



McNeely Lake Park Master Plan

PUBLIC MEETING #2

April 2012





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Master Planning Process

Step One: Awareness



Step Two: Exploration



Step Three: Vision



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BRIEF RECAP OF FIRST PUBLIC MEETING

September 13, 2011





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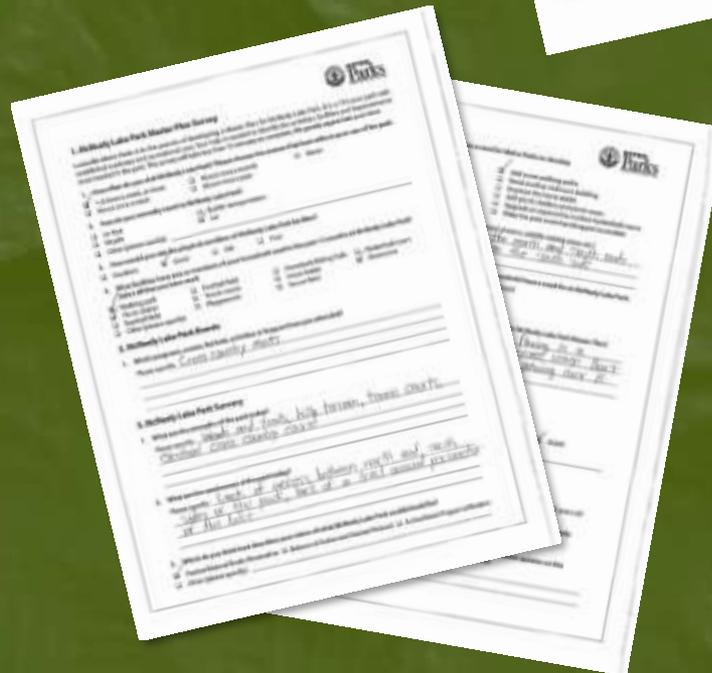
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Sharing Information

Site Cultural & Natural Resources



Community Surveys





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Natural Resources

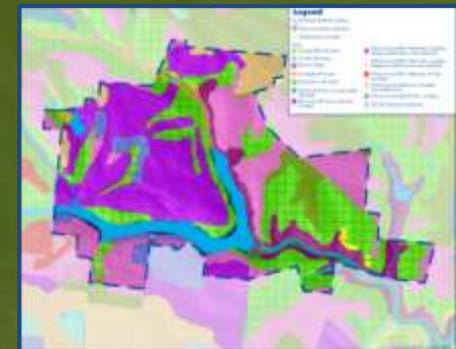
Slopes



Hydrology



Soils



Sensitive Habitats



Geology



Glades & Gladecress





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Cultural Resources

Existing Park Features



Existing Trails



Easements



Archaeological Studies

Connectivity Context



Development Patterns





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Stakeholder Meetings

In addition to the public meeting, the Team met with the following stakeholders and user groups:

- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
- Motocross/Dirt Bike Advocates
- Cross Country Advocates
- Soccer Advocates
- Flying Field Advocates
- Equestrian Facilities Advocates
- Disc Golf Advocates





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Community Input Highlights

The first public meeting, surveys and subsequent stakeholder meetings yielded the following key recommendations:

- Provide more **walking/hiking trails**, especially a **lake loop trail**
- Provide **security lighting** and more shelters, restrooms, and drinking fountains
- Upgrade/expand **playgrounds** and possibly add a sprayground
- Strive for a balance of **active** and **passive/pastoral** areas
- Preserve/enhance **forest diversity** & **natural habitat** areas
- Improve **equestrian facilities** and trails
- Improve **soccer facilities**, access, and parking
- Provide interpretive and directional **signage**



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PARK-WIDE TRAIL SYSTEM AND LAKE IMPROVEMENTS



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Trail Principles

- Build on Existing Trail Network
- Change Trail Surface and Width Based on Usage and Location
- Provide More Linkages to Surrounding Neighborhoods and Within the Park
- Create Multiple Loop Trails, including a Lake Loop
- Provide Multiple Opportunities to Overlook or Access McNeely Lake





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Lake Edge Enhancements

- Bioretention & Filtration
- Lake Edge Habitat Restoration
- Managed Views





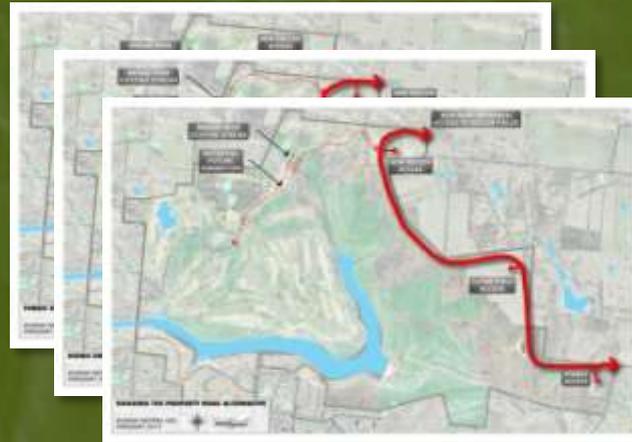
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PARK ROADWAY STUDY



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Park Roadway Study



- Community voiced interest in **improving connections within and through the park**
- A park roadway study is now a **separate project**, and you will be invited to input on its potential alignment & character
- The roadway project will be **closely coordinated** with the park master plan

The first public meeting for the Park Roadway project is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Wilt Elementary School**



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CONCEPTUAL EXPLORATION

Park Use Areas





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Areas of Detailed Exploration





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North Park Use Area





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Context & Connectivity

Connect Park Trail System to Future Louisville Loop Trail

Potential Future Conservation Easement in Coordination With Adjacent Landowner(s)

North Park Use Area

Create Stronger Connection Between Park and School



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Existing North Park Conditions

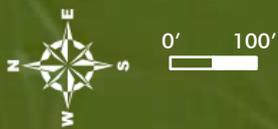




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Concept 1: Enhanced Existing Assets

- 1 New Shelters
- 2 New Playground/
Sprayground
- 3 Sand Volleyball
- 4 More Parking with
Bioretention
- 5 Relocated and/or
Improved Entries
- 6 Large, Informal
Multipurpose Lawn
- 7 Walking Loops and
Trails





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Concept 2: Consolidated Core

- 1 New Shelters
- 2 New Playground/
Sprayground
- 3 Sand Volleyball
- 4 More Parking with
Bioretention
- 5 Relocated and/or
Improved Entries
- 6 Informal
Multipurpose Lawn
- 7 Walking Loops and
Trails
- 8 "Winner's Circle"





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Concept 3: Hub-to-Lake Connection

- 1 New Shelter
- 2 New Playground/
Sprayground
- 3 Meeting Facility
- 4 More Parking with
Bioretention
- 5 Relocated and/or
Improved Entries
- 6 Formal Multipurpose
Lawn
- 7 Walking Loops and
Trails

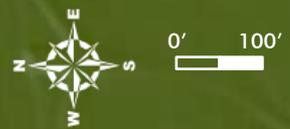




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Concept 4: Active & Passive Recreation Hubs

- 1 New Shelters
- 2 New Playground/
Sprayground
- 3 Sand Volleyball
- 4 More Parking with
Bioretention
- 5 Relocated and/or
Improved Entries
- 6 Formal Multipurpose
Lawn
- 7 Walking Loops and
Trails
- 8 New Restroom





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East Park Use Area





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Existing East Park Conditions

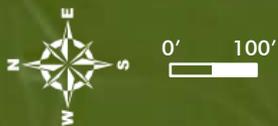




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Strengthened Sports Hub

- 1 New Entry Location and Park Road
- 2 Enlarged Parking
- 3 Special Event Lawn with Seating
- 4 Enhanced Playground
- 5 New Concessions Building
- 6 Walking Loops and Trails





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South Park Use Area





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Existing South Park Conditions





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Improved Equestrian Hub

- 1 New Indoor Training Ring and Offices
- 2 Existing Barn and Training Ring
- 3 Fenced Paddocks
- 4 New Entry and Park Road
- 5 Car and Trailer Parking
- 6 Cedar Glade Views
- 7 Equestrian Trails





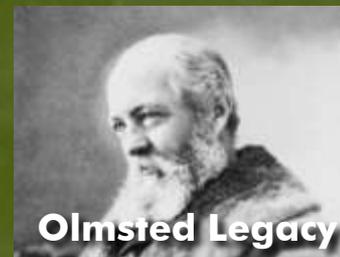
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PARK STRUCTURES



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Park Structures Inspiration



Cedar Glades



Caves & Karst



Rustic Site Features



Weathered Stone Bridges

What Should the Character of the Park Elements be on the Continuum from Historical to Contemporary?



Lake Views and Access



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Potential Bridge Locations

-  **Vehicular Bridge**
-  **Pedestrian Bridge**





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Vehicular Bridges





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Pedestrian Bridges





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Pedestrian Bridges





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Fishing Spots





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Existing Shelters

- Columns could be moved farther apart to create more room and could be clad in stone to improve their character
- An attractive ceiling could be installed to minimize pests
- Roof could be redone with cedar shakes to create a rustic appearance
- Landscape and patio around shelter could be improved to create a greater sense of place





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Improve Existing Shelters?

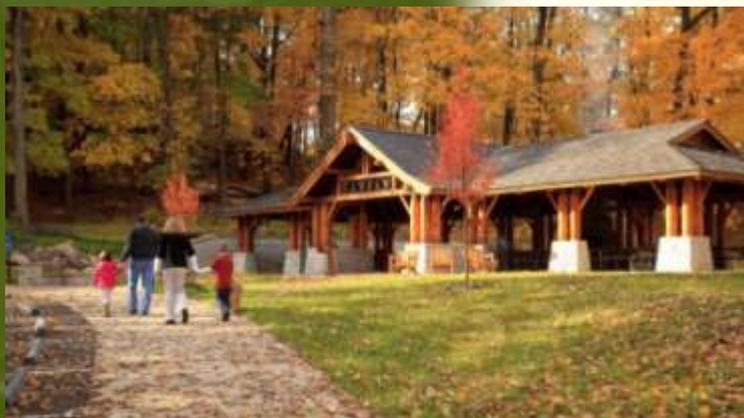




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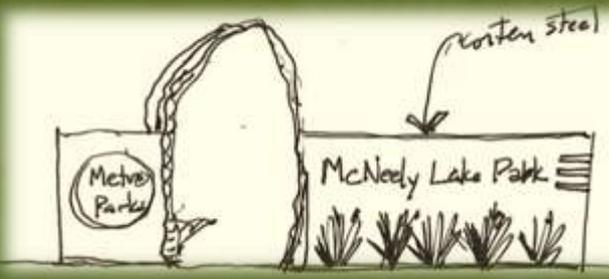
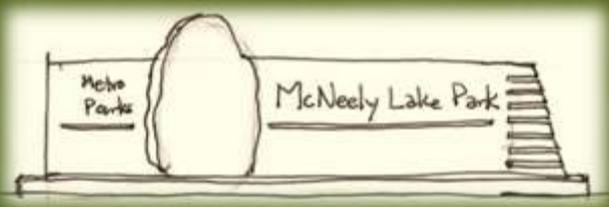
**Develop
A New
Design for
Shelters?**





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Signage



Existing Entry Sign





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Existing Playground Locations





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Nature-Inspired Play

Hills-n-Dales Park





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Nature-Inspired Play

Twin Lakes Playground





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Sustainable Practices



Glade Management



Porous Pavements



Native Landscape Restoration



Reforestation



Bioretention



Wind Power



Solar Power



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**Watershed Protection
& Lake Management**

Resource Management



**Sinkhole &
Cave Protection**



View Management



Stream Restoration



**Forest Management &
Invasive Species Removal**



Glade Management



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Interpretation & Education

Lake Habitats & Fishery



Interpretive Signage



Forest Diversity



Karst Landscapes



Educational Facilities, Exhibits and Programs



Cultural History





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Volunteer Opportunities



Trail Maintenance



Habitat Restoration & Management



Interpretive Programs & Ambassadors



Litter Cleanup



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WHAT'S NEXT?

We need your input!