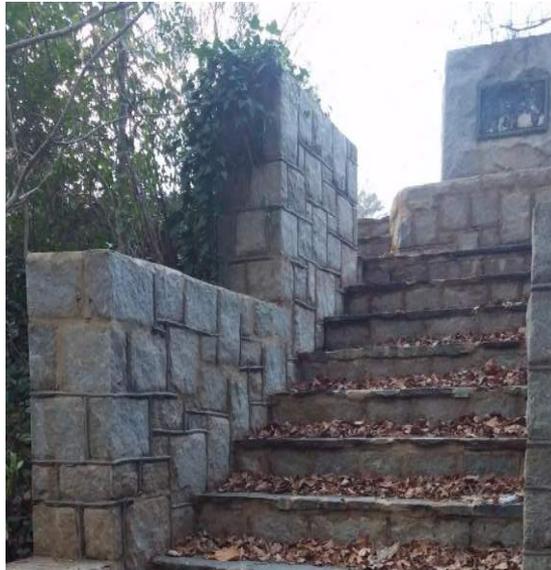
Other recommendations:

- Gazebo: Prune shrubs, potentially refresh landscaping.
- Add picnic tables and other picnic facilities.
- Bridge/Rhododendron Garden: Make monuments more prominent, refresh landscaping.
- Convert cobrahead lighting to dark sky compliant pedestrian lighting with underground service.
- Add a seatwall along steep slope near weeping cherries and stairs from lake path to Berkeley Road.
- Replace railroad ties leading to lake edge with granite steps.

Developed Passive Park



(16) South Woods/Bird Sanctuary



13.4 (Lake and North Woods)

Walk date: 2016.07.30 / 2016.12.20



(16) South Woods/Bird Sanctuary



Recommendations:

- Implement Lake Avondale Master Plan elements not yet completed.

Other recommendations:

- Severe erosion at lake spillway. Correct erosion problems, provide energy dissipation elements, streambank stabilization for Cobb's Creek. Complete before any other project to reduce hazards within space.
- Designate the "Bird Sanctuary" as opposed to a "park" allowing public access but not encouraging overuse. Use sign similar to that at Carl's Corner at monument entrance.
- Clear and grub invasive species. Inspect for dead, diseased or hazardous trees. Clear trees to open views to native forest. Plant pockets of native shrubs and trees. Potential volunteer planting projects.



(17) Berkeley Road Trail/Greenspace

Benefits:

Provides pedestrian and bike link to South Berkeley Road, between neighborhoods and the lake.

Recommendations:

- “Field” (former leaf dump) area relatively flat, open, sunny. Good site for Community Garden; add hose bibb and water valve. Finalize agreement with “Friend’s Group.”
- Invasives such as Kudzu and Privet an on-going issue, clear and grub areas as necessary, continue control.
- Refresh and prune landscaping, as it is overgrown and too close to the trail.
- Replace lighting (see Lake recommendations)
- Triangular lot west of trail cannot be developed park space, but is overgrown in ivy. Replacement with native plants would be beneficial.



13.4 (Lake and North Woods)

Walk date: 2016.07.30



Developed Passive Park



(18) Banbury Cross ROW

Benefits:

Provides landscaped area between Banbury Cross and Berkeley Road.

Recommend

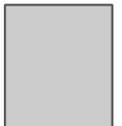
ations:

- Add a sidewalk connection between the streets.



Walk date: 2016.05.28

Old R/W



(19) S Berkeley ROW

Benefits:

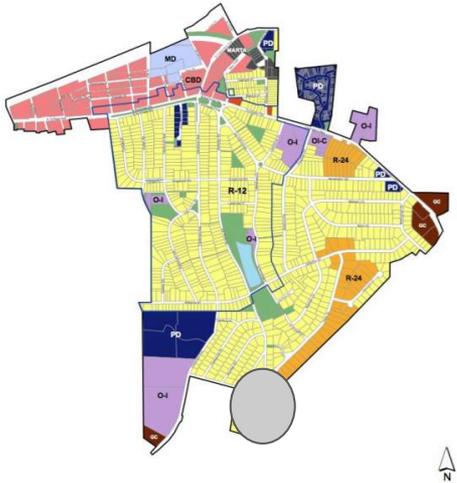
Provides landscaped area between Berkeley Road and Memorial Drive (closed portion of Beech Drive)

Observations:

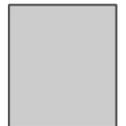
- Appears overgrown, likely still paved

Recommendations:

- Potentially permanently close the curb cut on Memorial Drive, coordinate with County, remove pavement and refresh landscaping



Old R/W



(20) Fletcher Park



13.4 (Lake and North Woods) [??]

Walk date: 2016.05.28

Mini Park



(20) Fletcher Park



Benefits

Open park space providing play area for neighborhoods near the Lake.

Recommendations:

- Improve connection between street segments and park visibility through vegetation management
- Replace Playground
- Remove Bradford Pears, also remove any other trees in the center of greenspace to allow an open lawn space
- Provide gravel or asphalt path with views into bird sanctuary; additional seating areas; enhanced plantings, connect to S. Lakeshore Drive



Mini Park



(21) Willis Park



Benefits:

Main City Park renovated 2016. New features make the park more usable and more popular. Irrigation System added 2018.

Observations:

- Opportunity to study recent use patterns and determine a landscape maintenance plan
- Additional elements of Master Plan program could be added over time



(21) Willis Park



Recommendations:

- Continue evaluating DDH Trees that were impacted by construction for removal.
- Fill in landscaping where material may have died out. (volunteer projects)
- Make Bike Rack more visible.
- Underdrain system needed for south end of multi-use open lawn, as Bermuda has died out, likely too shady and wet to grow Bermuda. Eventually replace open lawn with Zoysia, which is more shade tolerant and is easier to maintain.
- Three low areas/drains are muddy, drains obscured. Recommend using beehive grates.
- Add stone gateway at Dartmouth entrance (4-5 feet tall max.)
- Adjacent Dartmouth: Remove Ivy (and other invasive species), Consider replacing Abelia with smaller, shorter shrubbery for better visibility into park.
- Stone Dry Streambed needs more native landscaping, larger boulders.
- Work with Swim and Tennis Club, which owns narrow strip between park and Forrest Blvd.; area is overgrown and needs unified vegetation management.
- City needs to provide leadership for discussions between City, pool, tennis, neighbors, and Museum School due to increased use. Consider expanded use of Museum School grounds to alleviate overuse of park.
- Create SRT School plan with traffic management plan for Dartmouth, Clarendon Place, and Forrest Blvd. Carpool is using the park as a staging and pick up area, causing added traffic.

Developed Passive Park



(22-23) Stratford Green Gateway

Benefits

Provides landscaped area at entrance of Stratford Green

Observations:

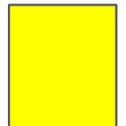
- Two Parcels are owned by the City and MARTA respectively.
- MARTA line is in tunnel below site
- Appears to be maintained by Stratford Green HOA

Recommendations:

- Consider easement on MARTA property to provide future pedestrian connections. Existing tunnel shafts are on the site.



Median Parks/MARTA



Benefits/Observations:

(24) Sussex Road Greenspace



- Ecological benefits - wildlife, stormwater, air quality, temperature
- Lot originally not planned for a pocket park or greenspace, but City obtained it at a point in the past.
- Fence encroachments exist on site
- Distinct elevation differences across site
- Invasive plants cover the site

Recommendations:

- Clear and grub to permanently remove invasive plants. Inspect for dead, diseased or hazardous trees. Plant pockets of native shrubs and trees. Potential volunteer planting projects.
- Remove fence encroachments.
- Provide a mulch or gravel path within the space
- Designate as a “Bird Sanctuary” as opposed to a “park” allowing public access but not encouraging overuse. Use sign similar to that at Carl’s Corner to signify entrance.
- Provide at least one clear entry, potentially provide sidewalk connection on Bridle Path.
- Potential gateway and stair can lead into space from Sussex Road.

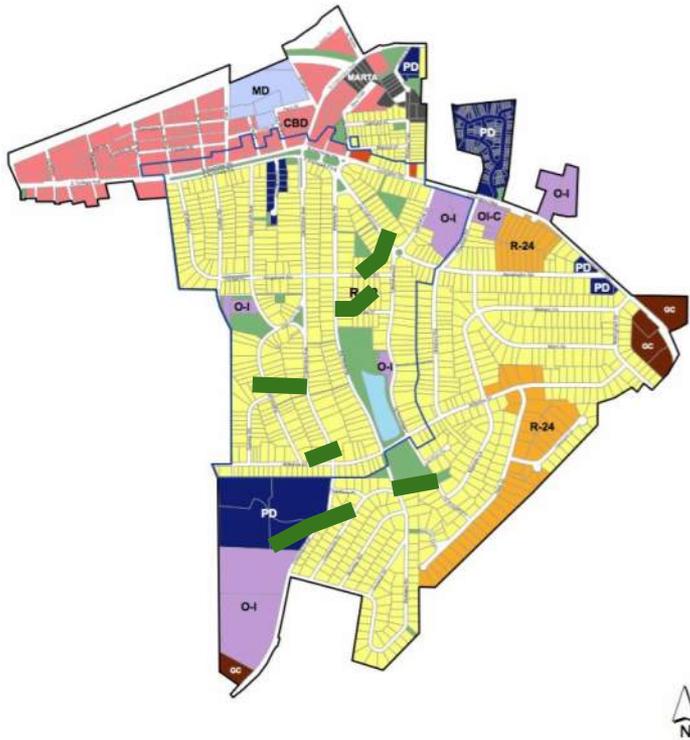
Greenspace or Pocket Park

(24) Sussex Road Greenspace



Greenspace or Pocket Park

Bridle Paths



Benefits:

Historic features of the City.

Provide shortcuts to various greenspaces and between blocks

Observations:

- Only one path is regularly maintained by the City.
- Many are overgrown or have been blocked by gates or fences.

Recommendations:

- Eventually clear all Bridle paths and provide permanent open pathways. Potentially provide sidewalks.

Bridle Paths



Public Outreach summary

Note- This summary combines material from both the workshops and online survey.

Q 1 Favorite places in Avondale Estates?

Avondale's lake, parks, tree lined streets and sidewalks are all highly valued. The Berkeley Triangle, bridle paths, and pool were also mentioned multiple times in the survey and in the discussion groups.

Q 2 Nearby favorite places?

Multi-purpose trails, Decatur's square and parks, and regional parks such as Stone Mountain and Piedmont Park.

Q3 Favorite Activities in Avondale?

Walking, running, biking, playground, events/festivals, social spaces

Q 7 What activities would you like to do, but Avondale does not have the appropriate space?

Outdoor events, dog park, and safe-connected walking paths were the top three responses in the survey. The workshop discussions highlighted the need for walking infrastructure particularly in our downtown, safe routes to MARTA, a community garden, outdoor dining, and a community center.

Q5 Where do you go now?

Decatur, Stone Mountain Park, other parks

Q6 What public space in Avondale Estates is not being used to it fullest potential?

Credit Union/city owned 4 acres, downtown streets, bridal paths, Dewy Brown plaza, pocket parks, and bird sanctuary.

Q7 What do you see as opportunities to develop new locations for green/public space?

City owned 4 acres, Fenner Dunlap property, 278 promenade, add cut through in Majestic Acres, CSX R/W, zoning revisions to encourage greenspace downtown, schools, leveraging stormwater infrastructure

Q8 What do you see as opportunities to make better use of existing sites?

Better maintenance/management, connectivity, rest rooms at Willis Park, short term use of the 4 acres, better signs indicating parks and bridal paths, create a connected system of paths, development of S & N woods

Q9/10 - What other ideas, suggestions, and concerns would you like to share?

Develop project lists for volunteers, install canopy trees along streets adjacent to the lake, create a greenspace conservancy, Clarendon median needs re-landscaping (bushes are too tall), Adopt a comprehensive greenspace plan, improve cross walks, sidewalks, and add landscape buffer along 278, need disabled parking and access routes, opportunities to paddle (canoes, kayaks) on the lake, create a Krog Street or Grant Park Market on the old Fenner Dunlap property

Community Outreach

Appendix A- Questions

Avondale Estates Greenspace Community Questions 2018

The original plans for Avondale Estates included public spaces such as parks, plazas, recreation facilities, and tree-shaded streets and sidewalks. These spaces were designed to make it easy for residents to spend time outdoors and meet their neighbors. As the Greenspace Committee develops recommendations we would like to have a better understanding of current community needs.

Before February 23, please complete this survey at <https://goo.gl/BuPbrG>, and let us know your thoughts.

1. What are your favorite outdoor places:

a) In Avondale Estates? _____

b) Nearby? _____

2. What are your and your family's favorite activities within the city that make use of Avondale Estates public spaces?

3. What activities would you like to do in public outdoor spaces:

a) But can't do now in Avondale Estates because the City does not have the appropriate space or facility?

b) Where (if anywhere) do you go, outside the City, to do these things now?

4. What public space in Avondale Estates is not being used to its fullest potential?

5. What do you see as opportunities:

a) To develop new locations for green/public spaces?

b) To make better use of existing sites?

6. What other ideas, suggestions, and concerns would you like to share?

Appendix B- Workshop Findings

AE Greenspace Workshop 1-20-2018

Estimated attendees 20

1. What are your favorite outdoor places:

a) In Avondale Estates?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake and North Woods • Willis Park • Fletcher Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks • Bridle paths (cut throughs) • Berkeley-Kensington Triangle • Lake • Willis Park except for school dismissal time • North Woods – informal trails • South Woods – bird sanctuary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake • Berkeley Triangle • North Woods • Willis Park • Sidewalks and streets (safety and open to all modes of commuting) <p>Because- nearby, accessible, recently renovated</p>

b) Nearby?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medlock Trail • Sycamore along MARTA • Beltline • Thompson Park • Lullwater Park • Deepdene Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lullwater Park • Brownwood Park in east ATL (½ unstructured; ½ ball fields etc) • Stone Mt- hiking • Freedom Trial – connects to Beltline • Olmsted Lineal Parks • Downtown Decatur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decatur Sq (urban anchor, people space) • Lullwater Park • Olmsted • MARTA – access to square <p>Because- visual anchor, connectivity</p>

2. What are your and your family’s favorite activities within the city that make use of Avondale Estates public spaces?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AE Clubhouse • Walk to & around lake • Roll down hills at lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Biking • Pickle ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking, running , biking, dog walking • Walking to downtown and

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using sidewalks • Willis Park- ultimate Frisbee and other games • Walk to downtown <p>! Lack of public assembly areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis • Fire works • “Sunday Rides” – when streets were closed to encourage bike riding • Antique Car parade • 4th of July parade • Outdoor community classes and volunteer activities • Swimming pool 	<p>other destinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting neighbors • Nature watching / taking in beauty / nature • Playground / bike around paths for kids • Occasional events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Easter, Halloween, Autumn fest ○ 4th of July bands ○ Close streets and they become public space
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3. What activities would you like to do in public outdoor spaces:

a) But can't do now in Avondale Estates because the City does not have the appropriate space or facility?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riding bike while dog runs off leash • Long hikes • Walking to and through downtown AE to get to Decatur (not safe or easy) • Biking through neighborhood to bike trail • Connectivity to other ATL places • Outdoor restaurants with patios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining at outdoor café's • Public greenspace connection between residential and commercial areas – Something that creates a meeting space with seating—opportunity at the ovals. • Large gathering place to accommodate events without shutting down streets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk to MARTA safely • Better sidewalk cafés and people watching • Better cross walks • Open space in proximity to commercial/retail areas • Place for concerts and events • Public garden • Bike/walk to surrounding communities • Better connection to the PATH trails • Community garden area • Recreation center (partnership with YMCA) • Swimming • Off leash dog area

b) Where (if anywhere) do you go, outside the City, to do these things now?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike- Stone Mt or Arabia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Decatur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decatur

<p>Mt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decatur for public spaces • Beltline • Dog park at Oakhurst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking in east Atl or Grant Park because blocks are not so large and there are better cut-through for alternative paths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atl Botanical Garden • Fernbank • VaHighlands/Morningside • For-profit fit centers or event spaces • Medlock park • YMCA Soccer fields • Stone Mt (fees)
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4. What public space in Avondale Estates is not being used to its fullest potential?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridal paths • Bird sanctuary • Lake – paddling • Triangle (confusion as to whether it is private) • Clarendon Gateway Park • Downtown Street system • Old Credit Union and land behind it • Town walking grid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridal paths • Pocket parks • Ovals • Bird Sanctuary • Clarendon gateway lot • Abelia hedge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only 1 cut through ○ Needs better use of the space ○ Needs more cut throughs ○ Maybe sidewalk along the Covington Rd side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 acres in downtown • Ovals (Dewy Brown plaza) • Bridal paths • Pocket parks • Fletcher Park and Bird Sanctuary (upgrade as part of lake master plan) • Public School AE High (public dollars) • Western Gateway and Lanier Gardens (acquire)

5. What do you see as opportunities:

a) To develop new locations for green/public spaces?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSX R/W – lease 50’, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 acres in downtown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown – 4 acres,

<p>improve so it can be used during arts events- could connect with the Beltline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a hwy 278 promenade from the Tudor Village to Sam's Crossing • Lake edge platform • Lake place to paddle • 4 acres develop as event space in downtown • Create a Shakespeare Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding – Gateway Park • Add bridal paths in Majestic Acres • MARTA land • School land • Zoning revisions to encourage greenspace downtown 	<p>streets, sidewalks, green stormwater infrastructure, may need acquisitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • American Legion (perhaps easement) • Leveraging stormwater infrastructure in downtown • Bottom of Exeter – green stormwater infrastructure • Trolley R/W for bike/ped trail
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b) To make better use of existing sites?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 acres- short term (as in this summer) grass and install picnic tables • Pocket parks and bridal paths should be parts of a connected system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Understand programming needs (use pocket parks and bridal paths) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance pocket parks • Bird sanctuary • Remove invasive plants • Land acquisition - ?? 1 lot each

6. What other ideas, suggestions, and concerns would you like to share?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop project lists for volunteers such as: scouts, garden clubs • Install a water hydrant near W side of south Bird Sanctuary for garden use • Canopy Trees along streets adjacent to lake—they are on the Lake MP but there are concerns about their location and impact on July 4th fire works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Garden • Program a garden food co-op and exchange • Connect our community to other neighborhoods along hwy 278 • Mulch area in s bird sanctuary –open for public composting. Would have to be supervised. • Create a Greenspace Conservancy to raise funds and manage volunteers • Do a study of the mulch area – would it be a good site for fruit trees? • Willis Park overuse concerns • Bike share program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature trail/network through AE and connected to PATH • Make the Greenspace Committee permanent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City needs strategic planning and programming of its greenspace
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AE Greenspace Workshop 1-23-2018

Estimated attendees 36

1. What are your favorite outdoor places:

a) In Avondale Estates?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake • Willis Park • Pool • Our yards • Front porch overlooking lake • Bridle paths • Berkeley Triangle • Places to eat outside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake • Willis park • Traffic triangle • Passive MARTA property • Sidewalks and street trees • Art lot • Pocket park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake • Bird sanctuary • Sidewalks • Plazas/medians • Berkeley Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring foliage ○ Fall color ○ Holiday lighting • Berkeley triangle • Kensington at G..? circle • Need more tables and benches

b) Nearby?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone Mountain • Woodland Garden – Decatur • Lullwater Park • Silver Comet Trail • Deepdene Park • Arabia Mt Park • Medlock Trail • Beltline • ATL Botanical Garden • Old 4th Ward detention lake • Clyde Shepard Nature Preserve • Methodist Children's Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piedmont Park • Beltline • 4th Ward Park • Grant Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone Mountain Park • Lullwater • Oakland Cemetery • Medlock Park • Clyde Shepard Nature Preserve • Woodland Garden – Decatur • Decatur Cemetery • Atl Botanical Garden

2. What are your and your family's favorite activities within the city that make use of Avondale Estates public spaces?

_____ not asked – lack of time _____

3. What activities would you like to do in public outdoor spaces:

But can't do now in Avondale Estates because the City does not have the appropriate space or facility?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Park • Community veg garden • Canoeing • Dog swim • Woodland trail • Bicycling on marked streets • Sit outdoors • Organized sports (soccer, basket ball, base ball) • Disc golf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Center • Putting green • Festival/events • Large Community garden • No single use designation (baseball, football) • No parking areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gardening • Go to dog park --<i>Decatur</i> • Canoe/kayak --<i>Stone Mt</i> • Use bridal paths • Outdoor music • Outdoor movies • Play soccer, baseball • More places to sit (benches along streets) • More places to picnic

4. Where (if anywhere) do you go, outside the City, to do these things now?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decatur (dog park) • Stone Mt (canoe) • Stone Mt/Chattahoochee River (dog swim) • Arabia MT or Stone Mt or Chattahoochee for (woodland trails) • Lullwater Park (to sit outdoors) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Courses • Grant Park (Community Grarden) • Bitsy Grant, Chastian (Tennis) • Out of State • Stone Mt (hiking) • Perkerson Park (disc golf) • N Devatur Rd (dog park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk in a woodland garden • Swim in a pool (Olympic size) • Play bsket ball (church or school) • Ride at bike from Avondale to Decatur • Use a rec center

5. What public space in Avondale Estates is not being used to its fullest potential?

____ - not asked – lack of time _____

6. What do you see as opportunities:

a) To develop new locations for green/public spaces?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD empty lots • Reclaim foot paths • MARTA property (dog park) • Develop interim town square (demo and grass area behind the old credit union building) • Remove invasive plants from existing greenspace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden • American Legion • Old DeKalb Co high school and ball fields • Strategic house purchases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area behind Savage Pizza • Berkeley to Banbarly Cross connection • Avondale High School • MARTA • The 4 acres in downtown • American Legion • Some portion of the Avila development

b) To make better use of existing sites?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports fields across from DSA • Play equipment at the lake • DSA football field and track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town green developed on 4 acres • Road Diet – streetscape and bikes • Makers at Parks to identify • Distance markers or park ids • Open bridal paths • Fletcher Park is not used • Implement Lake master plan • Open pocket parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abelia hedge- develop as lineal park with path and benches • Bird sanctuary- add trails, replant with native plants, develop natural garden • Pocket Parks- convert 1 into a dog park

7. What other ideas, suggestions, and concerns would you like to share?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarendon median – replant with plants that do not block vision (ground covers and canopy trees) • Re design of Dewy Brown Plaza • Kensington Rd is used as a traffic cut-through • Institute Community Work days to clear footpaths, etc • WIDE sidewalks w canopy trees and street furniture along hwy 278 to Sam's Crossing • Sidewalks on every street • Willis Park stabilize steep banks with proper ground cover plants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Avondale elementary and high school properties • MARTA property-purchase land offered in RFP • Enhance landscape in medians and plazas • ??? for landscape enhancement Ansley, Piedmont Hieghts • Add Dewy Brown Plaza improvements to road diet • Tree lined sidewalks as part of development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make S. Clarendon (to Columbia) a tree lined street • There is never enough greenspace- we need a plan and do it systematically • Build a “small business” park to relocate existing small businesses and accelerate downtown redevelopment process (Free up properties fronting College Ave) • Plan smarter, prioritize execution, focus on what's achievable given budget • Give Avila residents alternatives to driving on College and having to drive everywhere • Pedestrian & bike connections to trails, parks, MARTA • Open up the bridal paths
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Appendix C- Survey Responses

The survey was posted on the city’s website and open from 1-20-2018 to 2-23-2018.

There were 70 responses

- 12 indicated that they had attended one of the January 2018 greenspace workshops
- 58 indicated that they had not attended one of the workshops.

Responses were reviewed, summarized, consolidated, and counted.

- Counted discreet responses as separate ideas (Bridal trails, Willis Park, sidewalks.)
- Counted similar responses together (S Woods, Bird sanctuary, area below dam.)

+ Please note that this is not a rigorous survey. It contains the responses of those who were motivated to go online and respond to questions posed by the Greenspace Committee and is only intended to provide ideas about what is important to the responders.

Q1 - What are your favorite outdoor places in Avondale Estates?

Lake	57
Willis Park; Avondale Park	36
Streets- tree lined streets; Sidewalks; walking the neighborhood	10
Woods	9
Pool	7
Bridal Paths	6
Yard	6
Bird Sanctuary	5
Downtown	5
Fletcher Park	3
Pocket Park	2
School kids in Willis Park are a problem	2
Berkeley Triangle	1
Downtown	1
Pickle ball courts	1

Q2 - What are your favorite outdoor places nearby?

St Mt Park and Trails	21
BeltLine / Bike path; PATH; Medlock-Mason Mill Trail	13
Downtown Decatur - Square & Gazebo	11
Decatur Parks / Oakland Cemetery/ GlenLake Park	8
Olmsted Parks / Ponce de Leon Parks	8
Medlock-Mason Mill	7
Arabia Mt Park	6
Dog parks (Oakhurst, Decatur)	6
Piedmont Park & botanical garden	6
Along Rivers; Parks; open areas	4
Fernbank	3
Sweetwater Creek Park	3
Agnes Scott campus & woods	2
Shepard Nature Center	2
Chandler Park	1
Children's home property	1
Lake Claire Park	1
Love that Decatur parks have restrooms	1
Outdoor restaurants	1
Play garden @ Oakhurst co-op pre-school	1
Plaza at the High	1
The Land Trust	1
Thompson Park	1

Q3 - What are your and your family's favorite activities within the city that make use of public spaces in Avondale Estates?

Walking (lake, neighborhood, to shop, restaurants, dog)	50
Running	14
Playground (includes watching kids play)	13
Events/Festivals (Autumfest, Easter Egg Hunt, Dog Parade, Tree Lighting, Farmer's Market, July 4th, Art events, 5 Ks, concerts)	11
Biking	10
Swimming	5
Informal activities (includes spending time at lake)	4
Picnics	4
Frisbee	2
Hiking	2
Pickle ball	2
Play with balls	2
Bird watching	1
Fishing	1
Fitness	1
Letting dog run	1
Row boat if available	1
Shopping	1
Socializing	1
Tennis	1
Visiting Art Lot	1
Walking down town is scary	1

Q4 - What activities would you like to do in public outdoor spaces, but can't do now in Avondale Estates because the City does not have the appropriate space or facility?

Town Green; Lawn for outdoor events/play/reading, seating, amphitheater (concerts, movies, festivals, events, dine)	24
Dog park	18
Street- Safe, connected walking/biking paths	12
Basket ball courts	5
Sport fields; Lawn for pick up soccer	4
Hiking	3
Lake- Paddle - Kayak, recreational boats	3
Skateboard park	3
More open green space	2
more/better playgrounds	2
Play areas with bathroom access	2
Street- Sidewalks near city hall; Larger and separated sidewalk along main road	2
Birthday party	1
Can't go to Willis Park during Museum School pick up	1
Climbing (spider web; rocks)	1
Community Garden	1
Hiking (soft surface trails)	1
Lake- Picnic tables by lake	1
Not have to drive to Kroger	1
Outdoor Markets	1
Rotating public art	1
Running track	1
Safe place to play with water (creek, rock dams, sand)	1
Splash pads	1
Street - Bike up to restaurants and shops	1
Streets - Better Street lights	1
Volley ball court	1

Q5 - Where (if anywhere) do you go, outside the City, to do these things now?

Decatur	21
Stone Mt Park	11
Oakhurst	6
Piedmont Park	5
Decatur dog park	4
Arabia Mt	3
Other Parks	3
Candler Park	2
Mason Mill Park	2
Mountains	2
Shepard Nature Center	2
BeltLine	1
Bouldercrest Trail (river)	1
Brookhaven	1
Deepdene	1
Downtown	1
Downtown Atl	1
Dultuth	1
Fernbank	1
Glen Lake Park	1
Grant Park	1
Indoor spaces (volley ball)	1
Lake Claire Park	1
Lilburn dog Park	1
Medlock Park	1
Museum School (BB)	1
Oakhurst	1
Old Forth Ward Park	1
Old Prison Farm (Moreland Ave)	1
PATH	1
Pine Lake	1
Rural Georgia	1
Sweet Water Creek State Park	1

Q6 - What public space in Avondale Estates is not being used to its fullest potential?

City owned property at credit union; 4 acres	14
Downtown (walkways and sidewalks); Downtown (main street/ Franklin Street greening)	10
Fenner /Dunlap	6
Pocket Parks (access)	6
Bridal paths	5
Wooded areas around lake (paths, safe for lone walkers)	5
Empty buildings/spaces downtown	3
PATH - St Mt Trail	3
N side of 278	2
Plaza by city hall	2
"Erector set" site	1
AES playground greenspace	1
Bird Sanctuary	1
Bushes along College Ave	1
Fletcher Park	1
Industrial area along RR	1
Lake (permits to canoe/kayak)	1
Lot at S Avondale and Clarendon	1
Middle of Tudor Sq	1
Potential bike PATH connecting Tudor Village to Decatur	1
Space on Laredo Dr	1
Triangle park	1
Willis Park	1

Q7 - What do you see as opportunities to develop new locations for green/public spaces?

4 acres owned by city	15
Fenner Dunlap (concrete area) (opportunity for a Krog St or Grant Park Market)	9
Unused land in downtown (create park in business area)	9
S Woods (below lake) (nature trail; board walk)	8
no idea (any place we can get together)	6
Bike path Tudor Village to Decatur; extend bike path; BeltLine in neighborhood	5
Bridal paths	5
MARTA land N of PATH	4
Multi-purpose greenspace for movies and concerts; community space; downtown destination)	4
Pocket Parks	4
Area behind city hall, police	3
Avondale High	2
Property (bushes) along N Avondale Rd	2
Avondale Elementary	1
behind Oakham Pl	1
Corner of Clarendon and S Avondale Rd	1
Disabled access and parking	1
Dog park	1
Leave what we have alone	1
MARTA land behind the Am Legion	1
Ovals	1
Plaza near city hall	1
Pocket Park in city center	1
Reserve greenspace as part of development	1
Teardown thrift store on N Clarendon for greenspace	1
The lake (permits for canoes/kayaks)	1
Woods around boy scout hut	1

Q8 - What do you see as opportunities to make better use of existing sites?

Connectivity - Open bridal paths	5
Better maintenance /management: - Enforce leash law (1) - Pickle ball ct maintenance (1) - Residential tree ordinance (1) - General (1)	4
Connectivity - Space for dogs /dog park (path connect lake to Chatsworth Dr; at lake)	4
Lake - Trails in N&S Woods; Better use of S Woods and Fletcher Park	4
Restrooms (Bathroom at Willis park)	4
4 acres - interim grassing while long range plans are developed (2); 4 acres (1)	3
Connectivity - Id/sign bird sanctuary, pocket parks, and bridal trails (clear access ways)	3
Access let people know where greenspace is; more information about city's greenspaces	2
Connectivity - Improved, wider sidewalks	2
Greenspace across from city hall; ovals	2
BB goal at park	1
Building event space	1
Community areas	1
Community garden in pocket parks or other un used city owned land	1
Connectivity - connect Avondale to Clifton Corridor (trolley, light rail)	1
Connectivity - extension (walk to Avonwood)	1
Connectivity - Obvious signs for parking and attractive walkways to businesses;	1
Connectivity - Sidewalks - Better walking - streets near MARTA	1
Connectivity- Bike lanes	1
Connectivity- Sidewalk/road in front of Tudor Village	1
Connectivity- Trolley or light rail system that connects Avondale to the CDC/Emory/CHOA corridor on Clifton	1
Decrease traffic on N Avondale Rd	1
Disabled parking at pool and park	1
Fenner -Dunlap property	1
Good city planning, community input	1
Lake - Allow paddling	1
Lake - Sunset at the lake adult picnic with beer and wine (promote local businesses)	1

Lake- Concert on the lake	1
Lake- Pave path around lake	1
Learning garden (teach composting, how to grow food, etc)	1
Park	1
Partner with businesses for use during non-business hours	1
Picnic area in Berkley triangle	1
Places to eat outside	1
Pocket parks	1
Public events in downtown	1
Remolding/more modern businesses	1
Screen on the green	1
St Mt PATH - add playground, field, dog park	1
Water play area (natural)	1

Q9/10 - What other ideas, suggestions, and concerns would you like to share?

Downtown - Traffic and crossing Covington Hwy, wide sidewalks with landscape buffer; sidewalks need repair; not walkable, Strafford Green/Baptist Church to downtown not walkable, complete sidewalks to Sam's Crossing.	6
Downtown - infrastructure green and walkable (add sidewalks; add greenspace perseveres AE character; Tudor Village to Sam's Crossing is hazardous - Sip-n-Stroll nice event but dangerous due to uneven pavement; Improve pedestrian crossings at Tudor Village - need more cross walks)	5
Downtown - Provide more reasons to be downtown (update downtown with restaurants, sidewalks, trees; do something about blight; acquire property that is not being used)	4
Town green (large gathering spot/festival space (4 acres critical to community connectivity; retain village feel, do not overdevelop; greenspace will help make downtown a destination)	4
Bike path (connected system; bike lanes important)	3
Downtown - Make area north of St Mt Trail a park	3
Bridal paths (expand to increase connectivity)	2
Information - Mark and map public greenspaces	2
Lake - live music; stock with fish	2
Leave undeveloped land alone - keep woods; need land conservation	2
Need residential tree ordinance	2

Develop greenspace mater plan for entire city include capital funds and management estimates	1
Downtown - Concerned about the number of downtown residents	1
Downtown - Create a park, ball fields on Fenner Dunlap site	1
Establish a conservancy	1
Golf carts - need safe crossing and parking	1
Have more workshops (was unable to attend)	1
Lake - make private again	1
Picnic tables	1
S Woods	1
Shuttles to Emory/CDC	1
Willis Park - open gate	1
Willis Park- concern about unsupervised children	1
Willis Park need volley ball, bocce, and additional reasons to go there	1