



AVIATION PARK

Located at the corner of Cobb Place Boulevard and Barrett Lakes Boulevard by the Cobb County International Airport, the large open greenspace is a perfect setting for passive recreation and a gathering space in the Town Center CID. The park was funded by the Town Center CID and the Town Center Community Alliance and is owned and maintained by Cobb County. The vision entailed the creation of an area to educate the community on the history of aviation in Cobb County, as well as engage visitors in a beautiful open environment. The concept lent itself to creating a playground, shade structure and needed restrooms along the Noonday Creek Trail. Through County/CID collaboration, the initial vision for Aviation Park has become a reality.



GROUNDBREAKING: May 2017

SIZE: Three acres

LOCATION:

2659 Barrett Lakes Boulevard
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

DESIGN:

Arcadis, Kompan, Sutton Architectural Services, Inc., Winter Design

CONSTRUCTION:

Croy Engineering, Integrated Construction and Nobility, Inc.

FUNDING:

\$2.7 million park funded by the Town Center CID and the Town Center Community Alliance.

RIBBON CUTTING:

November 2017



FEATURES:

- ▶ Aviation-themed playground including:
 - ▶ Airplane shaped rope & cable climbing structure with mock runway rubber surface
 - ▶ Spinner bowls
 - ▶ Swings, toddler swings & baskets with ADA accessibility
 - ▶ Climbing structure featuring electronic STEM system
- ▶ Aviation control tower themed restroom building with drinking fountain
- ▶ Aviation-themed signage
- ▶ Airplane wing designed picnic pavilion
- ▶ Open green space for airplane viewing
- ▶ Public art display areas
- ▶ Landscaping and lighting
- ▶ Dog water bowl

Park Design Elements

▶ **Aviation Influence** – With a unique location on Cobb County International Airport property, the park honors Cobb County’s rich history in aviation.

▶ **Overall design** – A collaboration between the TCCID and Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department, the park’s design incorporates multiple aviation-themed elements as well as provides an opportunity for passive recreation.

▶ **Elements include:**

- ▶ Control Tower Restroom Building – Designed to mimic the architecture of the control tower at McCollum Field. Accommodations include restrooms, baby changing facilities, a drinking fountain and a dog water fountain/bowl.
- ▶ Winged Shade Structure – Designed to represent the wing span of an aircraft. Outdoor grills are located at the structure along with built-in seating and picnic tables, standard and ADA accessible.
- ▶ An aviation windsock is located adjacent to the playground for identifying wind direction.
- ▶ The open greenspace is sloped to face west for relaxing on the grass and viewing the airplanes as they take off and land.
- ▶ Multiple benches and trash receptacles are located along the linear sidewalk, connecting the parking lot to the restroom building.
- ▶ The parking lot has 60 spaces with access to the park, including handicap spaces.
- ▶ Playground
 - ▶ The airplane corocord climbing structure sits on a rubberized surface mimicking the runway at

McCollum Field. Oriented in an east/west direction, the mock runway reflects FAA orientation and the #9 is used to reflect the runway designation at the adjacent airport.

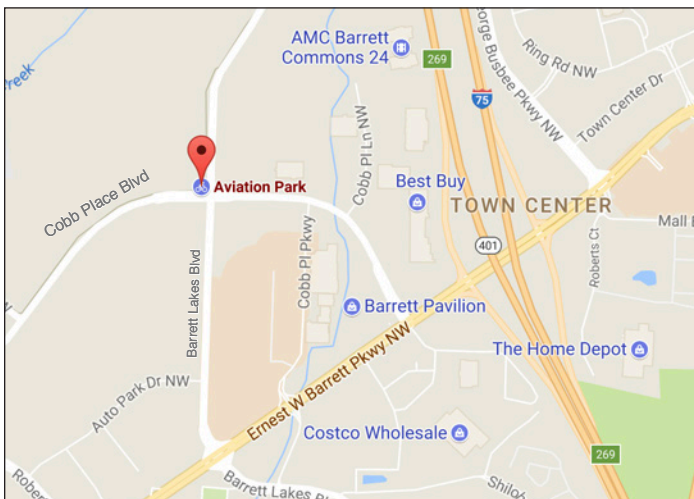
- ▶ Spinner bowls are located alongside the rubber surface to represent the lights of the runway.
- ▶ The ICON climbing structure is an electronic STEM-oriented apparatus, engaging children in play through electronic games and light-up elements.
- ▶ Three types of swings are included: standard, infant swings, and basket/ADA swings.

▶ **Water Quality** – With a stream located west of the park, the site design addresses water run-off by providing a detention and water quality pond with specific plants/grasses and stabilization materials to filter and clean the water.

▶ **Special Considerations**

- ▶ FAA Standards – Located within the safety zone of the Cobb International Airport, the park is designed to adhere to FAA guidelines, including tree height restrictions, plant species restrictions (to not attract wildlife), light pole requirements (to cast light down and not up into the sky), as well as airport fence standards along the property line to maintain security.
- ▶ County Parks and Recreation Standards – Coordination with the County on customary appliance installations to standardize maintenance activity and provide continuity through the park system.
- ▶ TCCID Design Standards – All remaining site furnishings follow the recommendations set forth in the TCCID design standards, providing continuity throughout the district.

Location of Aviation Park



Future Plans

The TCCID and the TCCA will further promote educational and informational pieces for installation at Aviation Park. Elements include pieces highlighting the history of aviation in Cobb County, aviation-themed art and STEM-related interactions.

The park is owned and operated by Cobb County Parks and Recreation with future design and maintenance assistance from the TCCID and TCCA.



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