

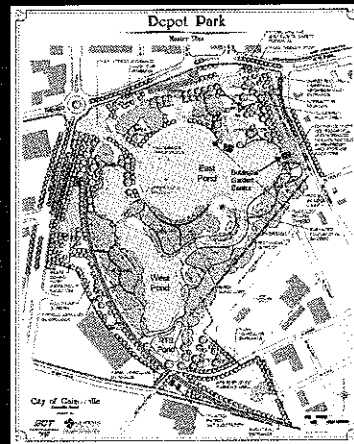
Depot Park Update

Gainesville City Commission
November 13, 2006

Park Concept

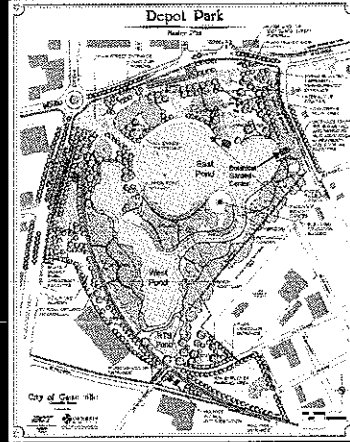
Created 2002 by Genesis Group
Accepted by City Commission
February 24, 2003

- Historic Depot Trail
- Depot Building
- Parking
- Waterside Promenade
- Amphitheater
- Play Area
- Trails – walking and biking
- Boardwalks
- Botanical Garden



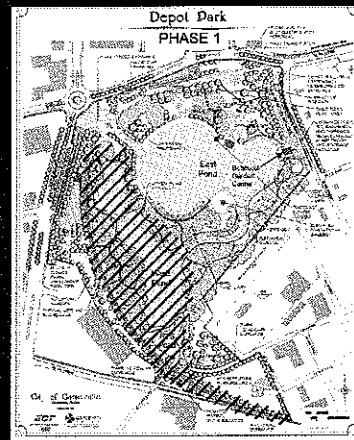
Park Benefits

- Manage and treat storm water
- Provide recreation area
- Support redevelopment
- Attract and retain residents downtown



Phase 1 Development (Funded)

- Groundbreaking 2/05
- West ponds finished 4/06
- Plantings
- Landscaping/trails



Phase 1 Development



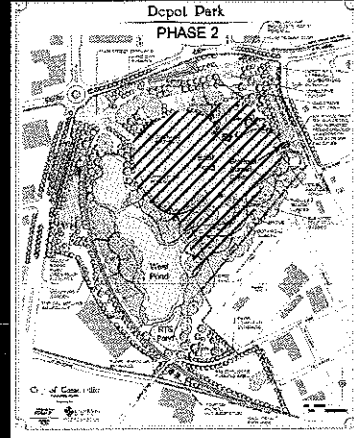
Phase 1 Additional Improvements

Landscaping and trails to be added



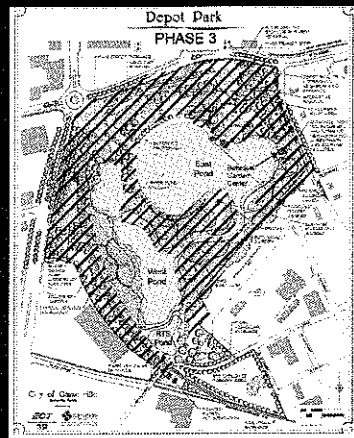
Phase 2 Development (Funded)

Phase 2 to start early 2008
Coal tar remediation
East pond
Stormwater system
Pond Plantings
Amphitheater grades
Funded by GRU and
Stormwater Management Utility



Phase 3 Recreation Elements

FUNDED \$700,000
Depot Park Trail
PARTIALLY FUNDED \$1.9 M
Historic Depot Trail \$2.8 M
Parking Facilities \$520,000
UN-FUNDED \$4.9 M
Promenade \$475,000
Amphitheater \$2.0 M possible
Childrens' Play Area \$130,000
Woodland Trail \$700,000
Wetland Trail \$860,000
Botanical Garden Center \$750,000 possible



Existing Funding for Recreation

UDAG: \$1,253,600 to be rec'd by end of 2013

Cap. Improvement Bonds: \$1,000,000

Recreational Trail Program grant: \$200,000

HUD EDI grant: \$148,800

Total funding = \$2,602,400

Future Recreation Funding

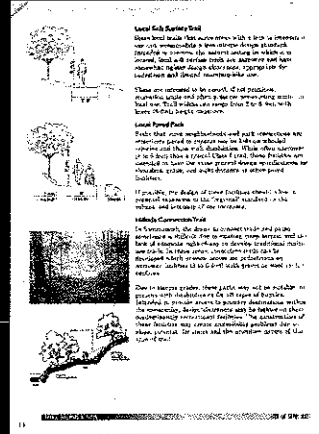
Gift Catalog

Grants

- FL Recreation Development Assistance Program
- HUD Economic Development Initiative
- Recreational Trails Program
- Cultural Facilities Grant

Design and Technical Standards

Identify materials and specifications
Consistent improvement over time

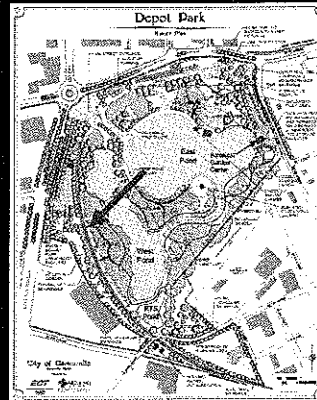


Depot Park Trail (Funded)



Estimated cost = \$700,000

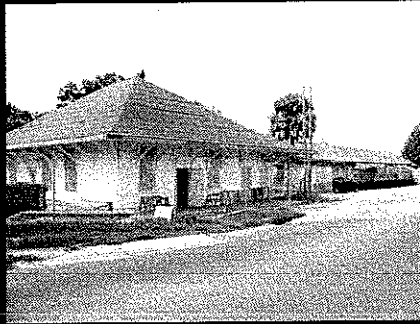
Funded by Recreational Trails Program grant,
HUD EDI, and city funds



Depot Building

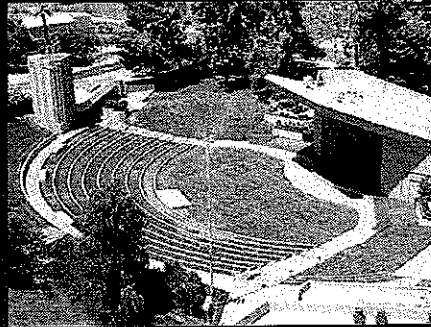
Historical context
proposal accepted by
SHPO

Usage to be determined
Area = 10,000 square
feet

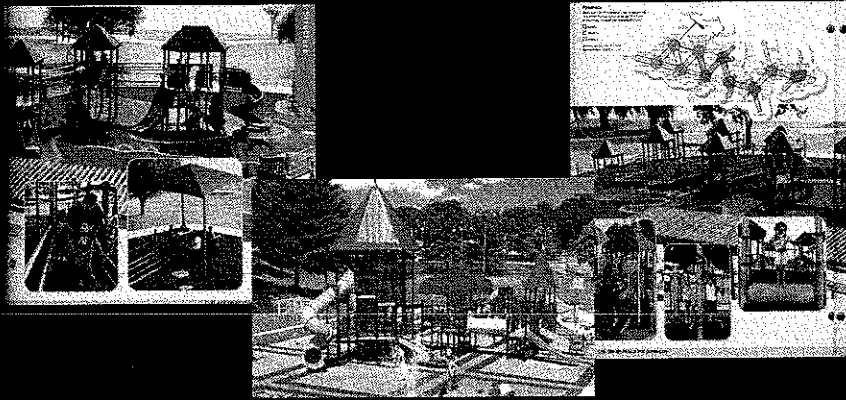


Amphitheater

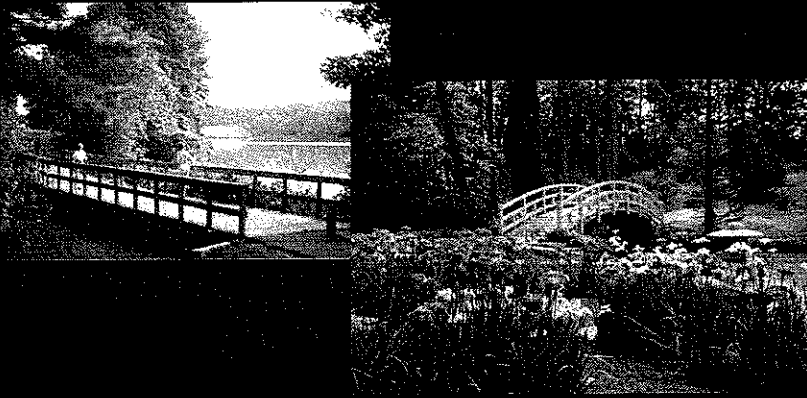
Initial grading part of
Phase 2 construction
plans
Showmobile as interim
stage
Future stage to be
fixed base
Capacity for 3000
possible



Accessible Play Structures



Bridges and Boardwalks

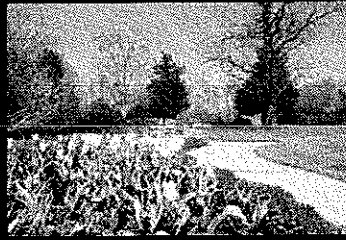


Botanical Garden Center

Garden welcome center

Ceremonial space

Conference



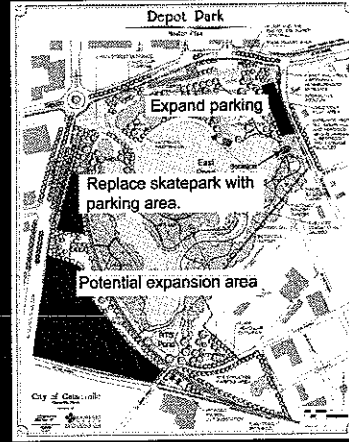
Missouri Botanical Garden Center

Paddleboats and Fountains



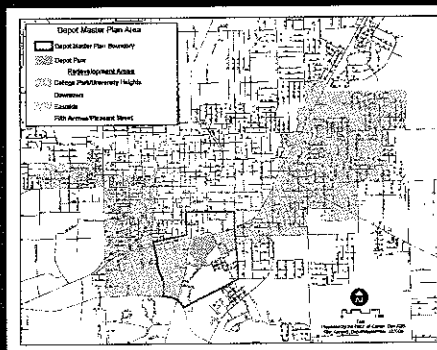
Concept – SPROUT Task Force Review

- Expand parking
- Skate park can be removed
- Explore park expansion in SW corner



Depot Neighborhood Master Plan

Planning project for areas surrounding the park



Park Development Timeline

- Phase 1 landscaping and trails 2007
- Depot Park Trail 2007
- Phase 2 pond finish mid-2009
- Phase 3 park construction start mid-2009

Recommendations

- Move forward on concept with changes
 - Remove skatepark and expand parking
 - Consider expansion on southwest corner
- Finish Phase I work in 2007
- Initiate discussion on Depot building uses for planning rehabilitation