



The new signature city park west of downtown, to be named Unity Park, will be marked by a 10-story observation tower. A pedestrian bridge will span the Reedy River, and a gathering hall will be part of the \$20 million project. CITY OF GREENVILLE

Greenville unveils plans for Unity Park

New downtown facility to feature tower, pedestrian bridge

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Its name will be Unity Park, and it will stand as one of the most ambitious undertakings in the city's history.

The \$40 million project of turning 60 acres of long-neglected lowland, steeped in a shameful legacy of segregation west of Greenville's prosperous downtown, is now becoming reality.

At its center will be a landmark that will rival the grandeur of Falls Park's Liberty Bridge: a 10-story, lighted observation tower, rising as high as City Hall,

"The area has a history — a not-so-good history. It was a throw-away zone. This is a part of healing in the community."

Mayor Knox White

that can be seen from countless vantage points across the city.

Another large-scale pedestrian

bridge — like the tower, estimated to cost about \$5 million to build — will span the Reedy River, where hidden wetlands will be put on display.

A vast playground with water jets. Gathering hall. Business and recreation inhabiting old warehouses along the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

The city has spent decades preparing for this moment, buying and holding onto land it owns in the area near the Kroc Center that had long been a dumping ground.

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