

Four parks for San Juan ^[1]

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By Libni Sanjurjo Meléndez / lsanjurjo@elnuevodia.com ^[2] endi.com ^[3] The recreational facilities will comprise of the Metropolitan Environmental Network (RAMA) and will have a cost of approximately \$43.7 million, explained Acevedo Vilá. The parks are: the Park of the Laguna del Condado, contiguous to the water body of the same name; the Urban Park, in the District of the Convention Center in Isla Grande; the Park of the Santurce, near the new headquarters of the Department of Sports and Recreation (DRD); and the Park Doña Ines, in the old residence of the ex- governor Luis Muñoz Marín in Sabana Llana Sur, Rio Piedras. “RAMA will conform the green infrastructure that will run through Greater City, and it promotes the connectivity and mobility within the urban centers in the Metropolitan Zone by means of the combination of state, municipal, private and joint projects”, said the First Executive. The Park of the Laguna del Condado will include a wooden path in front of the water, facilities for kayaks and parking for 35 vehicles. Native trees and shrubs will be planted. Its inauguration is programmed for December of 2007 and the investment ascends to more than \$5 million of state and federal funds. Meanwhile, the Urban Park will be developed within the 20 acres that compose the district mentioned. The park that will be able to be used for different activities, will be inaugurated in August, and includes a park for children and two places for concessions. The investment ascends to \$27 million, originating of a bond that is a source of repayment from hotel room tax. The place includes a fountain valued in \$3 million, that dances and sing the songs “Precious” and “the Cumbanchero” of the Puerto Rican composer Rafael Hernandez. On the other side, the Park of the Santurce will connect with the Linear Park Enrique Martí Coll by means of a pedestrian walkl. The investment for this passive park, that will be ready in five months, ascended to \$8 million state funds. Acevedo Vilá also informed that the Park Doña Ines will include the first Metropolitan Arboretum. RAMA is part of the project of urbanism and planning denominated Greater City, Metropolis of the

Caribbean.

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