



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT
COMMISSION
NAMING RECOMMENDATION**

PETITIONER: Joe Shearouse, Jr.
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Savannah, GA 31401

FILE No.: 18-005194-HM

LOCATION: Northwood Road and Elder Court

DATE: October 4, 2018

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The petitioner is requesting approval to name an unnamed park, “**Thomas Fulton Jr. Park.**” The park is located in the Windsor Forest neighborhood at the intersection of Norwood Road and Elder Court.

FINDINGS:

The standards in Article E. Section 4:110-1108, which was adopted by City Council on October 26, 2017, apply to the naming of the building:

Criteria:

All public property names should meet one of the following criteria:

- *To honor and commemorate noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, Chatham County, State of Georgia, or the United States of America;*
- *To commemorate local history, places, events, or culture;*
- *To strengthen neighborhood identity;*
- *To recognize native wildlife or natural features.*

The standard is met. The park is proposed to be named after Thomas Fulton Jr., a Savannah native and noteworthy person associated with the City. Mr. Fulton was instrumental in the creation of the Windsor Forest Neighborhood Association and was an avid activist for tree preservation. He served on the Park and Tree Commission from 1995-2005. He was Chair of the Park and Tree Commission from 1999-2002. Mr. Fulton passed away in 2011.

Restrictions:

- *Persons that resided in the City of Savannah for less than 5 years, other than prominent national figures;*
- *Names assigned to existing public property within the City or unincorporated Chatham County where duplication of the name is likely to lead to confusion;*
- *Except as set forth in Section 4-1106, commercial names where usage of such name would amount to advertising.*

The standards are met. None of these restrictions apply.

Considerations:

Naming requests shall take into account:


- *The number of residents and businesses directly affected;*
- *Community diversity;*
- *The historical significance of preexisting name or location;*
- *The appropriateness and compatibility of the request in relation to the existing area;*
- *The impact on emergency service delivery;*
- *Continuity and stability.*

The standards are met.

Public Notice: As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. No comments were received from the public.

HSMC RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

The HSMC recommends approval of the City of Savannah’s request to name the park located at Northwood Road and Elder Court the “Thomas Fulton Jr. Park” because it meets the criteria established in the City of Savannah’s naming policy.




Dr. Nicholas Henry, Chairman
Historic Site and Monument Commission

10/10/18
Date



Melanie Wilson, Executive Director
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

10/5/18
Date



Ellen I. Harris, Director of Urban Planning and Historic Preservation
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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