



***Imagine North Carolina's own
Central Park...***

Friends of Dorothea Dix Park

***Working together to share the vision of a world-class destination park –
It's the right thing to do for your children, your economic vitality and
your quality of life.***

Friends of Dorothea Dix Park

- Founded in 2004
- 501(C)3, non-profit organization
- Board of directors
- Thousands of members
- Over 30 member organizations across N.C.
- Donations are tax deductible
- www.dixpark.org



History

- 1850 – Land purchased by the state to build North Carolina's first psychiatric hospital
- 1856 – First patient admitted
- 2002 – NC DHHS officials announce that Dorothea Dix Mental Hospital will close by end of 2008
- 2003 – North Carolina legislature pass bill to build a new state psychiatric hospital in Butner, N.C.
- 2004 – Friends of Dorothea Dix Park begins to organize
- 2007 – General Assembly to decide the best use of the property



What is a "Destination Park"?

- Central Park in New York, Millennium Park in Chicago, Piedmont Park in Atlanta
- Backyard for downtown
- Haven in the middle of chaos
- Place to escape the city
- Place for families to take children
- Place for entertainment, recreation, exercise
- Brings in new people and money
- Provides connectivity to other parks through greenways



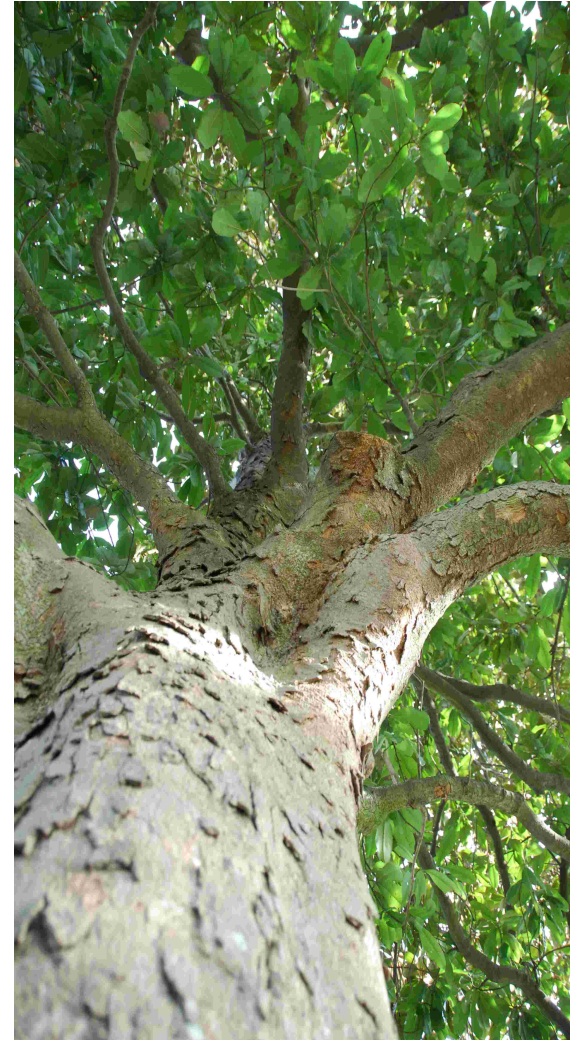
FDDP Park Plan



- Preserves open space and historic landmarks
- Will have a significant economic impact
- Development *outside* the park
- Enhances downtown development
- Promotes connectivity
- Presents several financing options
- Honors legacy of hospital
- Is the best comprehensive use of all 306 acres

What the park will bring to Raleigh...

- Cultural attractions and museums
- Live entertainment
- University performances
- Showcase Farmer's Market
- Site for families, residents, visitors, and students
- Gift for generations to come



Support for the Park Plan

Regardless of race, gender or political affiliation, a strong majority of those polled in Wake County believe it is important to preserve Dix Campus as a destination park.



We need YOU!

What you can do right now



- Sign the online petition at www.dixpark.org
- Become a member of FDDP
- Inform your neighbors and friends across the state
- Display a yard sign
- Write letters to newspaper editors
- Contact your legislator

Once it's gone, it's gone forever.









