CANDLER PARK VISION PLAN

Atlanta’s natural place to play
The Candler Park Vision Plan is a living document.

It’s part of a dynamic, ongoing conversation between all stakeholders about the future of the park.
Located in an in-town neighborhood, Candler Park is situated at a nexus of a larger open space network in the city of Atlanta -- connecting the historic Olmsted Linear Park to Freedom Park and the BeltLine Eastside Trail.
CANDLER PARK: A CAPTIVE BEAUTY

With its blend of recreation elements and native Piedmont environments, the park represents almost a century of Atlanta history, from organic settlements to a grassroots stream reclamation project.
CANDLER PARK TODAY: A HIDDEN GEM

Current conditions highlight both panoramic vistas for children, golfers, bird watchers, and festival-goers as well as opportunities to improve drainage and infrastructure.
ACCESS + CHARACTER The park offers ample recreation opportunities and points of access for varying types of users. However, poor conditions exist for bicycle and pedestrian mobility and connections.
EDGES + VISIBILITY

Topographic elevation changes and vegetation limit site visibility along the park’s perimeter.
STEEP SLOPES + EROSION  Across the park, steep grades present opportunities for unique design solutions that resolve issues of erosion control and site access.
STORMWATER CORRIDORS  As an extension of Lulwater Creek, the park’s stormwater flow speaks to the immediate need to address and alleviate drainage problems, particularly at the existing playground.
OVERLAPPING HABITATS  The park’s overlapping riparian, cultural and vegetative habitats identify key areas for interaction, guiding the development of an integrated design for the community.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to neighborhood masterplan studies and a strategic sustainability framework, a community workshop was held in October 2015 to identify dream projects, park zoning, and near-term goals.
Visioning Workshop

Building on previous community and conservancy visioning, a workshop with the design team helped set a clear direction for the project by establishing goals and priorities through visual listening and case studies.
As Atlanta’s natural place to play, Candler Park will inspire, captivate and connect people to one another and their environment.

Open entire park to a broader range of users, while protecting the natural environment.

Integrate environmental sustainability measures throughout the park.

Celebrate Candler Park’s rich history and community character.

Incorporate natural play throughout the park.

Develop educational opportunities within the park.

A VISION FOR CANDLER PARK  Project goals and a clear vision statement were crafted as a result and synthesis of the community engagement and visioning workshop to set the overall tone for a holistic, forward-thinking vision plan.
Recognizing the beauty in the wild, untamed landscape and the community interest in wanting to engage with it -- through education, contemplation, and above all, play -- became the overarching theme for the vision plan.
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The diverse uses of the park are knit together with a looped pedestrian circulation system and common theme.
The vision plan makes critical connections and provides new gateways into Candler Park, it creates a rich, dynamic experience through overlapping habitat, inspired program, and a celebration of the cultural landscape.
A BROAD SPECTRUM OF HABITAT + ACTIVITY

Candler Park’s dynamic landscape with over 100 feet of elevation change, provides a canvas for unique experience across a broad spectrum of programmatic themes - (see section locations on previous page).
As Atlanta’s natural place to play, Candler Park will become a dynamic, inspiring gathering place...
where people of all ages can engage with the natural habitat...
...celebrate its rich history, and embrace a sustainable future for the park.
CONTRIBUTE:

Are you a golfer, festival goer, nearby resident, international traveler, festival vendor or planner, naturalist, basketball player, child, grownup, teenager, swimmer, sunbather, soccer player, ultimate player, kickball player, boot camper, bench sitter, dog walker, people watcher, kite flyer, book reader, phone yakker, or tree-hugger?

If so (or if you’re anything else), we want your input!

Go to canderparkconservancy.org to find out how you can contribute to the conservation and get involved today!