



Typical Entry Road And Parking Area



ENTRY ROAD, GATEWAY AND PARKING AREA:

The entry to the park from SR 113 will lead through a pulpwood forest. This area will eventually need to be selectively thinned, which will develop into open pine forest as the road enters the parking area. The parking area will be asphalt

drives and gravel parking spaces. It is recommended that the parking spaces be carefully designed and built to weave between the trees and native vegetation.

PINE HARVESTING AND CLEARING FOR PASTURE:

As previously stated, the pulpwood forest on the site will need to be thinned and harvested. Designated

stands of pines should be harvested and grubbed completely in order to establish large open meadows and pastures for open play, kite flying, model airplane flying and other unorganized sports. It is also recommended that certain cleared areas be allowed to redevelop in natural ecological succession. These areas will provide educational opportunities as well as enhancing the natural ecology of the site.

COMMUNITY CENTER/ PARK OFFICE:

A park office facility that also serves as a multiple use community center should be included in the park to serve community needs. This community center can be utilized for nature programs for school groups and weekend visitors, as well as providing community meeting space. This park office and community center will serve as the beginning point for visitor services, information, and restroom facilities. The building should be approximately 8000 sf in size and be open during daytime hours.

PAVED BIKE AND WALKING/ HIKING TRAIL SYSTEM:

Paved bicycle and walking trails will be a top priority for development at Little Tallapoosa. Construction of the trails will be easier than at the other parks, because of the flat topography of this site.

The trails on dry upland areas will be constructed of asphalt, eight to twelve feet in width, and be enhanced through the addition of park furniture, mileage markers, exercise stations, and interpretive signs. Bikers, walkers and strollers would be able to use the paved trails. It is also recommended that the County plan for two pedestrian bridges across the Little Tallapoosa, to extend the trails



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and provide access to the property on the opposite site of the River. In addition to paved trails, soft surface hiking trails will offer a more rustic experience along the wetland edge, the



Typical Adventure Playground



Typical Sprayground

ADA accessible components. The sprayground will include an at-grade fountain with several jets spraying into the air in an interactive fashion and other water features for informal play. The sprayground would need to be maintained and treated as a pool, but will not require the amount of maintenance a pool requires.

Little Tallapoosa River, and the woodland ridgeline. While no large equestrian staging areas are planned, equestrian users would be able to utilize soft surface trails as currently allowed at McIntosh Reserve and as proposed at Black-jack Mountain. The Master Plan provides for a total of 2.7 miles of paved trails and 5.4 miles of soft surface hiking trails.

PLAYGROUND/ SPRAYGROUND:

Located near the proposed Community Center/ Park Office, are the proposed Adventure Playground and Sprayground areas. The proximity to the Community Center and parking area will help to make these popular family friendly destinations within the park. The adventure playground may be a community built structure or a prefabricated structure with

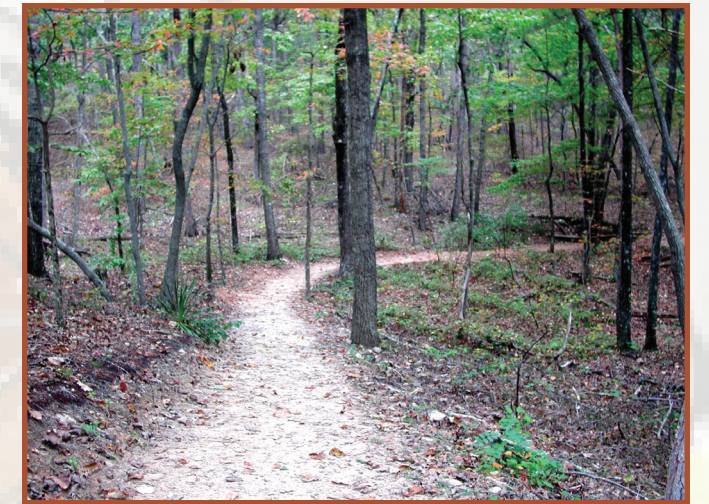
ARBORETUM AND EDUCATIONAL NATURE TRAILS:

Little Tallapoosa is an ideal location to establish an arboretum because of the existing native woodland and wetlands on the site. It is an excellent location for establishment of a plant rescue area. The arboretum will provide visitors educational opportunities involving brochures and interpretative signage of the native flora. Hiking trails designated as educational trails will access the areas of native forests. The nearby elementary school will be able to use the arboretum and educational trails as a part of their science curriculum.

DISC GOLF COURSE:

Disc golf is a sport played with Frisbee discs and is experiencing an increase in popularity around the country. The only course in the Carroll County vicinity is a nine-hole course at West Georgia University. While it is relatively inexpensive to develop a disc golf course, there are few open recreational areas available for the installation of permanent 18 hole facility suitable for disc golf enthusiasts. The open spaces at Little Tallapoosa provide an ideal setting for a full size course. The fairways of the course will require clearing, but many areas of the course will be relatively undisturbed. It is recommended that

Typical Hiking Trail



Typical Asphalt Path/Bike



Typical Disc Golf Amenities

