

Atlanta Tennis and Pickleball: Pickleball Pilot Program



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Pickleball is BOOMING!



Playing pickleball has caught fire and across the country the sport is booming ...



....Atlanta finds itself challenged to provide pickleball courts for residents interested in taking up the sport.



The Challenge

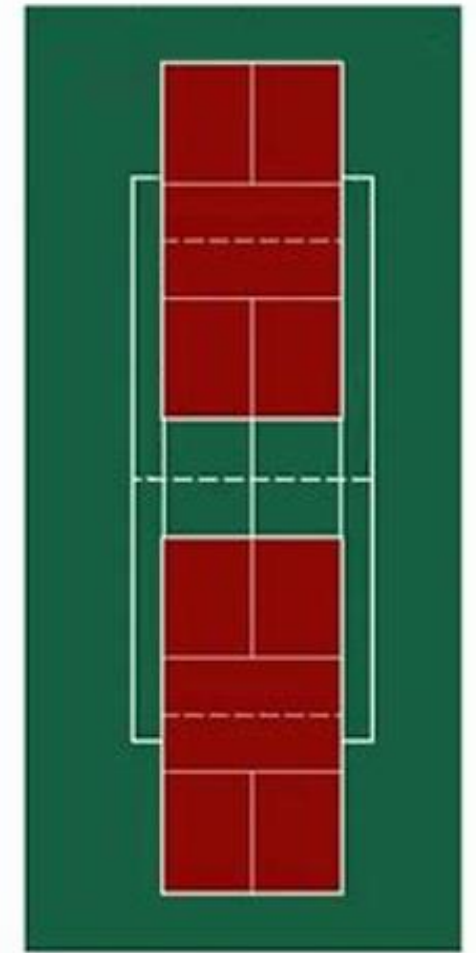
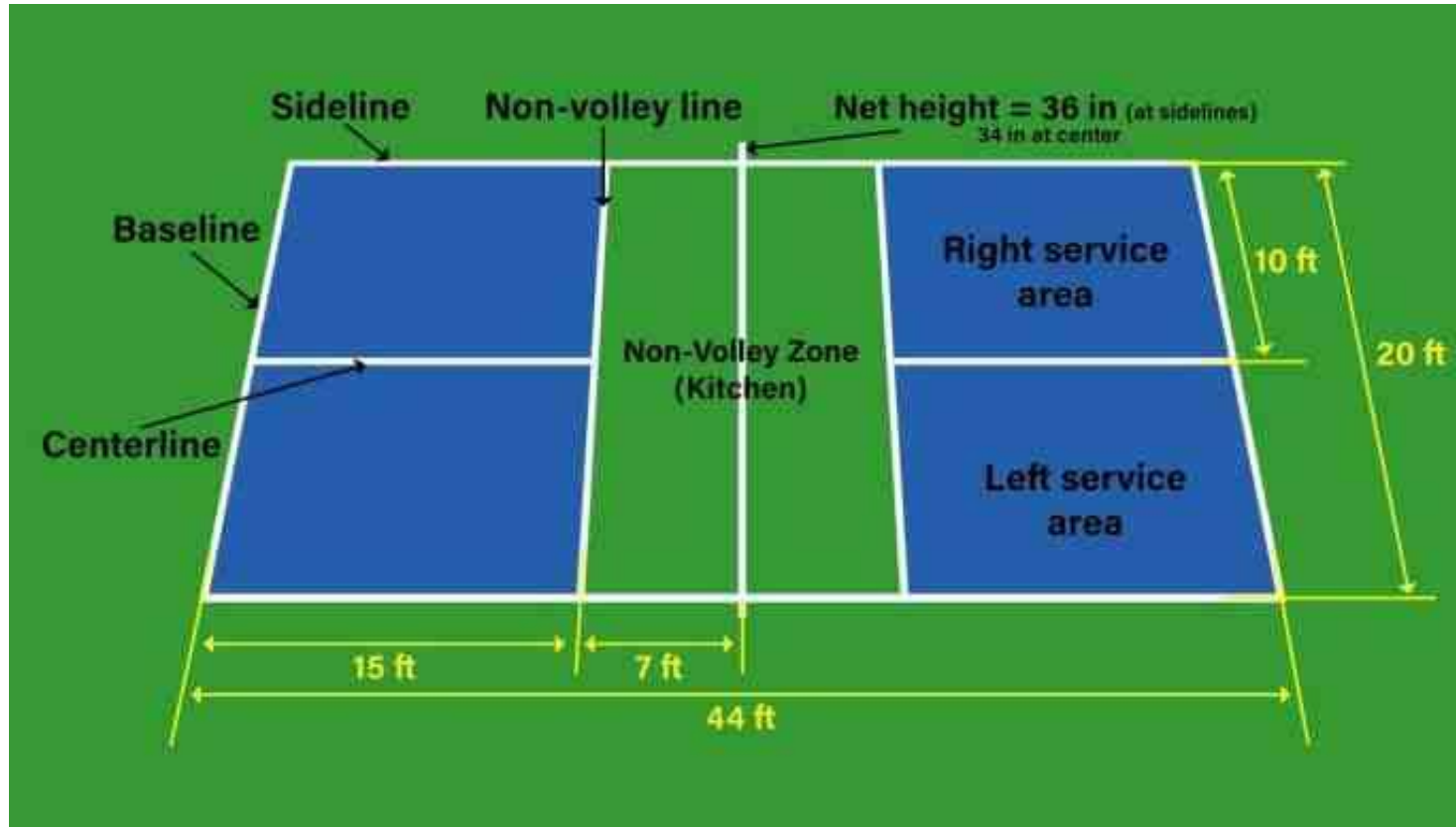
Atlanta does not have enough pickleball courts for residents interested in taking up the sport.

New, dedicated Pickleball courts cost approximately \$55,000 to \$70,000.

Converting or using existing courts, including repair and striping of surfaces, is not as costly.



A Viable and Immediate Solution



The shared use of tennis courts for tennis and pickleball offers a viable solution for accommodating Atlanta residents interested in playing both sports.

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Current Assets

Outdoor

- 182 Tennis Courts (164 CoA, 18 APS)
- 0 Dedicated Pickleball Courts
- 11 Painted Pickleball Overlays
- Tape and drop-down lines available at Tennis Centers

Indoor

- 3 Pickleball Courts each
 - Anderson Recreation Center
 - Thomasville Recreation Center
 - Grant Recreation Center

Proposed Guiding Principles Developed:

Based on review of literature on best practices and lessons learned from other cities.

With input from Atlanta Pickleball Club, USTA ATL, USTA Southern, ALTA and DPR Staff.

To provide guidance on the siting and development of dedicated pickleball courts and pickleball overlay courts.

Atlanta's
Seven Guiding Principles
For
Siting Pickleball Courts

Guiding Principles

1. Availability of space

Must accommodate standard 20' X 44' Pickleball court dimensions and have space for access areas and fencing around the court.

2. Proximity to housing

Pickleball courts should not be located closer than 150' from residential areas due to the noise created by the paddle and ball during pickleball games.

Guiding Principles

3. Adjacency to complimentary developments, streets and roads

Prioritize siting of Pickleball courts in parks along state routes, arterial, and collector streets (see ADOT definitions) given the level of noise generated from vehicle traffic.

4. Underutilized Sites

Assess the feasibility of locating Pickleball courts on sites identified by DPR as underutilized.

Guiding Principles

5. Prioritize USTA & ALTA League play

When siting Pickleball courts at locations with bathrooms and lights, ensure priority for USTA & ALTA league play.

6. Community Engagement

Solicit community feedback during the 2023-2024

Pickleball Pilot Plan, including initial public meetings, mid-year assessments and a platform to submit input virtually.

Guiding Principles

7. *Cost*

Use/convert existing sports courts (i.e., futsal or tennis courts etc.) and concrete spaces for Pickleball play to help manage the time and cost associated with constructing new, dedicated Pickleball courts.

Pickleball Pilot Sites



**Current****Pickleball Pilot Program**Dedicated
Tennis
Courts

Dedicated Courts

Shared Courts

Tennis

Pickleball

Tennis

Pickleball

Council District / Park

1

Grant

4

1

3

6

1

South Bend

1

1

2

1

Phoenix II

NA

2

2

Central

NA

4

3

Maddox

1

1

2

4

Mozley

2

1

1

2

5

East Lake

2

1

1

2

6

Peachtree Hill

3

1

2

4 (Existing)

6

Lennox Wildwood

2

1

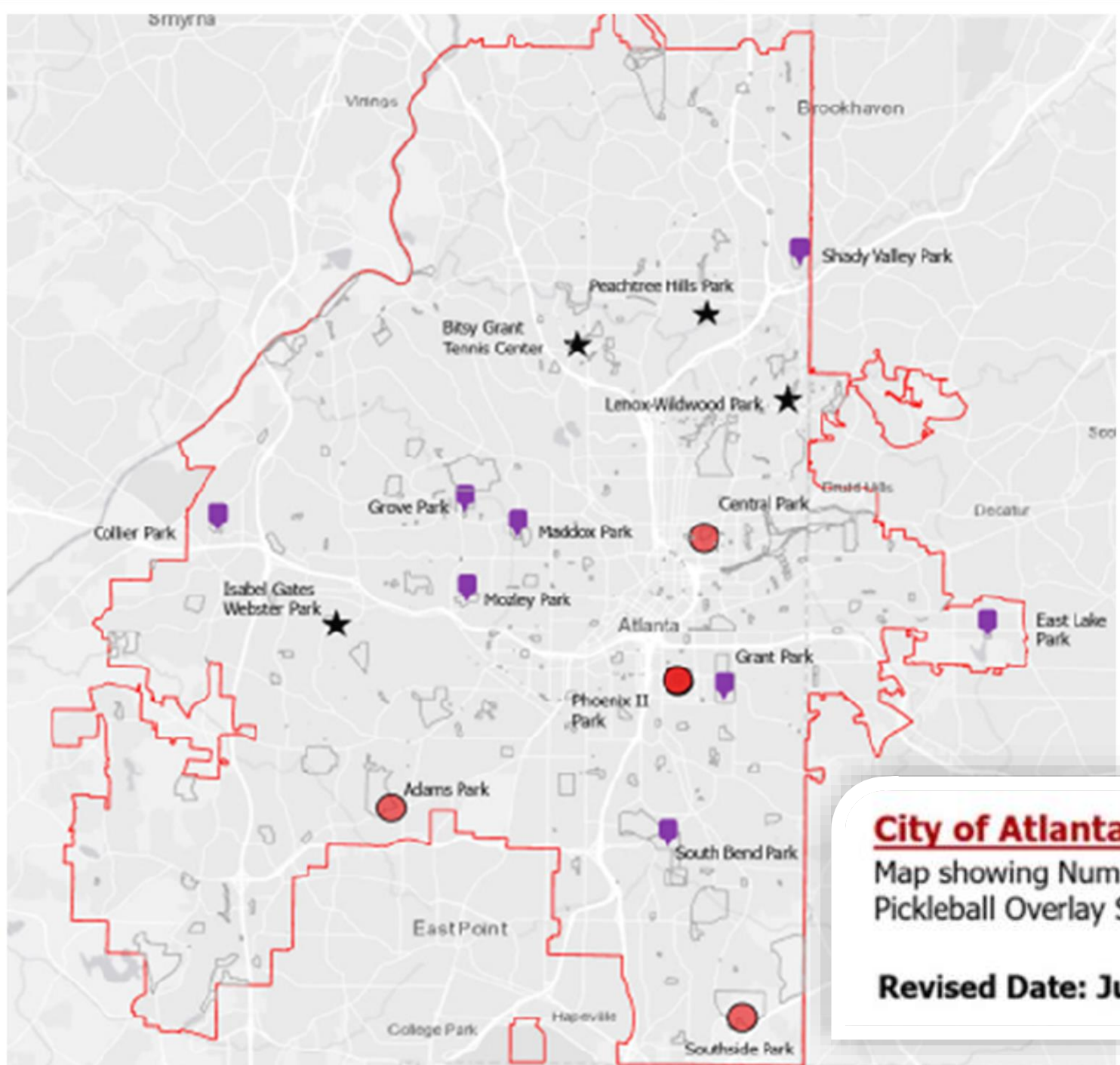
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1 (Existing)



Council District / Park		Current	Pickleball Pilot Program			
		Dedicated Tennis Courts	Dedicated Courts		Shared Courts	
			Tennis	Pickleball	Tennis	Pickleball
7	Shady Valley	3	1		2	4
8	Bitsy Grant	28	28			3 (Existing)
9	Grove	4	3		1	2
10	Collier	2	1		1	2
10	Isabel Webster Gates	2	1		1	2 (Existing)
11	Adams (along Campbellton Rd.)	NA		4		
12	Southside	NA		6		

47 Pickleball Courts: 14 dedicated courts and 33 shared courts w/ Pickleball overlays



City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation
Map showing Number of: Existing Pickleball Courts (Black) | Proposed Pickleball Overlay Sites (Purple) | Proposed Pickleball Dedicated Sites (Red).
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Examples of Proposed Sites



Phoenix II

Georgia Ave SE

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Georgia Ave SE

Martin St SE

Ami St SE

Ami St

Martin St

Phoenix II Park
Neighborhood green space for sports

Google

105

673

677

679

683

672

185



Layers

Southside Sports Complex

P 3460 Jonesboro Rd SE Parking

3460

3460

3460

Atlanta Southside Sports Complex Mini-Pitches

Google



Peachtree Hills Park



Peachtree Hills Recreation Center

Peachtree Hills Park Tennis Courts

Peachtree Hills Park

MAA Peachtree Hills

Post Corporation Apartments

Peachtree Hills Ave NE

Peachtree Hills Ave NE

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Adams Park

Adams Park Library

Campbellton
Basketball Courts

Campbellton Rd SW

Campbellton Rd SW

Campbellton Rd SW

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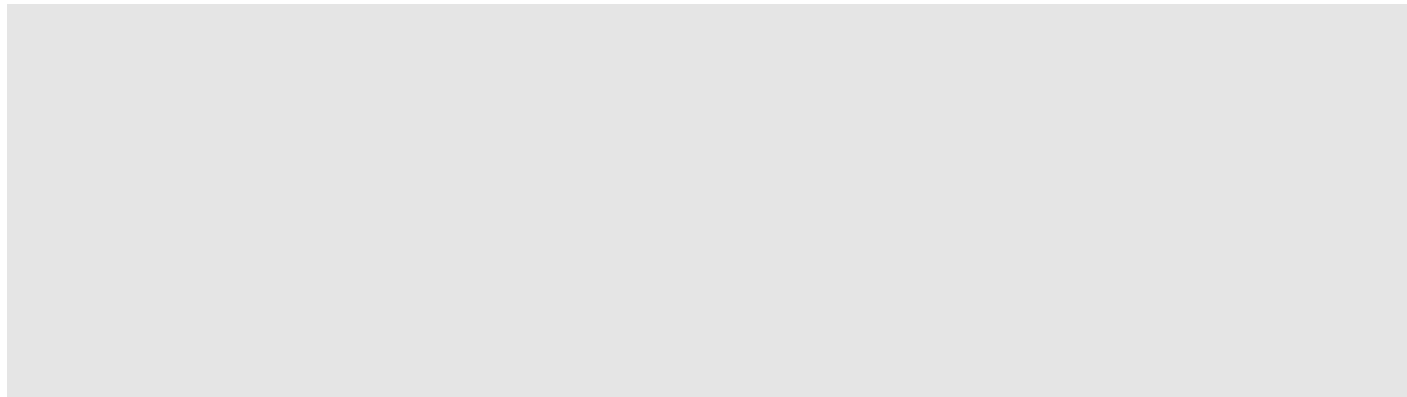
Grant Park

Simple Solutions IT

Grant Park
Tennis Facilities

Google

Next Steps



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Department of Parks and Recreation

- Conduct 2 Public Meetings to inform the community about the Pilot program and develop a shared vision of success.
 - July 12th In Person
 - July 18th Virtual
- Begin Pilot Program implementation
 - Southside Sports Complex
 - Signage, Numbering and Overlays

Next Steps: Support Needed

Tennis and Pickleball Groups

- Share guiding principles
- Promote Pilot Program options and opportunities
- Participate in Public Meetings and use feedback platforms
- Promote a reservation system for orderly sharing of courts
- Encourage court etiquette and enforce fair play
- Assist in fundraising for future development of Pickleball courts

Thank you!

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