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SWEETWATER PARK
CITY OF GAINESVILLE PARK

City Responsibility - Infrastructure
Matheson Museum Responsibility - Park Development & Landscaping

I. Accomplished goals thus far

A. Land acquisitions

1. City land along east & west side of Sweetwater Branch already owned
2. Matheson property easement to the City as part of the park
3. Sarah H. Matheson lot south of SE 1st Avenue
4. Lofton south of SE 2nd Avenue
5. Sun State lot bordering SE 4th Avenue at SW corner
6. Sun State donation of land along creek behind their fence

B. Landscape plan - Richard Berry with Bioscapes through a grant - responsibility of Matheson Museum

C. Engineering study of Sweetwater Branch

D. Road closings

1. SE 1st Avenue from federal building to SE 6th Street now Union Promenade
2. SE Boulevard moved from east of creek to west of creek, now SW Lane

E. Plantings

1. Matheson oaks
2. 30-40 other trees have already been planted thus far but have to be watered by truck

F. Park Grant

1. Concrete roadways from SE 2nd to 4th Avenue
2. Concrete trails meandering through the park for the Walk Through History
3. 15 metal benches and garbage cans

4. Appropriate signage
5. Playground, equipment and picnic tables south of SE 2nd Avenue
6. Walk Through History - 13 stations provided by Matheson Museum

G. Labeling machine for plants is being purchased

II. To Finish - Top Priority

- A. Appropriate lighting (part of infrastructure and City's responsibility); it is a big liability currently
- B. Sprinkler system (City responsibility; suggest hooking to City water supply now and later switching to recycled water when these lines are placed in 2-3 years)
- C. Full time staff gardener (City responsibility)
- D. Landscaping & planting (Matheson Museum responsibility)

III. To complete the park and make it the showcase it can be

- A. Courtyard facing University Avenue through possible grant
- B. Bridge facade throughout the park to make it a beautifully landscaped property, hopefully through a grant
- C. The terminus of the park at GRU and Depot on the south side and entrance of Sweetwater Park north and Duckpond area
- D. Connector to Boulware Springs
- E. Add Alachua County & Gainesville map on the ground 60 x 60' size (Matheson Museum responsibility)
- F. A wall of 23 symbols of Gainesville & Alachua County (Matheson Museum responsibility)