Metropolitan Park in Athens, Greece, at 500 acres, will be the largest contemporary urban park in Europe. This park has one of the greatest settings on earth—the cradle of Western civilization. Incredible archeology, culture, and ecology are the foundations for this truly Greek park.

I. Overview

The site and context for each abandoned airport site will be discussed. The design process collaboration will be of specific interest. This discussion will center mostly on design development and permitting. The range of potential uses that lead to the park boundaries and size. Landscape as catalyst for other development. Athens abandoned airport and site of the 2004 Olympics. Designed initially as a competition, the Hellinikon Project is 1500 acres and features a 500 acre “Metropolitan Park” in Athens, Greece. All residential and commercial development must be developed in tandem with the park.

- Learn about programming and design in a complex urban context.
- Understand the site's technical challenges, especially building over an abandoned airport.
- Learn how the park will be constructed in phases and in tandem with adjacent development.
- Examine the role of the landscape architect as part of a complex international design team.

II. Presentation in 5 parts:

1. Speaker Introductions/The Project History
2. Competition/Design
3. Politics and Design
4. Present/Conclusion
5. Questions

Thanks!