



DISCUSSION REGARDING BUCKWALTER PLACE PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS EVICORE PARK

Presentation to Town Council - Workshop
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Background



- The Town purchased the park from EviCore on 9/28/22. The Town's purchase of the EviCore park supports the Strategic Plan Guiding Principle 4 to support initiatives and evaluate community policies, programs, gathering places, and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our diverse citizenry.
- Improvement Phases
 - Phase 1 – Conceptual Master Plan, initial landscape upgrades and sign update in FY24.
 - Phase 2 – Hardscape and landscape improvements in FY25 to enhance citizen experience with addition of elements discussed during the Workshop.

Goals and Principals



Comfort & Safety

Provide shade and areas of respite during hot and humid months. Maintain open visibility of the park during hour of operation.

Improvements to overall lighting, restroom capacity, water fountains and overhead canopy.

Access & Inclusion

Add additional pedestrian connections and signage to ensure residents and visitors know this is a Town of Bluffton Park open to the public.

Simply Maintenance

Reduce plan bed areas, supplement with plants that will thrive with little maintenance.

Current Conditions Aerial



Missing sidewalk connections

Lack of shade in all areas

Single restrooms

Overstressed trees

Extensive landscape to maintain

Current Conditions Amenities



Conceptual Master Plan – Option 1



CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN - OPTION 1

LEGEND

- A** Corecore Entry Plaza:
Redesigned Paver Plaza to align with proposed sidewalk, Raised Planters & Entry Arbor
- B** Radial Seating Node:
Raised Radial Brick Planter, Curved Shade Trellis with Seating
- C** Added Sidewalk Connection (5' Wide)
- D** Reduced Plant Bed Area & Expand Lawn
- E** Upgraded Plantings at Entrance
- F** Seating Node with Art Sculpture
- G** Sunken Art Room:
Retaining Wall with Built-in IPE Bench, (5) Stone Art Bases Surrounded by Gravel
- H** Re-purposed Bluffton Community Sign
- I** Double-sided Pavilion Renovated For Events:
Serves Great Lawn & Amphitheater, Upgraded Restrooms, Locate AED, Concealed Trash & Recycling, and Retractable Awnings for both sides
- J** Innovation Entry Plaza:
Expanded Entry, Double Gate, Raised Planters Signature Shade Sail System complete with fans, water misters, and lighting. Large Paver Plaza with movable furniture
- K** Outdoor Fitness Circuit w/ Low-Impact Surface
- L** Refrigerated Water Fountain (ADA, Bottle, Dog) Trellis Swings (6)
- M** New Entry at Corner with Seating Area & Naturalized Plantings with Native Grasses, Pines, Accent Trees & Oaks.
- N** Great Lawn: Defined with Existing Loropetalum hedge to be supplemented as needed, with tightly Spaced Palm Trees and Cordgrass
- O** Raised Crosswalk / Major Pedestrian Connection
- P** Overall - Simplify bed lines, expand lawn areas wherever possible and add Shade Trees where appropriate.



Conceptual Master Plan – Option 2



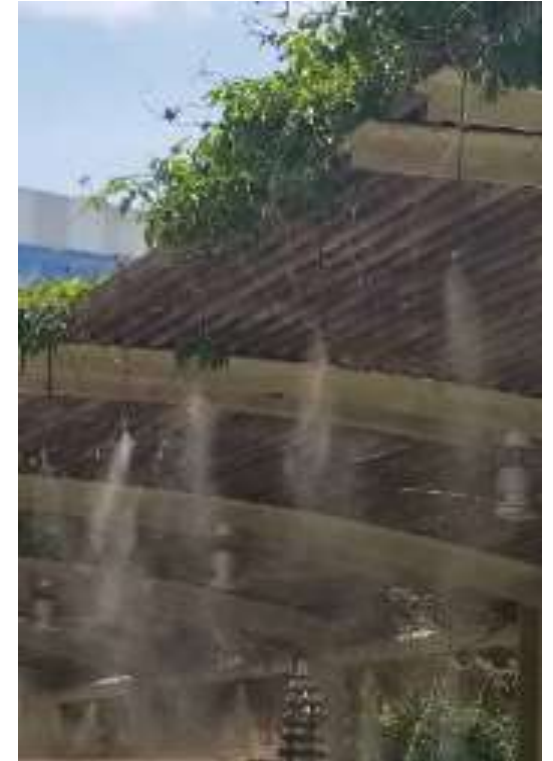
CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN - OPTION 2

LEGEND

- A** Carecore Entry Plaza:
Redesigned Paver Plaza to align with proposed sidewalk, Raised Planters & Entry Arbor
- B** Interactive Water Fountain
- C** Added Sidewalk Connection (5' Wide)
- D** Reduced Plant Bed Area & Expand Lawn
- E** Upgraded Plantings at Entrance
- F** Seating Node with Art Sculpture & Shade Sails
- G** Sunken Art Room:
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- J** Innovation Entry Plaza:
Expanded with (2) Flanking Pavilions [±25'x30']
Each equipped to have fans, water misters, and lighting
- K** Outdoor Fitness Circuit w/ Low-Impact Surface
Refrigerated Water Fountain (ADA, Bottle, Dog)
- L** Trellis Swings (6)
- M** New Entry at Corner with Seating Area & Naturalized Plantings with Native Grasses, Pines, Accent Trees, Oaks, & Shade Sails
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Next Steps



- Finalize proposed program elements from workshop.
- Complete Bid Documents for Phase 1 landscape enhancements.
- Finalize Master Plan Phase 2.
- Implement phased hardscape and additional landscape improvements.



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



Staff Questions

- Do the restrooms need to be enlarged?
- Do you want a splash pad or interactive fountain?
- Pavilion or shade sails?
- Exercise stations?
- Public Art?