
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Brent Walker

Date: 3/14/2011

Subject: **Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Approval**

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Staff recommends approving the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan as submitted

BACKGROUND

With the acquisitions of six park properties from DeKalb County in June of 2010 the City identified a need to create a Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. On September 27, 2010, City Council approved the award of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to Lose and Associates.

The Master Plan has been developed based on an evaluation of the existing park conditions, assessment of the City's future park needs, benchmarking against other local government park systems and an extensive public involvement process. Public input was gathered through interviews, public meetings, focus group meetings, an open web-based survey and a statistically valid mail survey sent out to 2500 Dunwoody residents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Creating this master plan will provide long-range guidance to the City of Dunwoody on park redevelopment, possible land acquisitions for future park space, staffing options, revenue sources and maintenance plans. Staff respectfully requests that Council approve the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and authorize staff to take the appropriate actions necessary to complete the plan