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Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation

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Hidden Creek
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Creek
Scarborough Square
Sherrington
To-Lani Farms
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Dear Commissioner Bradshaw,

We encourage you to allocate some of taxpayers' designated park funds to the 33-acre Hairston Park, near the intersection of Hairston and Mainstreet. This park is central to thousands of families in the area. It has beautiful natural features, but it needs an upgrade of family-friendly amenities.

We have collaborated with community residents to create a two-phase plan of improvements. Please see the attached document that illustrates our ideas and the cost of materials. The gazebo and playground costs come from vendors used by DeKalb County.

We look forward to hearing from you. If it appears likely that funds could be allocated, we will work closely with DeKalb County Parks and Recreation to solidify the plan.

Best regards,

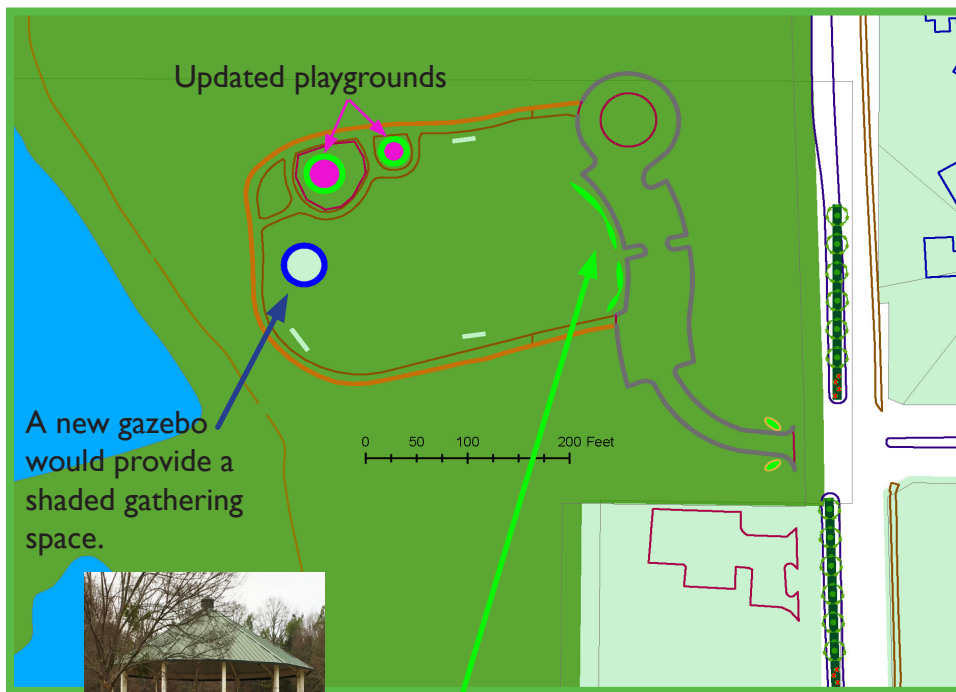
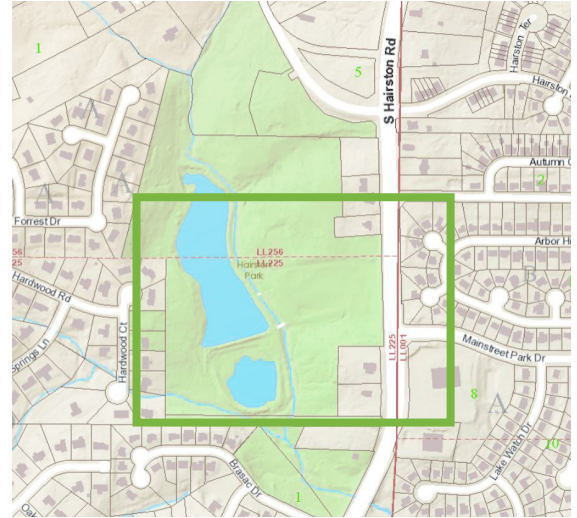
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Making Hairston Park More Family-Friendly

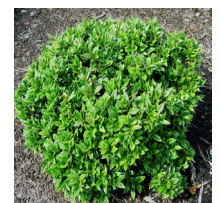
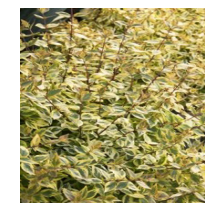
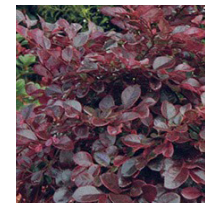
Hairston Park could be a family-friendly destination for DeKalb County residents. The 33-acre park needs attractive landscaping and a few amenities. This proposal suggests making a sound investment in the park to better serve thousands of families in the area.

Phase One, to occur in 2017, features a new gazebo with picnic tables for family gatherings, three park benches, and six garbage cans. In addition, landscape improvement will be made to draw people into the park.

Phase Two features an updated playground and path improvements.



Holly trees would line the median 200 feet on both sides of the entrance. The median end caps and corners of the entrance would have low, colorful shrubs.



A low wall of shrubs would separate the parking lot from the park. Short cement posts would protect the park from vehicles.

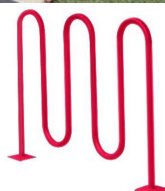
Phase One - 2017 Improvements

The centerpiece of the Hairston Park improvements is the gazebo. The 45-foot structure is modelled after the ones at Wade Walker park. Six picnic tables would be placed on the cement floor.

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The telephone poles that are haphazardly lying on the ground near the parking lot would be removed. A row of cement stanchions would separate the parking lot from the park. A four-foot hedge of hardy, colorful shrubbery, such as loropetulum, would create a green wall between the cars and park.

Holly trees and bushes would line the median for 200 feet on S. Hairston, on both sides of the park entrance. This would beautify this portion of S. Hairston and serve to draw people into the park. Flowering bushes would mark the corners of the entrance.



Phase One Park Amenities	Unit Cost	Price
45-foot gazebo on concrete pad, 10' sidewalk		\$36,000
3 metal park benches	\$600	\$1,800
6 metal 32-gallon garbage cans	\$650	\$1,950
6 picnic tables	\$800	\$4,800
2 grills	\$255	\$450
2 dog waste stations (bags)	\$200	\$400
30 bollards	\$180	\$5,400
12 Nellie Stevens Holly Trees	(DeKalb Tree Bank)	n/a
60 assorted shrubs	\$20	\$1,200
Total		\$52,000

Phase Two, to occur in 2018:

Update the playgrounds in the park.

Add rubber mulch, three new benches, two water fountains, and a bicycle rack to the play area. Patch and resurface the path as needed. Heavily prune and mulch the nature path around the lake. Fence in a 10'-30'-foot area for a doggie park.

Phase Two Park Amenities	Unit Cost	Price
Playground & swing set		\$80,000
3 metal benches	\$ 600	\$1,800
1 bicycle rack	\$450	\$450
2 water fountains	\$2,200	\$4,400
Dog Park Fence (10'x30')		\$3,500
Total		\$89,950

