JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST MASTER PLAN

MASTER PLAN PURPOSE

To guide future development within the Forest for outdoor recreation, resource protection, and environmental education.

MASTER PLAN GOALS

Enhance Visitor Experience
• Establish conceptual designs for Forest amenities
• Prepare design schemes for visitor use areas
• Address forest access, gateway/entrance, and way-finding

Improve Operational Efficiency
• Explore park expansion for better connectivity and cohesiveness
• Promote resource protection, restoration, and biological diversity
• Identify optional location and physical components for environmental learning center

Increase Revenue Opportunities
• Address fee based and non-fee based programs, services, and facilities
• Find examples of successful fee-based (nature preserve) operations and facilities
• Explore potential for new or expanded revenue generators like lodging, conferencing, etc.

Define role of Jefferson Memorial Forest within the Community
• Significance as a natural resource and place within the park and open space system
• Uses and activities appropriate for preserving and enhancing forest ecology
• Internal and external education programs
• Relationship to Fairdale and larger Louisville community
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Planning Process

Task A
Project Initiation & Site Reconnaissance

• Hold kick-off meeting with Metro Parks
• Confirm project goals and objectives with Metro Parks
• Clarify process for stakeholder coordination and public involvement
• Refine project schedule
• Conduct site reconnaissance of forest preserve

Task B
Data Gathering & Review of Existing Conditions

• Assemble map data—land use, ownership, roads, trails, terrain features, utilities, etc. (GIS format) – making use of a LOJIC digital basemap
• Collect and review relevant reports and studies—1995 Forest Management Plan and maps, transportation studies, resource assessments, comprehensive land use plans, neighborhood plans, etc.
• Collect data on adjacent network of open space and park lands
• Review existing vehicular, pedestrian and equestrian circulation
• Assess existing utility infrastructure
• Identify/assess natural resources & systems, including wildlife corridors
• Inventory historic and cultural resources
• Assess current safety and security
• Evaluate scenic quality, viewsheds, and major viewpoints
• Inventory existing buildings
• Review findings with Metro Parks and community

Task C
Determine Forest Needs & Requirements

• Review recommendations of ‘95 Forest Resource Management Plan
• Conduct forest user surveys
• Confirm general requirements for activity areas and forest amenities
• With Metro Parks, determine general requirements for education programs, visitor activity areas, circulation and way-finding, utilities, maintenance, safety and security, etc.
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PLANNING PROCESS

TASK C (CONTINUED)

• Identify opportunities for increasing revenue
• Identify examples and models for environmental education programs and facilities
• Clarify objectives and identify opportunities to improve ecological function, wildlife habitat connectivity, and park expansion
• Explore ways to express and interpret historic and cultural heritage
• Outline goals to preserve visual character and aesthetics
• Prepare site suitability analysis—places to preserve, restore, expand
• Review material with Metro Parks and Steering Committee

TASK D
FOREST MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

• Develop two to three alternative schemes showing general layout for proposed circulation, facilities siting, utility infrastructure, preservation and restoration areas, park expansion, wildlife connectivity, and 100-mile Loop Trail connections
• Review alternatives with Metro Parks and select preferred scheme
• Based on preferred overall land use scheme, develop refined design guidelines and concepts for:
  - new visitor facilities and activity areas, including education facilities
  - neighborhood connections and integration
  - utility infrastructure
  - roads, walks, parking, including 100-mile Loop Trail and connections
  - protection/management/restoration of natural areas, including wildlife linkages
  - overall design aesthetics
• Conduct workshop with Metro Parks and Steering Committee to review design concepts and receive input and comments
• Generate construction cost opinion and determine phasing options
• Refine design concepts and overall master plan based on review comments
• Present overall master plan and design concepts to greater community to obtain feedback and comments
• Synthesize comments into final master plan and design concepts; present compiled document to Metro Parks
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Vision Statement from 1995 Resource Management Plan

“to promote awareness of natural resources through quality programs, facilities, and recreational opportunities; and to continue the augmentation and protection of forest lands and resources for the citizens of Jefferson County.”
## Jefferson Memorial Forest Master Plan

### Project Schedule

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*Meetings/workshops with Metro Parks & Steering Committee*

Approx. 8 Months Total