



John Chavis Memorial Park

REVISED MASTER PLAN 2014

WELCOME!

Today is the second Public Forum for the Chavis Park Community Conversation. The purpose of today's meeting is to:

- Share the draft concept plan and recommendations for public input
- Gather additional ideas to incorporate into the final Master Plan

AGENDA

6:30pm - Doors open

6:40pm - Overview
Presentation

7:00pm - Visit stations
(see last page)

8:15pm - Q&A

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP GROUP

The master planning process has been guided by a 16 member Public Leadership Group (PLG). The PLG members were selected to include a diverse representation of interests and stakeholder groups reflecting the diversity of residents and users within the park's 2-mile service radius and broader, regional historical focus.

The purpose of the PLG is to build community ownership, guide the process, and build consensus on recommendations for a revised master plan for John Chavis Memorial Park. The PLG has been meeting regularly since October 2012 to develop draft master plan recommendations. PLG meetings have also included an ongoing series of speakers and exercises to explore options for honoring the past and the significance of the park to the African American community.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The draft Revised Master Plan for John Chavis Memorial Park includes a vision statement, a concept plan and set of recommended priorities to guide upgrades, investments and programming in the near-term and into the future. The vision statement and draft concept plan are on the following pages. The draft recommendations are available at the stations during the public forum. Copies of the draft master plan can also be found at:

- Project website: <http://chavisconversation.skeo.com/>
- City of Raleigh website: www.RaleighNC.gov. Search for John Chavis Master Plan
- Front desk of the following facilities: John Chavis Community Center, John P. 'Top' Greene Center, Frank Evans Building at Jaycee Park, Five Points Active Adult Center, Anne Gordon Active Adult Center at Millbrook Park
- Richard B. Harrison Library
- Southgate Community Library

Public Leadership Group

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Gretchel Carter-Hinton
Eyvonne Dailey
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Please submit comments by December 17! (see last page for details)

CHAVIS PARK COMMUNITY CONVERSATION PUBLIC FORUM - REVISED MASTER PLAN

Vision Statement To guide the Master Plan Revision, the PLG developed the following vision statement:

“John Chavis Memorial Park is a vibrant community center, downtown attraction and regional destination. The park celebrates the rich history, culture and arts of the surrounding neighborhoods and the City of Raleigh, and offers wonderful public recreation opportunities, event spaces and programs that foster community life. A place of pride and profound remembrance, the park celebrates the life and work of educator John Chavis, recognizes the community’s contribution to World War II, and honors the significance of the park’s history to the African American community during and following segregation.

John Chavis Memorial Park will always offer a safe and welcoming gathering space where family and friends of all cultures come to play, relax, learn and celebrate the big events and small, meaningful moments of life. The park grounds provide a beautiful, clean and refreshing refuge, with access to nature and an expansive view of the downtown Raleigh skyline. Park features and programs promote fitness, health and wellness by offering a range of recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities. Just a few steps from downtown, the park is always full of activity, inspired by innovative programming that is interactive, fun and dynamic.”

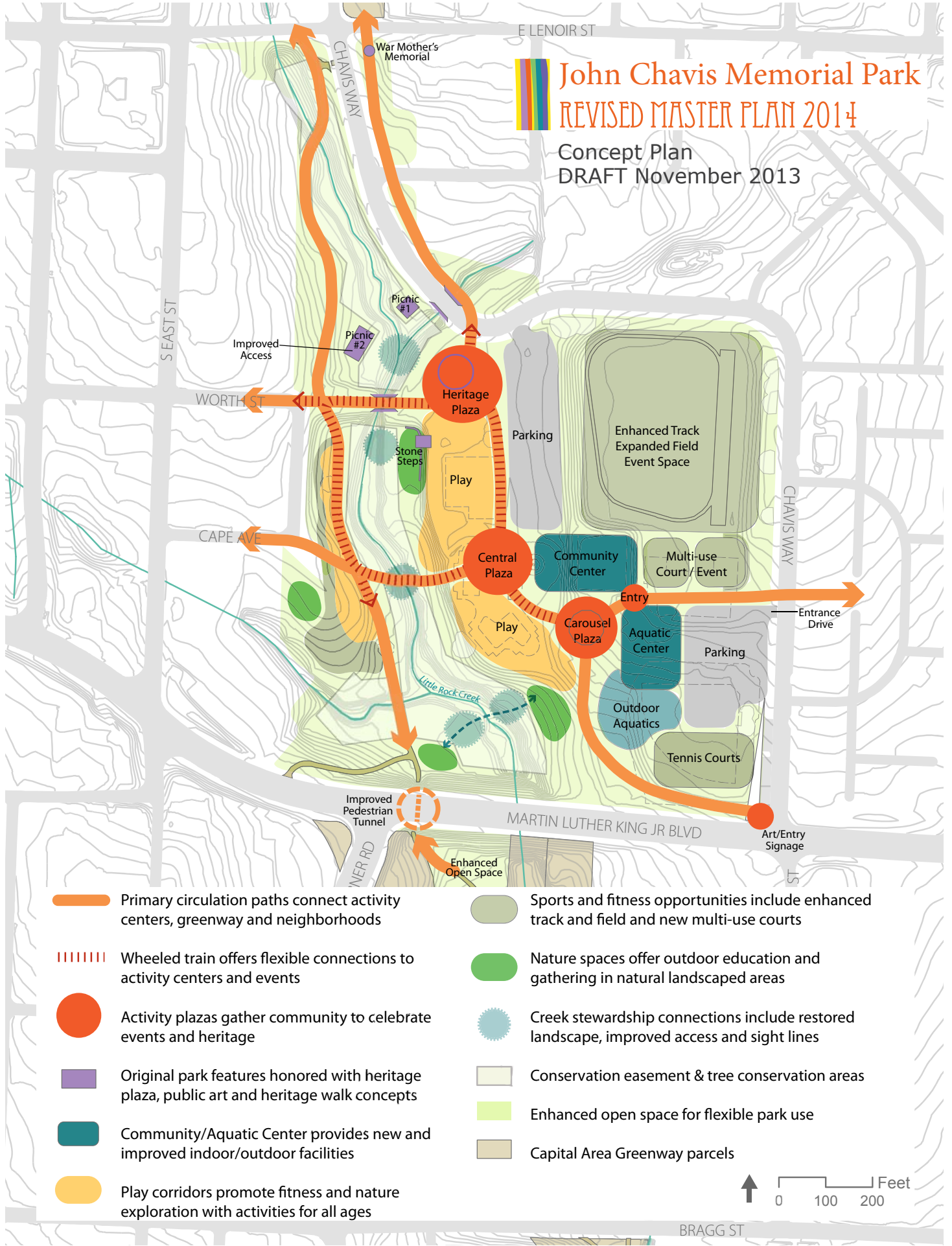
Master Plan Goals The Revised Master Plan calls for a comprehensive transformation and revitalization of John Chavis Memorial Park guided by the following goals.

- Honor the life and work of John Chavis, the community’s contribution to World War II and the significance of the park’s history to the African American community.
- Replace the pool and Community Center with a larger, enhanced co-located Aquatic Center and Community Center.
- Expand sports and fitness opportunities to include new multi-use courts, tennis courts, and an enhanced track and field.
- Replace playground with a range of built and natural play features for all ages integrated in a connected play corridor and throughout the park.
- Increase connectivity to and throughout the park.
- Increase creek access, visibility and environmental educational opportunities.
- Incorporate basic amenities into future improvements.
- Support community events and gatherings by incorporating flexible event facilities, spaces and utilities into future park improvements.
- Promote sustainability in park design and maintenance to create a beautiful, clean, safe and welcoming environment.

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Concept Plan
DRAFT November 2013



- Primary circulation paths connect activity centers, greenway and neighborhoods
- Wheeled train offers flexible connections to activity centers and events
- Activity plazas gather community to celebrate events and heritage
- Original park features honored with heritage plaza, public art and heritage walk concepts
- Community/Aquatic Center provides new and improved indoor/outdoor facilities
- Play corridors promote fitness and nature exploration with activities for all ages

- Sports and fitness opportunities include enhanced track and field and new multi-use courts
- Nature spaces offer outdoor education and gathering in natural landscaped areas
- Creek stewardship connections include restored landscape, improved access and sight lines
- Conservation easement & tree conservation areas
- Enhanced open space for flexible park use
- Capital Area Greenway parcels



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STATIONS

Please visit each of the stations outlined below to provide your input! Visit all five stations and have your ticket stamped to receive a prize! Return completed ticket at the Welcome Table.

Handouts and project materials are available at the Welcome Table. Comment cards are also available for submission of written comments.

Honoring the Past

“What stories and events are important to honor at the Heritage Plaza?”

“Vote for your favorite idea for reusing the original carousel building.”

Recreation (Sports and Play)

“What would you like to see in the fitness zones for youth and adults?”

“Vote for your favorite idea for amusements”

Circulation and Creek Stewardship

“Where would you like the wheeled train to go? Which type of train?”

“Vote for which vegetation management strategy you would like to see more of.”

Aquatic/Community Centers

“Vote for which elements are most important to include in a new Aquatics Center and Community Center.”

“Is anything important missing from list of features to be included?”

Concept Plan and model

“Where could creek vegetation be thinned or removed to open views?”

“Prioritize major improvements for phasing.”

“Arrange play features within play areas”

Children are also invited to join the Kid’s Table to share their ideas!

WHAT’S NEXT

Dec:	Public Forum
Jan-Feb:	PLG incorporates public input
Mar/Apr:	Parks Board reviews Master Plan
May:	City Council reviews Master Plan
May:	Community Celebration
Spring:	begin Schematic Design



A public kickoff forum was held in August 2012 to share initial goals and ideas. At the April 2013 Carousel rededication, the PLG shared a draft vision statement for public input.

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YOUR COMMENTS MATTER!

Please submit comments to Emily Ander by **December 17, 2013**

Comments can be emailed, mailed or called in.

