

City-Brooks Park + Lakes Vision Plan Fact Sheet



- » This is a planning process, not a construction project.
- » It is not a final design or construction plan.
- » It is not a guarantee that every recommendation happens at once, or at all.
- » It is not a focus on any single feature or area of City-Brooks Park.
- » City-Brooks Park will remain a public park.
- » This long-term vision is intended to unfold over many years.
- » This plan brings together under one coordinated framework: City Brooks Master Plan, the study of a governance model for the University Lakes System, and the Milford Wampold Memorial Park concept design.
- » BREC has engaged residents, park users, stakeholders, and community partners throughout.*
- » The current concepts keep golf as an important program.
- » The golf course is historic, but historic status does not mean nothing can change.
- » The concepts adjust the course from a 2,300-yard nine-hole layout to a 1,900-yard nine-hole layout. The course would still contain Par-4 holes.
- » BREC Golf operates at about an 88% cost recovery overall. BREC is reviewing operations for efficiency, increasing rounds played and revenue opportunities, and evaluating targeted improvements so golf can become fully self-sufficient.
- » Watermark Golf / Nathan Crace Design has been engaged to review playability, safety and player appeal.
- » The Master Plan envisions the Brooks Park side to be renovated.
- » With no long-term plan for maintenance and management of the lakes beyond the current dredging project, a new operation and maintenance model needs to be studied.
- » This need has led to exploring the “how” of a conservancy model - underlying agreements, financial models (short- and long-term).
- » There has been no decision made as to the governance of the park.
- » Creating a conservancy would not necessarily add the current university lakes project to the responsibility of BREC or to BREC’s liabilities.
- » City-Brooks Community Park received the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) in 1984 and 2000 and thus placed the park under protection of this federal program.
- » Final recommendations go to the BREC Commission in the Fall of 2026. Accepted improvements would be phased over the years that follow as funding allows and as the BREC Commission determines.

* Discussions with these 14 groups: Friends of City Park, Envision Baton Rouge, Together Baton Rouge, Forum 225, Strong Towns, Old South Baton Rouge Economic Redevelopment Group, Garden District Civic Association, Beauregard Town, Success Labs, Little Rouge Hen, SERVE Louisiana, Baton Rouge Convention and Tourism Media Group, City Park Patrol HOA, LSU Community University Partnerships Councilwoman Coleman, Lakeshore HOA, LSU Student / future faculty, and BREC Department staff + Partner Boards.

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