



Montgomery Parks



Carroll Knolls Local Park Renovation Project

Community Meeting #1 - December 5, 2017
Capitol-View Homewood Park Activity Building
7:00-9:00 PM



Welcome / Team Introductions

□ M-NCPPC (Montgomery Parks)

- Park Development Division
- Park Planning & Stewardship Division
- Park Management Staff - Southern Region
- Park Police



Tonight's Meeting

❖ Part 1 - Presentation:

- Project goals and background information
- Project Schedule
- Existing Park Conditions
- Existing Park Amenities

❖ Part 2 - Gather community input and preferences for the future renovation of the park:

- Potential new park amenities
- Discussion



Carroll Knolls Local Park





Park History



- ❖ 3.85 acre property
- ❖ Former site of the Montgomery College of Art and Design (MCAD).
- ❖ M-NCPPC acquired the property through the Legacy Open Space (LOS) program in 2012.
- ❖ The \$1.14 million acquisition provided a significant opportunity to increase access to public open space.
- ❖ Potential facilities identified for this park during the property acquisition, included a playground, youth-size athletic field, picnic areas, seating, community open space, wooded areas, and courts.



Park History

- ❖ Parks staff performed basic park improvements prior to officially opening the park in April 2014.





Project Purpose / Goals

- ❖ To develop a concept design for the renovation of Carroll Knolls Local Park, including a detailed cost estimate and preliminary permits.
- ❖ To create a memorable and unique open space that provides a flexible framework to support passive and active recreation and cultural activity needs.
 - The implementation of park improvements may occur in phases, based on available funding.



Project Schedule

- ❖ **Fall 2017** – Project Kick-off: Assess existing site conditions, opportunities, and preliminary park program.
- ❖ **December 2017** – Community Meeting #1 to gather input and preferences for the park.
- ❖ **Winter/Spring 2018** – Develop park renovation concept design alternatives based on input from the Community and Park Staff.
- ❖ **Spring 2018** – Community Meeting #2, review concept design alternatives and obtain input from the community.
- ❖ **Summer/Fall 2018** – Develop preferred park renovation concept based on community input, and develop cost estimate.
- ❖ **Fall 2018** – Planning Board Meeting

M-NCPPC Parks facilities within 1 mile radius of Carroll Knolls Park:



1 - EVANS PARKWAY
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

2 - GLEN HAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD
PARK

3 - WHEATON FOREST LOCAL
PARK

4 - WHEATON VETERAN'S URBAN
PARK

5 - SLIGO CREEK STREAM
VALLEY / SLIGO CREEK TRAIL

6 - SLIGO-DENNIS AVENUE
LOCAL PARK

7 - FOREST GROVE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

8 - GENERAL GETTY
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

9 - CAPITOL VIEW-HOMEWOOD
LOCAL PARK

10 - MCKENNEY HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

11 - CAPITOL VIEW OPEN SPACE
URBAN PARK

12 - FOREST GLEN
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK



Park's Immediate Context



Evans Parkway Neighborhood Park

- Renovation completed in 2014. Originally a 5-acre park, expanded to 7.42 acres, budget \$3,561,000

Park Facilities, include:

- Playground area
- Tennis courts (2)
- Basketball Half-court (2)
- Picnic Shelter
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Stream Restoration
- Open Space / Lawn Areas
- Gathering space / paved plaza
- Pathways - Loop Trail
- Native Plantings
- Public Artwork



Existing Park Conditions



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SITE CONTEXT



Existing Park Conditions



- **Steep Slopes**
(**>15%, >25%**)
 - **Wooded areas**
- No evidence of:**
- **Erodible Soils**
 - **Streams**
 - **Stream Buffer**
 - **100-year Floodplain**

**Non-Native
Invasive plant
removals.**

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



Carroll Knolls Park

Douglas Ave

Evans Dr

Evans Dr

Evans Dr

Evans Dr

Google









Existing Park Conditions



CIRCULATION & ACCESS - VEHICLES





Existing Park Conditions



Note:
Currently, there are no paved pathways into or within the park.

BUS STOP

CIRCULATION & ACCESS – PEDESTRIANS













Existing Park Conditions



TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE PATTERNS





Existing Park Conditions



EXISTING PARK AMENITIES









Preliminary Program



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EXISTING PARK AMENITIES



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POTENTIAL NEW PARK AMENITIES?



Preliminary Program



POTENTIAL NEW PARK AMENITIES*

- ✓ Playground
- ✓ Youth-size rectangular athletic field
- ✓ Sitting & Picnic Areas
- ✓ Community open space
- ✓ Courts
- ✓ Wooded areas
- ✓ Natural surface trails

*Identified during the 2012 property acquisition process.



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- 4) Name a park that you have visited that reflects your vision for Carroll Knolls Park?



Contact Information & Reminders

❖ THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

- ✓ Fill out the comments sheets and leave them on the table.
- ✓ Fill out contact information so that we can send you a notice for Community Meeting #2.

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