

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Columbus, Georgia



The Muscogee County School District has recently undertaken an exciting master plan for the site surrounding the old Sears Building and the new Library.

Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh & Associates was retained to create a master plan that would fully utilize the potential for this Mid-town redevelopment site. The design aims to highlight and reinforce the new Robert A.M. Stern Library as a civic monument through the use of two significant greenspace axes — one in the form of a Community Green and the other a Boulevard.

A new block and street system connects and reinforces the existing context and neighborhood feel. Using this block system these master plans create architectural spaces and human scaled places rather than placing the buildings in parking lots and unarticulated parks. The plan is designed to help bring back life to this previous community center. The new Library helps make a true destination and “community”.



The Master Plan includes significant new community park space surrounding Lindsay Creek. The creek itself will be restored to its natural state, which will provide many aquatic/recreational benefits. A greenway trail along Lindsay Creek would link the new Library with Columbus State University to the north & the Riverwalk to the south. Trees will be planted throughout the entire development and Community Green would be established in front of the Library, as well as pocket parks throughout the area.

top left: Front perspective of the community green
middle left: Rear perspective of park space surrounding Lindsay Creek
bottom left: Final Plan
below: View from Library Interior

