Analysis of Individual Parks

DeKalb County Parks and Recreation

Avondale Dunaire

Avondale Dunaire Park is adjacent to Interstate 285 at its intersection with Cynthia McKinney Parkway. The park is long and narrow and is bordered by both residential and industrial land use. The park consists of 17.51 acres on fairly level topography.



Opportunities – (Low)

Although there are limited opportunities for expansion on site, possibilities exist for expansion into industrial area to the south.

Constraints - (Medium)

Limited expansion opportunities due to small size of park and most of site developed for active recreation uses. Limited visibility and accessibility

Current Maintenance Needs = (Low)

Only maintenance requirements are groundskeeping on existing fields. Duties adequately fulfilled.

Existing Park Classification - Community Park

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This park is designated as a Community Park although it falls short of the recommended size of 40 acres by approximately 23.5 acres. The goal of Community Parks is to provide a mixture of active and passive recreational uses, but only active use is cultivated here.

Recommended Park Classification - Community Park

Keep Community Park Classification, but look for opportunities to increase park acreage and diversify recreational uses.

Arabia Mountain Park

Arabia Mountain Park is South of Interstate 20 near Lithonia and bisected by Klondike Road. The park is fairly expansive, characterized by hilly and rocky topography with a lake. At 1,799 acres, this is one of the most distinctive parks in the county.



Opportunities – (High)

PATH foundation trails thread through the park and connect with Stonecrest Mall and Panola State Park Facilities at the park are well-maintained, with new trailheads and clear signage. One concern however is that parking space is inadequate to support weekend use.

Constraints - (Medium

Limited expansion opportunities due to small size of park and most of site developed for active recreation uses. Limited visibility and accessibility

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

atural area well-maintained and trails in good condition.

Existing Park Classification - (Natural Area)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

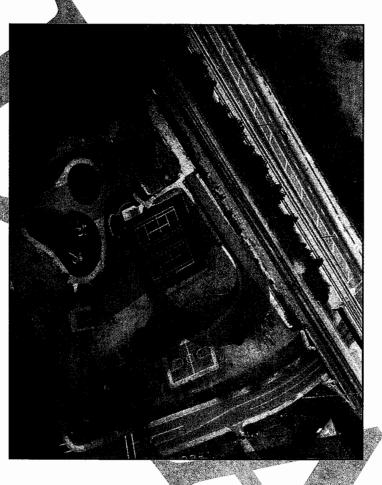
The park achieves the desired designation of Natural Area since it centers on passive recreation, and is mostly wooded with streams, lake and granite outcrops.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Keep Natural Area Classification. One concern however is that parking space is inadequate to support weekend use.

Ashford Park

Ashford Park is adjacent to the Marta line at the corner of Caldwell Road and Redding Road. The park is located in a primarily residential area and is characterized by level topography. The park is relatively small, consisting of only three acres.



Opportunities – (Low)

Very little opportunity exists for park expansion of to diversify uses since most space is being utilized. Still, the park would benefit from actual use of the recreation facility.

Constraints—(High)

Bordered on three sides by roads and the MARTA line, there is little room to expand Ashford Park. Even if without being continuous, there is little expansion opportunity since most of the surrounding land is dedicated to residential land use. Furthermore, little land is left in the park itself to cultivate for other uses.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

I facilities and grounds are well-maintained

Existing Park Classification - Neighborhood Park

Functionality of Existing Designation - (High)

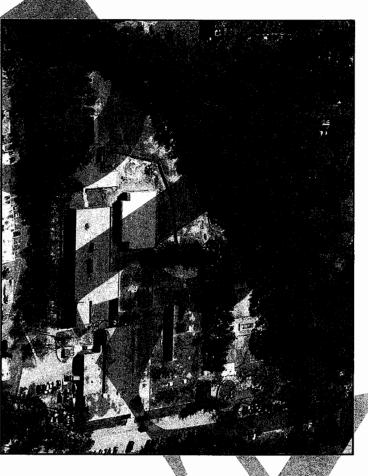
The park is designated as a Neighborhood Park, but falls slightly short of the recommended minimum of four acres. The park has playground facilities, tennis court, basketball court, swing set, picnic area, and a recreation facility.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Keep Natural Area Classification. The small parking area is in line with the desired traits of Neighborhood Parks; however, recreation center does not appear to be in use.

Atherton Park

Atherton Park shares space with Atherton Elementary School, and is located close to Covington Highway. The park curves around the school and sits on largely flat topography. The park consists of 11 acres, and is largely hardscaped for basketball.



Opportunities - (Medium

Most of the facilities and park landscaping could be upgraded. Furthermore, large wooded areas exist adjacent to the park that could provide additional space.

Constraints - (Medium)

While opportunities for park expansion exist, the park is bordered by both the Elementary School and residential land use. The park itself is not oriented to the public space, with facilities wrapping behind the school. Finally, the park's western edge is hmited by Atherton Road.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Facilities and playground equipment appear to be in mediocre condition.

Existing Park Classification - (Special Purpose Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)

The park is designated as a Special Purpose Park; however, there is no clear special purpose associated with its design.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Change Classification. This park could be a neighborhood asset if emphasis is placed on increasing green space and passive recreation.

Biffle Park

Biffle Park is located adjacent to Biffle Road, near Hidden Hills Golf Club. Sitting immediately off the road, the park is composed of rolling topography that slopes toward drainage areas adjacent to residential homes. The Park is 10 acres in size.



Opportunities – (Medium)

Small opportunity for expansion along park's back edge into wooded area.

Constraints - (Medium)

Bordered by road and neighborhood, the park has limited options for expansion. Yet, there is a notable amount of wooded area behind the park.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Grounds are maintained and kept in very good condition.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (High)

Surrounded by residential neighborhood and offering very little parking, the park encourages local use. Plus, the park provides a multi-use path loop for passive recreation and playground facilities.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park) Keep Classification.

Blackburn Park

Blackburn Park is located in northern DeKalb County between Interstate 85 and Georgia 400 and near Interstate 285. The Park is characterized by rolling topography and strong vegetative presence. Blackburn is a larger park of 49 acres including various active recreational facilities.



Opportunities – (Medium)

With no dedicated development, there is potential for converting the open fields to more defined uses. PATH tr could connect to nearby parks such as Keswick Park.

Constraints (Medium)

The Park has little room for expansion since most of the land surrounding the park is dedicated to residential use. Bordered by road and neighborhood, the park has limited options for expansion. Yet, there is a notable amount of wooded area behind the park.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Facilities and grounds in generally good condition; however, appears to have drainage problem near picnic area.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

Active and well-maintained tennis facilities, along with connection to PATH, and open fields for other residential uses all suggest this park is diverse enough to support the Community Park classification.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community

Keep Classification.

Bouldercrest Park

Bouldercrest Park is near Cedar Grove, outside of Interstate 285 and within the southern portion of the county. The park is surrounded by low-density residential development, and is on fairly level topography. The park itself is fairly large, at 28 acres.



Opportunities - (High)

Surrounded by few homes and adjacent to largely undeveloped land suggests there is opportunity for expansion if desired. Even without procuring new land, several undedicated acres are available within the park for future use.

Constraints - (Low

Bouldercrest faces few physical constraints in its immediate vicinity.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Facilities and grounds in good condition; however, severe drainage problem near playground and no swings on swingset.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)

Low residential density in adjacent land uses detract from designation because the park is not very walkable.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep Classification; but promote bicycle usage in and around the park including bike lanes to Bouldercrest.

Briarcliff Road/ Armstrong Park

Briarcliff Road/ Armstrong Park is near the intersection of Briarcliff Road and Shallowford Road. Currently, the park has no signage or infrastructure and is characterized by steep slopes that begin at the road side. The county cites the tract of land at 10 acres.



While the land is bordered by some homes and Briancliff Road, the park opens up to an expanse of undeveloped area but mostly this is ravine and drainage area.

Constraints—(High)

The steep slopes make this park particularly unsuitable for any development.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

With no infrastructure or grounds, no maintenance is needed for the natural area, except for ensuring the area is clean.

Existing Park Classification – (Unclassified)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (High)

The area does not really fit into any classification.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

With some infrastructure support and clearing of scrub species the area could provide a unique trail for runners.



Briarwood Park

Briarwood Park is located off of Briarwood Road between Buford Highway and North Druid Hills Road. With a diverse topography and many uses, the park consists of 18 acres, and is surrounded by a variety of land uses which are primarily residential units but include some commercial.



Opportunities – (Medium)

Park expansion unlikely since the area is mostly built out, but several opportunities exist within the park for enhancement.

Constraints - (Medium)

Little land remains for park expansion.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Park grounds and facilities in generally good condition

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

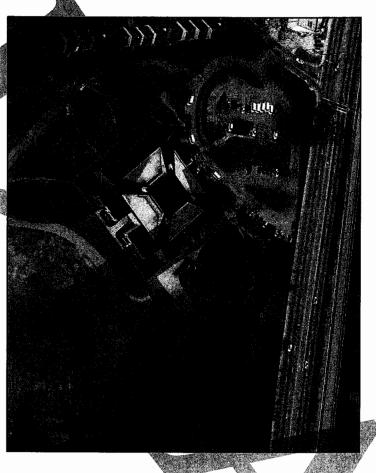
Functionality of Existing Designation — (Medium) Briarwood Recreation Center is designated as a Community Park, but fails to meet many of the guidelines for the designation. While the park has Tennis Courts and playgrounds that are in good condition, no sidewalks or pedestrian connections exist. Furthermore, the guidelines Community Parks from NRPA recommend a minimum of 25 acres while Briarwood only has 18 acres.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community

Keep classification. Greater acreage should be sought where possible, and pedestrian connection between different facilities and uses in the park should be greatly improved.

Brookhaven Park

Brookhaven Park is located off of Peachtree Road and near the Brookhaven MARTA stop. Brookhaven is a smaller park with fairly level topography, adjacent to medium-density residential development and the road. The park has a total of 9 acres.



Opportunities – (Low)

Park expansion unlikely since the area is mostly built out, but several opportunities exist within the park for enhancement.

Constraints - (High)

Little land remains for park expansion.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Park grounds are well kept; some trail infrastructure could use improvement.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

This park is designated as a Neighborhood Park and largely has the description. By connecting to adjacent residential uses the park is improving pedestrian usage; however, the Community Service Center on the property overwhelms neighborhood feel.

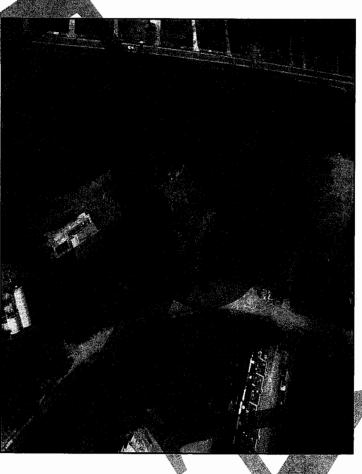
Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Minimizing overwhelming feel of Community Service Center still important

Brookrun – Liane Levetan Park

Liane Levetan at Brookrun is located in Northern DeKalb, at the intersection of North Peachtree Road and Peeler Road. This park is currently listed as Undesignated, but serves as DeKalb County Veteran's Memorial. Finally, the park is quite large, 102 acres, and has a fairly diverse topography.



Opportunities (High)

Although park is bound on all sides by roads, the park ha large amount of undedicated land.

Constraints - (Low)

The park has room for improvement.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Bathroom facilities are in good condition, but several vacant buildings exist without designated uses. In general, park grounds are well kept and facilities are in good condition.

Existing Park Classification - (Undesignated)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

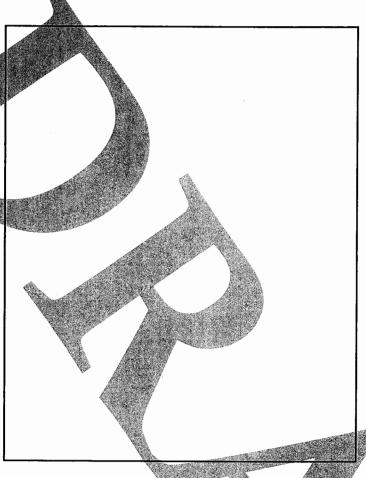
An Undesignated classification leaves the park without direction, it is important to designate the park for strategic planning purposes.

Recommended Park Classification - (Community

Change classification to Community Park. The Park would best serve as a Community Park as it is quite large with much potential for a myriad of new uses. The park promotes passive recreation with a dog-off leash trail and has a large brand new playground; this diversity should continue to be cultivated.

Brown's Mill Park

Brown's Mill Park is located in southeastern DeKalb, at the intersection of Brown's Mill Road and Salem Road. Brown's Mill is designated as a Community Park, and primarily focused on active recreation. The park consists of just over 60 acres, and sits on fairly level topography.



Opportunities – (High)

Despite most of the park being bordered by residential use the southern section of the park is adjacent to a large tract undeveloped land.

Constraints — (Medium)

Most of the existing park has been built out to dedicated uses such as active recreation

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

actitues in fairly good condition, but aging.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

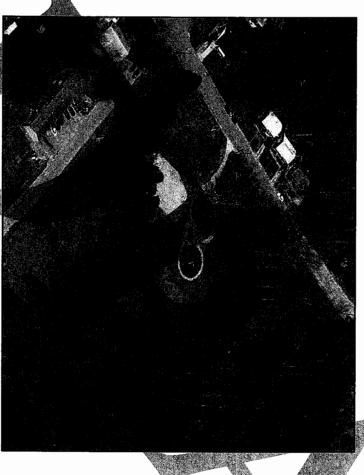
The park has the size necessary for the Community Park designation, but most of the park is dedicated to active recreation. The park lacks space for unstructured recreation and passive uses in natural areas that are typical of most Community Parks.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community Park)

Keep classification. The Park must focus on cultivating passive recreation and natural areas, the land adjacent to site would be useful for pursuing such uses.

Bruce Street Park

Bruce Street Park is located in Lithonia, at the intersection of Bruce Street and Kelly Street. The park is small, only 4 acres on level topography with rock outcroppings, and is designated as a Neighborhood Park.



Opportunities – (High)

Although bordered by two streets, the park is adjace to undeveloped land parcels on both its northeastern southeastern sides.

Constraints = (Low)

The adjacent land appears underutilized.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Grounds and facilities in good condition and well maintained; however sign is damaged.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

Bruce Street fulfills the intentions of the Neighborhood Park designation. Although slightly short of NRPA guidelines on acreage, the park promotes neighborhood usage through pedestrian paths, playground facilities, and non-existent parking. Still, there is opportunity for greater connection to natural areas if more pedestrian paths are cultivated.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community Park)

Keep classification. The park could greatly benefit from more focus on trails.

Buena Vista Park

Buena Vista Park is located off of McAfee Road in Central DeKalb The park consists primarily of a lake surrounded by a jogging trail along residential streets. The park is listed as 9 acres; however most is taken up by water.



Opportunities – (Low)

No expansion opportunity as the area is completely berdered by roads.

Constraints - (High)

The park is surrounded by roads and residential uses.

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

Several areas are in need of repair along jogging trail and fishing platforms.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

The Park is very limited in scope consisting of primarily a single jogging trail around the lake. It does not adequately fill the purpose of a Neighborhood Park.

Recommended Park Classification - (Special

Purpose)

Change classification to Special Purpose. The park is primarily for jogging around the lake.

Cedar Park

Cedar Park is located in Scottdale off of Cedar Road. The park is bordered by residential streets on all sides except for the southern portion, which abuts a fairly steep ravine. The park is extremely small, at only three acres, and has pretty hilly terrain.



Opportunities – (Low)

The Park is fairly limited by surrounding residential land uses and roads, but the adjacent ravine and cul-de-sac officexpansion opportunities for natural path areas.

Constraints – (High)

Steep topography and isolation make improvement difficult.

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

Park facilities are in mediocre to poor condition with illegal dumping proliferating in and around the park, but nearby PATH trails are in good condition.

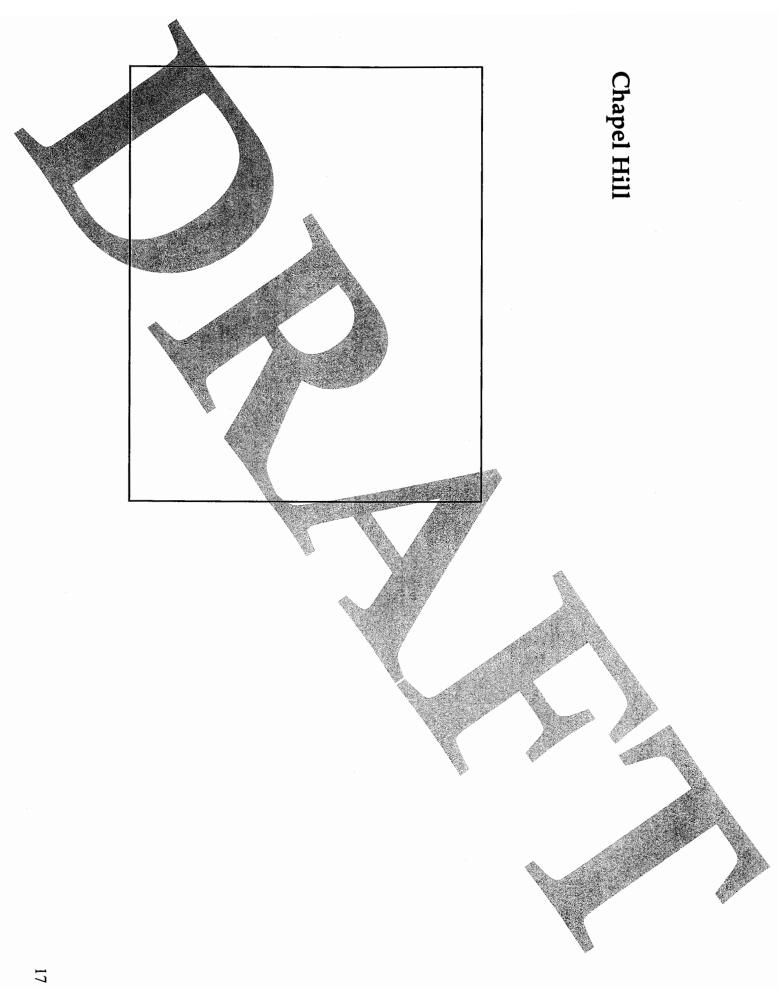
Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)
Listed as a Neighborhood Park, the park needs more acreage
to adequately fit the designation. However, the park does
effectively capitalize on limited space and leaves room for
expansion into the valley along creek.

Recommended Park Classification –

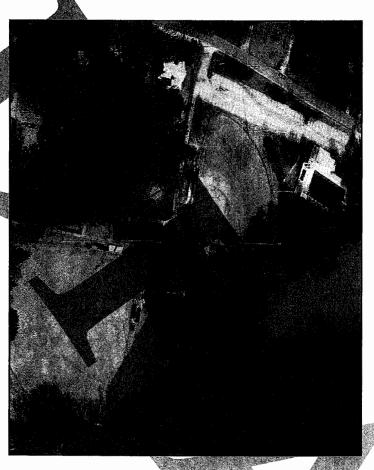
(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on greater connectivity to PATH trail.



Kelley C. Cofer Park

Kelley C. Cofer Park is located near the intersection of Chamblee Tucker Road and Lavista Road in Tucker, Georgia. The Park includes a pond and active recreation uses. The park is on fairly level ground, but does have hilly topography, and consists of 17 acres.



Opportunities - (Low)

The Park is fairly limited by surrounding residential land uses and roads; furthermore, most of the land is designated to permanent features such as parking and ball fields. Still, the is a possibility of connecting southward to the neighboring school with trails in natural areas.

Constraints - (High)

The area is largely built out.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

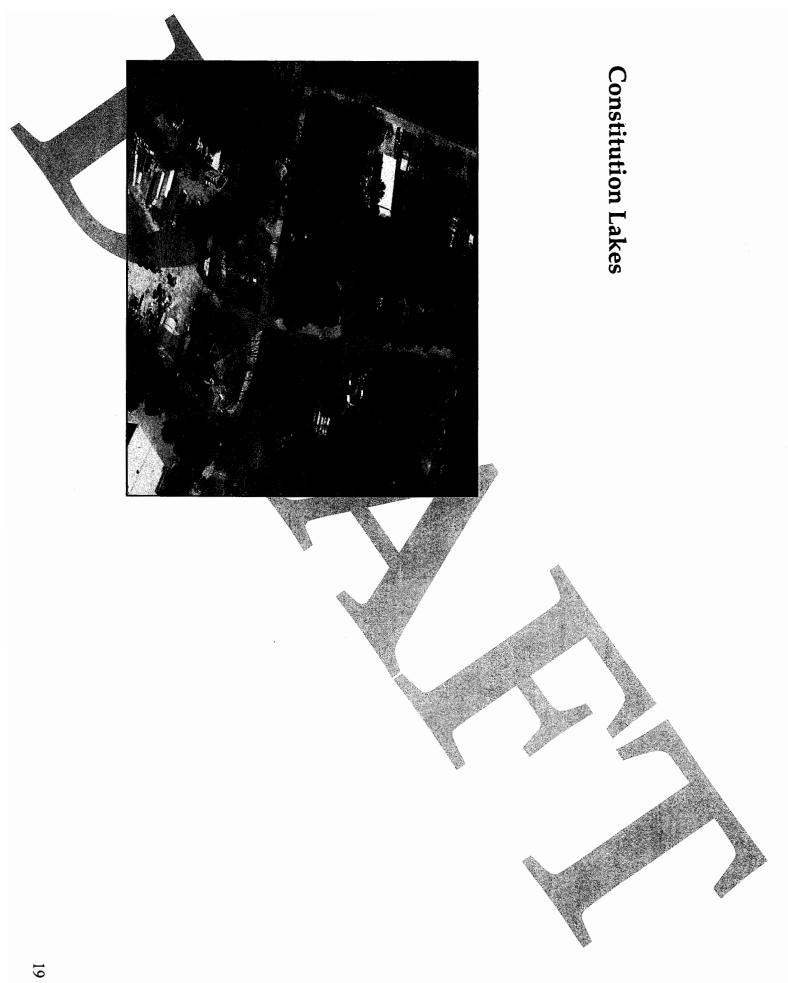
Park facilities are in good condition and the ball fields are well kept. Yet, the nearby pond is experiencing heavy siltation and the aesthetics of the area would greatly benefit from water quality control.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium) Listed as a Community Park, the park needs more acreage to adequately fit the designation.

Recommended Park Classification – (Special Purpose)

Change classification. The park is largely for active recreation, since it is impossible to gain the recommended acreage for a Community Park.



County Line Park

County Line Park is located near the county line of DeKalb County, at the intersection of Old River Road and River Road. Surrounded by low density residential development, the park is on fairly level topography and consists of eight acres.



Opportunities - (High)

Very little development exists around the park, and the park has ample room for expansion if adjacent land can be acquired.

Constraints - (Low)

The area has little immediate constraints.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

New installations, such as the playground, are in good condition but others such as the multi-use field and the tennis courts are in fairly mediocre condition.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)

Designated as a Neighborhood Park, it functions well by providing a unique modernist shelter, and leaving the field open for different uses; however passive recreation could be enhanced greatly by more natural area and paths.

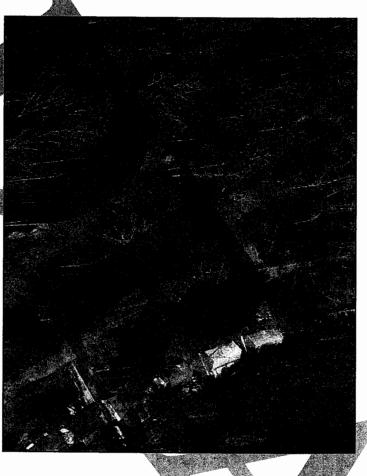
Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on cultivating more passive recreation area.

Dearborn Park

Dearwood Park snakes along Dearwood Drive in central DeKalb County. The park is primarily a low-lying riparian zone. The surrounding area is entirely residential land use. The park itself is 10 acres in size.



Opportunities - (Medium)

The park has little room for expansion since it is abutted by the roadway, yet there is opportunity for small uses along edge of trail.

Constraints — (High)

Limitations from roads, residential land use, are greatly heightened by the fact that most of the area is in flood plain.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Low)

Facilities look older but have aged very well

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

This park fulfills the designation by following a natural area, promoting passive recreation, and connecting neighborhoods for pedestrians through its bridge over the creek. Yet, the park cannot promote much active recreational use because of its limited size and riparian nature.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. The park is a successful amenity for the nearby neighborhood.

Deepdene-Dellwood Park

Deepdene and Dellwood Parks sit in a dense section of eastern DeKalb close to the city of Atlanta proper. These parks, largely linear in nature, are adjacent to heavily trafficked arterial roads and cover a diversity of topography. Both are bordered by residential uses and some institutional land use. Deepdene moves through



mature hardwood forest, while Dellwood is more manicured. Together, the parks represent 26 acres total

Opportunities – (Low)

Dellwood has had its same boundaries for decades, and both parks are limited by the increasing traffic along major arterial roads such as Ponce De Leon. The park has little room for expansion since it is abutted by the roadway, yet there is opportunity for small uses along edge of trail.

Constraints - (High)

Limitations from roads and dense residential land use.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Both parks are extremely well maintained and supported

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

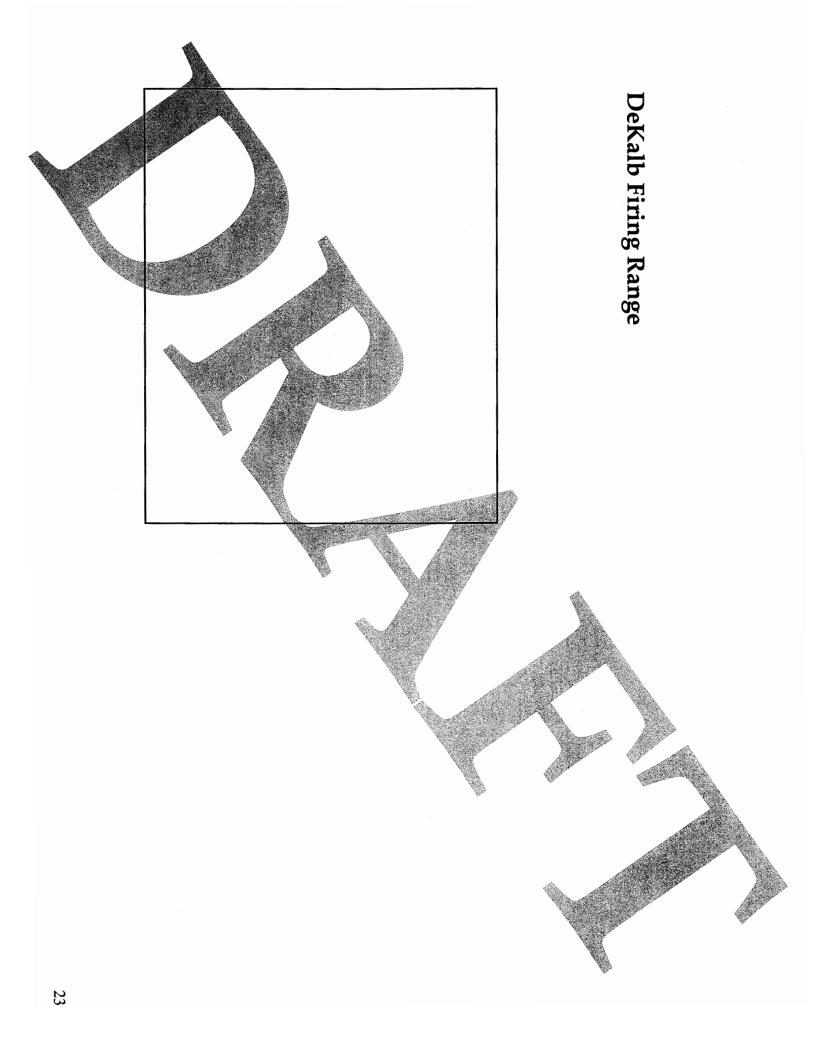
Functionality of Existing Designation - (High)

While the parks do little to cultivate active recreation, they both are a prime example of neighborhood parks. Multi-use fields at Dellwood encourage informal recreation and both parks focus on trails which encourages passive recreation. Finally, non-existent parking encourages pedestrian activity.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. These parks are a successful amenity for the nearby neighborhood.



DeKalb Memorial Park

DeKalb Memorial Park is adjacent to Clifton Street and is bordered by Interstate 20 to West and Wilkinson Drive to the East. Surrounding land use varies and includes low density residential, medium density residential, and some commercial. The park is quite large, 17 acres, and has fairly level topography except for



one riparian area with a low lying stream that cuts through the park.

Opportunities – (High)

Although park expansion unlikely, the park has a large amount of open space that can be developed for use, including the area between 1-20 and the creek. Furthermore, the park has a rare opportunity to the into the proposed Eastside Greenway

Constraints - (Medium)

The park is limited by heavily trafficked roads on all sides, except to the North, which is mostly dedicated to institutional land use.

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

Much of the park and its facilities are in poor condition.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)

The Park is laid out to function like a neighborhood park, but the roads cut the park from pedestrian access.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Although quite large, this park serves best as a Neighborhood Park; however, pedestrian connectivity must be restored.

Dresden Park

Dresden Park is located in northwest DeKalb near DeKalb Airport. The park is bordered by residential, commercial, and institutional uses. The park has fairly diverse topography, with flat areas for ball fields, and some rolling areas for pedestrian and picnic uses. The park consists of 26 acres.



Opportunities - (Medium)

The area surrounding the park is fairly built out, but park expansion opportunites exist along the adjacent creek and along the northern edge.

Constraints - (Medium)

The park is limited by roads and competing residential land use.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Many facilities seem to be in good condition; however, the fields are completely undeveloped.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

Pedestrian trails are well-maintained and are in an interesting pastoral landscape; however, 26 acres falls short of the desired acreage for community parks, 40 acres.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Change classification. Undeveloped ball fields could be redeveloped for other uses and encourage neighborhood focus.

Dunwoody Athletic/ Nature Center

The Dunwoody Athletic/ Nature Center is located in northern DeKalb, off of Roberts Drive. Dunwoody is split into two distinct areas with separate entrances. The Athletic Center is located on level topography and comprises 17 acres, while the Nature Center has rolling topography on 18 acres.



Opportunities – (Low)

Little opportunity for park expansion exists it preserving the natural character of the area surrounding the ball fields is the primary goal.

Constraints - (Medium)

The park is limited by competing residential land use, utility restrictions, and roads

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

Park grounds, such as ballfields and trail boardwalks, are kept in good condition; but re-development of the nature center and ballfield main facilities appear much needed.

Existing Park Classification - (Community Park/

Natural Area)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Medium)

The Nature Center is appropriately classified as a natural park, but since the athletic fields only serve a specific purpose, it seems inappropriate for Community Park designation.

Recommended Park Classification - (Special

Purpose/Natural Area)

Change classification. The Athletic fields should be changed to Special Purpose, while the Nature Center should keep its classification.

Emmie Smith Park

Emmie Smith Park is located in Lithonia, Georgia off of Shadow Rock Drive. Surrounded by low-density residential, the 8 acre park consists of fairly level topography.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The park is in good condition, so little improvements are needed; however, much of the land adjacent the park appears underutilized so park expansion seems possible. Finally, it appears a church has developed a sandlot to the West of the park, so opportunities exist for collaboration with other entities.

Constraints – (Medium)

Nearby residential property limits possibilities to the South and North, and Shadow Rock Drive creates an eastern boundary.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

Park grounds and facilities are in good condition, but more definition could be given to open field.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The Park encourages pedestrian use with limited parking, but has not provided passive recreation trails.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Provide more pedestrian connection to support the functionality of the existing designation.

Emory Grove Park

Emory Grove Park is located near Emory University in between Westminster Way and Edinburgh Terrace roads. The four acre park is completely encased by low-density residential and sits on fairly level topography.



Opportunities – (Low)

The park is primarily wooded and has very little expansion opportunities.

Constraints – (High)

The park has high constraints because it is surrounded by residential lots and enclosed by roads.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Low)

Park grounds and facilities are in good condition, but more definition could be given to open field.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

The Park fulfills the designation by providing picnic areas, passive recreation, and playground amenities in what little space it has available.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Possibly make room for 1 acre of field for informal active recreation.

Entrenchment Creek Park

Entrenchment Creek is located along Constitution Road between its intersection with Moreland Road and Interstate 285. The park is very large, 136 acres, on diverse topography and surrounded primarily by industrial use.



Opportunities – (High)

The Park is completely undeveloped, without a single piece of infrastructure so there is plenty of opportunity to improve the area.

Constraints - (Medium)

Industrial uses in the adjoining area signals the likelihood of heavy remediation cost for the site and riparian area for it to be safe for recreation.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park is completely undeveloped and needs infrastructure, design, and maintenance support.

Existing Park Classification - (Unclassified)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

An Unclassified designation is not a sustainable designation; the park should be moved to another designation for strategic planning purposes.

Recommended Park Classification – (Regional Park)

Change classification. There is enough land to create a unique and attractive park for the county.

Everett Property

The Everett Property is a 78 acre natural area located just over the Henry County line in the southeastern portion of DeKalb County. The park is characterized by rolling topography and bordered by the South River, which divides DeKalb and Henry County.



Opportunities – (High)

The Park is completely undeveloped, without a single piece of infrastructure so there is plenty of opportunity to improve the area.

Constraints – (Low)

Very few constraints exist as the area is primarily rural with few competing uses.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park is designated as a Natural Area, but the park is largely a young scrub pine forest with scrub hardwoods, an ecological management regimen will work toward restoring native species and ecology.

Existing Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

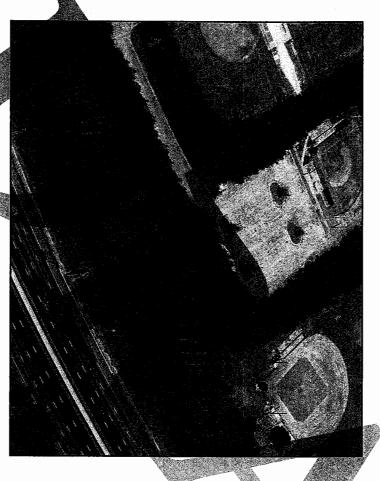
As stated, although this technically fits the Natural Area designation, true Natural Areas should mimic native ecology, which in this case, will require a developed management strategy for the park.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Keep classification. Focus on restoring native habitat and ecosystem.

Exchange Park

Exchange Park is a larger park with active recreation fields and pedestrian trails. The 173 acre park is located South of Interstate 20 and adjacent to the inside perimeter of Interstate 285. The park has a diverse topography, with several fields terraced down a hillside.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The park's size provides a multitude of opportunities. The Park's facilities could be updated, furthermore, could benefit from focusing on defining pedestrian zones. The addition of bollards would prove helpful.

Constraints — (Medium)

The park has very little room for expansion because it is abutted by residential development and the Interstate.

Current Maintenance Needs — (Medium)

Park facilities in mediocre condition and highly dated. The park's lake is experiencing heavy siltation and erosion around its banks. Natural areas are left wild and unmanaged with no ecological integrity.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

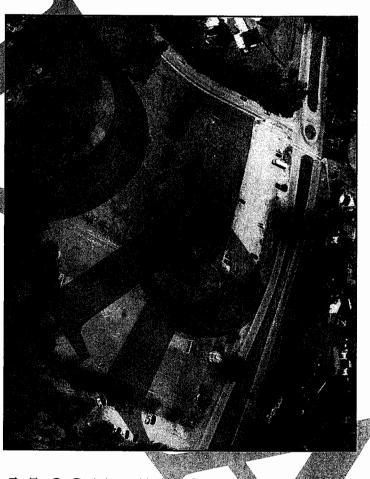
Despite maintenance needs, the park successfully fulfills the goals of the designation.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community Park)

Keep classification. Focus on maintenance goals.

Fairington Park

Exchange Park is located south of Interstate 20 along Fairington Parkway at the intersection of Philip Bradley Drive. The park consists of 14 acres and is on level topography.



Opportunities - (Medium)

While the park is very cut-off from expansion opportunities since it is abutted by a highly trafficked road and dense residential development, the undeveloped nature of the parleaves room for redesign.

Constraints - (Medium)

The park has very little room for expansion because it is abutted by residential development and Fairington Parkway.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

Hields and Parking Area in poor condition.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

The park only serves to promote active uses, even the informal nature of the field design is detracted from as the park is fenced off.

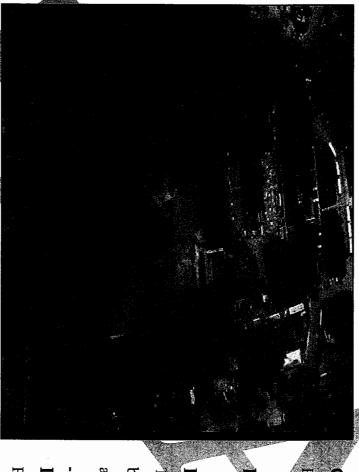
Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Change classification. The park should be re-developed into a multi-functional neighborhood park, since it would not be able to fulfill the Community Park designation because of space issues.

Fernbank Park

Fernbank Park is located adjacent to Fernbank Elementary off of Heaton Park Drive. The park is largely a natural area, with some trees dating back more than four hundred years, and consists of 12 acres and is on hilly topography.



Opportunities - (Medium)

Some expansion opportunities past open area and t surrounding wooded area.

Constraints—(Medium)

The park is bordered by residential use and a railroad.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Low)

Parks kept in good condition.

Existing Park Classification – (Special Purpose)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

The park does not really fit the mold for other classifications, but does function well as an outdoor classroom and recreation area for children.

Recommended Park Classification - (Special

Purpose)

Keep classification. Focus on expansion possibilities. k

Fisher Trail Park

Fisher Trail Park is located adjacent to Interstate 85 and Fisher Trail Road in northern DeKalb. This park is quite small, only two acres, wholly natural and on level topography.



Opportunities - (Low)

The Park is incredibly limited by being adjacent to Interstate and residential uses.

Constraints—(High)

The park is bordered by heavily trafficked vehicular roads, and is in a built out location.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

The park is largely natural, but vegetation is heavily choked by invasive species. Furthermore; the park has no pedestrian connection to the surrounding neighborhood.

Existing Park Classification – (Undecided)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

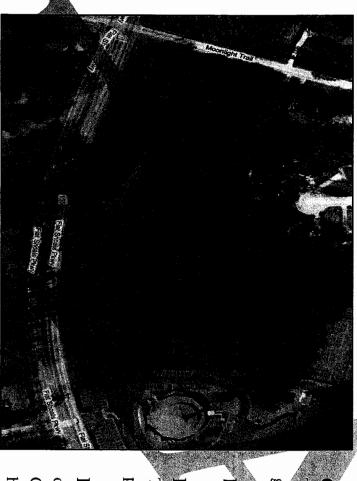
This designation does not suit well for future strategic planning and should be changed.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)

Change classification. Sidewalk access to the park should be provided with some other pocket park amenities such as benches.

Flat Shoals Parkway Park

Flat Shoals Parkway Park is located along Flat Shoals Parkway outside of the Interstate 285 perimeter. The park is characterized by rolling topography and is completely natural.



Opportunities – (High)

The Park is completely undeveloped; so much opportunity exists to determine the best uses for the land.

Constraints - (Medium)

The park has many opportunities within its boundaries, but has limited expansion opportunities because of abutting residential and institutional property.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park is completely uncultivated, and is primarily scrub growth, it appears no action as been taken on the property.

Existing Park Classification – (Undecided)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This designation does not suit well for future strategic planning and should be changed.

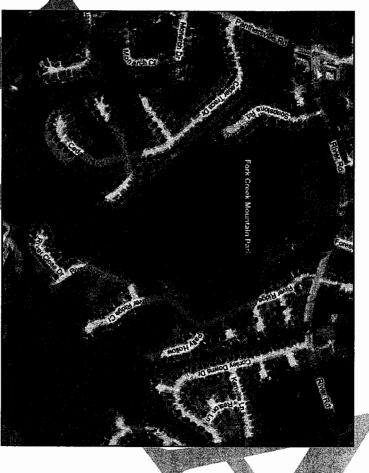
Recommended Park Classification - (Natural Area

or Community Park)

Change classification. While each is very different, the park has acerage sufficient to accommodate either, it depends primarily on which is more needed in the area.

Fork Creek Mountain Park

Fort Creek Mountain Park is located in Panthersville along River Road. The surrounding area is experiencing intense new residential development, mostly subdivisions. The park is mostly wooded on hilly topography and consists of 55 acres.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The Park is growing increasingly surrounded by dense residential development; while this constrains expansion, it creates opportunity to capture a growing amount of visitors

Constraints—(High)

The park has become nearly encircled by dense residential units.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park's signage and facilities are in poor to mediocre condition, and the nature trail is choked on all sides by scrub prowth

Existing Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (High)

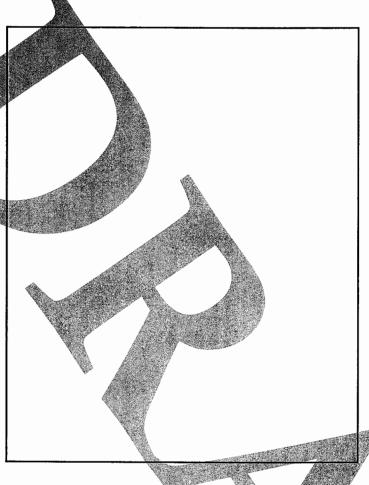
The park is appropriate for the designation.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

Keep classification. Focus should be on increasing maintenance of facilities and signage, while encouraging pedestrian connection and promoting native species ecology by removing scrub/invasive growth.

Forty Oaks Park

Forty Oaks Park is located in Clarkston off of Market Street. The park sits on level topography consisting of mixed hardwoods and a historic home on approximately 10 acres. The park is also adjacent to a Park managed by City of Clarkston and is in a neighborhood largely built out by residential uses.



Opportunities - (Medium)

The Park might not be able to expand due to limited space, but fostering connections to adjacent park, creating pedestrian trails, and utilizing historic home as special events facility are all options.

Constraints — (High)

The park is very limited in terms of expansion due to surrounding residential buildings.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Wooded area benefits from low under story, increasing aesthetic view into natural area, and historic property kept in reasonable condition, however, trails should be cut between the adjacent park and the forty oaks property.

Existing Park Classification – (Natural Area)

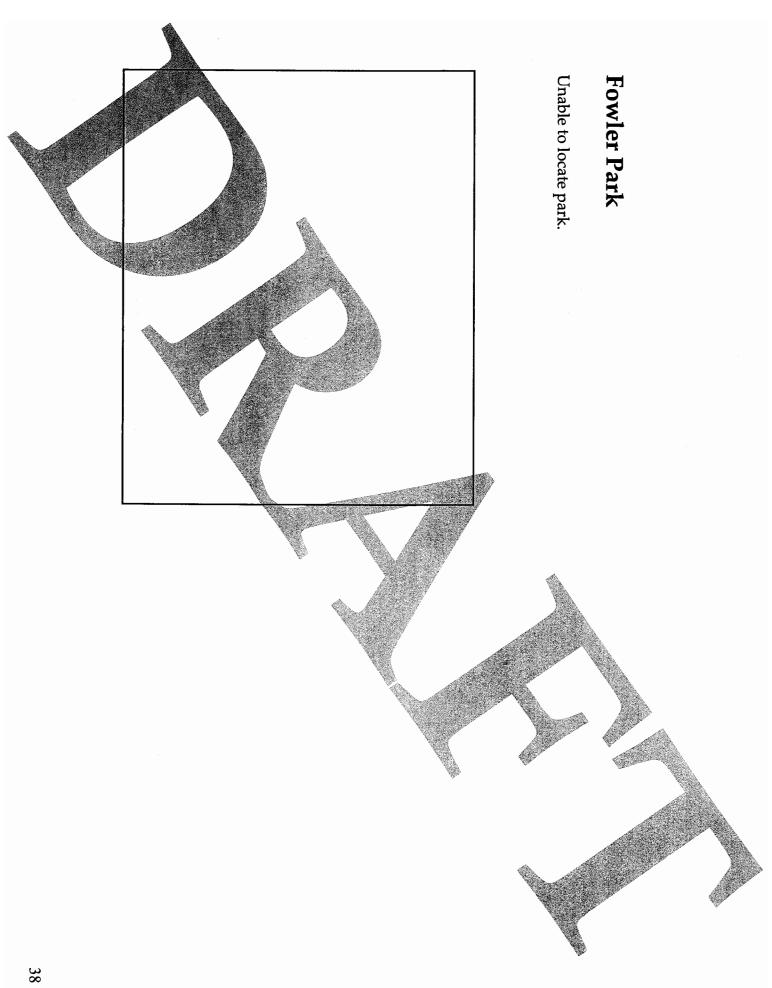
Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The park is inappropriate for the designation due to the large clearing and historic property.

Recommended Park Classification - (Special

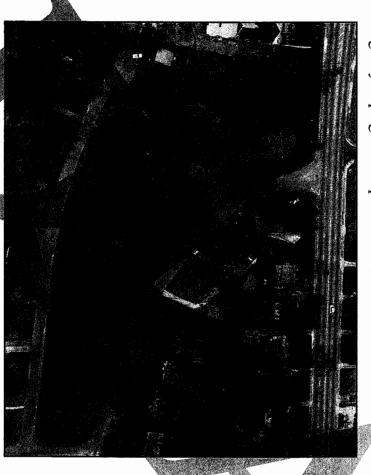
Purpose)

Change classification. Focus should be on providing opportunities for use with historic property.



Georgian Hills Park

Georgian Hills Park is located in northern DeKalb close to the DeKalb- Peachtree Airport. The Park is seven acres in size and sandwiched between Georgian Drive East and Georgia Drive West which are lined with residential properties. The park's topography is gently sloping with a riparian ravine.



Opportunities – (Low)

The Park has no expansion opportunities and little room to work with inside the park.

Constraints - (High)

The park is very limited in terms of expansion due to adjacent roads.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Facilities well taken care of; but park could benefit from more pedestrian paths, particularly over creek. Finally, toddler and older child play area should be more co-located to make supervision easier.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

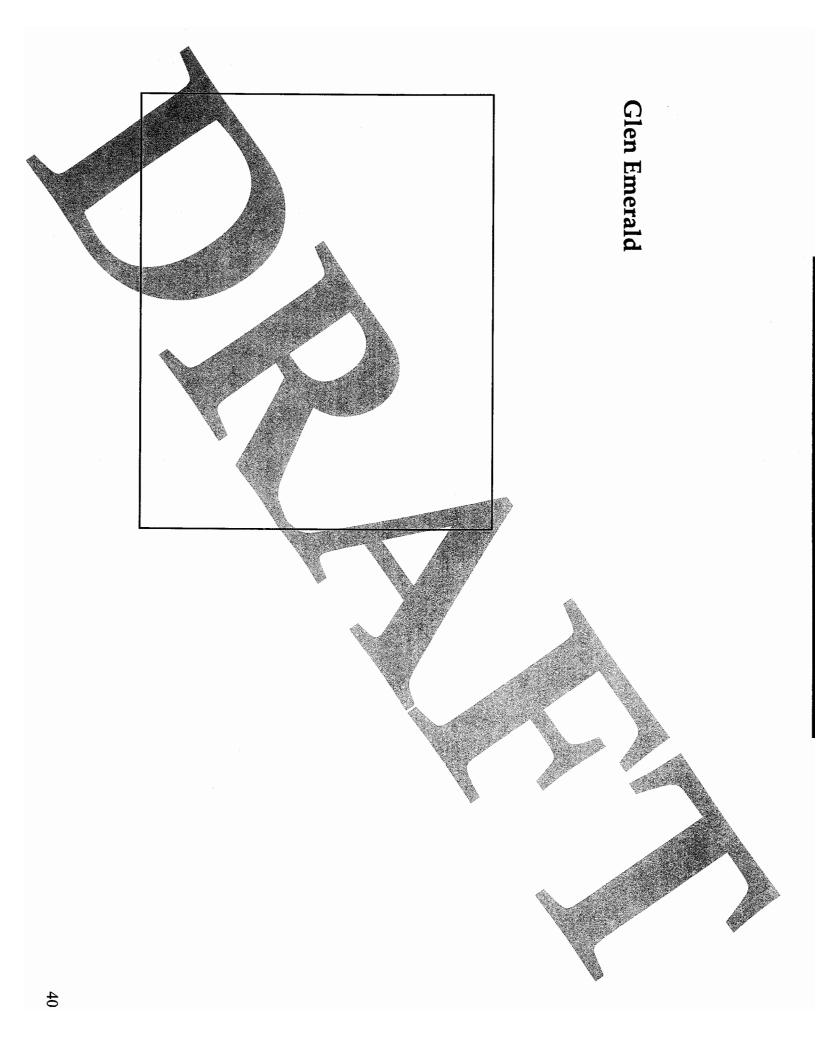
Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The park adequately fits the description as it is surrounded by residential use and its field encourages informal active recreation.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus should be on improving pedestrian conditions.



Gregory Moseley Park

Gregory Moseley Park is located in Lithonia, off of Miller Grove Rd. The park's topography is hilly, with some facilities built into the hillside. The park consists of eight acres with the majority of the park dedicated to a large informal field.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The Park has some opportunities within the park to improve, such as the entrance and upgrading basketball facilities.

Constraints — (Medium)

Expansion unlikely due to surrounding competing residentia uses.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Facilities in fair condition, but park could benefit from greater attention to pedestrian connectivity.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The park adequately fits the description as it is surrounded by residential use and its field encourages informal active recreation; furthermore, the park has some areas for cultivating into nature paths.

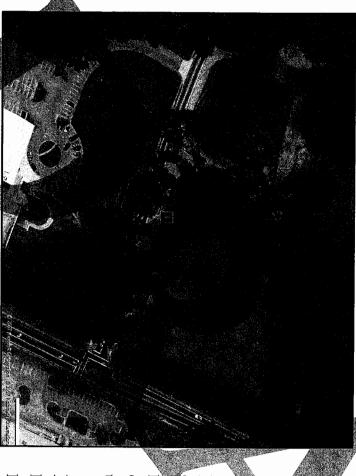
Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus should be on improving pedestrian conditions, trails, and upgrading basketball court.

Gresham Park

Gresham Park is located in southwestern DeKalb at the intersection Clifton Church Road and Gresham Road. The park has a diverse, although mostly level, topography and multiple entry points. This 126 acre park is split by Gresham Road and has a number of active recreation facilities



Opportunities - (Medium)

The fields in the northern section of the park could aupprades.

Constraints (Medium)

Expansion unlikely due to surrounding competing residentianses

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Facilities in fair condition, but park could benefit from greater attention to pedestrian connectivity.

Existing Park Classification - (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The park's size and diversity of active recreation fields provide for many of the uses required in the Community Park designation, but it could greatly improve passive recreation uses.

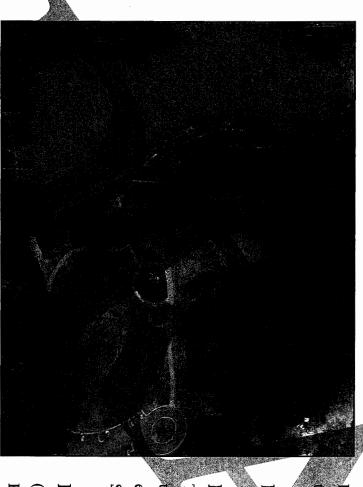
Recommended Park Classification - (Community

Park

Keep classification. Focus on growing passive recreation opportunities.

Hairston Park

Hairston Park is located in central DeKalb outside the perimeter of Interstate 285 and adjacent to South Hairston Drive. The 33 acre park consists of picnic areas, open fields, and nature trails. The park's topography is fairly level with a lake area.



Opportunities – (Low)

Few expansion opportunities exist

Constraints - (High)

The park is in a completely built out area, and it is locked in by residential uses and the heavily trafficked South Hairston Drive.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Facilities in fair condition and landscaping is well suited for the site, however, fields in poor condition.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

The park's focus on informal active recreation and passive trails support Neighborhood Park designation, but the park has excessive parking and little to no pedestrian connectivity along South Hairston Drive.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on pedestrian connections and field maintenance.

Hamilton Park

Hamilton Park is adjacent to Glendale Road near its intersection with North Decatur Road. The park consists of eight acres largely devoted to active recreation uses and a small concession building. The park is on level topography, but bordered by a riparian area.



Opportunities – (Low)

The area is largely built out, and the park backs up to a bo area unsuitable for most uses.

Constraints — (High)

The surrounding area is completely taken up by residential use and traffic infrastructure

Current Maintenance Needs – (Low)

Facilities and grounds in good condition.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This park is dedicated specifically to active recreation uses, no other facilities exist. Furthermore, the park, at 8 acres, is well below the 40 acre minimum recommended size for the park. Finally, the parking area is not in line with Community Park recommendations.

Recommended Park Classification - (Special

Purpose)

Change classification. The park only serves to provide the ball fields.

Heaton Park

Heaton Park is adjacent Vickers Drive within the Druid Hills neighborhood. The park consists of two acres wholly in steep topography.



Opportunities – (Low)

The area is surrounded by residential homes and there are no expansion opportunities

Constraints - (High)

Roads and homes prevent any expansion.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The ravine is choked by 1vy, kudzu, invasive species, and understory growth.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighbor Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

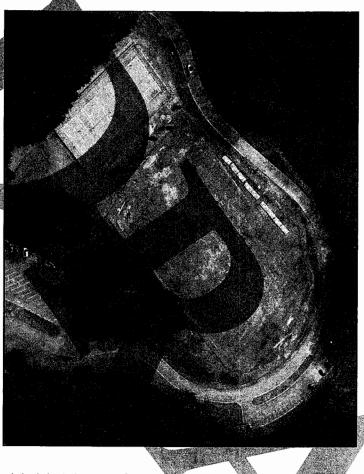
The Neighborhood Park designation is for parks that can accommodate a variety of uses, but this park has a very limited scope as to what it can provide due to its topography. Finally, the park is to small to fulfill recommended acreage for the Neighborhood Park designation.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)

Change classification. Focus on entrance area to attract more visitors, more effort into cultivating native ecology.

Henderson Park

Henderson Park is located outside the perimeter of Interstate 285 along Henderson Road. The park has a diverse topography with several active recreation facilities and a lake amenity. The surrounding area is almost entirely residential.



Opportunities - (Medium)

The area is surrounded by residential homes and there are expansion opportunities, but the park has a lot of acreage t work with.

Constraints - (High)

The park has been encircled by land devoted to residential use.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

Facilities and grounds in good condition and well-maintained. Still, little for way-finding signage for pedestrian paths and the lake is experiencing heavy sedimentation.

Existing Park Classification – (Community Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

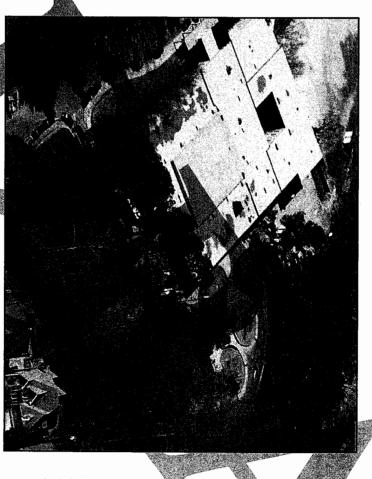
The designation is very suitable for this park.

Recommended Park Classification – (Community

Keep classification. Focus on cultivating pedestrian path network and preventing heavy erosion into the lake.

Henderson Mill Park

Henderson Mill Park is located along the posterior of Henderson Mill School near Northlake Mall. The park has a few facilities including a picnic area, playground, and tennis courts. The park is distributed around the northern and eastern side of the school.



Opportunities – (Low)

Some areas around tennis court could be utilized

Constraints - (High)

Institutional and Residential use leaves little room for parl expansion.

Current Maintenance Needs – (Medium)

Facilities and grounds in good condition and well-maintained except for Tennis courts. Little visibility of the street from the road, park not very inviting to public.

Existing Park Classification - (Special Purpose)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

The designation is very suitable for this park.

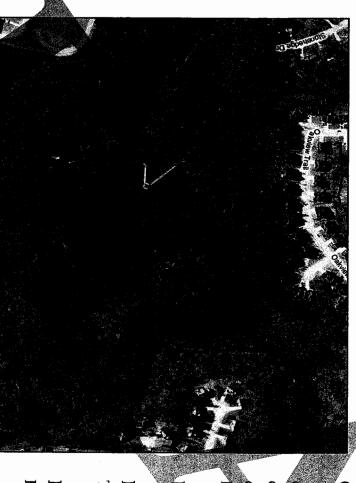
Recommended Park Classification – (Special

Purpose)

Keep classification. Focus on pedestrian connection with Tennis Court.

Hidden Acres Park

Hidden Oaks Park is located in eastern DeKalb off of Stephenson Road. The park is focused around a lake area, and consists of 80 acres. Other than a single private residence, there are few structures on the property.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The park has a large amount of natural area for trails and other uses.

Constraints—(High)

Surrounding Institutional and Residential leave little room for park expansion.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

The acreage provided by the park leaves much room for trail development. The facilities, such as the pier and council circle are in excellent condition. Most importantly, there is no definitive signage of entrance to the park; therefore, it is often looked over.

Existing Park Classification – (Natural Area)

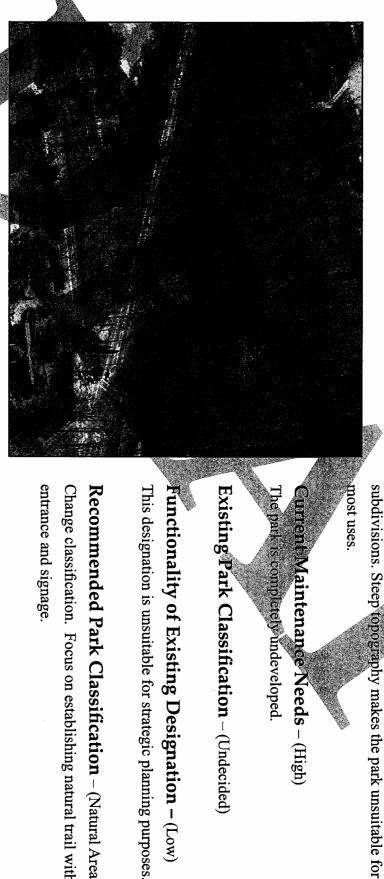
Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

The designation is very suitable for this park.

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)
Keep classification. Focus on signage and entrance to park..

Hugh Howell Park

wetland area. The park is characterized by steep topography. and is 11 total acres that consists of hardwoods, stream, and small DeKalb. The park is located next to low density residential uses Hugh Howell Park is located off of Hugh Howell Road in northern



Opportunities – (Medium)

undeveloped so some opportunity exists to cultiva There is little opportunity for expansion; howe

Constraints — (High)

subdivisions. Steep topography makes the park unsuitable for most uses trafficked roads adjacent to the site and nearby residential The park's fully cut off from expansion due to heavil

Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park is completely undeveloped

Existing Park Classification - (Undecided)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

Recommended Park Classification – (Natural Area)

entrance and signage. Change classification. Focus on establishing natural trail with

Hummingbird Park

Hummingbird Park is a very small park located off of Hummingbird Lane in western DeKalb. The park is encircled by a low density residential neighborhood. The park itself is only one acre characterized by level topography and open field.



Constraints—(High)

The park is very limited since it is bordered by homes a Hummingbird Lane.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Low)

The grounds are well-kept

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This designation is inappropriate as it suggests a park able to provide for a variety of uses. Furthermore, the park is simply too small to justify the designation.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)





Kittredge Park

Kittredge Park is bordered by an elementary school and high school football field. The park consists of primarily active recreation uses, such as ball fields and aquatic facilities, and is only two acres.



Opportunities – (High)

Park expansion to the SouthEast seems quite possible given un-utilized area.

Constraints (Medium)

The park is obstructed from growth by both the school and stadium.

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

The grounds are well-kept, but facilities in very poor condition. Park also not visible from road, which creates dangerous conditions.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

The park is too small for the classification; furthermore, the park focuses only on active recreation. This designation is unappropriate as it suggests a park able to provide for a variety of uses.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on expansion and cultivating passive uses. Finally, increase park visibility and improve facilities.

Lake Ivanhoe Park

Lake Ivanhoe Park is located adjacent to Lake Ivanhoe, which is tucked into a residential neighborhood north of Tucker and south of Pittsburgh. The land is only one acre and the topography level.



Appears to abut undeveloped wooded parcel which provithe opportunity of connection.

Constraints — (High)

Other than the wooded parcel the park is isolated by the pond and residential units.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

park is completely undeveloped.

Existing Park Classification – (Unclassified)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This designation does not promote strategic planning efforts.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)

Change classification. Focus on acquisition of wooded parcel, and investigate connective possibilities.



Langsdale Park

Langsdale Park is located in southwest DeKalb off of Keheley Drive. The park is on fairly level topography, but is on a lower grade of the street. The park slopes slightly down southwestward toward a riparian area. The park is completely undeveloped and consists of only two acres.



Opportunities – (Medium)

The park is undeveloped and thus has room for improvemen

Constraints – (High)

The park is bordered by Keheley Drive and buffered by residential use from expansion opportunities.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

The park is completely undeveloped.

xisting Park Classification - (Unclassified)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

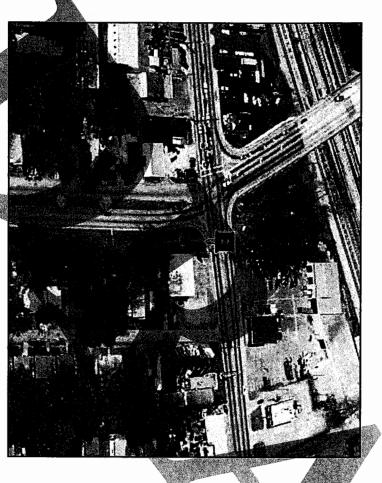
This designation does not promote strategic planning efforts.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)

Change classification. The park is of perfect size and location for a Pocket Park. Focus on cultivating use for park, dog area, garden, etc.

Lanier Gardens Park

Lanier Garden Park is located at the intersection of East College Ave and Arcadia Ave in Avondale Estate. The park itself is only one acre on level topography and consists of landscaping and some planter areas.



Opportunities – (Medium)

If central planter is removed then the park coursed eveloped.

Constraints—(High)

Arcadia Ave and East College Ave are both heavily trafficked roads, and the park is also bordered by a commercial use to the East.

Current Maintenance Needs — (High)

e park is completely undeveloped.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This classification is unsuitable, as the park currently has no uses passive or active, and is extremely under the acreage suggested for neighborhood parks.

Recommended Park Classification – (Pocket Park)

Change classification. Focus on creating connectivity to the adjacent residential neighborhood and cultivating use for dog area, sitting area, garden, etc.

Lavista Park

Lavista Park is located at the intersection of Brook Forest Drive and Wild Creek Trail, two roads located just east of Lavista Road's intersection with Briarcliff Road. The park has a diverse topography, with some low lying areas and hillsides. The four acre park is mostly wooded with some picnic areas and a playground.



Opportunities - (Medium)

More could be done to cultivate passive use and provientrance to the park

Constraints — (High)

The park is cut-off from expansion by roads and residential parcels.

Current Maintenance Needs – (High)

Park has not been maintained well and signage needs definitive improvement.

Existing Park Classification – (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation – (High)

This park fits the functionality of this designation well.

Recommended Park Classification -

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on creating entrance to park and trail infrastructure.

Lawrenceville- Carter/ Quillian Park

This park is located along Lawrenceville Highway in northern DeKalb. The park is nearly nine acres, heavily wooded, and has a rolling topography.



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Constraints — (Medium)

The park fronts an extremely busy road, and is adjacent that large residential parcels.

Current Maintenance Needs - (High)

Park needs a lot of improvement, most of the site is heavily infested with privet hedge.

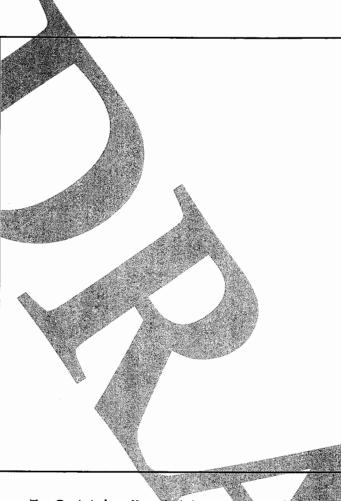
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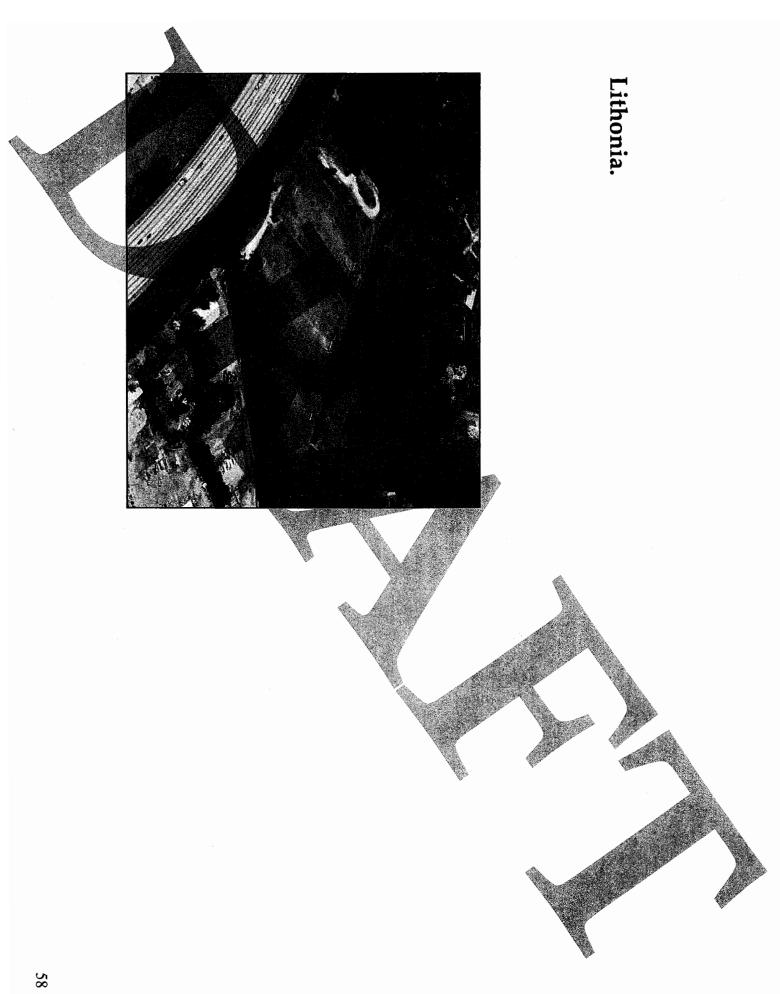
Functionality of Existing Designation – (Low)

This designation does not help strategic planning for the park system, the designation should be changed.

Recommended Park Classification - (Natural Area)

Change classification. Focus on pedestrian connection to park, removing invasive species and plan trails.





Longdale Park

Longdale Park is located off of Fayetteville Road in western DeKalb. The park is bordered by both Valencia Road and Longdale Drive. This 18 acre park consists of multi-use courts, picnic areas, and a playground.



Opportunities – (High)

The park has expansion opportunities to the West and NorthWest.

Constraints - (Medium)

The park is limited by both Valencia Road and Longdale Drive and several residential homes dot the area.

Current Maintenance Needs - (Medium)

ark has nice detailing with granite and the grounds are well naintained, but signage needs improvement.

Existing Park Classification - (Neighborhood Park)

Functionality of Existing Designation - (Medium)

This park could better fulfill the designation if passive use was expanded within the park.

Recommended Park Classification –

(Neighborhood Park)

Keep classification. Focus on pedestrian connection to park and expansion to provide natural areas for passive recreation paths.

Arabia

- Crown jewel of Dekalb's parks (for passive recreation)
- Mostly wooded with some granite outcrops, streams, and a lake
- PATH threads through park connects with Stonecrest Mall and Panola State Park
- Not enough parking at Nature Center to support weekend usemostly PATH users
- Park size greatly increased with newly added parcels

Ashford

- Small park adjacent to Marta Line
- Park in good condition, does not appear that rec. center is in use?
- Small parking area
- In wealthier area, new dense residential development adjacent

Atherton

- Facilities shared with adjacent elementary school
- Does not appear to be inviting to general public
- Park in mediocre condition

Avondale/ Dunaire

- Next to 285
- Closed with gates during midweek visit
- Soccer Fields in good condition

Biffle

- Very good condition
- Nestled in residential neighborhood
- Asphalt multi-use path loop

Blackburn

- Active terms center with tennis building
- 3 open multi-use fields
- PATH network runs through park

Additional Notes from Site Visit

- Across the street from a YMCA and new development
- Potential: open fields could be converted to other uses

Bouldercrest

- No park sign
- End of residential street, low density area
- Good condition
- No swings on one swing set
- Asphalt multiuse pat
- Drainage problem near playground

Briarcliff Road- Armstrong

- Mixed Pine Hardwood Fore
- Large residential lots abut
- On busy two lane road, narrow parcel

Sriarwood

- Dense residential developments nearby, mostly apartments
- No sidewalks or pedestrian connections
- Mature Hardwood Forest on tract
- Tennis courts and playground in good condition

Brookhaven

- Community service center on property dominates park
- Poor visibility for multiuse court and playground
- Pedestrian connection to adjacent apartments
- More definition of pedestrian zones needed with bollards
- Open area- few trees
- Adjacent to very busy road, but park facilities out of sight of road

Brookrun – Liane Levetan Park

- Dekalb County Veteran's Memorial
- Dog-off leash trail
- Bathroom building

- Large brand new playground
- Currently vacant buildings not developed
- Potential: Large park with potential for a myriad of new uses

Browns Mill

- Recreation center on property
- Significant redevelopment underway, aquatic center to be built
- Fields benched into hillside
- Adjacent undeveloped tract with young trees

Bruce Street

- Park in good condition
- Granite rock outcrops in park
- Park sign in disrepair
- Adjacent to low income housing

Buena Vista

- Lake ringed by trees and open area
- Natural trail on one side of lake through woods, in need of a repair
- 3 fishing platforms
- l boat launch
- Constraints: lake edge erosion, stormwater runoff
- Potential: continuous jogging trail around lake, better fishing platforms

Geda

- Nicely designed park on n a steep loping hill, next to a creek
- Street adjacent to the park us a dead-end street
- Park is not accessible from other side of the neighborhood
- 2 playgrounds, 1 swing
- Close to existing PATH network
- Potential: ability to connect or expand park along valley of creek

Additional Notes from Site Visits

Chapel Hill

- Homes abut one side of lake
- Low density residential area
- Shelter, playground, and parking on hilltop overlooking lake
- Mature hardwoods on hilltop
- Erosion on lake bank

Cofer Park - Kelley C. Cofer

- High quality ball fields
- Nestled in residential area
- 2 entry points, one large parking lot, and one small one
- High school with track and fields is nearby

Constitution Lakes

- Low density residential and industrial nearby
- Young pine and mixed hardwood forest

County Line

- Sign in poor condition
- New playground and shelter
- Multiuse court in poor condition
- Distinctive shelter and concrete wall/ overlook near multiuse court, more modernist flavor than typical park structures,
- Open field- undeveloped
- Hardwood forest with trail through valley

Dearborn

- The park follows long and linear along the neighborhood edge and road
- Most of the park is in a low lying area
- Active uses right next to creek, must not have concern with flooding
- Bridge and path connects two parts of the neighborhood split by creek

 Potential: Small uses along the forest edge of undeveloped land and trail in forest

Deepdene

- Nature trail winds through mature hardwood valley bordered by busy arterial road and quiet residential road.
- Wealthy area with high quality homes
- Trails in good condition with new bridges made with granite
- Open field used for soccer, in poor condition
- Room for shelter near field

Dellwood

- Classic pastoral landscape with large hardwoods and sinuous asphalt paths
- Part of a series of Olmstead parks along Ponce de Leon
- Well cared for park
- Heavily used by joggers

Dekalb Memorial

- Two undeveloped fields
- Adjacent to I-20
- Residences overlook park
- Most of park in poor condition
- Stream bisects site, undeveloped land between stream and I-2
- Large Pine trees near playground area
- Potential to link into the proposed Eastside Greenway
- Neighborhood recommendations as part of the Eastside Greenway process; include a Tennis Facility and Dog Park

Dresden

- New Restroom/ Concession Building
- Fields not developed- large open area with dirt patches, room for field development
- New playground and hilltop shelter with great overlook

Additional Notes from Site Visus

- Lower area with asphalt multiuse path, picuse benches and pastoral landscape- open lawn with large trees
- New parking lot

Dunwoody Athletic

- Adjacent and connected by a trail to the Dunwoody Nature Ce
- Building associated with ballfield

Dunwoody Nature Center

- 10,000 people/year visit
- Nature Center Building (built in 1960 need a new one)
- Two outdoor classrooms
- Potential (derived from director of center): will be building a treehouse this year, need a new nature center building, current building falling apart, need an outdoor pavilion for upper meadow, need science lab classrooms and art supplies

Emmie Smith

- Small undeveloped field could be developed for ball field
- Low density residential area, no sidewalk connection
- Park in good condition
- Poor visibility of basketball courts, granite wall obstructs view from parking lot

Emory Grove

- Park in interior of the block, only accessible through private property
- Houses back-yard back onto park, houses separated by fence
- Three Entrances occur on Edinburgh Terrace between: 1. 1946-2052, 2. 1882-1892, and 3. 1961-1973
- 2 swings, 1 gym equipment and 1 sandpit (lists as 3 playground, would classify as 1)
- Concrete path
- Not much area for expansion, most of the area wooded

Entrenchment Creek

- Young Floodplain forest area
- Volume mine frames with a family of
- Young pine forest, with a few hardwoods mixed in
- Very few residences nearby, some industrial uses down the road

Everett Property

- Along South River
- Young floodplain forest
- Near Arabia Park, new Residential Developments

Exchange

- Two entry points, baseball, playground shelter on one side and football, lake on the other
- In low density residential area
- Baseball fields laid out linear fashion, terraced down hillside, one field doesn't appear to be used much, fields in good condition
- Large picnic shelter
- Erosion near lake, distinctive rock outcrop next to lake edge
- Lacks definition of pedestrian zone, bollards needed

Fairington

- No park sign, no lights
- Fields and Parking area in poor condition
- Apartments nearby

erabank

- Adjacent to Fernbank Science Center
- Located at the back of the Fernbank Elementary School
- Only open after school hours
- Sloped wooded section has a concrete nature trail and an outdoor classroom
- Nature trail leads to the open area at the bottom of the slope
- Open area has 3 basketball courts, a big field, picnic shelter and

Additional Notes from Site Visit

playground

Potential expansion in open field and large wooded area

Fisher Trail

- Adjacent to I-85, large residential lots
- No sidewalks nearby
- Mixed Pine Hardwood Forest

Flat Shoals Road

- Wooded Tract with Mixed Pine/ hardwood Forest
- Fronts on busy divided highway
- Low Density Residential Context

Fork Creek Mountain

- Small parking area
- Park does not appear to be used much, even nature trail doesn't get much use
- Volleyball court with leaning poles
- Sign in poor condition, not very visible
- Large pine trees and small hardwoods
- Dense new residential development happening nearby

Forty Oaks

- Near city of Clarkston Park (Milan) with full range of park facilities
- Heavily wooded tract- mostly hardwoods
- Historic home on property
- Accessed by gravel road

Fowler/ Horeseshoe Bend

- Never located parking area- trailhead
- Appears to have access at end of dead end street
- Lots of new residential developments surround
- Young mixed pine hardwood forest

Georgian Hills

Long narrow park threaded by stream

- Residences overlook park bordered by streets
- Undeveloped play field
- Toddler and big kid play sets separate

Glen Emerald

- Tennis courts and basketball courts in good condition
- Park facilities terraced into hillside
- Undeveloped field suitable for tball
- Poor visibility for park facilities from parking area
- Concrete multiuse path with benches winds down hillside to attractive lake
- Lake bordered by residences
- Attractive mature hardwood forest
- I acre parcel recently added with well-crafted rock garden built into hillside

Gregory Moseley

- No parking area
- Facilities benched into hillside, no visibility from street
- Open undeveloped field
- Dominated by large pine trees

Gresham

- Large sprawling park with multiple entry points
- Southern park has high quality baseball fields, football field, and a hilltop shelter overlooking fields, fields terraced into hillside
- Northern park has rec center, shelters, undeveloped fields, and poof- fields on this end can be upgraded

Hairston

- Dangerous intersection at entrance, poor sight visibility
- Flat open field
- Lots of pine trees on property
- Picturesque landscape with lake

Hamilton

Additional Notes from Site Visit

- Building for concessions associated with ballfield
- Park next to the middle school and a community center
- Creek bounds the northeastern edge of the park, park is at a much higher elevation
- Parking lot only has space for 2 cars, more like a drop off area

Heaton

- Tiny park in ravine, no room for facilities
- Large pines and hardwoods covered in ivy

Henderson

- Sprawling park with two entry points
- Southern part has soccer fields, in good condition
- Northern part has some fields, tennis courts, lake, mature hardwood forests, and playground
- Poor visibility of playground from parking lot

Henderson Mill

- Facilities shared with elementary school
- Not inviting to public, poor visibility of facilities

Hidden Acres

- Trail around a lake and wooded area
- No sign at entrance, used to be a private residence
- Private residence exists as a nature center
- Outdoor classroom
- 3 pavilions, Saw people fishing there

Hugh Howell

- Low density residential context
- Mature hardwoods in ravine with creek, small wetland
- Steep topography on site

- Small park nestled in residential area
- Open field, suitable for a playground

Kensington/Executive Square

- Currently a vacant office park
- Some mature trees and shrub planting on the site
- Flat land with new development across the street
- Across the street from Kensington MARTA stop
- Adjacent to the county jail and close to 285

Kittredge

- Borders elementary and high school, football field
- Two baseball fields in poor condition
- Poor visibility for park
- Apartments adjacent

Lake Ivanhoe

- Location never verified, address doesn't exist
- Appears to be at end of long narrow lake bordered by homes
- Abuts undeveloped wooded parcel with creek-possible greenway connection
- Near private golf course

Langsdale

- Undeveloped land in adjacent to creek and a single family house
- Lower in elevation compared to the road, need a way to get down
- Potential: small uses such as garden, playground, and dog area

Lanier Garden

- 50 wide grassy area adjacent to a sidewalk and road with median
- Not really defined as a park
- Potential searing, garden planting, better defined small areas/uses

Additional Notes from Site Visit

- Adjacent to large residential lots
- Across from commercial shopping center
- Fronts on busy highway
- Hardwood- infested with privet hedge

Lithonia

- Poorly marked with sign
- Amphitheater in park, doesn't appear to be used much, little parking to support amphitheater
- Unattractive metal building on hilltop of park
- 2 undeveloped fields, prime spots for upgraded fields
- Lots of granite used in park, granite curbs and walls
- Basketball courts have poles, but no hoops
- Church nearby has basketball hoop
- 2 playgrounds, one degraded one good condition

ongdale

- Nice detailing in park with granite, walls, paving, etc
- Arbor made of granite and wood
- Playstructures a little faded in color

Lucious Sanders/ Bruce Street Recreation

- Not well marked, recreation center dominates area
- Two undeveloped fields
- Undeveloped land nearby with granite outcrops, endemic plants
- Other uses on property besides recreation?

Lynwood

- Two levels to park, pool and open field below, rec center, playground, basketball courts above
- Park in pretty good condition
- Near dead end of dense residential area, gentrifying new single family homes being built in area

Marbut Road - Donna L. Wagner

- Shared with School
- Good Condition

N.H Scott

- Across the street from a middle school
- 1 recreation center, 1 pool building
- 2 multi-use courts in the park, 3 basketball courts associated with rec-center.
- Big connection that looks like a electric utility corridor adjacent to property, could make connections to other areas or could become a golf range
- Potential: could use more picnic areas, another playground, other smaller uses

Mason Mill

- Big Tennis Center with stadium seating
- Multi-use field (soccer and informal ballfield)
- Well developed dog park
- Bocce ball, shuffle board
- 1 walking trail, 1 nature trail, proposed path network trail
- Overlook, wetlands, ruins
- Adjacent uses: library, senior center and other public uses
- Has ability to connect to other open spaces. Melton and Medlock
- Potential: large tracks of wooded land for new uses, question about accessibility with a car
- Streams intersect park

McDanie

- Park in good condition
- No sidewalks connection
- Fitness station area

Meadowdale_LouWalker

Additional Notes from Site Visit

- New park with some attractive granite pylon
- In dense residential area, bordered on one side by street

Medlock

- Canalized stream through park, some replanting being done on part of the bank that has been restored
- Parking lots not connected, 2 points of access to park
- If parking area is reduced there is a greater capacity for more uses, currently paved area splits the continuity of the park, needs better configuration to max open space
- **Pool Building**
- **Batting Cages**
- 2 Buildings associated with fields
- Deteriorated parking lots (2)

Memorial Drive/Delano Line Street

- Undeveloped land, busy road on north side of two large parcels
- l stream, I creek go through properties
- Large forest and some cleared area
- Needs streambank restoration
- Lower elevation than adjacent main road
- Adjacent to large run-down apartment complex, south side faces complex, potential flooding to apartments
- Other section of property follows along a road, new development on opposite side of the road

Miners Creek

- Fronts on Low Density Residential Subdivision
- Valley with mixed Pine Hardwood Forest

Montreal

- Property fronts on busy road but no sign announcing park, only entry from interior of subdivision
- Chain link fence in front of property entrance, creates de facto of 6

leash dog park?

- Mostly flat site with young pine trees, suitable for field development
- Hidden open field near Alcon Way

Murphey Candler

- Connected to the PATH network
- Nature are not sure if it is a preserve
- Bathrooms and concession buildings associated with the ballfields Pleasant Hill
- Potential: consider adding soccer field instead of ballfield, saw a lot of people playing soccer on one of the ballfields

Mystery Valley Golf Course

- Sinuous entry road affords great views of golf course
- Many large pines on property

North Deshon - Kinnett

- Wooded area on the county border between Gwinnett and Dekalb
- part with a stream through it on the east side of the road There is a hilly part on the west side of Deshon Road and a lower
- currently To the north in Gwinnett there is a new larger park being built
- Potential to connect this parcel to the Gwinnett park for a large

Oakcree

- End of dead end residential street, no parking
- Poor visibility for park, playground not visible from entry/ street
- slopes on site More pine than hardwood, Wooded with some open areas, steep
- Baseball field at nearby church

Panola Road

Connects with Gregory Moseley Park

Additional Notes from Site

- Undeveloped parcel with mixed pine hardwood forest
- Long narrow parcel

Peters

- End of dead end residential street, little visibili
- Paved asphalt multiuse path
- Park in very good condition

- Borders new residential development
- Narrow winding road provides access
- Forest dominated by young pines

Pleasantdale

- Adjacent to busy suburban road
- Quality baseball and football fields
- Poor visibility of play structure, set back far from road

Princeton

- Hidden park, accessible only through private property between two houses
- between 399-403 Princeton Two Entrances: 1. through 505 Princeton Way driveway, 2. in
- Garden, sand box, picnic tables, barbeque, informal ball field
- Open Area and Wooded Area
- Potential: trail through woods, opening/entrances needed

Redan

- Good quality fields
- Remnant house part of property, used as office?

Rehoboth

- No goals for basketball court
- Property shared with Dekalb Schools- Bryant Center for

Technology

- Adjacent tract of land with mixed pine hardwood forest
- Terraces with grass for viewing basketball court
- Lots of granite walls in park
- Informal baseball fields have been converted to parking area- do not appear to be used
- Park not visible or easily accessed from Lawrenceville Highway
- Primary Access from Tolbert Drive (a quiet residential street)

Rock Chapel

- Faces busy suburban arterial highway
- Fields laid out linear fashion, long walk to back of property from parking lot
- Adjacent to elementary school, playground in back shared with school
- Rock outcrop in front of park

Rockbridge Land swap

- Long narrow parcel, next to creek, new residential development
- Mixed pine hardwood forest medium age

Salem

- Open field surrounded by pine trees
- Across from Junior High School
- Low density suburban context

Shoal Creek I

- Open field, flat near the courts
- 2. Buildings associated with the ballfields
- Next to a creek
- Potential: to expand active uses if necessary

Shoal Creek II

 Next to creek, could have better connection to I and III and be made into a bigger resource

Additional Notes from Site Visit

 Across the street from what looks to be a farm lot, could increase acreage by buying this piece

Shoal Creek III

- Appears to be brand new, no sign of a trail into the southern woods
- Area for more courts however that area is the only green open lawn right now
- Potential: should connect north to I and II

Shoal Creek/ Johnson Property

- A large creek runs through property- picturesque with shoals
- Potential greenway trail?

Skyhaven

- Park shared with school
- Stone bleachers built into hillside overlooking basketball court
- Play ground in back of park good visibility from street
- Good pedestrian connection to nearby residences through woods
- Poorly marked with sign

Skyland

- Park in good condition
- In medium density residential area, abuts social services center

Smokerise

- Shared with Elementary School
- Steep site- facilities benched into hillside- not visible from roads
- Surrounded by young mixed pine hardwood forest
- Poor visibility of playground from street
- Newly acquired greenspace appears to be across Lawrenceville Highway- potential loop trail system

Southeast Athletic Complex

- High quality baseball and soccer fields
- In low density residential area

South River-Arnovitz

- Adjacent to South Bank of South River
- Heavily wooded tract with predominately hardwoods
- Road Expansion occurring on frontage
- New Residential Developments Nearby
- Close to 2-85
- Golf Course and Sewer facility Across river from huge county owned tract with Sugar Creek

South River-Genier

- Adjacent to South River
- New Residential developments near park site
- Floodplain Forest

Starmount - McAfee

- Linear area with stream bisecting it, roads flanking all sides
- Mostly wooded with small lawn areas
- Lots of birds on the lawn
- Daycare across the street on southern end
- Constraints: potential flooding, needs streambank restoration
- such as playground Potential: bird habitat boxes, planting of streambed, small uses

Stone Mountain-Lilburn-Smokerise

- Across from new residential developmen
- Steep topography with mature hardwood forest

Stoneview

- Bord
- End of residential street, with homes overlooking park
- Open field in center

Summergate

Additional Notes from Site

- New park facilities
- Nestled in medium density residential co
- Asphalt multiuse path around lake
- Lake is focal point of park

Tobie Grant

- Public library as part of the park, shared parking lo
- Park has an open area and a wooded area
- Bridge over creek that runs through the park
- 1 open field that can serve as a ballfield
- Potential: smaller uses in the wooded area
- There is a pool building, but not a recreation center as noted

- Next to Elementary school
- New playground
- Fields in mediocre condition

Tucker Recreation Center

- Recreation center dominates property
- Poor visibility for other park facilities
- Faces very busy arterial highway
- Difficult to turn in and out of facility
- One informal soccer field
- Next to church with playground

Union Grove

- Granite outcrop, former quarry?
- Low density residential area with a lot of granite outcrops

Vanderlyn

- Now an extension of an elementary school (trailers)
- There are 2 playgrounds on site, but there is a big gate around the property does not look like the public can access

Teacher said it used to be a park before the school expanded

Vernon Springs

- Small Park with internal trail
- Built relic
- At lower elevation, possible flooding zone

Wade Walker

- Large sprawling park
- No basketball hoops at multiuse courts
- New fitness station area
- 3 complete high quality playgrounds, shade structure over one
- Dock on lake, railings around edge, and fountain in center of lake
- New Asphalt multiuse path links facilities, new entry road

Washington

- Park is on a slope that goes down to a creek
- At the end of a very large cul-de-sac, you can park around the cul-de-sac
- Potential: potential for very small uses, could reduce the size of the cul-de-sac to expand uses

WD Thomson

- Undeveloped field
- Valley threaded by creek
- Mature hardwood forest with nature trails
- Poor visibility for basketball court

Wesley Chapel

- Small park at dead end of residential street, adjacent to commercial property
- Shelter on hilltop with play ground

White Oak

Additional Notes from Site Visits

- Doesn't seem to exist anymore, where it should be there is a new row of houses and also a new apartment complex being built
- Saw some remnants of a playground that are not in the debris area

Windwood Hollow

- Small park, almost completely built out except a lawn area and an area at end of parking lot
- Potential: could put 1 basketball court at end of parking lot

Yellow River North

- Not accessible by road currently
- Do not have pictures from it, could not locate park site

Yellow River South

- Adjacent to River, floodplain forest
- Low density residential area that is being rapidly developed with new subdivisions

Zonolite

- Abuts industrial/office area on one end and residential on the other
- Undeveloped parcel

Not on List

Horsefarm

- Beautiful undeveloped woods and creeks along road
- Large clearings and open space divided by creeks for horses
- Horse jumping equipment, stables, and other associated buildings

Photos from Site Visits



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