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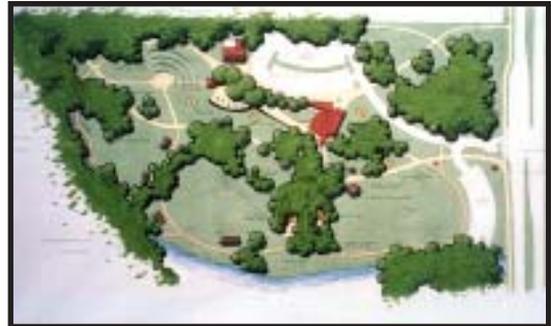


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East Cobb Park will include Arts Center

The jB+a Park Design Studio is working with the Parks and Cultural Affairs Department of Cobb County and a grass-roots citizens group, the Friends of East Cobb Park, to develop a park that combines environmental education facilities with a center for the art education. The majority of the park site is located in wetland or floodplain in an environmentally diverse setting. The purpose of the park and arts center is to link the artist facilities with outdoor spaces to inspire park visitors and artists alike. The passive park facility program includes the arts center, sculpture garden, performance stage, wetland interpretive trails, playgrounds and open meadows.

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East Cobb Park will include picnic areas, trails and open meadows as well as an arts center and outdoor learning spaces.



Tree Farm will enhance newly acquired Lenora Park acreage

Gwinnett County has added about 94 acres to Lenora Park to create a 178-acre park that is being master planned by the jB+a Park Design Studio. The character of the parks' equestrian landscape is being extended to the new acreage with open green space and trails as well as a number of new primary facilities. An area of the new acreage for the park includes a tree nursery from which trees will be transplanted throughout the park site. Many of the trees in the farm will remain in place to form a tree grove adjacent to one of the new picnic and playground areas in the park, which will create a unique landscape setting for picnics and gatherings. The first phase facilities include a family aquatics complex, a community center, a football complex and an expanded multi-use trail system. Other elements of the plan include a skate park, a dog park, tennis courts and a four-field soccer complex.

This new plan for Lenora Park includes a skate park, a soccer complex, a dog park area and many new passive recreation spaces including open fields, picnic facilities, playgrounds and trail improvements.

Greenway Plans for Bryson City

jB+a is working with Swain County in North Carolina to develop plans for a riverfront in Bryson City, the county seat, that links into a greenway system from Fontana Lake toward Cherokee, NC. Bryson City is bisected by the Tuckasee River which passes through Swain County along the edge of the Smokey Mountain National Park.

The purpose of the greenway is to link the downtown business district to the area's many cultural, historic, environmental and recreation amenities. The project will be developed in phases and will include access into the National Park, connections to a regional bikeway system and links to Fontana Lake.

GRPA Park Planning and Design Section

The Park Planning and Design Section of the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) has elected new officers. They are Rex Schuder of Gwinnett County--Chairman, Andrea Meyers of Fulton County--Vice Chair, Maureen Gresham of ARCADIS--Secretary, and Steve Provost of jB+a Park Design Studio--Treasurer.

Our current effort is to determine the level of system-wide park planning that is in place throughout the state and to assist communities that need it in preparing to develop system-wide park plans. For information call Section Secretary Maureen Gresham, at 770.431.8666.

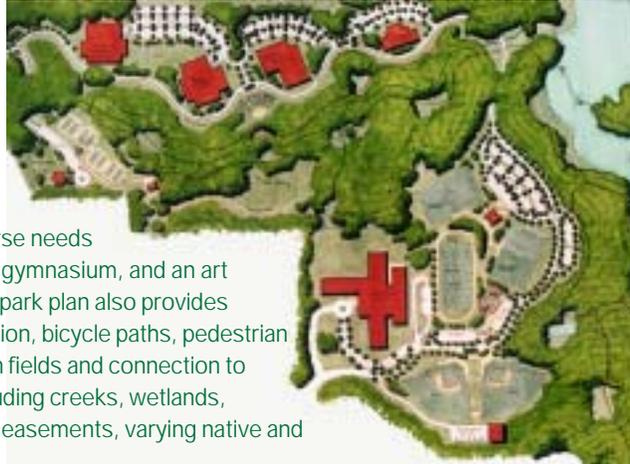
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Roswell's Big Creek Park Provides Activities for All,

Nearly 400 acres of new park land, divided between four sites, was planned by jB+a Park Design Studio for the City of Roswell. One of them is the 160-acre park on Big Creek which serves the community of east Roswell, Georgia. jB+a worked with the Roswell community and the Recreation and Park Department to Master Plan the recreation, cultural and environmental expectations and needs of the community. The park design serves the diverse needs of the community by including an indoor aquatic center, a gymnasium, and an art center, as well as baseball, softball and soccer fields. The park plan also provides passive recreation facilities including environmental education, bicycle paths, pedestrian trails, rock climbing walls, BMX trails, picnic facilities, open fields and connection to Big Creek Greenway. The site has a varied landscape including creeks, wetlands, floodplain, changing topography, rock outcroppings, utility easements, varying native and invasive vegetation, environmental buffers, setbacks and easement limitations.



Website Launch

jB+a is proud to announce that we have recently launched our Park Design Studio website at www.parkdesignstudio.com. Please visit our site and tell us what you think.

NRPA Southern Regional Conference

The jB+a Park Design Studio participated in the 2002 NRPA Southern Regional Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. It was great meeting with the park professionals throughout the region and catching up on what everyone is working on.

We look forward to seeing you again at the next conference!

The jB+a Park Design Studio created a park plan for Cobb County that commemorates the trolley that linked Atlanta with the City of Marietta. The park is located on the only remaining section of trolley line corridor that hasn't been developed since the trolleys stopped operating in the 1940s.

Historic Corridor Park Interprets Trolley Line



Trolleys like this one ran between Marietta and Atlanta.

Photo by Arthur Ferguson

This long narrow strip of land is transformed to create the image of the trolley line while telling the rich history of the trolley line with interpretive signs, reproductions of the trolley stop pavilions and a representation of the rails and its route embedded into the walkways.

This is a historic interpretive park that also provides walking paths, a trolley car play feature, benches, fountains and landscaping. The walking paths in the park also link to a larger community-wide system of paths, to the residential areas and to adjacent commercial developments.

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