

No. of surveys distributed 73

No. of surveys returned (no. of households) 49

% response: 67% MEDLOCK/MASON HILL PARK SURVEY

Medlock Park and Mason Hill Park comprise a community park facility located along the South Fork of Peachtree Creek. McConnell drive provides access to Mason Hill; Scott Circle to Medlock. The 36 acre area of Medlock is presently devoted to athletic fields, a pool, playground, and picnic area. About 16 acres at Mason Hill support a library, tennis center, athletic fields, and parking. The remaining 110 acres of Mason Hill are largely undeveloped with a major percentage of the area lying within the floodplains of Burnt Fork Creek and the South Fork of Peachtree Creek.

1. Have you visited Medlock/Mason Hill Park? Yes 48 No 1. If yes, what did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

2. A community park is designed to accommodate supervised activities such as baseball, softball, soccer, tennis centers, swimming pools, recreation centers and nature centers as well as less formal activities such as picnic areas, playgrounds, and multi-purpose areas, playgrounds, and multi-purpose courts. Typically development is 60% active and 40% passive.

What parks have you visited in the past six months? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you get there? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you like? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you have liked that was not available? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you not like? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please indicate the types of leisure activities in which members of your household currently participate or would like to participate.

	Currently Participate	Would like to Participate
1. Softball	9	5
2. Baseball	10	4
3. Football	3	0
4. Basketball	6	3
5. Volleyball	6	7
6. Soccer	4	2
7. Jogging/Running	11	7
8. playgrounds	17	16
9. Hiking	16	22
10. Fitness Trail	11	22
11. Picnicking	21	16
12. Nature/Wildlife Observation	16	22
13. Arts & Crafts	4	17
14. Kite Flying	9	10
15. Tennis	12	9
16. Swimming	23	10
17. Biking	10	11
18. Other: Walking	4	3-Walking

1-skateboard facilities  
1-outdoor plays,concerts  
1-practice wall (tennis)

No. 1: What did you do?

Walk, hike (17)  
 Baseball (T-ball, 4; Little League, 13)  
 Tennis (14)  
 Playground, Pool (12 each)  
 Bird watching, wildlife observation, plant identification (7)  
 Picnic, Bicycle (6 each)  
 Softball (4), Football (4)  
 Visit library (3), Explore, climb trees, play in creek (3)  
 Life Enrichment Services - site visit (2)  
 Watch trains, exercise, fly kites, walk dog, inspect drainage ditch at Medlock (1 each)

No. 2: Parks visited

Medlock (22), Mason Mill (19), Stone Mountain (12), W. D. Thompson (6), Piedmont (5), Wade Walker (3), Fernbank (2), Red Top Mountain, Murphy Candler, Kennesaw, Grant, Chastain, Unicoi, Lullwater, Avondale, Woodrow Wilson, and Wallace (1 each)  
 Persons listing 'several': 3  
 Persons listing 'none': 2

No. 2: How did you get there?

Drive (36), Walk (26), Bicycle (3), Skateboard (1)

No. 2: What did you like?

Nature, nature observation, natural setting, natural areas, unspoiled environment, animals (11),  
 Proximity, convenience (7), Playground (7),  
 Baseball program, baseball fields (5),  
 Tennis facility (4), Walking Trails (4),  
 Pool (3), Beauty, appearance (3),  
 Picnic area, accommodations for neighborhood picnic (2), shade trees (2),  
 community feeling of Medlock Park (2),  
 Water fountain, flat road, lighting, fences, area along creek at Medlock, pine grove in n.e. corner of Medlock, large Oak near old waterworks site, idea of locating LES center in Mason Mill Park, idea of walking trails for senior citizens, walking trails, softball, volleyball, passive recreation areas, large open areas, availability of [Tennis] lessons, quiet (1 each),

No. 2: What would you have liked that was not available?

Playground at Mason Mill; more playground equipment at Medlock; larger playground; lighting at playground; more shade trees and benches at playground (11).  
 Walking trails, nature trails (10),  
 Picnic area at Mason Mill; more picnic areas, picnic shelters; different picnic tables (9),  
 Improved bathroom facilities (7),  
 More passive recreation areas; informal play areas, open fields, grass (5)

4. Please check supervised activities you would like to see provided at Hedlock/Hason Hill Park.

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|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| a) Softball   | <u>2</u>  | g) Volleyball                | <u>11</u> |
| b) Football   | <u>4</u>  | h) Summer Playground Program | <u>20</u> |
| c) Baseball   | <u>11</u> | i) Recreation Center         | <u>21</u> |
| d) Soccer     | <u>0</u>  | j) Swimming                  | <u>20</u> |
| e) Basketball | <u>4</u>  | k) Nature Study Program      | <u>27</u> |
| f) Tennis     | <u>14</u> |                              |           |

Other Suggestions:

- 1) Supervised arts and crafts (3)  
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5. Please check informal facilities you would like to see provided at Hedlock/Hason Hill Park.

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|----------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| a) Picnic Areas                  | <u>3</u>  | g) Playground                          | <u>26</u> |
| b) Nature Trails                 | <u>40</u> | h) Multi-Purpose/<br>Basketball Courts | <u>14</u> |
| c) Nature Interpretive Areas     | <u>28</u> | i) Pick-up Game Areas                  | <u>7</u>  |
| d) Grassy Open Space             | <u>32</u> | j) Horse Shoe Pits                     | <u>14</u> |
| e) Jogging Trails                | <u>25</u> | k) Shuffleboard                        | <u>10</u> |
| f) Exercise Trails &<br>Stations | <u>27</u> | l) Sand Lot Volley Ball                | <u>14</u> |

Other Suggestions:

- m) walking trails, hiking trails (4)  
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6. Please indicate by sex and age all members of your household.

	Male	Female	Age 0-5	Age 6-12	Age 13-18	Age 19-25	Age 26-50	Age 51+	
1)	<u>72</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>33</u>	(150 total)
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
4)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
5)	_____	_____	Approximate %		_____	_____	_____	_____	
6)	_____	_____	<u>11%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>47%</u>	<u>22%</u>	

7. Additional suggestions or comments:

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8. If you will supply us with the following information, we will be glad to keep you informed of plans concerning Hedlock/Hason Hill Park.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2: What would you have liked that was not available?  
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Benches (3); Arts and Crafts; Arts and Crafts Summer Program (3); More shade trees (3),  
Pool improvements; longer pool hours; longer season; pool at Mason Mill (2); Tennis courts at Medlock (2); Volleyball (2).  
Bicycle trails, adaptive re-use of old waterworks site; LES center, more parking, electrical outlet in [picnic] shelter; [provisions for] safety; improved maintenance; fitness trail; swings; improved security; basketball courts; shuffleboard; recreation center (1 each).

No. 2: What did you not like?

Park maintenance (27): poor condition of bathrooms (8); poor condition of baseball facilities, concessions (5); trash, litter (5); lack of maintenance along drainage flumes, ditches, creek banks (3); condition of pool site (1); rundown appearance of tennis center (1), poor condition of picnic facilities (1); [parks] not clean (1).  
Park security (7): speeding on Gaylemont, Mason Mill; increased traffic on Mason Mill; illegal parking (2); teenagers "hanging out," strangers staying in woods; burns living on grounds (2); [parks] not safe (2); unsafe buildings and tanks of old waterworks (1).  
Park Design (7): inadequate or ill-defined parking during little league games; illegal parking (2); poor layout of parking lots at tennis center and library (1); site proposed for LES center -- poor terrain for construction, would require removal of several trees (1), construction areas that do not work with site (1); planning skewed heavily towards organized single interest groups (1); development encroaching on floodplains, wetlands (1).  
Lack of shade; lack of shade at playground (4); Crowds; large numbers of people (4).  
Pool not big enough; pool closing before Labor Day (2); No seating; no benches at playground (2).  
Lack of playground equipment; flooding problems; no passive area; poor accessibility to Mason Mill for children. (1 each).

No. 2: What did you do?

Walking, hiking (11)  
Playground; watch kids at playground (6); Picnic (6); Baseball (6)  
Pool; swimming (5).  
Tennis (4)  
Bird watching, nature observation, nature photography (3); Bicycle (3), Softball (2); enjoyed quiet; relaxed; rested (2).  
Sports, library, warned children about snakes in drainage ditch at Medlock (1 each).

No. 4: Other suggestions

Bird walks during migration; parental guidance program for supervised programs (?); indoor pool; roller skating rink; fitness program; adult swim program (1 each),

No. 5: Other suggestions

Sunning area, deck (for pool?); Boardwalk into swamp area; open field for soccer; interpretive area for civil war activities at Mason Mill and history of Decatur Water Works; restore lake for fish and wildlife; bicycle trail; dog walk path; picnic tables with chess/checker board inlay (1 each),

No. 7: Additional suggestions and comments:

Medlock: Keep open, as is (4); represents spirit of community (1); provides valuable activities for area children with easy and safe access by walking or bicycle (1); locate organized youth activities at Medlock (1).

Medlock, park improvements: improve restroom facilities and concession stands (?), provide more trash cans (1); provide area for parents to relax and watch children play (?); not enough shade (?).

Medlock, park maintenance: fix drainage ditch; water is stagnant, provides breeding area for mosquitoes; clean ditch, remove litter (4); restore creek bank, repair erosion (?); youth associations should be responsible for litter pick up following games (?).

Medlock, pool: pool should open earlier [in the season] and remain open longer -- possibly Memorial Day to Labor Day. (2); provide time after work for adult swim programs (1).

Mason Mill: park should be an asset to the Mason Mill neighborhood (2); the park is a good place for organized activities but not for family or group picnics or gatherings (1); the park offers little to the Mason Mill community yet residents must contend with all the problems associated with parks: strangers; traffic; speeding; illegal parking; littering; undesirable living in woods, and suspected drug trade (1)

Mason Mill, park improvements: original concept was that lake would remain with paddle boats, nature trails, picnic areas (1); improve design of picnic tables, bbq and cooking units (?); provide more attractive, more visible sign at Clairmont and McConnell (1)

Mason Mill, old waterworks site: old tanks and buildings should be made safe (3), should be saved and adaptively re-used (2); possibility of restoring lake should be investigated (2), fill in tanks, ruins (1).

No. 7: continued

Mason Mill, natural areas: protect beaver pond areas (3); provide boardwalk; provide limited access (like Panola Mtn.) only to beaver pond area (2); represents unique opportunity for wildlife education in an urban setting (1); maintain, protect floodplain (1); nature and bicycle trails are a great idea (1); need more parks [with] nature studies [areas] (1); remaining natural areas of Mason Mill park should be preserved (1) investigate native plants, save any endangered species; provide wildflower area (1); develop nature oriented park at Mason Mill (1); park should be well designed with sensitivity to site constraints and opportunities; protect environment (2);

Mason Mill, senior citizens: most area residents are in 50+ years age group and sports activities are not appropriate (1); [Mason Mill] Park represents an excellent opportunity for providing recreation facilities for senior citizens (1)

Mason Mill, property acquisition: acquire property on Desmond Drive for enlarging Mason Mill Park (6)

Mason Mill, security: clear burns out of woods, dogouts (2); limit access to Mason Mill Road (1); enforce posted parking, speeding, and littering regulations (1); provide additional security patrols (2), make woods safe (1), continue curfew (1), Mason Mill, maintenance: remove underbrush (3), clean out fallen trees (1); clean up parks (2); eliminate target practice area, gun range (3); improve ballfield maintenance (1); county does not have the personnel to adequately maintain its [park] facilities; the county should never pursue a project it cannot control (1).

Chairment Heights / Heritage Heights - prepared by Fred Schorr  
SUMMARY  
MAJOR DISLIKES / DESIRES

1. Don't feel safe walking through woods
2. Areas are not kept up or kept clean
3. Major Concern:

Gunshots often heard in woods used to be a police rifle range on site very recently demolished, but NOT removed That area must be cleaned and signs posted Excellent area for open play field

4. Second Major Concern:  
Old waterworks present HAZARD/LIABILITY  
Old concrete tanks are open with water in bottom Kids play on edge or look over and can easily fall in and drown or worse!!  
Tanks must be removed or filled in
5. Baseball fields not kept up
6. Major Want:

Nature trails through woods  
Just graded paths that are safe, free from fallen trees, brush, poison ivy, and trash.

7. Possibly redam (small dam) back on burnt creek?? to create a small lake for ducks and picnics
8. All interviewed wanted the county to purchase the land for sale on Desmond. Excellent area for bird sanctuary, nature walks, native plantings.
9. Many, even with kids, disagreed with the 60/40 active/passive use of the park area.  
Most wanted places where they could walk or exercise with their kids.