

It's Easy to Get Involved!

To get involved with this project, all you need to do is choose your task (see list on back) — or develop your own project! GRU will furnish any materials or equipment you need for your project. If your project is selected, your group will simply supply the labor.

Ready to Get Started?

Submit a proposal to GRU describing your project in detail. Send it via e-mail or mail to:

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Attention: Greg Marzak or Louis Bergmann

Questions?

Contact Louis Bergmann or Greg Marzak at the phone number or e-mail address listed. They will be happy to speak to your organization and provide more details about the project.

You Can Help on These or Other Projects!

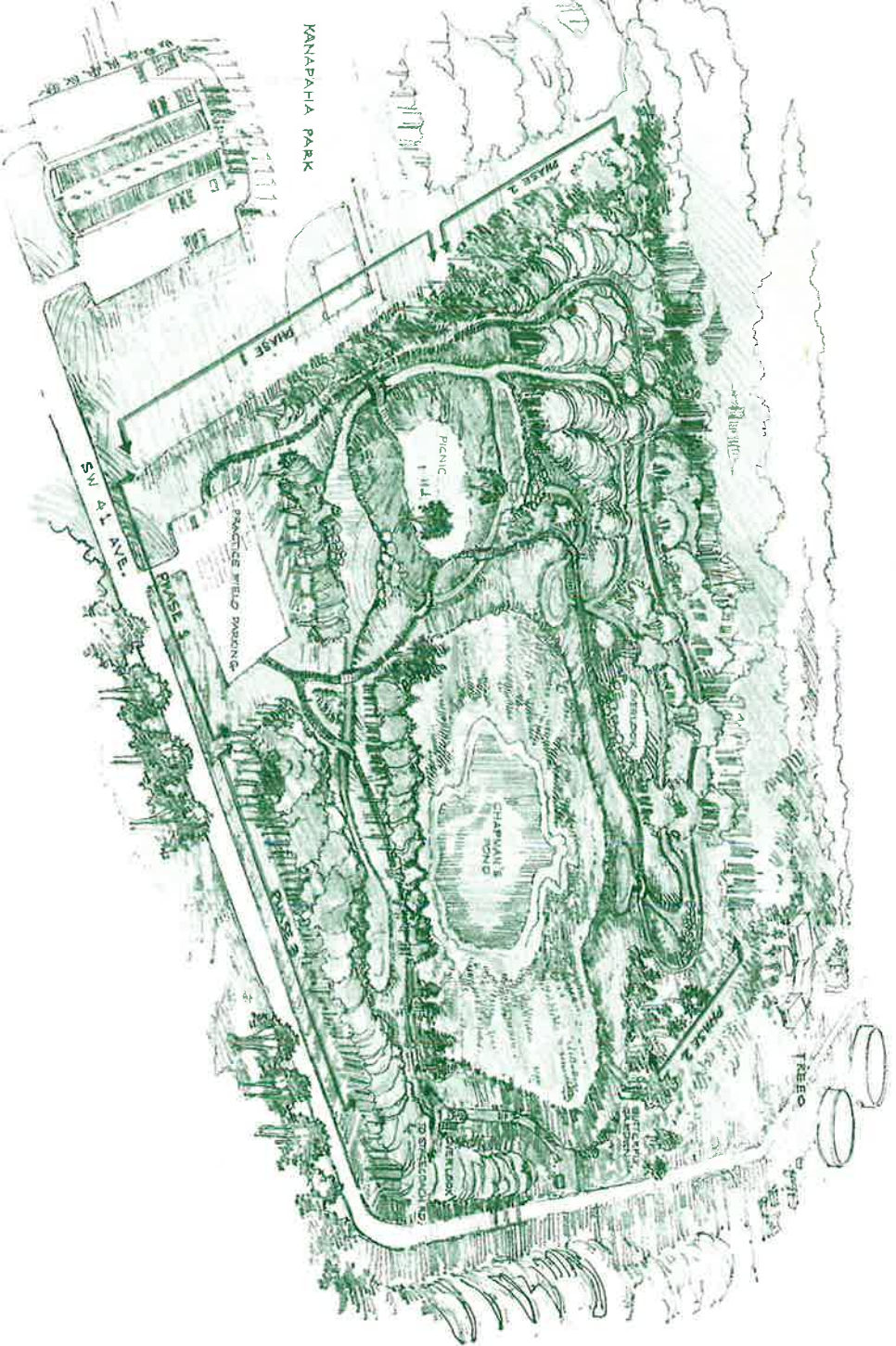
- Construct mulch trail for Phase 1
- Construct forest trail or footbridge
- Design landscaping plans for wet and dry areas
- Plant landscaping for wet and dry areas
- Move fallen limbs in swales and trails area
- Clean up forest in Phase 2 (remove trash and debris)
- Erect signs and graphic displays
- Construct and erect bat houses
- Construct and erect purple martin houses
- Construct and erect duck boxes
- Install decorative fences
- Construct osprey nest construction

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Your group can help create a new park for Gainesville!



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Picture This...

Nature trails gently winding among shallow ponds and creeks — all created using reclaimed water and designed for the citizens of our community.

Called Chapman's Pond Nature Trails, this park will be located between the Veterans Memorial Park and the Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility.

In 1997, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) worked with the Alachua County Audubon Society to construct the Chapman's Pond Bird Observatory. The Chapman's Pond Nature Trails project will complement that community resource by adding walking and jogging trails, picnic facilities and more. But we can't do it without your help. As a community-owned utility, we know it is important to include our neighbors in projects like this. That's why we're interested in involving you and your civic, school or community groups with finishing this project.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Chapman's Pond Nature Trails project?

The "Chapman's Pond Nature Trails" project is GRU's new community park currently under construction.

Along with shallow creeks and ponds supplied with reclaimed water, look for nature trails for walking, jogging and biking; a picnic area; a bird observation platform and enhanced habitat for wildlife.

GRU is committed to projects, like this nature park, that enrich our community while demonstrating the benefits of recycling water.

Reclaimed water is also provided to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens; the Veterans Memorial Park; Center for Training, Research and Education for Environmental Occupations (TREETO Center); Haile Plantation; and Kanapaha Middle School.

Where will Chapman's Pond Nature Trails be located? The Chapman's Pond Nature Trails project is being constructed off Tower Road behind the Veterans Memorial Park and Chapman's Pond Observatory on the western outskirts of Gainesville.

What is Chapman's Pond Observatory? A wildlife observatory created by GRU in cooperation with the Alachua County Audubon Society, Chapman's Pond Observatory is a beautiful and accessible wildlife observation site overlooking a holding pond near GRU's Kanapaha Water Reclamation Facility. The observation site is located atop a graduated 10-foot berm and consists of an informational kiosk and a permanent table with benches. More than fifty species of birds are known to frequent the area, which was dedicated to community use on November 16, 1997.

How will Chapman's Pond Nature Trails be constructed? Chapman's Pond Nature Trails is a multi-phased project. Phase 1 of the project is currently under construction. Further north on the property, Phase II will begin following completion of Phase I.

What will be included in each phase? Phase 1 will include irrigated fields — one designed for parking from events at the Veterans Memorial Park and the other designed for soccer and recreational activities. North of these fields, two ponds and two swales will be built, which will be surrounded by trails for jogging, biking and walking. There will also be a picnic area overlooking Chapman's Pond under big oak trees.

Further north on the property, Phase II will include nature trails, additional ponds and a bird observatory platform, being designed in cooperation with the local Audubon Society to overlook Chapman's Pond.

How deep will the ponds and creeks be? The shallow ponds and creeks will contain about 6 inches of reclaimed water. With this project, we expect to use