



2008 Park Committee Report

New Steps Into West Park



Thomas King, center with arms crossed, and Scouts.

Scouts from Troop 314 at St, Andrews Epicopal Church led by Thomas King rebuilt the steps at the corner of Fisher Park Circle and Elm. Thomas' Grandmother Delores King lived on Isabel St. for many years. She passed away in August, but lived to see the steps finished. New American Hollies and a matching Crepe myrtle were included in the plantings consistent with the Master Plan.

First Presbyterian Church will assist us with future plantings in this area.

Park "Master Plan" Reaffirmed and Management Policy Developed

The FPNA Board reaffirmed the Master Plan as the "concept plan" for reforestation in the park. This plan was developed in 1990 by neighborhood resident and renowned Landscape Architect Chip Callaway. The Park Committee along with City Staff developed a Landscape Management Policy for the park. The Management Policy will provide guidance for routine and ongoing maintenance and project approvals in the park. This document has not yet been adopted by the FPNA Board.

Routine Park Maintenance and other Initiatives



The current and previous Park Committees began an effort to reclaim our streams by clearing them of invasive plants. The plants such as Privet crowd out native plants and do not provide the appropriate habitat for wildlife. These plants also damage our stone lined stream beds

Native plants such as Arrowwood Viburnum, River Birch, Strawberry Bush, and Black Alder provide food and cover for wildlife that invasive plants do not.

Additional information on native species is available at:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/goingnative/>

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/main.shtml>

Our work is consistent with the City's Invasive Plant Policy.

East Park stream awaits new plantings.



- Removed excessive growth from borders of park to improve views into the park, consistent with the Master Plan.
- Removed excessive growth from established landscaped beds
- Pruned and limbed up trees throughout the park to promote growth of canopy trees.
- Mulching of various areas in the East Park in preparation for new plantings in 2009.
- Repaired two benches in West Park by Scott Bost, Steve Dabbs, and Lara Katz.
- New sign for interior of East Park made by Joe Thompson and Kathryn Schnabel.

- Scouts from Troops 203 & 230 rehabilitated existing bed (old arbor site) in West Park meadow for redevelopment.
- Cleared stone steps in front of First Presbyterian Church
- Stabilized hill behind Fisher Monument with mulch and replanted with grass.
- Removed drought and disease damage throughout the park.
- Path finishing with grindings was largely completed by the City, a two year project.

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Above- Rehabilitated entrance West Park on Elm St.

Left- new replacement sign in West Park.

Right- refurbished path in West Park.

Below- Scouts from Troop 230 (Will Copeland and Mr. Craft) and Troop 203 (First Presby and Mr. Kantlehner) "work the pile" in the West Park Meadow.



2008 Park Committee Members-

Carl and Wanda Myatt,
 Sally Atwood, Angie Clegg,
 Jane Jackson, Robert Kantlehner,
 John McLendon, Christopher Sackett, Ann Stringfield,
 Geoff Wall, and whoever else might show up.....



John McClendon and Jeremy Williams renovate the steps by First Presbyterian Church. The steps were covered in rotten leaves and roots.

This type of work is always needed in our park as time takes its toll as debris and overgrowth accumulate.

Additional plantings are planned in front of First Presbyterian Church. Church Members will assist in the effort.

Ann Stringfield, and Kathleen (center) with our Park Heroes from Delancey Street work in the West Park by First Presbyterian Church.

Pruners and loppers keep our plants under control for a park we can all enjoy.

Even though Park Committees come and go, growth and change in our park never stops.



79 years young Charles Van deZande shows up at many workdays. He is an unsung Fisher Park Park Hero!

What can you do? Pick up a limb and drag it to the street, pull some honeysuckle off our azaleas, and join us at our workdays!

You should expect to see more great things from your 2009 Park Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
David B. Craft
2008 Park Committee Chair.

