



# BLUEPRINT 2000 & BEYOND FACT SHEET

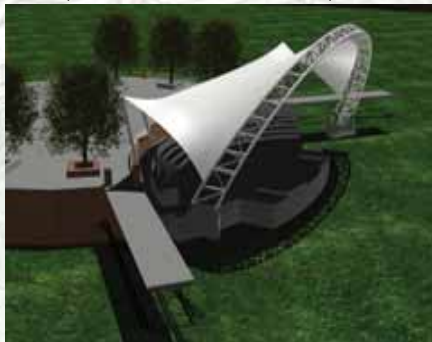
## Capital Cascade Trail - Segment 2

The park will include a series of sidewalks and trails providing over 2.3 miles of connected walkways, meandering through the landscape and park amenities. Capital Cascade Trail extends from Franklin Boulevard to Gadsden Street along the eastern edge of the park. After crossing the railroad, the trail turns west toward Monroe Street where it terminates until Segment 3 is constructed. The Capital Cascade Park amenities will ultimately provide park visitors with a long list of interesting venues:

- The history of our Capital City will be presented on a perimeter timeline fence
- The history of the African-American community known as "Smokey Hollow" will be interpreted at a plaza that will include a misting fountain and Smokey Hollow bronze relief
- The historic Meridian Monument will be celebrated as the centerpiece of the park
- A major entertainment venue will be incorporated with the Meridian Monument Plaza providing a covered stage and sloped amphitheater for over 3,500 people
- Adjacent to the Meridian Monument Plaza will be a cascade fountain that will interpret and celebrate the historic cascade that was located nearby
- Adjacent to the cascade fountain will be an interactive dancing fountain that will provide a major play venue in the park
- Boca Chuba (our City's symbolic flood protector) will be located at the outfall of the lower pond
- Other amenities may be added to the park in the future. These include but are not limited to a grand entrance from Monroe Street, a celebration of Centennial Field, the renovation of the Lake Hall School House, and a Veterans Memorial



Top - Meridian Monument Plaza, Bottom - Amphitheater



## Project Update

The design and permitting phase for Capital Cascade Park began in May 2006. The first step in the process was to complete a park programming effort that refined and expanded the Capital Cascade Trail Segment 2 Master Plan preferred concept. In June 2006, agenda setting meetings were held with project stakeholders, city and county staff, and area neighborhood representatives to assist the design team in further defining the anticipated park usage, event types and sizes, event requirements, and longer term maintenance issues. The results of this effort were presented to the public during the first Park Programming Workshop.

Based on the input from the stakeholders along with community input from the initial Park Programming Workshop, a Preferred Concept Plan was developed and presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee and to the Technical Coordinating Committee.

During the second Programming Workshop, the Preferred Concept Plan was supplemented with renderings to illustrate the design intent. Following this second workshop, the Preferred Concept Plan was presented to and approved by the Intergovernmental Agency (IA). With this approval, the design team initiated the detailed design of Capital Cascade Park.

Phase 2 construction plans (50%) were presented during the final Public Meeting in October 2007. In December 2007 a \$10 million fundraising campaign was kicked off with the announcement of a \$662,000 donation for the park walkways and trails. Tallahassee-based Capital Heath Plan made the donation stating that the 2.3 miles of trails will encourage physical fitness and improved health.

The design team is currently working on the completion of the 90% construction documents and has initiated the permitting process. Federal, state, regional and local regulatory agencies will participate in the extensive permitting effort that must be completed prior to starting construction. The critical path regulatory agency in the permitting process is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which is a two step process. The first application is for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) that evaluates the existing conditions. The LOMR will be submitted to FEMA by mid 2008. The second application is for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) that will address the proposed improvements. Following the permitting process, construction contracting will commence. Depending on the permitting process, construction is expected to commence during the first half of 2009 with the first completed section of the park open to the public in late 2010.