

# \* FAQ'S \*

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## SPLASH & PLAY PROJECTS

### Long Meadow Park | East End Park | Wheels Fun Park

Durham Parks & Recreation is beginning a new project to identify opportunities to implement recommendations from the City's 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and 2017 Aquatics Facilities Master Plan.

#### Is the City building pools at 3 park sites?

No decisions have been made. The consultant team will first evaluate existing structures and determine the feasibility of different facilities at each site. We will ask East Durham residents what features they would like to see.

#### Why is the City doing this project?

Durham prepared and adopted the *Aquatics Facilities Master Plan* in 2017 to guide development and placement of future aquatics facilities. The sites being studied were identified as underserved due to age or lack of facilities. Long Meadow pool dates from 1963.

#### Why did the Wheels Fun Park close?

Wheels Fun Park closed during COVID-19 and was acquired by the City in 2021. Most recently, it was used by Duke Health as a testing/vaccination site. We are seeking public input to help determine the 8-acre site's future.

#### When did this project begin?

The project is just getting underway. Estimated completion of the study and conceptual designs is Fall 2022.

#### Who is working on the project besides DPR?

The General Services Department is managing the project with input from Neighborhood Improvement Services to ensure equitable participation. We will be working with residents, churches, schools, and many other organizations in East Durham, guided by the spirit and intent of the *Equitable Community Engagement Blueprint*.

A committee of Durham residents, many that live and work in the project areas, will meet monthly with the consultant team and staff to plan engagement activities and review project materials and concepts. The team will utilize community residents, including youth, to distribute and share information and lead/participate in events. Compensation is available.



**Our family prefers rollerskating and go-karts over swimming. We were sad to see Wheels go.**

No decisions have been made about the site's future. The consultant team will evaluate the facilities and develop recreation concepts for the 8-acre site. Plans will likely include an outdoor aquatics facility, as identified in the *Aquatics Facilities Master Plan*. The same process will occur at the other two sites.

**Is this project related to Merrick-Moore Park?**

Improvement to the Wheels site will become part of the overall recreation system for the east side of the City, as well as supplement and complement recreation facilities at Merrick-Moore Park.

**It is not convenient for me to come to a meeting. How can I learn more or tell you what I want?**

Our team of consultants, staff and residents will be at your church, bus stop, school, rec center, as well as events in the community. We will post information on the DPR website, Facebook, Instagram, "Be Connected Durham", and in the existing newsletter. You will be able to leave comments on the website 24/7.

**Is this information available in Spanish?**

Yes, you will be able to view translated material, including this information sheet on the Webpage. Printed handouts and surveys, as well as a translator will be on hand at events.

For more information on upcoming events and to stay involved, contact project manager: **Jason Phelan** - Jason.Phelan@durhamnc.gov or **Jackie Turner** - Jackie@jturnerconsulting.com or 919-307-5942.

