West Ashley’s Charleston County Parks

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West Ashley’s Charleston County Parks

• Stono River County Park
• Old Towne Creek County Park
Parks of West Ashley

- Stono River County Park
- Old Towne Creek County Park

Legend:
- West Ashley Boundary
- State Park
- City Park
- County Park

Map showing the location of parks within the West Ashley area.
THE MASTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Site Inventory/Data Collection
- Survey/Boundary
- Wetland delineation/Plats
- Aerial and site photography
- Site visits
- Cultural & Natural Resource Inventory

Land Use Plan

Site Analysis

Programming

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Final Master Plan

Concept Plan Options

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Stono River CP
Stono River County Park
Where it all started

• Property donated to CCPRC in 2012 for enjoyment by the public
• Opportunity to connect a Charleston County Park with the West Ashley Greenway
• Master planned in 2014 with public input
• Phase 1 and 2 development funded by 2017 bond and $600,000 in grants
• Still pursuing a connection to the WAG
place: Site Planning Studies

Site Analysis

Land Use Plan
The Public Input Process

Survey had approximately 57 respondents
The Master Plan
park: What You Can Expect to See

• Parking, restroom, drinking fountain, paved and natural surface trails, boardwalks, and incredible views.
Hot off the press!
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Next Steps

• Connect to the West Ashley Greenway
...and beyond!
Old Towne Creek County Park
PROPERTY TIMELINE

1670
Charlestowne colony Established

1671 - ~1900
- Captain Robert Donne (1671-1694)
- James LeSade (ca. 1694-1733)
- Daniel Cartwright (1733-1744)
- Elias Horry, Jr. (1744-1833)
  Cotton Plantation
- Anthony Barbot (1833-1835)
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- Jonathon Lucas, III (1835-1850)
  Cotton Plantation
- William McKenzie Parker (1850-?)
  Cotton Plantation
- Legare family (1867-1878)
- George B. Edwards (ca. 1878)

1913
- Charles Ravenel – Truck Farming

Mid 20th cent.
- Ashby and Emily (Ravenel) Farrow,
  St. Andrews Parish Riding Academy

2011
- Lowcountry Open Land Trust
- Charleston County Parks, Public Park
Entrance Drive and Gates
Caretakers House
Dock and Pier
people: Public Input Process

• Approximately 200 survey respondents
The Master Plan

place
people
plan
park
play
park: The Park Center
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OTCCP Interpretive Master Planning - Overview of Process

• CCPRC staff initial thoughts for interpretive opportunities:
  • Cultural history interpretation provides stories unique to West Ashley and the site while complimenting or avoiding stories already told well at Charles Towne Landing SHS

• Topics of interest
  • Suburbanization of Charleston
  • Establishment of Maryville
  • Connection to McLeod Plantation
  • World War II POW camp
  • 20th century truck farming
  • Transportation- Roads, Rails, Waterways
  • Emily Farrow Ravenel and early conservation
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