

DeKalb County
Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

Master Plan Concept for Intrenchment Creek Park

Public Meeting #2

May 19, 2021

Today's Public Meeting

- ▶ All participants are muted by the host
- ▶ No live questions will be taken
- ▶ For any comments or questions - please use the Q&A (Questions & Answers) function from your Zoom menu
- ▶ Questions will be answered at the end of this presentation

Introductions

- ▶ Wood Team of a scientist, a planner, and an engineer:
 - Jonathan Bourdeau, PWS
 - Gregg Hudspeth, ASLA, LEED AP, CNU-A
 - Mirsada Ilic, PE, PMP, LEED AP, BCEE
- ▶ Commissioner: Mr. Larry Johnson (District 3)
- ▶ Mr. Chuck Ellis, Director - DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

Project Timeline

- ▶ In 2018, Blackhall Studios, presented the county with proposed land exchange
- ▶ Proposed exchange included Studio owned three parcels (55 acres) along Bouldercrest Road with
- ▶ DeKalb County owned 40 acres in Intrenchment Creek Park
- ▶ In 2021, DeKalb County BOC approved the propose land exchange

Project Timeline and Meeting Purpose

- ▶ First public meeting for the Park's Master Plan - March 31
- ▶ 2,000 mailers were sent out in April
- ▶ 39 mailers were received
- ▶ Results were combined with polling results from March 31 meeting
- ▶ The purpose of this meeting is to present input received from the community and
- ▶ Present two master plan options/concepts

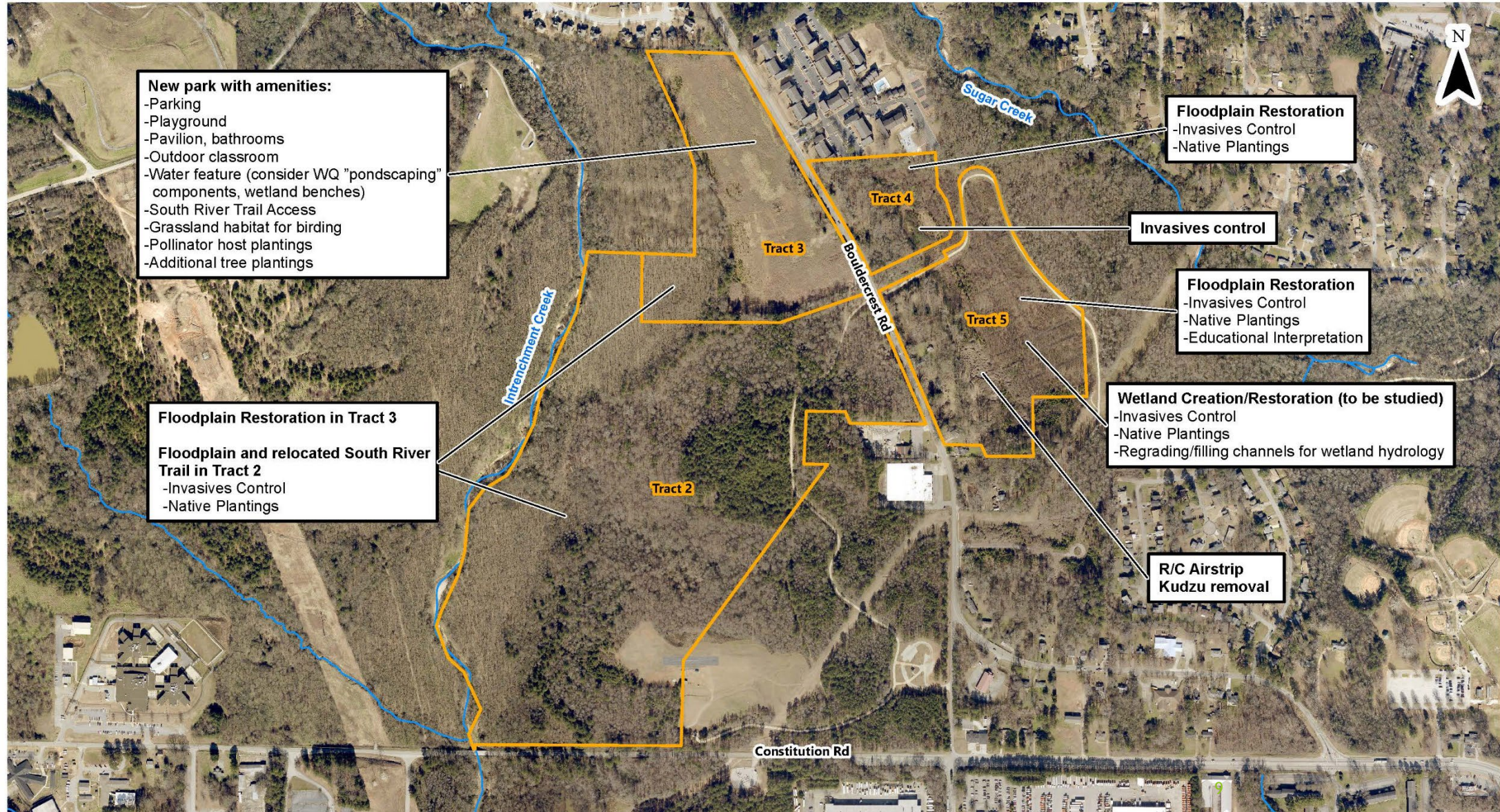
Master Plan Proposed Timeline

- ▶ Stakeholders and Community Meetings
 - ▶ March 31, 2021
 - ▶ May 19, 2021
- ▶ Master Plan Presentation
- ▶ Adoption by DeKalb County BOC

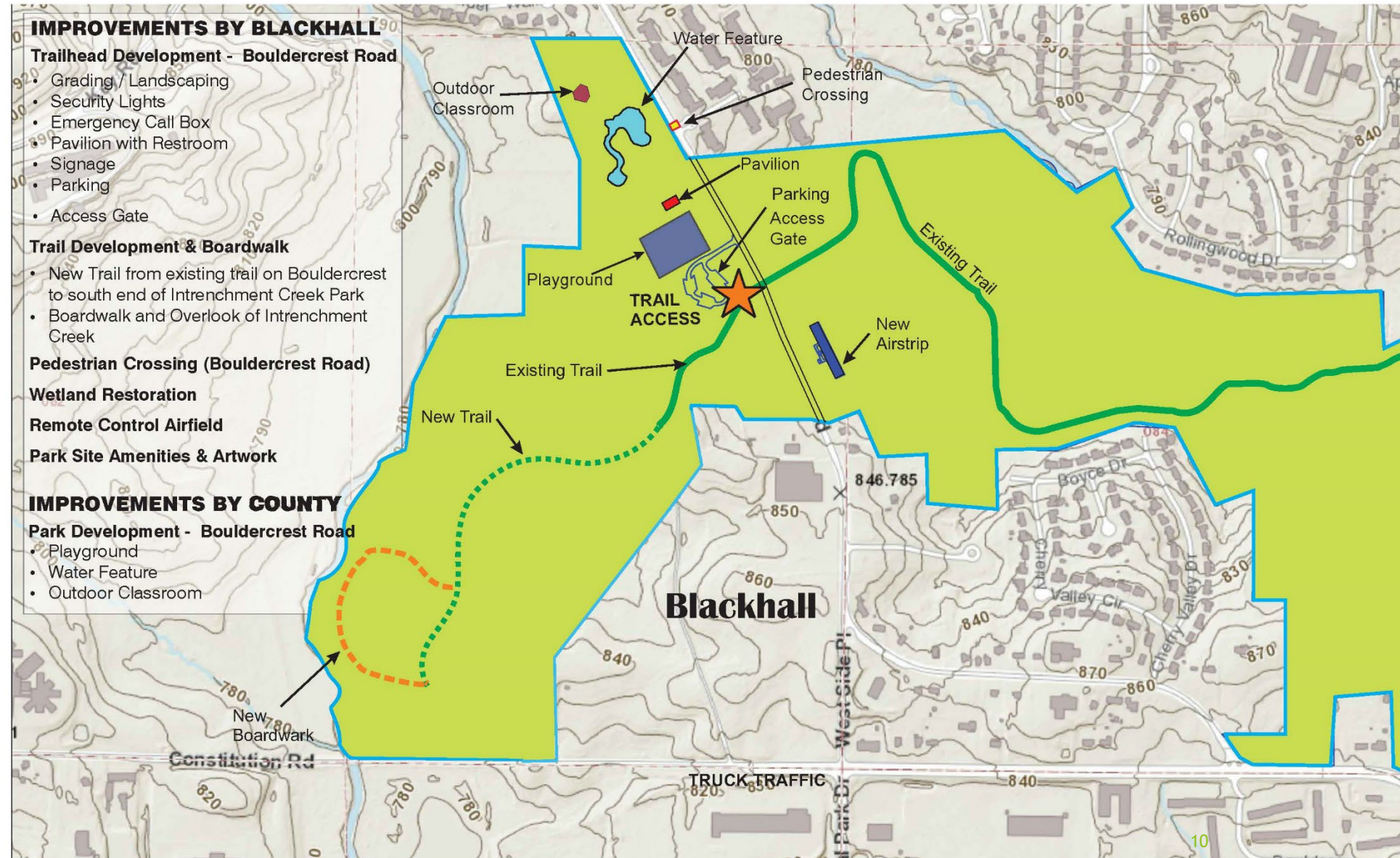
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Summary Recommendations



Proposed Amenities



Proposed Amenities Community Survey

1. New trail from existing location at Bouldercrest Rd to south end of park
2. Boardwalk and overlook along Intrenchment Creek
3. Pavilion with restroom
4. New airstrip
5. Playground
6. Water Feature
7. Outdoor classroom

Survey Results from Poll and Mailing

- ▶ An online poll of the seven amenities was conducted during the previous public meeting on March 31, 2021
 - ▶ 19 respondents provided input
- ▶ County sent out approximately 2,000 mailings to local residents
 - ▶ 39 respondents provided input
- ▶ 58 responses total

Mailer

Community Park Space coming soon!

DeKalb County Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs is excited to announce that the DeKalb County BOC approved the proposed land exchange at Intrinment Creek Park. The proposed exchange includes three parcels totaling 55 acres along Bouldercrest Road.

Wood is tasked with creating a master plan for the entire Intrinment Creek Park. The plan will include renderings to assist community members to visualize the potential this space offers. Throughout the planning process, there will be public meetings in which the community can provide comments to be incorporated into the plan, so that the park master plan reflects the desires of the community that it will serve.

Together with DeKalb County Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs, we expect the park to be predominantly a passive park including trails, landscaping, an outdoor classroom, pavilions, seating, and other amenities that will provide community value.

About the Planners:

Wood is a global leader in the delivery of projects, planning, architecture, engineering, and technical services to local, state, and federal government; energy, and industrial markets. Founded in Atlanta in 1946 as Law Engineering, we have had a pleasure to serve local communities, including DeKalb County in variety of projects. We are excited to be part of master planning process for the Intrinment Creek Park.

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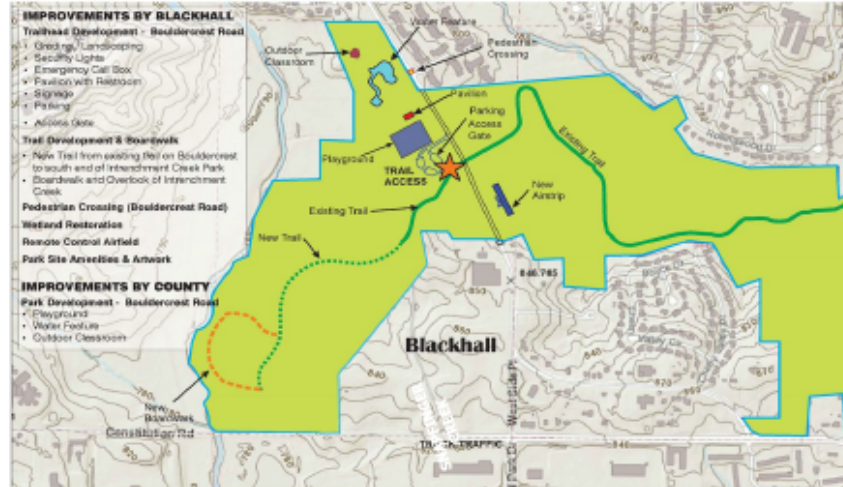
Over the next few months, Wood will develop a master plan. During each phase of the plan development, there will be opportunities for community input.

Next public meeting: May 19, 2021 6:00PM

This will be a virtual public meeting-

To join the webinar: <https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/87638043963>

Please see other side of sheet for community input survey. Please return survey no later than April 30th, 2021.



Which of these park elements would you most like to see in the new park?



Trail Boardwalk Pavilion New Airstrip Playground

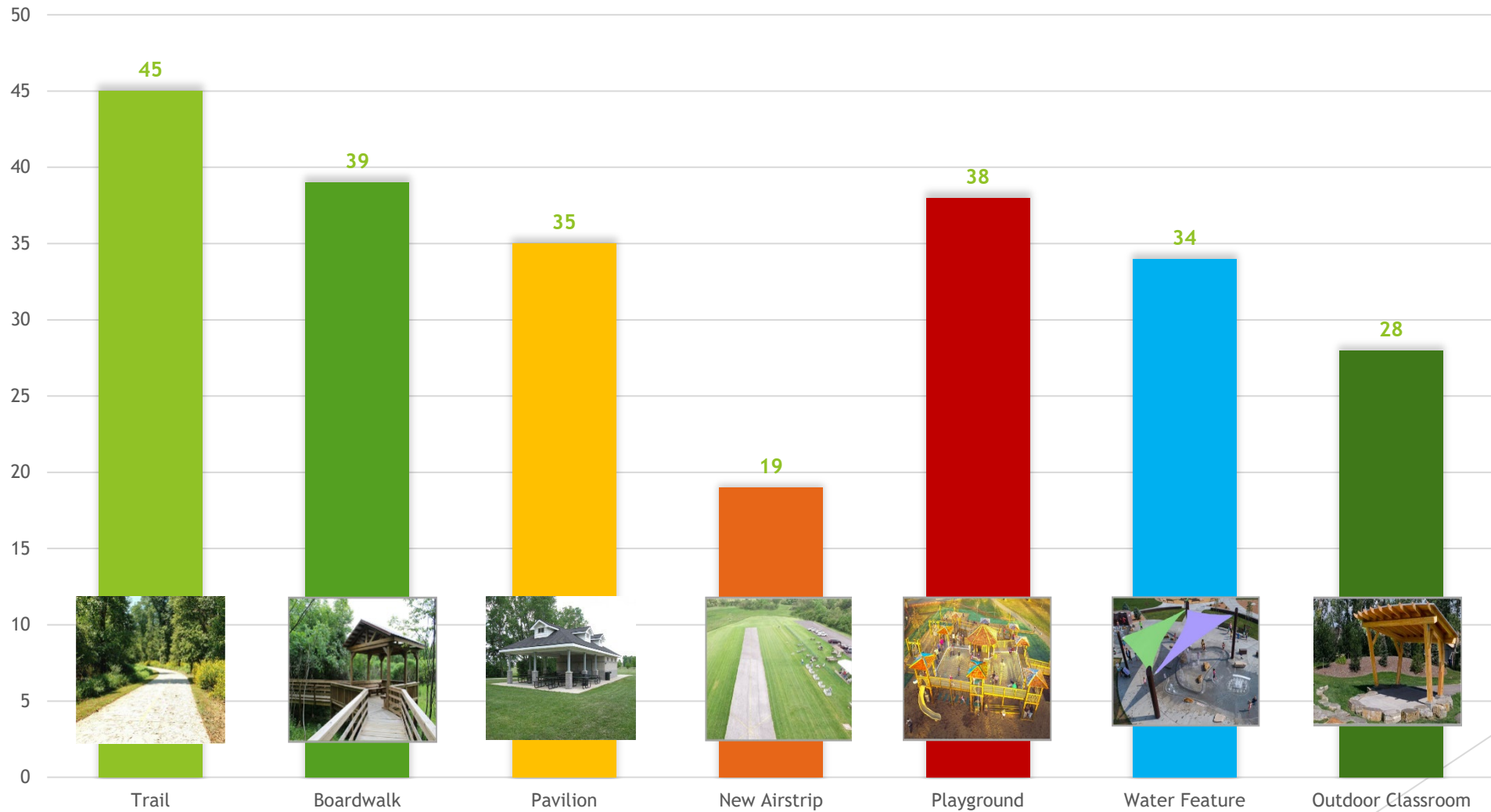


Water Feature Outdoor Classroom

What parks in DeKalb County do you enjoy visiting? Why?

Additional comments regarding the project:

Survey Results from Poll and Mailing



Mailing Results - Additional Comments

- ▶ Emphasize greenspace/trails and open space
- ▶ Ensure safety, rules and regulations
- ▶ Family-oriented, modern
- ▶ Durable equipment/playground
- ▶ All proposed amenities are important!
- ▶ Pet and cyclist friendly
- ▶ Amenities - lighting, parking, seating, trash cans, benches, local art
- ▶ Limit structures, keep natural
- ▶ Pavilions/outdoor classrooms may be underutilized
- ▶ More paths, nature walk
- ▶ Consider public track field/indoor walking track
- ▶ Consider outdoor amphitheater for local events
- ▶ Concerns about land swap

Mailing Results - Other Parks Visited

- ▶ Intrenchment Creek - South River Trails, nature
- ▶ Old 4th Ward - splash pad, playground
- ▶ Inman Park - playground
- ▶ Candler Park - soccer, softball, playground
- ▶ Gresham Park - playground, ropes course, access to PATH trail, sports fields, pool
- ▶ Lakewood Park - tennis, playground, pavilion
- ▶ Piedmont Park - social events, shade, open space
- ▶ Medlock Park - family friendly, path, picnic area
- ▶ Rock Garden (Foxhall Lane) - walking
- ▶ Glen Emerald Park - nature
- ▶ Constitution Lakes - nature
- ▶ Exchange Park - fishing, splash pad
- ▶ Lake Charlotte - natural areas
- ▶ Arabia Mountain - nature
- ▶ Stone Mountain - walking trail
- ▶ Wade Walker - pavilion
- ▶ Shoal Creek
- ▶ Browns Mill Park - water feature
- ▶ N.H. Scott
- ▶ Brook Run - trails, nature
- ▶ Mason Mill - playground, trails, nature
- ▶ Dunwoody Nature Preserve - playground
- ▶ Dearborn Park - nature
- ▶ Panola Mountain
- ▶ Dog Parks

Proposed Option A



Proposed Option B



Voting - Polling on Concepts

- ▶ **Concept A or**
- ▶ **Concept B**

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Q&A