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## **GADSDENBORO PARK GROUNDBREAKING**

*Charleston, SC* – Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., members of City Council, community partners and city staff broke ground today on Gadsdenboro Park. The concept for the design is the result of a series of public design workshops. The workshops were originally facilitated by the group Projects for Public Spaces, which helped design Bryant Park in New York City.

Gadsdenboro Park will be five acres of public space in a portion of the block formed by Calhoun, Laurens, Washington and Concord Streets. The center of the park will be a lawn for programmed activities like soccer, football, etc. The perimeter will have outdoor ‘rooms’ for playgrounds, bocce ball, chess tables, sculpture opportunities, etc.

Mayor Riley said, “This will be a wonderful neighborhood park for the people who live and work in the Gadsdenboro area of our city. The playgrounds, bocce ball court, chess tables and sports field will help bring the community together and provide a number of different activities for our residents and visitors to engage in.”

City Council approved the construction contract with AOS Specialty Contractors on August 21, 2013. AOS is a woman-owned construction company who recently completed work on Charlotte Street Park.

The construction cost is \$5,688,523. The expected completion is Fall-2014.

[Photos of Groundbreaking](#)

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