



McFarlane Nature Park News

Sharing with those who work and care for the Park

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With winter warnings in our past, let's think spring!

**McFarlane's Master Gardeners will be featured on the
2026 Master Gardeners' Garden Tour**

May 9 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Consider walking in, as large crowds and lots of cars are expected. This is an ideal chance to visit the display gardens; Master Gardeners will answer questions. Pack a picnic and enjoy activities like talks about bees and bluebirds, plus a scavenger hunt for kids. Tickets are sold to help fund the Master Gardener Volunteers' work. Our crew works to maintain and enhance the Park throughout the year. This is our chance to support them. Tickets will cover visits to all four gardens—three of which are nearby residential gardens.

MCFARLANE FUTURE FORWARD ENDOWMENT

THANK YOU. WE DID IT!

IN DECEMBER, A COUPLE WHO LIVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OFFERED TO MATCH UP TO \$20,000 IN DONATIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT IF RECEIVED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026.

WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF THE PARK, WE WERE ABLE TO BRING THE MATCH HOME AND EXCEED THE ORIGINAL GOAL FOR THE ENDOWMENT.

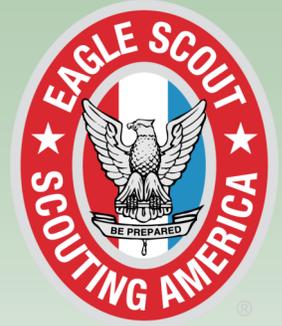
When the property was awarded to The Cobb Land Trust, it was not accompanied by any funds with which to operate and maintain the Park. Since 1993, the Park has been run by volunteers and funded by donations. The purpose of the endowment is to provide a small income to the operating fund to help cover annual expenses and surprise expenses. The endowment will not be spent. At the end of each year, 80% of the interest or increase will be available for expenses, with 20% remaining in the fund. We will continue to build the endowment, moving the Park toward eventual self sufficiency some time in the future.

Visit our new phone-friendly website, turning a fresh face to the world at

<https://www.mcfarlanenaturepark.com>

40th Eagle Scout Project Completed

The Park has been the lucky recipient of 40 Eagle Scout projects beginning in 1994. They are all listed on our website with the name of the scout, the troop and the month in which it was completed.



The new Dead Hedge in the Woodland

Just this December 2025, Eagle prospect Liam Fry, with his Troop 795, installed a Dead Hedge in the woodland.

There had previously been a pile of brush and tree limbs but the dead hedge controls the plant material and is more intentional. It is a great use of branches and trimmings to provide habitat and it will compost in place. Although it may look as if it is filling up, the plant material will rapidly break down leaving room for the addition of material as needed.

There are two new Eagle projects in the planning stages, and as we move to retire old picnic tables we will be on the lookout for an Eagle prospect, or two, who may want to replace them.

Want to know more about McFarlane?

Four boxes beneath our signboard hold tri-fold brochures that are there for you.

- General Park information
- The Tree Collection
- Making Event Reservations
- The Gardens

Two local business have funded the printing of the brochures.

Top Tier sponsors the Tree tri-fold while Hardy Kaplan of Chattahoochee Home & Garden, has sponsored the remaining three.



Volunteer Opportunities

Literature Box Be responsible for keeping literature boxes full. Tri-folds supplied.

Constant Contact Person with experience to manage quarterly NEWS distribution.

Meadow Help cut back the meadow to prepare for the flush of spring.

Neighbors are welcome to join the Master Gardeners on Tuesday mornings, usually about 9 a.m. or contact Kate Mason 404.983.8033 who leads the crew.

VOLUNTEERS WHO WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES MAY CONTACT
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