ACTION STRATEGIES + RECOMMENDATIONS
EARLY ACTION / QUICK WINS

1. BUILD UP THE WHEELER PARKS FRIENDS GROUP
2. HOST A SERIES OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOVIE NIGHTS / PERFORMANCES / EVENTS
3. BUILD A LITTLE LIBRARY AND POP-UP READING ROOM
4. HOLD BIENNIAL PARK CLEAN-UP/VOLUNTEER DAYS
5. INTRODUCE FITNESS ORIENTED PROGRAMMING TIED TO THE WALKING PATH AND DOUGLAS TRAIL
BUILD THE WHEELER PARK FRIENDS GROUP CAPACITY
2. Host a series of family-friendly movie nights / performances / events

- Consider concerts and art in the park
BUILD A LITTLE LIBRARY & POP-UP READING ROOM

- Little Library: $300
- Adirondacks: $15
- Outdoor Chair: $825
- Outdoor Sofa: $1,250

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTDOOR READING ROOM

OUTDOOR STORYTIME
4. HOLD BI-ANNUAL PARK CLEAN-UP & VOLUNTEER DAYS
INTRODUCE FITNESS ORIENTED PROGRAMMING
CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Revamp the playground and include a sprayground
2. Replace the baseball field with a flexible open area and amphitheater
3. Widen the walking path
4. Formalize and beautify park gateways & entrances
5. Install the right type of lighting throughout the park
6. Restore the creek and make it into an asset
7. Diversify the tree canopy
8. Makeover the pavilion
9. Connect to Douglas Trail
1. REVAMP THE PLAYGROUND AND INCLUDE A SPRAYGROUND

INCLUDE SAFETY SURFACES, CLIMBING STRUCTURES AND PLANTED AREAS WITH SEAT WALLS

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

INTEGRATE LITTLE LIBRARY & OUTDOOR READING ROOM

AND A SIMPLE SPRAY GROUND
2. REPLACE THE BASEBALL FIELD WITH A FLEXIBLE OPEN AREA & AMPHITHEATER

SIMPLE STAGE

SLOPED OPEN LAWN

Perk Up
WHEELER PARK
AMPHITHEATER CONCEPT PLAN

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

1. OPEN LAWN
2. PERFORMANCE STAGE
3. PROPOSED CIRCULATION PATHS
4. NEW PARK ENTRANCE
5. NEW PARALLEL PARKING SPACES
6. FORMALIZED ENTRANCE
7. UPDATED PAVILION

EXISTING TREES

PROPOSED SHADE TREES
3. WIDEN THE WALKING PATH & INCLUDE FITNESS STATIONS

CASE STUDY: Riverfit at the Fitness Trail at Tom Lee Park. Memphis, TN
4. FORMALIZE AND BEAUTIFY PARK GATEWAYS AND ENTRANCES

- Include signage with park hours

EXISTING

PROPOSED
5. INSTALL THE RIGHT KIND OF LIGHTING

EXISTING

PROPOSED
6. RESTORE THE CREEK TO MAKE IT INTO AN ASSET

WORK WITH LOCAL MASTER GARDENERS AND LOCAL ECOLOGISTS TO RESTORE THE CREEKBED INTO A THRIVING NATURAL FEATURE
7. DIVERSIFY THE TREE CANOPY

Residents love the shade the pine trees provide, but do not like the litter or covered roots.

Target new shade tree plantings along the walking path and playground, consult with local master gardeners.

Preferred species: Black Gum.
8. MAKEOVER THE PAVILION

EXISTING

PROPOSED

Potentially Improved Features:
1. Updated Pavilion
2. ADA Parking Spaces
3. Proposed Circulation Paths
4. Enclosed Trash Collection Area
5. Formalized Parking Spaces
6. Gateway Greening
7. Proposed Playground

Existing Features:
1. Bathroom
2. Small Pavilion
3. Picnic Area

Legend:
- Planted Area
- Enclosed Trash Collection Area
- Existing Trees
- Proposed Shade Trees
9. CONNECT TO DOUGLAS TRAIL

LEVERAGE THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK MASTERPLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO CREATE A TRAIL CONNECTION TO WHEELER PARK ALONG GORDON ST.
Next Steps

1. Present recommendations to the Community Foundation of Coffee County Board
2. Work with the City of Douglas to finalize the Concept Plan
3. Present the Concept Plan to the Wheeler Park Community
4. Hire a design firm to perform a site survey and draft construction drawings
5. Take the show on the road! Share the Concept Plan at future engagements
6. Get started! Begin implementing Quick Wins

Quick Wins Check-List

- Finalize the Concept Plan
- Build up the Wheeler Park Friends Group
- Create a small grants program
- Host a series of family-friendly movie nights / performances / events
- Build a Little Library and pop-up reading room
- Hold biannual park clean-up & volunteer days
- Introduce fitness oriented programming
THANKS!