



Pocket Park Project - Community Gathering Space Proposal

Narrative

The proposed pocket park on the 0.25-acre plot at the corner of Harry T. Moore Avenue and Myrtle Avenue will serve as an essential community gathering space for East Mims. Designed with a focus on history, culture, and social interaction, this park will provide a much-needed public space where residents can come together for reflection, celebration, and community events.

The park's centerpiece will be a covered stage, providing a venue for performances, local talent showcases, speeches, and other community events. Surrounding the stage will be carefully designed landscaping with native Florida plants, making the park a serene and visually appealing space. A walking trail will encircle a series of historical markers, which will feature memorial plaques honoring significant individuals and events in the community's history. The trail will encourage visitors to explore the park at their leisure while engaging with East Mims' rich cultural and historical heritage.

Pathways throughout the park, including the walking trail around the historical markers, will encourage daily use, whether for exercise, quiet reflection, or informal gatherings. The layout will foster small community meetings, public celebrations, and planned events such as concerts or markets. Lighting will ensure the space remains safe and usable after sunset, and clear signage will provide essential park information.

This park will be more than just green space; it will be a cornerstone of community life in East Mims, providing a place for families, neighbors, and friends to gather, interact, and celebrate their shared heritage.



Harry T. Moore & Myrtle as it Exist



Estimated Project Budget

Item	Justification	Estimated Cost
Landscaping	Softscape, hardscape, and site preparation are necessary to create an inviting and functional park space.	\$ 35,000
Memorial Plaques	Memorial plaques will honor significant individuals or events, contributing to the historical and cultural value of the park.	\$ 5,000
Covered Stage	A covered stage will serve as a focal point for events, performances, and gatherings, enhancing the park's usability.	\$ 35,000
Walking Trail	A walking trail will guide visitors around the historical markers and provide space for exercise and reflection.	\$ 12,000
Lighting	Lighting is critical for safety and the use of the park during evening events or gatherings.	\$ 4,500
Signage	Signage is needed to provide information, rules, and park identification for visitors.	\$ 2,500
Contingency (10%)	A 10% contingency is included to account for unforeseen costs or adjustments during construction.	\$ 9,600
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