RIVER BEND PARK MASTER PLAN

July 2015

DESIGN CONSULTANT AND SCOPE

CLH Design, P.A. has been hired by the City to produce an original park master plan for River Bend Park (formerly known as Perry Creek Road Property).

FUNDING

Funds from the 2014 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Bond Referendum will provide $2 million for the park master plan and first phase of development in partnership with a private developer & Wake County Public School System.

BACKGROUND

River Bend Park is located at 6580 Perry Creek Road in northeast Raleigh. This nearly 25-acre vacant property was acquired by the City in 2012 in anticipation of developing a neighborhood park.

The property is contained within a Planned Development Overlay District (PDD) known as 5401 North. The 5401 North Development will be a pedestrian-oriented, urban development with complementary residential, recreation, agriculture, open space, office, civic, institutional, industrial, retail and other commercial land uses.

Directly west and adjacent to the park site is a new Wake County middle school scheduled to open in July 2017. North of the property is River Bend Elementary School and the Northern Wake Campus of Wake Tech Community College.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The master plan process will follow the Consensus Seeking pathway outlined in the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department Comprehensive Public Participation Program for Park Planning. A Consensus Seeking process is designed to provide a high level of public acceptance for park planning, design, and development. Even though final decision-making authority rests with elected officials, the public can influence decision-making and assist the Department in making informed choices by helping to define the problem, generate a range of alternatives, develop evaluation criteria and make recommendations.

Public involvement in a Consensus Seeking process typically involves a planning committee, and participants are usually representatives of organized interest groups or individuals who can articulate shared interests of a broader public such as homeowners and business owners. Decision making often takes the form of consensus that requires opposing interests to work together to develop a common and mutually acceptable solution.

TIMELINE

- Forestville Citizens Advisory Council July 14, 2015
- Presentation to PRGAB May 2016
- Presentation to City Council June 2016

Visit: http://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Projects/PerryCreekRd.html

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