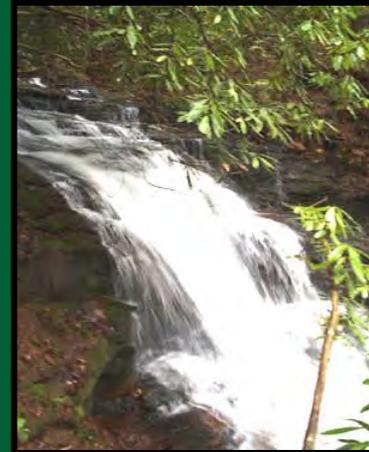


City of Johns Creek Recreation & Parks Strategic Plan



Planning – Philosophy

1. Parks are for People



2. Tread lightly upon the land

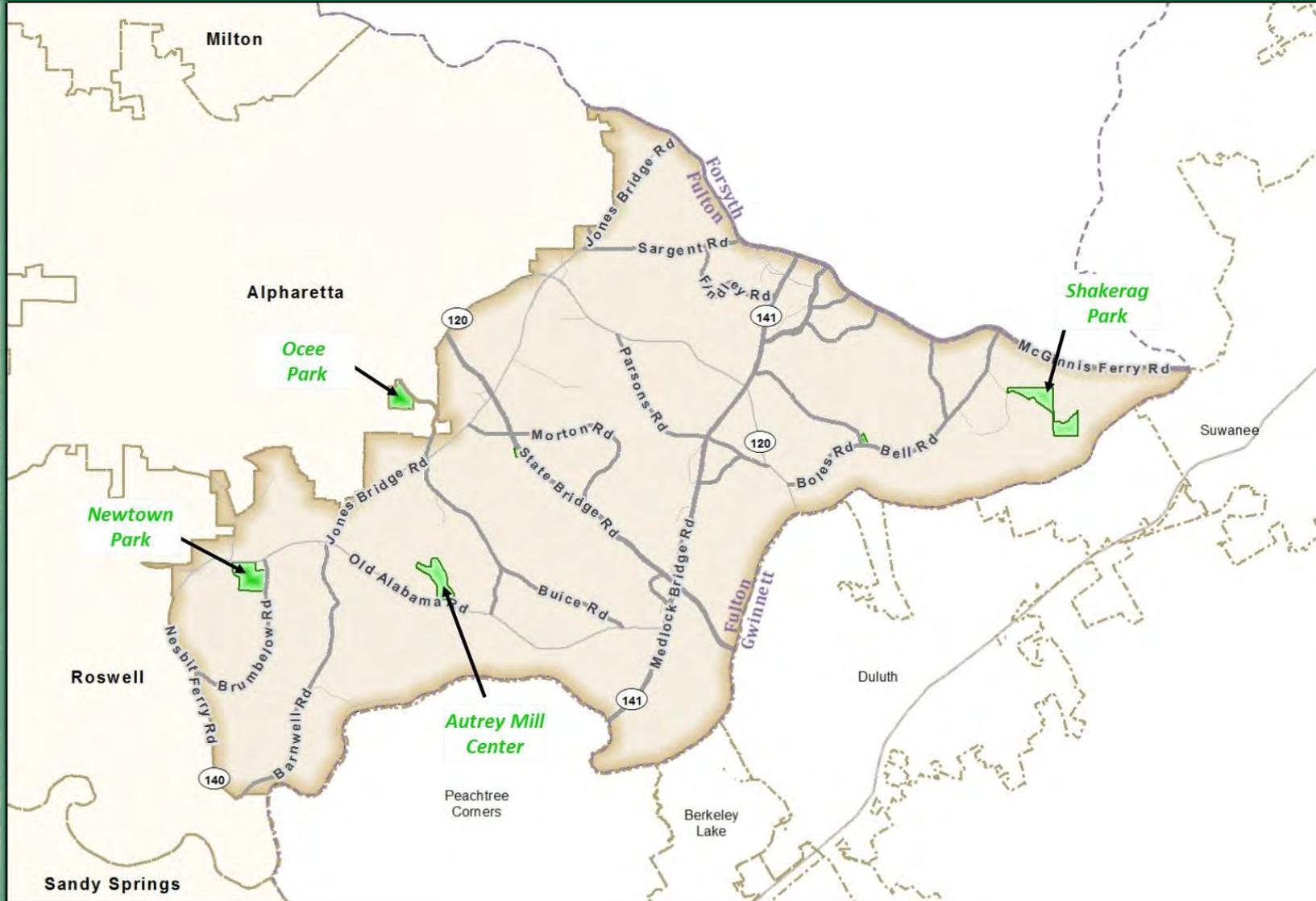


Objective of the Study

To identify and prioritize the next ten years of investments in recreation and park amenities

By understanding the park system and involving the community in a dynamic planning process.

EXISTING PARKS: Ocee, Newtown, Autrey Mill, Shakerag



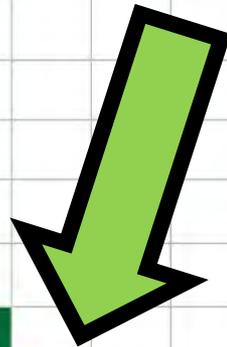


The Planning Process

1. Data Collection
2. Community Input to the Planning Process
(Multi-Level)
3. Community Profile
4. Facilities & Programs Inventory
5. Needs Assessment
6. Plan Recommendations
7. Operations & Maintenance/Staffing
8. Cost Estimates
9. Financing & Implementation Program
10. Maps, Reports & Deliverables

Schedule

#	TASK - 2015	Dates	April	May	June	July	Oct	Nov
1	Kick-off Presentation	4/13	*					
2	Online Website Surveys	April - June						
3	Stakeholder Interviews	4/29-4/30						
4	Inventory & Physical Assesment	May- June						
5	Research & Analysis	April - Aug						
6	1 st Public Workshops	May-mid		*				
7	Outreach Booths	May - June						
8	Needs Assesment	May - June						
9	2 nd Public Workshops	July - mid				*		
10	2 nd Interviews	July - late				*		
11	Plan Recommendations & Report	Aug						
12	Draft Plan	Oct 12						
13	Final Plan	Nov.						
14	Final Plan Consideration	Nov. 16						*



Community Involvement

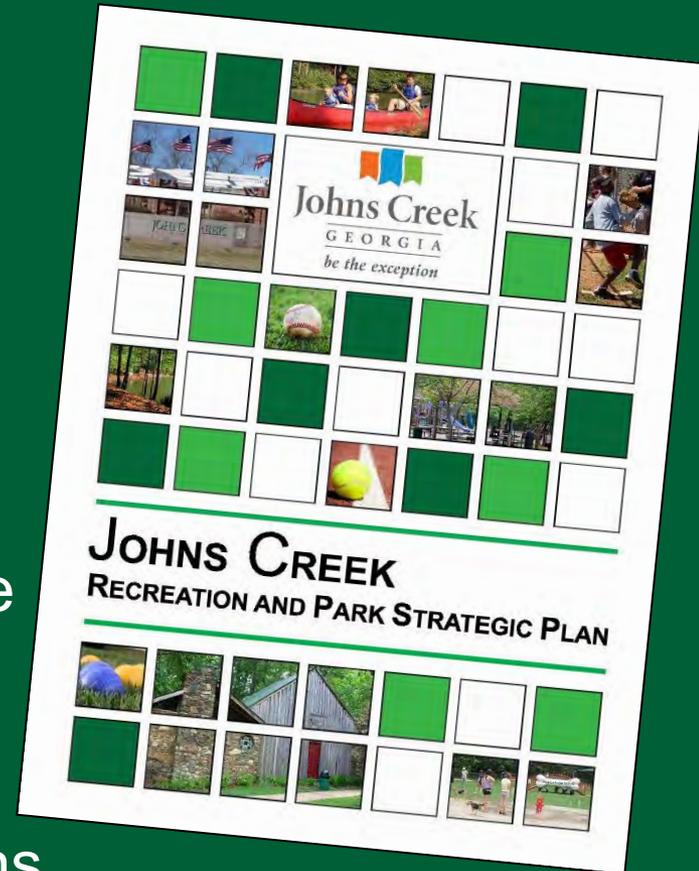
- Interviews
- Community Workshops
- Survey
- Project Webpage
- Booths at City Events
- E-mail Blasts
- Social Media
- Printed Media Outreach



Orientation to the Draft Plan:

Executive Summary

1. Background
2. Community Involvement
3. Community Profile
4. Inventory & Assessment
5. Needs Assessment
6. Operations & Maintenance
7. Funding
8. Full Recommendations
9. Costs of Recommendations
10. Recommended Implementation
11. Appendix



Community Consensus for:

- Acquire additional park land
- Build new facilities for tournament sports
- Provide a broader range of recreational programs to serve all age groups
- Create loop trails and a greenway system
- Increase trail linkages from existing parks
- Improve existing parks
- Improve maintenance practices



Plan Recommendations:

- Land Acquisition
- New Park Development
- New Indoor Facilities
- Existing Park Improvements
- Programming and Staffing





Land Acquisition (page 80)

- Prudent Advance Acquisition
- At least one (ideally two) properties of 100+ acres
- At least one (ideally two) properties of 40+ acres
- Land in north-central Johns Creek for Town Green/passive park
- Neighborhood parks, pocket parks
- Land or easements for greenways and trail linkages

New Park Development (page 93)

- Tournament Complex Park (100+ acres)
 - 16 multi-purpose fields (soccer, lacrosse, cricket), 6 baseball diamonds...
- Large Community Park (100+ acres)
- Town Green (10+ acres)
- Passive Use Park (40+ acres)
- Community Park (40+ acres)





New Indoor Facilities (page 95)

- Indoor Recreation Facility
 - 40,000 sq ft building
- Community Center
 - 4,000 sq ft building
- Second Senior Center
 - 6,000 sq ft building
- Second Community Center
 - 4,000 sq ft building
- Cultural Arts Center

Improve Existing Parks (page 81)

- Three Tiers of Improvements
 - Autrey Mill Nature Preserve
 - Newtown Park
 - Ocee Park
 - Shakerag Park





Programming and Staffing (pg 97)

- Add programming for underserved age groups and underserved cultural interests
- Expand Parks without Borders
- Expand programming for cultural arts, performing arts, outdoor programming
- Add either staffing to provide programming or manage partners providing programming



Implementation Pathways (pg 106)

- Current Investment Level
- Accelerated Investment Level

77% of respondents to parks survey willing to pay more for parks.

Accelerated investment level is recommended.

Implementation Costs (page 102)

- Current Investment Level
 - \$10M over 10 Year Planning Period
 - General Fund
- Accelerated Investment Level
 - Current investment level plus:
 - \$25M reserves (unassigned fund balance)
 - \$50-\$60M general obligation bonds





Current Investment Level:

- Existing Park Improvements
 - Autrey Mill, Newtown, Ocee, and Shakerag
- New Park Development:
 - Morton, State Bridge, and Bell-Boles
- Unfunded Plan Aspects:
 - Land Acquisition, Development of Park Development, Indoor Facilities, and New Programming



Accelerated Investment Level:

- Existing Park Improvements
- New Park Development
- Land Acquisition
- Development of Acquired Land
- New Indoor Recreation Center
- Unfunded Plan Aspects:
 - Other new indoor facilities and other proposed acquisitions

Discussion of Implementation

- Current Level of Investment: focus discussion on timing of improvements
- Accelerated Level of Investment: focus discussion on extent of accelerated investment considered reasonable

