Agenda Regular Work Session of the Mayor and Council City of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia September 30, 2021 / 6:00 p.m.

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Discussion Items

- 1. Hutcheson Ferry Park Nature Trail Proposal Roland Alston
- 2. Council Meeting Agenda Review
- 3. Solid Waste Issue Councilmember Searle

Mayor and Council Comments and Updates

Mayor, City Council

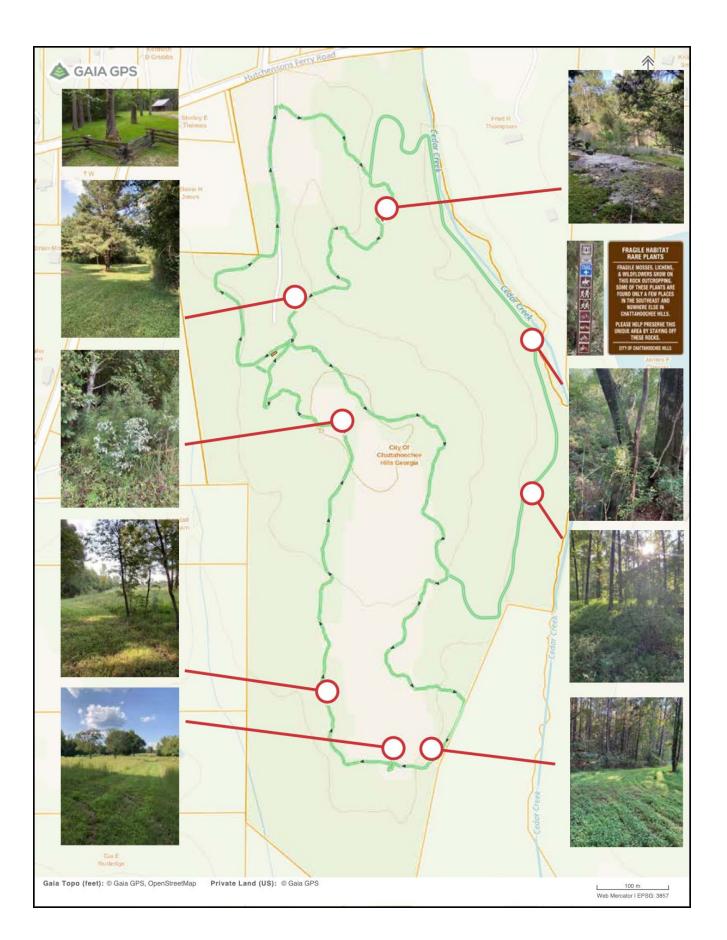
Proposed Nature Trail at Hutcheson Ferry Park

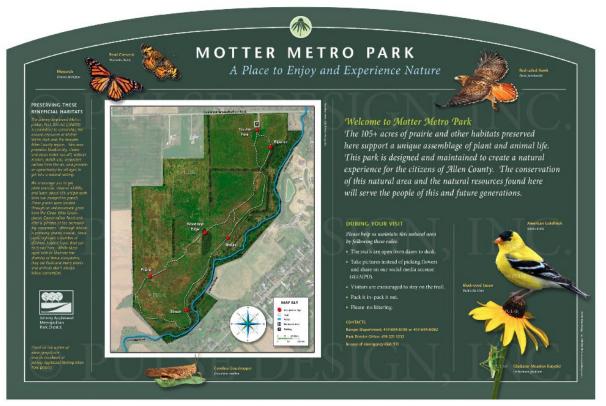
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The Parks Commission proposes creating a nature trail system at Hutcheson Ferry Park, consisting mostly of mowed paths around the outside of the fields, with an additional short trail along Cedar Creek; see page 2 for the proposed trail routes.

One-and-a-half miles of trail would be in the open mowed areas, allowing visitors to see into the woodlands from the trail. An additional half mile trail would follow Cedar Creek along the park boundary and exit onto the grass trail near the rear of the park. There would also be a short detour trail, allowing visitors to view the unique rock outcropping - a cedar split rail fence (see support document for a split rail design) at the edge of this trail would keep hikers off the rocks. We would also place a small number of benches along the trail route (particularly in the vicinity of the granite outcropping) for walkers to rest and quietly observe nature.

- Plans call for the installation of a simple, two-post kiosk (see design suggestion on page 3) at the entrance to the park with a permanent map and information about wildlife and plants unique to the area and outcropping.
- The trails would be designated for foot traffic only, with no bikes or horses.
- Paths would be clearly marked with signage indicating parking and mileage to the trailhead.
- The fields would need to continue to be bush-hogged twice or more a year to keep invasive species down and to maintain the look of the property, but volunteers would keep the outside trail edge mowed more often to limit ticks.
- If approved by the city council, trails could be completed and markers added this winter.
- Split rail material (see design suggestion on page 3) would be purchased and installed at the outcropping before the trails are opened next spring or summer.
- Carsonite trail posts (see design suggestion on page 3) and decals with trail direction, mileage to parking, and additional information would be installed this winter.
- Four benches, placed at scenic spots along the trails, would be installed. Design would be similar to the Scout built benches on the Green trail at Cochran Mill Park and could be constructed and installed by volunteers.
- Volunteers would build and maintain the trails as they do at Cochran Mill Park.





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