

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN / COMMUNITY LAND AND RECREATION
BOARD JOINT WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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1. GENERAL AGENDA

Mayor Nanette K. Johnston opened the work session at 5:33 p.m. on November 10, 2021, at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville, Missouri. In attendance were aldermen Nan Johnston, Tina Welch, Philip Wassmer, Robert Lock, Brian T. Whitley, Dave Rittman, Douglas Wylie, Marc Sportsman and Greg Plumb. Community Land and Recreation Board members in attendance were Neil Davidson, Laura Ozenberger (via videoconference), Adam Zink, Steven Sturgess, Linda Arnold, Michelle Flamm, Dana Laiben and Shawnda Witterstaetter.

A. Platte Landing Park Ballfield Project

Public Works Director Alysén Abel provided an overview of the history of the ballfield project in Platte Landing Park; presentation attached as Exhibit A. She said that the purpose of the joint work session was to gather information from the Board of Aldermen and the Community Land and Recreation Board to determine needs, wants and concerns for the area.

Lindsay French, Vireo, discussed the handouts distributed at the meeting; attached as Exhibit B. All of the attendees provided a list of needs, wants and concerns for the area in Platte Landing Park to provide Vireo information on how to proceed with the project. She said that a public meeting was scheduled on November 15 and a survey would be available to the public online and by mail.

Alderman Plumb left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion focused on the types of fields, budget, communication to the public, park maintenance, other amenities the budget could be used for, the area of focus for the project and hiring a parks director.

French provided an overview of the plans for the public meeting on November 15, noting that boards with different amenity options would be placed around the room for the public to mark their priorities.

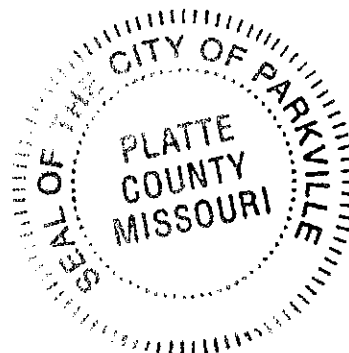
2. ADJOURN

The work session ended at 8:16 p.m.

The work session minutes for November 10, 2021, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the sixteenth day of November 2021.

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**Platte Landing Park Engagement
Joint CLARB/BOA Work Session**



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Project Design



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Engagement Lead



Laurie Brown

Engagement

PLATTE LANDING PARK

Throughout the design development process, sentiment was heard that the **melding of Platte Landing Park's passive recreation and proposed wetlands with the proposed active recreation elements could create a one-of-a-kind park experience not found anywhere in the region.**

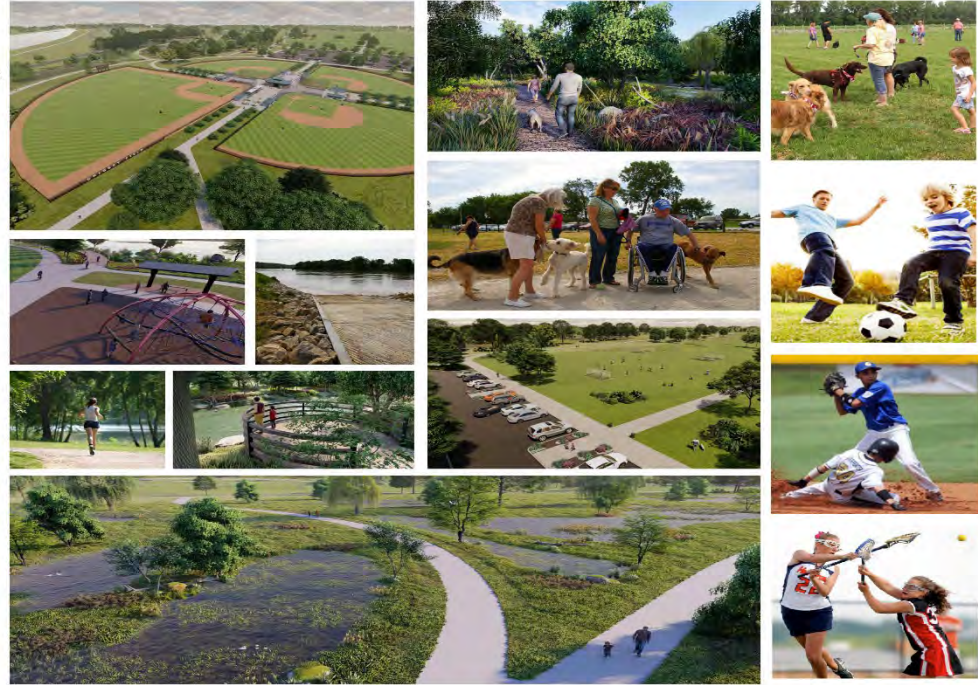
“preservation of the natural environment is paramount while meeting future needs for recreation.”

Plans for this area of the riverfront parks include:

- **Wetland**
- Addition of **baseball fields and multi-purpose fields** serving such uses as soccer, football, and lacrosse.
- **Mobile concessions and restroom facilities** (recommended instead of permanent structures)
- **Centrally located Parking** (minimize infrastructure costs and provide access to central areas of the park).
- **Picnic areas and natural play elements**
- **Canoe lockers** (in response to feedback from the river paddling community.)

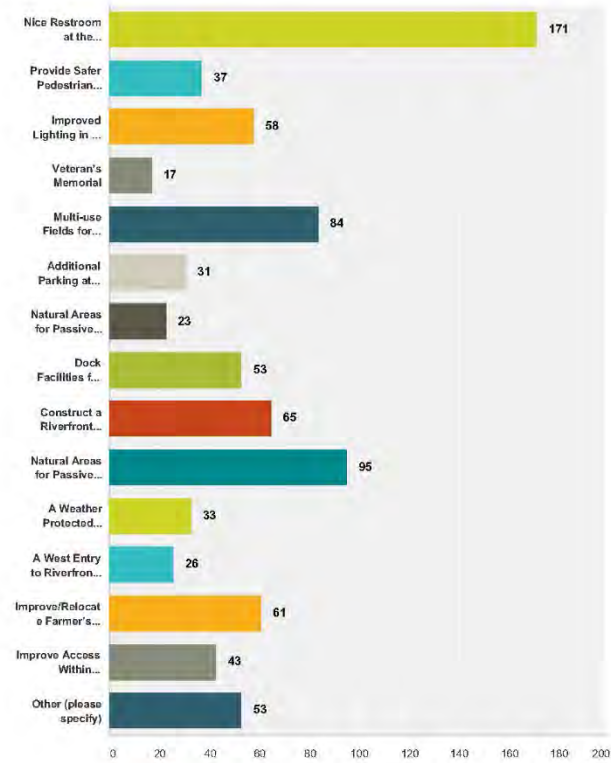


Enlargement of Proposed improvements to Platte Landing Park

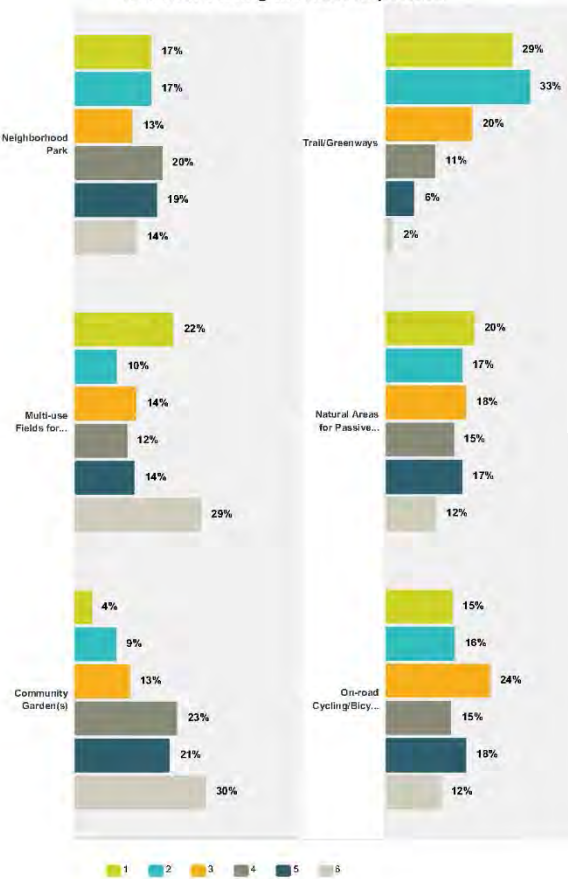


Q3 From the list below, please check the top 3 improvements you think are most important to the Riverfront Parks. If something you think is important is not on the list, please add it under other.

Answered: 283 Skipped: 3



Q4 Please indicate which TYPES of facilities would best serve your needs in order from 1 to 6 with 1 being the most important.



Q5 Recognizing that available funding is limited, please check the level of priority which should be given by the City for the following statements, #1 being high priority, #3 being low priority:

City of Parkville, MO's Parks Master Plan Survey

Fix up existing parks	47%	41%	13%	251
Improve un or undeveloped parks	31%	50%	19%	228
Provide more events in the Riverfront Parks	35%	36%	29%	258
Provide more facilities and programs for younger children	31%	44%	26%	255
Provide more facilities and programs for teenagers and young adults	28%	43%	29%	251
Develop multi-use fields for community use at the Riverfront	36%	27%	37%	257
Buy more parkland in underserved areas	24%	37%	40%	250
Provide more facilities and programs for senior citizens	17%	45%	38%	250
Develop additional, smaller parks used by neighborhood residents	16%	30%	48%	250



- INITIAL PHASE HIGHLIGHTS:
- 4 300'-350' BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS WITH 4 MULTI-USE FIELDS OVERLAID IN OUTFIELD GRASS.
 - ±275 PARKING SPACES
 - WOULD INCLUDE 2-3 PREFAB MODULAR CONTAINER BUILDINGS FOR RESTROOMS, CONCESSIONS, AND MAINTENANCE

FUTURE FIELD
EXPANSION AREA

(4) 300'-350' BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
& (4) 360' X 225' MULTI-USE
FIELDS WITH OVERRUN

±275 PARKING STALL
(GENERAL AREA)

FUTURE FIELD
EXPANSION AREA

ACCESS ROAD





PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is a re-run of Creekwood. City leadership is only going through the motions of 'listening' to the public.

My family & I can't wait for these. A welcome addition to PLP

Grant application originally focused on allocating millions of dollars toward an extremely low-priority amenity. According to one of the community dot exercises.

Just so you know, I don't think those of us who oppose this plan also oppose baseball or other activities for kids. I think we're just trying to face the negative realities of building something so large in THIS space.

overall footprint should be reduced during the design phase? I believe there are significant differences in accommodating youth sports fields vs adult competitive/tournament fields and current designs are typical for the latter.

What residents want in the park is passive recreation, natural setting and no additional parking. The Master Plan can be changed if we get enough public involvement.

I for one am glad the city has changed its position. Until now they planned to grow this complex well beyond the original idea of recreational fields

The "Master Plan" is an "Idea" that can be changed at any time

Taxpayer dollars should not be used to build a Sports Complex for a private business to use

Based on the raw data in the Appendix In the 2016 Master Plan, it leads me to believe the emphasis on baseball fields was guided by city officials. The most independent surveys show residents want walking, hiking and passive recreation, with no indication of baseball being important

Welch if city leaders plan to involve citizens in the planning process, especially since "it's been several months" (since it last was discussed at a board meeting) and that's something that's obviously very important to people right now."

Survey Comment: Soccer has 81 supportive comments (active recreation)

There are multiple high dollar projects that need to take precedent over a Sports Complex.
1. Farmer's Market
2. The Wetlands repairs
3. Handicap accessible playground equipment
4. Putting an observatory in the park

Traffic improvements should be completed prior to Sports Complex development which if built will draw additional traffic into an already congested downtown/park area

Remains concerned about the planned project's impact on wildlife which utilize the adjoining wetlands during their annual migration

Discussions were had with parents who want their children to play close to home, do those undocumented personal conversations supersede the input from our taxpayers who greatly prefer investing money in other amenities — according to the Master Plan document?

Let's be clear, we flood. We have to plan for it as much as possible. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't continue to make improvements in our parks that serve Parkville and other regional guests.

In general, hearing more excitement from park goers





MESSAGING

Recreational
use of the
Riverfront

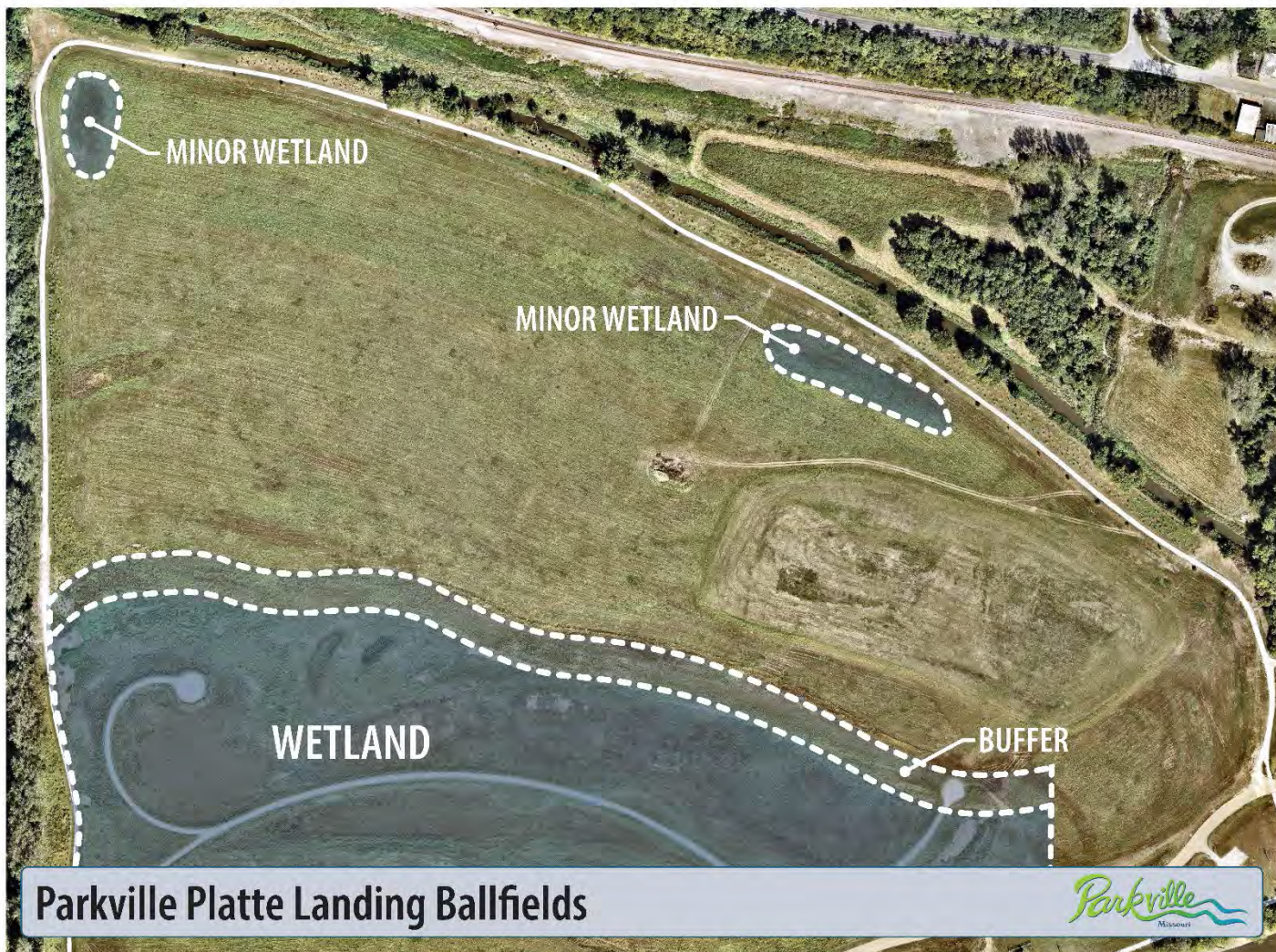
Potential
**Environmental
Impacts
& Benefits**

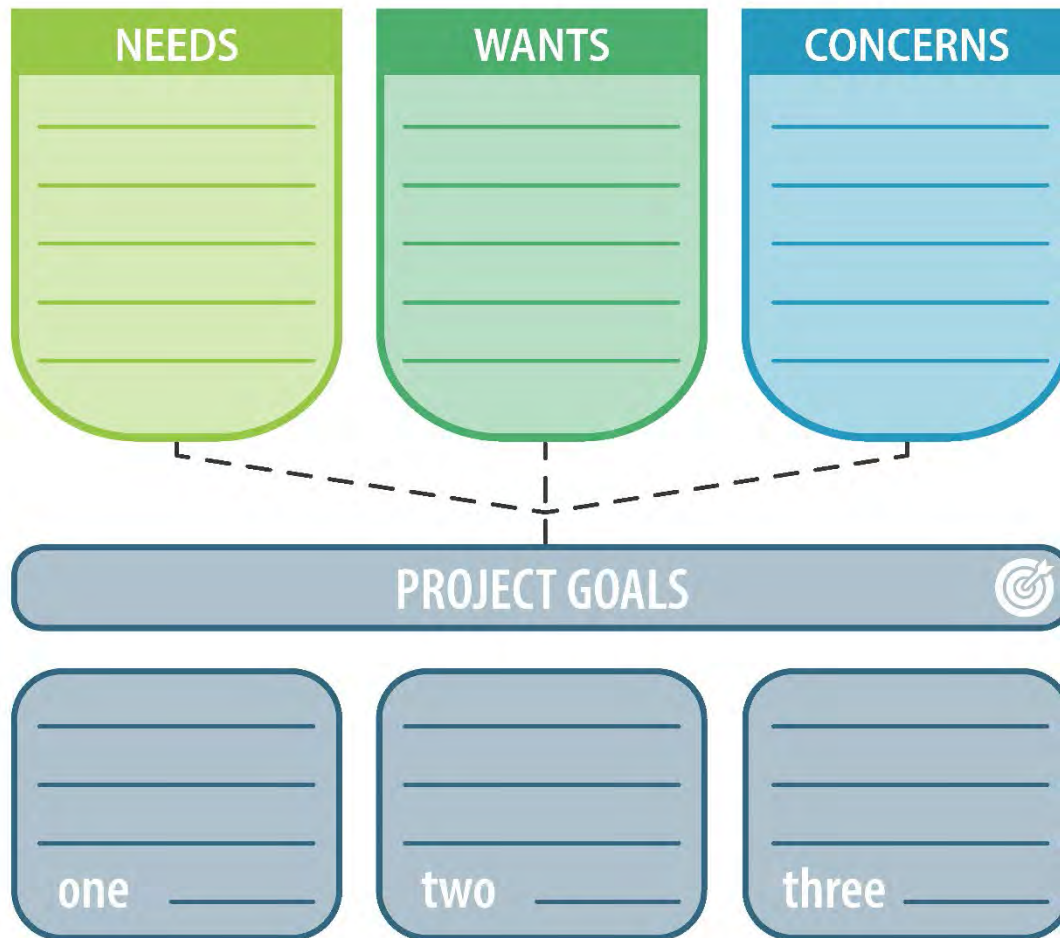
Balance
of Passive & Active
Recreation

Stay **Informed
& Engaged**

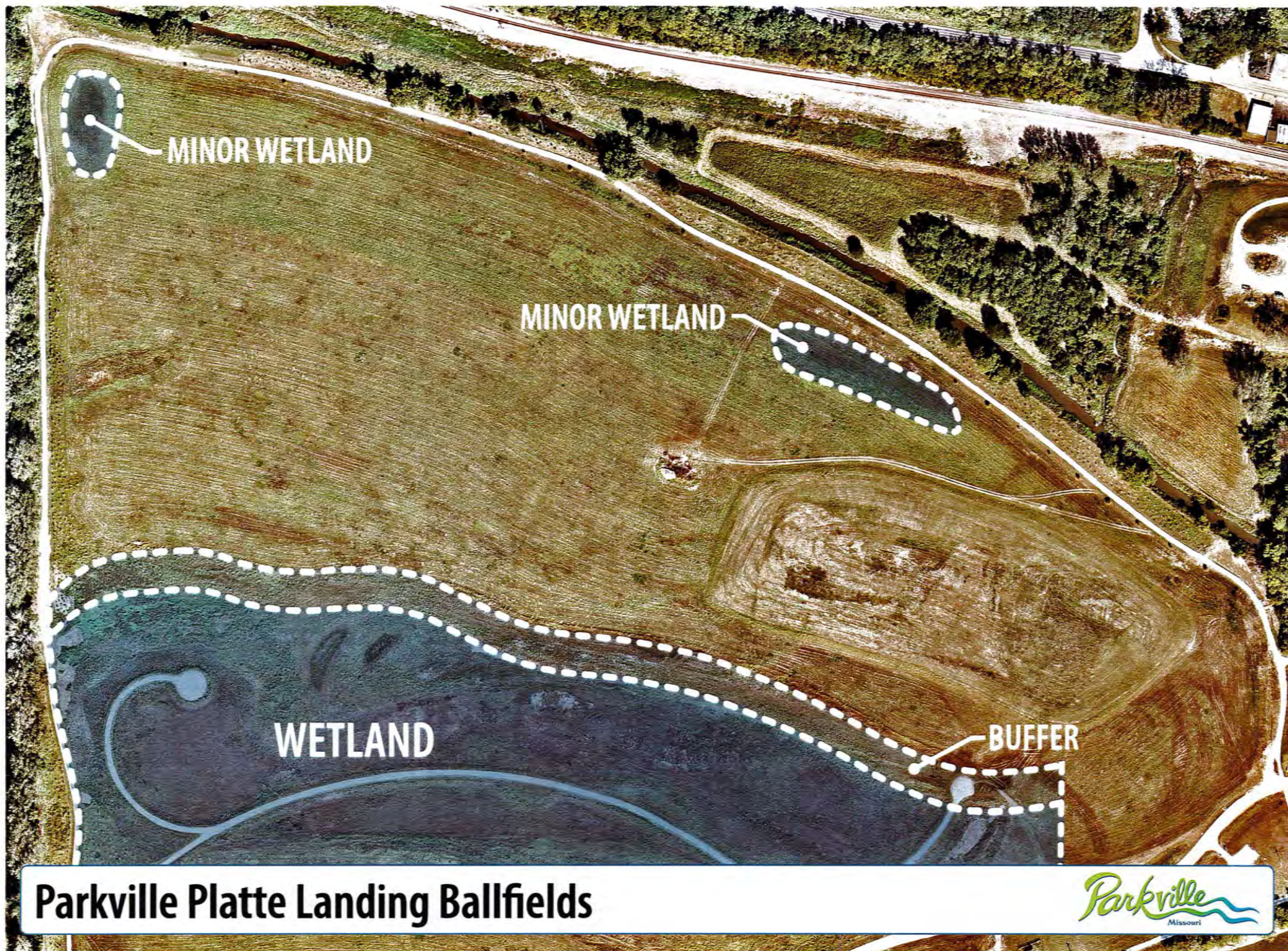
Keeping Downtown's
'charm' while also
activating the Downtown







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Parkville Platte Landing Ballfields

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The city of Parkville is looking to add to Platte Landing Park. Within the last few months citizens have been very vocal in the request for direction and information on actions the City is taking in regards to park projects. In previous engagement, recreational ballfields were a discussion item, this worksheet is designed to start defining the vision and goals for the additions to Platte Landing Park.

We are letting the Needs, Wants, & Concerns of the City of Parkville and it's citizens drive the conversation about the addition of ballfields.

NEEDS	WANTS	CONCERNS

PROJECT GOALS		
 one	 two	 three

These goals each aldermember sets will be heard and combined to help inform the vision for the Platte Landing Park addition and discussed at the joint CLARB and BOA meeting November 10th, 2021.

