John Chavis Memorial Park

Vision Statement

John Chavis Memorial Park is a vibrant community center, downtown attraction and regional destination. The park celebrates the rich history, culture and arts of the surrounding neighborhoods and the City of Raleigh, and offers wonderful public recreation opportunities, event spaces and programs that foster community life. A place of pride and profound remembrance, the park celebrates the life and work of educator John Chavis, recognizes the community’s contribution to World War II, and honors the significance of the park’s history to the African American community during and following segregation.

John Chavis Memorial Park will always offer a safe and welcoming gathering space where family and friends of all cultures come to play, relax, learn and celebrate the big events and small, meaningful moments of life. The park grounds provide a beautiful, clean and refreshingrefuge, with access to nature and an expansive view of the downtown Raleigh skyline. Park features and programs promote fitness, health and wellness by offering a range of recreational activities for people of all ages and abilities. Just a few steps from downtown, the park is always full of activity, inspired by innovative programming that is interactive, fun and dynamic.

Original sentiment:

A sustainable, clean, and refreshing green refuge from everyday urban life, with access to natural resources and an expansive view of the downtown Raleigh skyline.

**Recommendation:** Remove “sustainable” from second paragraph, second sentence. Discuss the concept of environmental and economic sustainability as operating principles in the body of the master plan document.

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