

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

2022 Community Growth and Development Conference

Mobile Workshop: Dix Park September 15, 2022

Tour # 1: 12:30 PM to 2 PM; Tour # 2: 2:30 PM to 4 PM



Dix Park is one of North Carolina's most significant urban parks. Participate in a guided tour of the Park with project manager Kate Pearce. Learn about the legacy of the land; current operations; the public-private partnership; and the next steps the City is taking to plan the future of the park including the innovative Gipson Plaza and Play landscape. Experience how this park is shaping the future of Raleigh.

Gipson Plaza and Play

The Gipson Play Plaza at Dix Park will provide an opportunity to bring the community together and offer something for everyone. This 18.5-acre area off Lake Wheeler Road will become the welcoming grand entrance for the park and will attract visitors from near and far. World-renowned landscape architect firm Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates has completed the design, and construction will begin in summer 2022. This iconic entrance to Gipson Play Plaza will feature a waterfall wall as a sun-lit backdrop to the Grand Plaza. The Plaza, complete with a grand stair that can double as seating, will become a venue for community gatherings, performances, and festivals. Visitors of all ages and abilities will delight in multi-level play gardens, towers with connected skywalks, slides, scrambles, climbing structures, a Sand Bowl, a Sensory Maze, and a Watermill Mountain.

Tour Hosted by: **Kate Pearce**, Planning Supervisor and Dix Park Project Manager, City of Raleigh