

Walnut Creek Wetland Park

Master Plan

Design Consultant and Scope

Alta Planning + Design has been hired by the City to work with the community to produce a comprehensive park master plan for Walnut Creek Wetland Park.

Funding

Funds from the 2014 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Bond Referendum will provide \$1 million for the park master plan and development.

Background

The study area consists of a 41.75 acre parcel of land which contains the Walnut Creek Wetland Center in addition to roughly 6.68 acres directly south of this parcel. The Walnut Creek Wetland Center was funded by 2003 Parks and Greenway Bonds and was completed in 2009. In addition to wetland conservation, the Walnut Creek Wetland Center offers education and recreation benefits to Southeast Raleigh.

The Little Rock and Walnut Creek Greenway Trails intersect at the park. Trail users can walk or ride to the State Farmer's Market, Lake Raleigh, Rock Quarry Road flea market, or Worthdale Park.

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 engagement 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 issues, generate a range of alternatives, develop evaluation criteria and make recommendations.

Timeline

The first step of the project will include public input and the development of a Situation Assessment.

South Central CAC
March 27, 2017

**Public Input Survey +
Stakeholder Involvement**
March - April 2017

PRGAB + City Council Review
April - May 2017

The second step will include master plan and design development, plus stakeholder and public involvement.

Citizen Planning Committee
June - November 2017

**DRAFT Master Plan +
Design Development**
June - November 2017

Public Workshop
Fall 2017

PRGAB + City Council Review
Winter 2017 - 2018

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

Take the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WalnutCreekWetlandCenterCommunityInputSurvey>

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