Greenfield Terrace Park Master Plan

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I. INTRODUCTION

Greenfield Terrace Park is a 25 acre park in the northeastern section of Greenville, North Carolina. City records indicate that 2.07 acres of land north of the Greenfield Terrace subdivision was deeded to the City of Greenville in 2001, by Eldridge R. Lewis for the sole purpose of establishing a park. After the construction of a picnic shelter, playground area and basketball court, the park was dedicated in 2001.

In 2004, Mr. Lewis donated an additional 23.18 acres for park improvements and expansion. Soon after, construction began on the Barnes-Ebron-Taft Building, a 3,102 square foot enclosed shelter. In addition, a gravel drive and parking lot was constructed in 2005 to complete the park improvements. There was never a park master plan developed and there have not been any major renovations to the park since.

A vocal neighborhood and considerable use of the park facilities at Greenfield Terrace Park indicated in the need for significant park improvements. Consequently, in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, City Council approved the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding for some minor park improvements.

With the approved funding, the following park improvements were implemented:

- Basketball Court Renovations
- New Asphalt Trail
- Picnic Shelter Improvements
- Playground Area Improvements

2001 Aerial View of Greenfield Terrace Park

Park Needs (Capital Needs Assessment)

The City of Greenville Comprehensive Recreation and Parks Master Plan, which was adopted in 2008, recommended the Recreation and Parks Department conduct a study at Greenfield Terrace Park to ensure the community needs were being met. In addition to that, staff conducted a system-wide Capital Needs Assessment in 2009, and found that while Greenfield Terrace Park is somewhat functional as a neighborhood park, it does not address the ever-growing need for park facilities in the surrounding community.

The park sits on 25 acres, which is characteristic of a community park, according to National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards. However, Greenfield Terrace Park, having only 5 developed acres, functions as a neighborhood park. Characteristic of a typical neighborhood park, Greenfield Terrace Park offers the following amenities:

Basketball Court
Picnic Shelter
Walking Trail
Playground
Informal Sports Field
Enclosed Shelter

The Capital Needs Assessment revealed that improvements are needed to address underserved neighborhoods in the surrounding area. To meet the growing needs, staff recommended the remaining 20 acres be developed with additional amenities.

Greenfield Terrace park in 2011

Master Plan Purpose

As the Recreation and Parks Department plans for future development, space relationships and logical sequencing of development must be considered to ensure effective growth. A park master plan is needed for the strategic implementation of park improvements recommended in the Capital Needs Assessment Report.

The goal of the Greenfield Terrace Master Plan is to assure the implementation of park improvements are addressed in a responsible and logical manner and ultimately converting the existing neighborhood park into a community park that will serve the surrounding communities in northeastern Greenville.

Greenfield Terrace Park Storm Drainage Ditch