



**COMMUNITY LAND AND RECREATION BOARD**

Regular Meeting (#25-03) Agenda  
CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI  
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:00 PM  
City Hall Board Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Steven Sturgess  
Adam Zink  
Linda Arnold  
Michelle Flamm  
Dana Laiben  
Amanda Blackwood  
Nathan Askren  
Evan Maxon  
Robert Unger  
Phillip Wassmer (Liaison)

**2. CITIZEN INPUT**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve the minutes for the April 9, 2025, regular meeting

**4. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Request to Waive Event Fees for South Platte Fire Protection District Volleyball Fundraiser
- B. Approval of New Special Event: "Bourbon in the Park"

**5. NON-ACTION AGENDA**

- A. Overview of the Parkville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

**6. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES**

- A. Parks Maintenance
- B. Nature Sanctuary
- C. Special Events and Programs
- D. Capital Improvement Projects

**7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**8. ADJOURN**



**COMMUNITY LAND AND RECREATION BOARD**

Regular Meeting (#25-02)

**MINUTES**

CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 6:00 PM

City Hall Board Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025.

- A. Adam Zink
- Linda Arnold
- Michelle Flamm
- Steven Sturgess
- Dana Laiben
- Amanda Blackwood
- Nathan Askren
- Mary Jane Kuehn
- Jessica Holtz
- Phillip Wassmer (Liaison)

Roll was called by Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Department Assistant.

Members present were:

- Adam Zink
- Michelle Flamm
- Steven Sturgess
- Dana Laiben
- Nate Askren
- Amanda Blackwood
- Jessica Holtz

Absent with prior notice were:

- Linda Arnold
- Mary Jane Kuehn

Phil Wassmer (Liaison)

A quorum of the Board was present.

Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director; Chris Ashley, Project Manager; and Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant, were present on behalf of the City.

**2. CITIZEN INPUT**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve the minutes for the January 8, 2025, regular meeting  
**ACTION:** Jessica Holtz moved to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2025, regular meeting. Nate Askren seconded.

**RESULT:** Motion Passed: 7-0.

#### 4. NON-ACTION AGENDA

##### A. 1st Quarter Budget Presentation

Bryan Kidney, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director, presented the preliminary quarterly update, attached to the Minutes.

#### 5. ACTION AGENDA

##### A. 2025 Election of Board Officers

**ACTION:**

1. Adam Zink moved to nominate Steven Sturgess as Community Land and Recreation Board Chairperson; Michelle Flamm seconded.
2. Michelle Flamm moved to nominate Adam Zink as Community Land and Recreation Board Vice Chairperson; Jessica Holtz seconded.
3. Adam Zink moved to nominate Michelle Flamm as Community Land and Recreation Board Secretary; Jessica Holtz seconded

**RESULT:** Motions Passed: 7-0.

##### B. Reccomend an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2939 Amending Parkville Municipal Code Section 140.350, adding Watkins Park as a reservable Shelter House.

Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director, recommended an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2939 to revise Parkville Municipal Code Section 140.350, adding the Watkins Park Shelter House to the list of reservable park facilities. Adam Zink suggested adding a grill to the shelter area.

**ACTION:** Michelle Flamm moved to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2939 amending Parkville Municipal Code Section 140.350, Subsection B, adding the Watkins Park Shelter House to allow reservations per the Schedule of Fees. Jessica Holtz seconded.

**RESULT:** Motion Passed: 7-0.

##### C. Approve New Special Event - Kansas City Out of the Darkness Walk

Brittanie Propes presented a special event application for the Kansas City Out of the Darkness Walk for approval. Due to the expected event size, it was recommended to have off-duty police and park staff present.

**ACTION:** Jessica Holtz moved to approve the special event permit for the Greater Kansas City Out Of The Darkness Walk. Steven Sturgess

seconded.

**RESULT:** Motion Passed: 7-0.

## 6. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

All updates were included in the CLARB Packet, and the slides from the meeting will be attached to the meeting minutes.

There will be several upcoming meetings for the Parks Master Plan. Brittanie will send out information on upcoming dates and times.

Staff have hired the new Parks Programs Director with a start date of April 14th.

### A. Parks Maintenance Updates

Brittanie wanted to give a big shout-out to By the Blade for doing a landscaping service project at English Landing Park. Member Jessica Holtz mentioned that By the Blade did not follow the 70% code that was passed. Member Dana Laiben mentioned that this could be an opportunity for education.

#### 1. Parks Maintenance Updates

The updates were included in the slides that are attached to the meeting minutes.

### B. Nature Sanctuary

The updates were included in the slides and will be attached to the meeting minutes.

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### C. Parks Project Updates

The updates were included in the slides that are attached to the meeting minutes.

#### 1. Parks Capital Improvement Projects

### D. Special Events

The Special Events and Program list was included in the CLARB Packet and is listed on the City's website.

#### 1. Parks and Rec Special Events

#### 2. Parks and Rec Programs

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Adam Zink mentioned that the wooden stairs going up to the Mini Golf in pocket park are damaged and need to be replaced. These are not city owned but staff will pass along the information.

The area near 9 hwy bridge railing that was damaged by an accident - the City is aware and is working with MoDot and the insurance company for repairs.

Dana Laiben mentioned that on May 13th there will be 1,000 plants to plant Downtown and is looking for volunteers.

Brittanie thanked Adam Zink for his service as Chair.

Brittanie mentioned that there would be a re-election for the Mayor of Barkville. More to come.

Staff are also working on the trail railing that was damaged by a vehicle and train accident.

Member Dana Laiben mentioned the previous conversation regarding shirts for CLARB members. Adam Zink also mentioned having pictures taken of CLARB members and talked about having Parkville Park merchandise to sell to the community. Brittanie asked Adam to send her the vendor information for this.

**8. ADJOURN**

**ACTION:** Michelle Flamm moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Dana Laiben seconded.

**RESULT:** Motion Passed: 7-0.

The minutes for April 9, 2025, having been read and considered by the Community Land and Recreation Board, were approved on this the 9th day of July, 2025.

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Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works Assistant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval date

<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>2024 Actual</b>
Drinking Fountains	\$ 16,008
ELP Trail Enhancement	29,300
Gateway	127,235
Landscaping	11,566
Master Plan	50,558
Platte Landing Dumpster	3,850
Spirit Fountain	315
Track loader	63,628
Wetlands Benches	7,718
Pedestrian Bridge	25,521
White Alloe Creek	20,130
	<u>\$ 355,827</u>



**Parks & Recreation Fund (41)**  
**Year-to-date 3/31/2025**

Category	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2024 Unaudited	2025 Adopted	2025 Year to Date
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$ 975,000	\$ 1,041,000	\$ 1,049,041	\$ 1,059,000	\$ 261,317
Program Revenue	37,000	43,000	45,803	45,000	12,100
Other	-	76,000	76,340	-	30
Grants/Donations	1,000	24,000	24,308	-	-
Transfers	426,000	426,000	426,000	433,000	108,250
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,439,000</b>	<b>1,610,000</b>	<b>1,621,492</b>	<b>1,537,000</b>	<b>381,697</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salary and Benefits Parks	771,000	730,000	577,693	775,000	146,684
Operating	228,000	228,000	236,438	347,000	25,223
Capital	496,000	396,000	355,827	850,000	-
Transfer to Farmers Mrkt	-	100,000	104,592	520,000	198,581
Nature Sanctuary Operations	-	80,000	71,266	47,000	4,897
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,495,000</b>	<b>1,534,000</b>	<b>1,345,816</b>	<b>2,539,000</b>	<b>375,385</b>

Increase (decrease)	(56,000)	76,000	275,676	(1,002,000)	6,312
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Beginning FB	1,756,951	1,756,951	1,756,951	1,832,951	2,032,627
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**Use Tax - Park Trail Detail - Fund (48)**  
**2025 Adopted Budget & 2026 - 2029 Forecast**

Category	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2024 unaudited	2025 Adopted	2025 year to date
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$ 70,000	\$ 197,151	\$ 208,990	\$ 201,000	\$ 64,710
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>197,151</b>	<b>208,990</b>	<b>201,000</b>	<b>64,710</b>

Expenditures					
Park Trail Maint & Capital	70,000	70,000	-	250,000	-
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<b>Ending FB</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 127,151</b>	<b>\$ 208,990</b>	<b>\$ 78,151</b>	<b>\$ 273,700</b>



**Capital Projects - Farmers Market Fund (61)**  
**Year-to-date 3/31/2025**

Category	2024 Adopted	2024 Revised	2024 Unaudited	2025 Adopted	2025 Year to Date
<b>Revenues</b>					
Grants/other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,165,000	\$ -
Transfers (Parks & Rec)	-	100,000	104,592	520,000	198,581
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>104,592</b>	<b>1,685,000</b>	<b>198,581</b>

<b>Expenditures</b>					
Engineering	-	100,000	102,247	100,000	10,143
Construction	-	-	2,345	1,585,000	188,438
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>104,592</b>	<b>1,685,000</b>	<b>198,581</b>

Increase (decrease)	-	-	-	-	-
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Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
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**Q1 Budget Presentation**

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## **A. 2025 Election of Board Officers**

**B. Recommend an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2939 Amending Parkville Municipal Code Section 140.350 adding Watkins Park as a reservable shelter house.**

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# Veteran's Memorial

- Benches arrived and will be installed this month
- We received the Platte County Outreach Grant for the full request, \$40,000
- With the recent grant approval, we will begin phase 2 projects

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# Farmers Market



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# Farmers Market

- Bi-weekly meetings will be held with City Staff, BBN Architecture, and E.L. Crawford
- Contractor has completed the following work: Column footings & CMU backup, demolition of the existing asphalt parking lot around the new structure, installation of the concrete “floor” underneath the new structure.
- It is anticipated that the wood trusses will arrive on site in the first week of May. Installation will begin immediately thereafter. The stone on the columns will also begin in early May.
- It is anticipated that the structure will be completed by the end of May 2025.



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# Master Plan

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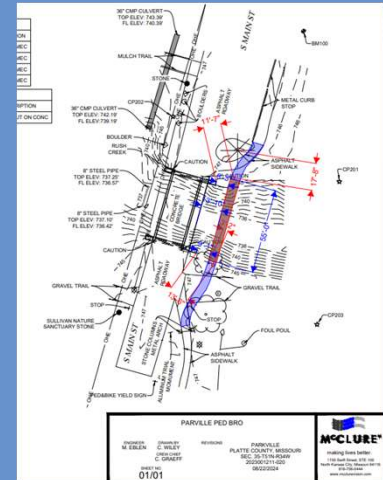


- **The Community Meeting #2 was held on March 19th**
- **SWT is using the additional community input to prepare a draft recommendation. Steering committee will review the draft.**
- April 26, 2025 – In-person Soft Engagement: Gathering feedback from park visitors at ELP and the Farmers Market.
- May 6, 2025 – Joint CLARB/BOA Work Session: Presentation of draft recommendations by SWT Design.
- Week of May 12, 2025 (DATE TBD) – Community Meeting #3: Opportunity to collect public input on the draft recommendations.
- June 17, 2025 – Joint CLARB/BOA Work Session: Final presentation and recommendation of the Master Plan.

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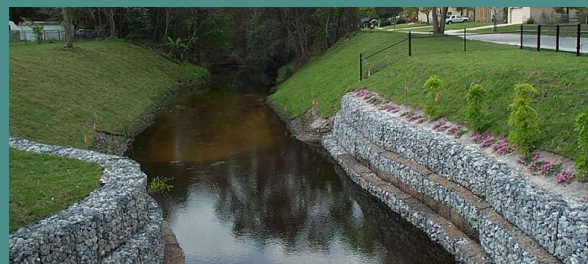
# PLP Bridge

- Waiting on final construction documents
- Project will go out to bid this month
- Coordinating work with events calendar



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# Streambank Stabilization



- This project is on hold
- Timeline did not align with Farmers Market Project and the Platte County Stormwater Grant Process

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## Gateway Park

- The bike fix-it stations and racks have been installed along the 9 HWY trail.
- The new curvilinear benches have arrived and have been assembled. They will be installed this week.
- A project sign has been ordered. Installation is anticipated around the second week of May 2025.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Ribbon Cutting on Friday, May 16th at 6pm**



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## By The Blade Landscaping Service Project



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## PNS Boardwalk Replacement 100+ Volunteer Hours and Counting



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## Other Updates

- Wetlands Site Visit with MDC to review progress
- Upcoming wetlands Site visit with ERDC and USACE to address aquatics vegetation and invasive species removal
- Train Depot Lease Agreement with White Farmhouse Flowers approved by BOA
- Adding mulch and gravel to trails at PNS this spring
- New Position: Parks and Recreation Program Manager, position was offered and accepted
- Gaga Ball Pit Eagle Scout Project is complete
- Starting a new Eagle Scout Project to install dog obstacles at Barkville
- Rotary Project at the Lewis and Clark Point of Interest will begin later this spring
- Applying for MAW Grant to install drinking fountains at Brush Creek Trail
- Applying for the MARC Sustainable Places Grant for composting services at our large special events, possibly new recycled plastic trash bins

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# Upcoming Events

- April 12: Pruning for Beginners Class with Bridging the Gap
- April 23: Community Heroes Storytime with MCPL
- April 25: Arbor Day Event at Platte Landing Park
- April 26: Parkville Brewfest
- April 26: Opening Day of Farmers Market
- May 1: Kansas City Symphony in English Landing Park
- May 3: Women on the Move 5K
- May 9: Intro to Birding Hike with MDC at Wetlands
- May 10: Northland Mothers Day 5K



Photo: Hero Hustle 5K on March 30th

**ITEM 4.A.**

*For 7/9/2025*

*Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting*

**CITY OF PARKVILLE  
Policy Report**

Date: June 27, 2025

Prepared By:  
Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director

Reviewed By:

ISSUE:

Request to Waive Rental Fees for South Platte Fire Protection District Volleyball Fundraiser

BACKGROUND:

Dean Cull, Chief of the Southern Platte Fire Protection District (SPFPD), is requesting that facility rental fees be waived for the SPFPD Association's **Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser**, scheduled for **Saturday, September 27, 2025**, from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The event would include the rental of the **East Shelter** and the **Volleyball Courts** at English Landing Park during that time.

The SPFPD is requesting the waiver as this is a charitable fundraising event organized by the Firefighters Association. SPFPD is a valued partner of the City of Parkville, providing **CPR/AED training to City staff at no cost** and regularly assisting with **public safety reviews for food trucks, carnival rides, and kegs** during special events held in the park.

This is the **third year** this event has been brought before CLARB for a fee waiver request. In each of the previous years, the request was approved. At the time of the initial request, CLARB asked staff to begin monitoring such requests to help evaluate whether a standard policy was needed. Since then, only **one other event** (a kickball tournament sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous) has submitted a fee waiver request, but ultimately chose to hold their event elsewhere prior to CLARB taking action.

This history is provided to support CLARB's consideration of the current request and inform future discussions about consistent policies for waiver approvals.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The volleyball courts are \$20 per court, per hour. The shelter houses are \$35 per shelter house per time slot. The total standard cost of this event would be \$490.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the item.
2. Approve the item, subject to changes.
3. Do not approve the item.
4. Postpone the item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

POLICY:

Per Parkville Municipal Code Chapter 150, CLARB acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Aldermen. Its recommendations must be approved by the Board of Aldermen

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I motion approve waiving the Reservation Fees for the Southern Platte Fire Protection District fundraiser on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**CITY OF PARKVILLE  
Policy Report**

Date: June 27, 2025

Prepared By:

Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director

Reviewed By:

Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director

ISSUE:

Approval of New Special Event: "Bourbon in the Park"

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the City's Special Event Guidelines, any new event anticipated to attract more than 500 attendees is classified as a Tier 2 event, which requires review and approval by the Community Land and Recreation Board (CLARB).

Bourbon in the Park is a newly proposed event planned for English Landing Park. Over the past several weeks, Parks and Recreation Program Manager David Mullen has worked closely with the event organizer to ensure the proposed event meets the City's safety, logistical, and operational standards. Coordination efforts have included preliminary planning for site layout, public safety, crowd management, and facility use.

If approved by CLARB, staff will conduct an on-site planning meeting with the organizer to finalize logistics, including security presence, event footprint, vendor setup, and compliance with City ordinances and park regulations.

The event is proposed to use the River Shelter as a central stage area, similar in layout to the setup used for Parkville Microbrew Fest, though on a significantly smaller scale. Activities will be confined to designated areas, and all infrastructure (e.g., fencing, tents, signage) will follow City guidelines for temporary use in the park.

Attached is the completed Special Event Application for review. Based on the projected attendance and the fact that this is a first-time event in Parkville, the event meets the criteria for Tier 2 classification and is therefore being brought forward for CLARB's consideration and approval.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact associated with this item.

ALTERNATIVES:

- **Approve** the special event permit for *Bourbon in the Park* as presented.
- **Request modifications or provide feedback** on the special event permit application for further consideration.
- **Postpone the decision** on the special event permit to a later date pending additional information or discussion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the event permit for the Bourbon in the Park Event.

POLICY:

Per Parkville Municipal Code Chapter 150, CLARB acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Aldermen. Its recommendations must be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to approve the special event permit for the Bourbon in the Park Event on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bourbon in the Park Application 2025



CITY OF PARKVILLE

8880 Clark Avenue

Parkville, MO 64152

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION

Thank you for choosing the City of Parkville for your event. Staff looks forward to working with you in ensuring a quality event and protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of event participants and the public at large. In order to do so, the City requires that all events must obtain a special event permit prior to the event. Please complete and return the following special event permit application to City Hall at the address above. Thank you again for choosing Parkville. Please refer to the **Application Information** and corresponding sections in the **Event Rules and Conditions** to answer most questions. Tier 1 applicants may also optionally present to CLARB as a non-action item with consent of staff and/or CLARB chair.

#### 1. EVENT INFORMATION:

Event Name: "Bourbon in the Park"

Event Location: ELP + River Shelter Event Tier: 2

Detailed event description (additional room on next page or sheet may be attached): \_\_\_\_\_

see next page

Estimated attendance: 350-500 people (all 21+ older)

Event Date(s) and Times: Saturday, Sept. 27th, 2025 4pm-7pm

Set up date/time: 9 am (9/27) Cleanup finished date/time: 9 pm (9/27)

#### 2. APPLICANT / CONTACT INFORMATION:

##### Applicant(s)

Name: Erica Schulte

Organization: Rose Productions

Address: 8105 NW Wankamit Dr.

City, State, Zip: KC, MO 64151

Phone: 913-314-7059 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: hello@roseproductionskc.com

##### Property Owner(s), if not applicant or City

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Alternative Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Alternative Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed event description continued (Attach additional sheet if necessary): Bourbon event  
celebrating Bourbon heritage month. We will have roughly  
10 tents w/ Bourbon suppliers handing out samples. Acre  
will be providing food samples out of their mobile trailer.  
We will potentially have a smores station at a fireplace in  
the River Shelter, hand-rolled cigars (if allowed.) We would  
like to set up a shuttle for drop-off/pick up. This will  
be a ticketed event, with no sales on-site for food/drink.

### 3. EVENT TYPE:

Run  Walk  Parade/  
March  Bike  
Race/Tour  Street Fair  Concert  Film  Carnival  Other:  Festival

### 4. SHELTER/ FIELD RESERVATION (ENGLISH LANDING PARK EVENTS ONLY):

Do you want to also have a shelter reservation with your event? Yes:  No:  River Shelter

If Yes: Attach a Shelter Reservation Permit. Note: You must fill out this application to receive the free shelter and add additional shelters to your event. A 5K/10K receives the McKeon Stage instead of a shelter. Shelters for a 5K/10K are an additional expense.

Do you want to have a Performance Stage for your event? McKeon Stage:  River Stage:

Do you want to also have a ball field reservation with your event? Yes:  No:

If Yes: Attach a Ball Field Reservation Permit

### 5. SITE PLAN

Where do you plan to have your event? City Park:  Other Public Property:

The site plan should be a detailed narrative and/or map including a description of the event set up, such as event entry and exit, water stations, first aid, start/finish lines, inflatables, and a timeline of your event. Please write this description in the space provided below or attach the description as a Word document. Explain Your Site Plan (Attach additional sheet if necessary): See attached site plan.

One point of entry for all attendees. Gate will open at 4pm. Walk up tickets can be purchased. Last call for samples will be 6:40pm, with the event stopping at 7pm. All supplier tasting tents will have water stations, with 3 addtl. water stations. Point of entry will also be exit. Will look to rope off area if possible.

## 6. PARKING PLAN

Do you have sufficient on street/lot parking at your event space? Yes: \_\_\_ No: X

If No: Additional Parking and Shuttle Routes need to be approved by the City. Explain Your Parking Plan (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

- \* We would like to park the Acre food trailer - is this possible? Shown on site plan.
- \* We would like to offer a shuttle for drop-off and pick up, that would come to the park every 20 minutes. Shown on site plan.

Do you request the use of Ball Field 1 for Parking? Yes: \_\_\_ No: X

## 7. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

If applicable, surrounding businesses that will be impacted by the event must be notified no later than 14 days prior to the event. How will you notify neighbors/businesses of your event? Explain (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

We will make on-site visits to businesses 30 days in advance. Post flyers on any applicable "community boards." We will also have a Facebook event page. We will apply for a temporary sign permit to be displayed in downtown Parkville.

## 8. CANCELLATION NOTICE:

How will you notify participants if your event is cancelled with 48 hours of event day? Explain (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

All attendees who pre-purchase a ticket will be notified of any cancellations via email. Emails will be sent to neighboring businesses if there is a cancellation, and any signs/flyers will be removed.

## 9. SECURITY PLAN:

Describe your security plan, including crowd control, internal security, and venue safety. Specify if you would like to hire off-duty police support. (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

All attendees will be carded upon entry and receive a wristband. We will also apply for a minimum 2 off-duty police officers.

10. RESTROOM PLAN:

Describe your restroom/restroom cleaning plan. At least four restrooms must be provided for each estimated 500 attendees. Specify if you would like to hire city staff support (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

We will use the ELP permanent restroom facility to meet the 4 toilet requirement. We also will use the addtl. toilets the city provides during peak event season. Shown on site plan.

11. CLEAN UP PLAN:

Describe your clean-up plan, including trash removal and recycling containers. Specify if you would like to hire city staff support. (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

We will provide team members to periodically empty and re-line trash barrels and haul to dumpster. We would like to utilize recycling provided by city. We would also collect all glass for Pipple drop-off by our team.

12. FIRST AID PLAN:

Describe your First Aid Plan. (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

We will have one main first aid station. Shown on site plan.  
\* We will also show on event map.

13. UTILITY CONNECTIONS (ENGLISH LANDING PARK EVENTS ONLY):

Do you want to have a utility connection/s at your event? Yes:  No:

If Yes: How Many Electric Pedestals? 2

If Yes: How Many Distribution Panels? 2 (2 maximum)

If Yes: How Many Water Hookups? 2 (5 maximum)

Additional Utility Requests (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

14. ROADWAY AND PARKING LOT CLOSURES:

Will you require a roadway closure? Yes:  No:

If Yes: Explain (Attach additional sheet if necessary): \* only if required for a shuttle drop-off.

15. OTHER STAFF SUPPORT:

Do you desire to hire city staff for other duties? Yes: \_\_\_ No: X

If Yes: Please Explain (Attach additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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16. SIGNAGE:

Do you want to also have advertising signage for your event on private property? Yes: X No: \_\_\_

If Yes: Attach a Sign Permit Application *One sign in downtown Parkville*

17. SPECIAL ITEMS:

Are you serving alcohol?..... Yes: X No: \_\_\_ (If Yes, see the Alcohol Guidelines)

Are you having amplified music?..... Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_ (If Yes, complete question 18 on pg. 13)

Do you plan to have fireworks?..... Yes: \_\_\_ No: X (If Yes, complete question 19 on pg. 14)

Will you have food/sales vendors?..... Yes: \_\_\_ No: X (If Yes, complete question 20 on pg. 15-16)

18. AMPLIFIED SOUND / PERFORMANCE LIST

If you plan to have amplified sound, provide a tentative list of performers, performance type, music genre, performance times, and duration. Include non-live prerecorded sound/music. The complete performance list is due 7 days before the event (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

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19. FIREWORKS PLAN

All aspects of fireworks featured during an event must be controlled at all times by a licensed and insured pyrotechnic operator. The City strictly controls viewing and launching locations. Explain your Fireworks Plan (Attach additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

**Application Continues on the Next Page**



## VENDOR MAP

Please map the planned vendors at your event (Attach additional sheet if necessary):

(May be depicted on site plan)

See attached site plan.

## LEGAL

- Parkville Municipal Code, Chapter 140 - City Parks, and the related sub-sections, contain many requirements for Parks and other public spaces. The Event Rules and Conditions and Application Information Guide publications are supplemental to Chapter 140 by reference therein (140:010 Definitions), and may restate what has been included in the Municipal Code as well as additional requirements, which then have the same force and effect as the Code. Terms defined in Section 140:010 are used in these Guidelines with the same definition as shown in Section 140:010.
- The Event Rules and Conditions and Application Information Guide publications are issued by CLARB and are supplemental to Parkville Municipal Code. The Event Rules Conditions and Application Information Guide, at a minimum, shall contain all of the requirements for events set forth in these Regulations, and may contain additional requirements and procedures as deemed necessary by CLARB and the Board of Aldermen. The Event Rules Conditions and Application Information Guide shall be used by city staff in making recommendations to CLARB. Changes in the content of The Event Rules Conditions and Application Information Guide may only be made by Board of Aldermen upon the recommendation of CLARB in accordance with the by-laws of that Board.

I have read and understand the Event Rules and Conditions and Application Information Guide. I will abide by these terms and fees associated with my event.



Event coordinator

06.17.25 Date

Park bathrooms (4 required)

Volleyball Courts

Playground

Shuttle dropoff/pick up

4 additional city provided toilets

power distro panel & water hookups

trash

Point of Entry



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## CHECK LIST

<b>Required Items</b>	
	\$25 Special Event Application Fee. Applies toward event fee.
	\$300 Park Event Fee/\$50 Public Space Event Fee/\$25 Private Space Event Fee/Parade Fee
	Completed Event Information, Application Contact Information, Event Type Sections.
	Completed Site Plan Section.
	Completed Parking Plan Section.
	Completed Public Information and Cancellation Notice Sections.
	Completed Security Plan.
	Completed Restroom and Clean-Up Plan.
	Completed First Aid Plan.
<b>Optional Park Event Items</b>	
	Completed <u>Shelter Reservation Application</u> for included park shelter.
	\$25/\$35 <u>Shelter Reservation Application</u> and for additional non-peak time park shelters.
	\$50/\$60 <u>Shelter Reservation Application</u> and for additional peak time park shelters.
	\$100/\$125 McKeon of River Stage Fee.
	\$20 per hour per court <u>Sports Field Reservation Application</u> and Fee.
<b>Additional Items (If Needed)</b>	
	\$10 Per Electric Pedestal/ \$10 Per Water Hookup/ \$25 Per Distribution Panel
	Completed Roadway Closure Section.
	City Staff Request \$30.00/hour per staff member.
	\$10 <u>Temporary Sign Application</u> and Fee.
	\$15 Temporary Caterer's Permit. Please read <u>the requirements</u> for having alcohol at an event.
	Completed Performance Section.
	Completed Fireworks Section.
	Completed Vendor Section.
<b>Due 7 Days before the Event</b>	
	Additional Fees and other Requested Information.
	Deposit Payment.
	Proof of Insurance. See the <u>Event Rules and Conditions</u> for more Info.
	Proof of Additional Insurance (Vendor, Fireworks, Animal, Ride, etc).

**Reminder! Incomplete applications will not be accepted for processing. Please complete all sections legibly.**

<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b>	
Parkville City Administration 816-741-7676	Missouri Liquor Control 573-526-2769
Parkville Police Department 816-741-4454	Platte County Health Department 816-587-5998
Southern Platte Fire Protection District 816-741-2900	

**\*\*CITY USE ONLY\*\***

**REQUIRED APPROVALS, IF APPLICABLE:**

**Parks Superintendent**  
(tier 1 or repeat tier 2 event approval)       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLARB** (new tier 2 or 3 event approval):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board of Aldermen** (alcohol/other)       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Police Chief** (closures/public safety/alcohol):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Public Works** (closures/trash/restrooms/utilities):  $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community Development** (zoning/sign permit):  $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Building Official** (electrical/codes):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fire Marshal** (fire code/public safety):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Health Department** (food/beverage service):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**City Clerk** (alcohol license/business license):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**State of Missouri** (alcohol license):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Accounts Receivable** (licenses/ taxes/fees):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ):       $\Delta$  Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI

# PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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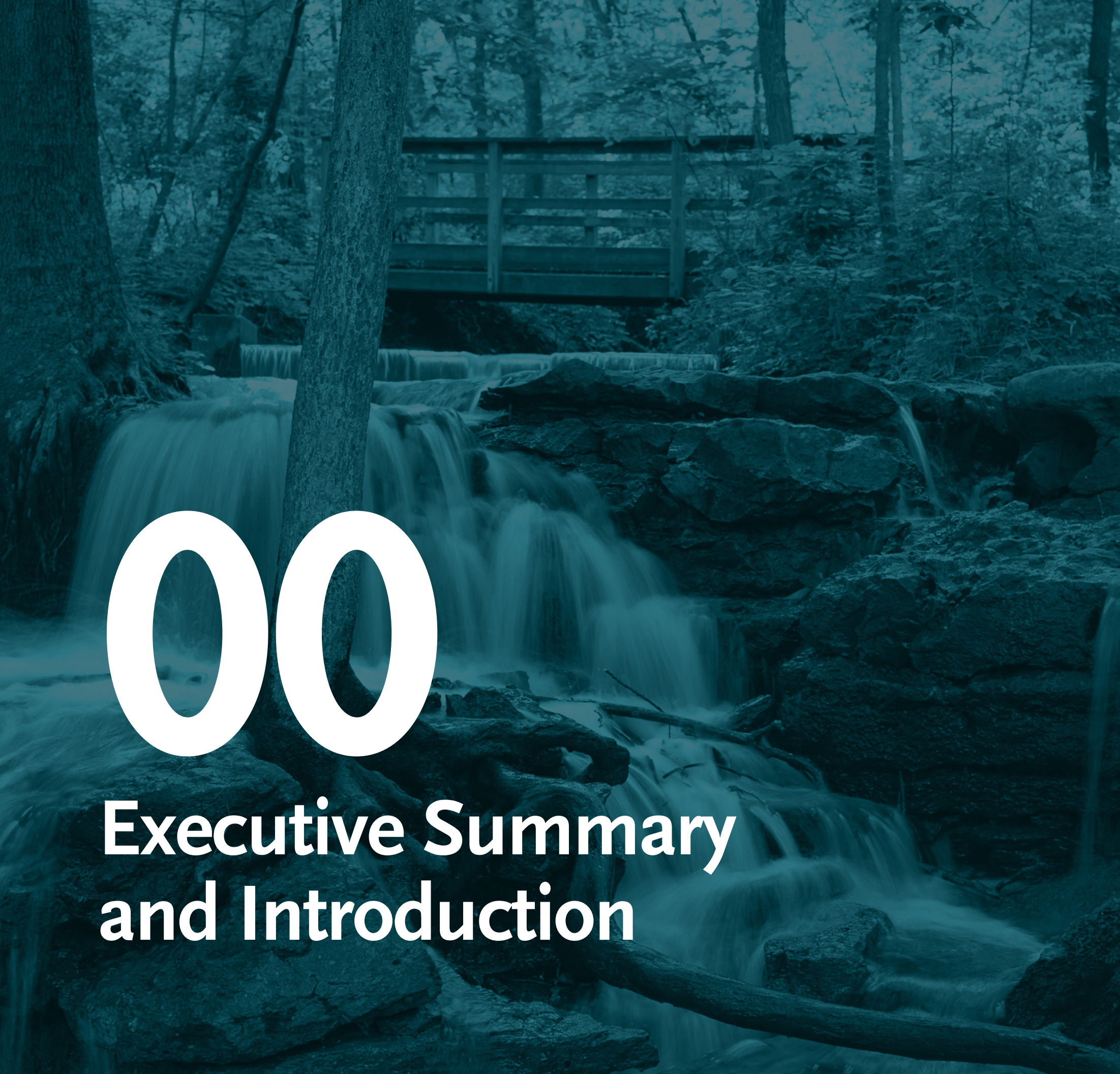
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Parkville's parks and recreation system is central to the city's identity and sense of place. It supports healthy lifestyles, fosters community connections, protects natural resources and improves overall quality of life. As Parkville continues to grow and evolve, so must its parks and recreation system. This comprehensive parks and recreation master plan provides a forward-looking roadmap for how the city can maintain, enhance, and expand its park assets over the next decade and beyond.

This plan builds upon the foundation laid by previous planning documents, including the 2016 parks master plan, and responds directly to the needs and priorities identified by park users, residents, stakeholders, city staff, and government officials. This plan reflects the desires of a community that seeks to honor its existing open spaces, unique ecosystems, and historic charm while balancing the needs of a quickly growing city.

## APPROACH AND PROCESS

The planning process was organized into four phases. Each phase built on the previous phases and refined the focus of the planning process and recommendations development. The phases are identified below with a brief description:

- **Inventory and Assessment:** This initial phase of the master plan process focused on collecting information about the City of Parkville and its parks and recreation system. The planning team worked to develop a clear understanding of existing conditions, as well as the community's perceptions and priorities through a public open house and an online engagement website. This was achieved through staff and stakeholder meetings, park tours, public engagement, and a thorough review of current and past planning documents. These efforts laid the groundwork for the recommendations that follow.
- **Needs Assessment:** Key needs and opportunities were identified through an online community needs assessment survey, market analysis, and comparison to national and regional benchmarks. These findings were compared against public input findings, and reviewed with Parks and Recreation Department staff, the steering committee, and City leadership to establish the foundation for the recommendations outlined in this master plan.



- **Recommendations:** Draft and final recommendations for the parks and recreation system and department were then developed. These were shared with staff, city leadership, and the broader community and refined based on the feedback received.
- **Action Plan:** The final phase of the planning process focuses on implementation of the master plan and development of the final document. It includes continued engagement with the community and a shift in focus from planning to action, setting the stage for investment in the future of parks and recreation in Parkville.

# INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT

This section identifies and assesses the existing assets within the Parkville Parks and Recreation system. Understanding the parks and facilities managed by the city is a key first step in planning for the system's future. The inventory and analysis evaluates current conditions, planning documents, and community sentiment to highlight opportunities for improvement across the parks and recreation system.

The assets evaluated include parks, trails, open spaces, and train depot. Data for this chapter was gathered from city resources, past plans, mapping, and site visits.

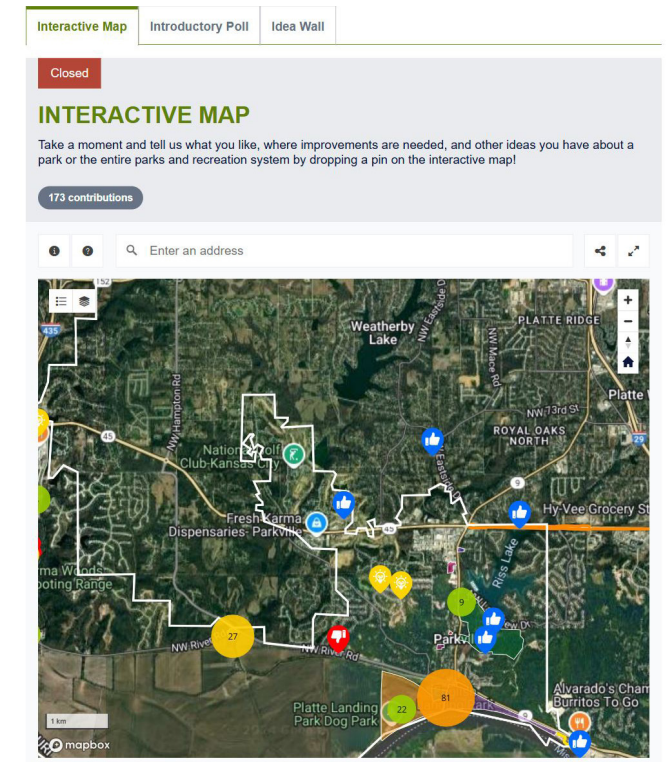
The existing plan review identifies and analyzes past planning documents that are relevant to this report's recommendations. These documents provide context by highlighting past goals, successes, and challenges while offering a baseline for comparison as new plans and priorities emerge. Reviewing previous plans ensures that current recommendations build on existing efforts, align with broader community objectives, and address ongoing or evolving needs within the park system.

Along with the existing plan review, the property inventory provides a detailed assessment of each property within the Parkville Parks system. This section offers an overview of each location, highlighting its strengths, weaknesses, and unique characteristics. Amenities such as playgrounds, shelters, and fields are identified and mapped, alongside key park details including size, classification, and the populations they serve.

Extensive community engagement efforts were also conducted throughout the planning process. In-person and online engagement opportunities ensured that public input was consistently gathered and incorporated into the plan, while keeping residents informed throughout.

Finally, the system inventory evaluates Parkville's park assets and benchmarks them against similarly sized agencies nationwide using data from the National Recreation and Parks Association Park Metrics. This benchmarking provides a baseline understanding of how the city's parks system inventory compares with peers with similar population, and highlights possible gaps or over saturation for comparison with community feedback. This analysis highlights both Parkville's level of service and a comprehensive understanding of how the city's parks system compares to its peers.

The findings in this chapter guide the opportunities for improvement, recommendations, and prioritization of capital projects discussed in later sections of the report.



- STEP 1: Click "Add Marker" on the map above.
- STEP 2: Place your point on the map and choose your comment type!



In-person and online engagement events allowed residents and park users to provide feedback through all stages of the planning process.

# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This section forms the foundation of the recommendations by identifying where Parkville's parks and recreation system meets community expectations and where improvements are needed. It is driven primarily by four key sources:

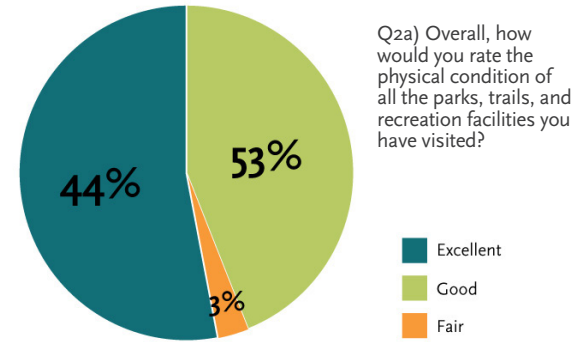
- a statistically validated community survey
- a recreation market analysis
- a comparative analysis of NRPA benchmarking
- a walkability analysis of existing park properties

Each of these elements contributes to understanding the department's service gaps, emerging priorities, and opportunities for improvement.

The statistically validated survey was utilized to provide a reliable understanding of community sentiment as a basis for this plan. Survey packets were mailed to every household in the city in fall of 2024, with each packet including a cover letter, a paper survey, and a prepaid return envelope. Residents could complete the survey by mail or online, and strict address verification ensured that only responses from Parkville households were included. A total of 217 completed surveys were received, exceeding the original goal and yielding results with a margin of error of ±6.5% at the 95% confidence level. This survey provides a representative and statistically valid understanding of community priorities, satisfaction levels, and unmet needs. *Complete survey results can be found in Appendix ##.*

The recreation market analysis was conducted to better understand the demand and potential for recreation offerings in Parkville. Using data from the National Sporting Goods Association and Parkville-specific factors, such as age distribution, median income, regional preferences, and national participation rates, the local market and spending potential for various recreational activities was estimated. *Complete market analysis can be found in Appendix ##.*

National Recreation and Park Association data was used to benchmark Parkville against communities of similar size. NRPA collects annual data from member agencies and organizes it by population size. For Parkville, comparisons were made to communities with fewer than 20,000 residents. This benchmarking provides context for understanding how Parkville's parkland, amenities, and staffing levels align with national offerings. *Complete NRPA Park Metric benchmarking results can be found in Appendix ##.*

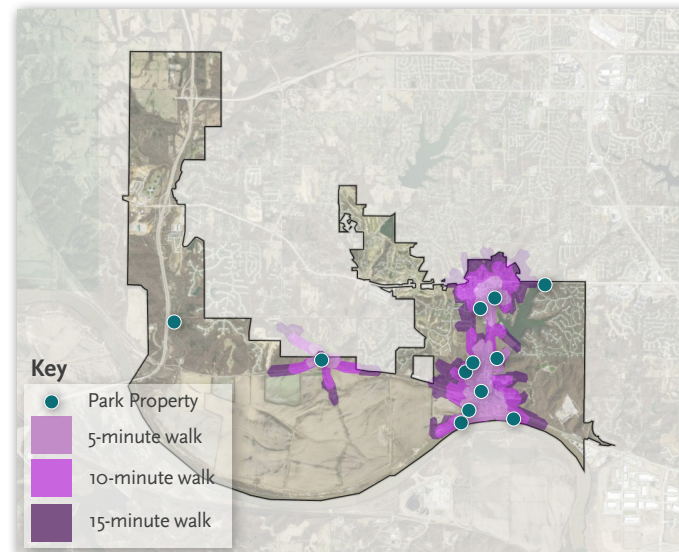


The statistically validated survey provided opportunity for residents to give feedback on the city's parks.

Adults participated in	Expected number of adults	Percent of Population
Aerobic exercise	629	9.0%
Archery	165	2.4%
Baseball	226	3.2%
Basketball	409	5.8%
Cycling (mountain)	288	4.1%
Cycling (road)	993	14.1%
Football	191	2.7%
Frisbee	266	3.8%
Jogging/Running	882	12.6%
Pickleball	220	3.1%

Adults participated in	Expected number of adults	Percent of Population
Pilates	281	4.0%
Ping Pong	207	2.9%
Soccer	117	1.7%
Softball	1,287	18.3%
Swimming	286	4.1%
Tennis	356	5.1%
Volleyball	160	2.3%
Walking	2,664	38.0%
Weightlifting	1,272	18.1%
Yoga	885	12.6%
Zumba	181	2.6%

Market analysis models the expected number participants by program.



Walkability modeling was completed using GIS data of streets and pedestrian access points to parks.

Finally, a walkability analysis was conducted to assess pedestrian access to parks throughout Parkville, using GIS-based models to map 5-, 10-, and 15-minute walking distances. This analysis helps identify gaps in equitable park access and supports planning for a more connected and accessible park system.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

An outline of recommendations was developed based on the foundation established through the findings of the previous phases. These recommendations focus on achieving parks and recreation goals identified in collaboration with staff, stakeholders and the community. In addition to recommendations, this section includes graphic plans for each existing park and a new park concept diagram to convey key recommendations for expanding Parkville's park system.

This section outlines the core recommendations of the master plan. Recommendations are organized into five focus areas:

- Systemwide
- Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property
- Trails and Connectivity
- Programs and Events
- Operations

Systemwide recommendations focus on actions that can be applied throughout the system or guide the future of the system overall. Based on the needs determination and community input, four categories were developed to classify these recommendations: Parkland Management, Outdoor Amenities, Park Improvements and Identity, Natural Resources, and Athletic Fields.

Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property focuses on addressing existing challenges in Parkville's parks and identifying opportunities to enhance the park experience to better serve the community, both now and in the future. Conceptual master plan diagrams have been developed for each park based on needs identified in earlier phases of this planning process. A conceptual plan is also presented for a potential new park on the west side of the city.

Trails and Connectivity recommendations identify opportunities to strengthen connectivity and access throughout the city. Recommendations are made in three categories: Existing Assets, Future Growth, and Systemwide. These recommendations consider county and regional connectivity as well as connections between and within Parkville's existing and future parks.

Programs and Events outlines the role of programs and events within Parkville's parks system and identifies strategies to build on their success. This section notes strong community support for expanding offerings while acknowledging the need to balance growth with available resources. The recommendations address ongoing program development, event planning, and rental use in the categories of Programs, Events and Rentals, and Additional Considerations.



The recommendations section includes conceptual master plans for each one of Parkville's existing parks, as well as a conceptual master plan for potential park on the city's west edge.

Operations recommendations aim to strengthen the City's ability to deliver high-quality parks and recreation services by clarifying what Parkville will provide, improving budgeting practices, aligning staffing with system needs, exploring new funding sources, and emphasizing proactive, long-term maintenance planning. Recommendations are organized into five categories: Budget, Staffing, Maintenance, Marketing and Communications, and Partnerships.

# ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan provides an overview of the master plan recommendations, a summary of identified priorities for implementation, and key factors for consideration in establishing an approach to implementation. The Action Plan is organized by the focus areas identified in the Recommendations chapter of this report. These focus areas are:

- **Systemwide Recommendations**
- **Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property**
- **Trails and Connectivity**
- **Programs and Events**
- **Operations**

Each recommendation is aligned with an impact category that summarizes the focus it has on the overall system. The area of impact is an important consideration when advancing a recommendation for implementation and messaging recommendations at implementation. Impact categories are:

- **Growth**- expanding the existing parks system
- **Reinvest**- enhancing current parks and facilities
- **Operations**- internal staffing and procedures
- **Partnership**- strengthening or building relationships

**Community Benefits** - The four benefits below were identified by the community as the most important roles the Parkville Parks and Recreation Department can play in the lives of residents and in shaping the City's future. These benefits reinforce themes heard throughout stakeholder engagement and have been incorporated into the Action Plan as a framework for evaluating the impact of each recommendation. The more benefits a recommendation supports, the greater value it may provide through implementation. These values are:

- **Preserve and Protect the Environment**
- **Make Parkville a More Desirable Place to Live**
- **Promote Physical Health and Fitness**
- **Promote Mental Health and Fitness**

**Funding Source** - A primary funding source has been identified for each recommendation. These funding sources are summarized as **Traditional** or **Alternative** and more detail on these categories is provided in the Funding section of the Operations Recommendations.

**Primary Responsibility** - The final consideration factor included in the Action Plan looks at entities most likely to initiate or lead the process to move a recommendation forward. Entities included are:

- **City Administration**
- **Department Directors (other than Parks & Recreation)**
- **Parks & Recreation Department Leadership**



The Parkville Nature Sanctuary embodies the values noted at left, improving health, promoting quality of life, and protecting the environment.

- **Recreation Services**
- **Park Maintenance**
- **Outside Partner**

## 1. SYSTEMWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party	
		PP	DL	PH	MH				
<b>1.1 PARKLAND MANAGEMENT</b>									
1.1.1	Parkland Acquisition	Growth	✓	✓		✓	ST	TRAD	CA
1.1.2	Parkland Divestment	Reinvest		✓			ST	TRAD	CA
<b>1.2 OUTDOOR AMENITIES</b>									
1.2.1/2	Park Metrics and PIR								
	Playgrounds	Reinvest		✓			ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Diamond Sports Fields	Growth			✓		LT	TRAD	PL
	Rectangle Fields	Reinvest			✓		ST	TRAD	PL
	Tennis Courts	Growth			✓		MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Splash Pad	Growth		✓			MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Skateboard Park	Growth		✓			MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Fitness Area/Stations	Growth			✓		ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Multi-use Hiking, Biking, Walking Trails	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
	Lighted Paved Walkways	Reinvest		✓		✓	ST	TRAD	PL
	Mountain Bike Trails	Growth			✓		MT	TRAD	PL
	Small Neighborhood Parks	Growth	✓				MT	TRAD	CA
	Community History Recognition	Reinvest	✓	✓		✓	ST	ALT	PL
	Environmental/Nature Education Center	Growth	✓			✓	MT	TRAD	PL
	Large Community Parks	Growth	✓				MT	TRAD	CA
	Open Conservation Areas	Growth	✓				LT	TRAD	CA
	Shade and Trees	Reinvest				✓	ST	ALT	
<b>1.2 PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND IDENTITY</b>									
1.3.1	Quality Before Quantity	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.2	Update Aged Infrastructure and Amenities	Reinvest		✓			ST	ALT/TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.3	Park Restrooms	Reinvest		✓			MT	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.4	Shaded Seating Within Parks	Reinvest				✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.3.5	Identity and Brand	Reinvest		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
<b>1.4 NATURAL RESOURCES</b>									
1.4.1	Protection and Restoration	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.4.2	Access and Education	Reinvest	✓			✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM/RS
<b>1.5 ATHLETIC FIELD APPROACH &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>									
		Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL/RS

## 2.0 EXISTING PARKS AND UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
2.1 English Landing Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.2 Plate Landing Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.3 Parkville Nature Sanctuary	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.4 Vikings Field	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.5 Adams Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	CA/PL
2.6 Watkins Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	LT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.7 PAC Pond and Trail	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.8 Gateway Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.9 Pocket Park	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.10 Sullivan Nature Sanctuary	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL
2.11 New West Side Park	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	LT	TRAD/ALT	CA/PL

## 3.0 TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>3.1 EXISTING ASSETS</b>								
3.1.1 Internal Loop Trails in all Parks	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
3.1.2 Internal Trails and Walks - ADA Compliance	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.3 Internal Loop Trail Minimum design Widths	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.4 Secondary Natural Surface/Mowed Lawn Trails	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>3.2 FUTURE GROWTH</b>								
3.2.1 Brush Creek Greenway	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.2 Missouri Riverfront Trail	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.3 Southern Platte Pass Trail	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.4 English Landing Park to Parkville Nature Sanctuary	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.5 Platte Landing Park to Vikings Field	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA/PL
3.2.6 Vikings Field to Brush Creek Greenway Trailhead	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/DD
3.2.7 Neighborhood Access to Watkins and Adams Parks	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.8 Neighborhood Access to PAC Pond and Trail	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.9 Neighborhood Access to Gateway Park	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.10 Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/OP
<b>3.3 SYSTEMWIDE</b>								
3.3.1 User Experience - Trailheads and Shade	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
3.3.2 Signage & Identity	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
3.3.3 Safety	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM

## 4.0 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>4.1 PROGRAMS</b>								
4.1.1 Pricing Structure	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.2 Program Delivery Model	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.3 Core Service	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/RS
<b>4.2 EVENTS AND RENTALS</b>								
4.2.1 Staff Workload	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
4.2.2 Event Definition	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.3 Rates and Fees	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.4 Streamlined Process	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
<b>4.3 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>								
4.3.1 Staff Involvement in Event planning	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
4.3.2 Event and Rental Occurrence Limits	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.3.3 Preference for Residents and Local Groups	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL

## 5.0 OPERATIONS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>5.1 BUDGET</b>								
5.1.1 Funding Methods and Impact	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	CA
5.1.2 Financial Evaluation	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.3 Funding Sources	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.4 Conservation and Land Management	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.2 STAFFING</b>								
5.2.1 Nature Sanctuary – PTE Maintenance	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.2 Program Manager – FTE	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.3 Mowing	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PM
5.2.4 Additional Staffing	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
5.2.5 Volunteers	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	RS
5.2.6 Successional Planning	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.7 Position Replacement and Evaluation	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
<b>5.3 MAINTENANCE</b>								
5.3.1 Modes of Care and Maintenance Standards	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PM
5.3.2 Lifecycle Maintenance and Replacement Schedule	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PM
5.3.3 Prioritize Investment in Existing Parks	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.4 Natural Resource Management Plan and Staffing	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.5 Future Maintenance Facilities	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.4 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>								
5.4.1 Marketing Methods	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.2 Marketing Resources	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.3 Civic Rec	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.4 Brand Standards	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
<b>5.5 PARTNERSHIPS</b>								
5.5.1 Agreement Review	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
5.5.2 New Partnerships	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/OP
5.5.3 Partnership Approach	Operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL

# PLAN BACKGROUND

## INTRODUCTION

Every parks and recreation master plan is shaped by its community and by who they are, what they value, and what they envision for the future. For the City of Parkville, this plan is an opportunity to define the role of parks and recreation as the city and the department continue to grow and evolve. This comprehensive parks and recreation master plan comes at a time when both residents and city leadership are thinking seriously about how to protect what makes the city special while planning for what's next.

This plan is rooted in the voices of those who live, work, and play across the city's parks and trails. It reflects feedback from residents, input from staff and elected officials, and a thorough inventory and analysis of Parkville's current parks and recreation system. It's shaped by the city's unique character, natural beauty, historic charm, and strong sense of identity, as well as broader trends and best practices in the field.

The goal of this plan is to provide clear, practical guidance for the future by identifying what to improve, what to preserve, and where to focus investment. These aims guided the development of the goals and recommendations outlined in the chapters that follow.

## OUTSIDE FACTORS

It is important to acknowledge there are many outside factors that will shape the implementation process of a master plan over time. These factors may affect anticipated timelines or priorities, and as a result, this document is intended to serve as a flexible guide that allows the Parks and Recreation Department to respond to current conditions over time while continuing to move toward the long-term vision and goals outlined in this document.

Chief among these factors to consider is the uncertain availability of federal and state funding moving forward. Programs that provide grants and other funding to communities for trail development, such as the Recreational Trails Program and Transportation Alternatives Program, and programs that support land conservation and recreation improvements, including the Land and Water Conservation Fund, may undergo significant alterations as federal priorities and budgets shift. To effectively implement this plan, the city must stay up to date on funding opportunities and adapt as needed.



Residents were encouraged to provide feedback throughout the planning process at numerous community meetings, open houses, and engagement events.

# PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW



Community Meeting #2 at YMCA Platte County Community Center South

## APPROACH AND PHASES

The planning process was organized into four phases. Each phase built on the previous phases and refined the focus of the planning process and recommendations development. The phases are identified below with a brief description:

- **Inventory and Assessment:** This initial phase of the master plan process focused on collecting information about the City of Parkville and its parks and recreation system. The planning team worked to develop a clear understanding of existing conditions, as well as the community's perceptions and priorities. This was achieved through staff and stakeholder meetings, park tours, public engagement, and a thorough review of current and past planning documents. These efforts laid the groundwork for the recommendations that follow.
- **Needs Assessment:** Key needs and opportunities were identified through an online community needs assessment survey, market analysis, and comparison to national and regional benchmarks. These findings were reviewed and discussed with Parks and Recreation Department, steering committee, and City leadership to establish the foundation for the recommendations outlined in this master plan.
- **Recommendations:** Draft and final recommendations for the parks and recreation system and department were then developed. These were shared with staff, city leadership, and the broader community and refined based on the feedback received.
- **Action Plan:** The final phase of the planning process focuses on implementation of the master plan and development of the final document. It includes continued engagement with the community and a shift in focus from planning to action, setting the stage for investment in the future of parks and recreation in Parkville.

## ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Staff, city leadership, stakeholders, and the broader community played an essential role throughout the planning effort. Engagement opportunities were scheduled to gather feedback and demonstrate how community input informed each stage of the plan's development. The engagement process began with a kickoff meeting and initial stakeholder discussions and concluded with a public presentation of final recommendations to the Board of Aldermen (BOA) and Community Land and Recreation Board (CLARB). Various engagement formats were utilized throughout the process, including steering committee meetings, community open houses, community intercept events, and joint work sessions with the BOA and CLARB.

To supplement in-person engagement, online and mailed outreach methods were used extensively. A statistically valid community survey was sent to every household in Parkville, gathering input on a range of parks and recreation topics. Additionally, a project website (<https://engageparkvillepr.mysocialpinpoint.com>) provided updates, collected feedback, and served as a central information hub throughout the planning process.

## Engagement By Phase

- 1 DATA COLLECTION**
  - Project Kick-off / Steering Committee #01
  - Park Tours
  - Joint CLARB & BOA Meeting #01
  - In-Person Engagement Event - Cruise Night
  - Community Meeting #01
- 2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
  - Community Input Meetings
  - Social Pinpoint
  - Statistically Representative Survey
- 3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
  - Steering Committee Meeting #02
  - Community Meeting #02
  - In-Person Engagement Event- Farmers Market/Brew Fest
- 4 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**
  - Steering Committee Meeting #03
  - Joint CLARB & BOA Meeting #02
  - Community Meeting #03
- 5 FINAL MASTER PLAN**
  - Steering Committee Meeting #04
  - Joint CLARB & BOA Meeting #03

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## Park and Facility Inventory and Assessment

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## INTRODUCTION

This section identifies and assesses the existing assets within the Parkville Parks and Recreation system. Understanding the parks and facilities managed by the city is a key first step in planning for the system's future. The inventory and analysis evaluate current conditions and highlight needs and opportunities within the park properties.

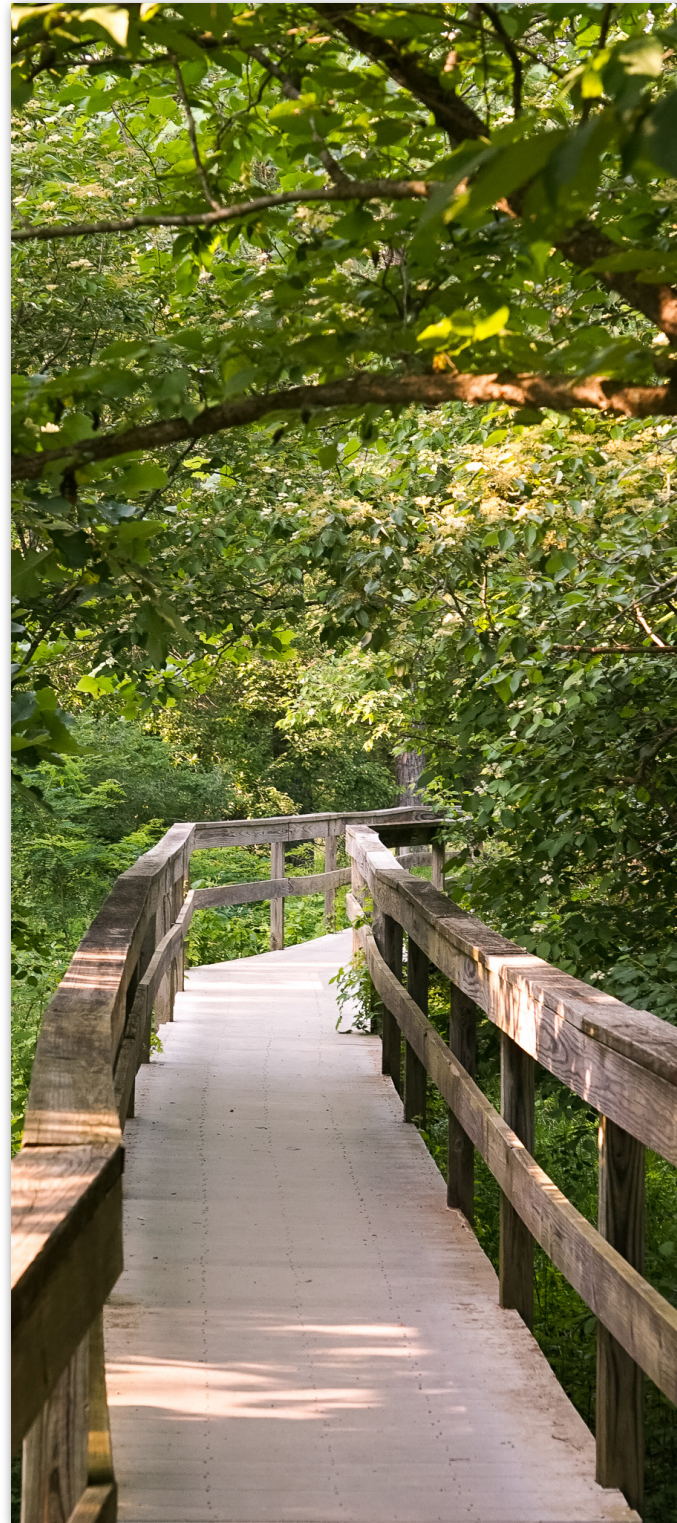
The assets evaluated include parks, trails, open spaces, and the Train Depot building. Data for this chapter was gathered from city resources, past plans, mapping, and site visits.

The existing plan review on the following pages identifies and analyzes past planning documents that are relevant to this report's recommendations. These documents provide context by highlighting past goals, successes, and challenges while offering a baseline for comparison as new plans and priorities emerge. Reviewing previous plans ensures that current recommendations build on existing efforts, align with broader community objectives, and address ongoing or evolving needs within the park system and community.

Following the existing plan review, the property inventory provides a detailed assessment of each property within the Parkville Parks system. This section offers an overview of each location, highlighting its strengths, weaknesses, and unique characteristics. Amenities such as playgrounds, shelters, and fields are identified and mapped, alongside key park details including size, classification, and the populations they serve.

Finally, the system inventory evaluates Parkville's park assets and benchmarks them against similarly sized agencies nationwide using data from the National Recreation and Parks Association Park Metrics. This benchmarking provides a baseline understanding of how the city's parks system inventory compares with peers with similar population, and highlights possible gaps or over saturation for comparison with community feedback. This analysis highlights both Parkville's level of service and a comprehensive understanding of how the city's parks system compares to its peers.

The findings in this chapter guide the opportunities for improvement, recommendations, and prioritization of capital projects discussed in later sections of the report.



*The Parkville Nature Sanctuary is one of 13 Parkville properties discussed in this Inventory and Analysis section.*

## EXISTING PLAN REVIEW

Reviewing previous and existing plans is an important step in shaping a new vision for Parkville Parks. Examining the goals of past efforts helps identify the community's historical needs, assess how those needs have evolved, and guide future planning directions. These plans also highlight areas requiring continued focus and unmet goals, ensuring continuity and alignment with the city's broader objectives.

The plans reviewed in this report encompass prior comprehensive and parks master planning efforts, along with targeted initiatives aimed at enhancing accessibility and usability for visitors. While each plan addresses distinct topics and provides unique recommendations, consistent themes emerge across the documents, reflecting shared priorities and challenges:

### Partnerships

Partnerships with community groups enhance the spaces and programming offered by Parkville, allowing the parks system to serve a broader range of the population. Collaborations with local non-profits, businesses, schools, and regional governments can help promote parks and events to both regional and local audiences. These partnerships are especially valuable in reaching populations that may face barriers to engaging with outdoor spaces, such as older adults, youth, and at-risk groups.

### Funding

Exploring funding and development opportunities is important as the city and parks system grow. Grants can provide support for long-term park projects that might otherwise be difficult to implement. Additionally, impact fees and parkland dedication requirements tied to new private developments can help expand and enhance the city's park inventory, ensuring resources keep pace with community needs.

### Accessibility

Universal design should be implemented across park properties to improve accessibility for all users. Features such as accessible routes, curb ramps, wayfinding signage, and well-maintained paths enhance usability for individuals with mobility challenges, families, cyclists, and others. Considering the needs of an aging population through surveys and demographic data helps ensure accessibility improvements are targeted and effective, creating inclusive spaces for all users.

### Connectivity

Addressing gaps in the parks and trails systems enables users to travel between key destinations more safely and efficiently, improving overall access and functionality. Greater connectivity to trail systems also supports better health outcomes by encouraging active outdoor recreation. While much of the perimeter trail around Parkville is nearly complete, a vital east-west connection remains unfinished, linking Parkville's river parks to the newly developed Brush Creek Trail.

## PARKS MASTER PLAN (2016)

The 2016 Parks Master Plan outlines a vision for the future of Parkville Parks. Building on its 2008 predecessor, the plan presents numerous recommendations to improve the parks system, including addressing gaps in coverage, undertaking major park renovations, implementing organizational changes, enhancing programming, and identifying funding opportunities. While it includes recommendations for all park assets, the plan primarily focuses on improving the city's riverfront properties. These priorities were shaped by extensive community engagement conducted throughout the planning process.

Significant progress has been made in implementing many of the recommendations from the 2016 Parks Master Plan. Notable achievements include the construction of Gateway Park and Brush Creek Trail, major renovations to Watkins Park and Pocket Park, and ongoing enhancements at Platte Landing Park and English Landing Park. Additionally, a standalone Parks and Recreation Department was established, separating it from Public Works as recommended. However, as with most planning efforts, some challenges outlined in the 2016 report remain unresolved. Chief among these are substantial gaps in the city's park and trail coverage, particularly along the western boundary, which continue to limit connectivity and accessibility.

## Key Recommendations

- Establish a standalone parks department with a dedicated director.
- Develop maintenance plans and allocate staff resources to maintain parks.
- Pursue partnerships with other community groups and organizations to enhance and promote the city's parks.
- Fill gaps in the parks system and along the city's west edge.
- Connect parks, trails, and points of interest more effectively with an expanded trail network.
- Implement design concepts for the riverfront parks, including a better transition to downtown and improved recreation and environmental amenities.
- Expand recreational programming to attract both local and regional visitation.
- Explore new funding opportunities for maintenance and land acquisition through impact fees and parkland dedication requirements.

## PARKVILLE 2040 MASTER PLAN (2021)

The 2040 Parkville Master Plan, completed in 2021, presents a comprehensive roadmap for the city's growth and development over the next two decades. The plan focuses on recommendations in five core areas—Community Character, Sustainability and the Environment, Transportation and Infrastructure, Strategic Development, and Growing with a Purpose—each informed by an extensive inventory of existing conditions and robust community engagement efforts.

While the document outlines a city-wide vision for the future, it also includes significant recommendations for the city's parks. The section titled "Sustainability and the Environment" focuses on natural resource protection, addressing topics such as floodplain management, stream protection, slope preservation, and urban forest management. It also emphasizes park-specific improvements, including expanding neighborhood park offerings, closing gaps in park service areas, and enhancing trail connections throughout the city. These two themes—natural resource protection and parks—are presented as interconnected principles, ensuring parks serve as spaces for both environmental stewardship and accessible, natural experiences for users.

### Key Recommendations

- Adopt an ordinance to encourage low-impact development and minimize impermeable surfaces in floodplains.
- Adopt a slope preservation ordinance to reduce erosion and protect steep slopes.
- Work to ensure that all residents should live within a 5- to 10-minute walk of a park.
- Regularly evaluate parks and recreation trends when planning for new facilities.
- Expand Parkville's trail system, prioritizing east-west routes and utilizing streetscapes, stream corridors, identified greenways, and utility rights-of-way.
- Adopt a stream buffer ordinance to protect sensitive riparian areas and provide space for future trails.
- Connect existing parks with sidewalks and trails.

## PARKVILLE ADA TRANSITION PLAN (2024)

The Parkville Transition Plan evaluates the city's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), offering recommendations to address accessibility barriers. While the plan focuses heavily on improving accessibility in Parkville's historic downtown—where modifications or removals are recommended to address existing barriers—it also includes broader recommendations for compliance across the city's assets, such as websites, communications, transportation systems, and public buildings.

The report provides specific recommendations to ensure compliance with ADA Accessibility Guidelines across the city's programs, parks, and outdoor public spaces. Parks and recreation programs must offer equal access to all participants, with reasonable accommodations to support individuals with varied abilities. City-administered spaces, including parks and trails, must adhere to accessibility standards for routes (such as slope, width, clearance, and surfacing), parking (striping, location, and slopes), and facilities like playgrounds, tables, shelters, trails, and restrooms. Additionally, the report highlights that temporary or special events must also comply with these standards—an especially important consideration given the frequent events held in the city's parks.

### Key Recommendations

- Confirm all construction contracts are compliant with ADA and PROWAG guidelines.
- Provide features such as trash cans, water fountains, picnic tables, benches, and shelters along accessible routes, promoting accessibility.
- Perform regular maintenance to ensure accessible routes remain clear of obstacles, such as overgrown brush, debris, or other potential obstacles, and free of obstructions such as gaps, cracks, or uneven surfaces.
- Provide and maintain accessible parking with access to accessible routes at all city facilities.
- Provide features such as truncated domes and curb ramps on accessible routes to improve pedestrian safety, in accordance with ADAAG.
- Ensure wayfinding signage adequately informs users when accessible routes differ from primary routes.
- Implement ADA and PROWAG guidelines at temporary or special events held at Parks properties.

## PARKVILLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES (2022)

KC Community for All Ages is an initiative led by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that promotes and recognizes communities working to become more livable for residents of all ages. The program encourages policies that accommodate the region's aging population while fostering vibrant, connected communities that benefit all age groups. It recognizes three achievement levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Parkville has achieved Silver status, a recognition earned through the city's formation of a committee to assess community needs and the issuance of a report outlining its findings.

The report identifies six key topics that contribute to creating a community for all ages, including subtopics considering public spaces. Specific recommendations include exploring opportunities to increase park space along the city's western edge, completing east-west pedestrian routes, and adopting complete streets standards. Additional suggestions focus on encouraging developers to implement universal design and pursuing a Bicycle Friendly Communities designation. The report also emphasizes policy actions, such as fostering partnerships with community organizations to achieve these goals and promoting diverse input at public meetings to ensure the city's demographics are adequately represented.

### Key Recommendations

- Link demographic data with park board and planning commission decisions.
- Explore partnerships with YMCA and Platte County to offer age-diverse programming.
- Investigate pursuing the Bicycle Friendly Communities designation.
- Survey residents about their open space needs and investigate park space in the city's western neighborhoods.
- Explore the adoption of complete streets design guidelines.
- Investigate east-west transit and pedestrian connectivity.
- Encourage universal design principles in new development.

## SHOW ME THE MISSOURI OUTDOORS (2022)

Show Me The Missouri Outdoors is the latest edition of Missouri's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, mandated by the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This plan examines emerging trends and challenges in parks and recreation across the state, focusing on topics such as shifting demographics, health and wellness, technology, environmental issues, accessibility, and economic sustainability. The recommendations are informed by extensive community engagement, including surveys, focus groups, and detailed facility inventories.

The document highlights a growing disconnect between potential users and outdoor spaces, driven partly by the evolving needs of an aging population and the changing preferences of tech-savvy youth. This disconnect can contribute to decreased physical activity and poorer health outcomes across both groups. The report emphasizes the role of trail systems in meeting the recreational needs of these populations, highlighting their potential to increase access to outdoor spaces and improve community health. Additionally, it advocates for partnerships with community organizations to promote the benefits of outdoor recreation, ensuring broader awareness and engagement.

### Key Recommendations

- Expand recreational opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse population and underserved populations, incorporating elements of universal design whenever possible.
- Expand trail systems where appropriate and promote them as elements of a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Utilize grant funding to upgrade existing park facilities and ensure long-term economic sustainability of parks and recreation projects.
- Promote youth environmental education and stewardship through volunteer opportunities, school partnerships, and vocational programs.
- Partner with community organizations, businesses, nonprofits, and other public agencies to promote outdoor recreation and healthy lifestyles.
- Perform ongoing research and analysis to stay up to date with emerging trends and needs within underserved and at-risk populations.

# PROPERTY INVENTORY

The Parkville Parks system consists of seven developed properties, totaling approximately 325 acres of programmed park space, 10 miles of trails, and nearly 25 acres of undeveloped open space. The following inventory and analysis section provides an overview of each property, including the amenities offered and an assessment of each area's strengths and weaknesses.

To effectively organize and understand each park within the city's inventory, each park is also assigned a level of service classification as defined by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These classifications include Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Metropolitan Parks, Natural Resource Areas, and Special Use Parks.

For this report, the NRPA's level of service classifications will be used to assess walkability and accessibility for each park, while the newer Park Metrics data will be used to benchmark Parkville's amenities against those of similar municipalities. This data will be explored more in-depth in the Needs Determination portion of this report.

## Level of Service Classifications

### Mini Parks | <1 acre

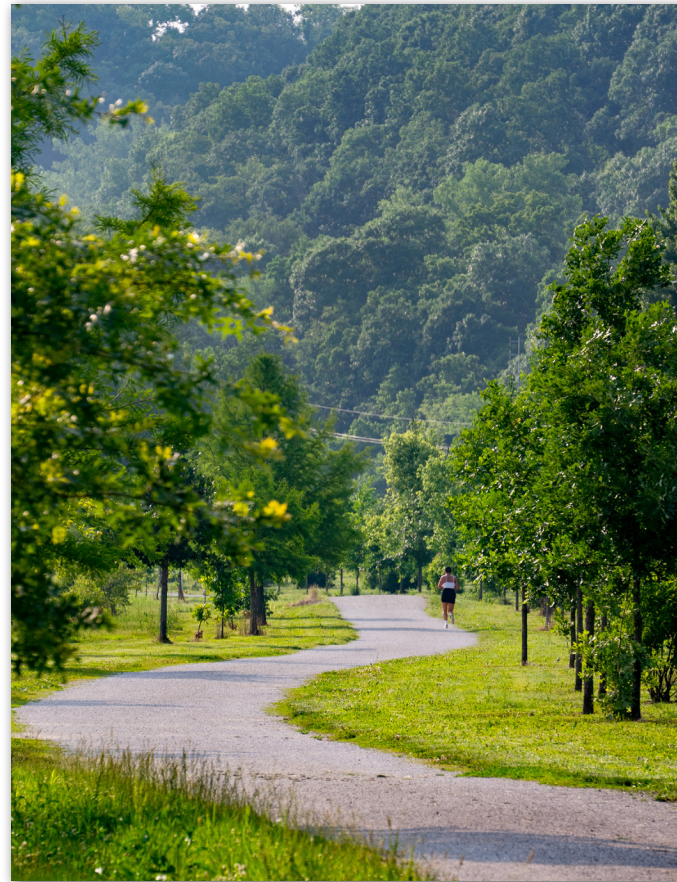
Mini parks, also known as pocket parks, are the smallest type of park classification. Typically less than an acre in size, they serve the immediate community within a short walking distance, usually a quarter-mile radius. These parks generally lack parking facilities, focusing instead on serving the surrounding neighborhood. Amenities are often simple and specifically designed to meet the needs of nearby residents, such as seating, small play areas, or gathering spots. Parkville's mini parks are Adams Park and Pocket Park.

### Neighborhood Parks | 1-15 acres

Neighborhood parks are slightly larger than mini parks and are typically between 1 and 15 acres in size. They serve as recreational and social hubs for neighborhoods, offering a mix of amenities such as playgrounds, picnic areas, and open green spaces. Neighborhood parks are designed to serve residents within a one mile radius and are intended to be easily accessible by pedestrians. Parkville's neighborhood parks are Watkins Park, Gateway Park, and Spirit Fountain.

### Community Parks | 15-80 acres

Community parks are larger spaces, generally ranging from 15 to 80 acres, that serve multiple neighborhoods within a two- to three-mile radius. These parks offer a wider variety of amenities including sports fields, large picnic areas, playgrounds, and facilities for special events. Community parks are designed to support both active and passive recreation at a broader scale. The city does not currently have any parks within this category.



Platte Landing Park is one of two regional parks within the city's inventory. These spaces serve a wide array of users and activities.

### Regional Parks | >80 acres

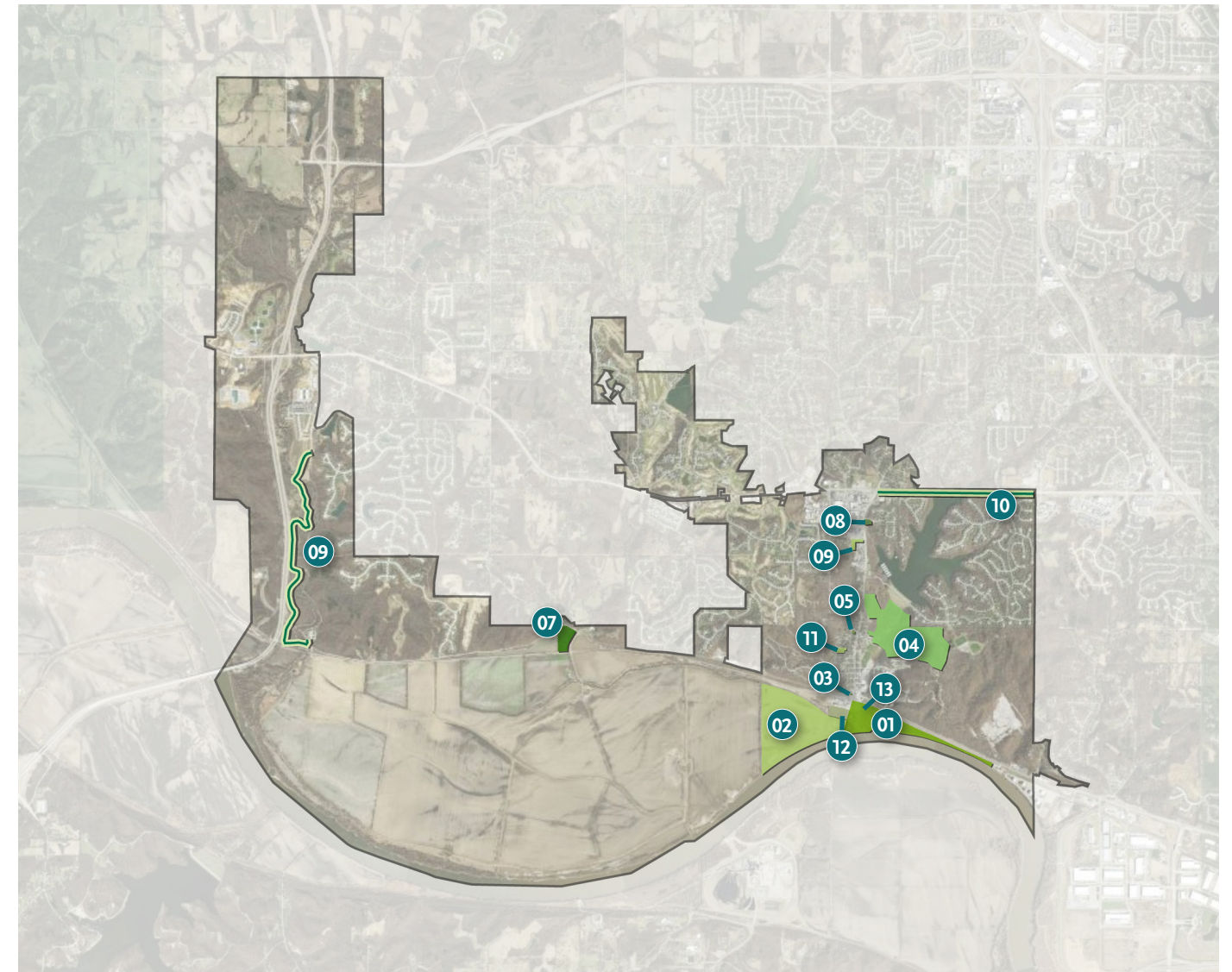
Metropolitan parks are the largest classification and are typically over 80 acres in size. They serve a regional population and provide a wide array of recreational opportunities, including sports complexes, event spaces, trails, and natural areas. Metropolitan parks are designed to attract visitors from across the region, offering amenities that cater to a wide range of interests. Parkville's regional parks are Platte and English Landing Parks.

### Natural Resource Areas

Natural Resource Areas are designated to protect and preserve natural features, such as woodlands, wetlands, and water bodies. These areas focus on conservation and provide low-impact recreational opportunities, such as hiking, wildlife observation, and nature-based education. These spaces are often managed with minimal development to preserve the natural environment, making them valuable assets for environmental stewardship and outdoor education. These spaces include the Parkville and Sullivan Nature Sanctuaries.

### Special Use Parks

Special Use Parks are designed for a specific purpose or activity, such as botanical gardens, historic sites, or sports fields. These parks attract visitors with particular interests, hobbies or activities that are facilitated by park amenities. Vikings Field currently serves as a special use park.



The parks, trails, and open spaces discussed in the following section are shown above. These assets comprise the current developed inventory within the Parkville Parks and Recreation parks system.

### Key

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 01 English Landing Park       | 07 Vikings Field               |
| 02 Platte Landing Park        | 08 Gateway Park                |
| 03 Pocket Park                | 09 Brush Creek Trail           |
| 04 Parkville Nature Sanctuary | 10 Southern Platte Pass Trail  |
| 05 Adams Park                 | 11 PAC Pond Trail              |
| 06 Watkins Park               | 12 Sullivan Nature Sanctuary   |
|                               | 13 Train Depot/Spirit Fountain |



English Landing Park is the oldest and most well-known park in the Parkville Parks system. This space hosts dozens of events throughout year and is popular among residents and visitors.

### ENGLISH LANDING PARK

English Landing Park, a 68-acre park along the Missouri River southeast of downtown Parkville, is one of the most well-known and visible parks in the system. Before Parkville's official founding in 1844, the area served as a bustling riverboat landing. Today, English Landing Park is a popular destination, offering a variety of amenities that attract both residents and visitors. The park also serves as a venue for numerous special events throughout the year, making it an important gathering place for the community.

The park's prominent location ensures consistent year-round use and makes it one of the most recognizable parks in the Kansas City area. Its scenic riverfront setting is unique within the region, contributing to its iconic status. Additionally, the park connects with the Missouri Riverfront Trail to the east and Platte Landing Park to the west, creating an extended network of accessible recreational areas.

Despite the park's iconic status, it lacks a cohesive programmatic identity. While the park hosts popular events throughout the year, it does not offer standout amenities, such as a destination playground, that would draw significant area-wide visitors outside of event times. Additionally, access from the east is limited, requiring visitors to park on the western edge to reach park features. The presence of the railroad along the northern boundary complicates access, limiting entry points and creating safety concerns for visitors.

#### PARK FACTS

**Size**  
68 acres

**Classification**  
Regional Park

**Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, families,  
local and regional visitors

#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Pickleball Courts (4)        | • Visible location      |
| 02 Restrooms                    | • Consistent use        |
| 03 Stage/Pavilion               | • Regionally recognized |
| 04 Playground Areas (2)         | • River access          |
| 05 Sand Volleyball (3)          | • Downtown proximity    |
| 06 Picnic Shelters (5)          | • Program variety       |
| 07 Basketball Court             | • System connectivity   |
| 08 Boat Launch                  |                         |
| 09 Baseball/Softball Fields (3) | <b>Weaknesses</b>       |
| 10 Soccer Field                 | • Lacks solid identity  |
| 11 Disc Golf Course             | • Under-programmed      |
| 12 Paved Trails (3 miles)       | • Poor access from east |
| 13 Waddell "A" Truss Bridge     | • Railroad proximity    |



Platte Landing Park is a newer property within the parks inventory and is currently subject to ongoing design and development efforts.

### PLATTE LANDING PARK

Platte Landing Park, located southwest of downtown Parkville along the Missouri River and directly west of English Landing Park, is a 140-acre park acquired from Platte County in 2018. This newer addition to the Parks system features two miles of trails, a five-acre dog park, restored wetlands, and river access. Platte Landing Park also includes the Sullivan Nature Sanctuary, an 8-acre nature preserve at the northeast edge of the park.

The park's large off-leash dog park, the first of its kind in Platte County, remains a valuable community amenity despite similar facilities now being available elsewhere. It continues to be popular among nearby residents and likely attracts visitors from across the area. The park's scenic location, river access, and ongoing wetland restoration also enhance its appeal, providing opportunities for visitors to connect with natural water systems.

The proximity to the Missouri River creates challenges for park programming, as regular flooding limits the types of amenities that can be included to those that can withstand occasional inundation. Additionally, resident opposition to planned sports fields has stalled development, leaving the park underutilized. The location and access to Platte Landing Park also present difficulties. Poor visibility from major roads, downtown Parkville, and English Landing Park reduces its recognition, while the single-lane bridge significantly limits vehicle access and capacity, posing further challenges for any future large-scale sports complex.

#### PARK FACTS

**Size**  
140 acres

**Classification**  
Regional Park

**Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, families,  
local and regional visitors

#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

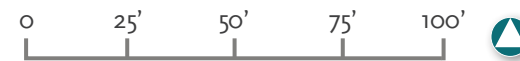
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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Large Dog Park (3 acres) | • Large dog parks       |
| 02 Small Dog Park (2 acres) | • Ecosystem restoration |
| 03 Restrooms                | • River access          |
| 04 Picnic Shelter           | • Proximity to downtown |
| 05 Boat Launch              | • System connectivity   |
| 06 Paved Trails (2 miles)   | • Scenic location       |
| 07 Restored Wetlands        |                         |

#### Weaknesses

- Under programmed
- Lacks visibility
- Single access point
- Resident pushback
- Flood prone



Pocket Park provides outdoor space for downtown visitors and augments nearby businesses with public space and amenities. This park is a significant focal point within the Historic Downtown.



## POCKET PARK

Pocket Park, located in the heart of historic downtown Parkville, serves as a central gathering space for both residents and visitors. This small park gives pedestrians a place to rest and socialize while visiting local businesses or attending special events. Despite being less than one acre, Pocket Park offers a variety of amenities, including ornamental plantings, seating, and interpretive signage. A master plan for the park was completed in 2020, and many of the suggested improvements have already been implemented.

Pocket Park's highly visible location serves as a gateway for travelers entering downtown Parkville on 1st Street. Its central location supports local businesses by providing outdoor space where shoppers and diners can rest. Additionally, Pocket Park makes productive use of spaces that might otherwise sit idle between buildings, leveraging the site's challenging topography to create visual interest.

The location of Pocket Park also presents challenges by contributing to an unclear separation of public and private spaces. The proximity to neighboring businesses may cause confusion for visitors who are unsure whether the park is available for public use. Nearby business signage and outdoor dining areas add to this confusion, particularly Parkville Mini Golf, where boundaries are unclear. It is also unclear whether pedestrians can access the upper portion of 1st Street through Pocket Park, or if this access is limited to the mini golf course.

### PARK FACTS

#### Size

.05 acres

#### Classification

Mini Park

#### Populations Served

Parkville residents, families, local and regional visitors

### EXISTING AMENITIES

- 01 Seating
- 02 Stage
- 03 Tiered Garden
- 04 Statues (2)
- 05 Interpretive Signage

### Strengths

- Visible location
- Attractive community gateway from east
- Augments nearby businesses
- Pedestrian friendly
- Activates unused space

### Weaknesses

- Unclear public access
- Lacks accessibility
- Minimal programming
- Transitory space
- Challenging terrain



Parkville Nature Sanctuary is a nature preserve providing access to wooded open space and maintained trails. This property is co-managed with Missouri Department of Conservation.



## PARKVILLE NATURE SANCTUARY

The Parkville Nature Sanctuary, located northeast of downtown Parkville, is a 115-acre nature preserve dedicated to recreation and wildlife habitat. The sanctuary features nearly three miles of hiking trails, a reservable shelter, and various interpretive opportunities. These trails lead visitors to several points of interest, including a spring, a root cellar, and a waterfall. The nature sanctuary hosts a variety of events throughout the year that engage the community and promote environmental education. Volunteer opportunities are also available, allowing community members to help care for the sanctuary while learning about nature.

The sanctuary's unique amenities make it a valuable asset to nearby neighborhoods and the broader community, positioning it as a regional attraction. Its educational, restorative, and habitat benefits will become even more important as Parkville continues to urbanize and develop. The sanctuary's value is further enhanced by its easy access via East Street, its proximity to downtown Parkville, and its accessible trails.

Maintaining these unique amenities requires specialized efforts, such as invasive species control and regular trail upkeep, to ensure their continued viability. Additionally, managing user conflicts presents challenges, particularly regarding appropriate use of the trail. As visitation increases, keeping the trail free of bicycles and dog walkers may become more difficult.

### PARK FACTS

#### Size

115 acres

#### Classification

Natural Resource Area

#### Populations Served

Parkville residents, families, local and regional visitors

### EXISTING AMENITIES

- 01 Shelter
- 02 Boardwalk
- 03 Overlook
- 04 Seating
- 05 Interpretive Signage
- 06 Natural Areas
- 07 Trails (3 miles)

### Strengths

- Consistent use
- Unique amenities
- Interpretive opportunities
- Easy access
- Accessible options
- Wildlife habitat

### Weaknesses

- Limited expansion opportunity
- User conflicts (dogs, bicycles, etc.)
- Unique maintenance needs



Adams Park provides open space for residents of nearby neighborhoods. This small park lacks amenities but carries some historic significance due to its well-known donor.



### ADAMS PARK

Adams Park is a small neighborhood park located west of Main Street at the intersection of 13th and Walnut Streets. Covering roughly a quarter-acre, it features a picnic shelter, grill, benches, and a terraced landscape with limestone retaining walls. The park was donated to Parkville in 1977 by Joan Adams Mondale, an arts advocate and wife of Vice President Walter Mondale, in memory of her grandparents. A masterplan for Adams Park was completed in 2020; however, improvements have not yet been implemented.

Adams Park, though small, serves as an easily accessible open space with historic significance for the surrounding community. It offers a nearly blank slate for renovations that can cater to neighborhood needs. The park's sloped topography provides opportunities for interesting features, such as playgrounds, gardens, or stormwater management solutions.

Currently, Adams Park is underutilized and lacks sufficient programming, which contributes to a perception of neglect. The amenities are limited to minimal seating, and much of the infrastructure shows signs of age and wear. Although open green space has its benefits, Adams Park offers limited recreational value. This is especially true compared to Watkins Park, which is less than a quarter mile away. Given this proximity, it is important to develop a unique identity or program for Adams Park to differentiate it from Watkins Park.

**PARK FACTS**

**Size**  
.25 acres

**Classification**  
Mini Park

**Populations Served**  
Neighborhood residents, families

**EXISTING AMENITIES**

- 01 Pad with Picnic Table and Bench (formerly shelter)
- 02 Boulder Terrace Walls (Seating)

**Strengths**

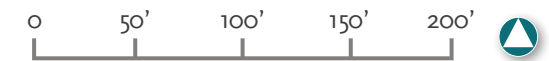
- Neighborhood accessibility
- Shared community space
- Interesting topography
- Flexible open space

**Weaknesses**

- Under programmed
- Lack of identity
- Minimal amenities
- Dated infrastructure
- Little recreation value



Watkins Park is a recently renovated neighborhood park that provides updated amenities, such as play equipment and a shelter. This park currently lacks easy pedestrian access.



### WATKINS PARK

Watkins Park is a 2-acre neighborhood park located west of Main Street at the intersection of West and 10th Streets. The park offers several amenities, including a picnic shelter, small playground, walking trail, horseshoe pits, and a basketball court. A master plan for Watkins Park was completed in 2020, and the first phase of improvements has already been implemented.

Watkins Park's recent upgrades have significantly increased its value to the surrounding community. The improved amenities help maintain its role as a relevant community hub, while the streambank improvements enhance the park's long-term viability by reducing erosion. Additionally, Watkins Park has opportunities for expansion across the creek, which could incorporate stream features and the surrounding woods into recreational or interpretive experiences.

While the value of Watkins Park to the surrounding neighborhood has increased, its benefits are limited by a lack of accessibility. There are no pathway connections to nearby neighborhoods, forcing users to either drive or walk on the street. Additionally, the park is not well-connected to the overall Parks system. The low residential density in the area further reduces the potential user base with easy access to the park. Furthermore, the park's proximity to homes may hinder expansion efforts, as nearby homeowners may be concerned about increased park use or growth.

**PARK FACTS**

**Size**  
2 acres

**Classification**  
Neighborhood Park

**Populations Served**  
Neighborhood residents, families

**EXISTING AMENITIES**

- 01 Picnic Shelter
- 02 Playground Area
- 03 Half-court Basketball
- 04 Walking Path (.1 mile)

**Strengths**

- Recent renovations
- Improved amenities
- Recreation and play value
- Parking and car access
- Stream improvements
- Expansion opportunities

**Weaknesses**

- Poor pedestrian connectivity
- Lacks system connectivity
- Proximity to homes
- Low-density surrounding neighborhood



Gateway Park lies along a high-traffic, primary access point to the city's historic downtown. Though this newer park provides limited amenities, it serves as a rest point along the adjacent path.



### GATEWAY PARK

Gateway Park is the latest addition to the city's park system. This 1.2-acre property, situated at the corner of Highway 9 and NW 62nd Street, remains under construction as of late 2024. Planned features include a water fountain, seating area, bicycle rack and repair station, ornamental landscaping, and lighting. Once completed, Gateway Park will serve as a rest stop and trailhead, complimenting the multi-use path along Highway 9 and linking to the Southern Platte Pass Trail to the north.

Gateway Park is an important addition to the Parkville Parks system, enhancing the multi-use path network along Highway 9. The park offers a welcoming public space for residents of the Pinecrest neighborhood and serves as a prominent entry point to the community. Its open space also allows for future expansion, creating opportunities to add new community-focused amenities as needs evolve.

Although Gateway Park occupies a prominent location, the distinction between public and private space is unclear, partly due to the presence of a neighborhood entry monument that appears to be within the park. Accessibility within the park is also problematic. While a single accessible parking stall provides ADA access to the space, the park itself has few amenities, and no accessible connection is available to the multi-use path along Highway 9. If Gateway Park is intended to function as a trailhead for this path, the lack of an accessible route from the parking area to the trail is a significant oversight.

#### PARK FACTS

##### Size

1.2 acres

##### Classification

Neighborhood Park

##### Populations Served

Neighborhood residents, families, trail users

#### EXISTING AMENITIES

- 01 Water Fountain
- 02 Seating
- 03 Lighting
- 04 Bike Repair Station (planned)
- 05 Bike Racks (planned)

#### Strengths

- Neighborhood accessibility
- Prominent Location
- Expansion opportunities
- Trail Connectivity

#### Weaknesses

- Unclear public access
- Minimal amenities
- Unclear accessibility goals



Vikings Field is an informally developed city-owned property which formerly hosted the Parkville Vikings youth football and cheer club. The park contains football uprights and gravel lots.



### VIKINGS FIELD

Vikings Field is a 13-acre Parkville property located at the intersection of NW Union Chapel and NW River Road. It is named after the local non-profit football program that formerly practiced there. The property features a 100-yard mowed multi-use field equipped with soccer and football uprights, as well as large gravel parking lots. The eastern boundary borders Rush Creek, encompassing significant riparian areas, while the southern portion is heavily wooded and adjacent to a busy railway.

Vikings Field is a conveniently located property within the Parkville Parks system that provides unique recreational opportunities. While the space has an informal layout and construction, it offers significant value to the community, particularly as a venue for local sports organizations to practice and play. The wooded areas to the south present opportunities for integrating recreational or interpretive features, which could further enhance the park's appeal.

While Vikings Field serves as a functional open space for sports practice, there is significant potential to enhance its amenities and usability. The park and sports infrastructure, including the gravel parking areas and play fields, show visible signs of wear. Additionally, the space lacks clear definition as a publicly accessible asset, and its informal aesthetics and layout limit its ability to fully meet community needs.

#### PARK FACTS

##### Size

13 acres

##### Classification

Special Use Park

##### Populations Served

Organizations, families

#### EXISTING AMENITIES

- 01 Sports Fields (2)
- 02 Uprights (3)
- 03 Parking Area (2)
- 04 Lighting

#### Strengths

- Visible and accessible location
- Existing sports infrastructure
- Expansion opportunities

#### Weaknesses

- Aging infrastructure
- Informality
- Unclear public access



The Parkville Train Depot is an iconic piece of Parkville's railroad legacy and has seen numerous occupants throughout its 140 year history.

### TRAIN DEPOT

The Parkville Train Depot is an iconic piece of the city's railroad legacy. Constructed in 1889, the structure originally served as a stop along the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad before becoming Parkville's City Hall in 1970. Following major flood damage in 1993, the building underwent significant rehabilitation and was rededicated in 2000. Over the years, it has been leased to a variety of tenants. At the time of this report, a florist is planning to move in and make improvements to the structure.

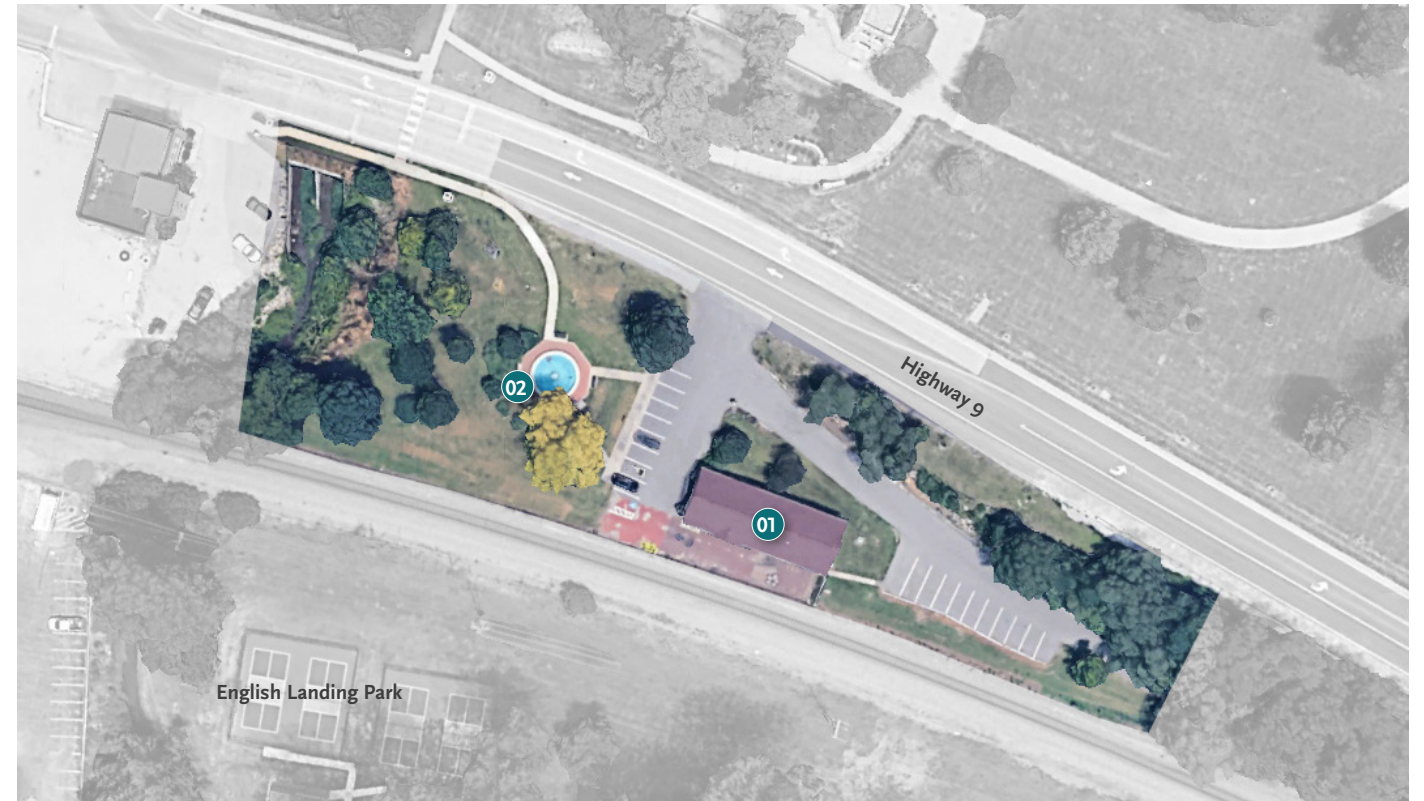
The windowsills on the interior of the building appear to be in good condition for operable windows; however, many were painted shut. On the exterior, the trim around the windows on the west and south elevations shows significant deterioration and should be replaced, repaired, and repainted as needed. While the exterior storm windows appear to be in adequate condition, they should be cleaned and maintained. If removed, interior storm windows could serve as a less visible alternative while still allowing for ventilation. Site regrading and additional drainage improvements are recommended to reduce the risk of future foundation issues at the train depot. Given the existing conditions and site constraints, constructing a new, larger restroom facility, potentially located closer to the soccer fields, may be a more effective solution than expanding the existing restrooms near the tennis courts.



Multiple windows show sign of weathering and deterioration, as well as past repair efforts.



Water currently flows toward the structure due to inadequate site grading. The structure shows signs of past foundation repairs.



Spirit Fountain was originally constructed to honor the area's pioneers, but will undergo renovation to become a part of the city's Veterans Memorial.

### SPIRIT FOUNTAIN

Spirit Fountain was built in 1998 to honor former Parkville mayor Warren "Dutch" Gresham, who proposed the fountain as a monument to the city's pioneers. Located just west of the historic Parkville Train Depot, the former City Hall, the fountain occupies a highly visible gateway location for travelers entering the city on Highway 9. Current renovation efforts aim to incorporate the fountain as the centerpiece of the Parkville Veterans Memorial, a major overhaul honoring the city's military veterans.

### PARK FACTS

**Size**  
1.5 acres

**Classification**  
Neighborhood Park

**Populations Served**  
Neighborhood residents, families, depot tenants

### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- 01 Train Depot
- 02 Spirit Fountain

- Highly visible location
- Proximity to downtown
- Proximity to English Landing Park

### Weaknesses

- Lacks connectivity to English Landing Park
- Adjacent to busy highway and railroad tracks



Brush Creek Trail is a newly constructed multi-use greenway trail providing north-south connection along Parkville's western edge. This trail is co-managed with Platte County Parks.



### BRUSH CREEK TRAIL

Brush Creek Trail is a two-mile long, 10-foot wide concrete trail that runs from NW River Road to NW Brush Creek Parkway. The trail follows the west side of Brush Creek and lies adjacent to Interstate 435, providing easy access for nearby residents. Brush Creek Trail is comanaged with Platte County for future trail expansion and ongoing maintenance. This trail serves as an important north-south connection along the city's western edge, linking neighborhoods and community areas.

Brush Creek Trail utilizes space between Brush Creek and the interstate, a corridor likely unsuitable for other types of development. The wooded character of this greenway provides unique access to natural wooded and riparian areas, a feature absent from Parkville's other hard-surface trails. As the city's trail system expands, Brush Creek Trail is well-positioned to integrate with new east-west routes, enhancing overall connectivity.

While opportunities for future connections and expansions exist, current links to the broader network are minimal. Brush Creek Trail remains isolated on the city's western edge, primarily serving a small number of residents in nearby new developments. Its southern terminus ends abruptly, lacking connections to points of interest, parks, or other pedestrian infrastructure. The absence of pedestrian amenities such as benches, water fountains, wayfinding signage, and lighting may decrease user comfort and interest.

#### TRAIL FACTS

- Size**  
2 miles
- Classification**  
Trail
- Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, local and regional visitors

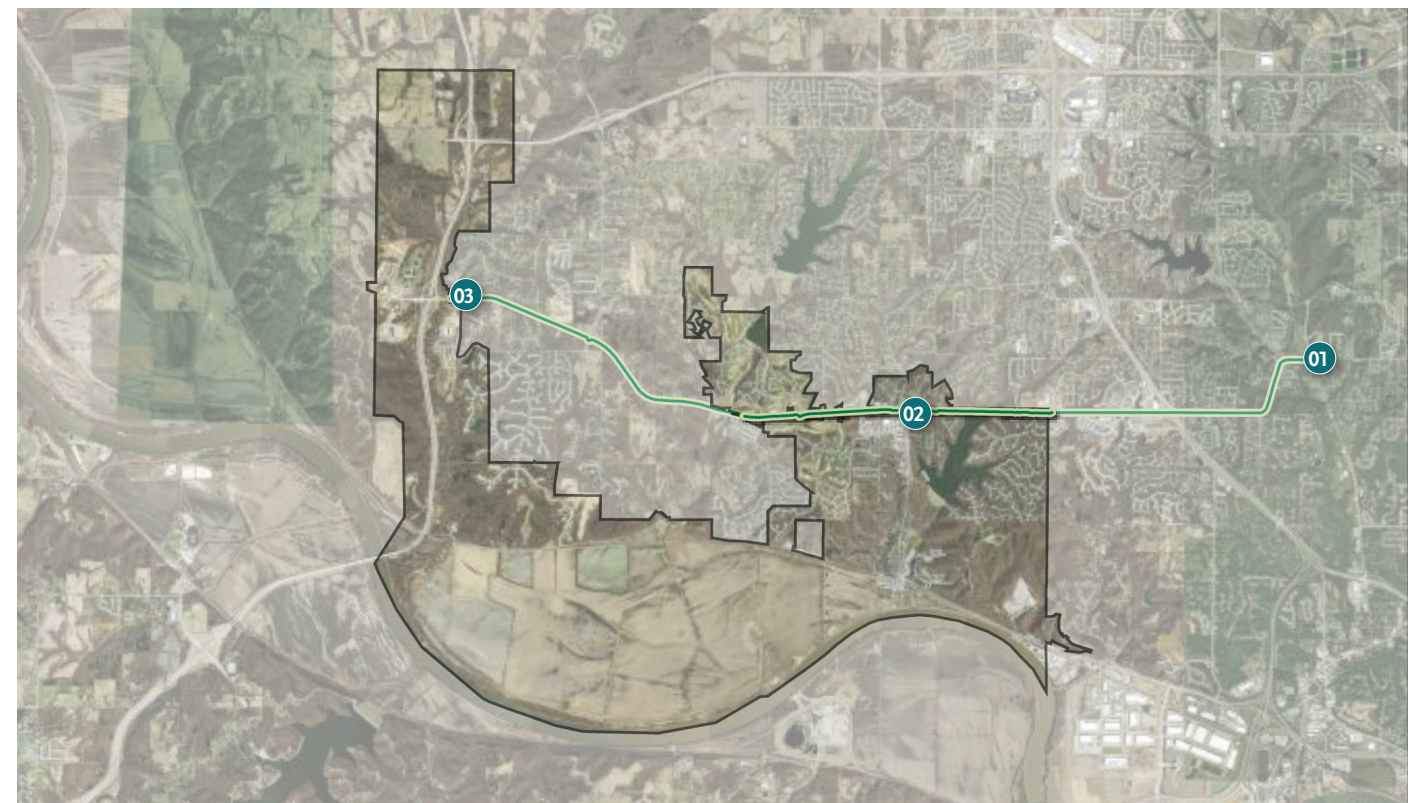
#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- 01 Trailheads (2)
- 02 Bridges (2)

- Neighborhood accessibility
- Expansion opportunities
- Uses underutilized space
- Natural space

#### Weaknesses

- Poor trail connectivity
- No park connectivity
- Lack of amenities



The Southern Platte Pass Trail is a regional multi-use path running west to east through the Kansas City Northland. This trail provides connections to a broader network of paths.



### SOUTHERN PLATTE PASS TRAIL

The Southern Platte Pass Trail is a regional multi-use path running along Tom Watson Parkway through Parkville and Kansas City. The trail separates users from busy roadways, ensuring a comfortable and safe pedestrian experience. It connects Parkville's northeast edge to new developments on its western side, including Creekside, while linking with broader multi-use and greenway networks outside Parkville's boundaries. This connectivity offers safe and efficient pedestrian access to surrounding neighborhoods and communities.

The trail's connection to Line Creek Trail, a major north-south regional trail, provides access to an extensive network of multi-use and greenway trails throughout the northland. Neighborhoods along the trail enjoy excellent access to this resource. However, its benefits for many Parkville residents are limited due to insufficient pedestrian infrastructure connecting the Southern Platte Pass Trail to population centers and key destinations, such as Downtown Parkville and the city's major parks. While the Brush Creek Trail provides north-south connectivity on the western edge of the city, future westward expansion of the Southern Platte Pass Trail will need to address crossings over Brush Creek and Interstate 435 to improve accessibility. Challenges associated with cross-jurisdictional management of the trail must also be considered, ensuring consistency in trail design and connectivity goals.

#### PARK FACTS

- Size**  
3 miles (in Parkville)
- Classification**  
Trail
- Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, local and regional visitors

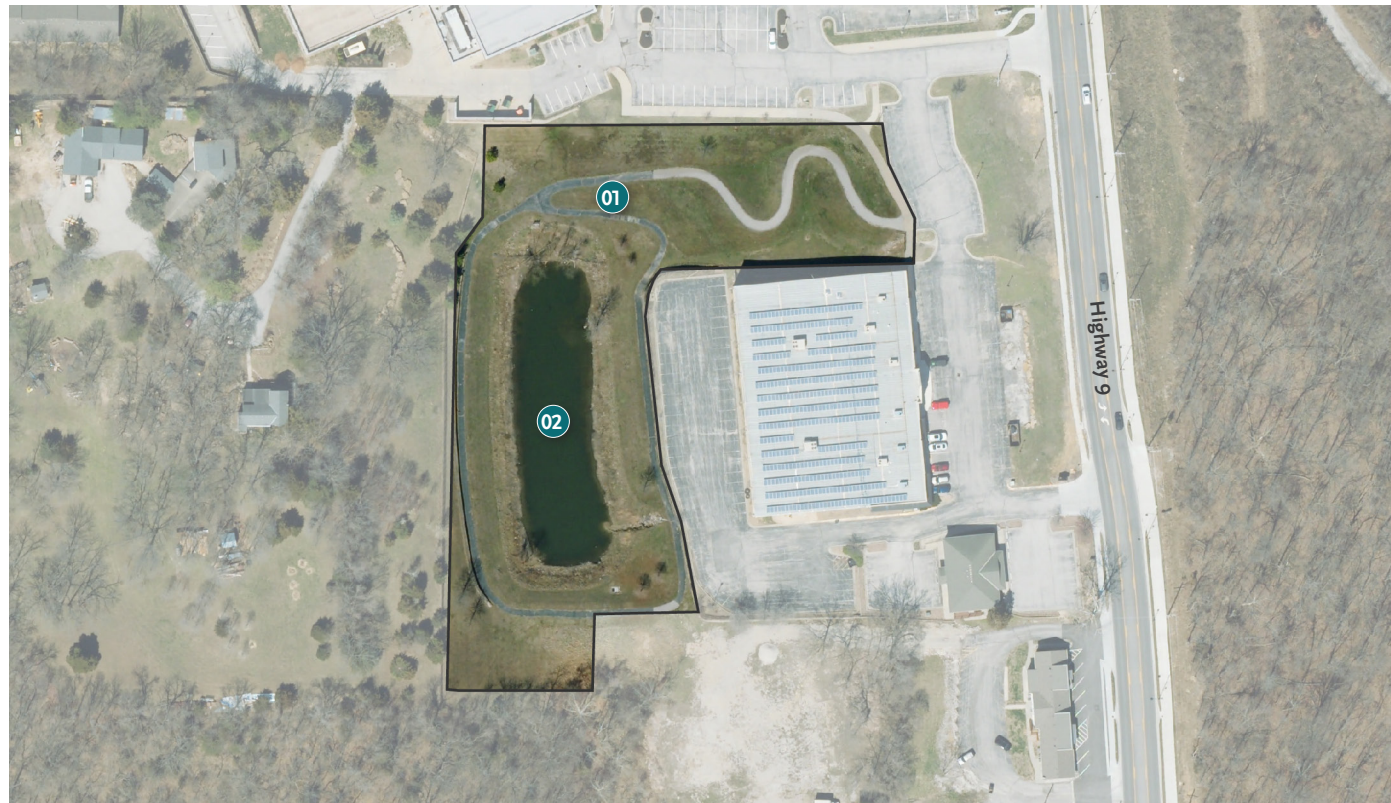
#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- 01 Line Creek Tr. Connection
- 02 Main Street Tr. Connection
- 03 Brush Creek Tr. Connection

- Trail connectivity
- Neighborhood connectivity
- Traffic separation

#### Weaknesses

- Design inconsistencies
- Poor connection to southern neighborhoods
- Cross-jurisdictional
- Limited western expansion



The Parkville Athletic Complex Pond Trail lies around a retention pond and serves the nearby Parkville Athletic Complex and Platte County Community Center South.



### PARKVILLE ATHLETIC COMPLEX POND TRAIL

The Parkville Athletic Complex Pond and Trail is a 2.6-acre property located west of Route 9, behind the Parkville Athletic Complex. It features a quarter-mile paved walking path encircling a retention basin, offering a convenient outdoor exercise space for nearby organizations and businesses. Positioned next to the Platte County Community Center South, it extends the center's indoor facilities with an accessible outdoor walking option. The trail also supports the Parkville Athletic Complex by providing an additional outdoor walking or running area for users.

By supporting nearby facilities, this space provides community value that might otherwise be lost. Utilizing stormwater infrastructure as part of the recreational system is a strategic way to enhance amenities, particularly when resources or space are constrained. This approach not only optimizes land use but also integrates functionality with sustainability, offering a model for other small-scale park developments.

Though the space is well connected to businesses in the area, it lacks connection to nearby neighborhoods reducing value to residents. Likewise, its position behind buildings reduces visibility from major roads. The space's location around a retention pond behind a shopping center blurs the line between public and private use and creates confusion on who is allowed to use the space. Finally, aesthetic challenges associated with stormwater infrastructure reduce the location's appeal.

#### TRAIL FACTS

**Size**  
2.6 acres, .25 miles

**Classification**  
Trail

**Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, nearby business customers

#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- 01 Walking Trail
- 02 Retention Pond

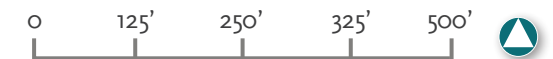
- Outdoor recreation space
- Makes use of underutilized area
- Serves nearby businesses

#### Weaknesses

- Lacks neighborhood connection
- Poor visibility
- Unclear public access
- Aesthetic challenges



The Sullivan Nature Sanctuary provides preserved wooded space on the northeast edge of Platte Landing Park. This small sanctuary provides soft surface trails along its Rush Creek.



### SULLIVAN NATURE SANCTUARY

Sullivan Nature Sanctuary spans 7.6 acres on the northeastern edge of Platte Landing Park along Rush Creek. Named in honor of the donors of the original 3-acre property, the sanctuary was later expanded through contributions from additional families. It features wooded areas, riparian habitats, and three trails that weave through the property. Additional land from the original donation has been set aside for potential future park or sanctuary development.

Sullivan Nature Sanctuary lies in a highly visible location between the city's two largest parks, serving as both a recreational resource and a buffer between land uses. Expanding the sanctuary with the additional acreage set aside for parkland could improve amenities, protect more habitat, and enhance its role as an interpretive and educational space for visitors. Its strong connections to the trail networks of nearby parks ensure easy and efficient pedestrian access.

Despite its strengths, the nature sanctuary lacks sufficient amenities to attract a broad range of users and requires specialized maintenance. The absence of features like interpretive signage, wayfinding, seating, and extended trails diminishes its appeal to visitors. Additionally, maintaining natural spaces requires specialized efforts, such as habitat restoration, ecosystem management, and upkeep of soft-surface trails, which often go beyond standard park maintenance regimes.

#### PARK FACTS

**Size**  
7.6 acres

**Classification**  
Natural Resource Area

**Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, local and regional visitors

#### EXISTING AMENITIES Strengths

- 01 Trails
- 02 Signage

- Prominent location
- Expansion opportunities
- Trail connectivity
- Wildlife habitat

#### Weaknesses

- Minimal amenities
- Unique maintenance needs

# SYSTEM INVENTORY

This system inventory reports and compares data from across the Parkville Parks system with similar sized agencies across the United States using NRPA's Park Metrics. These metrics include park acreage and trail mileage, both total and per capita, as well as total amenities and assets, such as sports fields, restroom facilities, and playgrounds. These comparative metrics are helpful to determine how Parkville's system and its amenities compete with analogous agencies nationwide. When evaluating metrics, amenity prevalence should be considered alongside population per facility to fully understand how Parkville compares, since not all agencies offer every amenity.

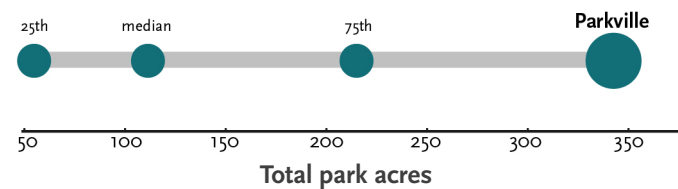
Evaluating Parkville's metrics against nationwide averages requires considering the role of partner organizations in contributing to community-wide recreation resources. While the city itself may not provide facilities like recreation centers or tournament-quality sports fields, organizations such as the YMCA or Creekside Baseball help fill these gaps, reducing the demand for such amenities within the city's park system. These contributions are noted in the following section.

## OVERALL INVENTORY

Parkville's park assets are evaluated in comparison to communities of similar size, using NRPA metrics filtered for cities with populations of 20,000 or less. The median population of these communities is 11,000, while Parkville's estimated population is 9,000. Although below the median, Parkville's population is well above the 25th percentile of 7,300. For this analysis, an estimated population of 9,000 is used to calculate Parkville's metrics.

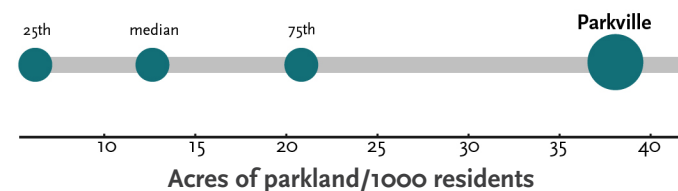
### 342 acres of parkland

NRPA median: 111 acres



### 38 acres of parkland per 1000 residents

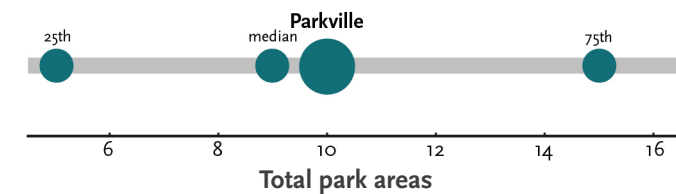
NRPA median: 12.6 ac/1000 residents



The 115-acre Parkville Nature Sanctuary is a popular hiking, nature, and wildlife viewing area that attracts users from across the region.

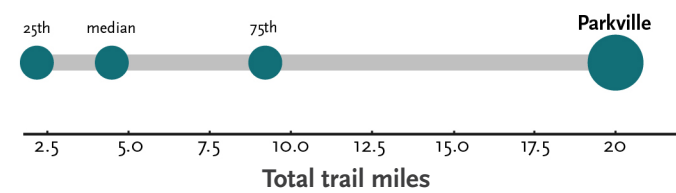
### 10 total parks

NRPA median: 9 total parks



### 20 miles of trail

NRPA median: 4.5 miles



### 38 acres per park (avg. size)

NRPA median: 13.7 acres per park

### 900 residents per park

NRPA median: 1,172 residents per park

## PARKVILLE VS. NRPA PARK METRICS

Asset Type	Parkville		NRPA Park Metrics- Population/Facility			
	Quantity	Pop./Facility	Prevalence	25%tile	Median	75%tile
Recreation Centers	0*	NA	33%	6,291.5	10,000.0	13,250.0
Community Centers	0	NA	30%	6,238.5	10,375.0	16,241.5
Senior Centers	0	NA	13%	11,497.8	16,160.5	18,472.0
Teen Centers	0	NA	3%	16,322.0	16,322.0	16,322.0
Stadiums	0*	NA	17%	2,564.7	4,965.2	9,475.0
Indoor Ice Rink	0	NA	12%	5,972.4	10,686.0	15,181.5
Arena	0*	NA	4%	825.4	969.9	1,114.3
Performance Amphitheater	1	9,000.0	26%	2,700.5	10,468.0	16,866.5
Nature Centers	0	NA	19%	5,165.0	6,566.0	10,468.0
Permanent Restrooms	5	1,800.0	46%	874.0	1,741.6	3,039.8
Playgrounds or Play Structures	3	3,000.0	57%	893.6	1613.4	2574.6
Playground, 5-12 years old	1	9,000.0	44%	1269.2	1940.5	4161.1
Playground, 2-5 years old	2	4,500.0	44%	1,973.6	5,006.4	7,725.3
Inclusive Playgrounds	0	NA	30%	2,131.8	6,762.8	10,424.3
Community Gardens	0*	NA	33%	1,287.7	7,233.0	12,095.0
Basketball Courts (Outdoor)	2	4,500.0	59%	1,744.8	4,670.5	9,222.0
Basketball Courts (Indoor)	0*	NA	24%	2,154.1	4,690.3	5,187.5
Multi-use Courts (Indoor)	0*	NA	24%	894.9	5,000.0	6,705.5
Multi-use Courts (Outdoor)	0	NA	24%	772.6	3,000.0	6,766.3
Volleyball (Outdoor)	3	3,000.0	30%	1,858.2	5,689.3	12,999.0
Diamond Fields	3	3,000.0	47%	874.0	1,490.0	2,904.2
Skate Parks	0	NA	30%	4,994.0	10,375.0	18,434.8
Dog Parks	1	9,000.0	39%	5,541.5	10,593.0	18,350.8
Ice Rink (Outdoor)	0	NA	15%	5,883.0	10,250.0	14,643.0
Rectangular Fields	2	4,500	45%	1,469.9	2,677.9	7,570.0
Synthetic Fields	0	NA	7%	8,994.3	16,322.0	17,461.0
Overlay Fields	1	9,000	7%	7,737.0	14,521.0	16,560.5
Walking Loops (Outdoor)	5	1,500.0	33%	3,109.0	5,165.0	9,812.8
Walking Loops (Indoor)	0*	NA	17%	8,676.9	10,125.0	18,762.8
Splashpads/Spraygrounds	0	NA	22%	3,256.5	10,155.8	17,433.3
Outdoor Fitness Zones	0	NA	24%	1,719.6	6,566.0	16,380.0
Driving Range Stations	0*	NA	13%	1,018.2	2,864.4	8,336.6
18-Hole Golf Courses	0*	NA	11%	8,336.6	11,779.3	14,449.8
9-Hole Golf Courses	0	NA	7%	3,912.4	6,566.0	12,583.0
Disc Golf Courses	1	9,000	20%	1,258.7	13,933.0	18,600.0
Aquatics Centers	0	NA	17%	3,212.3	10,223.5	15,262.5
Outdoor Swimming Pools	0	NA	22%	3,507.8	6,491.5	10,639.5
Indoor Competitive Pools	0	NA	15%	8,381.5	10,250.0	14,875.5
Indoor Leisure Pools	0*	NA	11%	10,197.0	10,250.0	19,251.0
Therapeutic Pools	0	NA	4%	12,138.4	14,651.3	17,164.1
Waterpark	0	NA	7%	9,879.4	18,500.0	18,875.5
Tennis Courts (Outdoor)	0	NA	39%	662.8	2,093.7	4,186.0
Tennis Courts (Indoor)	0	NA	2%	314.7	314.7	314.7
Pickleball (Outdoor)	4	2,250	24%	704.5	1,750.0	3,381.4
Pickleball (Indoor)	0*	NA	9%	314.7	314.7	314.7
Multiuse Courts (Outdoor)	0	NA	30%	1,271.4	2,025.1	4,652.1
Multiuse Courts (Indoor)	0	NA	13%	3,222.5	4,303.7	5,985.8
Racquetball/Handball/Squash	0	NA	9%	7,114.0	9,609.5	10,003.9

\*Assets offered by other community organizations

# COMMUNITY INPUT AND ENGAGEMENT

Community input was a priority of the City of Parkville and the planning team for this master plan. Throughout the inventory and analysis phase of this planning process a variety of input opportunities were undertaken establish a broad outreach approach and establish a foundation for establishing overall goals and evaluating needs and opportunities for the parks and recreation system. The community input opportunities included:

- Steering Committee Kickoff Meeting (January 27, 2024)
- Maintenance Staff Meeting (March 1, 2024)
- Stakeholder Meetings (May 2 – May 9, 2024 - four total)
- Community Open House 01 (June 20, 2024)
- Public Input website - Introductory Poll (June – October 2024)
- Public Input website - Interactive Map (June – December 2024)
- Public Input website – Idea Wall (June – December 2024)

Four stakeholder meetings were held from May 2 – May 9, 2024 to visit with Parkville residents and representatives from partner organizations within the City. Organizations and entities represented in these meetings included:

- Residents
- Parkville Vikings Football and Cheer
- Soccer Shots
- River Park Church
- Park University Athletics
- Platte County Community Center South (YMCA)
- Main Street Parkville Association
- Parkville Community Improvement District
- Parkville Area Chamber & EDC (PACE)

These meetings began with introductions of the team members and stakeholders providing an overview of their organization and their relationship to Parkville Parks and Recreation, both professionally and personally. Following introductions the planning team provided an overview of the master plan process and goals for the master plan process and the stakeholder discussions. A copy of this presentation has been included as [Appendix @](#) of this plan document.

Below is a summary of the consistent and unique input received from these stakeholder discussions:

## Important Goals

- Don't lose sight of maintaining and improving what we already have before trying to do too much new or different.
- One was already accomplished with the hiring of a Director of Parks and Recreation
- Take care of the existing sports field spaces

## Existing Strengths

- The river – proximity to parks, access from parks, history, etc.
- Parkville Nature Sanctuary
- Activity variety and park proximity
- Programs and seasonal events offered

## What should the plan prioritize?

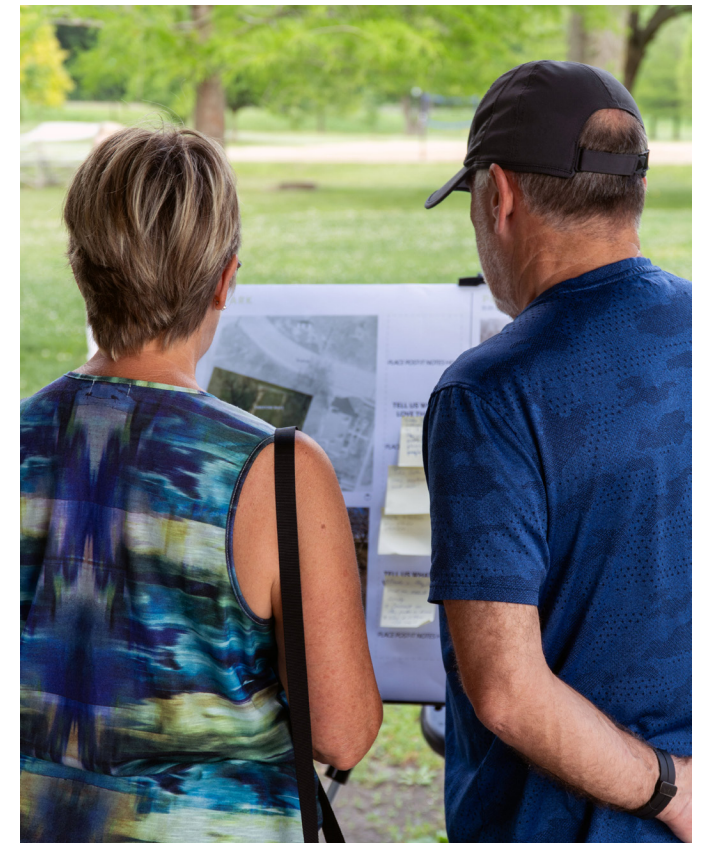
- Connectivity (Connecting Brush Creek Trail to Platte Landing and English Landing Parks and then to Riverside, etc.)
- Maintenance (trails and surfacing, fields, restrooms, park amenities)
- Parking (downtown specifically)
- Rental Agreements (documentation, rates, etc.)

## What do people leave Parkville for?

- Sports (soccer)
- Destination playgrounds and all-weather playground surfacing
- Trails

## What long-term changes in Parkville (10-15 years) should this plan prepare for?

- Capacity challenge of downtown – space, parking, etc.
- Growth of west side of the Parkville and limited park development in that area
- Connectivity of the community with trails
- Need for accessible playground and amenities



A community open house was held on June 20, 2024. Participants were encouraged to leave feedback and recommendations for the future of Parkville's parks.

# ONLINE DATA COLLECTION

**City of Parkville Parks and Recreation Master Plan**  
Public Engagement and Process Update Site

**You are Defining the Future of Parks and Recreation in Parkville!**

The City of Parkville Parks and Recreation Department's focus is to provide the public, both residents and visitors, with unique recreation experiences. This master plan will provide a clear vision to guide the department for the next ten years in achieving this focus.

Community input is a foundational element in a successful master plan. This website is one component of the public engagement strategy for this master plan and will provide a dynamic location to share feedback, review other feedback, and receive updates throughout the master plan process.

The right column provides a process snapshot with upcoming engagement events and an overall timeline that will be updated throughout the project. Using the tabs below you will find interactive opportunities to share input and see what others are saying about parks and recreation in Parkville.

**Check back often** as the page will provide schedule updates and input opportunities throughout the master planning process!

As we get started, below you will find several opportunities to provide input from your experiences, needs, desires, and expertise as members of the Parkville Parks and Recreation community. There are three opportunities to participate on this website using the tabs below:

- Interactive Map** - Drop comments directly onto a map of Parkville and tell us about your needs and ideas.
- Introductory Poll** - Respond to several poll questions to tell us about Parkville Parks and Recreation system.
- Idea Wall** - Upload images of amenities, events, or facilities that you appreciate about Parkville or would love to see in the parks system as we look forward.

**Engagement & News Updates**

There are currently **no** events.

October 24, 2024 / HOME

**Statistically Representative Community Survey**

Watch your mailbox for an envelope like the one shown when you click this announcement! All households in Parkville will be receiving one with a survey to participate in the Master Plan Process.

[Learn more >](#)

**Project Timeline**

**Data Collection**  
March - June 2024

This stage of the master planning process is focused on building a foundation for the plan and engaging the community, stakeholders, and City of Parkville staff for their input.

- Kickoff / Steering Committee Meeting (1/29/24)
- Park Tours / Community Profile
- System Inventory and Analysis
- Joint CLARB / BOA Meeting 01 (3/19/24)
- Community Open House 01 (6/20/24)

**Interactive Map** | Introductory Poll | Idea Wall

**INTERACTIVE MAP**

Take a moment and tell us what you like, where improvements are needed, and other ideas you have about a park or the entire parks and recreation system by dropping a pin on the interactive map!

The Social Pinpoint homepage included project information and interactive elements, as well as project timelines and regular community updates.

Online data collection was used to solicit opinions and suggestions from residents throughout the planning process. Social Pinpoint, an online platform for interactive engagement, was used to inform residents of ongoing planning efforts and to collect input via interactive maps, polling, and interactive idea wall. These elements allowed residents to stay continuously involved in the planning process and share as many ideas as they wanted whenever ideas arose. A total of 201 responses were received via the platform's interactive features and 63 responses were recorded from the poll during the data collection phase of the project.

In latter phases of the planning process this page was used to share the presentation information following public open house events so those unable to attend could view and provide feedback. This feedback was compiled with comments received at the open house and used in refining recommendations and identification of priorities.

In all, the Social Pinpoint site was visited 1,712 times by 975 unique visitors and 142 individuals leaving 317 comments throughout the master plan process.

For a complete summary of input received see Appendix ##

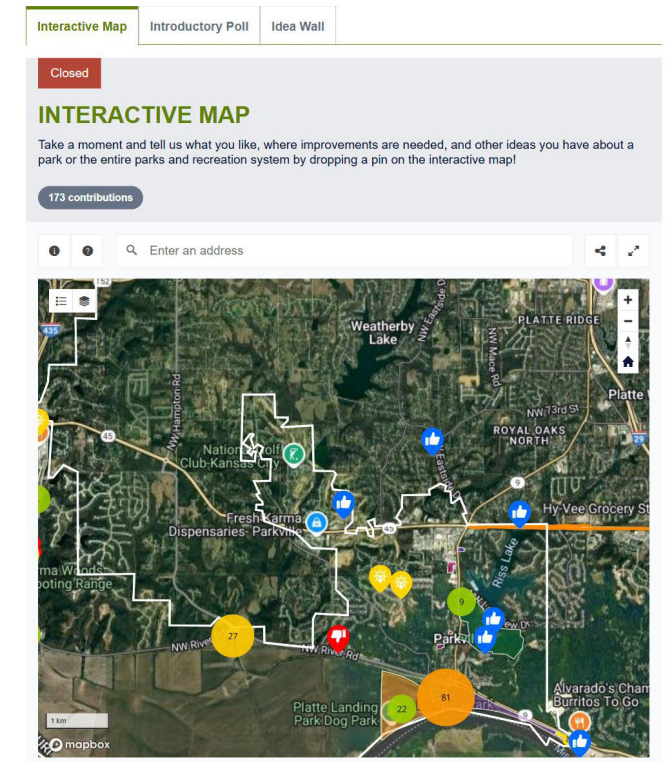
## INTERACTIVE MAP

Parkville residents provided diverse feedback about parks and trails, reflecting themes of accessibility, environmental preservation, and expanded amenities. Many respondents emphasized the importance of enhancing accessibility and amenities across parks, such as wider paths, ADA improvements, and upgraded facilities. English Landing Park received notable attention, with recommendations for wider trails, improved restrooms, destination play areas, and a splash park. Environmental enhancements, including tree planting and improved landscaping, were also suggested to boost comfort, aesthetics, and ecological benefits. Similarly, Gateway Park drew praise for its ongoing improvements, but respondents requested additional family-friendly features, such as a small playground with swings and slides.

Environmental stewardship emerged as a key priority, particularly in Platte Landing Park, where respondents advocated for preserving its natural character through native plantings, wetland conservation, and wildlife habitat creation. Sustainable infrastructure, such as permeable pavement and solar lighting, was also recommended to balance development with conservation. These concerns were echoed in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, where residents valued the area as a wildlife refuge, prioritizing habitat preservation over increased human access or development. Suggestions to maintain and improve trails while preserving the sanctuary's ecological integrity were common themes.

Connectivity and equitable distribution of park amenities also surfaced as significant concerns. Residents highlighted the need for expanded trail systems to connect neighborhoods with downtown and other parks, such as the Brush Creek Trail. Enhanced trail amenities, including seating and shaded rest areas, were also frequently mentioned. The desire for improved park access and amenities extended to northwest Parkville, where residents expressed significant interest in a new park at Creekside. Suggestions included amenities like a dog park and playground to serve the area's growing population, addressing the lack of public recreational spaces in the expanding northwest neighborhoods.

Feedback on smaller parks revealed a range of perspectives on their role in the community. Adams Park, for example, sparked debate, with some respondents advocating for improvements to support its use by local children, particularly due to the lack of safe walking paths to nearby Watkins Park. Others suggested selling the property to reinvest in parks and amenities elsewhere in the city. At Vikings Field, strong support emerged



**STEP 1:**  
Click "Add Marker" on the map above.

**STEP 2:**  
Place your point on the map and choose your comment type!

The interactive map allowed users to place comments at specific locations. These comments could be seen and voted on by other users of the map.

for upgrades to youth sports facilities, such as improved grading, better restrooms, and expanded parking. This range of responses underscores the community's desire to balance investment in existing parks with strategic development of new recreational spaces.

## Key Takeaways/Community Feedback

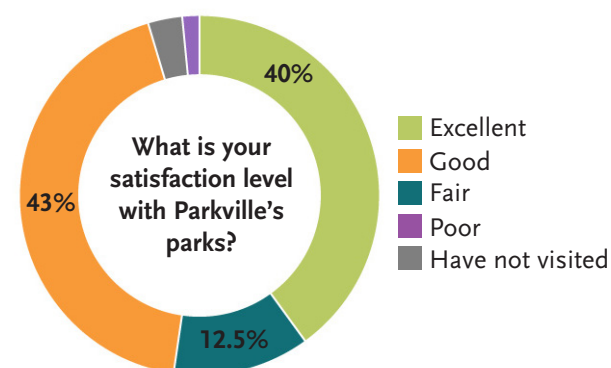
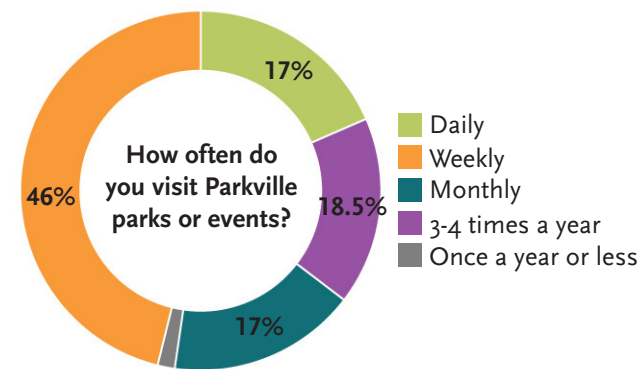
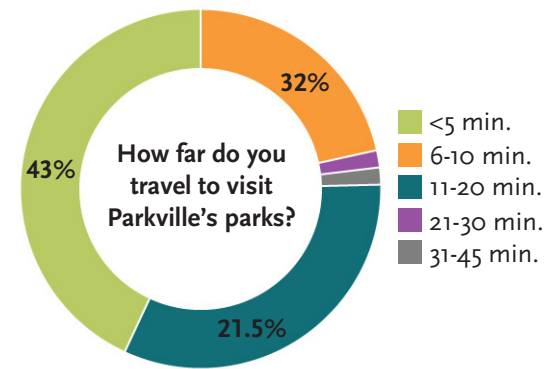
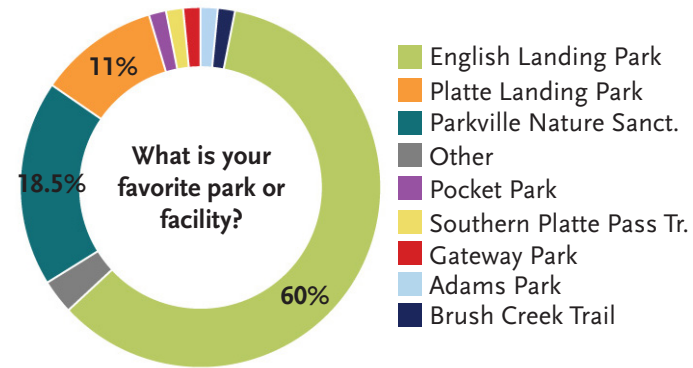
- Prioritize mobility and accessibility improvements throughout the park system.
- Utilize native plantings, promote habitat conservation, and implement sustainable infrastructure where feasible.
- Expand trail networks to promote connectivity, with a focus on the Brush Creek Trail.
- Consider new park development near Creekside to improve access to public space.
- Smaller parks produce mixed feelings on value.

## POLL

A seven-question poll was answered by 63 respondents over the course of the polling period. This poll surveyed residents on their satisfaction with existing parks facilities and services, and their use of the Parkville Parks system. This poll was conducted informally and is separate from the statistically validated survey discussed later in this chapter.

A majority of poll respondents (60%) identified English Landing Park as their favorite park within the system, followed by the Parkville Nature Center (18.5%) and Platte Landing Park (11%). The vast majority of respondents (96%) report traveling less than 20 minutes to access Parkville Parks or participate in a special event, while 75% report traveling less than 10 minutes. Most residents (63%) report visiting the city's parks or events weekly, with 17% stating daily use or visitation.

When asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the city's parks and facilities 40% of respondents rate their satisfaction as "excellent," 43% as "good," and 12% as "fair." When asked to rate satisfaction with programs and events offered by the city, 23% noted "very satisfied," 45% responded "satisfied," and 18.5% were neutral. Similarly, when asked to rate level of satisfaction with the programs or events their household has participated in, 38.5% rated their satisfaction as "excellent," 48% rated it as "good," and 9% noted that their household has not participated in programs or events offered by the city.



### Key Takeaways/Community Feedback

- Parkville's larger park offerings are the most popular assets in the city's parks system.
- The vast majority of respondents report traveling less than 20 minutes to access parks and programs.
- Most survey respondents visit parks on a weekly basis.
- A considerable majority of respondents rate their satisfaction with the city's parks as excellent or good.
- A majority of respondents are either satisfied or very satisfied with the programs offered by Parkville Parks.

## IDEA WALL

Parkville residents provided a wide range of feedback through the idea wall, echoing many opinions from the interactive map while introducing new suggestions for park improvements and programming. For English Landing Park, respondents reiterated the need for updated playgrounds, including destination play areas, splashpads, and accessible features. Ecological restoration was a recurring theme, with recommendations to restore prairies, woodlands, and riparian ecosystems to enhance the park's environmental value.

Similarly, feedback for Platte Landing Park emphasized the desire to cultivate a natural feel, prioritizing the restoration of prairie, woodland, and wetland areas. Many residents suggested incorporating interpretive or interactive elements to connect visitors with the environment. Low-impact recreation, such as multipurpose practice fields, was preferred by some, while accessibility improvements, including better parking and a connection to the Brush Creek Trail, were also noted as priorities.

Creekside development continues to be a focal point for new amenities, with residents advocating for walking trails, playgrounds, and dog parks to address the needs of the growing northwest Parkville community. The lack of nearby public recreational spaces highlights the importance of developing features that serve the area's expanding population.

In the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, respondents emphasized the importance of ecological management and low-impact enhancements. Recommendations included targeted invasive species management that avoids harming native ecosystems, as well as adopting management practices that reduce maintenance and improve habitat, such as leaving deadfall in place. Nature play elements were also suggested to enrich visitor experiences while aligning with the sanctuary's ecological mission.

Beyond specific park improvements, residents proposed broader initiatives to enhance Parkville's public spaces and facilities. Suggestions included new features such as a marble run, public pool, and accessible workout areas, along with improvements to tree species selection and health. Respondents also expressed support for initiatives like pursuing a Tree City USA designation and reducing reliance on portable restrooms in parks. Community partnerships and programs, such as utilizing Parkville University's track and creating a community theater program, were also recommended to strengthen community engagement.

## Idea Wall

Post comments, suggestions, or ideas about a specific park / trail / facility / program / event or the whole parks system and share your vision for the future.

30 contributions

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**Splash Pad**  
2 months ago  
Splash pad for children at English Landing  
PARK OR TRAIL IDEA  
0 Likes 0 Comments

**Marble Run Trail**  
2 months ago  
A simple marble run, maze, visual scavenger hunt for kids  
PARK OR TRAIL IDEA  
0 Likes 0 Comments

**Park or Playground near Creekside and Angeline Washington Elem**  
3 months ago  
This community needs somewhere for kids to play other than the small Creekside green area that has no activities or objects for kids to enjoy. There is a nice new empty spot near the north entrance of the Brush Creek Trail that might make for a good playground at the end of the community or even perhaps somewhere in the middle of Creekside itself. I just cannot believe that with all the children in this area that there is nowhere for them to play within walking distance.  
PARK OR TRAIL IDEA

**Nature playscape at Parkville Nature Sanctuary**  
3 months ago  
Having a nature playscape made of all natural materials at Parkville Nature Sanctuary would

The idea wall allowed users to post ideas and photos to a familiar social media-like interface. These posts could be discussed and 'liked' by other visitors to the idea wall.

### Key Takeaways/Community Feedback

- Updated amenities including destination play and splashpad at English Landing Park.
- Environmental restoration and ecological land management practices where appropriate at river parks.
- Interpretive elements to connect visitors to the environment and natural systems at Platte Landing Park.
- Low-impact recreation uses, such as practice fields, with improved parking at Platte Landing Park.
- Improved trail connectivity from river parks to the Brush Creek Trail and trailhead.
- New amenities near Creekside Development, including trails, playgrounds, and dog parks.
- Improved ecosystem management at the Nature Center.
- General new feature recommendations, including marble run, public pool, and accessible workout areas.
- Partnership with community organizations, such as Parkville University, to improve community access to amenities.

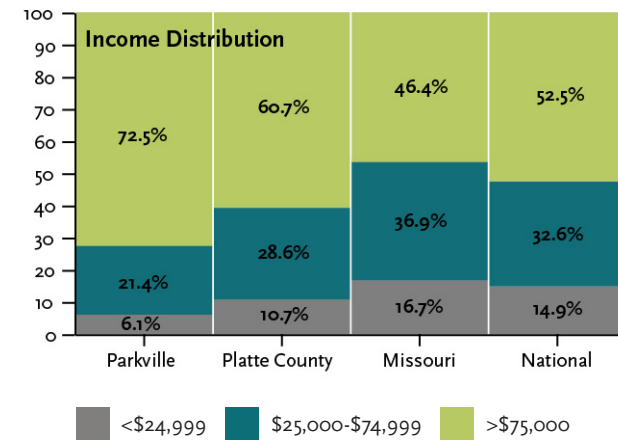
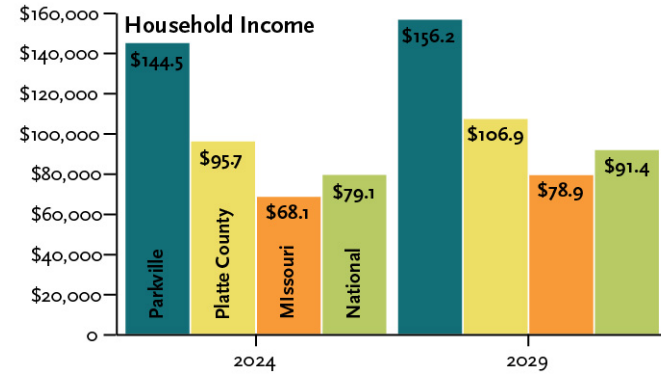
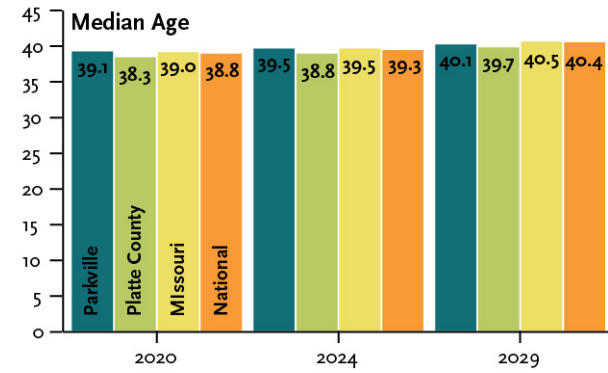
## DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographics offer insight into how parks and recreation programs can meet the needs of a growing community. They reveal patterns in current usage and point to emerging trends, shaping decisions for both immediate and long-term planning. The data in this section comes from the Environmental Systems Research Institute and the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census, along with associated population projections. This analysis examines demographic trends in Parkville and Platte County to better understand who the Parks and Recreation Department serves.

Parkville has grown substantially since the 2020 Census, which recorded a population of 7,132. By 2024, rapid development and expansion pushed the city's population to an estimated 9,234—a 37% increase. This increase reflects greater demand for parks and recreation services. Platte County also experienced steady growth, increasing by 6.5% from 106,719 in 2020 to 113,705 in 2024. Projections suggest continued, though slower, growth, with populations reaching 9,765 in Parkville and 120,082 across Platte County by 2029. Household growth has paralleled population trends, with Parkville households increasing from 2,452 to 3,089 and Platte County households rising from 42,452 to 45,257 over the same period.

Understanding the age and composition of the population is equally important, as these factors heavily influence how residents engage with parks and recreation. Participation tends to be higher in younger communities, yet Parkville's median age of 39.1 and Platte County's median of 38.3 align closely with state and national averages. Though median age is similar, Parkville has significantly higher number of households with children. In Parkville, 35.1% of households include children, with Platte County close behind at 33.8%. These numbers exceed the state average of 28.8% and the national figure of 30.2%, emphasizing the need for family-friendly programming and facilities.

Income levels also play a key role in recreation trends, as higher incomes often correlate with greater participation in parks and recreation activities. Platte County's median household income is 35% higher than Missouri's and 17% above the national average. Parkville's median income, at \$144,586, stands even higher—51% above Platte County, 112% higher than Missouri's, and 83% above the national median. Households earning over \$75,000 represent a significant segment of the population, with 72.5% of Parkville households and 60.7% of Platte County households surpassing this threshold. By comparison, only



46.4% of Missouri households and 52.5% nationally meet this benchmark. These higher-income households are key indicators of higher parks and recreation participation.

With its rapid growth, high percentage of families, and substantial median income, Parkville is well-positioned for increasing engagement in parks and recreation programs. These demographic trends underscore the need for a Parks and Recreation Department that is equipped to meet the demands of a growing community.

## CONCLUSION

The inventory and assessment process involved a thorough review of previous planning documents, a comprehensive evaluation of park properties and facilities, and extensive community engagement through online feedback and in-person events. This process highlighted both the successes of Parkville's park system and opportunities for investment, focus, and continued growth. Recent accomplishments, such as the hiring of a Parks and Recreation director, Watkins Park improvements, MDC partnership in Platte Landing Park, and development of new parks and trails, have created momentum for further improvements in the coming years.

As the city's population continues to grow at a pace exceeding prior estimates, it is essential to ensure that park and recreation facilities keep up with demand. Fortunately, key indicators show that Parkville's existing park system is strong, with offerings that exceed many national benchmarks. Additionally, the city's favorable income distribution, high household incomes, and balanced median age create a foundation for ongoing investment in parks and recreational facilities.

Among Parkville's assets, English Landing Park remains the centerpiece of the system, deeply tied to the city's history and serving as a hub for recreation, events, and community gatherings. While highly valued, residents see potential for modernization, including improved trails, upgraded restrooms, and expanded play areas. Platte Landing Park, though newer, offers similar opportunities for enhancement but has generated more varied and, at times, contentious feedback regarding its future use. Meanwhile, Parkville Nature Sanctuary remains a cherished destination, valued primarily for its ecological and educational benefits. Residents expressed a preference for maintaining its role as a natural space rather than increasing development or access.

Smaller neighborhood parks received less public input but still present opportunities for improvement. Watkins Park's recent renovations have strengthened its role as a valuable community asset, while Adams Park, located nearby, has seen reduced use and lacks clear programming. Some residents questioned whether Adams Park is still necessary given its proximity to other park properties. Highly visible spaces like Pocket Park and Gateway Park have benefited from recent enhancements, increasing their value to the community. However, Vikings Field and the PAC Complex Pond Trail continue to struggle with unclear public access and a lack of defined programming, which has limited their use.

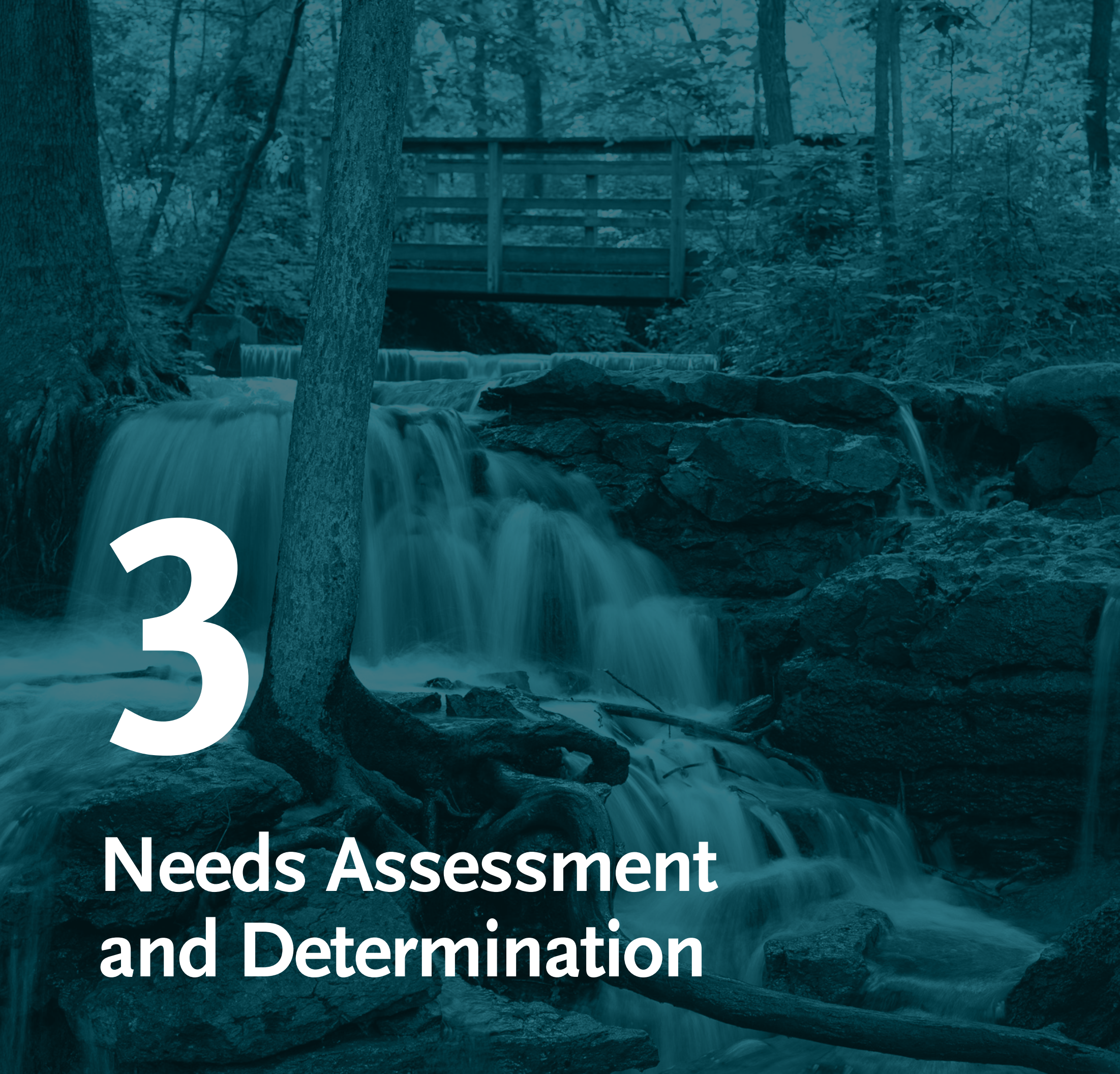


English Landing Park | City of Parkville

Parkville's expanding trail system has significantly improved recreation and connectivity within the city, but key gaps remain. Residents emphasized the need for improved east-west connectivity, particularly linking the city's riverfront parks with the Brush Creek Trail. Expanding and enhancing the trail network is a clear community priority.

Finally, one of the most consistent themes of community feedback was the need for additional park space in northwest Parkville. This area has experienced some of the city's fastest residential growth yet lacks adequate access to parks and trails. Expanding recreational opportunities in this part of the city will be essential to ensuring equitable park access as development continues.

Specific community needs and desires are covered in greater detail in the following chapter, where detailed benchmarks, statistically validated community survey results, and park access mapping are discussed in-depth.



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## Needs Assessment and Determination

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# INTRODUCTION

This section forms the foundation of the recommendations by identifying where Parkville's parks and recreation system meets community expectations and where improvements are needed. It is driven primarily by four key sources:

- a statistically validated community survey
- a recreation market analysis
- a comparative analysis of NRPA benchmarking
- a walkability analysis of existing park properties

Each of these elements contributes to understanding the department's service gaps, emerging priorities, and opportunities for improvement.

# STATISTICALLY REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY

## INTRODUCTION

ETC Institute administered a community survey for the City of Parkville, Missouri during the fall of 2024. The purpose of the survey was to help determine priorities for the Parks and Recreation Department and other areas of the community. This survey was completed and tabulated independently of the more informal survey offered through Social Pinpoint.

## METHODOLOGY

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to all households in the City of Parkville. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online.

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up with residents to encourage participation. To prevent people who were not residents of Parkville from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting their survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses entered online with the addresses originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to receive 200 completed surveys from households within the City of Parkville. This goal was exceeded, with 217 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 217 residents have a precision of at least +/-6.5% at the 95% level of confidence.



This full report contains the following and is [available in appendix XX](#):

- Executive Summary with major findings
- Charts showing the overall results of the survey
- Benchmarks
- Priority Investment Ratings (PIR)
- Importance-Satisfaction Analysis
- Tabular data showing the overall results for all questions on the survey
- A copy of the cover letter and survey instrument

The major findings of the survey are summarized in the following pages.

## Facilities Use

Ninety-six percent (96%) of respondents indicated that they have visited a facility in the past year. They rated the physical condition of the facilities they visited. 44% rated excellent, 53% rated good, and 3% rated fair. For those who said they have not participated in a facility in the past year (4%), they selected barriers that have prevented them from using facilities more often. The common barriers were: lack of shade (12%), not aware of parks' or facilities' locations (11%), and lack of restrooms (11%).

## Programs Use

Forty-three percent (43%) of respondents indicated that they have participated in programs, activities, and/or events in the past year. They rated the overall quality of the programs, activities, and/or events they participated in. 37% rated excellent, 60% rated good, and 3% rated fair. For those who said they have not participated in a program in the past year (57%), they selected reasons why they do not participate more often. The common barriers are: I don't know what is offered (52%), too busy/not interested (24%), and programs I'm interested in are not offered (9%).

## Outside Organizations

Respondents selected the organizations that they used for recreation and sports activities in the past year. The commonly used organizations were: City of Parkville (71%), HOA (46%), and YMCA (39%).

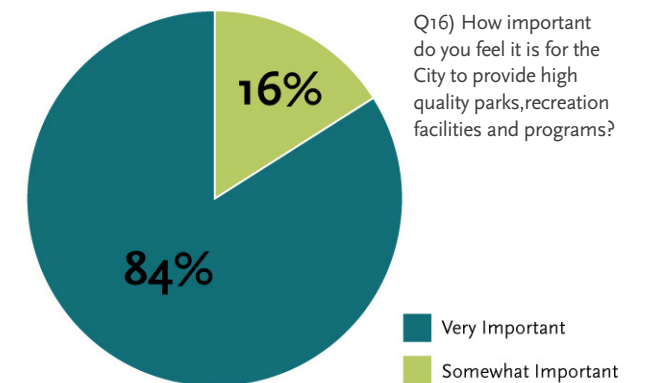
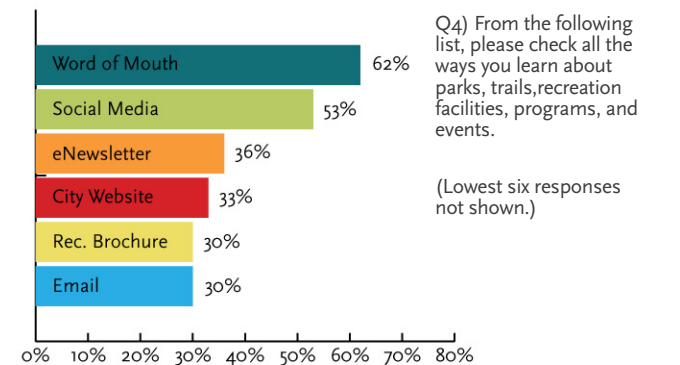
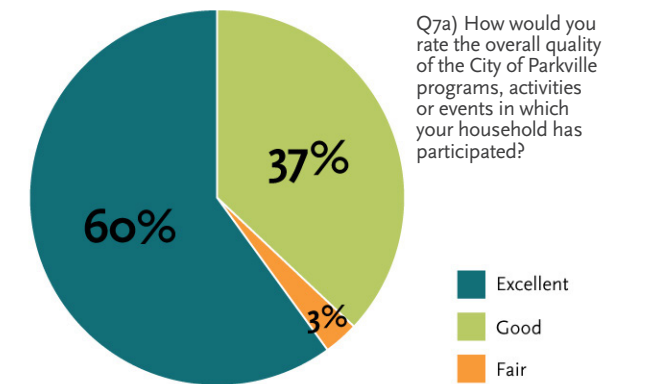
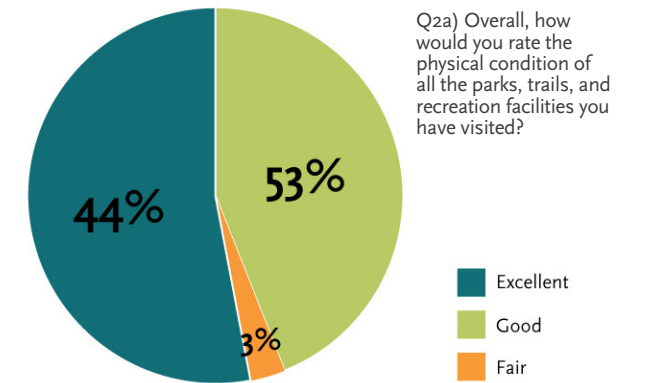
## Communication

Respondents selected all the ways they learn about parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, and events. The commonly used resources were: word of mouth (62%), social media (53%), and eNewsletter (36%). Based on the sum of top three choices, the commonly used resources were: social media (48%), emails (42%), and eNewsletter (40%).

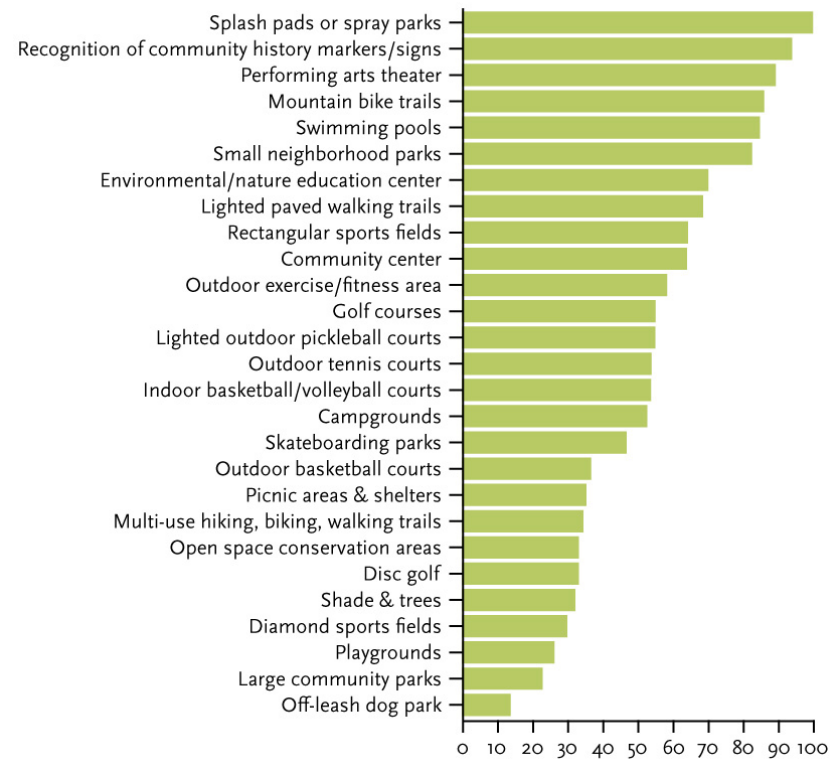
## Benefits, Importance, and Improvements

Respondents rated their level of agreement the statements (listed in the survey) about potential benefits of the City's parks and recreation services. The most agreed statements were: makes Parkville a more desirable place to live (97%), improves my (my household's) physical health & fitness (92%), and preserves open space & protects the environment (90%).

Respondents rated how important it is for the City to provide high quality parks, recreation facilities, and programs. 84% rated very important, 16% rated somewhat important, and 0% rated not important.



## RECREATION FACILITIES AND AMENITIES NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

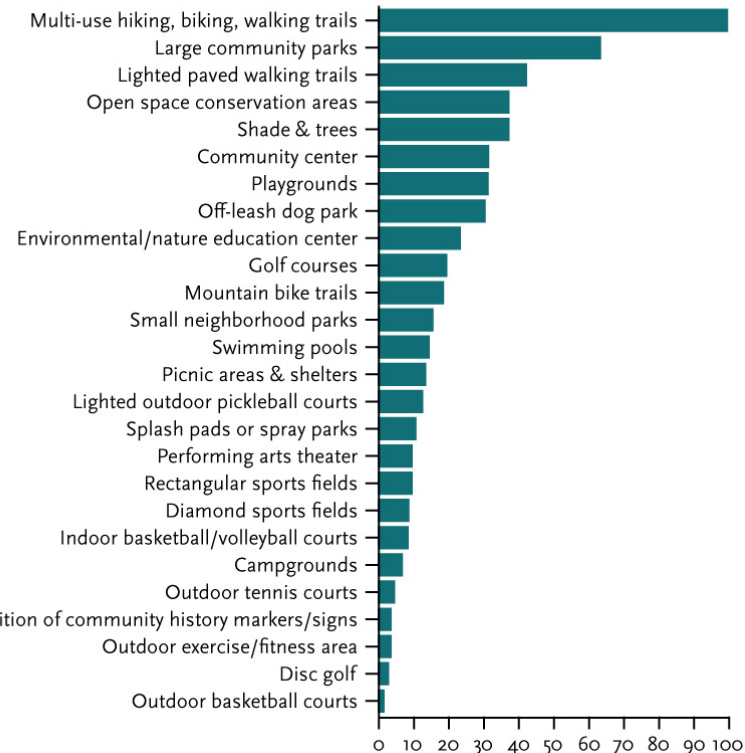


### Unmet Facility Needs

Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 27 recreation facilities and amenities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three facilities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

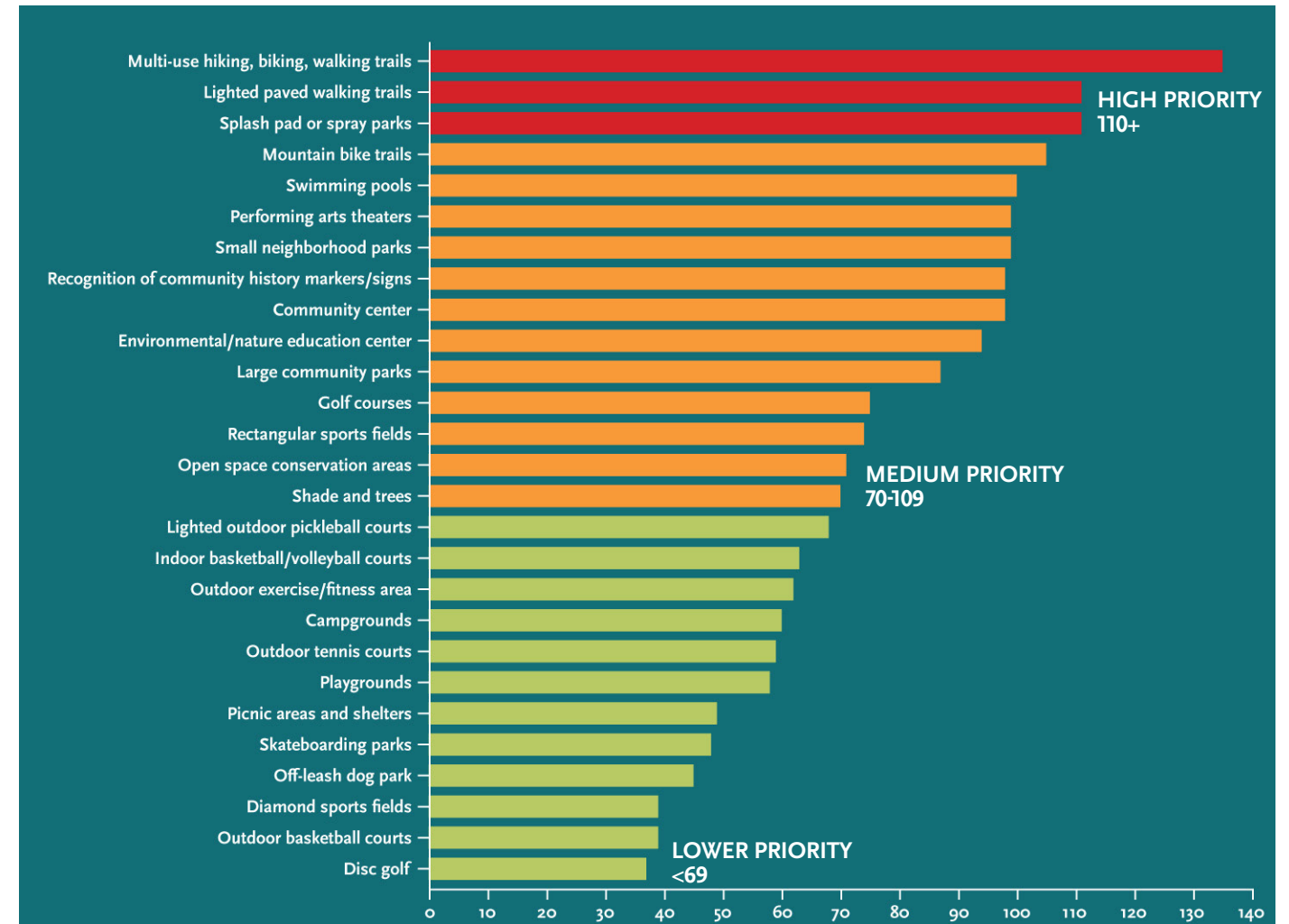
1. Shade & trees
2. Multi-use hiking, biking, walking trails
3. Large community parks



### Facility Importance

In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents’ top four choices, these were the four facilities that ranked most important to residents:

1. Multi-use hiking, biking, walking trails
2. Large community parks
3. Shade & trees
4. Lighted paved walking trails



### Priorities for Facility Investments

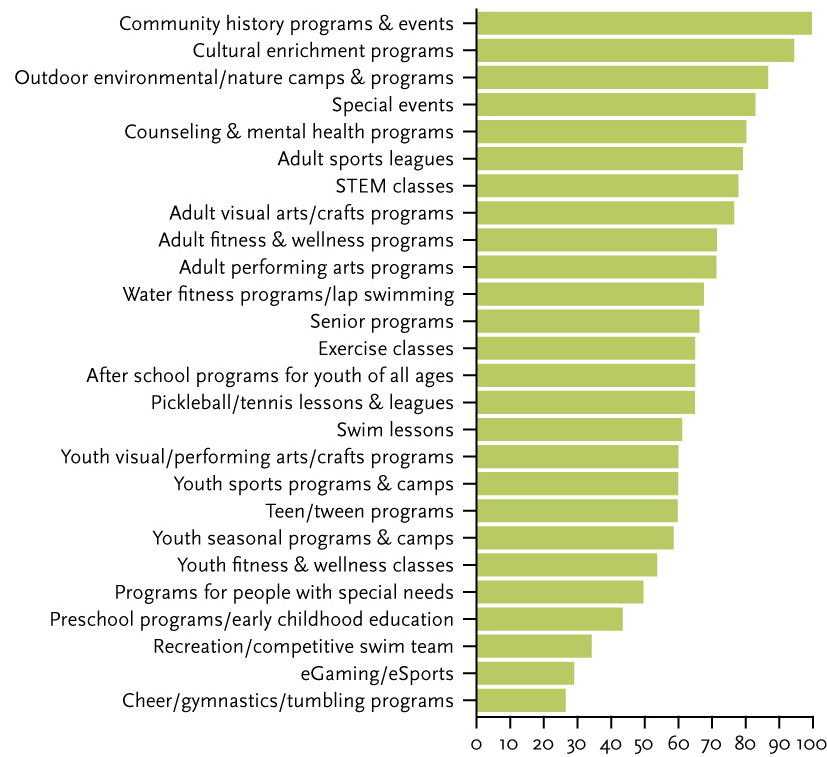
The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facilities.

Based the Priority Investment Rating (PIR), the following facilities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Multi-use hiking, biking, walking trails (PIR=135)
- Lighted paved walking trails (PIR=111)
- Splash pads or spray parks (PIR=111)

The chart above shows the Priority Investment Rating for each of the 27 facilities assessed in the survey.

## RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

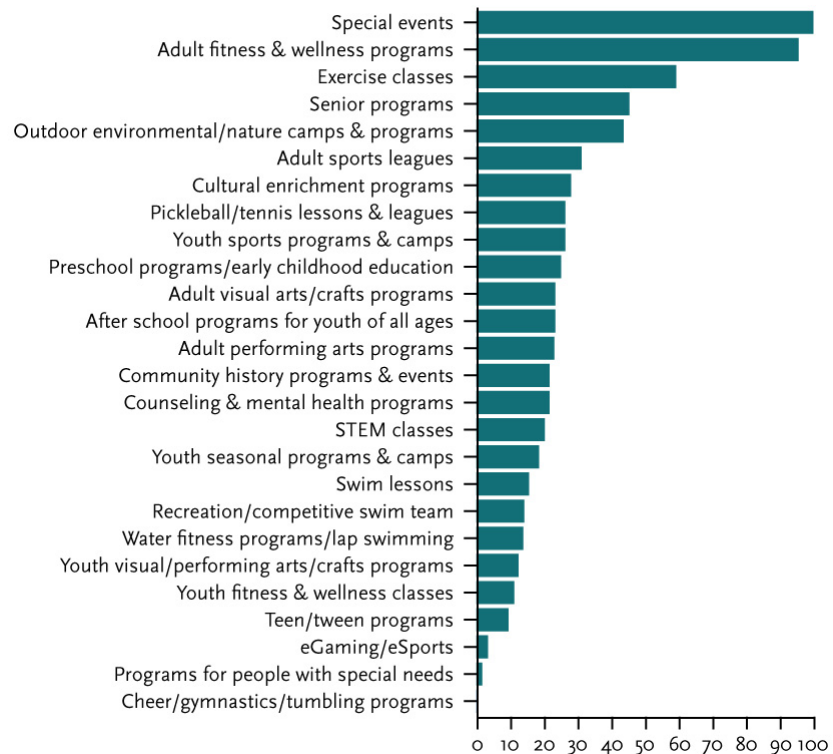


### Unmet Program Needs

Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 26 recreation programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities.

The three programs with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need:

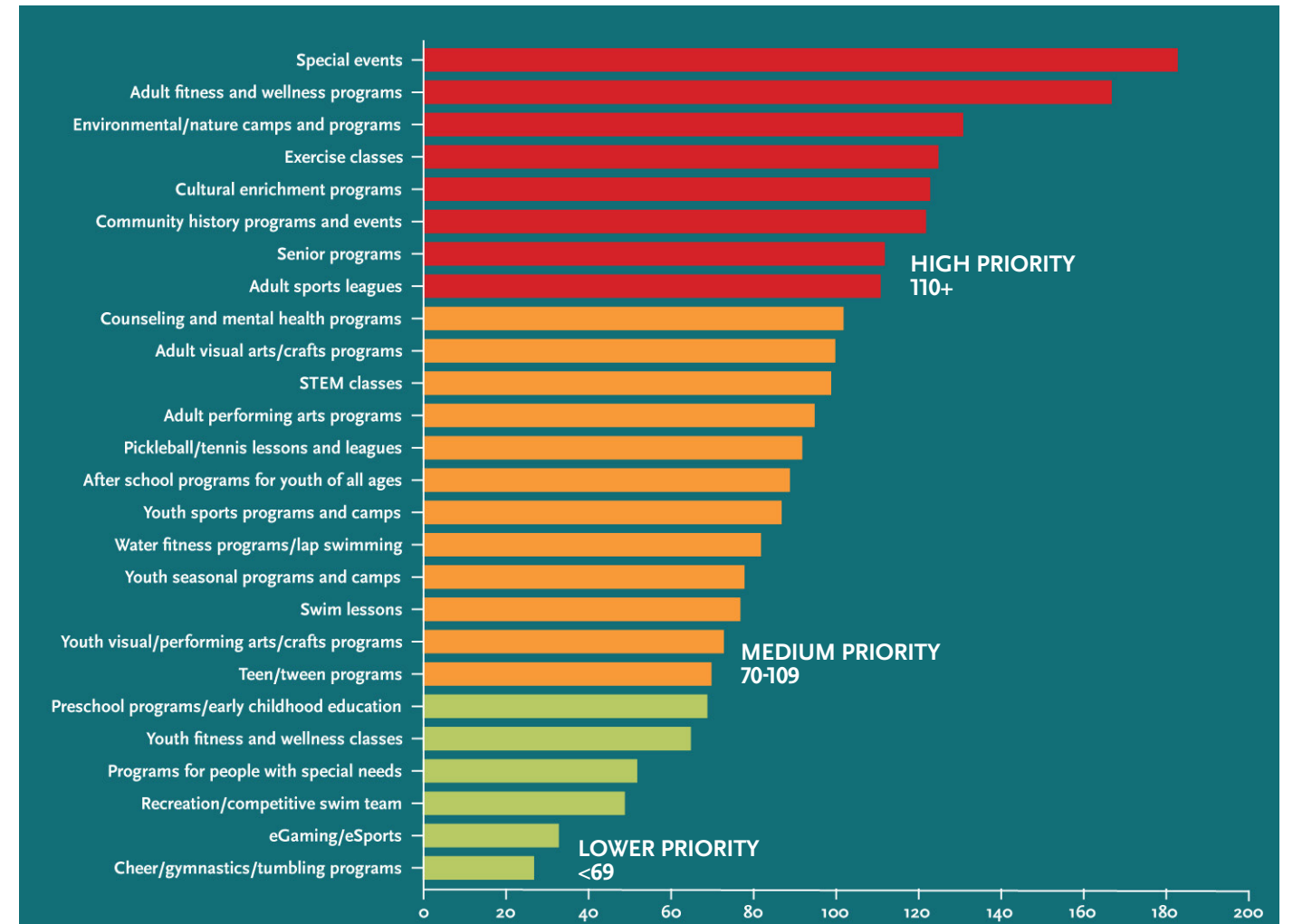
1. Special events
2. Adult fitness & wellness programs
3. Exercise classes



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2. Adult fitness & wellness programs
3. Exercise classes
4. Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs



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- Special events (PIR=183)
- Adult fitness & wellness programs (PIR=167)
- Outdoor environmental/nature camps & programs (PIR=131)
- Exercise classes (PIR=125)
- Cultural enrichment programs (PIR=123)
- Community history programs & events (PIR=122)
- Senior programs (PIR=112)
- Adult sports leagues (PIR=111)

# RECREATION MARKET POTENTIAL

## INTRODUCTION

Each year, the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) conducts a comprehensive study on how Americans spend their leisure time. Data is collected over the course of one year, with findings published the following May. This information helps assess participation rates and can be applied to Parkville to evaluate the market potential for specific recreational activities.

## METHODOLOGY

Ballard\*King analyzes national participation data and refines it using Parkville-specific factors, including age distribution, median income, regional trends, and national averages. These four metrics are averaged to create a unique participation percentage for the city's service area. Applying this percentage to Parkville's population helps estimate the market potential for various recreational activities.

In addition to utilizing National Sporting Goods Association data, this method incorporates insights from the 2020 Survey and the Spending Potential Index for Entertainment & Recreation. This allows for a comprehensive assessment of the Sports & Leisure Market Potential. The following information highlights participation rates for adults in activities that could be supported through Parkville's parks, recreation programs, and events.

Of the 21 identified activities, adult participation rates in Parkville exceed the national average in all but six. This comparison is based on an index where a score of 100 represents the national average participation rate. A score above 100 indicates higher-than-average participation, while a score below 100 suggests lower engagement. Lower participation rates may be due to financial barriers, a lack of available facilities, or the possibility that certain preferred activities are not being tracked. Additionally, high adult participation often correlates with an active youth population.

Adults participated in	Expected number of adults	Percent of Population	MPI
Aerobic exercise	629	9.0%	117
Archery	165	2.4%	95
Baseball	226	3.2%	111
Basketball	409	5.8%	106
Cycling (mountain)	288	4.1%	124
Cycling (road)	993	14.1%	128
Football	191	2.7%	107
Frisbee	266	3.8%	115
Jogging/Running	882	12.6%	122
Pickleball	220	3.1%	125
Pilates	281	4.0%	146
Ping Pong	207	2.9%	94
Soccer	117	1.7%	96
Softball	1,287	18.3	117
Swimming	286	4.1%	90
Tennis	356	5.1%	134
Volleyball	160	2.3%	91
Walking	2,664	38.0%	116
Weightlifting	1,272	18.1%	121
Yoga	885	12.6%	125
Zumba	181	2.6%	87

Market Potential Index (MPI) for Participation in Activities in City of Parkville

**Expected # of Adults:** Number of adults, 18 years of age and older, participating in the activity in the Service Area.

**Percent of Population:** Percent of the service area that participates in the activity.

**MPI:** Market potential index as compared to the national number of 100.

## Expected Participation Rates in the City of Parkville

Activities	Age	Inc.	Region	Nat.	Avg.
Aerobic exercise	15.8%	20.0%	20.6%	15.8%	18.1%
Archery	1.9%	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Baseball	3.3%	4.9%	3.1%	3.6%	3.7%
Basketball	7.2%	8.5%	4.7%	7.9%	7.1%
Road Cycling	13.3%	15.8%	15.8%	13.8%	14.7%
Cheerleading	1.0%	1.6%	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%
Walking	37.0%	39.8%	36.5%	36.0%	37.3%
Exercise w/ equip.	17.3%	18.5%	14.5%	17.3%	16.9%
Fishing	9.4%	10.2%	12.6%	9.8%	10.5%
Football	2.0%	3.0%	1.8%	2.2%	2.3%
Gymnastics	1.8%	2.9%	1.2%	2.0%	2.0%
Hiking	16.4%	20.4%	17.4%	16.9%	17.8%
Martial Arts	1.8%	2.4%	1.1%	2.0%	1.8%

Participation Rates in the City of Parkville

**Age:** Participation based on individuals ages 7 & Up of the Service Area.  
**Inc.:** Participation based on the 2024 estimated median household income in the Service Area.

Activities	Age	Inc.	Region	Nat.	Avg.
Mountain Biking	2.1%	2.4%	1.5%	2.3%	2.2%
Pickleball	3.1%	3.3%	2.3%	3.2%	3.0%
Pilates	2.1%	2.4%	1.3%	2.2%	2.0%
Running/Jogging	13.0%	17.0%	10.5%	14.1%	13.7%
Soccer	4.5%	5.9%	3.5%	5.0%	4.7%
Softball	2.5%	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%	2.6%
Swimming	14.0%	17.7%	11.6%	14.7%	14.5%
Tennis	4.6%	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%	4.7%
Volleyball	3.1%	4.6%	3.3%	3.6%	3.6%
Weightlifting	11.6%	13.6%	11.5%	12.0%	12.2%
Workout at Club	9.3%	11.6%	7.1%	9.5%	9.4%
Wrestling	1.1%	1.6%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%
Yoga	9.6%	11.7%	7.4%	10.0%	9.7%

**Region:** Participation based on regional statistics (West North Central).  
**Nat.:** Participation based on national statistics.  
**Avg.:** Average of the four columns.

## Parkville Anticipated Participation Numbers

Activities	Avg.	2020 Pop.	2024 Pop.	2029 Pop.	Diff.
Aerobic exercise	18.1%	2,415	2,541	2,572	157
Archery	2.0%	271	285	288	18
Baseball	3.7%	498	524	531	32
Basketball	7.1%	946	995	1,008	62
Road Cycling	14.7%	1,964	2,066	2,092	128
Cheerleading	1.2%	161	170	172	11
Walking	37.3%	4,994	5,254	5,320	326
Exercise w/ equip.	16.9%	2,261	2,378	2,408	147
Fishing	10.5%	1,404	1,477	1,496	92
Football	2.3%	301	317	321	20
Gymnastics	2.0%	264	278	282	17
Hiking	17.8%	2,377	2,500	2,531	155

Table C: Participation Growth or Decline for Activities in City of Parkville

Utilizing the average percentage from the table above, plus the 2020 census information and census estimates for 2024 and 2029 (over age 7), the above comparisons are available.

Activities	Avg.	2020 Pop.	2024 Pop.	2029 Pop.	Diff.
Martial Arts	1.8%	244	257	260	16
Mountain Biking	2.2%	291	306	310	19
Pickleball	3.0%	398	419	424	26
Pilates	2.0%	267	281	284	17
Running/Jogging	13.7%	1,827	1,923	1,946	119
Soccer	4.7%	633	666	674	41
Softball	2.6%	348	367	371	23
Swimming	14.5%	1,939	2,040	2,065	126
Tennis	4.7%	628	660	669	41
Volleyball	3.6%	487	513	519	32
Weightlifting	12.2%	1,630	1,715	1,736	106
Workout at Club	9.4%	1,254	1,320	1,336	82

### National Summary of Sports Participation

The following chart summarizes participation for indoor activities utilizing information from the 2023 National Sporting Goods Association survey.

Activities	Nat'l Rank	Nat'l Participation (millions)
Exercise Walking	1	113.9
Exercise w/ equip.	2	52.9
Hiking	3	51.8
Swimming	4	44.9
Running/jogging	5	43.1
Cycling	6	42.4
Weightlifting	8	36.8
Yoga	9	30.7
Fishing	10	29.9
Workout at Club	11	29.1
Basketball	13	24.2
Soccer	19	15.3
Tennis	20	15.1

Activities	Nat'l Rank	Nat'l Participation (millions)
Baseball	24	11.1
Volleyball	25	10.9
Pickleball	28	9.9
Softball	30	8.4
Skateboarding	33	7.2
Mountain Biking	34	7.0
Football	35	6.8
Pilates	38	6.7
Archery	39	6.3
Gymnastics	41	6.1
Martial Arts	42	6.0
Wrestling	49	3.6
Cheerleading	50	3.5

*Sports Participation Summary*

Nat'l Rank: Popularity of sport based on NSGA national survey.

Nat'l Participat: Population that participate in this sport on national survey.

### National Participation by Age Group

Within the NSGA survey, participation is broken down by age groups. As such, B\*K can identify the top 3 age groups participating in the activities reflected in this report.

Activities	Largest	2nd Largest	3rd Largest
Aerobic Exercise	35-44	25-34	45-54
Archery	12-17	25-34	18-24
Baseball	7-11	12-17	25-34
Basketball	12-17	25-34	18-24
Cycling	55-64	45-54	12-17
Cheerleading	12-17	7-11	18-24
Exercise Walking	55-64	65-74	45-54
Exercise w/ equip.	25-34	45-54	55-64
Fishing	55-64	45-54	25-34
Football	12-17	18-24	7-11
Gymnastics	7-11	12-17	25-34
Hiking	25-34	55-64	45-54
Martial Arts	7-11	25-34	12-17
Mountain Biking	25-34	35-44	45-54

Activities	Largest	2nd Largest	3rd Largest
Pickleball	12-17	65-74	18-24
Pilates	25-34	35-44	45-54
Running/jogging	25-34	35-44	45-54
Skateboarding	12-17	18-24	7-11
Soccer	7-11	12-17	25-34
Softball	12-17	7-11	25-34
Swimming	55-64	12-17	7-11
Tennis	25-34	35-44	12-17
Volleyball	12-17	25-34	18-24
Weightlifting	25-34	45-54	35-44
Workout at Club	25-34	35-44	45-54
Wrestling	12-17	25-34	7-11
Yoga	25-34	35-44	45-54

Largest: Age group with the highest rate of participation.

Second Largest: Age group with the second highest rate of participation.

Third Largest: Age group with the third highest rate of participation.

*Participation by Age Group*

### National Participation by Age Group

The NSGA also lists several sports activities and the percentage of growth or decline that each has experienced nationally over the last ten years (2014-2023).

Activities Increasing in Participation	2014 Participation	2023 Participation	Percent Change
Pickleball	1.7	9.9	482.4%
Skateboarding	5.4	7.2	33.3%
Mountain Biking	5.4	7	29.6%
Hiking	41.1	51.8	26.0%
Wrestling	2.9	3.6	24.1%
Pilates	5.5	6.7	21.8%
Tennis	12.4	15.1	21.8%
Cycling	35.6	42.4	19.1%

Activities Increasing in Participation	2014 Participation	2023 Participation	Percent Change
Soccer	13.4	15.3	14.2%
Gymnastics	5.4	6.1	13.0%
Weightlifting	34.0	36.8	8.2%
Volleyball	10.2	10.9	6.9%
Exercise Walking	104.3	110.2	5.7%
Yoga	29.2	30.7	5.1%
Basketball	23.7	24.2	2.1%
Fishing	29.4	29.9	1.7%

Activities Decreasing in Participation	2014 Participation	2023 Participation	Percent Change
Baseball	11.3	11.1	-1.8%
Swimming	45.9	44.9	-2.2%
Cheerleading	3.6	3.5	-2.8%
Exercise w/ equip.	55.1	52.9	-4.0%
Martial Arts	6.3	6	-4.8%

Activities Decreasing in Participation	2014 Participation	2023 Participation	Percent Change
Football	7.5	6.8	-9.3%
Softball	9.5	8.4	-11.6%
Workout at Club	35.9	29.1	-18.9%
Archery	8.3	6.3	-24.1%

*Sports Activity Participation Changes Over Time*

Over the past decade, program growth has been strongest in fitness-related activities, while participation in traditional team sports—such as baseball, football, basketball, and softball—has declined. Pickleball is not included in this analysis, as it has only been tracked for the past three to four years.

## NON-SPORT PARTICIPATION

Participation rates in non-sport activities are also important to consider. While there is less available data on these activities compared to sports, existing statistics can still provide valuable insights into the market for cultural arts events and programs.

There are many ways to measure a nation's cultural vitality, one of which is tracking public engagement with the arts over time. The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Survey of Public Participation in the Arts is the largest periodic study of arts participation in the United States. This survey collects data on various arts activities that adults (18 and older) engage in over the course of a year, providing a broad picture of arts involvement nationwide. It also examines adults' preferences for different types of music and explores participation in other non-arts leisure activities, such as sports and exercise, outdoor recreation, and civic or social events. By analyzing these trends, communities like Parkville can better understand cultural engagement and identify opportunities to enhance arts and recreation offerings.

The participation data for these activities is based on national figures and is categorized as follows:

- Attending Arts Activities
- Reading Books and Literature
- Consuming Art through Electronic Media
- Making and Sharing Art
- Participating in Arts Learning
- Perceptions of Arts Availability

Adults participated in	Expected number of adults	Percent of Population	MPI
Member of AARP	1,354	19.3%	116
Indoor Gardening	1,324	18.9%	111
Adult Ed. Courses	845	12.0%	105
Bird Watching	552	7.9%	104
Book Club	390	5.6%	139
Cards	1,364	19.4%	109
Dancing	384	5.5%	84
Musical Instrument Playing	696	9.9%	117
Painting/ Drawing/ Sculpting	693	9.9%	94
Attend Live Theater	770	11.0	126

Market Potential Index (MPI) for Participation in Non-Sport Activities

**Expected # of Adults:** Number of adults, 18 years of age and older, participating in the activity in the Service Area.

**Percent of Population:** Percent of the service area that participates in the activity.

**MPI:** Market potential index as compared to the national number of 100.

The above table indicates that out of the 10 activities identified, the rate of adult participation is greater than the national figure of 100 in all but two activities.

### Attending Arts Activities

Percentage of U.S. Adult Attending a Performing Arts Activity at Least Once in the Past 12 Months

				Change (+/-)	
	2008	2012	2017	2008-2012	2012-2017
Jazz	7.8%	8.1%	8.6%	+0.3%	+0.5%
Classical Music	9.3%	8.8%	8.6%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Opera	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	+0.0%	+0.1%
Latin Music	4.9%	5.1%	5.9%	+0.2%	+0.8%
Outdoor Performing Arts Festival	20.8%	20.8%	24.2%	+0.0%	+3.4%

				Change (+/-)	
	2008	2012	2017	2008-2012	2012-2017
Musical Plays	16.7%	15.2%	16.5%	-1.5%	+1.3%
Non-Musical Plays	9.4%	8.3%	9.4%	-1.1%	+1.1%
Ballet	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%	-0.2%	+0.4%
Other Dance	5.2%	5.6%	6.3%	+0.4%	+0.7%

Following a sharp decline in overall arts attendance that occurred from 2002-2008, participation rates held steady from 2008-2012, and have increased into 2017.

### Attending Arts Activities

Percentage of U.S. Adults Attending Visual Arts Activities and Events

				Change (+/-)	
	2008	2012	2017	2008-2012	2012-2017
Art Museums/ Galleries	22.7%	21.0%	23.7%	-1.7%	+2.7%
Parks/ Historical Buildings	24.5%	22.4%	28.3%	-2.1%	+5.9%
Craft/Visual Arts Festivals	24.9%	23.9%	23.8%	-1.0%	-0.1%

### Reading Books and Literature

Percentage of U.S. Adults Engaging in Reading Activity

				Change (+/-)	
	2008	2012	2017	2008-2012	2012-2017
Read Any Book, non-required	54.3%	54.6%	52.7%	+0.3%	-1.9%
Literature	50.2%	47.0%	44.2%	-3.2%	-2.8%
Novels/Short Stories	47.0%	45.2%	41.8%	-1.8%	-3.4%
Plays	2.6%	2.9%	3.7%	+0.3%	+0.8%
Poetry	8.3%	6.7%	11.7%	-1.6%	+5.0%

### Making and Sharing Art

Percentage of American Adults Who Made Art in the Last 12 Months: 2017

	Percentage
Any Art	54%
Performing Arts	40%
Visual Arts	33%
Creative Writing	7%

Percentage of American Adults Who Did Performing Arts

	Percentage
Singing	25%
Dancing	24%
Playing Musical Instruments	11%
Creating or Performing Music in Other Ways	3%
Acting	2%
Using Electronic Media to Edit or Remix Music	2%

Percentage of American Adults Who Did Visual Arts

	Percentage
Taking Photographs	14%
Painting, Drawing, Sculpting, or Making Prints	13%
Weaving, Crocheting, Quilting, Needleworking, Knitting or Sewing	12%
Editing Photographs	10%
Doing Scrapbooking, Origami, or Other Paper-Based Art	7%
Doing Leatherwork, Metalwork, or Woodwork	7%
Creating Films or Videos	5%
Making Pottery, Ceramics, or Jewelry	4%
Designing or Creating Animations, Digital Art, Computer Graphics or Video Games	3%

Percentage of American Adults Who Did Performing Arts

	Percentage
Singing	25%
Dancing	24%
Playing Musical Instruments	11%
Creating or Performing Music in Other Ways	3%
Acting	2%
Using Electronic Media to Edit or Remix Music	2%

Among Adults Who Made Art, Percentage Who Did So At Least Once a Week

	Percentage
Sing	70.2%
Use Electronic Media to Edit or Remix Music	46.6%
Play Any Musical Instrument	11%
Take Photographs	45.2%
Create or Perform Any Music In Other Ways	37.5%
Creating Writing	34.3%
Design or Create Animations, Digital Art, Computer Graphics or Video Games	32.2%
Weave, Crochet, Quilt, Needlework, Knot or Sew	26.2%
Create Films or Videos	22.9%
Dance	22.6%
Paint, Draw, Sculpt or Make Prints	22.5%
Act	20.8%
Do Leatherwork, Metalwork, or Woodwork	20.6%
Do Scrapbooking, Origami, or Other Paper-Based Art	14.0%
Make Pottery, Ceramics or Jewelry	9.8%

### Participating in Art Learning

Percentage of Adults Who Took Formal Art Lessons or Classes in Past 12 Months

	Percentage
Any Type of Art	9.5%
Visual Arts	3.6%
Music	2.7%
Art History or Appreciation	2.1%
Dance	1.9%
Creative Writing	1.7%
Computer Animation or Digital Art	1.8%
Photography or Filmmaking	1.6%
Acting or Theatre	0.6%

Percentage of Adults Who Took Informal Art Lessons or Classes in Past 12 Months

	Percentage
Any Type of Art	17.2%
Music	10.3%
Visual Arts	6.3%
Photography or Filmmaking	5.3%
Art History or Appreciation	4.9%
Dance	3.5%
Creative Writing	3.1%
Acting or Theatre	1.8%
Computer Animation or Digital Art	N/A

### Consuming Art Through Electronic Media

Percentage of U.S. Adults Who Used Electronic Media to Consume Books or other Artistic, Arts-Related, and Literary Content Arts: 2017

	Percentage
Used Electronic Media to Consume Artistic or Arts Related Content	74%
Read Any Books Using Electronic Media	23%
Listen to Any Audiobooks	16%

Percentage of Adults Who Used Electronic Media to Consume Art in the past 12 months

	Percentage
Other Music*	65%
Classical Music or Opera	21%
Jazz	20%
Programs/Info. About Book Writers	19%
Latin, Spanish, or Salsa	19%
Theater Productions (musical or stage play)^	16%
Paintings, Sculpture, Pottery or Other Visual Art	16%
Dance Performances or programs	14%
Programs and Info. About Visual Arts	14%

\*Rock, pop, country, folk, rap, or hip-hop  
 ^Musicals, plays or information about theatre.

## NRPA FACILITY & PROGRAM DATA

The National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) collects data annually from its member communities, organizing facility information based on population size. For Parkville, reference data is derived from communities with fewer than 20,000 residents to estimate the number of recreational facilities the city could reasonably support. This benchmarking process helps provide context for planning decisions by comparing Parkville's possible offerings to similar communities.

However, it is important to recognize the limitations of this data. NRPA's dataset includes only member communities, meaning it does not represent every city in the U.S. Additionally, this data does not account for private recreational providers, such as gyms, sports complexes, or private clubs, which may supplement or even reduce demand for public facilities. These factors should be considered when interpreting the findings and making decisions about future facility development.



### Facility Support Given City of Parkville's Population

Outdoor Facilities	Number of Facilities
Playgrounds	4.6
Diamond Fields	5.0
Basketball Courts – Standalone	2.1
Rectangular Fields	3.7
Tennis Courts	3.0
Dog Parks	0.9
Swimming Pools	1.0
Skateboard parks	0.8
Pickleball	2.7
Synthetic Rectangular Fields	0.8
Splash Pads	0.7
Fitness Zones / Exercise Stations	1.1
Disc Golf Courses	0.1
Walking Loops / Running Trails	1.7
Overlay Fields	0.9

Indoor Facilities	Number of Facilities
Competitive Swimming Pools	1.1
Pools for Leisure	0.8
Pickleball	1.9
Multiuse Courts (basketball/volleyball)	1.6
Basketball Courts (standalone)	1.6
Therapeutic Pools	1.6
Walking Loops / Running Tracks	0.9
Recreation Centers	1.0
Community Centers	1.0
Senior Centers	0.6
Performance Amphitheaters	0.7
Aquatic Centers	0.7
Teen Centers	1.2
Arenas	1.3

### NRPA Member Program Offerings

Activity	Prevalence
Themed Special Events	89%
Social Recreation Events	88%
Team Sports	86%
Fitness Enhancement Classes	82%
Health & Wellness Education	80%
Individual Sports	76%
Safety Training	73%
Racquet Sports	70%
Aquatics	66%
Natural & Cultural History Activities	64%
Cultural Crafts	64%
Visual Arts	62%
Trips & Tours	62%
Performing Arts	56%
Martial Arts	53%
Running/Cycling Races	49%
Golf	49%
eSports/eGaming	26%

Over the past decade, program growth has been strongest in fitness-related activities, while participation in traditional team sports—such as baseball, football, basketball, and softball—has declined. Pickleball is not included in this analysis, as it has only been tracked for the past three to four years.

The NRPA further analyzes data relating to programs for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

Activity	% of All Agencies	Less than 20,000 Pop.
Summer Camp	83.0%	65.0%
Specific Senior Programs	78.0%	63.0%
Specific Teen Programs	67.0%	50.0%
Programs for People w/ Disabilities	66.0%	37.0%
STEM Programs	57.0%	41.0%
After-School Programs	52.0%	44.0%
Preschool	34.0%	26.0%
Before-School Programs	19.0%	17.0%
Full Daycare	7.0%	7.0%

# WALKABILITY

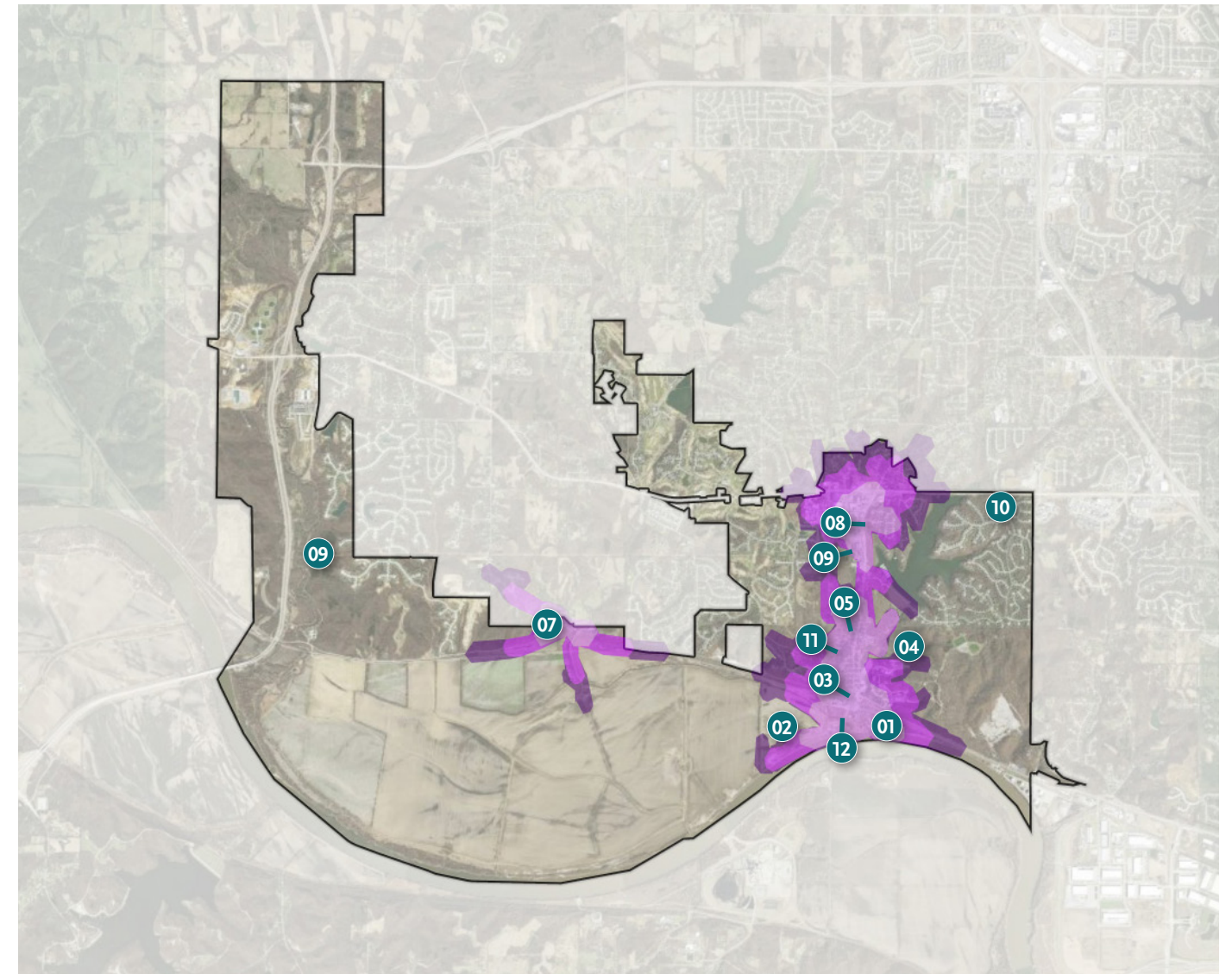
## INTRODUCTION

Connectivity and access are crucial factors in planning a successful and equitable parks system. Walkability is often measured using common benchmarks, such as a ¼-mile walking distance or a 15-minute walk time, which help assess how easily residents can reach parks and open spaces. A well-connected park system enhances community health, encourages outdoor recreation, and strengthens social connections by making green spaces more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Walkable parks also contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing dependence on cars for short trips, lowering emissions, and promoting active transportation.

The map shown to the right illustrates 5, 10, and 15-minute walking radii to parks in Parkville, based on a GIS analysis of walkable routes. This analysis provides an initial overview of pedestrian access to parks but does have some limitations. It does not account for specific park entry points, nor does it factor in potential barriers such as railroad tracks, highways, or other major obstacles that may limit direct access. Instead, the model assumes a generalized access point located at the center of each park.

Despite these limitations, this analysis is a valuable tool for identifying gaps in park access across Parkville. By highlighting areas where residents have limited walkable connections to parks, it can help guide future investments in trails, sidewalks, and strategic park development to ensure that more residents can easily enjoy the benefits of public open spaces.

One notable gap appears in northwest Parkville, where limited park space and recreational amenities result in significantly lower walkable access to public open spaces. This finding aligns with resident feedback, which consistently highlights the need for expanded park offerings in this rapidly growing area. As development continues, strategic park investments in this part of the city should be considered to ensure equitable access to recreation and green space for all Parkville residents.



**Key**

- 5-minute walk
- 10-minute walk
- 15-minute walk

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| <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">01</span> English Landing Park       | <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">07</span> Vikings Field              |
| <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">02</span> Platte Landing Park        | <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">08</span> Gateway Park               |
| <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">03</span> Pocket Park                | <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">09</span> Brush Creek Trail          |
| <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">04</span> Parkville Nature Sanctuary | <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">10</span> Southern Platte Pass Trail |
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## Recommendations

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## INTRODUCTION

An outline of recommendations was developed based on the framework established through Inventory and Analysis and Needs Determination process. These recommendations focus on achieving parks and recreation goals identified in collaboration with staff, stakeholders and the community. In addition to recommendations, this section includes graphic plans for each existing park and a new park concept diagram to convey key recommendations for expanding Parkville's park system.

The following section outlines the core recommendations of the master plan. Recommendations are organized into five focus areas:

1. Systemwide
2. Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property
3. Trails and Connectivity
4. Programs and Events
5. Operations

## 1. SYSTEMWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations focus on systemwide opportunities and amenities within the parks.

Based on the needs determination and community input, the following recommendation categories have been established for systemwide recommendations:

### 1.1- PARKLAND MANAGEMENT

### 1.2- OUTDOOR AMENITIES

### 1.3- PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND IDENTITY

### 1.4- NATURAL RESOURCES

### 1.5- ATHLETIC FIELDS

## 1.1 PARKLAND MANAGEMENT

These recommendations establish a structure for assessing future land acquisition or divestment within the Parkville Parks and Recreation System. Using these recommendations, the Parks and Recreation Department can better assess potential value for the community and prioritize the management of parkland within the system. These recommendations apply to the evaluation of parkland to be purchased or donated in the future, and assessing existing parkland for possible divestment and reduction in total parkland.

### 1.1.1 Parkland Acquisition

**Acquisition to Expand Community Access to Parkland** – While Parkville’s park system currently meets or exceeds NRPA benchmarks for both total parkland and number of parks, access is not evenly distributed across the city. The west side of Parkville, in particular, lacks any developed parks. To address this gap, the City should identify opportunities for new park development in this area. Two key considerations should guide parkland acquisition and development on the city’s west side.

1. I-435 presents a significant barrier to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, even with the presence of the Southern Platte Pass Trail. To improve access and ensure walkability, parks should be developed on both the east and west sides of the interstate to better serve residents on either side.
2. Many residential developments on the west side of Parkville include HOA-provided amenities that function as small parks or facilities for those residents. While this should not limit the identification of future park locations, it should inform the selection of amenities within new parks to avoid redundancy and complement existing facilities.

To meet the needs of this growing area, it is recommended that the City of Parkville pursue the development of two large-scale neighborhood or small-scale community parks, ranging in size from 10 to 30 acres. One park should be located east of I-435 and south of Highway 45, and the other west of I-435 and north of Highway 45. These parks should offer recreation opportunities that align with the Parkville Parks and Recreation identity and address needs identified in the community survey. Once property is acquired and a development timeline is established, additional master planning and community engagement should be undertaken to guide the design and programming of these parks. (see page ### for a new west side park program concept).

Based on continued development patterns west of I-435, the preferred location for the western park may shift to an area

south of Highway 45. As growth continues, additional parks should also be considered to expand the parks system and ensure it equitably serves all areas of Parkville. When assessing parkland needs on the north side of the city near Highway 152, the location and amenities offered by Kansas City’s Mark L. McHenry Park should be taken into account to avoid duplication and better meet the broader community’s needs.

**Acquisition to Expand Community Access to Parkland** – In addition to adding new parks through property acquisition, the City of Parkville should consider expanding existing parks by acquiring adjacent land when opportunities arise. Expanding existing parks offers several benefits by leveraging current infrastructure to:

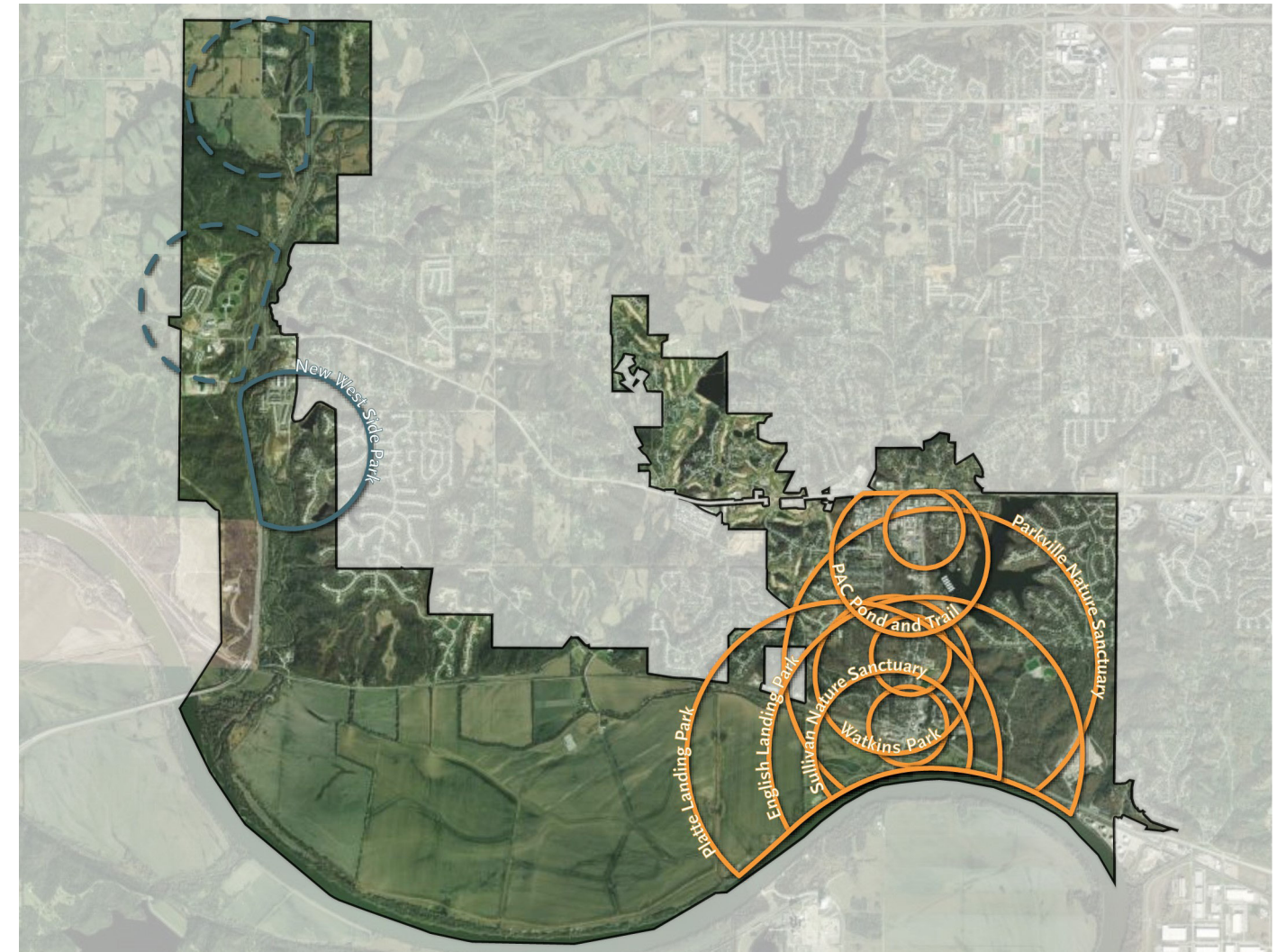
- Expand existing amenities within the park
- Develop new amenities
- Enhance connectivity to other parks, neighborhoods, schools, retail areas, and trails
- Increase conservation of green space and natural resources

#### Acquisition for Connectivity–

A third recommended criterion for prioritizing parkland acquisition is to support the development of the city-wide trail system and related amenities along corridors identified in this plan and the Platte County Parks and Recreation Plan. The size of a potential acquisition parcel should not be a limiting factor if it enables development of key trail connections linking parks to neighborhoods, schools, other parks, and the regional trail network. When direct acquisition is not feasible, the City of Parkville should consider alternatives such as easement agreements or long-term lease access to secure critical trail development corridors.

#### Acquisition for Conservation–

A final recommended criterion for prioritizing parkland acquisition is the conservation of environmentally significant natural resources or the preservation of open space within areas of substantial development. This approach builds on the identity and impact of sites such as the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, Sullivan Nature Sanctuary, and Platte Landing Park. Highest priority should be given to parcels that either expand these existing areas or contain highly sensitive or ecologically valuable features. In general, these acquisitions should reflect the philosophy behind the nature sanctuary model—limited development with a focus on public access for education, stewardship, and passive recreation.



Parkland acquisition should focus on sites along the city’s western edge (possible service areas shown in blue). Parkland divestment, if pursued, should occur in areas with significant existing service area overlap (existing service areas shown in orange).

### 1.1.2 Parkland Divestment

Divesting parkland should not be a priority for the City of Parkville; however, under the right conditions, it may be considered as a way to relieve operational challenges or redirect resources to strengthen the overall parks system without diminishing the level of service provided to the community. Each property being considered for divestment should be evaluated individually, with attention to the following key questions:

- Where is the parkland located within the city limits?
- Will removing this parkland create a gap in service area or reduce walkability?
- Does this property offer unique recreational opportunities or have historic significance for Parkville?

- What level of support exists from the Parks and Recreation Department, City leadership, and the community for divesting the property?
- What recreation opportunities are created or needs addressed in the system through this divestment?

## 1.2 OUTDOOR AMENITIES

The following recommendations highlight amenities identified through national benchmark comparisons and statistically representative survey feedback. These amenities could be added to existing parks or considered in future park development. While not required, their inclusion would help align Parkville with the level of service provided by peer communities and address amenities that residents have expressed strong interest in, and those with high unmet need across the system.

### 1.2.1 NRPA Park Metrics

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed a series of benchmarking tools based on input from parks and recreation agencies across the country. While each community is unique and there is no universal standard for parks and recreation amenities, these benchmarks offer a useful point of reference based on communities with similar populations.

For the City of Parkville, benchmark metrics were reviewed to identify amenities for which the current population suggests a need for additional provision to align with the median number offered in peer communities.

As benchmark guidelines, the amenities and quantities noted below are not requirements and do not represent specific needs at this time. Nor do they guarantee alignment with the mission or operational capacity of the Parkville Parks and Recreation Department. However, if community interest in these amenities emerges in the future, these comparisons can support prioritization of new investments to meet resident expectations and improve service delivery.

#### Playgrounds: add up to two additional:

While additional playgrounds were not identified as a top priority through community input, strategic placement of new playgrounds could enhance existing parks, provide alternative destinations for play, and help relieve pressure on heavily used facilities like English Landing Park.

Recommended locations for new playgrounds include Vikings Field (as part of overall park development), Platte Landing Park, and future park sites. See “Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property” recommendations for additional context.

Considerations for new playground development include:

- New playgrounds should provide unique play experiences to diversify the park system’s offerings.

- The type and design of playgrounds should be explored through individual park master plans.
- Resilient or synthetic turf surfacing should be considered as an alternative to loose wood fiber. Benefits such as enhanced durability, thematic integration, and reduced long-term maintenance should be evaluated—especially for parks vulnerable to river flooding.

#### Diamond Sports Fields: add up to two additional:

While there is not currently a demonstrated need for additional diamond sports fields within existing developed parks, this plan includes the creation of multi-use green spaces that may support informal practices and recreational games.

Development of formal, higher-level recreation fields could be considered in future park planning if the need arises to support expanded Parks and Recreation programming or departmental goals.

#### Rectangular Sports Fields: add up to two additional:

Like diamond fields, there is not a current departmental need for formal rectangular sports fields either. However, multi-use green space is recommended in several existing parks and can provide valuable informal practice and game space for public use and by partner organizations. (See more notes in Section 1.2.2.)

#### Tennis Courts: add up to three additional:

While not identified as a need through community input, the City of Parkville does not currently provide tennis courts within its existing parks. However, the City does offer four pickleball courts at English Landing Park.

Development of tennis courts may be considered in future parks, as part of renovations to existing parks, or through partnership agreements if a community need for this amenity is identified.

#### Additional Amenities to Consider (see section 1.2.2.):

- **Swimming Pool: add one**
- **Splash Pad: add one**
- **Skateboard Park: add one per facility**
- **Fitness Area/Stations: add one course**

### 1.2.2 Facility Priority Investment Rating

While the NRPA Park Metrics identify potential facility needs based on comparisons to communities of similar size nationwide, they do not necessarily reflect the specific types of facilities most desired by Parkville residents.

As part of the statistically valid community survey, ETC Institute developed a Priority Investment Rating (PIR), which combines two critical factors: how important residents consider a specific facility or amenity, and how many residents have unmet needs for that facility. This combined rating helps identify which types of facilities are both important to the community and currently underserved. (See Appendix # for the full ETC report and additional information on PIR methodology.)

The following is a summary of amenities that received High or Medium PIR scores, along with contextual guidance for how these align with the role and capacity of the Parkville Parks and Recreation system. This list should serve as a reference point when considering new facilities for existing parks or during the planning of new park developments, particularly for selecting core amenities that are appropriate to the park’s size, location, and intended use.

When reviewing the PIR results, the alignment between community input and national benchmarks can help reinforce investment in facilities that are both desired by residents and consistent with broader trends in parks and recreation planning.

#### High Priority Amenities:

- **Multi-use Hiking, Biking, and Walking Trails:** This amenity type strongly aligns with the identity and priorities of the Parks and Recreation Department. Trails should be considered a core element in both existing park renovations and future park development.
- **Lighted Paved Walking Trails:** As an enhancement to one of the top-rated amenities, lighting along paved trails should be considered in locations where evening access is safe and encouraged. Lighting may be especially appropriate in parks with high visitation or community event spaces. (See page #, PAC Pond and Trail)
- **Splash Pad/Spray Park:** A splash pad offers diverse recreational benefits for users of all ages. Including a splash pad in a future or existing park would provide a free, accessible water play feature and can be designed to double as a paved plaza or event space when not in use.

#### Medium Priority Amenities:

- **Mountain Bike Trails:** An amenity that aligns with the system identity and would provide a unique recreational destination for residents and visitors. Consideration should be given to the location and style of trails, along with potential partnerships for trail development within the city.
- **Swimming Pool:** While this is not currently an amenity the Parks and Recreation Department is positioned to provide, Parkville’s partnership with the YMCA offers access to an indoor pool facility.
- **Performing Arts Theater:** Not an amenity the Parks and Recreation Department is currently positioned to provide.
- **Small Neighborhood Parks** – These should be considered as part of new park development in underserved areas such as northwest Parkville. (See page #, Parkland Acquisition.)
- **Recognition of Community History (Markers/Signs):** This amenity supports the identity of the parks system and would enhance the visitor experience. Historical interpretation should be considered for both existing and future parks. (See page #, Adams Park and page #, Watkins Park.)
- **Community Center:** Although not currently feasible for direct provision by the department, the existing partnership with the YMCA offers community center access.
- **Environmental/Nature Education Center:** This aligns well with the system identity and would enrich the educational experience for visitors. (See page #, Parkville Nature Sanctuary.)
- **Large Community Parks:** These should be considered in the development of new parks to serve growing or underserved parts of the city, including northwest Parkville. (See page #, Parkland Acquisition.)
- **Golf Course:** Not an amenity the Parks and Recreation Department is currently positioned to provide.
- **Rectangular Sports Fields:** This plan includes restoration of Vikings Field and development of flexible-use green spaces in English Landing and Platte Landing Parks to support informal rectangular field play.
- **Open Space Conservation Areas:** Improvements to existing conservation areas are included in the Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property section (see page #), and opportunities to incorporate additional conservation land are addressed in the Parkland Management section (see page #).
- **Shade and Trees:** The addition of shade structures and tree canopy is a system-wide recommendation that supports visitor comfort, ecological diversity, and long-term sustainability of park landscapes.

### 1.3 PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND IDENTITY

The following recommendations offer overarching guidance for improvements in existing parks and the development of new parks across the City of Parkville system. These recommendations are based on common themes identified through community and staff input and support a unified system approach that allows for individuality in each park while ensuring clear recognition as part of the City of Parkville park system.

#### 1.3.1 Quality Before Quantity

While this plan provides direction for new park development and investment, new parks and amenities should not be pursued at the expense of maintaining or enhancing existing ones. The Parks Department should prioritize the development of high-quality parkland and amenities that improve long-term value, usability, and experience.

#### 1.3.2 Update Aged Infrastructure and Amenities

Investment in existing parks should begin with upgrading, improving, or replacing outdated infrastructure and amenities before adding new ones. Community input emphasized the importance of enhancing playgrounds, restrooms, and shelters to improve user experience, accessibility, and overall value.

#### 1.3.3 Park Restrooms

It is recommended that all portable restrooms in the park system be replaced with permanent restroom facilities. Permanent restrooms should be sized, located, and designed to meet the specific needs of each park. This recommendation does not apply to temporary restrooms provided for events.

#### 1.3.4 Shaded Seating Within Parks

Visitor comfort was a consistent theme in both community and staff input. There is strong support for additional seating and shaded areas throughout the parks.

The City should explore opportunities to add benches and seating areas along trails and near key amenities. Shade should be provided primarily through tree planting. In areas where trees are not feasible or additional immediate shade is needed, single bench or picnic table shelters should be considered. The style and materials for these features should complement the character and architectural elements of larger park shelters.



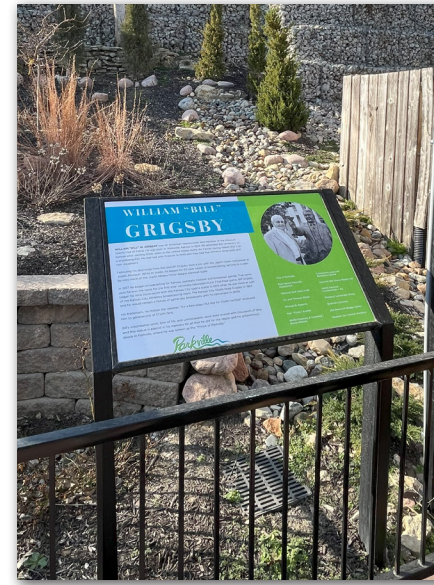
Girl Scout Cabin with modern updates at Parkville Nature Sanctuary

#### 1.3.5 Identity and Brand

Each park should offer a unique experience for visitors (Identity) while remaining clearly recognizable as part of the City of Parkville Parks and Recreation system (Brand). This balance allows each park to express its individual character while reinforcing the idea that all are part of a unified, high-quality system. Emphasizing both identity and brand helps communicate a consistent standard of care, amenities, and experience across the entire park system.

**Identity:** Below are unique elements that may be found in Parkville parks, current and future, that can help shape a park's individual identity-

- **History:** Connecting the park to the history of the place or of notable individuals through signage and/or programs.
- **Natural Features:** Highlighting elements such as the river, woodlands, wetlands, lakes, or topography, and how visitors interact with them, can form the foundation of a park's identity within the system.
- **Destination Amenity:** Signature constructed features such as playgrounds, trails, or athletic facilities can define the primary experience of a park and establish its identity within the broader system.



Parkville currently lacks a standardized signage family or design language. Signage characteristics vary by use and location.

**Brand:** Consistent elements across the park system help ensure visitors recognize when they are in a City of Parkville park. This familiarity reinforces the value of parks in daily community life and can enhance comfort for visitors. In addition, consistent design and operational standards can support more efficient maintenance across the system-

- **Standardized Park Entry and Internal Signage:** The current effort to standardize park entry signage should be expanded to include internal and directional signage throughout all parks. This approach reinforces Parkville's brand recognition and helps establish a clear and consistent identity for residents and visitors.

While entry signage should maintain flexibility to reflect the character of specialty parks such as Parkville Nature Sanctuary, standardized elements, such as font choices and the placement of the City of Parkville logo, should be included to ensure visual consistency across the system. This will be especially important as new parks are developed.

Internal signage, such as directional signs, amenity locators, and rules and guidelines, should follow a uniform style, type, and placement standard. A consistent internal signage package reinforces the City's identity, improves clarity for park visitors, and streamlines the process of updating or adding signage across the system.

- **Standardized Site Furnishings:** Across the park system, certain elements, such as benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, bicycle racks, and lighting, support primary amenities and contribute to the user experience.

Establishing a standard for these furnishings will reinforce the identity of the Parkville park system while improving maintenance efficiency. A consistent specification for appearance, color, materials, and manufacturers will simplify procurement for both new and replacement items

By standardizing these features, the City can streamline competitive bidding processes, maintain spare parts that work across multiple parks, and increase staff efficiency by limiting the variety of furnishings in use throughout the system.

**Distribution of Events and Activities:** English Landing Park has long served as the primary location for events and activities. While popular, this frequent use has led to heavy wear and tear and has limited public access to the park for extended periods. At times, the park is effectively "loved to death."

As outlined in the Programs and Events section of this report (see page ##), the City should reconsider its event strategy by distributing events more evenly throughout the parks system. Activating other parks for events and programs, based on their individual strengths, can help alleviate pressure on English Landing Park and enhance the visibility and use of other park spaces.

Each park within the system has a unique identity and contributes value to the community. Events and programs should be thoughtfully implemented at each park to highlight their distinct amenities and character. The scale of each event should be appropriate to the hosting park's size and infrastructure. When events are held at English Landing Park, they should be used as an opportunity to promote and invite residents to visit other City of Parkville parks.

## 1.4 NATURAL RESOURCES

Parkville's parks system is uniquely defined by its natural character. From the Missouri River to the forested ravines of the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, the city's conservation areas offer both ecological value and meaningful public experiences. These spaces do more than preserve land, they shape Parkville's identity and support community health, education, and environmental resilience.

This was reflected in community feedback throughout the planning process and identified as a critical element of the parks and recreation system's future. The community survey revealed strong support for hiking opportunities and nature-based programming, and nearly 65% (64.9%) of respondents ranked environmental protection and open space preservation as a top role for the department.

Accordingly, this plan includes recommendations that enhance the integration of nature and natural resource management throughout the park system. These focus on continued protection, restoration, education, access, and staffing to ensure that Parkville's natural identity is preserved and strengthened over time.

### 1.4.1 Protection and Restoration

These recommendations represent a blend of long-term planning and near-term strategies for managing and enhancing Parkville's signature natural areas:

#### Prepare a Natural Resource Management Plan:

This plan should complement the broader parks maintenance strategy and establish clear direction for the designation, care, and restoration of native plant communities and environmentally sensitive landscapes. It should help define staffing needs, budget planning, care standards, and land evaluation, while allowing flexibility for future management adaptations.

The plan should also recognize the protective role of floodplains and wooded slopes in mitigating erosion and flooding. Development of the plan should involve maintenance staff and consider strategic hiring or contracted expertise for implementation.

#### Remove and Control Invasive Bush Honeysuckle:

Continuation and expansion of the City's existing program to remove bush honeysuckle is critical for maintaining the health of natural resource areas. Implementation should include a mix of staff labor, volunteer programs, school partnerships, and support from organizations like the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC).



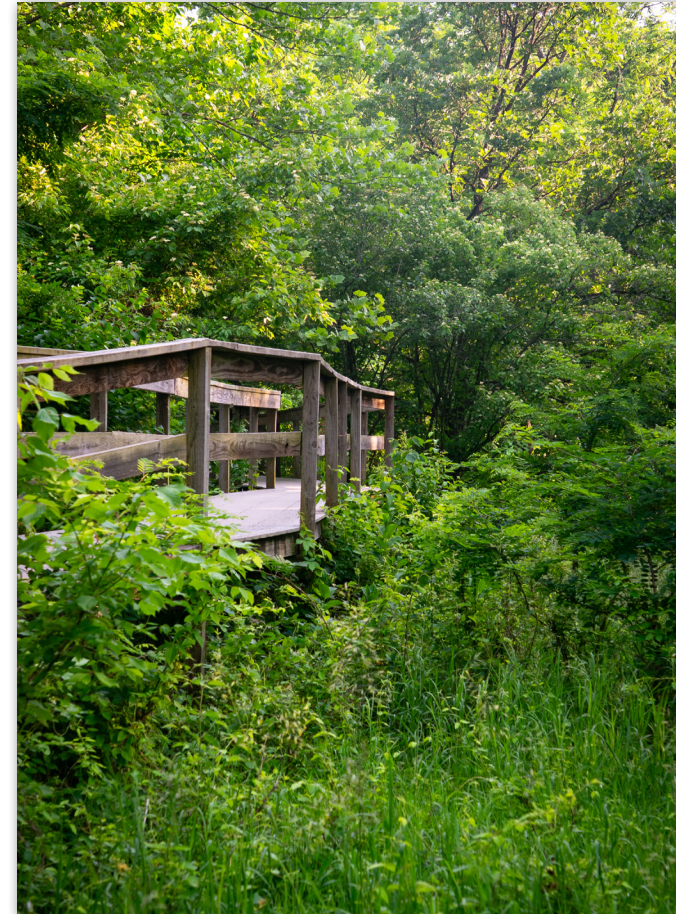
Significant work has been completed to remove invasive honeysuckle at Sullivan Nature Sanctuary.

**Mowed Lawn Conversion:** Initiate a program to identify areas of maintained turf that can be converted to native landscapes. Converting mowed lawn to naturalized areas reduces maintenance demands, expands habitat, and creates opportunities for trails and educational programming.

**Successional Tree Planning:** As part of the Natural Resource Management Plan or a separate early initiative, Parkville should establish a citywide successional tree plan to guide planting and reforestation efforts. Recommendations include:

- **Woodland Management Areas:** In sites such as Parkville Nature Sanctuary, Sullivan Nature Sanctuary, Rush Creek Trail corridor, and other wooded or converted areas, implement selective removal of invasive species, natural reforestation, and targeted plantings to enhance species diversity.
- **Mowed Lawn Areas:** In park areas where turf will remain, identify strategic locations for tree planting to replace aging canopy trees and add species diversity and future shade.
- **Native Species Selection:** Prioritize native tree species and native cultivars. Suitable genera include *Quercus*, *Populus*, *Platanus*, *Acer*, *Cercis*, *Cornus*, and *Ulmus*. Avoid planting *Fraxinus* (ash), particularly *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (green ash), due to susceptibility to emerald ash borer.

**Riparian Edge Management:** Emphasize planting and management of riparian edges and stream/lake banks, particularly along the Missouri River in English Landing and Platte Landing Parks, as well as along creeks and lakes throughout the system. Enhancing these areas strengthens flood resilience, improves habitat, and helps manage access and safety for visitors.



Access to natural spaces is provided throughout the Parkville Parks System, most notably at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary.

### 1.4.2 Access and Education

A key strength of the Parkville system is that its natural areas are accessible and integrated into the overall park experience. Unlike many places where conservation lands are off-limits or hidden from view, Parkville embraces open and inclusive stewardship of its natural resources. These areas welcome the public to enjoy, learn from, and participate in their care. This should remain a foundational value as the system continues to grow and evolve.

To build on this commitment, the recommendations below highlight strategies for engaging the public with natural areas, organized around access, education, and partnerships:

#### Access:

- Sustain and expand public access to natural areas as Parkville grows. Trails, overlooks, and minimally invasive facilities (such as boardwalks or soft-surface loops) should continue to invite visitors into nature while protecting sensitive habitats. New or expanded access points should consider universal accessibility.

- Opportunities within the existing park system for natural resource area improvements or passive recreation access include:
  - **PAC Pond and Trail:** Lawn conversion, water quality enhancement, and riparian improvements
  - **Platte Landing Park:** Missouri River overlook, plant community expansion, Rush Creek and riverbank improvements
  - **English Landing Park:** Rush Creek and riverbank restoration, confluence access, and mowed lawn conversion.
  - **Vikings Field:** Access to woodland and wooded wetland areas.
  - **Adams Park:** Pollinator habitat development.
  - **Watkins Park:** Woodland trail access
- Expand trails and connectivity to better connect neighborhoods to nature through added trailheads, improved wayfinding, and safe pedestrian access—especially in west Parkville and near Thousand Oaks and Creekside.
- Future acquisitions should consider the potential for low-impact public use and how the site could contribute to trail or greenway connectivity.

#### Education:

- Train Parks and City staff in ecological maintenance practices, invasive species control, and basic interpretation.
- Enhance public education through interpretive signage or digital media (such as QR codes or mobile apps) that share information about native species, stream health, land history, and pollinators.
- Expand departmental programming focused on natural resources, and support the use of natural areas as outdoor classrooms or learning labs for schools and partner organizations.

#### Partnerships:

- Expand partnerships with organizations like the Missouri Department of Conservation, Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary, and local universities for shared programming, habitat restoration, and stewardship events.
- Invite community volunteers to contribute to trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, citizen science, and native plantings in natural areas.
- Collaborate with regional groups to secure funding and technical support for conservation education, green infrastructure, and ecological restoration

**1.4 ATHLETIC FIELD APPROACH AND MANAGEMENT**

Parkville Parks and Recreation does not currently offer youth or adult sports leagues. As a result, the department does not collect participant fees that might otherwise offset the cost of athletic field maintenance. While Parkville residents may participate in sports leagues that utilize the city's fields, these fields are typically reserved by outside organizations in need of additional space.

Given these conditions, the recommended approach to athletic fields within the City of Parkville is to prioritize flexibility in how field space is used and to maintain facilities at a standard appropriate for a department that does not directly operate league-based programming.

The following recommendations outline a system-wide approach to athletic fields. Additional guidance for specific field locations can be found in the Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property section (see page ##), and recommendations regarding use agreements and partnerships can be found in the Partnerships section (see page ##):

**1.5.1 Flexible Use**

Fields should be designed for flexible use, accommodating athletic practice or games, public events, and general open space use.

**1.5.2 Field Condition and Maintenance**

Field conditions and maintenance provided by the Parks Department should reflect a recreational level of service aligned with available resources and community need. If a partner organization requires higher-level maintenance or field preparation, this should be addressed through a formal agreement. Costs for enhanced service should be recovered through rental fees or another agreed-upon compensation method.

**1.5.3 Rectangle Fields**

Rectangular fields, such as those used for soccer or football, offer more flexibility and are generally easier to integrate into park settings

**1.5.4 Diamond Fields**

Diamond fields, which include features like backstops and dirt infields, require more space, incur higher maintenance needs, and offer less flexibility for other uses. The number and location of such fields should be limited in the current parks system.

**1.5.5 Field Development and Upgrades**

New field development or significant upgrades to existing fields intended for partner organization use should be evaluated by Parks and Recreation staff. These improvements should not be developed or maintained solely by the City of Parkville.



*Rectangle fields can be integrated into the landscape and configured in multi-use green space.*



## 2. EXISTING PARKS AND UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY

This section focuses on addressing existing challenges in Parkville's parks and identifying opportunities to enhance the park experience to better serve the community, both now and in the future. Conceptual master plan diagrams have been developed for each park based on needs identified in earlier phases of this planning process.

Additionally, this section includes a conceptual park design for a potential new park on the west side of Parkville. The concept is based on approximately nine acres of City-owned land at the intersection of NW Brink Meyer Road and NW 68th Street. While this site has not been formally designated for park development, it provides an opportunity to explore service needs and programming possibilities in a historically underserved area. Further study and coordination will be required to identify appropriate sites and programs for any future park.

Based on the community input and needs assessment, the recommendations on the following pages have been established for Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property.

### 2.1- ENGLISH LANDING PARK

### 2.2- PLATTE LANDING PARK

### 2.3- PARKVILLE NATURE SANCTUARY

### 2.4- VIKINGS FIELD

### 2.5- ADAMS PARK

### 2.6- PAC POND AND TRAIL

### 2.7- WATKINS PARK

### 2.8- GATEWAY PARK

### 2.9- POCKET PARK

### 2.10- SULLIVAN NATURE SANCTUARY

### 2.11- NEW PARK - WEST SIDE OF PARKVILLE

### 2.12- TRAIN DEPOT AND SPIRIT FOUNTAIN

## 2.1 ENGLISH LANDING PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Activity Area

This updated activity area is centered around a new playground that accommodates significant use and increases play value for area families. In addition to the playground this area may include additional shelters at various sizes, restrooms, and amenities to increase comfort such as benches, water fountains, and lighting.

The destination playground design should pull inspiration from relevant Parkville themes, such as the river, railroad, university, and/or city history. Utilize unique equipment with high play value and consider equipment that is not already available in nearby communities. To reach a broad user base, play equipment should be appropriate for a variety of age groups. Respecting the natural and aesthetic value the park provides should be a high priority, ensuring that construction impacts to mature trees are avoided.

#### 02 Parking Removal and Vehicle Access

The existing parking area near the current playground should be removed. This removal clarifies vehicle access and reduces unused paved surface within the park. Similarly, McAfee St. and Busch Dr. east of White Branch should become controlled access streets for use by authorized vehicles such as permitted vendors, event exhibitors, and city vehicles. A locking swing gate should be considered before the McAfee St. bridge to restrict vehicle access to these approved users.

#### 03 Confluence Point

Reduce the need for mowing and improve ecological health by converting this existing turfgrass lawn to naturalized riparian meadow. Introduce native species along the banks of Rush Creek and Missouri River to improve habitat and water quality. Incorporate additional seating at this location considering river views and introduce interpretive signage with topics on the Missouri River, Parkville's history, or the history of the English Landing Park. Ensure existing seating remains accessible with mown paths.

#### 04 Trail Extension and Trailhead

Extend the existing riverfront trail northwest to the English Landing Park parking lot and pickleball courts/Farmer's Market parking lot access. This extension provides an accessible route to park amenities and parking in English Landing Park with a bridge over the White Branch to the parking lot. This trail extension allows for the creation of a trailhead at the English Landing Park parking lot. Amenities at this trailhead may include infrastructure such as signage, seating, and bike repair facilities.

#### 05 Athletic Fields

Consolidate existing ballfields and shift resources to improve a single high-use field. Remove backstops and fencing at the north and east fields and replace dirt infield with turfgrass. Consider the site of the north field for flexible use space for fairs, festivals, or youth sports practices. Manage the east field as passive open space to support Grigsby Field or as open space for events or relaxation near the river.

Upgrade Grigsby Field to a higher level of service with improved maintenance and amenities. Consider features such as restroom facilities and enhanced spectator seating.

#### 06 Entry Experience

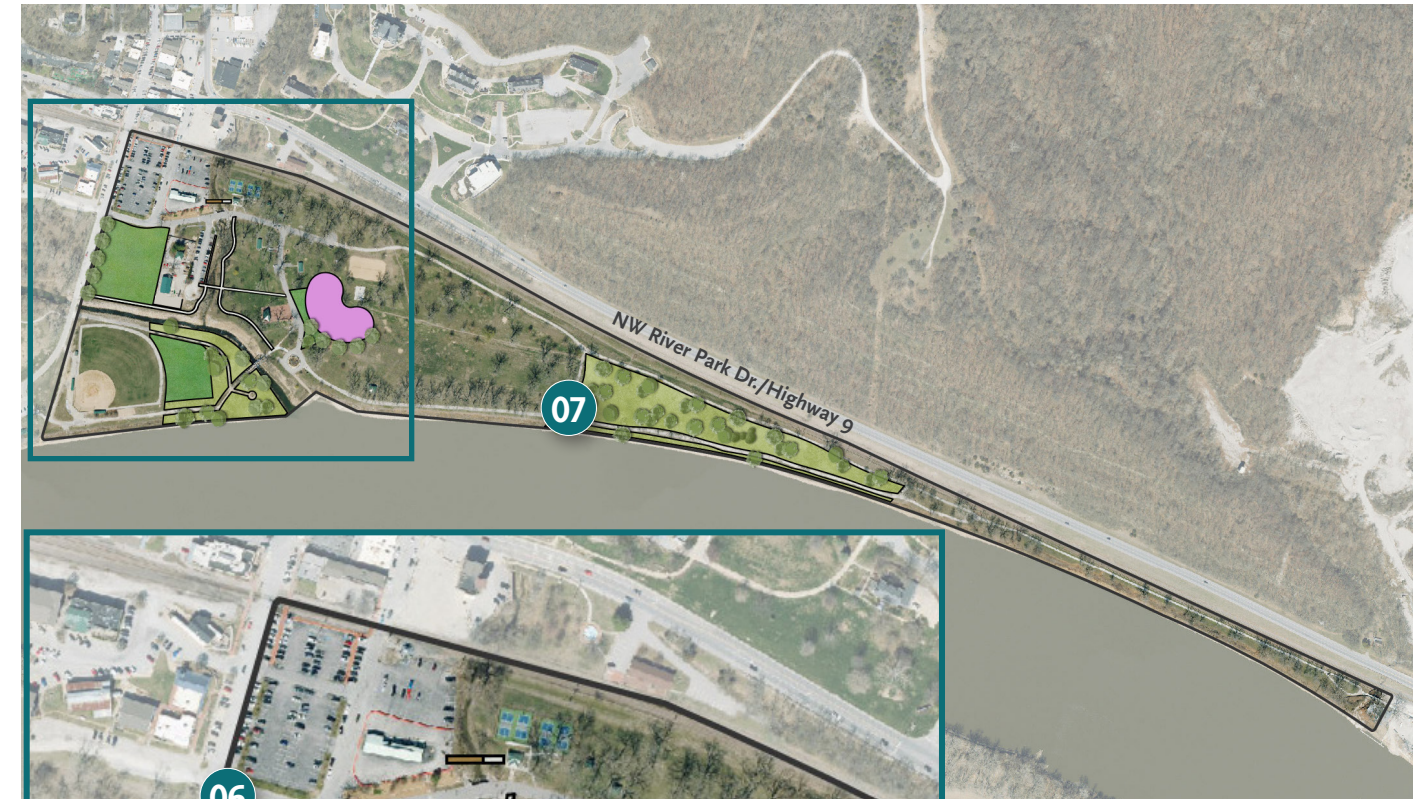
Improve the park entry experience and reinforce park identity with landscaping and monument signage.

#### 07 Naturalized Prairie

Convert selected existing turf areas to native planting to reduce mowing and improve the disc golf course. Mow fairways to allow for easy movement and throws for disc golfers. If native planting is pursued, work with a qualified consultant to develop a suitable mix of species and establishment/maintenance plan. An establishment plan should allow for 3 to 5 years of ongoing maintenance to ensure the long-term success of any native planting areas.

#### General Recommendations

- Incorporate native plant species in ornamental plantings throughout the park to provide pollinator habitat and reduce long-term maintenance.
- Replace dead or dying trees with like species and perform regular tree care and maintenance.
- Regularly maintain paths and trails to reduce standing water and repair damaged or eroded segments.
- Utilize low impact development when possible, opting for stormwater management that reduces the park's impact on the floodplain.
- Plan for flooding by selecting amenities, materials, and finished that can withstand occasional inundation.



Themed destination play



Trailhead amenities



Entry signage

## 2.2 - PLATTE LANDING PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Activity Area

This activity area should consider amenities that increase Platte Landing Park's value, such as a playground and supporting infrastructure. Supporting infrastructure may include a restroom facility, shelter, seating, drinking fountains, etc. to provide amenities not currently available in this portion of the park.

Playground design should reflect relevant Parkville themes, such as the river, railroad, university, and city history. Provide play amenities here that are not present at the English Landing Park playground and investigate opportunities for accessible and inclusive play elements.

#### 02 Parking

To provide access to new features within Platte Landing Park, additional parking should be considered. Centrally locate parking to allow for easy access to multi-use green spaces, practice fields, playgrounds, trails, and additional features not currently served by existing parking lots. Consider additional parking between Missouri American Water infrastructure with further coordination. Integrate low-impact design principles when possible, such as permeable pavement, curbsless lots, and green infrastructure, to reduce runoff and mitigate floodplain impacts.

#### 03 Multipurpose Green Space

This raised central green space allows opportunity for flexible use including as open lawn, youth sports fields, and event space. Avoid over-development of this space, reducing permanent supporting infrastructure such as sports lighting, synthetic turf fields, stages, concession kiosks, etc. Consider programming limited to daytime use, such as youth soccer, festivals, and fairs. Promote drainage from this area with appropriate grading to reduce ponding and improve usability.

#### 04 Expanded Walking Trails

Expand walking trails throughout the park to increase recreation value and provide improved access. Route trails to provide interest and consider destinations, views, points of interest, ecosystems, and terrain. Create interior loops that provide varied lengths to meet the needs of a variety of groups. To increase interest and promote visitor intrigue, incorporate public art or interpretive natural or historical signage at relevant locations throughout the park. Consider visitor comfort in trail design and layout, ensuring that benches, shade, and wayfinding signage are available at predictable intervals.

#### 05 Fishing Pond

Utilize this existing low-lying wetland area to create a fishing pond to add recreation value and improve habitat. Consider promoting access to the water with docks, boardwalks, or bank access. Consult with environmental, design, engineering, and construction experts to establish a consistent water source and ecologically-minded pond design and management regime.

#### 06 Naturalized Prairie

Convert existing turf areas to native planting areas to reduce mowing. If native planting is pursued, work with a qualified consultant to develop a suitable mix of species and establishment/maintenance plan. An establishment plan should allow for 3 to 5 years of ongoing maintenance to ensure the long-term success of any native planting areas.

#### 07 Successional Woodland Restoration

Consult with environmental professionals such as arborists, restorations, etc. to develop a woodland restoration plan for the northwest corner of the park. Trees native to the region should be prioritized and long-term ecosystem sustainability should be considered. Maintain a habitat corridor through woodland and savanna areas to allow animals to move between the wetland and Rush Creek through high-quality habitat.

### General Recommendations

- Incorporate native plant species in ornamental plantings throughout the park to provide pollinator habitat and reduce long-term maintenance.
- Improve user comfort with seating, signage, shade, and lighting in high traffic areas or along trails.
- Reduce the environmental impact of lighting by limiting 'on' times to active periods near dawn and dusk. Limit light pollution by selecting fixtures that reduce light scatter, reflection, and glare.
- Utilize low impact development when possible, opting for stormwater management that reduces the park's impact on the floodplain.
- Plan for flooding by selecting amenities, materials, and finished that can withstand occasional inundation.



Fishing pond



Interpretive signage



Naturalized prairie

## 2.3 - PARKVILLE NATURE SANCTUARY

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Nature Center Multipurpose Space

Investigate the feasibility of constructing a small nature center and multipurpose space to be used for educational programs, camps, and events. The construction of this space would allow for the staging of programs near the nature center parking lot rather than requiring visitors to hike to the Girl Scout Shelter. This facility would expand the city's ability to offer summer and after school camps, and provide an all-weather option for outdoor program facilitation or rental uses.



Nature center

#### 02 Maintenance Shop

Consolidate existing maintenance sheds to a maintenance shop attached to the nature center with access from E. 13th Street. This facility reduces multiple small sheds in favor of a single larger maintenance shop. This approach formalizes maintenance space and allows for the reforestation of the current maintenance area.

#### 03 Outdoor Camp/Program Staging Area

Update the existing staging area adjacent to the parking lot to improve visitor comfort and experience. Consider installing improved picnic tables, seating, or a shelter to allow for groups to meet. If constructing a nature center, consider this outdoor space as an extension of the interior amenities and ensure access between both areas.



Program staging area

#### 04 Reforested Maintenance Space

Reforest the existing maintenance space with native tree species. If a materials yard is needed, reduce the size of the current space with identification of areas for revegetation.

#### 05 Pollinator Garden

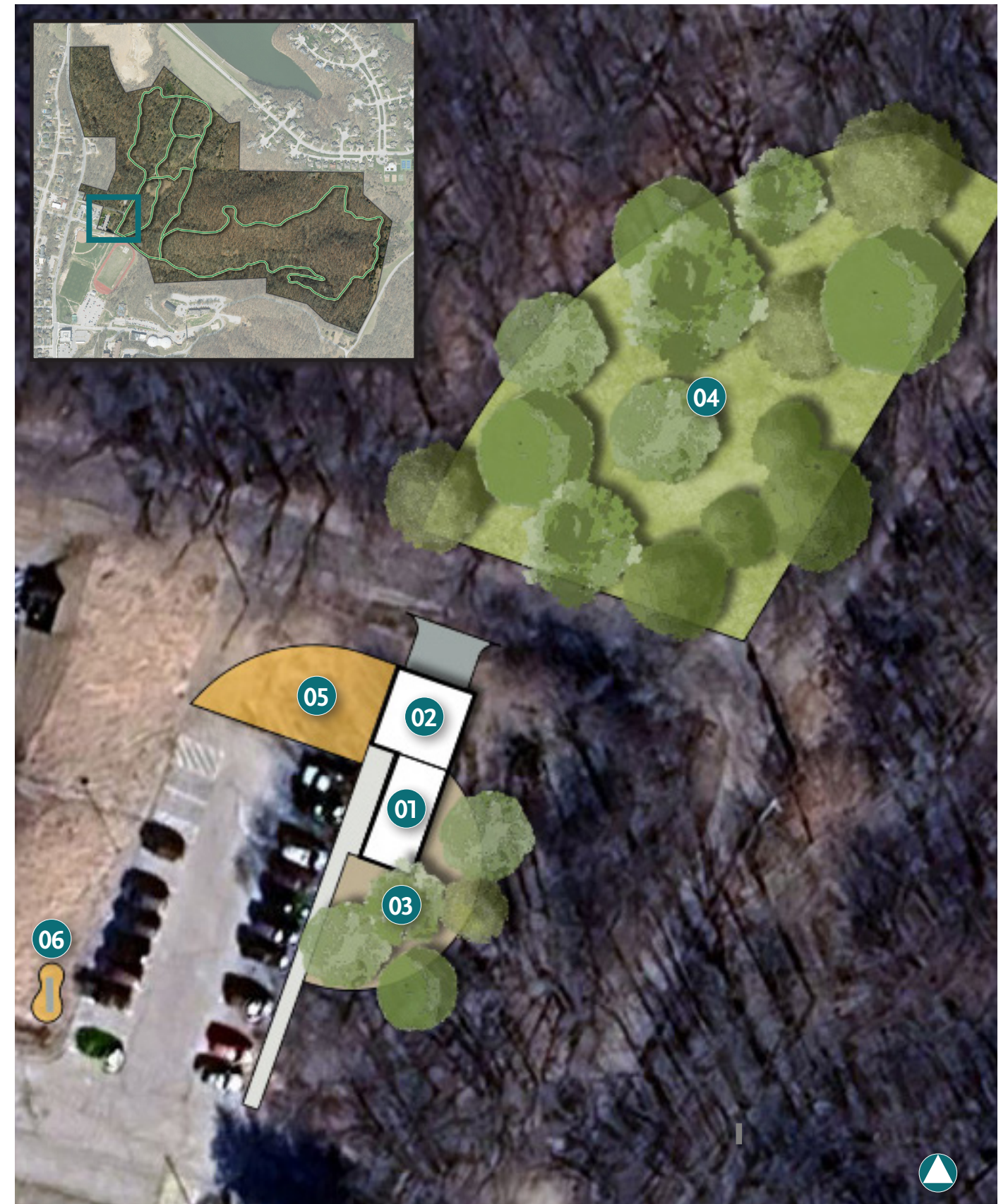
Expand the existing pollinator garden to include the full north edge of the parking lot. Integrate new plantings with the potential maintenance shop and nature center.

#### 06 Entry Signage

Construct a new entry signage monument to welcome visitors to the nature sanctuary. Consider native construction materials such as limestone and woods to reflect the surrounding environment. Include ornamental native plantings near the sign to improve the area's visual quality.



Entry signage



## 2.4 - VIKINGS FIELD

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Upgraded Field

Upgrade and maintain Vikings Field to support a higher level of use by local organizations. Pursue partnerships and use agreements to ensure facilities are used regularly and adequately maintained. Consider upgrading supporting infrastructure to allow for multiple uses, such as combination soccer/football goalposts.



Comfort station

#### 02 Parking

Reconfigure parking to remove informal gravel parking lots on the east and west sides of the property. Construct a new parking lot, paved or gravel, on the west side of the field to accommodate a larger number of vehicles. Avoid using this new parking lot for material storage to improve aesthetics and promote perception of public access.

#### 03 Comfort Station

Consider construction of a comfort station to include a restroom and water fountains. The introduction of this amenity increases field usability by improving user comfort and providing opportunity for larger events to be held. If a permanent structure is not feasible, consider a portable restroom in this location.



Green stormwater infrastructure

#### 04 Play Area and Perimeter Trail

Construct a play area and gravel perimeter trail to provide increased recreation value to nearby neighborhoods. The addition of these amenities also provides activities for families with younger children who may have an older sibling participating in sports.

#### 05 Revised Road Access

Relocate vehicle access to NW River Rd. to improve safety. Reduce the current ambiguous parking lot access to a single marked drive along the west side of the field. Construct entry signage to mark the entry location and identify the property as public space.

#### 06 Green Stormwater Infrastructure

To protect the adjacent wetland and improve water quality, a forebay should be constructed to capture and improve parking lot runoff prior to entering the wetland area. Forebays allow sediment and pollutants to settle out before water moves to downstream infrastructure or the ecosystem.



Multi-use goalposts

#### 07 Practice Field

Convert the existing gravel parking lot into turfgrass for additional practice/open space. Buffer this area from NW River Rd. with tree plantings along the right-of-way.



## 2.5 - ADAMS PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Improved Paths

Improve or construct new paths in the park to allow for safe and accessible circulation. Consider extending the existing path to the current shelter pad at the southwest corner of the park to allow entry from Walnut Street. Install stairs with hand rails where necessary for alternate access.

#### 02 Shelter and Activity Space

Construct a park shelter to provide increased value to park users. Consider additional amenities such as picnic tables, concrete game tables, food prep areas, and grills to allow for small gatherings. Incorporate local architectural styling into the shelter design to provide a unique and visually interesting community asset.



Park shelter

#### 03 Pollinator Gardens

Install pollinator demonstration gardens to highlight species suitable for use in home landscapes. Pollinator gardens should be a well-maintained mix of showy species to highlight the ecosystem and aesthetic benefits of native plants. Engage partner groups, such as schools, volunteer organizations, or local businesses to help maintain and care for this space at a high level.

While higher maintenance, a section of rose garden could be developed in recognition of the property history.



Bird houses

#### 04 Low Growing Native Garden

Plant low growing native gardens to reduce long-term maintenance and improve habitat. Selecting low growing species retains visibility into the park and at the corner of Walnut St. and W 13th St.



Pollinator gardens

#### 05 Seating

Install benches at appropriate locations throughout the park. Place benches in consideration of shade and views.

#### 06 Turfgrass Restoration

Remove the existing shelter pad and establish the area at the southwest corner of the park with turfgrass.

#### Divestment

An alternate approach for this property is to return the 0.25 acres to the Parkville United Presbyterian Church and reallocate the capital, operational, staffing time and funds currently required to maintain and improve this park towards improvements in other existing parks or the development of new parks and trails.

While the history of this property and it's location at a corner of a residential block are positive factors for maintaining this

property as a passive pocket park, removing this park from the City inventory would not negatively impact the overall level of service to the community.



● Potential interpretive signage location



## 2.6 - PAC POND AND TRAIL

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Entry Signage

Construct entry signage and consider formalizing a name for the space to increase awareness of the asset and its public access. Signage should clearly denote the space as publicly accessible Parkville property.

#### 02 Pollinator Gardens

Install pollinator demonstration gardens to highlight species suitable for use in home landscapes. Pollinator gardens should be a well-maintained mix of showy species to highlight the ecosystem and aesthetic benefits of native plants. Engage partner groups, such as schools, volunteer organizations, or local businesses to help maintain and care for this space at a high level.



Fitness stations

Consider installing interpretive signage to educate on water quality and/or native landscapes. Engaging schools or local organization in maintenance or implementation will allow these spaces to serve as environmental educational opportunities.

#### 03 Fitness Stations

Consider installation of fitness stations at appropriate locations along the trail. PAC Pond and Trail's proximity to key community fitness locations (Platte Community Center South and Parkville Athletic Complex) allows this space to serve as an outdoor extension of these locations. These amenities also allow public access to fitness equipment without the purchase of fitness memberships, promoting equitable health outcomes within the community.



Naturalized detention basin

#### 04 Naturalized Planting

Expand the existing naturalized pond edge to include the interior perimeter of the trail. The addition of native species in this area reduces the need for mowing and long-term maintenance after the establishment period. This location should be less managed than the adjacent pollinator gardens. Ensure a mown strip is maintained along the trail to use comfort and visibility.



Pollinator gardens

#### 05 Seating

Place seating at strategic locations along the trail to allow visitors to rest. Seating should be placed with consideration of shade access and views.

#### 06 Forebay

Construct a forebay to trap and filter debris and pollution carried by runoff, improving water and habitat quality.



## 2.7 - WATKINS PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS



#### 01 Soft-Surface Nature Trail

Create soft-surface nature trails to allow park users to access the opposite side of the creek. The addition of this amenity activates an unused portion of the property. Place interpretive signage, public art, seating, or other features at points along the trail to increase interest. When routing any trail in this location, take care to consider proximity to neighboring homes.

#### 02 Creek Crossings

Install creek crossings to allow users to access the soft-surface trails and wooded areas. Appropriate locations for creek crossings requires further study, but should consider bank stability, distance, and ease of implementation. If decreased material and construction costs are desired, a single bridge should be consider.

#### 03 Neighborhood Connections

Watkins Park currently lacks neighborhood pedestrian connections. If the opportunity to construct sidewalks arises, through road upgrades or other means, the creation of accessible routes to this park should be a priority.

#### 04 Park History Interpretation

Develop interpretive signage discussing the park's namesake, Bruce R. Watkins, his relation to Parkville, and his role as a prominent politician and social activist.

## 2.8 - GATEWAY PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS



#### 01 Public Art

Consider installing public art to improve park interest. Due to its prominent location and visibility from 9 Highway, art in this location will serve as a gateway to the community. Art should consider visibility from the road, as well as the viewing experience from the park.

#### 02 Additional Parking/Trail Access

The acquisition of an additional parcel to the south of Gateway Park will increase parking availability and access to trail facilities. This parking will allow Gateway Park to serve as a significant trailhead along 9 Highway with access to the Southern Platte Pass Trail. Additional parking in this location should include an accessible stall to allow access to the trail, which the current accessible parking does not provide.

#### 03 Park Signage

The park's location behind the Pinecrest neighborhood entry monument creates unclear access for members of the public. Clarify public access by constructing entry signage with the park's name and hours along 9 Highway.

## 2.9 - POCKET PARK

### RECOMMENDATIONS



- 01 Public Art**  
Integrate opportunities for public art exhibitions that utilize Pocket Park's unique terracing. Ensure public art locations and exhibit timing do not reduce the availability of seating in the park or functionality of the plaza for existing programs.
- 02 Cycling Amenities**  
Add amenities to encourage cycling to Downtown Parkville, such as bike repair stations, bike racks, and wayfinding signage displaying trails and bike routes.
- 03 Public Access**  
Clarify public access and separation from adjacent businesses with signage identifying the publicly accessible city property. Separation between adjacent outdoor dining areas and Pocket Park is not currently apparent.

## 2.10 - SULLIVAN NATURE SANCTUARY

### RECOMMENDATIONS



- 01 Entry Signage**  
Construct entry signage to inform visitors of the nature sanctuary's presence and purpose. Consider the use of local materials to integrate signage with the environment.
- 02 Parking**  
Add parking on the eastern edge of Sullivan Nature Sanctuary to facilitate greater access to the river parks and downtown businesses.
- 03 Interpretive Signage**  
Install interpretive signage throughout the sanctuary to inform visitors of specific species, habitats, or natural history unique to the area.
- 04 Rush Creek Bridge**  
Construct a small pedestrian bridge over Rush Creek to link both halves of the sanctuary and provide an alternative entry point to Platte Landing Park.

## 2.11 - NEW PARK - WEST SIDE OF PARKVILLE

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 01 Upper Activity Area

The upper activity area includes amenities that provide value for nearby neighborhoods, such as a picnic shelter, small playground, and dog park. These amenities are currently absent on Parkville's western edge. The dog park provides immediate value to nearby residents while preserving open space for future expansion as needs arise in this growing part of the city. Playground equipment selected for this area should be distinct from the playground at nearby Washington Elementary, and consider features such as nature or adventure play.



Bike skills area

#### 02 Perimeter Trail

Construct a perimeter trail to provide safe and easily accessible recreation to surrounding neighborhoods. Provide multiple interior loops around the upper and lower activity areas. Ensure easy access from both parking lots. Provide connections to Jessica Street, allowing this park to serve as a trail head for the Brush Creek Trail. Ensure user comfort amenities, such as seating, shade, and signage, are placed at regular intervals.



Secluded park shelter

#### 03 Bike Skills Area

Consider a bike skills to provide a space for children and adults to practice balance, maneuvering, and other essential skills. Consult qualified professionals to design and construct features such as a pump track, small jump lines, and children's bike obstacle course. Reuse on-site materials such as stone and timber to construct portions of the skills area. Route lower activity area trails to begin and end here to allow the skills area to serve as a trails hub.

#### 04 Lower Activity Area

Construct a lower activity area that provides access to a shelter, the perimeter trail, and mountain biking trails. Amenities in this location should consider surrounding topography and tree cover, which will allow for a protected or secluded atmosphere. Ensure infrastructure constructed here does not detract from the character of this location.



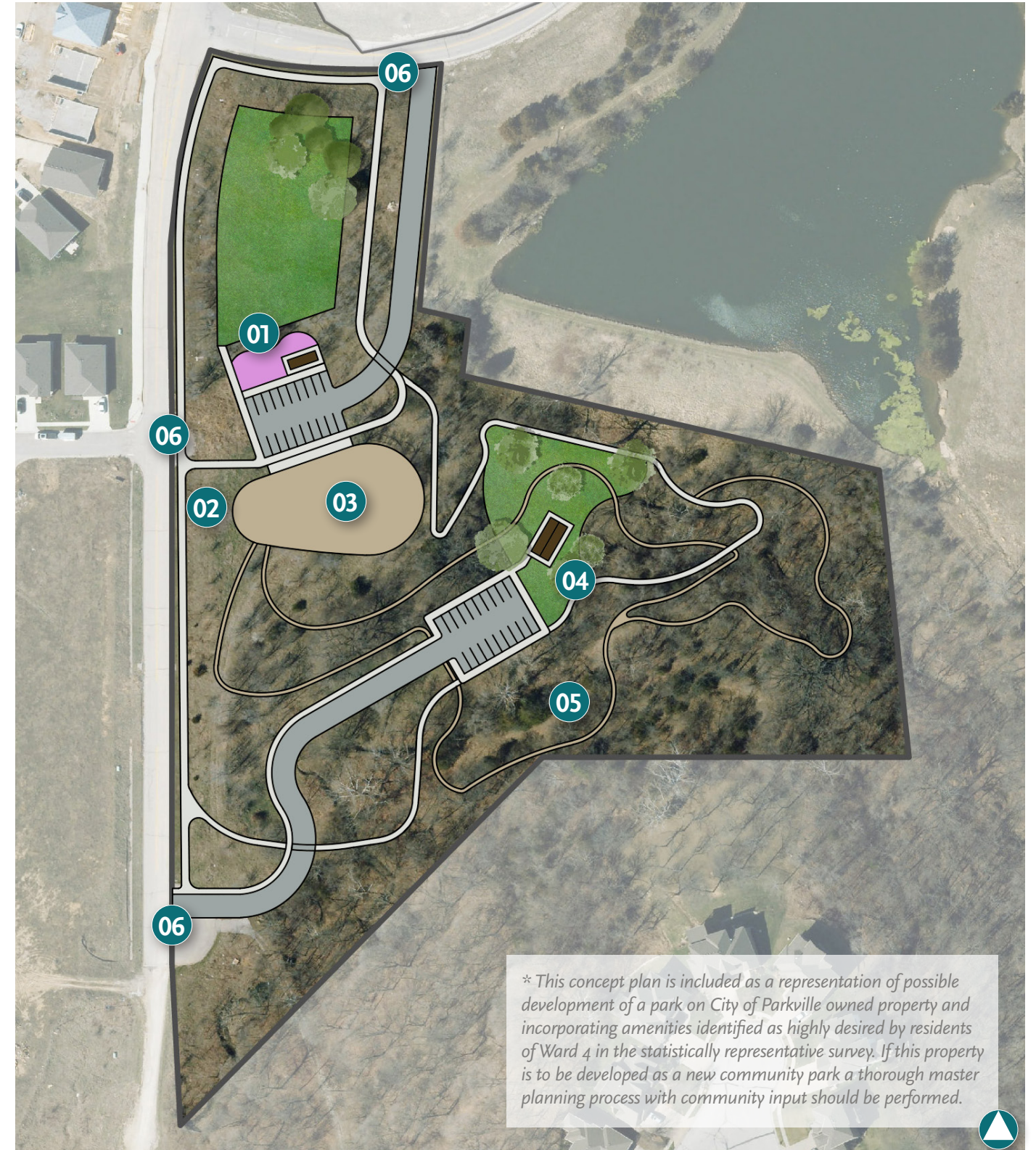
Mountain bike specific trail

#### 05 Mountain Bike Trails

Construct a small system of mountain bike trails for multiple skill levels. Consult qualified professionals to help design and implement these trails. Engage local mountain biking groups to maintain and promote this area and pursue growth to nearby wooded areas through cooperation with property developers or HOAs. Though space is limited in this area, the introduction of short trail segments provides a highly desirable amenity not yet present in Parkville and can serve as a starting point for future trail expansion.

#### 06 Park Entry Signage

New park development should include park identification signage at all vehicular and pedestrian entries to alert visitors of entry locations and promote the park within the community. Park signage should be consistent across the Parkville system for brand identity.\_\_\_\_



*\* This concept plan is included as a representation of possible development of a park on City of Parkville owned property and incorporating amenities identified as highly desired by residents of Ward 4 in the statistically representative survey. If this property is to be developed as a new community park a thorough master planning process with community input should be performed.*

## 2.12 - TRAIN DEPOT AND SPIRIT FOUNTAIN

### RECOMMENDATIONS



#### Planned Improvements

The Parkville Train Depot and Spirit Fountain have recently undergone significant planning and improvement efforts. These improvements include renovation of Spirit Fountain to include the Parkville Veterans Memorial with additional plans to continue memorial improvements. The Parkville Train Depot has also received upgrades to manage drainage and improve the structure's visual quality. A local florist plans to occupy the space and make additional aesthetic upgrades to the historic building.



### 3. TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

Trails ranked as one of the most important and most needed amenities in the community survey. Residents consistently expressed support for improved access to trails for both recreation and mobility. The value of trails extends beyond individual parks, connecting neighborhoods, destinations, and the broader region.

At the county and regional level, Parkville can strengthen its connectivity by aligning with the Platte County Parks System Master Plan. This includes supporting and expanding trail corridors such as the Missouri Riverfront Trail, Brush Creek Greenway, and Southern Platte Pass Trail.

This master plan builds on those efforts by identifying strategies to improve internal park connectivity, link individual parks to each other and to the community, and expand Parkville's role in the regional trail network.

The following categories organize the specific recommendations that follow in the Trails and Connectivity section:

#### 3.1- EXISTING ASSETS

#### 3.2- FUTURE GROWTH

#### 3.3- SYSTEMWIDE

### 3.1 EXISTING ASSETS

These recommendations establish standards for the development and improvement of trails within existing parks and serve as a guide for trail planning in future parks. Creating internal loop trails will enhance accessibility and provide a foundational recreational amenity that is usable by the entire community. For more detailed guidance on how these improvements can be implemented, refer to the Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property recommendations beginning on page ##.

Recommendations for internal park trails are:

#### 3.1.1 Internal Loop Trails for Recreation and Circulation in All Parks

Provide internal loop trails within all parks to provide increased recreation value. If loop trails are not feasible due to park size or terrain, the priority should be to provide accessible paths that connect park entries, parking areas, and key amenities. The alignment, width, and overall design of these trails should consider the safety and visibility of users. Internal trails are a core recreational feature that serve users of all ages and abilities.

#### 3.1.2 Internal Trails and Walks should ADA Considerations

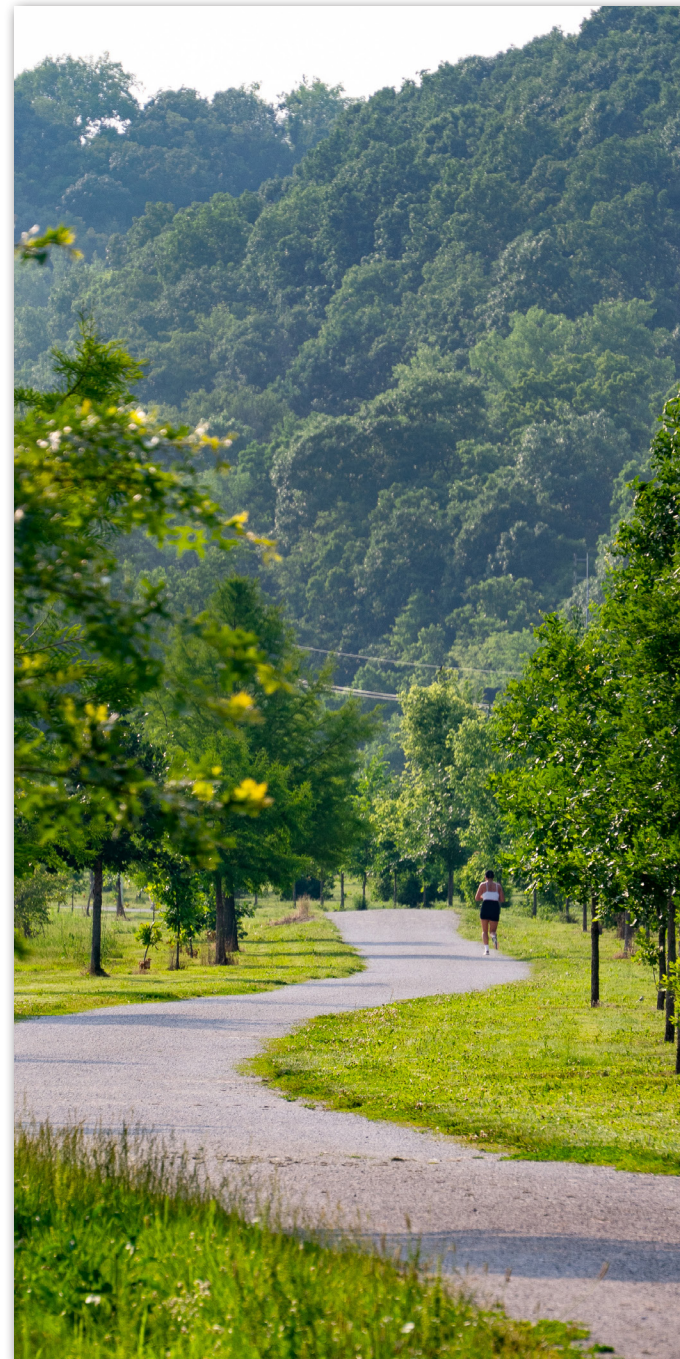
Internal trails and walks should meet ADA standards and other applicable design and construction guidelines to ensure they are accessible to users of all ages and abilities. Trails should be built with durable, low-maintenance materials suited to the specific conditions of each park. Grades, cross-slopes, surface textures, and clear widths should be considered during design to support mobility devices, strollers, and a wide range of users.

#### 3.1.3 Minimum Design Widths for Internal Trails

Design widths should reflect the type and intended use of each trail. Accessible park walks should be at least four feet wide to meet basic access standards. Loop trails and circulation walks should be a minimum of six feet to allow for shared use. Multi-use and greenway trails should be at least ten feet wide and should follow design standards established by Platte County Parks where applicable, especially for the Missouri Riverfront Trail and Southern Platte Pass Trail.

#### 3.1.4 Natural Surface or Mowed Trails

Natural surface or mowed trails can serve as complementary trail systems that allow users to experience Parkville's natural



Numerous loop trails are already present in Parkville's parks. The City should work to maintain and expand this existing network.

landscapes more closely. These trails should be routed and constructed in a way that protects sensitive habitats, minimizes erosion, and preserves native vegetation. They are particularly appropriate in conservation and woodland areas where hard-surfaced paths may be less suitable. These trails offer low-impact recreation opportunities like nature observation, hiking, and environmental education, and can help diversify the user experience within the parks.

### 3.2 FUTURE GROWTH

These recommendations focus on linking Parkville's existing parks and connections to the Platte County regional trails system. Approximate segment lengths have been provided to help align phased implementation targets over time.

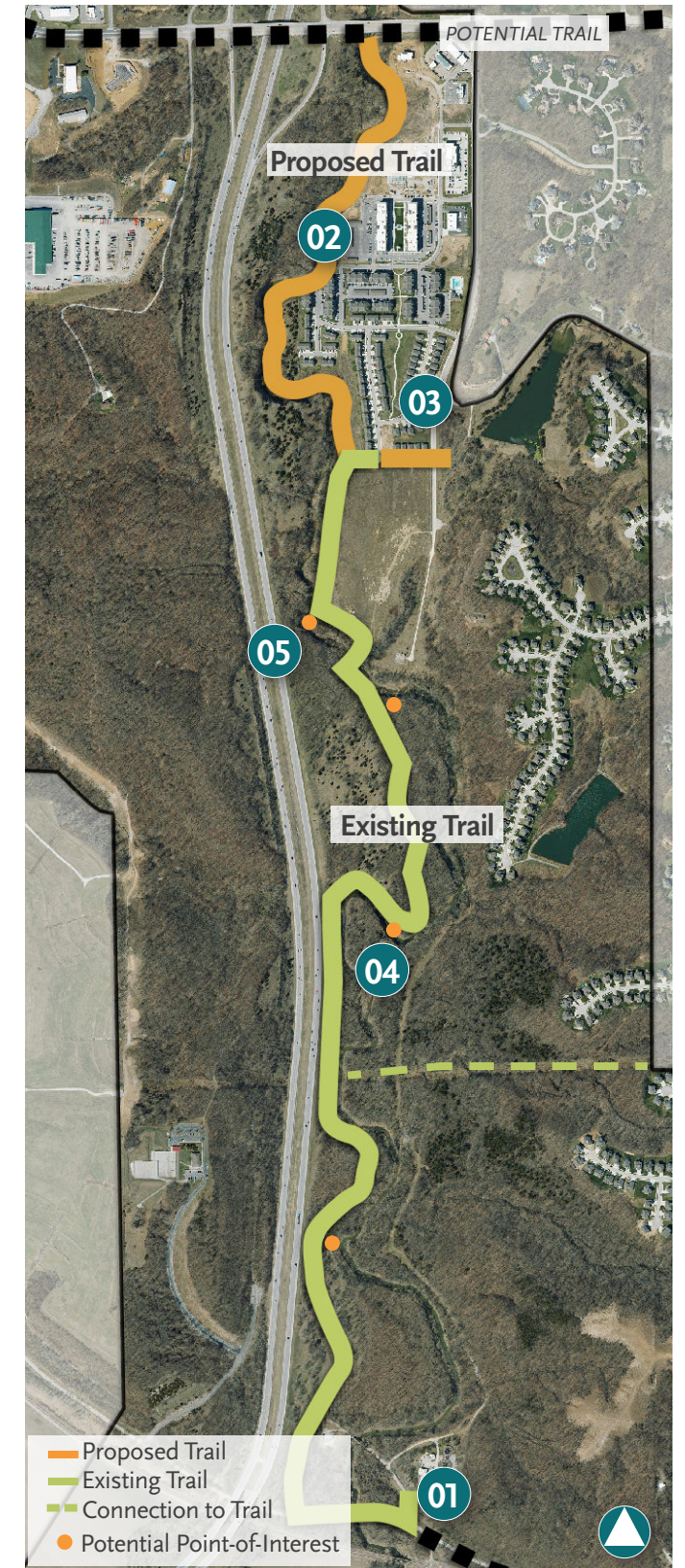
Trail development should be prioritized for connections that are entirely within city-owned property and for segments that align with regional trail implementation priorities, creating opportunities for partnership and shared investment.

As a first step, the City should proactively pursue property acquisition or access rights to support future trail expansion.

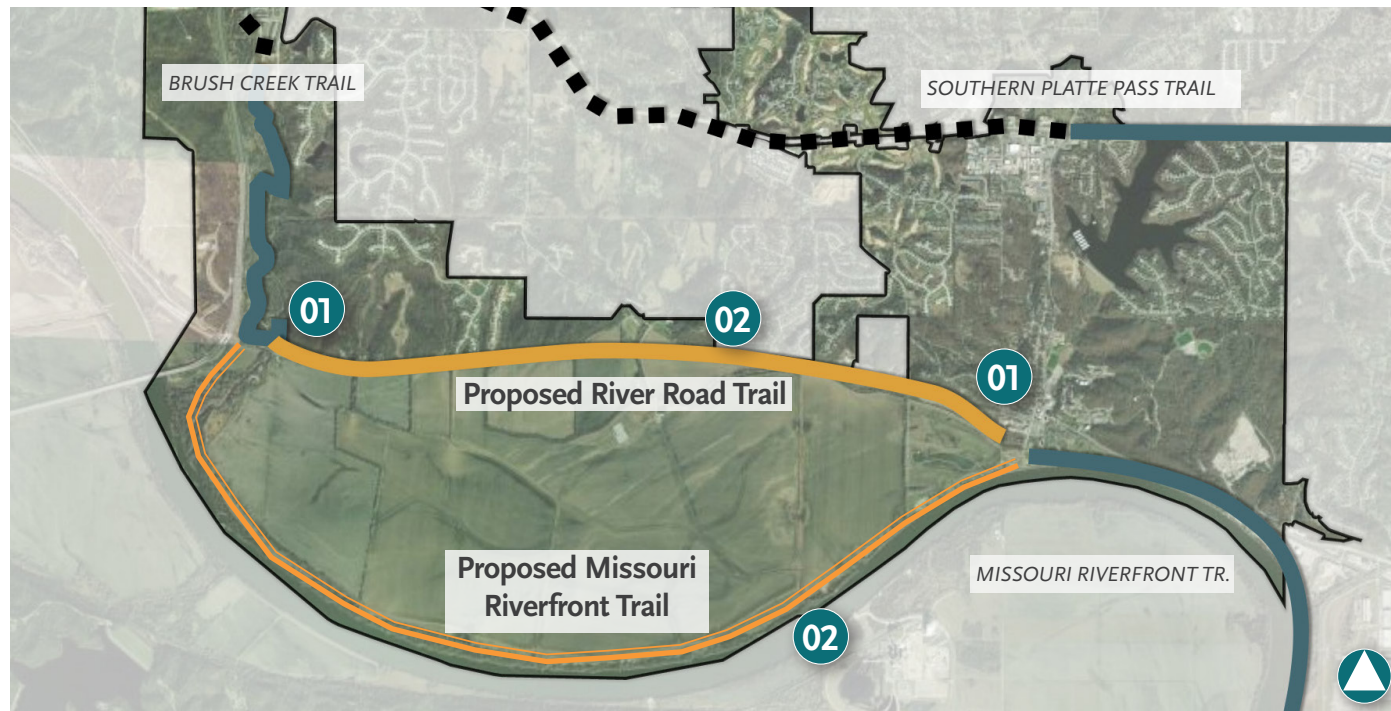
The following recommendations outline priority connections to improve community-wide and regional trail access:

#### 3.2.1 - Brush Creek Trail (1.0 mile length with 2 bridges) Jessica Street to Southern Platte Pass Trail / Highway 45

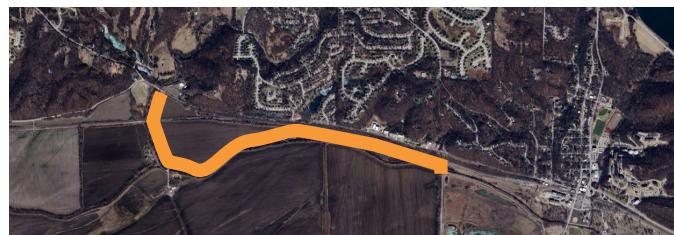
- 01 Trailhead Amenities  
Install amenities at the north and south trailheads that improve user comfort and safety. These amenities may include restrooms (temporary or permanent), lighting, bike racks, bike repair stations, and trailhead signage. Signage should include information about the trail, such as maps, trail length, and relevant interpretive information. Roadside signage should direct users to each trailhead.
- 02 Trail Extension  
Extend Brush Creek Trail north along Brush Creek to Tom Watson Parkway. This extension connects with a potential extension of the Southern Platte Pass Trail, allowing users of each trail to easily navigate the broader trail system.
- 03 Park Connection  
Though a wide sidewalk currently exists in this location, formalize the trail connection to a future park in this area with wayfinding signage directing trail users to the park and park users to the trail. This connection allows a future park in this area to serve as a significant trail hub.
- 04 Points of Interest  
Develop points of interest along the trail to provide interest and destinations for trail users. Consider amenities such as interpretive signage, public art, creek access, or scenic views. The opportunity for discovery or exploration creates a better user experience and encourages trail use.
- 05 Trail-Side Amenities  
Place trail-side amenities at regular intervals to promote user comfort and safety. These amenities can include-but are not limited to- wayfinding and location signage, seating, and shaded rest areas.



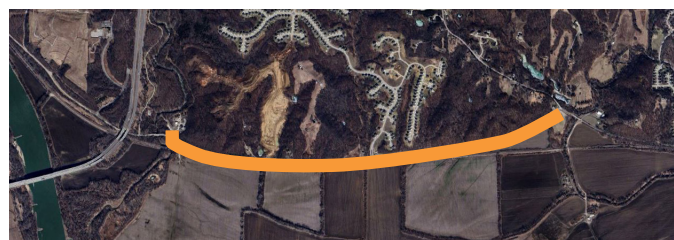
## River Road Trail /Riverfront Trail



**3.2.2 Missouri Riverfront Trail:** Connect Brush Creek Greenway to Platte Landing Park along the Missouri River. (5 miles)



**3.2.3 Platte Landing Park to Vikings Field:** Alignment north of Rush Creek and south of RR tracks. (2.5 miles)



**3.2.4 Vikings Field to Brush Creek Greenway Trailhead:** Parallel to NW River Road north of the railroad tracks with crossing to north side of road near NW Indian Hills Lane (2 miles)

### 01 Trailheads

Consider placing the trail's eastern terminus near Platte Landing Park. Locating this entrance near the park will allow these location to serve as a trailhead for the trail network.

Link the trail's western terminus to Brush Creek Trail to allow for efficient access to the broader trail system. This connection allows the existing Brush Creek trailhead to serve as a hub for each trail.

Amenity considerations at these locations should include signage, restrooms, wayfinding, bike repair stations, and additional parking if these amenities are currently absent or undersized in these areas.

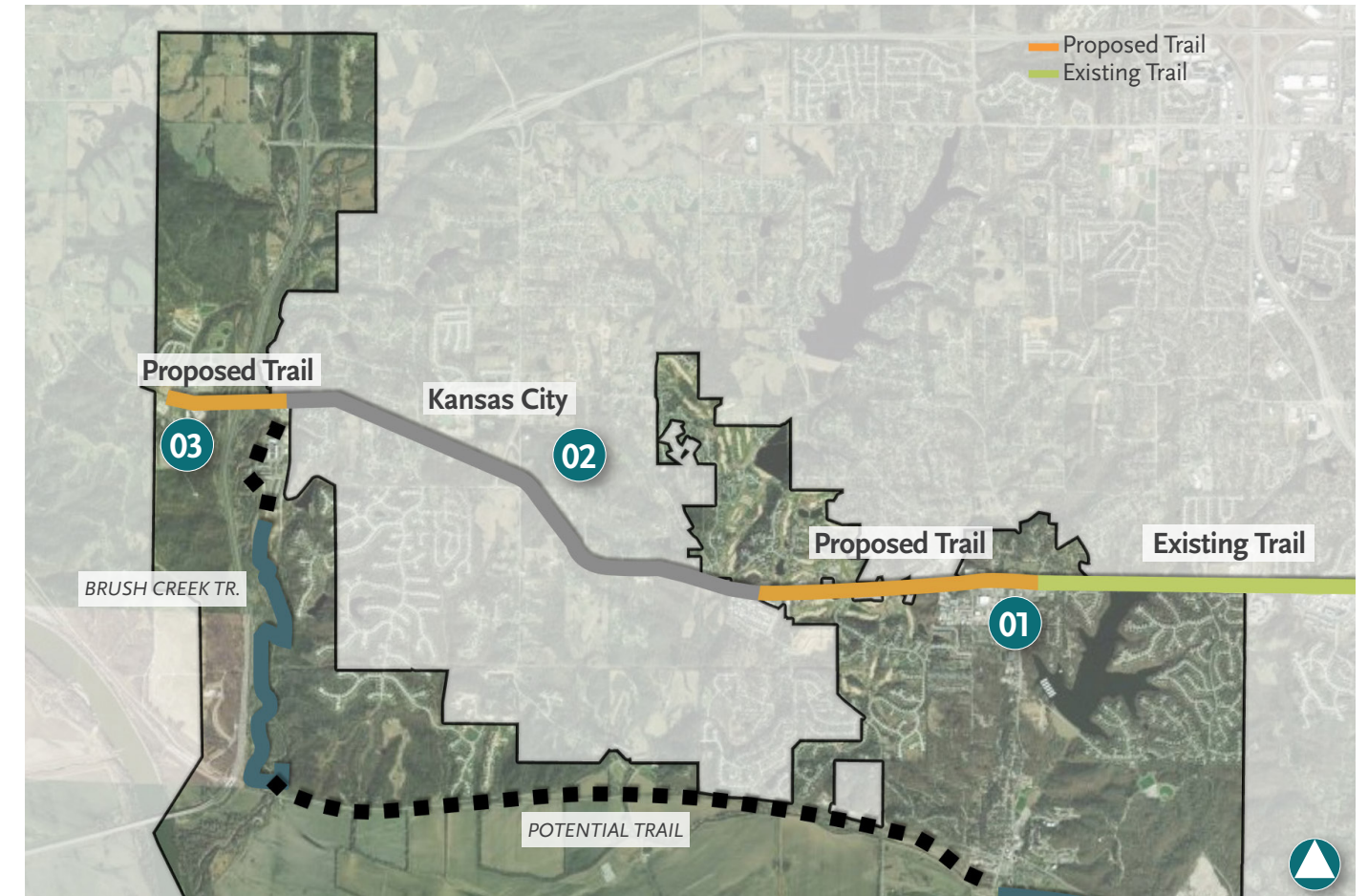
### 02 Routing Study/Design/Construction

Further study is required to determine appropriate trail placement, however, Rush Creek, the NW River Road right-of-way, and transmission corridors should be considered when planning for the exact trail route. Collaboration with private land owners, railroad authorities, Platte County, and the US Army Corps of Engineers will likely be necessary.

Trail design should align with Platte County trail standards and consider expected user volumes. These trails are often 10'-12' in width with supporting infrastructure (signage, seating, access points) located at regular intervals.

## 3.2.5 - Southern Platte Pass Trail

Complete trail alignment through Parkville that is a consistent material and paved width for continuity with Platte County/ Kansas City portions. Consideration should be given to reducing the total number of curb cuts for bike/pedestrian safety and increased visibility of the trail alignment.



### 01 Eastern Extension (0.7 miles)

This stretch is comprised of two City segments, one from Highway 9 to NW Graden Drive (0.5 miles) and the second from NW Blaire Road to National Drive (0.2 miles). Focus along this section is to standardize trail design and reduce the number of driveway crossings by consolidating road access during redevelopment or new construction.

### 02 Community Partnerships

Partner with Kansas City and Platte County to develop a continuous trail corridor along 9 Highway. Work with qualified professionals to develop design standards that both cities and Platte County can use to ensure a safe and predictable experience as trail users cross between jurisdictions. Consider trail width, material, distance from road, crossings, and signage.

### 03 Western Extension (0.6 miles)

Extend the Southern Platte Pass Trail west from NW Brink Meyer Road to Homer Parkway, across Interstate 435 to connect the Creekside neighborhood to the trail system. This extension can also serve as a crucial hub for additional westward expansions as the city continues to grow. Work with the Missouri Department of Transportation to identify locations where the trail will cross the interstate and access ramps at the Highway 45 bridge.



**3.2.6 English Landing Park to Parkville Nature Sanctuary:** Partner with Park University to use and enhance existing campus walk from Highway 9 through university. (0.5 mile)



**3.2.9 Neighborhood Access to Gateway Park:** Sidewalks in the Pinecrest Subdivision and future development south of park.



**3.2.7 Neighborhood Access to Watkins Park and Adams Park:** Sidewalks along NW West Street, NW Elm Street, and NW Walnut Street.



**3.2.8 Neighborhood Access to PAC Pond and Trail:** Possible connection to NW Bell Road (topography); sidewalk improvements on Bell Road; improved pedestrian crossing markings in parking lot for access to Gateway Park and communities east of Highway 9

### 3.2.10 Mountain Biking/Hiking Trails

These trail types offer immersive recreation and are in high demand throughout the community. They require distinct considerations for planning, maintenance, and programming:

- Prioritize ongoing care and targeted improvements to trails at Parkville Nature Sanctuary (PNS) and Sullivan Nature Sanctuary (SNS) to improve trail condition and resilience to weather and usage impacts.
- Explore opportunities for developing additional nature-based trails and programming areas in other parts of the park system to help disperse use currently concentrated in PNS. Continued expansion of trail offerings at Platte Landing Park could provide a complementary experience to the sanctuary properties.
- Evaluate the potential for mountain bike trail development in future parkland acquisitions and park designs. This trail type aligns well with Parkville Parks and Recreation's identity and responds to an identified need within the community.
- Because nature and mountain bike trail systems typically require larger land areas and careful siting, the City should consider additional parkland acquisition and explore partnerships that enable access or development on non-City-owned land.

## 3.3 SYSTEMWIDE

The proposed development of a comprehensive trail system, consisting of internal park trails and regional trail connections, will expand recreation options and alternative transportation opportunities for the Parkville community. As this system evolves, there is an opportunity to establish consistent design standards that enhance user comfort and create a recognizable trail identity across the network.

The following recommendations focus on key elements to support a cohesive and accessible trail experience systemwide:

### 3.3.1 User Experience

These recommendations address user comfort and convenience when navigating Parkville's trail system.

**Trailheads:** Access and rest points are essential to supporting trail users and encouraging use. Two core trailhead types are recommended as part of systemwide trail planning:

- Primary Trailheads** - serve as major access and identity points along regional connector trails or at park perimeters where users can access internal trail networks. Each primary trailhead should include a combination of the following elements, tailored to the site based on available space, proximity to other facilities, and anticipated user needs:
- *Entry signage visible from the road, including the trail or park name, trailhead name, and City of Parkville Parks and Recreation branding*
  - *Paved parking with lighting*
  - *Restroom facility*
  - *Drinking fountain with bottle filler*
  - *Small playground*
  - *Shelter with picnic tables*
  - *Bench seating with shade*
  - *Bike parking and repair station*

**Minor Trailheads** - serve as rest points along trails or as secondary access locations from neighborhood streets and sidewalks. Typically smaller in scale and situated in less visible areas, they are designed to offer basic comfort amenities without vehicular access. Like Primary Trailheads, the components of each Minor Trailhead should be tailored to the specific site. Recommended features include:

- *Small entry sign indicating the name of the trail or park, and trailhead name if applicable*
- *Seating with shade, such as a bench or small picnic table with a canopy or nearby tree cover*
- *Drinking fountain with bottle filler, if water service is available*
- *Bike parking and repair station*

**Shade:** In addition to providing shade at trailheads, shaded areas should also be integrated along trail corridors. This can be accomplished by planting new trees during trail development or by aligning new routes to preserve and utilize existing tree cover. In areas lacking natural canopy, small structures such as pergolas or shelters with benches or picnic tables should be installed at regular intervals or scenic locations where users are likely to stop and rest.

### 3.3.2 Signage and Identity

The trail system should include a standardized signage and branding package that clearly identifies City of Parkville trails and enhances the user experience. Recommendations include:

- Trail and trailhead identity signage that is consistent throughout the trail system, while still reflecting each trail or park's unique character
- Wayfinding signage to help users navigate trail connections, routes, and distances
- Interpretive signage at trailheads and along trail segments that highlights local history, ecological features, and cultural points of interest
- Site-specific features such as overlooks, woodland or stream access, or public art integrated into the trail alignment to strengthen the sense of place

### 3.3.3 Safety

While safety is a critical element in all trail and trailhead design, there are specific recommendations relevant to the proposed trail alignments in Parkville:

**Railroad Crossings:** Several priority trail connections will need to cross active BNSF railroad lines. These crossings must be coordinated and approved by BNSF. Where feasible, trail crossings should be co-located with existing vehicular crossings and occur at grade to minimize cost and impact.

**Roadway Crossings:** Where trails intersect roadways at grade, crossings should include high-visibility striping, signage, and—where not aligned with existing intersections—pedestrian-activated crossing signals to enhance user safety.

**Lighting:** Trailheads, parking lots, and access points should include appropriate lighting to enhance visibility and security for trail users. Additional lighting may also be warranted along trail segments expected to receive heavy use or where extended hours of operation are planned.



## 4. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Programs and events play a significant role in shaping the identity of the Parkville Parks and Recreation system and reinforcing a strong sense of community. When surveyed, respondents rated programs and events among the highest offerings within the system, both in terms of participation and future desire. Notably, 97% of respondents rated programs and events they had attended in the past year as “good” or “excellent,” and acknowledged their role in making Parkville a more desirable place to live.

Parkville Parks and Recreation programs and events serve not only the local community but also draw visitors from across the region, reinforcing Parkville’s identity as a welcoming and active city. As the city looks to the future, programs and events will remain a critical component of the park system. However, like other elements of the system, they must continue to adapt to meet community expectations without placing unsustainable demands on park spaces or staff capacity.

Based on needs determination and community input, the following recommendations have been established for Programs and Events:

### 4.1- PROGRAMS

### 4.2- EVENTS AND RENTALS

### 4.3- ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

## 4.1 PROGRAMS

### 4.1.1 Pricing Structure

It will be important for the City to adopt a clear and consistent pricing structure for both current and future programs and rentals. A pricing structure can be visually communicated using a program pyramid model, which helps illustrate the focus areas of Parkville programming and supports transparent decision-making by staff and the CLARB.

- As part of this structure, the City is encouraged to adopt differential pricing for residents and non-residents, ensuring that local taxpayers receive equitable benefit.
- A key component of the pricing structure should include cost recovery goals for programs and rentals, helping the department manage financial sustainability while providing community services.
- The department should continue benchmarking rental fees against those in Platte County and the broader Kansas City metro area. While many departments aim for mid-point pricing, a clearly defined cost recovery goal can help inform rate setting.
- Currently, Parkville's rental fees are considered low. As a result, the City may be inadvertently subsidizing all users, including non-residents. The pricing structure should evaluate whether this approach aligns with Parkville's long-term financial and community goals.

### 4.1.2 Program Delivery Model

The Department currently uses multiple models to deliver programs to the community. Each model has its own set of advantages and challenges:

**Staff-Run:** Programs offered directly by the Department and facilitated by full-time or part-time staff on a seasonal or year-round basis.

- **Benefits:** The Department retains full control over program content, quality, and instructors. These programs can also generate direct revenue.
- **Challenges:** Managing staff for these programs requires significant internal capacity and resources.

**Third-Party:** Programs delivered by contracted instructors, who may or may not be featured in the Department's seasonal brochure. These typically operate under a revenue-sharing agreement.

- **Benefits:** This model offers flexibility, allowing the Department to adapt quickly to emerging trends without hiring additional staff.
- **Challenges:** The Department must ensure program quality and consistency, as contracted offerings still reflect on the City's brand and reputation.

**Rental-Based:** Programs led by outside groups that rent facility space from the Department. These offerings may also appear in the seasonal brochure.

- **Benefits:** Rentals require minimal staff time and are primarily transactional, making them easy to manage.
- **Challenges:** Programs conducted during rentals are often perceived as part of the City's offerings, which can pose reputational risks if the external program does not meet community expectations.

### 4.1.3 Core Service

It is important to note that the delivery model does not determine whether a program qualifies as a core service. A strategic approach to in-house programming can help focus limited staff capacity on offerings that most strongly align with Parkville's identity and available resources.

**In-House Offerings:** The department should prioritize nature-based, outdoor conservation, and environmental education programs as its primary in-house offerings. This focus leverages existing staff strengths and available resources while supporting the city's unique identity. Other program types may be best delivered through contract instruction or third-party rentals.

**Platte Landing Park:** The large green space at Platte Landing Park can be designated as a rentable area for rectangular field sports such as practices. The City is not recommended to invest in extensive infrastructure (such as lighting or bleachers), but should allow permitted field use with minimal impact.

**Future Program Partners to Consider:**

- Youth Sports
  - Vikings Football
  - Soccer Organizations (to be determined)
  - Baseball/Softball Leagues (to be determined)
- Park University
- Washington Chapel
- Banneker School
- Park Hill School District

## 4.2 EVENTS AND RENTALS

### 4.2.1 Track Staff Time and Resources

The department and other City staff should begin documenting the hours and effort required to support the current slate of community events. Current fee structures may not accurately reflect the true cost of these services, and in many cases, the City may be heavily subsidizing external users of public spaces and staff time.

### 4.2.2 Event Classification System

Parkville currently uses a broad definition of events. To improve management, consistency, and transparency, the City should adopt a more sophisticated classification structure:

**City-Sponsored Event:** Events that are organized or directly funded by the City.

**Non-Sponsored Event:** Events hosted by external organizations in City facilities that require City support (e.g., setup, monitoring, cleanup), but are otherwise run independently. These typically draw more than 500 attendees.

**Rental:** Basic facility reservations where the renter uses a City space (e.g., a park shelter) for a defined period. Minimal City staff involvement may occur, and these events are usually private in nature.

### 4.2.3 Below Market Rental Fees

Parkville's current rental fees are well below market. These rates do not account for the cost of staff involvement or facility maintenance, which results in consistent subsidization of both residents and non-residents.

- Gradually increase fee structures to ensure cost recovery, especially when City facilities or services are used exclusively.
- Introduce staffing fees for setup, teardown, and event monitoring as additional line items in event pricing.
- Account for public access limitations. Events that request full or partial exclusivity of park space should be charged accordingly.
- Reevaluate fees for Town-Sponsored and Non-Sponsored events to determine whether current rates sufficiently offset facility wear and tear and the cost of staff support.

### 4.2.4 Streamlined Fee Structure

The City should remove outdated fee loopholes and exceptions. A more streamlined structure will improve equity, simplify administration, and ensure more consistent revenue recovery.

- Adopt a resident vs. non-resident fee structure. As a baseline, non-resident rates should be at least 25% higher than resident rates.

## 4.3 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 4.3.1 Staff Involvement in Planning

City staff, particularly Parks and Recreation personnel, bring valuable on-the-ground knowledge of how park facilities function and what operational issues can arise. Engaging staff in the early stages of event planning will reduce logistical challenges, improve efficiency, and minimize day-of event stress.

### 4.3.2 Event Scheduling Limits

To better manage facility capacity and reduce strain on resources, the City should establish maximum limits for the number of events or rentals allowed on a given day or weekend. For example, a park shelter might offer two time blocks: half-day and full-day. This will help ensure adequate staff coverage and minimize overuse of park facilities.

### 4.3.3 Prioritization of In-City Groups

Parkville-based groups should be given scheduling preference for events and rentals. Establishing a priority policy will support local community organizations while ensuring fair and equitable use of public spaces.



## 5. OPERATIONS

The long-term sustainability of Parkville's parks and recreation system depends on a solid operational foundation. As programs grow, facilities expand, and public expectations increase, the ability to manage resources strategically becomes critical. This section focuses on the financial, staffing, and maintenance systems that support daily operations and ensure the department can meet both current obligations and future goals.

The following recommendations aim to strengthen the City's ability to deliver high-quality parks and recreation services by improving budgeting practices, aligning staffing with system needs, exploring new funding sources, and emphasizing proactive, long-term maintenance planning.

Based on needs determination and community input, the following recommendations have been established for Operations:

### 5.1- BUDGET

### 5.2- STAFFING

### 5.3- MAINTENANCE

### 5.4- MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

### 5.5- PARTNERSHIPS

## 5.1 BUDGET

### 5.1.1 Funding Methods and Impact

The Parks and Recreation Department relies on a combination of revenue sources to fund operations and capital improvements. Primary methods include-

- 1/2 Cent Sales Tax: The Department's primary and most stable source of funding.
- General Fund Support: Approximately \$300,000 annually to cover shortfalls not addressed by the sales tax.
- Transportation Tax (2024): A newly approved tax that dedicates 20% of its funds specifically to trail development.

These sources provide the Department with the ability to maintain existing services and facilities. However, the current budget structure is lean, with very little flexibility for enhancements, growth, or major capital investments. The Department's annual budget is built on a year-to-year comparison, rather than a long-term strategic model, leaving limited room to adapt to emerging needs.

This financial reality highlights the need for cost recovery goals, revised pricing strategies, and updated approaches to event and rental management. With more robust financial policies, the City could recover a greater share of expenses associated with facility use and programming, allowing existing revenue to be reinvested into other high-priority areas. Enhancing financial strategy will be key to positioning the Department for long-term sustainability and expanded impact.

### 5.1.2 Financial Evaluation

As the City works to implement this master plan, it will be essential to regularly evaluate the financial health of the Parks and Recreation Department. While some recommendations may be absorbed within current budget levels, many of the proposed initiatives, particularly those tied to system growth and expanded services, will require new or increased funding. These financial needs will exist regardless of future pricing or cost recovery strategies.

Although the Department operates frugally, often leveraging volunteers and creative partnerships to support park operations, these approaches still require oversight and coordination. Managing volunteers, for example, draws on staff time and administrative resources. As the system grows, so too will the importance of ensuring that all cost-saving measures are supported by sufficient staffing and operational infrastructure.

### 5.1.3 Funding Sources

To ensure that the community's vision for its parks and recreation system can be fully realized, the City must proactively explore a range of funding options beyond its current revenue streams. While the Department has historically demonstrated fiscal efficiency, the scale of recommended improvements, including expanded programming, facility upgrades, and land stewardship, will require new or enhanced financial support

Department leadership should collaborate with City finance staff and elected officials to identify both adjustments to existing funding mechanisms and new sources that align with short- and long-term operational and capital needs. These sources can be broadly categorized as follows:

**Traditional Funding:** These sources offer ongoing, predictable revenue streams that support daily operations and long-term planning and include-

- General Fund
- Revenue Bonds
- Impact Fees
- User Fees and Program Sales
- Dedicated Taxes

**Alternative Funding:** These are typically non-recurring sources used to support specific projects or initiatives and include-

- Philanthropic Gifts and Donations
- Capital Campaigns
- Volunteer Contributions and In-Kind Services
- Government Grants
- Private Foundations
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Multi-Agency Collaborations
- Marketing Partnerships and Sponsorships

The City should evaluate these sources not just on availability, but on their alignment with Parkville's values and priorities. Diversifying the Department's funding portfolio will help reduce reliance on any single source and provide the financial flexibility needed to respond to emerging opportunities and community needs.

### 5.1.4 Conservation and Land Management

The Parks and Recreation Department is preparing to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for conservation and land management services to support the care of native landscape areas within the park system. Priority areas include the Parkville Nature Sanctuary, Sullivan Nature Sanctuary, and Platte Landing Park, with potential expansion to other natural resource areas as needs arise.

Outsourcing this specialized work will allow existing staff to focus on general park maintenance while providing a more structured and accountable approach to managing sensitive landscapes. In addition to improving stewardship, the contract will help the City better understand the actual costs and staffing demands associated with preserving these ecologically valuable and heavily visited sites.

## 5.2 STAFFING

### 5.2.1 Nature Sanctuary – PTE Maintenance

The current part-time maintenance staffing approach for the Parkville Nature Sanctuary should remain in place unless additional investment is made in the facility. Should a new facility be developed at this site **per recommendation XXX**, it would necessitate a dedicated full-time employee (FTE) for facility and program management, along with increased custodial staffing.

### 5.2.2 Program Manager – FTE

The recent addition of a full-time Program Manager has helped alleviate some responsibilities from the Director role. However, this does not imply that the Director now has sufficient capacity to address outstanding or future departmental needs. If the City intends to grow its programming through rentals, staff-led programs, or contract instruction, serious consideration should be given to hiring an additional FTE. This role would be directly tied to revenue generation.

### 5.2.3 Mowing

The City has begun contracting out some mowing services, a practice that should be continued and potentially expanded in alignment with this master plan. The level of care required through contracted mowing should be clearly defined in the City's Maintenance Plan and consistently enforced to ensure quality matches that of in-house staff.



### 5.2.4 Additional Staffing

Implementation of this master plan's recommendations will increase demands on the department, both in programming and maintenance. As each recommendation is pursued, associated staffing impacts should be evaluated during the planning and budgeting process to ensure adequate personnel support is in place before implementation.

### 5.2.5 Volunteers

Volunteers remain a valuable asset to the department and can help support specific tasks, such as nature center upkeep or habitat restoration. However, volunteer contributions should be viewed as supplemental and not as a substitute for staff positions, especially in areas that require consistent oversight and accountability.

### 5.2.6 Succession Planning

As the department expands its services and footprint, it will be important to proactively plan for long-term leadership continuity and institutional knowledge retention. This includes developing a framework for succession planning and a system for data warehousing to ensure smooth transitions when key staff depart.

### 5.2.7 Position Replacement and Evaluation

When staff vacancies arise, the department should take the opportunity to evaluate each position before posting it. This review should assess whether the original job description still meets the department's evolving needs or if a redefined role would better align with current and future priorities.

## 5.3 MAINTENANCE

Maintenance emerged as a top priority throughout the planning process, recognized not only for its daily role in shaping visitor experiences, but also for its critical importance to the long-term success of Parkville’s parks and trail system. Community input gathered through public meetings, online engagement, and a statistically valid survey, consistently emphasized the value residents place on well-maintained parks. The survey revealed that 97% of respondents rated the physical condition of parks, trails, and facilities as “Excellent” or “Good,” with “Overall Quality of City Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Programs” ranking among the highest priorities for City investment.

In addition to expressing satisfaction with current conditions, community members also shared a desire for system expansion, particularly in the form of new parks to serve the west side of Parkville and new trail connections linking east and west. To support both existing assets and future growth, the City must approach maintenance planning with the same level of care and foresight as capital development. This section outlines recommendations to clarify staffing roles, evaluate maintenance needs, expand the use of contracted services, and integrate natural resource management as a core function of the department’s operations.

### 5.3.1 Implement Modes of Care and Maintenance Standards

Successful park and trail maintenance is a combination of established standards for care and the available resources to achieve this standard on a consistent basis. The standard of maintenance plays a significant role in establishing the image of the parks and recreation system. Public perception of parks and facilities, whether accurate or not, can impact patron decisions regarding use of parks, participation in programming, sense of safety, and how they talk about the Parkville Parks Department and amenities to friends and family.

While the feedback from the community and stakeholders in this master plan process indicated that the parks department does a good job of maintaining the parks and facilities, there are challenges faced by the Department to accomplish this current level of maintenance, and the level of care achieved is often dictated by reacting to these challenges and not by a defined standard. Challenges include supporting events in the parks, the impact of weather and the river on materials and parks, managing areas of mowed turf and an increasing quantity of natural areas, and managing seasonal staffing levels. All of these challenges will continue to grow as the park system grows. Many public service departments use standards to document costs of doing business. For example, a public works department will use standards to demonstrate that with every new mile of road to maintain, it will require a defined portion

of the existing budget or necessitate additional funding. This is a tangible cost of doing business that everyone—from the city council to the voting public—understands. This ability to express the impact on budget provides clarity when evaluating the effect of budget and staffing cuts or expanded services

Establishing modes of care and maintenance standards will allow the Parks Department to quantify maintenance and plan for maintenance needs when discussing changes to existing facilities or the development of new parks and trails. It provides a tool for:

- Quantitatively prioritizing work
- Communicating level of maintenance being provided
- Identifying the cost of maintenance
- Identifying equipment and staffing needs
- Providing flexibility for response to changes in budget or special needs
- Managing true costs for supporting outside organization events in the parks
- Creating a living document for adaptive management and proactive maintenance

See [Appendix #](#) for more specific information regarding modes of care and maintenance standards.

### 5.3.2 Lifecycle Maintenance and Replacement Schedule

In addition to modes of care, the Parks Department should adopt a strategic approach to lifecycle maintenance and replacement planning for all major amenities. Establishing and maintaining schedules for routine maintenance and anticipated capital repair or replacement can help the department proactively address aging infrastructure and plan for long-term needs.

Park elements appropriate for inclusion in these schedules include, but are not limited to, shelters, restrooms, playgrounds, courts, athletic fields, trails, bridges, parking lots, and lighting systems. By assigning expected service lifespans and maintenance checkpoints, such as roof replacements, surface resealing, or structural repairs, the department can better align routine tasks with community expectations and extend the usable life of its assets.

Each park should have its own lifecycle maintenance schedule. These schedules will inform the annual work plan, help define seasonal staffing needs, and support budget planning. This data-driven approach will also help identify when additional part-time or full-time staff may be needed, or when to adjust the schedule based on workload and capacity.

Importantly, these schedules will serve as a tool for long-term capital planning. They provide a framework for integrating capital repair and replacement into the City’s broader budgeting efforts, allowing Parkville to track and quantify deferred maintenance impacts and prioritize reinvestment based on need and risk.

See [Appendix #](#) for sample maintenance schedules and capital lifecycle templates.

### 5.3.2 Prioritize Investment in Existing Parks

Based on community input and the high level of use experienced in several developed parks and facilities, maintaining these assets to meet community expectations should remain a top priority. While the public broadly recognizes the parks as well-maintained, many amenities are approaching the end of their useful lives or require upgrades to continue delivering a high-quality experience.

Continued investment should include both routine maintenance and larger capital projects aligned with the master plans for each park, as referenced in Section 3. These projects may include infrastructure upgrades, aesthetic improvements, or amenity replacements. Prioritizing these improvements ensures the community continues to view the parks system as clean, safe, and welcoming.

In addition, the full fit-out of the new maintenance building, including utilities, workspace, and office facilities for parks maintenance staff, should be pursued. As custodial services are separated from general maintenance, having a dedicated space will improve efficiency, coordination, and overall care across the system.

### 5.3.4 Natural Resource Management Plan and Staffing (Specialists/Arborists)

Given the critical role of natural resources within the Parkville park system, including Parkville Nature Sanctuary, Sullivan Nature Sanctuary, Platte Landing Park wetlands, and forested areas across existing parks, there are two key strategies recommended to support their care and integration-

**Staffing:** At the time of this plan, the City is preparing to contract with a specialty service provider to manage the nature areas. This is an appropriate approach given current staffing levels and the increased care required by the Platte Landing Park wetlands. Contractors can deliver immediate benefits and, in many cases, assist with training city staff for future in-house management.

Over time, the department should transition to internal stewardship by phasing in natural resource staff beginning with a lead specialist. This lead role would coordinate with

contractors, work alongside existing maintenance teams, and lead the development of a Natural Resource Management Plan. As capacity grows, additional team members can be hired or developed through training to expand internal capabilities. These staff should also support resource-based programming and help secure funding through grants and partnerships.

**Natural Resource Management Plan:** This plan should be developed as a companion to the Modes of Care, specifically focusing on the goals, restoration strategies, and care standards for the City’s natural areas. The plan should define clear management objectives and lay out implementation strategies that can be aligned with seasonal calendars, staffing projections, and budget planning. It should provide the quantitative framework necessary to evaluate staffing levels and anticipate impacts from adding new natural areas to the system.

The initial plan can be developed with the contracted firm and refined as the department builds its internal team. Engaging existing maintenance staff in the creation of the plan will promote shared ownership and ensure department-wide understanding of natural resource goals, leading to stronger collaboration and implementation.

### 5.3.5 Future Maintenance Facilities

**Westside Park(s):** As identified in the Parks and Facilities section, new parks are recommended to serve the growing population on the west side of Parkville. With this expansion, Parkville Parks and Recreation staff should evaluate the inclusion of a small maintenance facility within one of these parks. This facility would primarily serve as storage for equipment and materials needed for daily maintenance, with potential for a small office, breakroom, and staff restrooms.

The need for a facility in this area should consider travel time from English Landing Park, reduced equipment transport, the type and extent of park amenities, staffing levels, and the need for flood-resilient storage. The actual size and configuration of the facility should be integrated into the park’s master plan, with input from maintenance staff.

**Parkville Nature Sanctuary:** As outlined in the Parks and Facilities recommendations, future improvements at the sanctuary include replacing the current maintenance sheds with a new facility incorporated into the planned nature center. Additional planning and engagement with maintenance staff will be necessary in the design phase to ensure this facility meets operational needs while supporting stewardship of the sanctuary’s sensitive natural areas.

**5.4 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

While indoor facilities and programs are not currently a core component of Parkville Parks and Recreation’s identity, expanding programming opportunities and distributing events more equitably across the parks system will require greater investment in outreach and promotion. Community feedback during the master planning process emphasized the importance of improving marketing to raise awareness and increase participation. The following recommendations support more effective communication and tracking of offerings:

**5.4.1 Marketing Methods**

According to the community survey, word of mouth remains the most common way residents hear about parks and recreation programs. To expand reach, the department should increase its use of marketing tools that residents indicated as preferred methods. These include:

- Social Media (at a minimum, Facebook and Instagram)
- E-mail lists
- E-newsletters
- City website
- Brochures and flyers
- Word of mouth
- Information kiosks in parks
- Traditional print newspapers
- Facility catalogs and user guides

**5.4.2 Marketing Resources**

One of the primary limitations to improving outreach is a lack of staff time and dedicated resources. While the department has access to several of the marketing tools listed above, they are not fully leveraged due to capacity constraints. To better utilize these tools, additional staffing or contracted support may be necessary.

**5.4.3 Civic Rec**

The department currently uses Civic Rec for online registration and facility rentals. This system should continue to be supported and expanded where possible to simplify access for the community.

**5.4.3 Brand Standards**

To support consistent and professional communication, the department should consider working with an outside firm to develop a formal brand standard. A clearly defined visual identity would enhance the quality and consistency of marketing materials and improve public recognition.

**5.5 PARTNERSHIPS**

**5.5.1 Agreement Review**

All existing partnerships or use agreements should be reviewed annually at a minimum. Regular review ensures that agreements remain relevant, effective, and mutually beneficial, and allows for updates in response to changing conditions or priorities.

**5.5.2 New Partnerships**

New partnership agreements should include scheduled evaluations at one month, three months, six months, and one year. These checkpoints provide structured opportunities to implement mutually agreed-upon changes or to discontinue the partnership if needed.

At a minimum, partnership agreements should outline:

- Length of the agreement
- Responsibilities of each party
- Compensation or in-kind contributions
- Grounds for termination
- Grievance resolution process
- Primary points of contact
- Access and permitted use of facilities
- Procedures for transferring the partnership if absorbed by another organization

**5.5.3 Partnerships and Approach**

Before pursuing a new partnership, the department should consider the following guiding questions:

- Does the prospective partner align with the mission and values of the City and Parks Department?
- Is the proposed use appropriate for the available space and consistent with the department’s goals?
- If the partnership ends, will there be pressure or expectation for the City to fill the service gap?

These questions serve as a filter for determining whether to move forward with partnership discussions and can help ensure that collaborations enhance rather than strain the resources and identity of Parkville Parks and Recreation.



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# INTRODUCTION

The Action Plan provides an overview of the master plan recommendations, a summary of community identified priorities for implementation, and key factors for consideration in establishing an approach to implementation. The Action Plan is organized by the focus areas identified in the Recommendations chapter of this report. These focus areas are:

- **System-Wide Recommendations**
- **Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property**
- **Trails and Connectivity**
- **Programs and Events**
- **Operations**

Each recommendation is supported by key factors that will guide implementation. These factors are important to consider when advancing a recommendation for implementation and determining an approach to implementation. Action Plan Key Factors are:

**Category** — Summarizes the focus of each recommendation. These include:

- **Growth**- expanding or adding to the existing parks system
- **Reinvest**- enhancing current parks and facilities
- **Operations**- internal to parks and recreations staffing and procedures
- **Partnership**- focus on strengthening or building relationships.

**Community Values** — The four benefits outlined below were identified by the community as the most important roles the Parkville Parks and Recreation Department can play in the lives of residents and in shaping the City's future. These values reinforce themes heard throughout stakeholder engagement. These values have been incorporated into the Action Plan as a framework for evaluating the impact of each recommendation. The more benefits a recommendation supports, the greater value it may provide through implementation. These values are:

- **Preserve and Protect the Environment (PP)**- Parkville Parks and Recreation provides opportunity to protect and restore sensitive environments, preserve open space for future parkland development, and educate visitors on the value of the ecosystem.
- **Make Parkville a More Desirable Place to Live (DL)**- Parkville Parks and Recreation improves the quality of life in Parkville, attracting residents, providing amenities and experiences, and positively impacting property values.
- **Promote Physical Health and Fitness (PH)**- Parkville Parks and Recreation Provide high quality spaces, amenities, and activities that promote the health and fitness of Parkville residents and park visitors.

- **Promote Mental Health and Fitness (MH)**- Parkville Parks and Recreation Provide high quality spaces, amenities, and activities that promote the mental health and reduce stress of Parkville residents and park visitors.

**Timeline** — the anticipated window of time when the recommendation would likely be identified for implementation. These windows of time have been established based on community input, team assessment and anticipated critical path for implementation at the time of the plan. These timelines are flexible as opportunities or factors may occur that would change a specific recommendation timeline. Windows are:

- **Short-term** (1-5 years)- **ST**
- **Mid-term** (6-10 years)- **MT**
- **Long-term** (11+ years)- **LT**

**Funding Source** — the most likely primary funding source for the specific recommendation as identified in Operations Recommendations 5.1.1. Funding Sources are:

- **Traditional**- TRAD
- **Alternative** - ALT

**Primary Responsibility** — the entity most likely needed to lead the process to move a recommendation forward. While multiple entities will play a part in the total implementation process, the identified entity will be key to seeing it completed. Entities include:

- **City Administration**- CA
- **Parks Department Leadership**- PL
- **Park Maintenance**- PM

Along with this key factors matrix, the Action Plan includes a summary of community identified implementation priorities for each focus area. These priorities identify where the community feels the greatest need for investment in the future of the parks system should occur.

The Action Plan is anticipated to be a living document. It is a reference tool to assist the City of Parkville Parks and Recreation Department with identification of implementation priorities, key contacts for team buildings, and a reference for messaging the goals and approach to implementation.

This document is also a fluid document. Since it represents an approach shaped by current factors and conditions it should be reviewed regularly and updated as needed to acknowledge completed recommendations and changes to key factors or priorities that will impact priorities and recommendations at that time.

# 1. SYSTEMWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>1.1 PARKLAND MANAGEMENT</b>								
1.1.1	Parkland Acquisition	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	CA
1.1.2	Parkland Divestment	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	CA
<b>1.2 OUTDOOR AMENITIES</b>								
1.2.1/2 Park Metrics & Priority Investment Rating (PIR)								
	Playgrounds	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Diamond Sports Fields	Growth	✓	✓	✓	LT	TRAD	PL
	Rectangle Fields	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
	Tennis Courts	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Splash Pad	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Skateboard Park	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Fitness Area/Stations	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
	Multi-use Hiking, Biking, Walking Trails	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
	Lighted Paved Walkways	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
	Mountain Bike Trails	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
	Small Neighborhood Parks	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA
	Community History Recognition	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL
	Environmental/Nature Education Center	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
	Large Community Parks	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA
	Open Conservation Areas	Growth	✓	✓	✓	LT	TRAD	CA
	Shade and Trees	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	
<b>1.2 PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND IDENTITY</b>								
1.3.1	Quality Before Quantity	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.2	Update Aged Infrastructure and Amenities	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT/TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.3	Park Restrooms	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.4	Shaded Seating Within Parks	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.3.5	Identity and Brand	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
<b>1.4 NATURAL RESOURCES</b>								
1.4.1	Protection and Restoration	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.4.2	Access and Education	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM/RS
<b>1.5 ATHLETIC FIELD APPROACH &amp; MANAGEMENT</b>								
	Operations	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS

## PRIMARY ACTION ITEMS

### 1.2.2 - Facility Priority Investment Rating

- Trails
- Community History
- Environmental Education Center

### 1.3.1 - Quality Before Quantity

### 1.3.2 - Update Aged Infrastructure and Amenities

- Playgrounds
- Shelters
- Restrooms

### 1.4.1 - Tree Planting and Stewardship Contract

## 2.0 EXISTING PARKS AND UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES

Recommendation priorities and Master Plan Budget Categories have been identified for each park and are summarized on the following pages. They include recommendations that are ranked as high, medium, or low priorities specific to each park based on community, Parks and Recreation department, community and board input.

This priority rating is used in place of windows of time since park improvements can be acted on more quickly, are more responsive to funding availability, and can be driven by other factors that make timing more fluid. Priority ranking allow parks staff to identify recommendations for implementation on a park by park basis. Additionally, each recommendation includes the value statements they address with implementation to assist with recommendation selection and messaging of impact.

When considering action items within the parks system, or future planning for individual parks, these recommendations should be reviewed and used as baselines for next steps in implementing park improvements. By confirming these priorities as foundations for next step implementation, the City of Parkville can strategically budget and implement improvements to the parks system that meet community needs and desires.

Following this priority recommendations section, Early Action Items are identified. These Early Action Items identify several key recommendations as catalysts for the transition from a master plan to an implementation plan.



Parkville's parks support a variety of wildlife, including this ebony jewelwing damselfly in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary.

Master planning budgets have been developed for each recommendation as a basis for long range budgeting and funding applications. Further planning and design is required to develop accurate budget numbers for the projects. This Budget numbers do not include professional design and engineering services, overhead, construction contingency, or cost escalation.

**Master Plan Budgets for Projects are categorized as follows:**

- I - Under \$50,000
- II - Between \$50,000 and \$250,000
- III - Between \$250,000 and \$500,000
- IV - Between \$500,000 and \$750,000
- V - Greater than \$750,000

### English Landing Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Activity Area - Playground & Amenities	DL PH	V	High
01 Activity Area - Family Shelter & Amenities	PH MH	III	Medium
01 Activity Area - Additional Improvements	PH	II	Medium
02 Pavement Removal and Greenspace Expansion	PP	II	Medium
03 Confluence Point Improvements	PP MH	II	Low
04 Trail System Expansion and Trailhead	DL PH	IV	High
05 Fields #1 & #3 Conversions and Grigsby Improvements	PP	II	High
06 Entry Experience & Signage Enhancement	DL	I	Low
07 Naturalized Prairie	PP DL MH	II	Low

### Platte Landing Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	Medium
02 Parking at Activity Area and Water Pumps	DL	IV	Medium
03 Existing Practice Field (grading improvements)	DL PH	I	High
04 Multipurpose Green Space/ Practice Fields	PP DL PH	II	Medium
05 Expanded Walking Trails and Amenities	DL PH MH	V	High
06 Fishing Pond	PP MH	I	Medium
07 Naturalized Prairie / Buffer / Woodland	PP DL MH	IV	High
08 Successional Woodland Restoration	PP DL MH	II	Low

### Parkville Nature Sanctuary

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Nature Center Multipurpose Space	DL	III	Medium
02 Maintenance Shop	DL	III	Low
03 Outdoor Camp/Program Staging Area	PP MH	II	Medium
04 Reforested Maintenance Space	PP MH	I	Low
05 Expanded Pollinator Garden	PP MH	II	Low
06 Entry Signage	DL	I	Low

### Vikings Field

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Upgraded Field	DL PH	III	High
02 Parking	DL	II	High
03 Comfort Station	PH	II	Low
04 Play Area and Perimeter Trail	DL PH	III	Medium
05 Revised Road Access		II	Medium
06 Green Stormwater Infrastructure	PP MH	II	Low
07 Practice Field	PH	I	Low

### Adams Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Improved Paths	PH	I	Medium
02 Shelter and Activity Space	DL	II	Medium
03 Pollinator Gardens	PP DL MH	I	High
04 Low Growing Native Garden	PP DL MH	I	High
05 Seating and Education Signage	MH	I	Medium
06 Turfgrass Restoration	PH	I	Low

### Watkins Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Soft Surface Nature Trail	DL PH MH	I	Low
02 Creek Crossings	PH	II	Low
03 Neighborhood Connections	DL	I	Medium
04 Park History Interpretation	DL	I	High

### PAC Pond and Trail

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Entry Signage	DL	I	High
02 Pollinator Gardens	PP DL MH	II	Low
03 Fitness Stations / Improved Trail / Lighting	DL PH	I	Low
04 Naturalized Planting	PP DL MH	I	Medium
05 Seating	MH	I	Medium
06 Stormwater Forebay		I	Medium

### Gateway Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Public Art	DL MH	I-II	Low
02 Additional Parking/Trail Access	PH MH	II	Medium
03 Park Signage	DL	I	High

### Pocket Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Public Art	DL MH	II	Medium
02 Cycling Amenities	DL PH	I	Low
03 Public Access	PH	I	High

### Sullivan Nature Sanctuary

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Entry Signage	DL	I	High
02 Interpretive Signage	PP DL MH	I	Medium
03 Rush Creek Bridge	PP PH MH	II	Low
04 Main Street Parking	DL	III	Medium

### New Park - West Side of Parkville

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Upper Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	High
02 Perimeter Trail	PP DL PH MH	V	High
03 Bike Skills Area	DL PH	IV	Low
04 Lower Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	Medium
05 Mountain Bike Trails	DL PH	II	Low
06 Park Entry Signage		I	High

## 3.0 TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>3.1 EXISTING ASSETS</b>								
3.1.1	Internal Loop Trails in all Parks	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
3.1.2	Internal Trails and Walks - ADA Compliance	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.3	Internal Loop Trail Minimum design Widths	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.4	Secondary Natural Surface/Mowed Lawn Trails	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>3.2 FUTURE GROWTH</b>								
3.2.1	Brush Creek Trail	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.2	Missouri Riverfront Trail	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.3	Platte Landing Park to Vikings Field	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA/PL
3.2.4	Vikings Field to Brush Creek Trail Trailhead	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/DD
3.2.5	Southern Platte Pass Trail	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.6	English Landing Park to Parkville Nature Sanctuary	Partnership	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.7	Neighborhood Access to Watkins and Adams Parks	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.8	Neighborhood Access to PAC Pond and Trail	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.9	Neighborhood Access to Gateway Park	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.10	Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails	Growth	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/OP
<b>3.3 SYSTEMWIDE</b>								
3.3.1	User Experience - Trailheads and Shade	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
3.3.2	Signage & Identity	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL
3.3.3	Safety	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM

### PRIMARY ACTION ITEMS

**3.1.1 - Internal Loop Trails**

**3.1.2 - Accessible Design for Trails and Walks**

**3.2.1 - Completion of Brush Creek Greenway - Partnership with Platte County Parks**

**3.2.4 - Partnership with Park University**

**3.2.7 - Sidewalks to Watkins and Adams Parks**

## 4.0 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>4.1 PROGRAMS</b>								
4.1.1	Pricing Structure	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.2	Program Delivery Model	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.3	Core Service	Growth	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/RS
<b>4.2 EVENTS AND RENTALS</b>								
4.2.1	Staff Workload	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
4.2.2	Event Definition	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.3	Rates and Fees	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.4	Streamlined Process	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
<b>4.3 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS</b>								
4.3.1	Staff Involvement in Event planning	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
4.3.2	Event and Rental Occurrence Limits	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.3.3	Preference for Residents and Local Groups	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL

### PRIMARY ACTION ITEMS

**4.1.1 - Establish Program Pricing Structure**

**4.1.3 - Identify and Focus on Core Department Offerings**

**4.2.3 - Establish Event and Rental Fee Structure**

## 5.0 OPERATIONS

Recommendation	Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>5.1 BUDGET</b>								
5.1.1	Funding Methods and Impact	Operations	✓			ST	TRAD	CA
5.1.2	Financial Evaluation	Operations	✓			ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.3	Funding Sources	Operations	✓			ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.4	Conservation and Land Management	Operations	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.2 STAFFING</b>								
5.2.1	Nature Sanctuary – PTE Maintenance	Operations	✓	✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.2	Program Manager – FTE	Operations				ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.3	Mowing	Operations	✓	✓		ST	TRAD	PM
5.2.4	Additional Staffing	Operations		✓		MT	TRAD	PL
5.2.5	Volunteers	Operations		✓		MT	ALT	RS
5.2.6	Successional Planning	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.7	Position Replacement and Evaluation	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
<b>5.3 MAINTENANCE</b>								
5.3.1	Modes of Care and Maintenance Standards	Operations	✓	✓		ST	TRAD	PM
5.3.2	Lifecycle Maintenance and Replacement Schedule	Operations	✓	✓		MT	TRAD	PM
5.3.3	Prioritize Investment in Existing Parks	Operations	✓	✓		ST	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.4	Natural Resource Management Plan and Staffing	Operations	✓	✓		MT	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.5	Future Maintenance Facilities	Operations		✓		MT	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.4 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>								
5.4.1	Marketing Methods	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.2	Marketing Resources	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.3	Civic Rec	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.4	Brand Standards	Operations		✓		MT	TRAD	PL
<b>5.5 PARTNERSHIPS</b>								
5.5.1	Agreement Review	Operations		✓		ST	TRAD	PL
5.5.2	New Partnerships	Operations		✓		MT	TRAD	PL/OP
5.5.3	Partnership Approach	Operations		✓		MT	TRAD	PL

### PRIMARY ACTION ITEMS

5.2 - New Parks Superintendent / Transition Plan

5.3.1 - Maintenance Plan

5.5.1 - Partnership Agreements Review / Approach

## EARLY ACTION ITEMS

The identification of Early Action Items is intended to provide the City of Parkville with initial projects or initiate actions required for recommendation implementation.

The early action items for the Parkville Parks and Recreation Master Plan focus on a combination of implementation and strategic planning recommendations. Several of these improvements have been discussed prior to this planning effort and, through this master plan process, the need for these early action items were confirmed and have continued to move forward.

Using these Implementation items, the City of Parkville will transition the master plan from a planning process to an implementation document. The items will demonstrate to the community that this plan is moving forward based on their input and in a way that strengths and defines the role of parks and recreation within the City of Parkville.

The planning items set in motion larger opportunities and momentum for improvements to Parkville Parks and Recreation that require more strategic planning. By starting these efforts in the short term, they will be positioned for implementation when appropriate.

Early action items, like all the recommendations, are fluid and can be modified based on opportunities or situations that present themselves following the completion of this master plan. These specific projects have been identified as they advance priority areas identified by the community and staff, and are viable within current funding and operational structures of the Parks and Recreation Department.

### Implementation

- TBD (recommendation #.#)
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### Planning

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Community Soft Engagement at English Landing Park Event - Brew Fest 2025

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PARKVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

# BOA / CLARB Presentation #4

*Final Recommendations and Action Plan Overview*

06.17.2025

# Project Schedule Review

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## ~~DATA COLLECTION~~

- ~~Project Kick-off / Steering Committee Meeting~~
- ~~Park Tours~~
- ~~System Inventory & Analysis~~
- ~~Joint CLARB & BOA Meeting #01~~
- ~~In-Person Engagement Event - Cruise Night (June 1, 2024)~~
- ~~Community Meeting #01~~
- ~~Community Profile~~
- ~~Data Collection & Analysis Summary~~

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT *throughout project*

- Community Input Meetings - ongoing
- Social Pinpoint - ongoing
- ~~Community-wide Statistically Representative Survey~~

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## NEEDS ASSESSMENT *March-April*

- ~~Needs and Opportunities Assessment~~
- ~~Steering Committee Meeting #02 - 3/6/25~~
- ~~Community Meeting #02 - 3/19/25~~
- ~~In-Person Engagement Event - 4/26/25~~
- ~~Finalize Needs Assessment Report Section~~

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## DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS *April-May*

- ~~Steering Committee Review Meeting - 4/23/25~~
- ~~Joint CLARB & BOA Meeting - 5/6/25~~
- ~~Community Meeting #03 - 5/14/25~~
- ~~Finalize Draft Action / Capital Investment Plan~~

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## FINAL MASTER PLAN *June*

- ~~Steering Committee Review Meeting - week of 6/10/25~~
- Final Plan Presentation - Board of Alderman - week of 6/17/25- **today**
- Final Master Plan Draft Deliverable - 6/30/25



# INVENTORY & DATA COLLECTION

1. Existing Conditions Inventory & Analysis
2. Community Engagement / Input
3. Previous Planning Documents

## English Landing Park

### Strengths:

- Visible location
- Consistent use
- Regionally recognized
- River access
- Downtown proximity
- Program variety
- System connectivity

### Challenges:

- Program concentration
- Pedestrian access
- Railroad proximity
- Age / Condition of amenities



#### PARK FACTS

**Size**  
68 acres

**Classification**  
Community Park

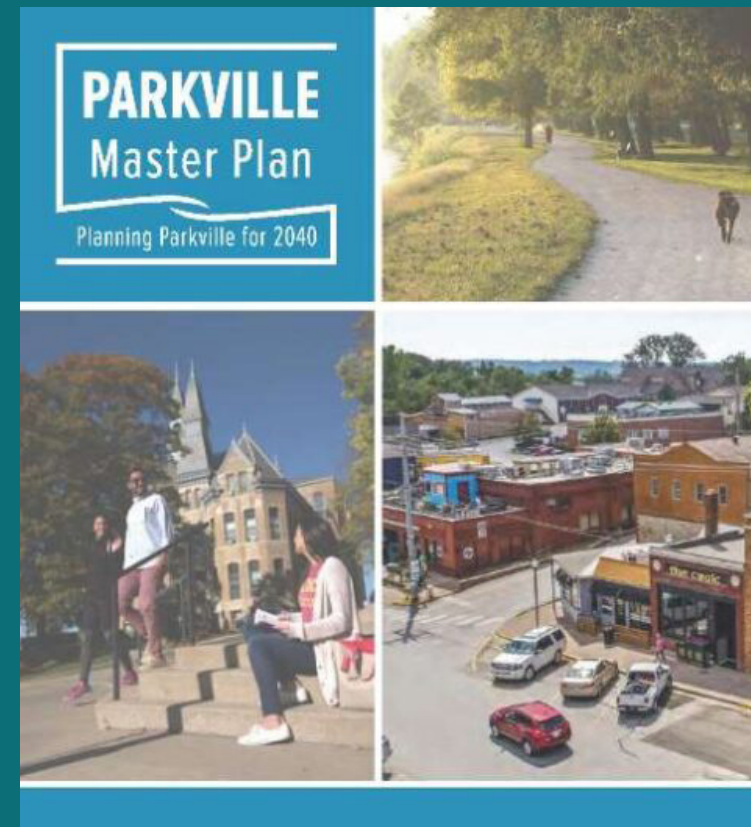
**Populations Served**  
Parkville residents, families, local and regional visitors

#### EXISTING AMENITIES

- 01 Pickleball Courts (4)
- 02 Restrooms
- 03 Stage/Pavilion
- 04 Playground Areas (2)
- 05 Sand Volleyball (3)
- 06 Picnic Shelters (5)
- 07 Basketball Court
- 08 Boat Launch
- 09 Baseball/Softball Fields (3)
- 10 Soccer Field
- 11 Disc Golf Course
- 12 Paved Trails (3 miles)
- 13 Waddell "A" Truss Bridge



English Landing Park



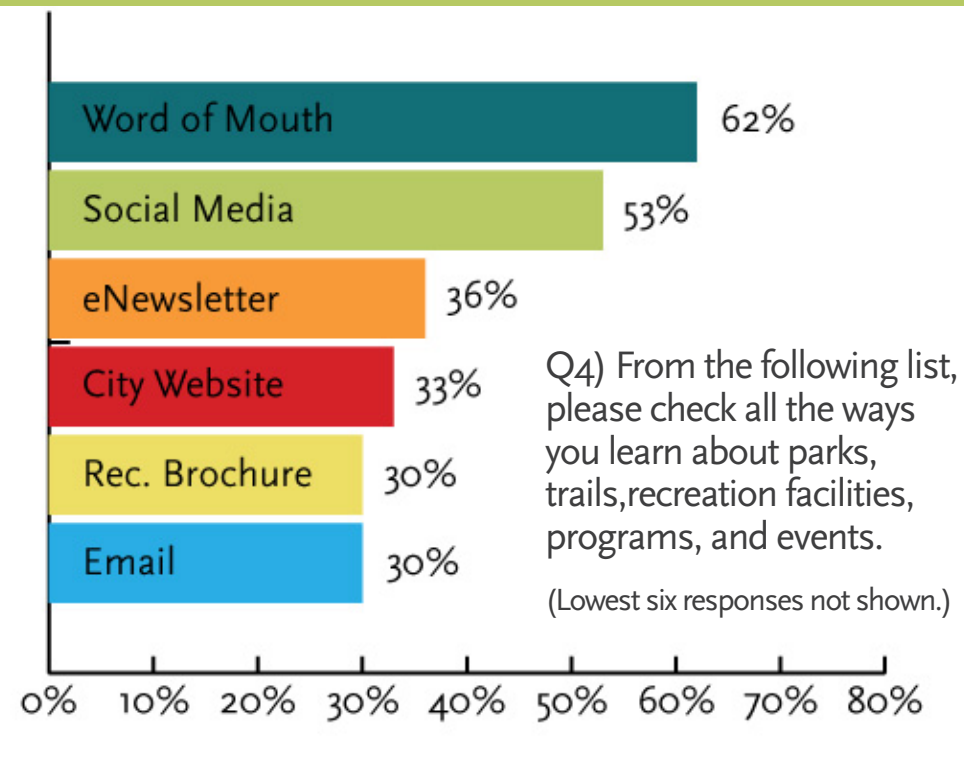
Existing Conditions

# NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES ASSESSMENT

1. Market Assessment
2. Statistically Validated ETC Survey
3. NRPA Benchmarking

**Parkville Population Growth Estimates**

Ages	2020 Census	2024 Projection	2029 Projection	Change (+/-)
<5	804	857	820	+1.3%
6-17	2,276	2,214	2,086	-7.5%
18-24	1,148	1,208	1,156	+0.7%
25-44	3,468	3,807	3,822	+6.7%
45-54	1,660	1,629	1,676	+2.8%
55-64	2,058	2,061	1,897	-8.7%
65-74	1,607	1,824	1,952	+14.8%
75+	1,483	1,658	1,964	+39.7%



**Outdoor Facility Support Given City of Parkville's Population**

Outdoor Facilities*	Could Support:	Current #
Playgrounds	4.6	3
Diamond Fields	5.0	3
Basketball Courts – Standalone	2.1	2
Rectangular Fields	3.7	2
Tennis Courts	3.0	0
Dog Parks	0.9	1
Swimming Pools	1.0	0
Skateboard parks	0.8	0
Pickleball	2.7	4

# DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1. Systemwide

- Parkland Management
- Outdoor Amenities
- Park Improvements & Identity
- Natural Resources
- Athletic Fields (Approach & Management)

## 2. Parks

- Existing Parks
- Future Park

## 3. Trails and Connectivity

- Existing Assets
- Future Growth
- Systemwide

## 4. Programs and Events

- Programs
- Events & Rentals
- Additional Considerations

## 5. Operations

- Budget
- Staffing
- Maintenance
- Marketing and Communications
- Partnerships

# Action Plan | Community Benefits

## Community Benefits Applied to Recommendations

A number of themes or value statements can be attributed to the various project recommendations to describe the community benefit that will be provided. These statements were created based on community input.

### **PRESERVE OPEN SPACE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT:**

Parkville Parks and Recreation provides opportunity to protect and restore sensitive environments, preserve open space for future parkland development, and educate visitors on the value of the ecosystem.

### **MAKE PARKVILLE A MORE DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE:**

Parkville Parks and Recreation improves the quality of life in Parkville, attracting residents, providing amenities and experiences, and positively impacting property values.

### **PROMOTE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS:**

Parkville Parks and Recreation Provide high quality spaces, amenities, and activities that promote the health and fitness of Parkville residents and park visitors.

### **PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AND REDUCE STRESS:**

Parkville Parks and Recreation Provide high quality spaces, amenities, and activities that promote the mental health and reduce stress of Parkville residents and park visitors.

# Capital Action Plan | Key Factors

## Category

Summarizes the focus of each recommendation. These include:  
**Growth** = expanding or adding to the existing parks system  
**Reinvest** = enhancing current parks and facilities  
**Operations** = internal to department staffing and procedures  
**Partnership** = focus on strengthening or building relationships.

## Community Benefits

Values of the Parks and Recreation Department that are advanced by the recommendation (*previous slide*).

## Timeline

The anticipated window of time when the recommendation would likely be identified for implementation. These timelines are flexible as opportunities or factors may occur that would change a specific recommendation timeline.

Windows are:  
**Short-term** 1-3 years = ST  
**Mid-term** 4-9 years = MT  
**Long-term** 10+ years = LT

## Funding Source

The most likely primary funding source for the specific recommendation.

Funding Sources are:  
**Traditional** = TRAD  
**Alternative** = ALT

## Primary Responsibility

The entity most likely needed to lead the process to move a recommendation forward. While multiple entities will play a part in the total implementation process, the identified entity will be key to seeing it completed.

Entities include:  
**City Administration** = CA  
**Department Directors** = DD  
**Parks Department Leadership** = PL  
**Recreation Services** = RS  
**Park Maintenance** = PM  
**Outside Partners** = OP

# Capital Action Plan | 1.0 Systemwide Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>1.0 SYSTEMWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>								
<b>1.1 Parkland Management</b>								
1.1.1 Parkland Acquisition	Growth	✓	✓		✓	ST	TRAD	CA
1.1.2 Parkland Divestment	Reinvest		✓			ST	TRAD	CA
<b>1.2 Outdoor Amenities</b>								
1.2.1/2 NRPA Park Metrics & Priority Investment Rating								
Playgrounds	Reinvest		✓			ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
Diamond Sports Fields	Growth			✓		LT	TRAD	PL
Rectangle Fields	Reinvest			✓		ST	TRAD	PL
Tennis Courts	Growth			✓		MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
Splash Pad	Growth		✓			MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
Skateboard Park	Growth		✓			MT	ALT/TRAD	PL
Fitness Area / Stations	Growth			✓		ST	ALT/TRAD	PL
Multi-use Hiking, Biking, and Walking Trails	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
Lighted Paved Walkways	Reinvest		✓		✓	ST	TRAD	PL
Mountain Bike Trails	Growth			✓		MT	TRAD	PL
Small Neighborhood Parks	Growth	✓				MT	TRAD	CA
Recognition of Community History	Reinvest	✓	✓		✓	ST	ALT	PL
Environmental / Nature Education Center	Growth	✓			✓	MT	TRAD	PL
Large Community Parks	Growth	✓				MT	TRAD	CA
Open Space Conservation Areas	Growth	✓				LT	TRAD	CA
Shade and Trees	Reinvest				✓	ST	ALT	
<b>1.3 Park Improvements and Identity</b>								
1.3.1 Quality Before Quantity	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.2 Update Aged Infrastructure/Amenities	Reinvest		✓			ST	ALT/TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.3 Park Restrooms	Reinvest		✓			MT	TRAD	PL/PM
1.3.4 Shaded Seating Within Parks	Reinvest				✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.3.5 Identity and Brand	Reinvest		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
<b>1.4 Natural Resources</b>								
1.4.1 Protection and Restoration	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM
1.4.2 Access and Education	Reinvest	✓			✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM/RS
<b>1.5 Athletic Fields - Approach and Management</b>								
	Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL/RS

## Primary Action Items

1.2.2 Facility Priority Investment Rating

1.3.1 Quality before Quantity

1.3.2 Update Aged Infrastructure and Amenities

1.4.1 Focus on the Tree Planting and Stewardship Contract

# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.1 English Landing Park

#### English Landing Park



KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01	Activity Area - Playground & Amenities	DL PH	V High
01	Activity Area - Family Shelter & Amenities		III Medium
01	Activity Area - Additional Improvements		II Medium
02	Pavement Removal and Greenspace Expansion		II Medium
03	Confluence Point Improvements	MH	II Low
04	Trail System Expansion and Trailhead	DL PH	IV High
05	Fields #1 & #3 Conversions and Grigsby Improvements	PP	II High
06	Entry Experience & Signage Enhancement	DL	I Low
07	Naturalized Prairie	PP DL MH	II Low

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.2 Platte Landing Park



#### Platte Landing Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	Medium
02 Parking at Activity Area and Water Pumps		IV	Medium
03 Existing Practice Field (grading improvements)	DL PH	I	High
04 Multipurpose Green Space/ Practice Fields	PP DL PH	II	Medium
05 Expanded Walking Trails and Amenities	DL PH	V	High
06 Fishing Pond	MH	I	Medium
07 Naturalized Prairie / Buffer / Woodland	PP DL MH	IV	High
08 Successional Woodland Restoration	PP DL MH	II	Low

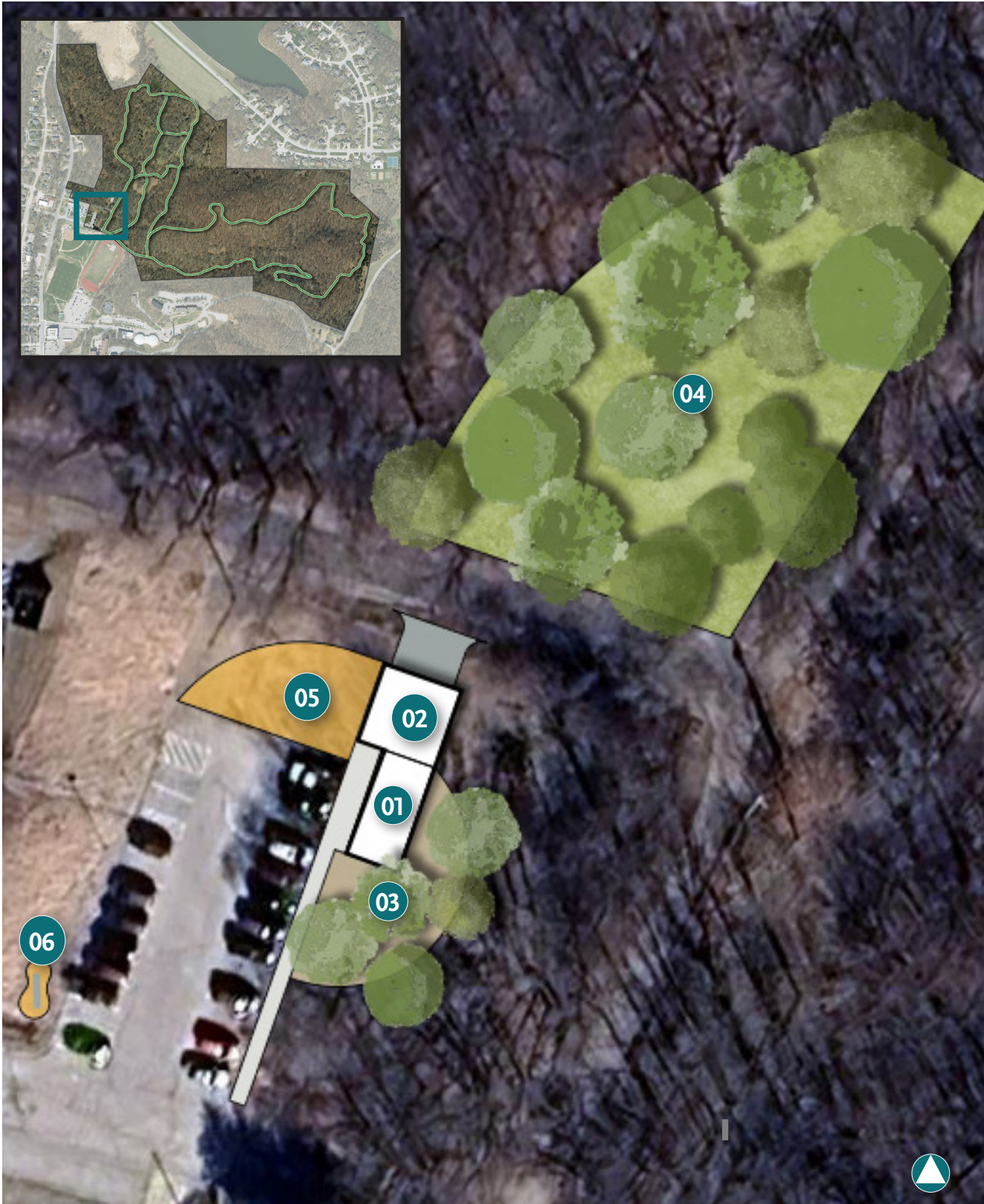
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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.3 Parkville Nature Sanctuary



#### Parkville Nature Sanctuary

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Nature Center Multipurpose Space	DL	III	Medium
02 Maintenance Shop		III	Low
03 Outdoor Camp/Program Staging Area		II	Medium
04 Reforested Maintenance Space	PP	I	Low
05 Expanded Pollinator Garden	PP	II	Low
06 Entry Signage		I	Low

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.4 Vikings Field



#### Vikings Field

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Upgraded Field	DL PH	III	High
02 Parking		II	High
03 Comfort Station		II	Low
04 Play Area and Perimeter Trail	DL PH	III	Medium
05 Revised Road Access		II	Medium
06 Green Stormwater Infrastructure	PP MH	II	Low
07 Practice Field	PH	I	Low

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.5 Adams Park



#### Adams Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Improved Paths	PH	I	Medium
02 Shelter and Activity Space	DL	II	Medium
03 Pollinator Gardens	PP DL MH	I	High
04 Low Growing Native Garden	PP DL MH	I	High
05 Seating and Education Signage	MH	I	Medium
06 Turfgrass Restoration		I	Low

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.6 Watkins Park



#### Watkins Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Soft Surface Nature Trail	DL PH MH	I	Low
02 Creek Crossings	PH	II	Low
03 Neighborhood Connections	DL	I	Medium
04 Park History Interpretation	DL	I	High

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.7 PAC Pond and Trail



PAC Pond and Trail

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Entry Signage		I	High
02 Pollinator Gardens	PP DL MH	II	Low
03 Fitness Stations / Improved Trail / Lighting	DL PH	I	Low
04 Naturalized Planting	PP DL MH	I	Medium
05 Seating	MH	I	Medium
06 Stormwater Forebay		I	Medium

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# Capital Action Plan |

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.8 Gateway Park



#### Gateway Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Public Art	DL MH	I-II	Low
02 Additional Parking/Trail Access	PH MH	II	Medium
03 Park Signage		I	High

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.9 Pocket Park



Pocket Park

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Public Art	DL MH	II	Medium
02 Cycling Amenities	DL PH	I	Low
03 Public Access	PH	I	High

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.10 Sullivan Nature Sanctuary



#### Sullivan Nature Sanctuary

KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Entry Signage		I	High
02 Interpretive Signage	PP DL	I	Medium
03 Rush Creek Bridge	PP PH	II	Low
04 Main Street Parking	DL	III	Medium

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# Capital Action Plan

## 2.0 Existing Parks and Undeveloped Property

### 2.11 New West Side Park

#### New Park - West Side of Parkville



KEY	VALUE STATEMENTS	MASTER PLAN BUDGET	PRIORITY
01 Upper Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	High
02 Perimeter Trail	PP DL PH MH	V	High
03 Bike Skills Area	DL PH	IV	Low
04 Lower Activity Area	DL PH MH	V	Medium
05 Mountain Bike Trails	DL PH	II	Low
06 Park Entry Signage		I	High

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# Capital Action Plan | 3.0 Trails and Connectivity

Recommendation	Recommendation Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>3.0 Trails and Connectivity</b>								
<b>3.1 Existing Assets</b>								
3.1.1 Internal Loop Trails in all Parks	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
3.1.2 Internal Trails and Walks - ADA Compliance	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.3 Internal Loop Trail Minimum design Widths	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.4 Secondary Trails - Natural Surface / Mowed Lawn	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>3.2 Future Growth</b>								
3.2.1 Brush Creek Greenway	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.2 Missouri Riverfront Trail	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.3 Southern Platte Pass Trail	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.4 English Landing Park to Parkville Nature Sanctuary	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.5 Platte Landing Park to Vikings Field	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA/PL
3.2.6 Vikings Field to Brush Creek Greenway Trailhead	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/DD
3.2.7 Neighborhood Access to Watkins and Adams Parks	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.8 Neighborhood Access to PAC Pond and Trail	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.9 Neighborhood Access to Gateway Park	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.10 Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/OP
<b>3.3 System-wide</b>								
3.3.1 User Experience - Trailheads and Shade	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
3.3.2 Signage & Identity	Reinvest			✓		MT	TRAD	PL
3.3.3 Safety	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM

## Primary Action Items

- 3.1.1 - Internal Loop Trails
- 3.1.2 - Accessible Design for Trails and Walks
- 3.2.1 - Completion of Brush Creek Greenway
- 3.2.4 - Partnership with Park University for Connection
- 3.2.7 - Sidewalks to Watkins and Adams Parks

# Capital Action Plan | 3.0 Trails and Connectivity

Recommendation	Recommendation Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>3.0 Trails and Connectivity</b>								
<b>3.1 Existing Assets</b>								
3.1.1 Internal Loop Trails in all Parks	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL
3.1.2 Internal Trails and Walks - ADA Compliance	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.3 Internal Loop Trail Minimum design Widths	Reinvest		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD/ALT	PL/PM
3.1.4 Secondary Trails - Natural Surface / Mowed Lawn	Reinvest	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>3.2 Future Growth</b>								
3.2.1 Brush Creek Greenway	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.2 Missouri Riverfront Trail	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.3 Southern Platte Pass Trail	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	LT	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.4 English Landing Park to Parkville Nature Sanctuary	Partnership		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/OP
3.2.5 Platte Landing Park to Vikings Field	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	CA/PL
3.2.6 Vikings Field to Brush Creek Greenway Trailhead	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/DD
3.2.7 Neighborhood Access to Watkins and Adams Parks	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.8 Neighborhood Access to PAC Pond and Trail	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.9 Neighborhood Access to Gateway Park	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	ALT	PL/DD
3.2.10 Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails	Growth		✓	✓	✓	MT	TRAD	PL/OP
<b>3.3 System-wide</b>								
3.3.1 User Experience - Trailheads and Shade	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD	PL
3.3.2 Signage & Identity	Reinvest			✓		MT	TRAD	PL
3.3.3 Safety	Growth		✓	✓	✓	ST	ALT	PL/PM

## Primary Action Items

- 3.1.1 - Internal Loop Trails
- 3.1.2 - Accessible Design for Trails and Walks
- 3.2.1 - Completion of Brush Creek Greenway
- 3.2.4 - Partnership with Park University for Connection
- 3.2.7 - Sidewalks to Watkins and Adams Parks

# Capital Action Plan | 4.0 Programs and Events

Recommendation	Recommendation Category	Community Benefits				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>4.0 Programs and Events</b>								
<b>4.1 Programs</b>								
4.1.1 Pricing Structure	Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.2 Program Delivery Model	Operations	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.1.3 Core Service	Growth	✓	✓	✓	✓	ST	TRAD/ALT	PL/RS
<b>4.2 Events and Rentals</b>								
4.2.1 Staff Workload	Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL
4.2.2 Event Definition	Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.3 Rates and Fees	Operations		✓			ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.2.4 Streamlined Process	Operations		✓			ST	TRAD	PL/RS
<b>4.3 Additional Considerations</b>								
4.3.1 Staff involvement in event planning	Operations	✓				ST	TRAD	PL
4.3.2 Event and rental occurrence limits	Operations	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL/RS
4.3.3 Preference for Residents and Local Groups	Operations	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL

## Primary Action Items

- 4.1.1 - Establish Program Pricing Structure
- 4.1.3 - Identify and Focus on Core Department Offerings
- 4.2.3 - Establish Event and Rental Fee Structure

# Capital Action Plan | 5.0 Operations

Recommendation	Recommendation Category	Community Values				Timeline	Funding Source	Responsible Party
		PP	DL	PH	MH			
<b>5.0 Operations</b>								
<b>5.1 Budget</b>								
5.1.1	Funding Methods and Impact		✓			ST	TRAD	CA
5.1.2	Financial Evaluation		✓			ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.3	Funding Sources		✓			ST	TRAD	CA/PL
5.1.4	Conservation and Land Management	✓	✓		✓	ST	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.2 Staffing</b>								
5.2.1	Nature Sanctuary – PTE Maintenance	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.2	Program Manager – FTE		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.3	Mowing	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PM
5.2.4	Additional Staffing		✓			LT	TRAD	PL
5.2.5	Volunteers		✓			MT	ALT	RS
5.2.6	Successional Planning		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.2.7	Position Replacement and Evaluation		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
<b>5.3 Maintenance</b>								
5.3.1	Implement Modes of Care and Maintenance Standards	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PM
5.3.2	Lifecycle Maintenance and Replacement Schedule	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PM
5.3.3	Prioritize Investment in Existing Parks	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.4	Natural Resource Management Plan and Staffing	✓	✓			ST	TRAD	PL/PM
5.3.5	Future Maintenance Facilities		✓			MT	TRAD	PL/PM
<b>5.4 Marketing and Communications</b>								
5.4.1	Marketing Methods		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.2	Marketing Resources		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.3	Civic Rec					ST	TRAD	PL
5.4.4	Brand Standards					ST	TRAD	PL
<b>5.5 Partnerships</b>								
5.5.1	Agreement Review		✓			ST	TRAD	PL
5.5.2	New Partnerships		✓			MT	TRAD	PL/OP
5.5.3	Partnership Approach		✓			ST	TRAD	PL

## Primary Action Items

5.2 - New Parks Superintendent

5.3.1 - Maintenance Plan

5.5.1 - Partnership Agreements

Review / Approach

## **NEXT STEPS:**

- DELIVER DRAFT MASTER PLAN (6/30)
- BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING (7/15)
- FINAL MASTER PLAN (7/25)

# Monthly Activity Report



<b>Reporting Date</b>	June 2025
<b>Project Report</b>	Parks Maintenance Report
<b>Meeting</b>	July 9, 2025 Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting
<b>Reviewed By</b>	Brittanie Propes, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>Prepared By</b>	Travis Phelan, Parks Foreman

## Summary

The following Parks-related activities took place during June 2025:

### Project & Maintenance Highlights:

- Painted interior walls and applied epoxy flake finish to the floors of the PLP restroom building
- Replaced top collars on swing sets at ELP
- Installed a new flower bed adjacent to the ELP restrooms
- Relocated the Tuff Shed at Parks HQ from lower elevation to higher ground to prevent flooding
- Planted six trees on the south side of the PLP mound
- Installed watering bags on recently planted or struggling trees
- Applied mulch to trees across various park locations
- Completed repairs to the ELP restroom following a water supply line break
- Re-chipped the south trail at Sullivan Nature Sanctuary
- Partnered with Heartland Tree Alliance to trim over 100 trees along the north side of the PLP back trail
- Removed hanging limbs on the second loop of the ELP disc golf course (near hole 5)

### Ongoing Routine Maintenance:

- Daily restroom cleaning and supply restocking
- Shelter and ballfield preparation for reservations and scheduled events

- Support for special event setup and logistics
- Trash removal and litter control across all parks
- Regular trail inspections and maintenance

# Monthly Activity Report



<b>Reporting Date</b>	June 2025
<b>Project Report</b>	Parkville Nature Sanctuary Report
<b>Meeting</b>	July 9, 2025 Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting
<b>Reviewed By</b>	Brittanie Propes, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>Prepared By</b>	Brittanie Propes, Parks and Recreation Director

## Summary

### Trail and Regular Maintenance Update

#### Ongoing Maintenance & Inspections

Staff continued routine maintenance efforts throughout the sanctuary, including:

- **Refilling trail maps** at the sign kiosks to ensure visitors have access to up-to-date information.
- **Monitoring trail conditions**, with particular attention to the Scout Cabin area, parking lot, and popular trail segments.
- **Regularly emptying trash cans** and performing litter patrols to maintain a clean and welcoming environment.
- **Conducting quality inspections** throughout the sanctuary to identify maintenance needs and proactively address safety concerns.

#### Tree Removal & Safety Work

- Urban Tree Specialists were hired to **remove a fallen tree** that was blocking the **White Tail Trail**, restoring safe access for park users.
- A **second hazardous tree**, which was broken and leaning precariously over the same trail, has been scheduled for professional removal. This work is currently **pending and expected to be completed soon**.

### Volunteer Engagement

- Volunteers were formally **recognized during the June 17th Board of Aldermen meeting** for their outstanding dedication to the park. Their work on repairing the boardwalk alone accounted for **over 200 hours of donated time** — a significant contribution to park safety and usability.

- Additional volunteer support was provided for **trash pickup** and **general trail maintenance**, helping to extend the reach and impact of our ongoing operations.

## Parkville Nature Sanctuary Volunteer Hours

Month	Hours	Total Hours YTD
January	3.5	3.5
February	23	26.5
March	88	114.50
April	62.5	177
May	84	261
June	45	306

# Monthly Activity Report



<b>Reporting Date</b>	June- July 2025
<b>Project Report</b>	Parks and Recreation Program Report
<b>Meeting</b>	July 9, 2025 Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting
<b>Reviewed By</b>	Brittanie Propes, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>Prepared By</b>	David Mullen, Parks and Recreation Program Manager

## Summary

The following Parks-related activities took place during January 2025:

### **Parks and Recreation Guide July–December 2025:**

The new guide has been drafted to serve as a comprehensive resource for the public and a 6-month operational roadmap for staff. It provides all Parks and Recreation information, resources, and program updates in one place.

- Available as an online flipbook | View draft here: [🌐 Online Flipbook](#)

### **New Parks and Recreation Programs (July – August):**

- **Parks and Recreation Month Calendar:** A full month of free public programs held in parks and public spaces, made possible through generous community partnerships.
- **Rock the Park Concert Series:** A free concert series in partnership with School of Rock Parkville, held at McKeon Stage every third Friday from June through October at 5:00 PM.
- **AYSO Soccer Camp:** A 5-day soccer camp hosted in partnership with the nationally recognized AYSO organization.
- **Whispering Leaves & Wild Critters:** A guided nature hike through the Parkville Nature Sanctuary with MDC naturalists, featuring drawing, writing, and nature observation activities.
- **Adult Leagues:** New Adult Kickball and 5v5 Soccer Leagues, in partnership with KC Crew.

## **Additional Updates:**

- Special events scheduling is being updated for the remainder of 2025 and into 2026.
- The election of a new Barkville Mayor is scheduled for August.
- Discussions are underway to introduce a pickleball class this Fall, with more details forthcoming.
- Developing a parking permit template to authorize special event organizers and program vehicles access to park areas.
- The Parkville Nature Sanctuary Facebook page is being transitioned to the broader Parkville Parks and Recreation platform.

# Parks and Recreation Month

July 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Art	2 Farmers Market Tai Chi	3 Science*	4 4th of July 	5 Farmers Market Dog Days at Barkville Outdoor Movie Night
6 Story time	7 Art	8 Farmers Market Tai Chi	9 Science	10 Yoga Nature Hike	11 Farmers Market Volunteer Trash Pickup	12
13 Story time	14 Art	15 Farmers Market Tai Chi	16 Science	17 Yoga Nature Hike	18 Farmers Market Dog Days at Barkville	19
20 Story time	21 Art	22 Farmers Market Tai Chi	23 Science	24 Yoga Nature Hike	25 Farmers Market Volunteer Trash Pickup	26
27 Story time	28 Art	29 Farmers Market Tai Chi	30 Science	31		

## 4th of July Celebration

Join us in downtown Parkville for the 4th of July Parade and Celebration! The parade will occur at 10am and the fireworks display at 9:30pm.

## Storytime in the Park

We are partnering with the Parkville Mid-Continent Public Library to offer a free storytime at the East Shelter in English Landing Park. Storytime is for children of all ages and will begin at 10am.

## Art in the Park

Art in the Park will be held at the West Shelter in English Landing Park. Participants are invited to join us for a different art project each week. Ideal for ages 3-12. This program begins at 10am.

## Farmers Market

Stop by the Parkville Farmer's Market every Wednesday from Noon-4pm and every Saturday from 7am-Noon. Located in downtown Parkville.

## Tai Chi in the Park

Described as meditation in motion, Tai Chi is a series of gentle physical exercises and stretches. This class is recommended for adults and seniors. No experience needed! Classes begin at 8:30am at McKeon Stage in English Landing Park.

## Science in the Park

Science in the Park will be held at the West Shelter in English Landing Park. This program includes interactive science activities and projects. Ideal for ages 3-10. This program begins at 10am.

\*JULY 3RD ONLY: A guided hike through the Parkville Nature Sanctuary. Meet at the picnic tables located at the entrance of the Nature Sanctuary.\*

## Yoga Nature Hike

Explore Parkville Nature Sanctuary on a guided hike to a serene location where a certified yoga instructor will lead you through an all-levels yoga class. No experience needed! The Yoga Nature Hike will begin at 8am. Meet at the picnic tables located at the entrance of the Nature Sanctuary.

## Outdoor Movie Night

Bring your lawn chair and snack and join us for a free outdoor movie night! We are showing Inside Out 2 at the Infield at Creekside. Showtime is 7pm. Ice cream will be available for purchase with KC Scoops.

## Dog Days at Barkville

You and your furry friend are invited to Dog Days at Barkville; a dog breed meetup. Meetups are the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of the month from 10am-Noon. July 5th: Corgis and July 19th: Labs/Retrievers.

## Volunteer Trash Pickup

Join the Parks and Rec team in a volunteer trash pickup event to help keep Parkville beautiful. Trash bags are included and gloves are encouraged. July 12th: PAC Park and July 26: English Landing Park/Platte Landing Park. Trash pickup programs begin at 7pm.

## Photo Contest

Throughout July, take photos at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary or Sullivan Nature Sanctuary and enter your photos for a chance to be named the winner of the youth Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary photo contest. One grand prize winner will be selected. Youth photographers can email their photos as a jpeg file to fopns12@gmail.com with the subject line, "Parks and Rec Photo Contest".

## Thank you to our partners!



## BLICK art materials



For more details on all of these programs, visit City of Parkville on Facebook. All programs are subject to change.





**June 7: German  
Shepherds**

**June 21: Senior Dogs  
(10+ years old)**

**July 5: Corgis**

**July 19: Labs &  
Retrievers**

**August 2: Beagles**

**August 16: Extra Small  
Dogs (Under 10 lbs)**

**September 6: Huskies**

**September 20: Doodles**

**October 4: Mutts & Mixes**

**October 18: Extra  
Large Dogs (100+ lbs)**

# DOG DAYS AT BARKVILLE

## Dog Breed Meetups

1st & 3rd Saturday's  
of the month from  
March-October.

10am-Noon.

Barkville Dog Park in  
Platte Landing Park.



★ MCKEON STAGE - ENGLISH LANDING PARK ★

JUNE  
20

July  
18

August  
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Sept.  
19

October  
17

5:00  
PM



# Rock The Park

**School of  
Rock  
Parkville**

**Parkville  
Parks and  
Recreation**

**SCHOOL  
OF ROCK**  
PARKVILLE (KANSAS CITY)

*Parkville*  
Missouri

**Enjoy an evening in the park with a free performance from the School of Rock Parkville - Presented by Parkville Parks and Recreation! Showtime is 5:00 PM at McKeon Stage in English Landing Park!**

THE AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION & PARKVILLE PARKS & REC  
PRESENTS



# AYSO PLAY! PLUS

Parkville  
Missouri

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF QUALITY SOCCER FUN LED BY HIGHLY  
CERTIFIED COACHES AT PARKVILLE PARKS & REC!



## AYSO PLAY!+ PARKVILLE PARKS & REC JULY SOCCER CAMP!

DATES: 7/28, 7/29, 7/30, 7/31, 8/1



8:00AM - 8:45AM (AGES 2-5)  
9:00AM - 12:00PM (AGES 6-14)

PRICE: \$99



REGISTRATION DEADLINE 7/23

EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE OUR 2025 PLAY! SOCCER JERSEY!  
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNITY YOUTH SOCCER COORDINATOR JENNIFER RUIZ AT  
JENNIFERRUIZ@AYSOPLAY.ORG

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Parkville Parks and Recreation 2025 Events				
Event Name	Organization	Date	Type	Location
Time Travelers Marathon	Bodies Race Company	1/4/2025	Race	ELP
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding	Midwest Recycling Center	2/1/2025	Program	PLP
Couple Shuffle 5K	Bodies Race Company	2/16/2025	Race	ELP
Sporting KC Rec League	Sporting KC	3/10/2025	League	Friends Field
Hero Hustle	Bodies Race Company	3/30/2025	Race	ELP
Soccer Shots Spring Season	Soccer Shots	4/2/2025	League	Friends Field
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding	Midwest Recycling Center	4/5/2025	Program	PLP
Path to Change 5K/Youth with Vision (cancelled)	Beacon Mental Health	4/12/2025	Race	ELP
Pruning for Beginners Class	Parkville Parks and Rec/Bridging the Gap	4/12/2025	Program	PLP
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	4/18/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Community Heros Storytime	MCPL	4/23/2025	Program	ELP
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	4/25/2025	Event	Alley
Parkville Brewfest	MSPA	4/26/2025	Festival	ELP
Parkville Farmers Market	Farmers Market Association	4/26/2025	Market	Downtown
Symphony in the Park	The Kansas City Symphony	5/1/2025	Event	ELP
Women on the Move 5K	AWLF (Womens Lawyers)	5/3/2025	Race	ELP
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	5/5/2025	Program	ELP
Intro to Birding Hike	Parkville Parks and Rec/Missouri Department of Conservation	5/9/2025	Program	PLP
Northland Mothers Day 5K	Equal Start	5/10/2025	Race	ELP
Brock Allen Graduation Party	Jay Allen	5/10/2025	Event	Alley
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	5/11/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	5/12/2025	Program	ELP
Pruning for Beginners Workday	Bridging the Gap	5/14/2025	Program	PLP
PHHS Senior Day Celebration	PHHS	5/15/2025	Event	ELP
Gateway Park Ribbon Cutting	Pinecrest Neighborhood	5/16/2025	Program	ELP
Midwest Walk-Run-N-Roll	SRNA	5/17/2025	Race	ELP
Path to Parenthood 5K	KC Infertility Clinic	5/18/2025	Race	ELP
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	5/19/2025	Program	ELP
Martin Luther Academy Event	End of School Celebration	5/21/2025	Program	ELP
Memorial Day Carnival	CID	5/23/2025	Festival	Downtown
Hiking with Baby!	Parkville Parks and Rec/Missouri Department of Conservation	5/24/2025	Program	PNS
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	5/25/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	5/26/2025	Program	ELP
Urban Hike: Parkville	Parkville Parks and Rec/Missouri Department of Conservation	5/27/2025	Program	ELP
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	5/30/2025	Event	Alley
Parkville 4 The Gospel	River Park Church	6/1/2025	Event	ELP
Jazz Festival	Banneker Foundation	6/7/2025	Concert	ELP
Dog Days at Barkville	Parkville Parks and Recreation	6/7/2025 +	Event	Barkville
Rolling on the River Bike Ride	Parkville and Platte County	6/7/2025	Race	ELP
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding	Midwest Recycling Center	6/7/2025	Program	PLP

RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	6/8/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Hometown Half Marathon	Bodies Race Company	6/14/2025	Race	ELP
School of Rock Concert	Parkville Parks and Recreation	6/20/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
DBN Fest - CANCELLED VIA ORGANIZER	Lucas Mertz	6/21/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	6/22/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Heartland Tree Alliance	Parkville Parks and Recreation	6/25/2025	Program	PLP
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	6/27/2025	Event	Alley
The Provence Wedding - CANCELLED VIA ORGANIZER	Kaitlyn Njoo Wedding	6/28/2025	Wedding	ELP
Dani Beyer Party in Parkville	Dani Beyer Real Estate	6/28/2025	Event	ELP
4th of July Parade	MSPA	7/4/2025	Parade	Downtown
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	7/6/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	7/7/2025	Program	ELP
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	7/14/2025	Program	ELP
School of Rock Concert	Parkville Parks and Recreation	7/18/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	7/21/2025	Program	ELP
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	7/25/2025	Event	Alley
Storytime in the Park	Parkville Parks and Rec/Mid-Continent Public Library	7/28/2025	Program	ELP
AYSO Soccer Camp	Parkville Parks and Recreation	7/28/2025	Program	Friends Field
AYSO Soccer Camp	Parkville Parks and Recreation	7/29/2025	Program	Friends Field
AYSO Soccer Camp	Parkville Parks and Recreation	7/30/2025	Program	Friends Field
AYSO Soccer Camp	Parkville Parks and Recreation	7/31/2025	Program	Friends Field
AYSO Soccer Camp	Parkville Parks and Recreation	8/1/2025	Program	Friends Field
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding	Midwest Recycling Center	8/2/2025	Program	PLP
Whispering Leave and Wild Critters	Missouri Department of Conservation	8/9/2025	Program	PNS
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	8/10/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
School of Rock Concert	Parkville Parks and Recreation	8/15/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
Scottish Highland Games	Scottish Athletics	8/16/2025	Event	PLP
Ronald MacDonald House 5K	RMHC	8/17/2025	Race	ELP
Parkville Days	MSPA	8/22/2025	Festival	Downtown
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	8/29/2025	Event	Alley
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	8/31/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
Bethel Neighborhood Center Pickleball Tournament	Bethel Neighborhood Center	9/13/2025	Event	Pickleball Courts
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	9/14/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
School of Rock Concert	Parkville Parks and Recreation	9/19/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
U.S. Engineering Family Celebration	U.S. Engineering	9/20/2025	Event	ELP
Seize the Day 5k	EFMK	9/21/2025	Race	ELP
Final Fridays in the Alley	American Legion	9/26/2025	Event	Alley
Bourbon in the Park	Rose Productions	9/27/2025	Event	ELP
RiverPark Church Services	RiverPark Church	9/28/2025	Event	McKeon Stage
MOJO Real Estate Octoberfest	MOJO Real Estate	10/1/2025	Event	ELP
Out of the Darkness Walk	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)	10/4/2025	Race	ELP
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding	Midwest Recycling Center	10/4/2025	Program	PLP

Ian's Rainbow Flu Foundation Walk	Ians Rainbow Flu Foundation	10/11/2025	Race	ELP
School of Rock Concert	Parkville Parks and Recreation	10/17/2025	Concert	McKeon Stage
Dani Beyer Pumpkin Patch	Dani Beyer Real Estate	10/18/2025	Event	ELP
Pumpkin Carving	Parkville Parks and Rec	10/23/2025	Event	ELP
Strong Like Lisa 5K	Strong Like Lisa	10/25/2025	Race	ELP
Ghost Stories and Haunted Trail	Parkville Parks and Rec	10/25/2025	Event	Nature Sanctuary
Nelson Wedding	Chelsea Caldwell/Wyatt Nelson Wedding	10/25/2025	Wedding	Lewis & Clark Area
Turkey Trot 5K	Turkey Trot	11/27/2025	Race	ELP
Christmas on the River	MSPA	12/5/2025	Festival	Downtown
Trek w/Santa	Parkville Parks and Rec	12/6/2025	Event	Nature Sanctuary
Candy Cane Course 5K	Bodies Race Company	12/13/2025	Race	ELP
RiverPark Church Sports Bash - CANCELLED VIA ORGANIZER	River Park Church	7/7/2025 & 7/8/25	Event	ELP/PLP

**ITEM 6.D.**

*For 7/9/2025*

*Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting*

**CITY OF PARKVILLE  
Policy Report**

Date: June 27, 2025

Prepared By:

Reviewed By:

ISSUE:

Capital Improvement Projects

BACKGROUND:

BUDGET IMPACT:

ALTERNATIVES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

POLICY:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CIP Updates June 2025

# Monthly Activity Report



<b>Reporting Date</b>	June 2025
<b>Project Report</b>	Parks Capital Improvement Project Report
<b>Meeting</b>	July 9, 2025 Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting
<b>Reviewed By</b>	Brittanie Propes, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>Prepared By</b>	Chris Ashley, Project Manager

## Project Updates

1. **PLP Wetlands** – The city serves as a local project sponsor with the project led and contracted out by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). [Funding via Section 1135](#) for construction of a Wetland Project in Platte Landing Park, includes:

### ***Project History in previous packets***

### **Updates**

- Staff continued discussions with Missouri Department of Conservation to determine next steps. Staff had a site visit with MDC in early November.
- In January staff met with the Army Corps of Engineers to begin discussions about how we can move forward with repairs for the Wetlands.
- Staff received the new appraisal for Platte Landing Park.
- *Site visited with USACE at the end of April. This was the first step in discussing plans for the Wetland Reset/Liner Installation.*
- Conversations have continued with USACE to determine local soil that is available from developers that may be used for the clay liner. USACE has been conducting soil testing on development sites
- On July 5, 2023 USACE soil engineers began sampling areas near the Wetlands and areas in Platte Landing Park to test for compatible clay to be used for the liner.
- The USACE will provide the City with an update on their findings and a recommended plan to move forward later this summer.
- On August 1, 2023 Leigh Mitchell, USACE Project Manager, attended a joint Work Session with the BOA and CLARB to present their recommended approach to the restoration of the Wetlands project.

- The last few months have included funding acquisition, geotechnical assessment, and project scoping.
- Within the next 1-2 weeks the area will be mowed to allow construction and staging, including delivery of materials.
- Over the next 2-4 months the USACE plan to complete the necessary earthwork.
- The City and the USACE will continue discussions regarding the vegetation management and potential water sources. That work is anticipated to be done in Spring 2024.
- Staff mowed roughly 80 acres at PLP to prepare for the earthwork.
- The USACE began construction and have been moving dirt since the end of August. No other significant updates to report.
- The USACE experience delays getting the bentonite but progress continues. Parks Staff and USACE have a site visit scheduled to review progress the week of October 23rd.
- The USACE attended the November 21st meeting to present options for a water well and energy source. This presentation will be shared at the November 29th CLARB meeting.
- 500 Tons of bentonite has arrived on site. Workers are currently grading the surrounding area so it will slope (and drain) into the wetland ponds. The next steps will be to install the bentonite and then top soil to sustain the future vegetation.
- The South Wetland pool is completely finished. The USACE is still lining the north pool with bentonite. Once all of the bentonite is added to the pool, the USACE will grade Platte Landing Park to restore the construction area.
- The USACE will presented an update and a vegetation plan for CLARB and the BOA at a joint work session on April 16th at 6pm.
- The windmill for the south well has been secured and will be delivered and installed this summer.
- Staff is meeting on site with the ERDC vegetation experts on Friday, May 10, 2024 to discuss vegetation plans for this summer and planting plans
- Windmill installed and inspected
- Great Plains Windmill Company hosted on-site tutorial with parks staff
- USACE and ERDC began work on invasive species removal
- ERDC hosted on-site staff training for invasive species control
- ERDC planted the aquatic plant species. Parks Staff worked alongside ERDC and assisted with the plantings.
- USACE and ERDC will continue monitoring the invasive species
- USACE installed additional native plantings in and around the wetlands
- USACE met on site to inspect and test the Wetlands Pump with Parks Staff
- ERDC scheduled a follow-up invasive species work day with Parks Staff on August 14, 2024
- Three work days have been held with Parks staff and ERDC
- ERDC and USACE are continuing maintenance and management of the pools and vegetation through Fall of 2025
- Staff is mowing a 2 foot easement on both sides of the trails through the Wetlands
- The first educational field trip at the Wetlands is scheduled for November 2024
- **Minor repairs were made to the windmill and the Great Plains Windmill Company completed their annual service and inspection**
- **ERDC and USACE are continuing efforts to treat invasive species like Johnson Grass**
- **ERDC and USACE and continuing efforts to maintain and manage the aquatic plantings and the surrounding native species**
- *STATUS – IN PROGRESS.*

## 2. Wetlands Educational Areas

- This scope of this project is to add stone slab benches and informational signage in the two pedestrian cul-de-sac areas of the Wetlands. This project was first started in 2020 but was later suspended when the water retention problem began.
- January 2, 2024: Staff met on site to determine the possible locations for (6) stone slab benches and (3) informational signs in each of the cul-de-sacs.
- Staff is currently obtaining quotes from multiple vendors for both items.

- Staff has ordered the frames for the informational kiosks and is currently working on the artwork and text for the signage.
- Staff has decided to put the stone bench order on hold for approximately (2) months, until the Corp of Engineers finishes up work on the site.
- April 19, 2024: Informational kiosk frames were delivered.
- Staff is continuing to work on the information and graphics for the signs themselves.
- Stone bench slabs have been ordered. It is anticipated they will be delivered by the end of May 2024.
- Bench blocks installed on 6/7/24
- Moving forward with interpretive signage
- Signage locations for interpretive signs and directional signs have been verified
- Waiting on final sign design
- *STATUS – IN PROGRESS*

### 3. **Farmers Market**

#### **Full Project History in previous packets**

#### **Updates**

- Staff participated in a joint work session with the Board of Aldermen and members of CLARB on September 5th, 2023. The following items were agreed upon:
  - The City will engage BBN to modify their cost estimate to focus on previous version B1, a timber-framed structure similar to the original, with a larger column bay and potential for future phases.
  - The City will formally withdraw from our previously awarded Partnership Grant for the Platte Landing Park ballfields.
  - The City will start a new Partnership Grant application for the new Farmers Market structure.
- October 16, 2023: The City submitted for a new Platte County Partnership Grant in the amount of \$1M for a new Farmers Market structure. The previously awarded grant for the Platte Landing Park Recreation Fields was returned by the City.
- November 14, 2023: Staff will verbally present our grant application to the Platte County Partnership Grant Committee as a part of their approval process.
- Staff and BBN will return to the Board of Aldermen with updated renderings and cost estimate.
- The Platte County Parks Board voted to recommend the full amount of \$1,000,000 to the Farmers Market Project by a vote of 4-1. The Platte County Commissioners will now vote on the Partnership Grant applications on Monday, December 4th.
- December 4, 2023: The Platte County Parks Board formally awarded the City of Parkville the \$1M grant request.
- BBN put together a scope of work for the upcoming design phase.
- April 2, 2024: The agreement with BBN for final design documents and construction documents was approved.
- April 30, 2024: BBN met with CLARB and BOA input at the joint work session on April 30th at 5:30pm. The Work Session included a presentation of preliminary plans, discussion regarding the difference in price for a basic structure vs. a basic structure that has the ability to add additional amenities in the future, BBN's opinion of the structure's anticipated life expectancy so the governing body can have a sense of how soon the potential enhancements would need to be implemented, and direction for BBN to move forward with design plans.
- April 30, 2024: Joint CLARB/Board of Aldermen work session. BBN presented the latest open and future enclosed design schemes. It was decided to add approval of the design schemes to the May 7, 2024 Board meeting agenda for a formal vote.
- Electrical FEMA-related issues resolved
- Signage dimensions from existing building sent to BBN
- Site survey to be completed week of July 8th
- Staff anticipates meeting with BBN week of July 22 for a 95% construction document review meeting
- Construction documents will be submitted for BOA/CLARB review

- Joint CLARB and BOA Work Session was held to review construction documents on August 20, 2024
- Staff reviewed construction documents of minor changes with BBN Architectures on September 9, 2024
- Details related to traffic control and stormwater run-off are being discussed with RIC to coordinate the adjacent streambank stabilization project
- October 2, 2024: Project put out to bid
- October 10, 2024: Pre-bid Meeting with potential contractors
- October 23, 2024: Bid opening – E. L. Crawford, from St. Joe, Missouri, was the low bidder.
- November 4, 2024: Staff conducted an interview with E. L. Crawford to discuss the project scope of work and their experience with similar projects. Staff checked their references. All references were good.
- November 19, 2024: Staff will be recommending to the Board of Aldermen that the City move forward with E. L. Crawford's construction contract.
- E. L. Crawford is currently under contract and is mobilizing on site on Monday, January 6, 2024. E. L. Crawford will be providing an overall project schedule within the next (2) weeks. Shop drawing review is currently underway.
- E. L. Crawford has mobilized on site. Excavation and concrete pouring for the (18) column footings should be completed by 2/10/25. A weather delay of as much as 3-5 working days, starting on 2/12/25, is anticipated.
- E. L. Crawford will update staff on the project schedule at our first bi-weekly construction meeting on 2/12/25.
- Contractor has completed the following work: Column footings & CMU backup, demolition of the existing asphalt parking lot around the new structure, installation of the concrete "floor" underneath the new structure.
- It is anticipated that the wood trusses will arrive on site in the first week of May. Installation will begin immediately thereafter. The stone on the columns will also begin in early May.
- Work completed includes installation of the wood trusses, the roofing, the permanent metal bollards, concrete curbs and flatwork.
- Work currently under way includes installation of the stone column surrounds, truss and canopy wood staining, and east parking lot grading. Work to be started includes parking lot asphaltting, installation of the removeable bollards, gutters/downspouts, signage, electrical fixtures and handicap ramp handrails.
- It is anticipated that the structure and the east parking lot will be completed by July 17, 2025, and the west parking lots by August 15, 2025.
- STATUS – IN PROGRESS

#### 4. **Gateway Park (9 HWY and NW 62nd Street)**

- October 14, 2022: Staff met with residents of the Pinecrest neighborhood to discuss their goals for the project:
  - Bench seating in the shade
  - Drinking fountain
  - Landscaping
  - Direct pedestrian access to the Hwy 9 trail
  - Possible parking with access via the yet-to-be developed site directly to the south
- Staff is in the process of evaluating fee proposals from landscape architects to develop some conceptual designs for this project.
- Staff is in the process of evaluating fee proposals from surveyors.
- McClure Engineering has been selected to design the project.
- January 5, 2023: Staff will meet with their project manager on site to kick-off the project.
- RL Buford has been selected to do the survey work. They anticipate being on site the first week of January, 2023.
- Staff submitted the Platte County Outreach Grant.
- February 21, 2023: Staff presented the project, in person, to the Platte Landing Outreach Grant committee.
- The Committee indicated that the grant award announcements would be made around the 3rd week of March, 2023.
- The City of Parkville was awarded \$34,000 for the Platte County Outreach Grant for Gateway Park.
- Staff and Gateway Park committee met on April 3rd to discuss next steps in the planning and design of the park.
- Staff is working with McClure Engineering on construction documents for the park. It is estimated that the project will go out for bidding around the middle of August.

- Staff is preparing to put the project out to bid by September 12, 2023.
- The Bid opening for the Gateway Park project occurred on October 3, 2023.
- Staff is preparing contract documents for the contractor to proceed. Work is anticipated to start later this fall.
- October 3, 2023: At Bid Opening, (2) bids were received. J. Richardson Construction was the low bidder.
- J. Richardson's contract has been approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Aldermen. Staff is waiting for the Contractor's insurance documents.
- February 14, 2024: Construction has begun and should take approximately (4) weeks to complete.
- March 7, 2024: Work on first phase is complete with the exception of the utility attachments. Staff will be seeking quotes to replace the remainder of the gravel trail with concrete, adding a retaining wall behind the Pinecrest Monument and adding landscaping material.
- Contract being drawn up with McClure Engineering for Phase 2 work (additional concrete sidewalk and culvert piping).
- Contract drawings to be completed by mid-May, 2024. Staff will then solicit bids for this work.
- Construction duration estimated to be from June 1 – June 30, 2024.
- (3) quotes being solicited for delivery and spreading of additional top soil.
- (3) quotes being solicited for landscaping.
- (3) quotes being solicited for hydro-seeding.
- Mo. American Water to tap into main and connect drinking fountain. They are currently waiting for a Right-of-Way permit from MODOT (est. start date unknown).
- Waiting for installation of electric meter and final connection of decorative pole light
- Waste container, bike rack and bike fix-it station have been ordered.
- By the Blade Landscaping completed the culvert and the final phase of the sidewalk
- By the Blade Landscaping installed the landscaping and hardscaping in July
- Additional backfill dirt was added to the lower level of the park
- Hydroseeding will follow the landscaping, weather dependent
- Staff has been treating and removing Johnson Grass
- Staff has been watering new plants 2-3 times per week
- Northland Erosion Control has hydroseeded and has been contracted to do watering
- A ribbon cutting is being coordinated with the Pinecrest neighbors tentatively this Fall
- 10/13/24: Tree fell over onto stairs. Staff has removed limbs from stairs. Urban Trees has been scheduled to remove remainder of tree.
- Tree has been removed.
- (2) new curvilinear benches should be delivered and installed by the end of February 2025. They will be located either side of the existing lamp post.
- Staff will be installing bike rack and fix-it station by the end of February 2025 (weather permitting).
- The Pinecrest Neighborhood has scheduled a ribbon cutting for May 16, 2025.
- Staff is getting quotes for a project sign.
- The bike fix-it stations and racks have been installed along the 9 HWY trail.
- The new curvilinear benches have arrived and have been assembled. They will be installed the week of April 6, 2025.
- A project sign has been ordered. Installation is anticipated around the second week of May 2025.
- **STATUS – COMPLETE**

##### 5. **A-Truss Bridge Sidewalk and PLP Dumpster Pad/Enclosure**

- October 3, 2023: At Bid Opening, (5) bids were received. J. Richardson Construction was the low bidder.
- J. Richardson's contract has been approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Aldermen. Staff is waiting for the Contractor's insurance documents.
- Anticipated start of construction is the week after Thanksgiving.

- Project was completed last month.
- *STATUS – COMPLETED*

## 6. Parks & Recreation Master Plan

- Staff has begun the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to issue for the update of our Parks Master Plan.
- The RFP and timeline has been established and will be posted in Mid-July.
- Due to lack of responses, the RFP was re-posted in September.
- Once the Parks Master Plan consultant is hired, staff will integrate the Survey consultant and the Master Plan consultant to determine a plan for community engagement and presenting information at an upcoming CLARB meeting. The timeline will be posted on the City website.
- The Master Plan Pre-Proposal Conference was held on October 4, 2023. Thirteen (13) people attended the pre-proposal meeting, staff is optimistic about receiving responses.
- RFP Responses are due November 1, 2023
- Selection Committee will review proposals the week of November 6th
- The November CLARB meeting is being moved to November 15 to provide enough time to review and recommend a consultant for the Master Plan.
- The agreement to hire a Master Planning consultant firm will be on the November 27th Finance Agenda and the December 5th Board of Aldermen agenda.
- After a consultant is selected, staff and the consulting firm will put together a schedule of milestones for the Master Plan process and public input.
- November 1, 2023: (5) Master Planning proposals were received from consultants.
- November 9, 2023: The Selection Committee met to review the (5) proposals. The Committee narrowed the field down to (3) finalists. The Committee will set up a Question and Answer ZOOM meeting early in the week of November 13, 2023 with each of the remaining consultants to help with the selection of a finalist.
- November 29, 2023: Final consultant recommendation will be presented at the CLARB Meeting.
- December 19, 2023: The Selection of SWT was approved by the Board of Aldermen.
- January 29, 2023: Steering Committee Kick-off Meeting. SWT re-introduced their team members and discussed their master planning process, starting with community engagement. Staff and CLARB members identified what they hoped to get out of the Master Planning Process. Issues identified are traffic congestion, lack of parking, general growing pains. Next steps are assessing park inventory (walking the park with staff, identifying what works and what doesn't) and scheduling upcoming meetings.
- March 1, 2024: Staff met with members of SWT to review their master planning process and guide them on a tour of our existing parks and facilities. This is part of their first phase of Data Collection & Analysis. The next step under this initial phase is Community Profile/Market Assessment, followed by Community Engagement Meeting (a joint CLARB & BOA Meeting) scheduled for March 19, 2024.
- March 19, 2024: Staff, CLARB and the Board of Aldermen had a joint master planning work session. Members of SWT presented their master proposed planning process and associated timeline.
- SWT Design is scheduling small group committees and kick-off community events.
- The interactive website is being created and will go live following the first community engagement event.
- SWT Design met with three community groups consisting of residents, park users, and local organizations from April 26-May 6.
- Initial public engagement meeting was held on June 20, 2024
- Master Plan website is live
- Social Pinpoint is live and staff is reviewing data bi-weekly with SWT Design
- Steering committee met on July 29, 2024 to review the initial public input meeting and prepare for survey
- CLARB/BOA work session was held August 6, 2024
- ETC institute and SWT Design are taking feedback from the Steering committee and Work Session to prepare the final draft of the Master Plan Survey
- Survey is anticipated to be finalized and published by the end of September

- SWT Design is still collecting public input on the Social Pinpoint website.
- The Master Plan Survey was distributed to all households in Parkville
- The Master Plan Survey responses were collected and met the quota to reach a statistically valid reading
- The Master Plan Steering Committee met with ETC Institute and SWT Design to review the survey results
- A Joint Work Session is scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 5:15pm with the CLARB and BOA to review the Survey Results. ETC Institute and SWT Design will present the survey findings.
- The Joint Work session was re-scheduled due to weather. The new date of the joint CLARB and BOA work Session is February 18, 2025 at 5:45pm.
- February 18 – Joint Board of Aldermen and Community Land & Recreation Board work session to review survey results ([external link](#)).
- March 19 – Community Meeting #2 to review key data insights and help shape focus area recommendations for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- May 6 – Joint Board of Aldermen and Community Land & Recreation Board work session to review draft recommendations ([external link](#))
- May 14 – Community Meeting #3 to review draft recommendations
- June 17 – Joint Board of Aldermen and Community Land & Recreation Board work session to review final plan recommendations
- July 9- Presentation of final plan recommendations to the Community Land & Recreation Board
- July 15- Final Adoption of Master Plan
- STATUS – IN PROGRESS

## 7. **Girl Scout Shelter**

- Staff is in the process of procuring bids for pavers and underlayment to be installed over the existing concrete slab.
- It is anticipated that work would be complete by October 1, 2023.
- Staff has received a “Cooperative” bid from Embassy Landscaping for the paver work. Their contract will be submitted for approval at the September 11, 2023 Finance Meeting.
- The contract was approved. Work will begin after Ghost Stories.
- November 3, 2023: Construction began on new flooring and ramp. Construction duration is anticipated to last (2) weeks.
- Construction of the new flooring and ramp entrance was completed last month.
- January 4, 2024: Construction of new handrails for the ramp has begun. It is anticipated that fabrication and installation will take approximately (2) weeks.
- February 12, 2024: Fabrication and installation of the new ramp handrails has been delayed due to weather. The contractor has indicated that this work will be completed by the end of this month.
- March 7, 2024: Handrails have been installed.
- Staff is assessing the existing roofing material.
- STATUS – IN PROGRESS

## 8. **Veterans Memorial**

- July 27, 2023, Staff met with members of the Veterans Memorial Committee at the Train Depot Spirit Fountain to discuss the possibility of moving the Memorial to that site.
- August 1, 2023, the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved moving the Memorial to the Spirit Fountain site.
- Staff has given SFS Architecture notice to begin design work on Phase 1 of the project, which includes flags, markers and landscaping. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by Memorial Day, 2024.
- The next Veterans Memorial Committee meeting will be on August 22, 2023.
- The Veterans Memorial project Sign was removed from Ball Field 1 and the LWCF request to convert the ballfield was withdrawn.

- Staff is awaiting updated design plans from SFS and the Veterans Memorial Committee.
- SFS is recruiting a new "team" from their organization to spearhead this project. Staff is waiting to hear from them to discuss next steps.
- October 27, 2023: Team meeting to discuss team roles, budget and conceptual design concepts.
- SFS is revising the fee proposal to reflect a reduced scope of work at the new Spirit Fountain site.
- The Veteran's Committee agreed on a conceptual design at the November 2nd Committee Meeting. The plans were shared with SFS to begin the design phase- after a new fee is proposed.
- March 26, 2024: Staff attended a Veteran's Memorial meeting. It was decided that the first phase of the project would be to order and install the flagpoles, flags and flood lights.
- Staff is currently pursuing quotes for this work.
- April 26, 2024: 4 Star Electric visited the site and marked existing electrical lines to the fountain and flag pole light.
- City will meet on-site next week with Everygy to discuss how to meter the Memorial area separately from the Train Depot building.
- City will solicit bids to add additional flag poles and lighting by mid-May 2024.
- Contract agreement signed July 8 by Flagsource,; work is complete
- Staff met with Veterans Committee representatives, Jim McCall and Aldermen Bennett , to discuss project updates and next steps
- Staff met with Pat Vogt from By the Blade to discuss hardscaping plans for Veterans Memorial
- Tentative Ribbon Cutting set for Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Contract agreement signed August 12 by NKC Electric for the electrical work
- Veterans Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2024 to discuss bench installation, landscaping/hardscaping, and signage.
- 10/10/24: By the Blade installed a perimeter sidewalk that will be used for viewing the future memorial monuments.
- The following work to be installed by the first week of November: flagpole spotlights, landscaping, pump control enclosure, project signage, and memorial benches.
- November 7, 2024: Ribbon cutting held.
- Additional work will be contracted out as future fundraising efforts allow. This work will include an enclosure for the existing pump controls, a Veteran's Memorial sign and a mounting surface for the braille flag that was donated by the DAR.
- The Veterans Committee is applying for a \$40,000 Platte County Outreach Grant for the purchase and installation of (6) military service branch monuments. The application deadline is January 17, 2025.
- 2/25/25: Staff will assist in a presentation of our Outreach Grant proposal to Platte County Officials. Supporters are encouraged to attend – time TBD.
- Staff was awarded a \$40,000 Outreach Grant from Platte County for the Arm Services Memorials.
- Staff has solicited quotes for (2) granite kiosks, one recognizing project donors and the other recognizing service members.
- Staff will be installing (3) memorial benches when the weather permits.
- City Staff is waiting for direction from the Veteran's Committee on which remaining portion of the project to construct next (based on available funding).
- Johnson Granite Supply has been hired to fabricate and install the granite donor kiosk. This will be located along the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot.
- Staff is looking into graphics for a temporary wooden project sign (similar to Gateway Park). When selection has been made Staff will solicit quotes from signage companies.
- A 30 ft. long antique artillery gun is being donated by Mike Vogt. Staff will be meeting with him on site the week of 7/6/25 to identify the best location for its mounting.
- Staff is soliciting a quote from Metal Supermarkets out of Wichita for a mounting stand for the braille flag that was donated by the DAR.
- STATUS – IN PROGRESS

## 9. Bridge Improvements at So. Main Street and Rush Creek

- The scope of this project is to remove the existing concrete traffic/pedestrian separation barrier, thus allowing for two-way traffic, and build a separate pedestrian foot-bridge to be located immediately to the east.
- Staff is applying for an Outreach Grant from Platte County for this work. Submission deadline is January 19, 2024. Staff is also looking into other bridge improvement grant funding sources.
- Staff has reached out to one of our On-Call structural engineers, Garver, to provide us with an assessment of the existing bridge. This assessment will include current condition, determining maximum allowable loads, and costs of the improvements.
- Staff has submitted a grant application request in the amount of \$40,000, and will present our application in-person to Platte County on February 27, 2024.
- Grant decision still pending.
- Platte County has awarded the City its full grant request of \$40,000.
- Staff is currently writing up a Request for Qualifications for engineering design work. It is anticipated that this RFQ will be issued by May 10th, 2024
- Staff is in contact with on-call consultants to finalize the design scope of work
- McClure Engineering has been contracted to design the vehicular and pedestrian bridge
- Soil borings have been taken and are currently being analyzed by Kaw Valley Engineering for the foundations of the future pedestrian bridge
- McClure is currently putting together a design schedule. It is anticipated that this project will go out to bid after the first of the year
- Staff is working with McClure to determine exact location of the pedestrian bridge based on connectivity of the existing trails. Design work is continuing.
- Staff is meeting with McClure on Monday, January 6, 2025 to review 90% complete construction documents.
- It is anticipated that the project will go out to bid in mid-January 2025.
- Staff is currently reviewing the final construction documents. It is anticipated that this project will go out to bid on the week of 2/24/25.
- It is anticipated that this project will go out to bid the week of April 6, 2025.
- Bids were received on May 28, 2025. Linaweaver Construction was the low bidder and awarded the project. We are currently finalizing their contract.
- It is estimated that the project will be completed around the end of 2025.
- STATUS – IN PROGRESS

## 10. White Branch Creek Bank Stabilization Grant Application

- February 1, 2024: Staff met on site to discuss existing bank erosion and scope of remediation work. Grant application deadline is March 29, 2024.
- Staff has reached out to Platte County to discuss our proposed scope of work prior to submission of our grant application.
- Staff will be reaching out to one of our on-call Engineers for a fee proposal to design the stabilization work.
- March 6, 2024: Staff received fee proposals from GBA, OWN and VSM.
- March 7, 2024: Staff submitted a draft of the Grant application (for design work) to the Finance Committee for approval.
- March 28, 2024: Staff submitted the grant application. It is anticipated that we will know their decision by mid-May of this year.
- Staff is finalizing contract with Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting (RIC)
- RIC is working on the Streambank Stabilization design while also coordinating with BBN Architects to ensure the adjacent projects work congruently
- Soil borings have been taken and are currently being analyzed by Kaw Valley Engineering.
- RIC is currently working on the design.

- November 7, 2024: RIC presented several design alternatives to Staff. Staff is currently reviewing these along with their associated cost estimates.
- City Staff is currently putting together the final bid documents for the Gabion design. It is anticipated that this project will go out to bid on the week of 2/17/24.
- City Staff held a public bid opening on March 4, 2025. It was decided to put this project on hold due to interference with the on-going construction of the Farmers Market.
- *STATUS – ON HOLD*

#### **11. Sullivan Nature Sanctuary Lookout Platform Renovation**

- Staff is getting quotes for new guardrail and decking replacement.
- It is anticipated that this work would be completed by the end of May 2024.
- Work was completed in June 2024
- *STATUS – COMPLETE*

#### **12. Train Depot Drainage Control**

- Staff solicited quotes for a drainage swale around the north and east sides of the building. Downing Construction was awarded the contract
- Staff is waiting for a project schedule from the contractor.
- November 5, 2024: Contractor finished work.
- *STATUS – COMPLETE*

#### **13. Friends Shelter Parking Lot Restriping.**

- Staff is soliciting quotes for the restriping of the Friends Shelter parking lot and the adjacent crosswalk on South Main Street.
- *STATUS – IN PROGRESS*