

# PARKS SYSTEM PLAN



# Flexible Phased Approach

- The Parks System Plan identifies approximately \$26 million in capital improvement projects.
- The Task Force, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Staff are recommending a flexible phased approach to these improvements.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?

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WE HAVE!

# Essential Improvements

HIGHEST PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION		ESTIMATED COST
Maintenance and Reinvestment	Playgrounds, Buildings, Trail Overlay, Fencing, Tennis Courts, Parking Lots, Nature Center Upkeep		\$7,000,000

# Essential Improvements

ONGOING (LISTED BY COST)	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	ESTIMATED COST
Construct prioritized projects to eliminate gaps in Trail Network	Annual prioritization and construction based on funding	Additional projects may occur as part of road construction projects or through implementation of the Living Streets Policy	\$6,000,000
Add amenities to Neighborhood Parks	Shade structures, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles	Phase improvements based on upcoming projects and geographic distribution. Focus on larger neighborhood parks first.	\$700,000
Actively manage high quality natural resources	Prepare and implement natural resource management plans for areas of high quality habitat/high ecological value	Projects in Fish Creek, Priory, Gladstone Savanna, Prairie Farm Preserve, Jim's Prairie, Beaver Creek, Applewood, Joy Park, Carver, and Kohlman Creek.	\$400,000

# Essential Improvements

ONGOING (LISTED BY COST)	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	ESTIMATED COST
Add amenities to Community and Athletic Parks	Water fountains, shade structures, benches, bike racks, and waste receptacles	Phase improvements based on upcoming projects and geographical distribution. Include all Community, Community Athletic, and Youth Athletic Parks.	\$400,000
Update park signs	Make system-wide, standard improvements to park that incorporate art		\$125,000

# Essential Improvements

The projected cost for these projects is \$9,000,000, this does not include all the trail system improvements, these happen as situations present themselves and are ongoing. If the City took a phased approach to these projects the cost would be:

- 5 Years - \$1,800,000 / Year
- 10 Years - \$ 900,000 / Year

# Prioritization

- The remaining list of priorities represents improvements/enhancements to the system — including the signature parks
- The maintenance/replacement costs for the signature parks is already included in the Maintenance and Capital Replacement recommendation
- These recommendations are listed in order of priority.

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Add Restrooms to Community and Athletic Parks	Restrooms at Harvest, Hazelwood, and Joy as other parks will get restrooms through other projects	Phase improvements based on upcoming projects and geographic distribution. Plan for restrooms to be open during park hours.	\$300,000
Improvements to Wakefield Park	Replacement and improvements based on new Master Plan		\$2,000,000
Improve system wayfinding	Add signage and kiosks to trails and parks system		\$300,000

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Continue/expand community gardens	Continue to add additional public community gardens at a rate of one per park service area	One community garden in Central West serve Area	\$7,500
Improvements to Preserves and Open Spaces	Add improvements based on individual preserve needs	Includes amenities such as trails, shelters, interpretation, parking, and community gardens.	\$800,000

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Improvements to Veteran's Memorial Park	Replacement and improvements based on revised Master Plan		\$2,500,000
Modify field mix	Harvest Park Improvements based on new Master Plan	Field improvement and reconfiguration	\$1,000,000
Add off-leash dog park	Locate in northern part of the City		\$100,000

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Improvements to City Hall Campus	Replacement and improvements based on revised Master Plan		\$1,000,000
Replace/Refurbish Nature Center	Prepare and implement Nature Center Master Plan		\$2,500,000

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Expand facility mix in Western Park Service Area	Add small picnic shelter and outdoor skating rink with warming house	Recommended to meet the goal of geographic distribution of facilities throughout park service areas	\$500,000
Implement new policy regarding tennis court distribution	Add one double court at Maplewood Heights		\$150,000

# Prioritization

Action	Description	Notes	Estimated Cost
Add mobile stage			\$100,000
Add new neighborhood park in South Park Service Area	New park as development occurs	Park dedication fees may contribute to this development.	\$275,000

# Funding Options

Many funding sources can and will need to be explored for the completion of these projects. Some of the options are:

1. General Fund
2. Bond Referendum
3. Utility Fees
4. State Aid Funds
5. Park Dedication Fees
6. Grants
7. Partnerships
8. Donations (Formation of a fundraising group)

QUESTIONS???