

The Master Plan

The master plan identifies 3 principles that, when pursued together, will ensure that Dorothea Dix Park realizes its key ambition: to become a place for all of Raleigh, the region and the state to come together. The principles will guide every phase of growth, from planning to design to construction to maintenance, as well as future use by partners and visitors.

1 OPEN UP!

- Break the existing barriers that limit what is great about the site today
- Create new physical connections with bridges, transit, multi-use paths, and ecological corridors
- Create new cultural connections by becoming the venue where institutions, community groups, and families come together to host important events
- Showcase the best of Raleigh and the state of North Carolina

2 INVITE RESOURCEFULNESS

- Build the park from the unique opportunities and potentials of the existing site
- Bring meaning and relevance to the complex layers of site history through new park elements
- Inspired by the 19th century mental health care advocate Dorothea Dix, pursue practical solutions to address the challenges of today
- Weave innovative resiliency projects that celebrate natural systems into the park experience

3 CELEBRATE CONTRASTS

- Draw inspiration from the range of natural and cultural communities of North Carolina
- Offer something for everyone in a robust way
- Juxtapose park spaces that are urban, civic, and social with those that are natural, boundless and designed for individual exploration
- Present diverse park elements within a coherent and accessible public space framework

