The district’s oldest park is home to community-wide special events throughout the year, welcoming more than 60,000 visitors from Wheaton and beyond.

In early 2016, the district contracted Kimley Horn, a land planning firm, to develop concepts for the future of the park. The firm hosted a series of focus groups to gather input from various stakeholder groups.

Plans include removing the single tennis court to make more space for a new and improved “Art Sweet Memorial” Bandshell with open-air covered seating for approximately 300. Installation of a new veterans memorial that will span numerous past conflicts and incorporate the existing restored memorials. Additionally, improvements planned for existing Mary Lubko Center will improve ADA accessibility and add a second floor viewing/program terrace. Current family tree and bench memorials will remain.

Proposed enhancements are estimated to be:

- Park, bandshell, and memorial: $5,960,000
- Mark Lubko Center improvements: $1,004,000

The Board of Commissioners will review and prioritize this master plan project among other plans and proposals this fall and will seek additional neighbor and public input if the project is determined to be a priority in the Wheaton Park District master planning process.

To share input on this project, please contact mbenard@wheatonparks.org.

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