# Citywide Park Planning Process

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Renovate open passive use area

This area is one of the largest non-programmed spaces. Children and adults use this space for pick-up games, practices, and lounging. Retaining it as a passive use area will help to balance the different activities in the park and provide recreational opportunities for non-sports team users. Increased maintenance and site amenities can help facilitate these uses.

ESTIMATED COST: $78,000 - $95,000  PRIORITY: Medium  PROPOSED TIMEFRAME: 3 - 10 years

The priority for each recommendation is shown as "low," "medium," or "high." RPCA determined these rankings based upon three factors: 1) park user safety, 2) community prioritization feedback and the results of the 2011 and 2013 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, 3) life span of existing facility.

RPCA proposed a timeline for each recommendation by considering the project priority, the project cost with relation to the Department budget and contingent upon the Capital Improvement Plan, and the construction sequencing of the recommendation amongst other park projects.
Recommendations for all Citywide Parks

1. Improve wayfinding signage throughout the park system
2. Provide improved trash receptacle locations and recycling program
3. Include universal accessibility in all plans
4. Locate public art in collaboration with the Office of the Arts Public Art Master Plan
5. Establish parking policy and standards
6. Upgrade utilities in the Parks to support uses and special events
7. Install additional bicycle racks in Parks
8. Complete a documentary study and archaeological evaluation and incorporate interpretive elements
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND
1. RENOVATE PARKING LOTS & ADD BIKE PARKING
2. COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PARK EXPANSION
3. ADD WATER FOUNTAIN
4. ADD MOTION SENSOR AREA LIGHTING PER APD
5. IMPROVE FIELD CONDITIONS
6. RELOCATE & FENCE DOG AREA
7. ADD 2-3 ADULT FITNESS STATIONS ALONG PATH
8. RELOCATE & CLUSTER PLAYGROUND, COURTS AND SEATING
9. ADD MILE MARKERS ALONG EXISTING PATH
10. ADD NEW HARD & SOFT TRAILS
11. IMPROVE PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE “GREEN ALLEYS”
12. INSTALL NEW BRIDGES
13. CONSTRUCT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL FEATURES
14. ESTABLISH NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN
15. CREATE OPEN-USE FIELD WITH SEATING
16. AMEND TURNABOUT & REESTABLISH GREEN SPACE WITH PICNIC AREA AND GRILLS
17. RESERVE AREA FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE RECYCLING CENTER
18. RENOVATE MUSTER ROOM AND ADD RESTROOMS
19. INCREASE CONNECTIVITY TO CORA KELLY FACILITIES
20. PEDESTRIANIZE INTERSECTION & CONNECT TO 3550 COMMONWEALTH AVE PARK
21. FORMALIZE PARK ENTRANCE

PER FMR RESTORATION PLAN
A. NATURALIZE STREAMBANK
B. REMOVE FILL & RESTORE WETLAND
C. INSTALL NEW BRIDGE

GRAPHIC KEY:
- HARD TRAILS
- SOFT TRAILS/BOARDWALK
- PARK BOUNDS
- ENTRANCE PLAZAS
- ATHLETIC FIELDS
- STREAM BANK RESTORATION
- TIDAL WETLANDS
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND
1. EXPAND AND/OR RENOVATE CHINQUAPIN POOL ACCORDING TO FEASIBILITY STUDY
2. CONSOLIDATE & EXPAND REC CENTER PARKING ACCORDING TO FEASIBILITY STUDY
3. CONSTRUCT NEW PARK SHELTER
4. RELOCATE PLAYGROUND
5. RELOCATE AND ENCLOSE DOG PARK
6. CREATE ADULT FITNESS AREA AND MULTI-USE COURTS
7. CREATE GROVE OF NATIVE PLANTS RELATING TO SITE HISTORY
8. CONSTRUCT 1/4 MILE MARKED WALKING LOOP AT PERIMETER OF FIELD
9. RE-GRADE OPEN FIELD IN CENTER OF LOOP
10. MAKE WEST HALF OF LOOP PERVERIOUS MATERIAL AND ONE-WAY WITH OVERFLOW PARKING LANCES
11. MAKE EAST HALF OF LOOP TWO-WAY WITH TURN-AROUND AND PARKING
12. ESTABLISH ACCESSIBLE PARKING & ENTRANCE TO AQUATICS FACILITY
13. STUDY POSSIBLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
14. CONTINUE INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL
15. PLANT ADDITIONAL TREES
16. ADD TURN-AROUND AND RENOVATE ROAD AROUND GARDEN WITH PERVERIOUS PAVING

GRAPHIC KEY

- PERVIOUS PAVING AREAS
- PARK BOUNDS
- HARD TRAILS
- SOFT TRAILS
- MULTI-USE TRAIL
- ENTRANCE PLAZAS
- PASSIVE AREAS
- COMMUNITY TURF
- COURTS
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND
1. WIDEN PATH 6-8 FEET TO ENABLE NORTH-SOUTH STANDARD PATHWAY
2. ADJUST PLAYGROUND BORDERS, IMPROVE ENTRANCES, AND ADD NATURAL PLAY
3. ADD STROLLER PARKING AND PLAZA AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE
4. CREATE OPEN-USE AREA AND IMPROVE PLANTINGS IN PASSIVE USE AREAS
5. CONNECT PATHWAY TO E. DUNCAN AVE
6. USE BOLLARDS TO LIMIT PATHWAY DRIVING ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
7. PLANT PERIMETER TREES TO CREATE "GREEN ALLEY"
8. PROVIDE NEW HARD TRAILS IN EAST HALF OF PARK
9. PROVIDE NEW FIELD ENTRANCE AND RAMP
10. IMPROVE MAINTENANCE ROUTE TO SOCCER FIELDS
11. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH EQUIPMENT STORAGE UNDERNEATH
12. PROVIDE NEW BLEACHERS WITH CONCESSIONS BOOTHs UNDERNEATH
13. CREATE PICNIC AREA NEAR CONCESSIONS
14. EXPAND PARKING LOT
15. ENCOURAGE USE OF FORTY FIVE TOTAL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ALONG E. MONROE AVE AND MAIN LINE BLVD FOR SOCCER FIELD USE
16. IMPROVE DOG PARK TO INCLUDE LIGHTING TERRACED HILL, TREES, AND PLAY FEATURES
17. ADD MAINTENANCE STORAGE SHELTER AND YARD BETWEEN FIELDS
18. ADD VEGETATED BIOSWALE ALONG DOG PARK EDGE AND AT MAINTENANCE YARD

Note: CIP Funds have already been allocated to install stairs at Monroe Avenue/basketball court and to replace the Little Simpson Press Box in 2014.

GRAPHIC KEY

- HARD TRAILS
- BIKE ROUTE
- PARK BOUNDS
- OPEN USE AREAS
- ENTRANCE PLAZAS
- ATHLETIC FIELDS
- DOG PARK
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND
1. MINIMIZE FLOOD IMPACT FOR TRAIL UNDERPASSES
2. PROTECT AGAINST EROSION ALONG BANKS
3. IMPROVE STORAGE AND EDGING FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS
4. REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES AND CREATE OPEN VIEWSHEDS THROUGHOUT PARK FOR SAFETY AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH
5. REPLACE AND RENOVATE PICNIC AREAS
6. CONSTRUCT ACCESSIBLE SOUTH SIDE TRAIL AND INCREASE ACCESS FROM HOLMES RUN PARKWAY
7. ADD NATURAL PLAY AREAS
8. EXPAND FITNESS STATION
9. ADD LIGHTS TO BEATLEY BRIDGE AND TO THE ADJOINING SECTION OF THE NORTH SIDE TRAIL
10. DIVIDE DOG PARK FOR LARGE AND SMALL DOGS
11. FORMALIZE SOFT TRAIL
12. ADD TRAIL MARKINGS FOR IMPROVED SAFETY AT N. JORDAN ST.
13. CONNECT JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK WITH HOLMES RUN TRAIL CIRCULATION AND DUKE ST. DOG PARK
14. MODIFY JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK TO PROVIDE ENHANCED VISIBILITY AND PASSIVE PARK USE
15. MOVE JAMES MARX MEMORIAL TO ENHANCE VISIBILITY FROM STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARK MODIFICATIONS
16. INSTALL BRIDGE TO CONNECT JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK TO CHARLES BEATLEY LIBRARY
17. INSTALL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SITE WITH EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT
18. ADD NEW PICNIC SHELTER TO JAMES MARX-ALL VETERANS PARK

GRAPHIC KEY

- PRIMARY TRAILS
- SECONDARY TRAILS
- SOFT TRAILS
- PARK BOUNDS
- PROPOSED ENTRANCE PLAZA
- PROPOSED PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS
- ACTIVITY AREA (PLAYGROUND, PICNIC AREA, GARDENS)
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND

1. Improve connections to Holmes Run trails
2. Reserve space to address long-range need for community center
3. Renovate open passive use area
4. Increase bicycle parking
5. Retrofit Cameron Station Pond
6. Open viewsheds
7. Relocate maintenance building and provide vehicular access bridge
8. Add trail improvements and shade structures
9. Study feasibility of bike-friendly path
10. Consolidate five small playgrounds into two large playgrounds
11. Provide pedestrian bridge across tracks to Eisenhower Avenue
12. Hold location for possible future school garden
13. Provide dog park lighting (push-button activated, timed) and expand dog park to include dog exercise features
14. Light bridge exit (motion-sensor activated, timed)
15. Renovate courts to include multi-use spaces
16. Install natural play features to create picnic activity center
17. Plant trees to close gap leading to rail tracks

GRAPHIC KEY

ATHLETIC FIELDS    PARK BOUNDS    HARD TRAILS    ENTRANCE PLAZAS    PARK PLAY FEATURES
The Plan

KEYED LEGEND
1. UPGRADE FIELDS WITH STANDARD DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY FOR ADULT SPORTS
2. REPLACE, UPGRADE, AND REORGANIZE SPORT LIGHTING TO ACCOMMODATE NEW FIELDS
3. CONVERT SOCCER FIELD TO ARTIFICIAL TURF AND REPLACE SLOPE WITH RETAINING WALL & ACCESS RAMP
4. EXPAND AND INCREASE CAPACITY OF PARKING LOT
5. FORMALIZE DRIVEWAY WITH TURNAROUND AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING
6. RELOCATE RESTROOMS CENTRAL TO ENTRY AREAS
7. PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE RAMP TO CONNECT UPPER AND LOWER AREAS
8. PROVIDE NEW SHELTER, PLAY FEATURES, MULTI-USE COURTS, AND ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT
9. PLANT NEW TREES TO REPLACE TREES REMOVED IN FIELD REORIENTATIONS AND EXPANSIONS
10. PROVIDE NEW PARKING LOT
11. EXTEND DRIVEWAY TO ALLOW ONE-WAY TRAFFIC EXIT AND ADDITIONAL WEEKEND PARALLEL PARKING
12. PROVIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT PARK ENTRANCE
13. RELOCATE EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA
14. PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY TO PAVILION AND ACCESSIBLE VIEWING AREAS AT STAIRS

A. ALTERNATE PLAN: BUILD INDOOR ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE AT FIELD #2

GRAPHIC KEY
- HARD TRAILS
- STAIRS
- ENTRANCE PLAZAS
- PARK BOUNDS
- MULTI-USE COURTS
- PLAY FEATURE AREA
- ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT AREAS
- ATHLETIC TURF
Next Steps

1. Receive endorsement or changes from Park and Recreation Commission based on public hearing

2. Staff will make changes to the plan as advised by the PRC

3. Provide plan to City Council Members to seek acceptance as an implementation strategy of the Open Space Master Plan

4. Integrate recommendations into FY16 CIP process and seek alternative funding sources