

Three Forks Heritage Alliance: Vision for Mason Mill Park

- I. The vision for Mason Mill Park, based on community preferences, and defined by The Three Forks Heritage, hereby consists of five (5) components:
 1. Education
 2. Art
 3. Recreation
 4. Experience and Engagement with Nature
 5. Environment and Ecology
1. Education. The Educational vision for Mason Mill Park, (including some examples of current practices) comprises: *teaching and instruction*, (historical, archaeological, scientific, environmental, psychological, artistic, biological), *information and quantifiable data analysis and collection* (history, archeology, preservation) youth organizations (boy scouts, girls scouts,) *school project assignments* (primary, junior, high school, university), *developmental learning* (cognitive, social, physical, special needs)
2. Art. The Artistic vision for Mason Mill Park (including some examples of current practices) comprises: *inspiration, photography, painting, drawing, color theory, writing, music, individual expression and community expression*
3. Recreation. The Recreational vision for Mason Mill Park (including some examples of current practices) comprises: *hiking, biking, jogging, running, walking, dog-walking, fitness training*
4. Experiential Engagement with Nature. The Experiential Engagement with Nature vision for Mason Mill Park (including some examples of current practices) comprises: *bird-watching, flora and fauna identification and classification* (native plants, trees/arboristic, wildlife, habitats, water, weather, soil, auditory, visual)
5. Environmental/Ecological. The Environmental/Ecological vision for Mason Mill Park (including some examples of current practices) comprises: *flora and fauna identification and preservation, reduction of carbon footprints, tree canopy, old growth forest* (identification and preservation), *life-cycles, ecosystems, relationships, deep ecology, gemology, conservation, wetlands, erosion, water, air, soil, extinction*.



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- II. Our vision for Mason Mill Park does not include an intrusive, permanent concrete/boardwalk design as authorized in Project Agreement #118, dated Feb.25, 2008. Our vision supports an untrammled, natural approach to connectivity.

- III. Our participation includes individuals, community, group and organizations that reflect the diversity of stakeholders who live, work, and play in DeKalb County.

It is within this context that the Three Forks Heritage Alliance enters this document into the official record of the DeKalb County government.

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