

Department of Watershed Management Site

North of Amsterdam walk and east of the Promenade and Legacy Fountain, this parcel currently holds facilities managed by the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, as well as the vehicular access road to the parking deck from Monroe Drive Originally intended as a grand formal park entrance, the site holds essential infrastructure and utilities limiting its use. Due to these limitations, the maintenance yard will be relocated to this site to improve the Piedmont Commons expansion adjacent to the Beltline.

The access road will be redesigned with a row of trees and sidewalk, along with an additional pedestrian path around the maintenance yard directly connecting to the creek trail network and a bridge to the Legacy Fountain and Promenade sites. All proposed features in this parcel will be designed in coordination with the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Watershed Management as well as Georgia Power.

DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT SITE LEGEND

- 1 New Maintenance Facility Location
- 2 Private Gravel Maintenance Access Road
- 3 Pedestrian Path Into Park from Monroe
- 4 Monroe Drive Entrance Plaza
- 5 Improved Entry Road with Sidewalks and Trees
- 6 Pollinator Meadow Planting and Signage
- 7 Trails and a Small Picnic Area Around the Existing Large Trees
- 8 Pedestrian Path Connection to Creek Trails and Legacy Fountain
- 9 Existing Department of Watershed Management Facility and Surrounding Infrastructure
- 10 Existing Utility Infrastructure
- 11 Shifted Road Alignment
- 12 Sidewalk Continues Into Park
- 13 Existing Combined Sewer Overflow Site





Enlargement of Recommended Maintenance Yard Location



Entry Road with Trees and Sidewalk, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA (NBW)



Planting Signage, Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales FL (NBW)



Paths Through Grassy Meadow Plantings with Trees and Seating (NBW)



Pollinator Planting, Brooklyn Naval Cemetery, NY (NBW)

RELOCATED MAINTENANCE YARD

The existing maintenance facilities were designed to be out of the way, so they are tucked into a far corner at the west edge of Piedmont Commons. However, with the construction of the Beltline, the intended Atlanta Botanical Garden Expansion project, and the Piedmont Commons expansion, the maintenance yard now sits in what will become a highly active area and entrance to Piedmont Park.

To better fit into the growing Park, the maintenance facilities will be relocated to the site adjacent to the Department of Watershed Management facilities near Monroe Drive north of Amsterdam Walk. The site has adequate space for maintenance vehicles and storage, and will not interfere with the Piedmont Commons expansion project.

RE-ALIGNED MONROE DRIVE ENTRY ROAD

The entry road to the parking deck, or Evelyn Road, is suggested to be re-aligned at some point to provide a better park entry. The existing road cuts directly next to the large Department of Watershed Management facility and feels like entering into an industrial park, not an iconic green city park.

The new entry road should have more gradual curves and be flanked by rows of trees, sidewalks, and planting on either side. In this future scenario, the new pay station will not occur until users are past the Department of Watershed Management facilities and entering into the immersive park experience.

POLLINATOR MEADOW PLANTING

Due to the limitations and underground infrastructure throughout the Department of Watershed Management site, planting and recreation opportunities are limited, but the site does provide an opportunity for pollinator meadow planting areas.

Taking advantage of this, the plan includes sidewalks along the vehicular entry road and along the north edge of the parcel above the maintenance yard. These will weave through pollinator meadows, with educational signage about the habitats and benefits of pollinator planting efforts as users enter Piedmont Park.