

Green Plan Committee Minutes  
(Summarized)  
December 11, 2007

*These minutes  
were approved at  
the March 5, 2008  
CAC Meeting.*

Present: Dr. Bill Drummond, Consultant  
Kirk Franz, Recreation & Parks Manager  
Cindy Jenkins, Transportation Engineer  
All Green Plan Committee Members

Absent: N/A

1. The committee approved the minutes from the November 14, 2007 meeting with one amendment: The item that read “Johns Creek did not need a bicycle and pedestrian plan, but additional parks and major recreation facilities” was amended to read “Johns Creek did not need a bicycle and pedestrian plan because the City Council had already approved a set of greenways/paths, but it did need additional parks and major recreation facilities.”
2. The committee discussed setting a target number of acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The target would not include greenways/multi-use trails or federal and state lands. The committee reviewed the 1983 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) acreage guidelines; and acres per 1,000 figures for Johns Creek, several nearby cities, Fulton County, and the 10-county metropolitan area. The committee voted unanimously to adopt an interim target of 8 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. This target may be revised as the committee’s work proceeds depending upon several factors, such as the availability of land and availability of funding.
3. The committee reviewed the 1983 NRPA guidelines for major recreation facilities and Kirk Franz summarized the available facilities in existing Johns Creek parks. The committee discussed various types of new recreation facilities, including a skate park, zoological park, interactive fountains in the town center, an amphitheatre, urban campgrounds, and anchoring the city with a park at the town center.
4. The committee members identified a number of issues and priorities to be listed in the community assessment. These were:
  - Connecting the parks to the greenway system
  - Additional neighborhood parks (cited by several committee members)
  - Use of Johns Creek as a greenway
  - Defining the quality of the trails and pathways to provide the pedestrian with safety features
  - Making better use of the Chattahoochee River
  - Focus on the quality of parks and recreation resources, rather than the quantity
  - Create opportunities for pocket parks lie within zoning of commercial developments
  - Combine storm-water maintenance facilities and use them for village greens.