



# McCutcheon Road Park

## Public Planning Open House

Wednesday • March 16 & 23, 2016 • 7:00 PM

CenterPoint Church

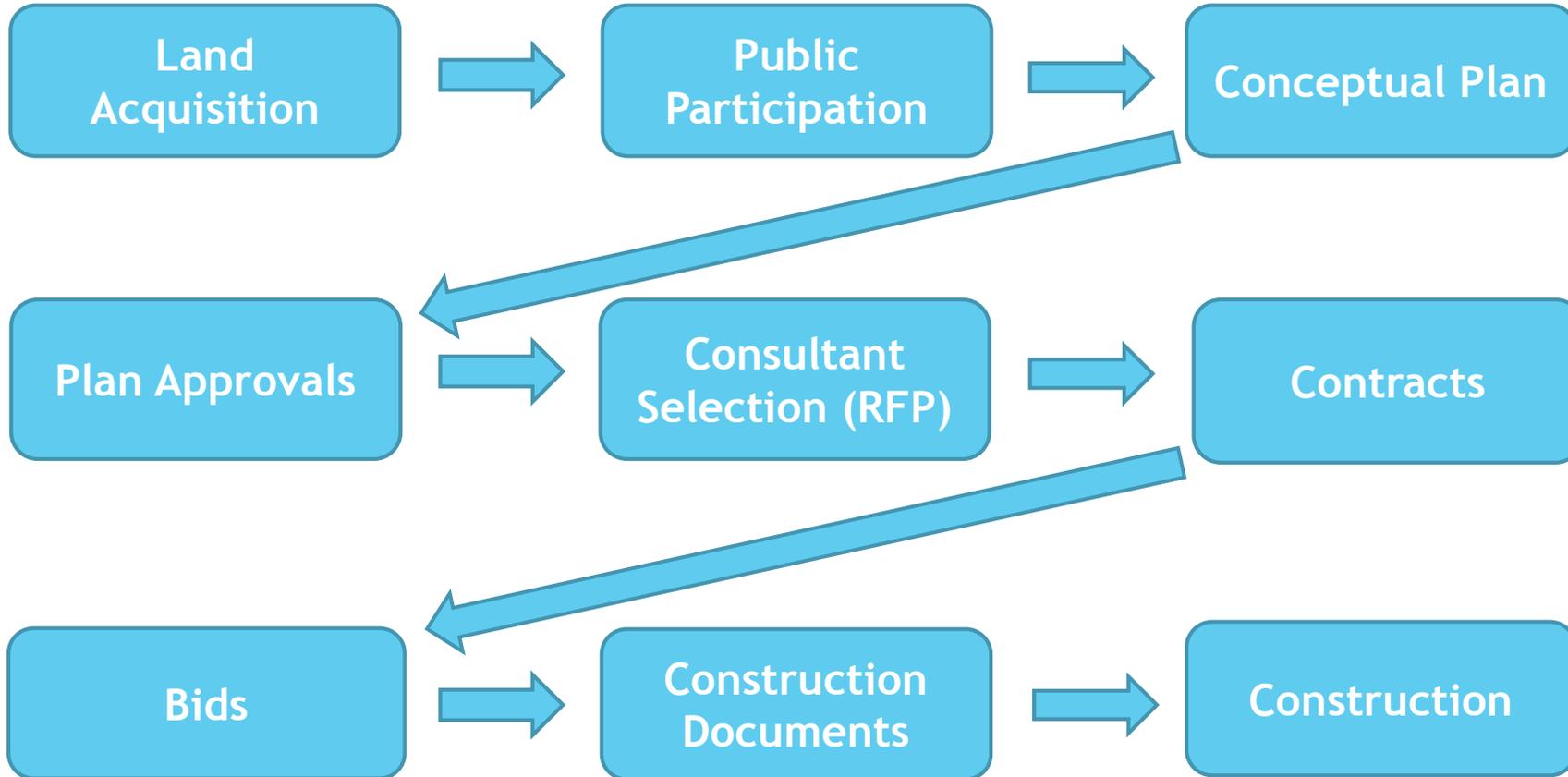
# Public Planning Open House Objectives

- ▶ Tonight we will:
  - ▶ Review the Park Planning process;
  - ▶ Look at where the park stands today;
  - ▶ Envision what the park could be; and
  - ▶ Have fun!



*“I’m not interested in caring about people.”*  
Ron Swanson, *Parks and Recreation* (NBC)

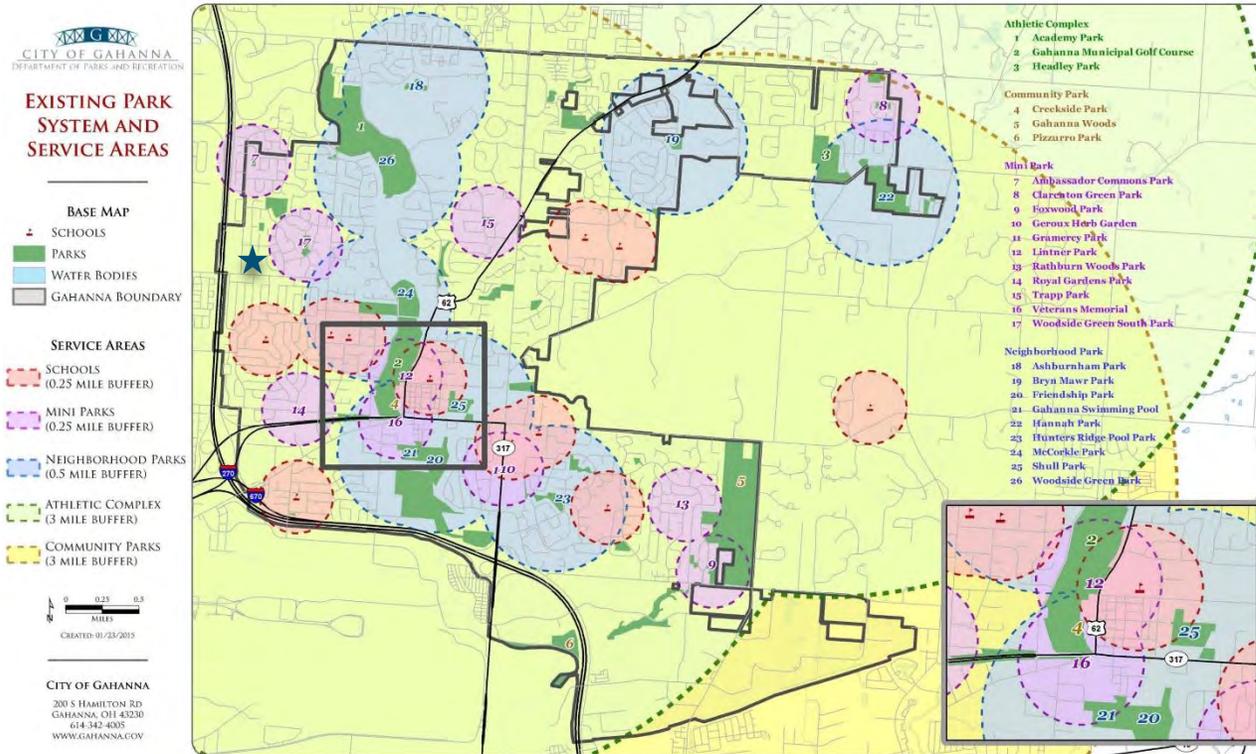
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- ▶ Providing Service in Unserved Areas
- ▶ Gahanna Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2015)
- ▶ Existing Park System and Service Areas



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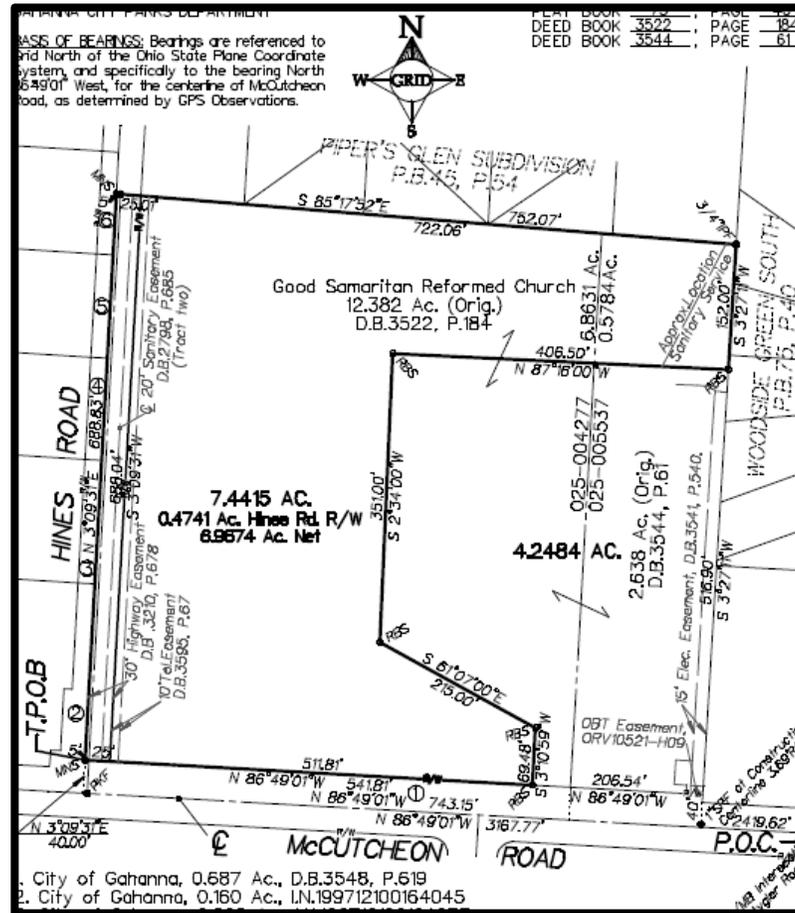
- ▶ June 2015: City purchased 7.5± acres from Good Samaritan Reformed Church (now CenterPoint Church)
- ▶ City paid \$557,400 for the property on a 3-year contract:
  - ▶ 2015: \$200,000
  - ▶ 2016: \$178,700
  - ▶ 2017: \$178,700



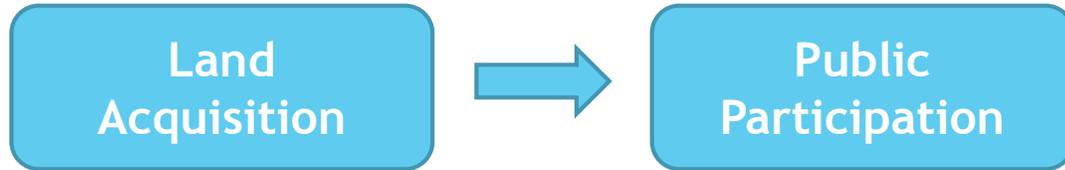
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- ▶ Survey with Property Lines
- ▶ Situated on NE corner of Hines and McCutcheon Roads
- ▶ Neighboring properties include:
  - ▶ Piper's Glen Subdivision
  - ▶ Woodside Green South Subdivision
  - ▶ Homes along Hines and McCutcheon Roads



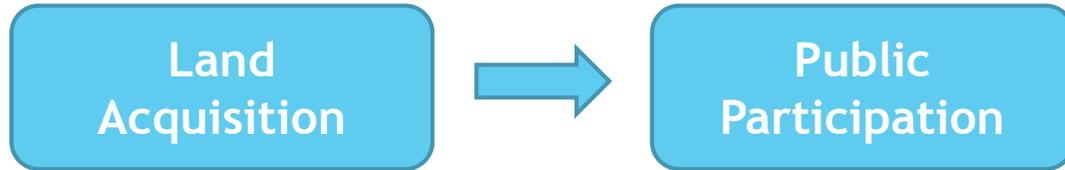
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Public participation is a common sense approach for identifying how to meet our recreation and open space needs for the park. Public participation requires input from a cross-section of the community:

- ▶ Gahanna Residents
- ▶ Business, Civic, and Educational Leaders
- ▶ The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department

# The Park Planning Process



- ▶ **Public Participation Requires a Strategy and a Schedule:**
  - ▶ Host Public Planning Open Houses
  - ▶ Create an Online Forum (City Website)
  - ▶ Allow Time to Analyze and Evaluate Public Input
  - ▶ Allow Time to Summarize and Convey Input Received



# The Park Planning Process



▶ A Conceptual Plan:

- ▶ Occurs in early stages of design, after public participation analysis
- ▶ Brings together integral park components, both discussed and observed
- ▶ Outlines spatial definition; hard vs. soft landscaped areas;
- ▶ Presents concept pictures of proposed amenities
- ▶ Is open to public feedback and change

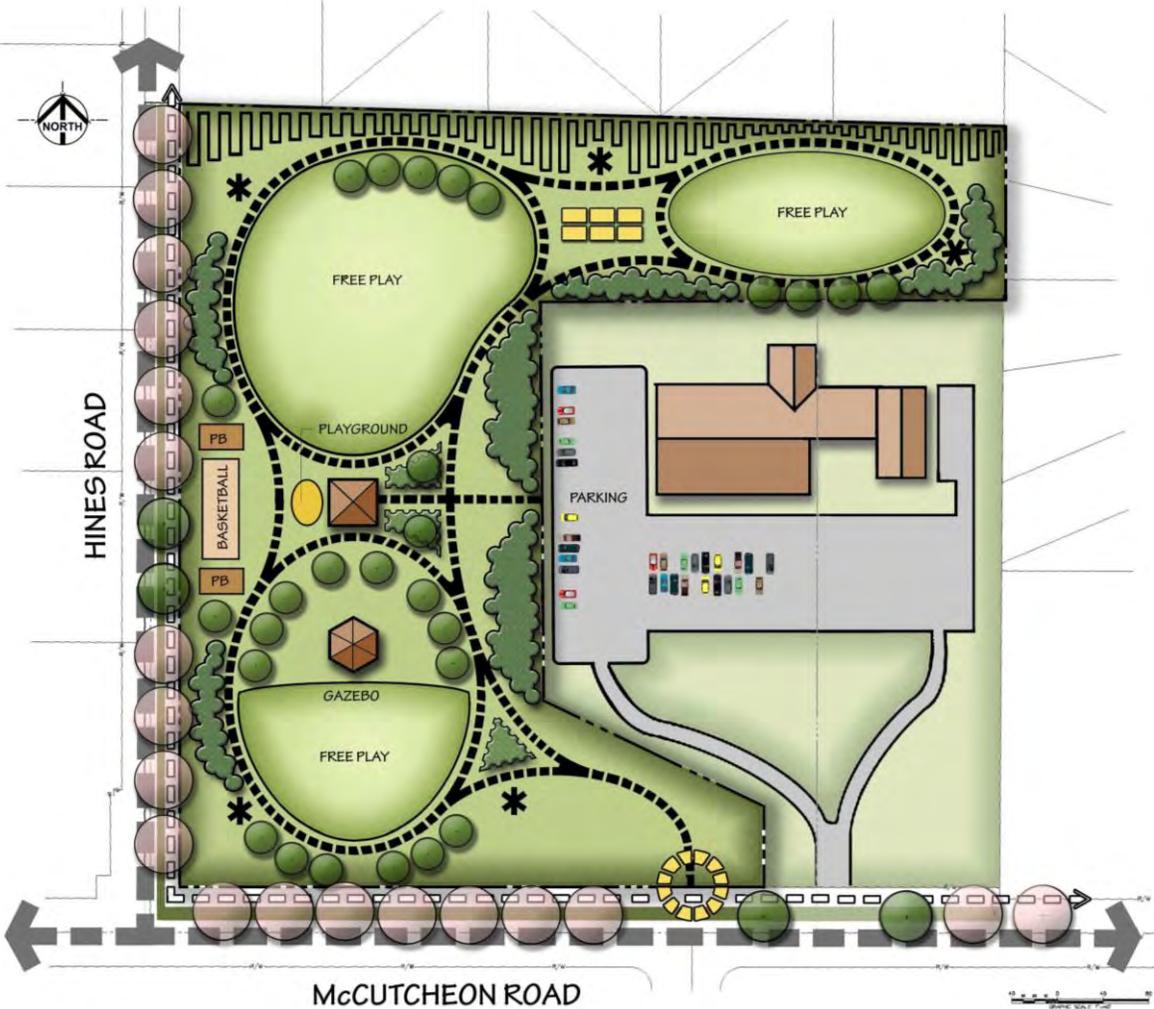
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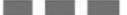
- ▶ Existing Appropriations:
  - ▶ Parks Capital
  - ▶ In lieu of fund
- ▶ Outside Funding Sources, Timing, and Awards:
  - ▶ Fiscal Year 2017-18 State Capital Budget (\$500,000)
  - ▶ NatureWorks Grant (\$250,000)
    - ▶ New Concept Plan based on Public Input
  - ▶ Private Contributions
- ▶ Friends of Gahanna Parks
  - ▶ Dedicated Funding Initiative



# Funding

- ▶ Example:
  - ▶ McCutcheon Park Concept Plan for State Capital Funding Request



	EXISTING PROPERTY LINE		GAZEBO		PROPOSED FLASHING CROSS WALK
	EXISTING SIDEWALK		SHELTER / RESTROOMS		FITNESS STATION
	EXISTING ACCESS ROADS		COMMUNITY GARDENS		EXISTING STREET TREE
	PROPOSED WALKING PATH		FULL COURT BASKETBALL		PROPOSED TREE
	PROPOSED PLANTING		PICKLE BALL COURT		
	PROPOSED SCREENING				
	PROPOSED BUFFER				

# Individual Assessment of Park Priorities

## The Park on McCutcheon Road

### Individual Assessment - Park Priorities

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Write down what you believe to be the 5 most important amenities for the park on McCutcheon Road and indicate your reason(s). For example:



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<i>Bicycle Racks</i>	<i>Most visitors will walk or bike to the park. A bike rack supports this means of transportation and keeps personal property safely secure. Artistic bike racks could be neat.</i>

#### Communication Tips:

- Write about **why** you want something in addition to **what** you want. It will be easier for others to understand your suggestions or concerns and brainstorm solutions to meet your needs.
- For example, "I'm concerned basketball courts will use lighting that is obtrusive at night," is more informative than "No basketball courts!"

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# McCutcheon Road Park Follow-Up

- ▶ For tonight's Public Participation Open House results, please visit:  
<http://www.gahanna.gov/forum>
  - ▶ Public input will be analyzed, summarized, and conveyed
- ▶ For more details on the park's status and funding, please visit:  
<http://www.gahanna.gov/departments/parks/McCutcheonPark>
  - ▶ A new concept plan will be drafted and posted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
  - ▶ Next Public Open House will be in July/August 2016 - Stay tuned!

Thank you for your participation tonight!