

# City wants public's view on park plans

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The Greenville Public Works facility is located by the Swamp Rabbit Trail in downtown Greenville. The city has tentative plans to turn the property into a park and greenspace. / File/Staff

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Consultants have been poring over ideas for a week, and now they are ready to present their ideas for a potential new Greenville city park to the public.

The design charrette concludes Thursday with a public meeting in which three possible designs for the west side park will be presented. The designs are based on the input and recommendations received from the public over the past week.

The possible park stems from the city's potential relocation of the Public Works operations to another site. The current site, located on Hudson Street near A.J. Whittenberg Elementary, is located within a flood zone.

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"If the public works operational facilities are relocated to another site, the relocation may provide an opportunity to develop a public park and a safe place for the Reedy River to temporarily flood," said parks and recreation director Dana Souza in a release.

"The trees, shrubs, grass and open space with the park and the flood zone would easily tolerate the effects of a flood."

A park also would serve as a valuable connector from the west side community to the GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail and downtown, according to the release.

No final decision has been made on the public works facility.

For last-minute input on design ideas, visit the Open Studio at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 400 S. Hudson St., between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. today to speak with consultants.

After Thursday's public meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. at the Kroc Center, a project steering committee will work for three months to incorporate the ideas and concepts developed during the design charrette, and a conceptual plan will be presented for public and staff comments.

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