

Dorothea Dix Park

Master Plan Advisory Committee
Information Session



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A photograph of a golf course with many trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid in the center.

The Purchase

\$52M

July 24, 2015



307.9 acres



85 structures

1.2M square feet building space

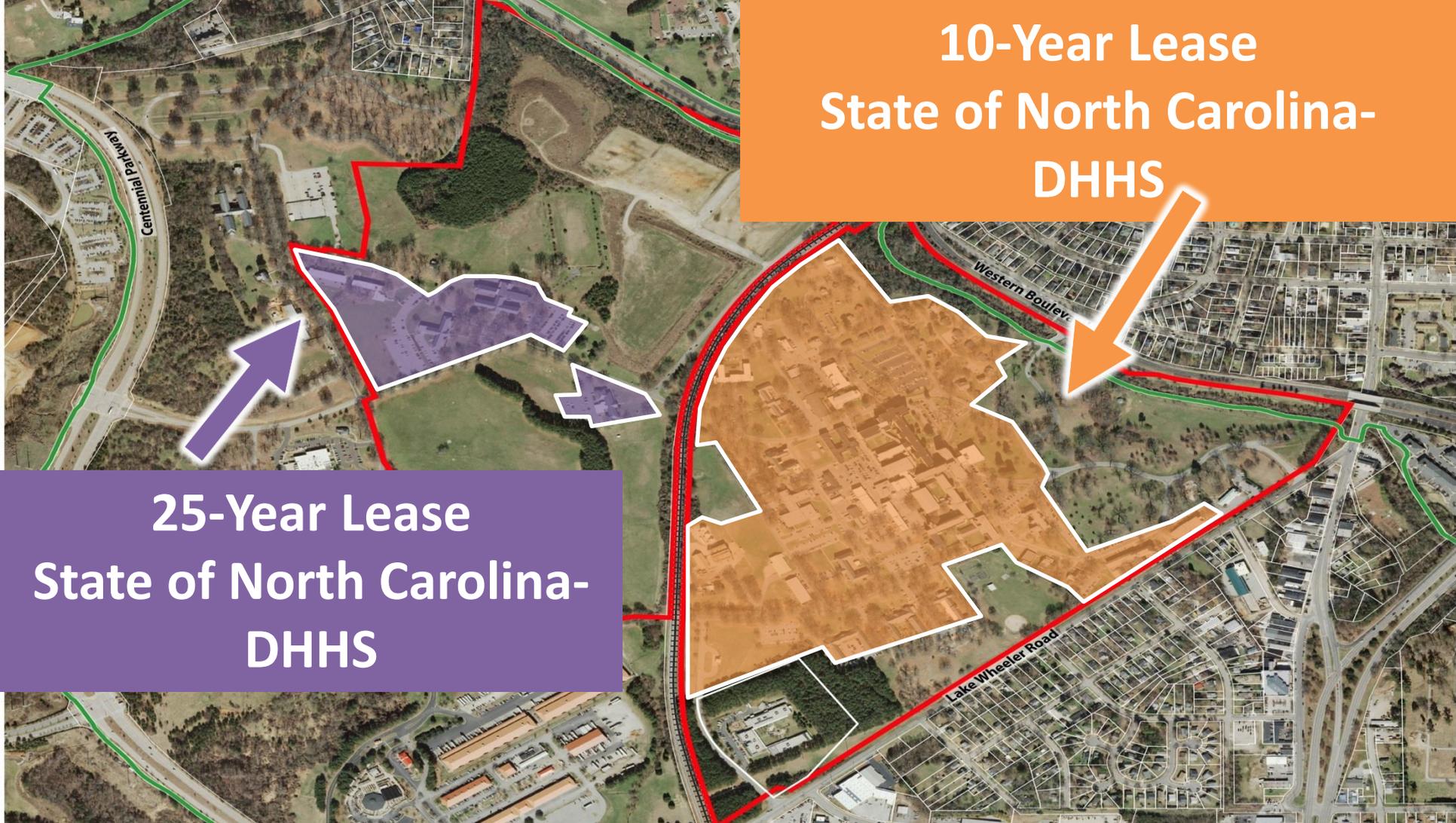
**DHHS Headquarters
+2,000 employees**

DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL



NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES





**10-Year Lease
State of North Carolina-
DHHS**

**25-Year Lease
State of North Carolina-
DHHS**

25-Year Lease Healing Transitions



Central Parkway

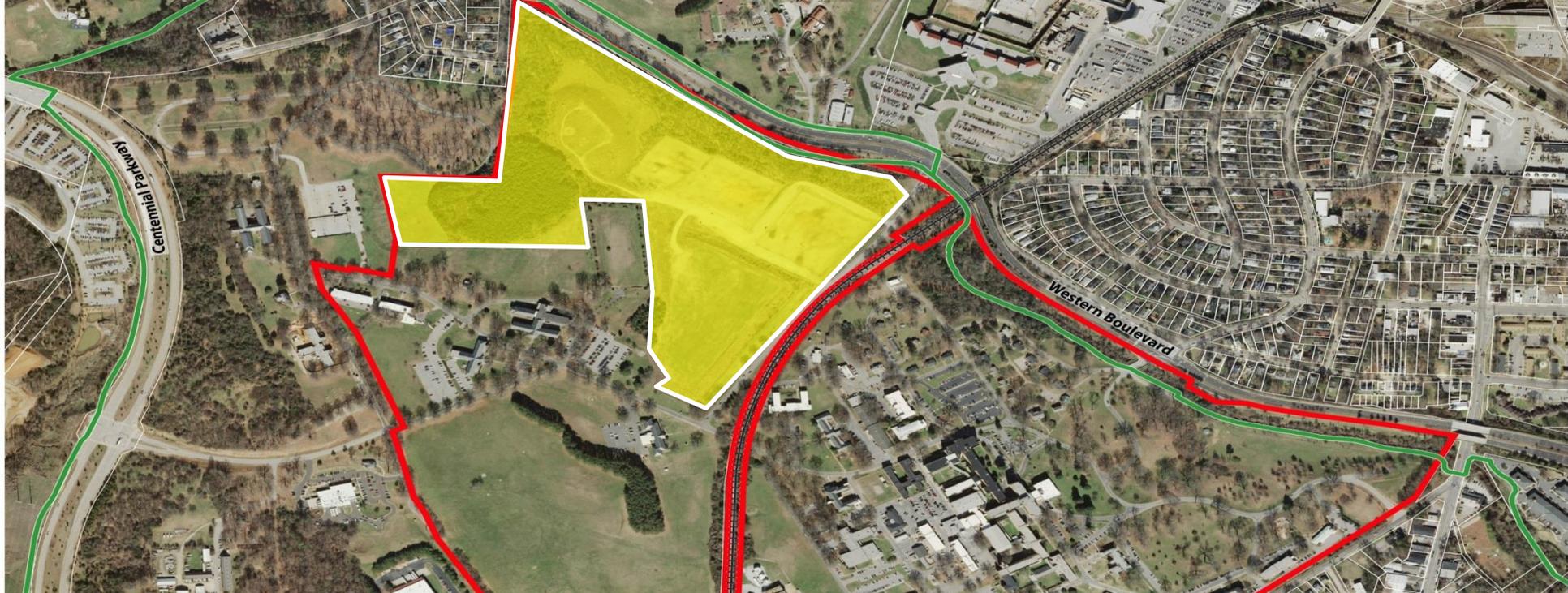
Western Boulevard

Lake Wheeler Road



**2-Year Lease
NC State University-
Bright Horizons Child Care**





**1-Year Lease
Capital Area Soccer League
(CASL)**

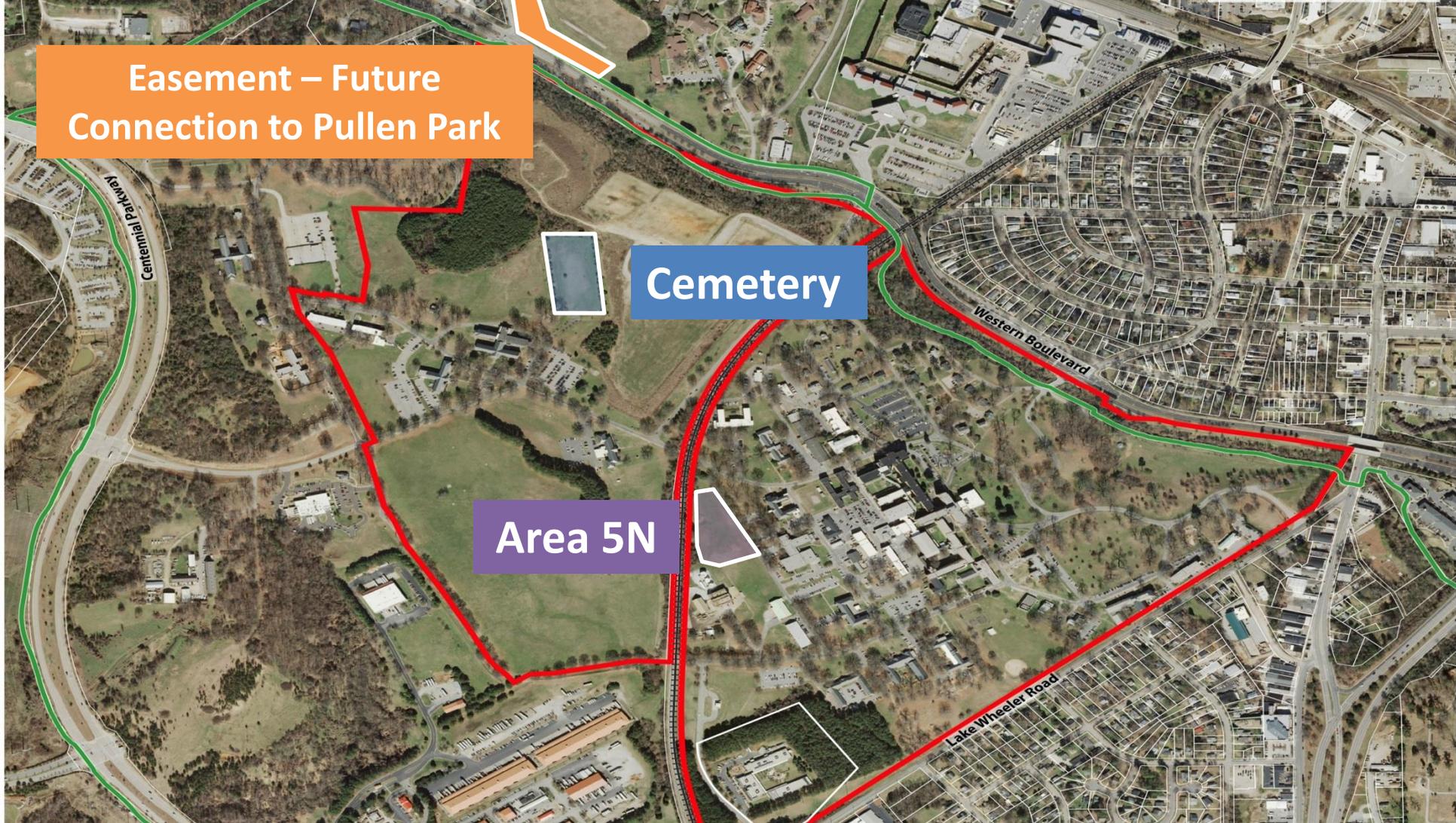
Easement – Future
Connection to Pullen Park

Cemetery

Area 5N

Western Boulevard

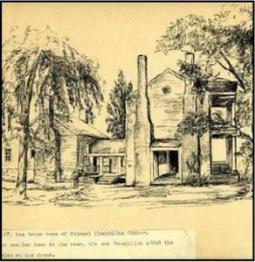
Lake Wheeler Road



**Non-Leased Areas
Approx. 130 acres**



History of Place



1700s

1790s- Theopolis Hunter moves his family from Johnston County to the Spring Hill plantation.



1800s

1848- Dorothea Dix first visits North Carolina

1850s- State buys land for creation of the “North Carolina State Hospital for the Insane.”

1856- The first patient is admitted to the hospital.



1900s

1956- Hospital is officially renamed for Dorothea Dix.

1980s/90s- The State transfers nearly 1,200 acres of the Dix property to N.C. State for Centennial Campus and the Department of Agriculture for the State Farmers Market.



2000s

2010- DHHS announces it will close the hospital and move patients to new facility in Butner.

2012- The last patients leave Dorothea Dix Hospital.

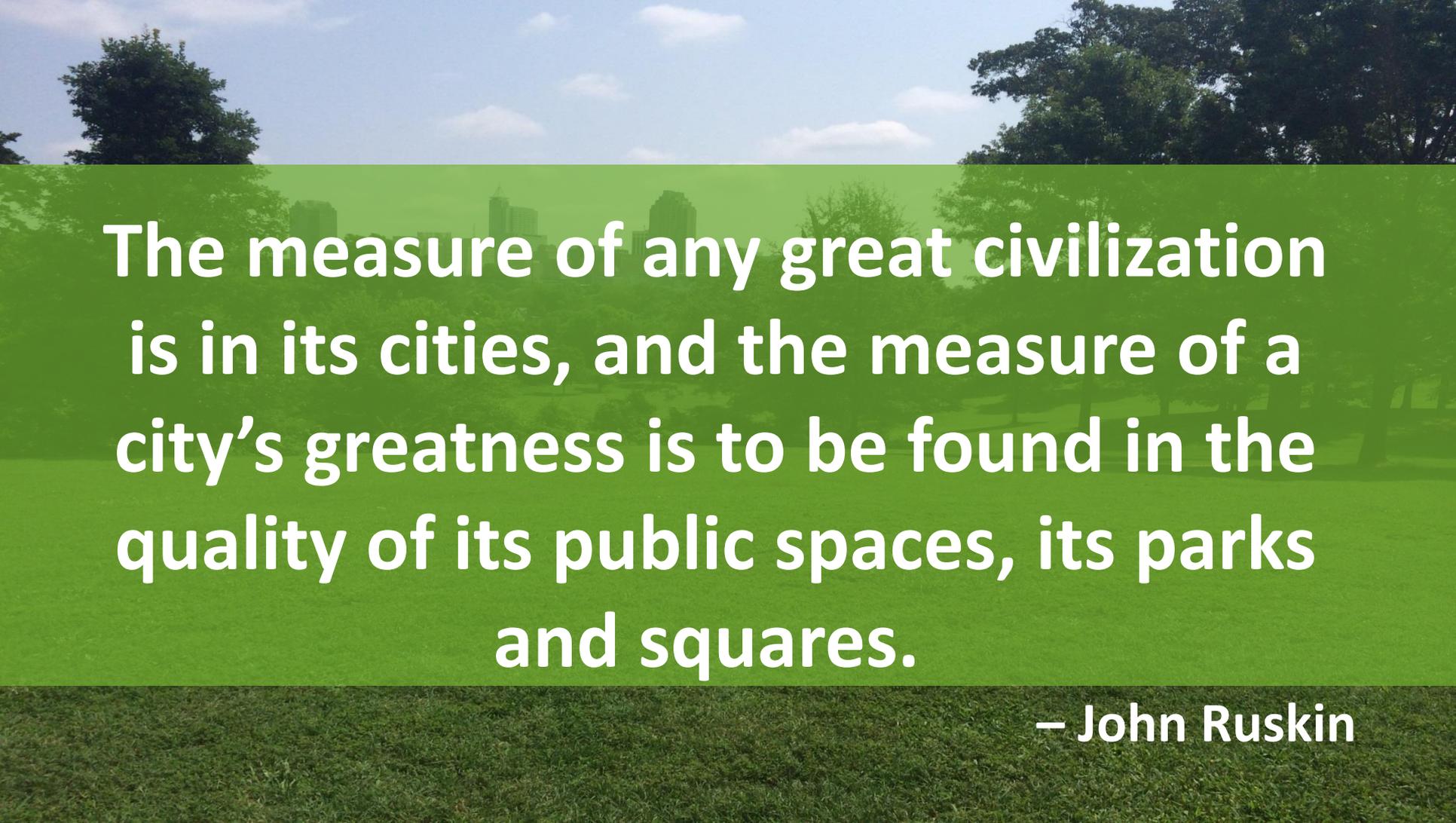
2015- The City of Raleigh purchases 307.9 acres from the State for \$52M with the intent to create a destination park.

2016- City enters into partnership with the Dix Park Conservancy.



A paved path lined with large trees in a park setting. The path is flanked by a row of mature trees with thick trunks and dense green foliage. The ground is covered in grass, and a chain-link fence is visible in the background on the right. The overall scene is bright and green, suggesting a well-maintained park.

What is a destination park?

The background of the image shows a city skyline with several buildings under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is a lush green lawn. A semi-transparent green horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

**The measure of any great civilization
is in its cities, and the measure of a
city's greatness is to be found in the
quality of its public spaces, its parks
and squares.**

– John Ruskin

a welcoming place for all



Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY

reflects local culture and history



The Presidio, San Francisco, CA



unique &
interesting

Hermann Park, Houston, TX

institutional anchors



Forest Park, St. Louis, MO

bold



Piedmont Park Botanical Gardens, Atlanta, GA

memorable



Governors Island, New York, NY

inspirational



Boston Common, Boston, MA

visionary



Millennium Park, Chicago, IL

A photograph of a colorful gazebo in a park. The gazebo has a multi-tiered roof with a central finial and is supported by several columns with green, yellow, and red painted sections. The gazebo is situated on a concrete pad in a grassy area surrounded by trees. The text "What's the process?" is overlaid in white on the gazebo's roof.

What's the process?

Planning Framework

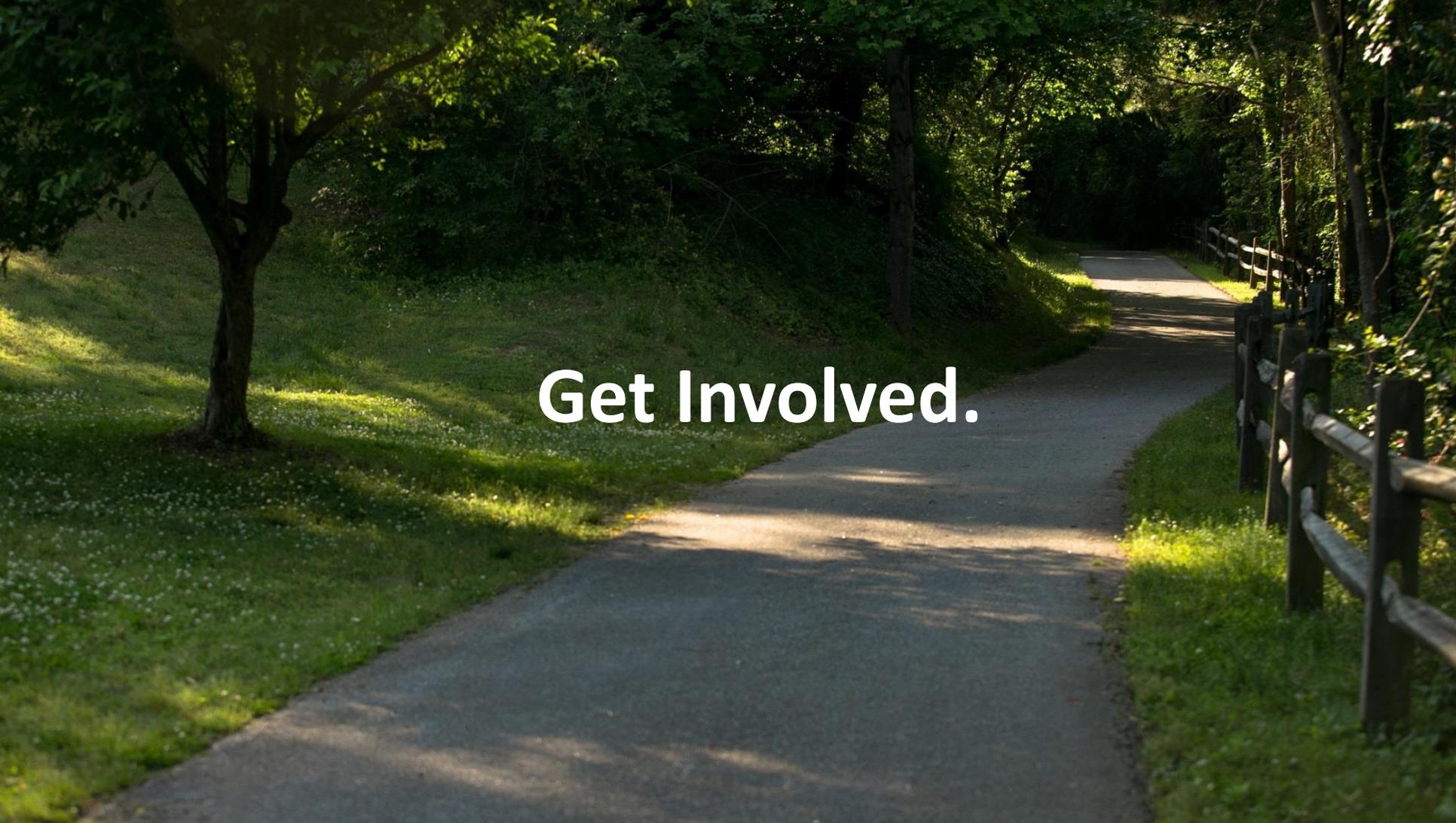


The Partnership



DIX PARK
CONSERVANCY

BOLD VISION

A paved path winds through a lush green forest. The path is flanked by dense trees and foliage. On the right side, a wooden fence runs along the path. The scene is bathed in soft, dappled sunlight, creating a serene and inviting atmosphere. The text "Get Involved." is overlaid in the center of the image.

Get Involved.

Master Plan Committee Structure

Advise, Advocate and Engage

Master Plan Executive Committee

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Master Plan Workgroups

Master Plan Executive Committee

Master Plan Executive Committee

- Established by MOU
- 8 Members:
 - Mayor
 - City Council Member
 - City Staff (2)
 - Dix Park Conservancy (3)
 - North Carolina State University Chancellor
- Role:
 - Select consultant team
 - Work with other leadership groups from around the City
 - Advance the vision of the Park

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Master Plan
Advisory
Committee

- **Public Application Process**
- **Up to 45 Members**
- **Broad representation
(diversity of background,
experience, interest)**

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Advisory Committee Role

Role:

- Advise consultant team
- Advocate for the Park
- Engage community at large
- Lead topic-specific workgroups

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Advisory Committee Expectations

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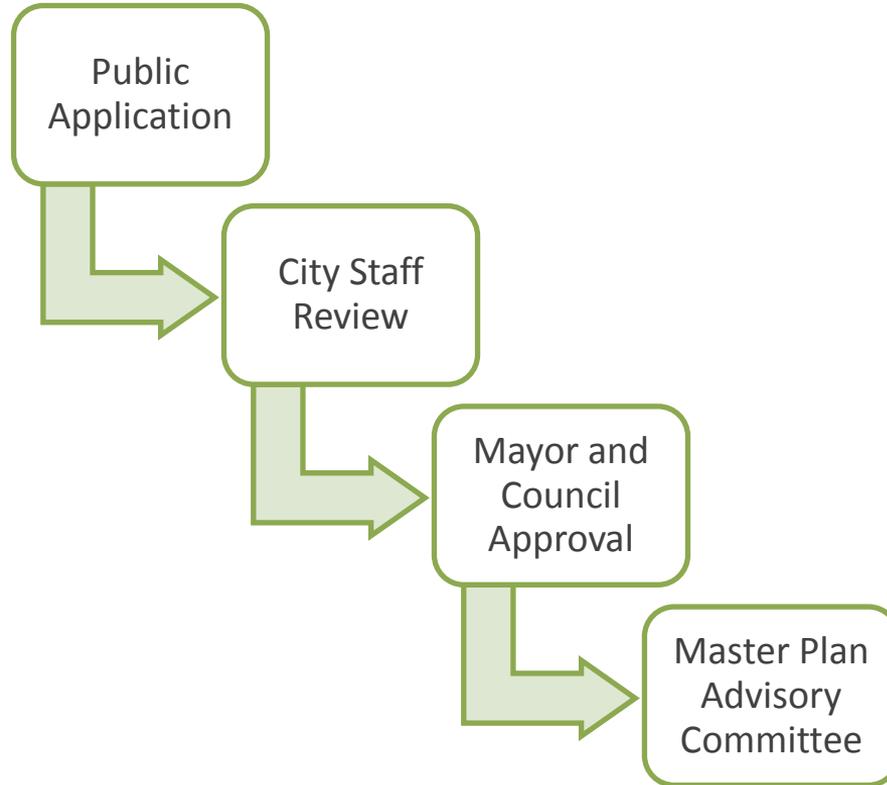
- Attend regular meetings and events
- Expect at minimum a 2-hr monthly commitment
- Two to three year planning process

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Advisory Committee Composition

- Creative
- History
- Design
- Development
- Business & Entrepreneurs
- Neighborhood & Community
- Youth
- Parks & Recreation
- Agency/Institution
- Education
- Faith
- Tourism
- Health
- Mobility
- Environment & Natural Resources

Master Plan Advisory Committee Formation Process



Master Plan Workgroups

Master Plan
Workgroups

- **Topic-Specific Workgroups**
 - Variety of disciplines, backgrounds, interests
 - Broad representation
- **Role:**
 - Enrich planning process
 - Advocate for the Park
 - Engage community at large

Dorothea Dix Park

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On July 24th, 2015, the City of Raleigh and the State of North Carolina completed the closing process for the City's acquisition of 308 acres of the Dorothea Dix Campus. The purpose of the City's acquisition of the property is to eventually plan and develop a new destination park.



Open Field at Dorothea Dix Park

Apply Today!

The City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is looking for volunteers to serve on the Dorothea Dix Park Master Plan Advisory Committee and Workgroups. If you are interested in serving, please fill out the appropriate online interest form by 5:30 pm on Friday, June 17.

- [Master Plan Advisory Committee Interest Form](#) 
- [Master Plan Workgroup Interest Form](#) 

If you have any questions about the process or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact [Kate Pearce](#)  via email or at 919-996-4855.

- **Committees and workgroups are just one way people can participate.**
- **There will be multiple opportunities, meetings and events for people to get involved in the future of Dorothea Dix Park!**

Planning Framework





**Society grows great when old men
plant trees whose shade they know
they shall never sit in.**

– Greek Proverb

Questions?

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