



Forsyth Park Project

Trustees' Garden Club

Project Mission



- The mission of the Forsyth Park Project is to create a Stewardship Plan for Savannah's iconic Forsyth Park
- The project has two primary goals, a Master Plan and recognition of the park's historic significance
- The success of the project lies in working in partnership with the City of Savannah and the broader community

Park Master Plan

A grayscale photograph of the Forsyth Park fountain in Atlanta, Georgia. The fountain features a central column with a statue of a woman holding a torch, surrounded by four smaller statues of figures. Water is spraying from the base of the fountain. The background is filled with the dense foliage of trees, and a black wrought-iron fence runs across the foreground. The overall scene is serene and well-maintained.

A Master Plan for Forsyth Park will create a vision for the future of the park and will be the result of a well-considered, inclusive process that respects both history and change.

The plan can be implemented over a number of years by coordinating the efforts of city officials and departments, community members and non-profit partners.

Master Plan Components



- Extensive community outreach and education
- Site analysis and assessment
- Recommended treatment goals
- Plan implementation guidelines

Community Involvement Tools

- Website – friendsofforsyth.org - to educate, inform and solicit input
- Neighborhood Outreach – meetings to introduce project
- Information Postcard – to promote website
- Public Input Survey – to identify priorities at outset
- Community Meetings - to allow citizens to view the draft plan and provide feedback
- Stories – to gather community history

Planning Firm Qualification Criteria

- Extensive experience specific to the development of master plans and/or multi-objective parks
- Professional background in the treatment of historic landscapes
- Nationally recognized experience with urban parks (preferably historic)
- Experience working with municipalities and multiple stakeholders

Planning Firm

Qualification Criteria (cont'd)

- Experience managing a robust public engagement process
- Ability to collect and synthesize data and input from multiple sources and stakeholders
- Ability to present recommendations and suggest strategies dynamically verbally and visually
- Specialized experience of the key personnel for this project

Historic Designation

A grayscale photograph of the Forsyth Park fountain in Savannah, Georgia. The fountain features a central statue of a woman holding a torch, surrounded by water spraying from a circular base. The background is filled with the dense foliage of trees, and a fence is visible in the foreground.

- Forsyth Park is one of the oldest municipal parks in the country and is significant on many levels
- Through our research we learned that the park is not part of the Savannah NHL district
- Very few parks have landmark status. Achieving this designation for Forsyth Park will be recognition of its iconic importance to the City, the State and the nation as-a-whole

2019 Project Milestones

Spring

- MOU signed between city government and TGC

Summer

- Project logo, website and informational postcard created
- Finalized list of planning firms (13)
- Developed, distributed and received responses to request for qualifications (RFQ)

Fall

- Neighborhood association outreach to inform public
- Issue RFP to qualified planning firms

2020 Project Milestones



Winter

- Hire planning firm and initiate work on master plan
- Design community feedback survey

Spring

- Planning firm work continues
- Release community feedback survey

2020 Project Milestones

Summer

- Draft master plan presented to city staff and council
- Design and distribute utility bill insert promoting community feedback sessions
- Promote community feedback sessions on websites and utility bill insert

Fall

- Hold community feedback sessions on draft plan
- Integrate feedback from city and community
- Master plan finalized



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