

# Goat Hill Park

## Improvement Recommendations

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Hickory

Playground

Open Lawn

Kennedy

Ancell

- 1 Improve access from Kennedy St.**

There is currently no designated pedestrian crossing across Kennedy Street and park users, including children, often jaywalk to enter the park. Access improvements may include a crosswalk and signage at Ancell St. to create a safer intersection with a better defined street crossing.
- 2 Formalize park entrance as a nature trail entrance at Hickory St.**

Currently, the only public park entrance from Hickory St. is unmarked. A sign and park map would indicate that this is a public entrance leading to a trail and playground. Marking this as the entrance will also encourage park users to enter through the public route rather than through private openings.
- 3 Eradicate invasive species and restore natural area**

This section of the park is the most disturbed, with some mature native trees, but mostly pervasive invasives like Tree-of-Heaven, Bush Honeysuckle, etc. This is the area of the park with most of the active dumping of private materials.
- 4 Continue native plant restoration**

This area is a very steep, sandy, "no public access" hillside formerly covered in Kudzu. In the past two years, the Natural Resource Division has substantially planted appropriate native plants. Staff has also installed educational signage ("Native Plant Conservation Zone") in this area.
- 5 Conserve remnant trees**

The grassy knoll is an area of old remnant trees, likely from the historic Warwick estate. This includes a large, old Southern Red Oak and Black Cherry, as well as numerous mature Post Oak, Mockernut and Pignut hickories, American Elm, etc. Notable trees would be marked and preserved with environmental education signage.
- 6 Construct nature trail**

The current makeshift trail through the woods, connecting the playground and open lawn shows the desire for a formal nature trail. A new trail would include stairs to allow safe access up the slope. This would also create an area for children to explore nature.
- 7 Seek partner agreements with neighbors on park plantings**

The park is for public use. Many private properties have planted within the park boundary. An agreement would ensure the plants are appropriate variety and non-invasive.

-  Notable Tree
-  Park Boundary



0 50 100 200 Feet