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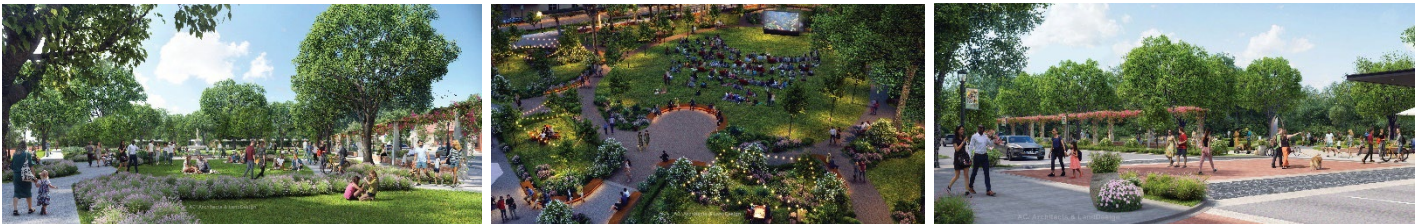
City to break ground on new Seven Oaks Park

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 28, 2023) On **Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m.**, city officials will break ground on the greenspace newly named **Seven Oaks Park**. This ceremonial ground breaking marks the official start of construction at the **corner of Denning Drive and Orange Avenue**. The official name, Seven Oaks Park, was adopted at the **March 22 City Commission meeting**. This name honors the **seven large Live Oaks planted in March** of last year and pays tribute one of the city's most treasured assets, its urban forest.

"It is not often a built-out city can add greenspace to its core and we look forward to breaking ground on this property. It will take about a year to transform this corner into our newest extraordinary outdoor experience and I'm excited about celebrating the grand opening of Seven Oaks Park in early 2024," shared Mayor Phil Anderson.

Attendees are asked to wear closed toe shoes and long pants as the ground-breaking event will be held within an active construction site.

Park renderings:



BRIEF HISTORY: The property, formerly referred to as Progress Point, was owned by an investor-owned utility and sold to private developers. The land was later traded to the city in a land-swap for other city-owned property. Through the years, there have been a number of redevelopment ideas for this site, however, none of the proposals were approved as appropriate uses for this parcel.

In 2020, the city approved a Scope of Work to hire ACi Architects and Land Design to create a conceptual design and vision for this 2.4 acres of contiguous park space. A public process was conducted and included City Commission work sessions, surveys, market research, targeted user input, and Commission directives.

In June 2021, the [redevelopment guidelines and action plan](#) derived from the public process was presented to the City Commission. Renderings (pictured above) of the transformation feature passive and active amenities including [lush garden zones](#), [shade trellises](#), open spaces, public parking and safe pathways and connections. Other elements of significance include day and evening amenities, pop-up events, [play areas](#), [variety of seating](#), and public restrooms. # # #

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