



Parks Master Plan & Open Space Trails Master Plan Update

Focus Group Session





Welcome & Introductions



Planning Process Overview



Round Table Groups

Tonight's Focus

What is your vision for Lake Dallas *Parks & Trails* over the next *5 to 10* years?



Planning Process

Phase 1 Inventory & Needs



- Data Collection & Base Mapping*
- Inventory & Supply Analysis*
- Population & Demographic Trends*
- Standards Analysis*
- Demands Analysis & Needs Assessment*

Phase 2 Master Plan



- Priority Rankings*
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- Implementation Plan*
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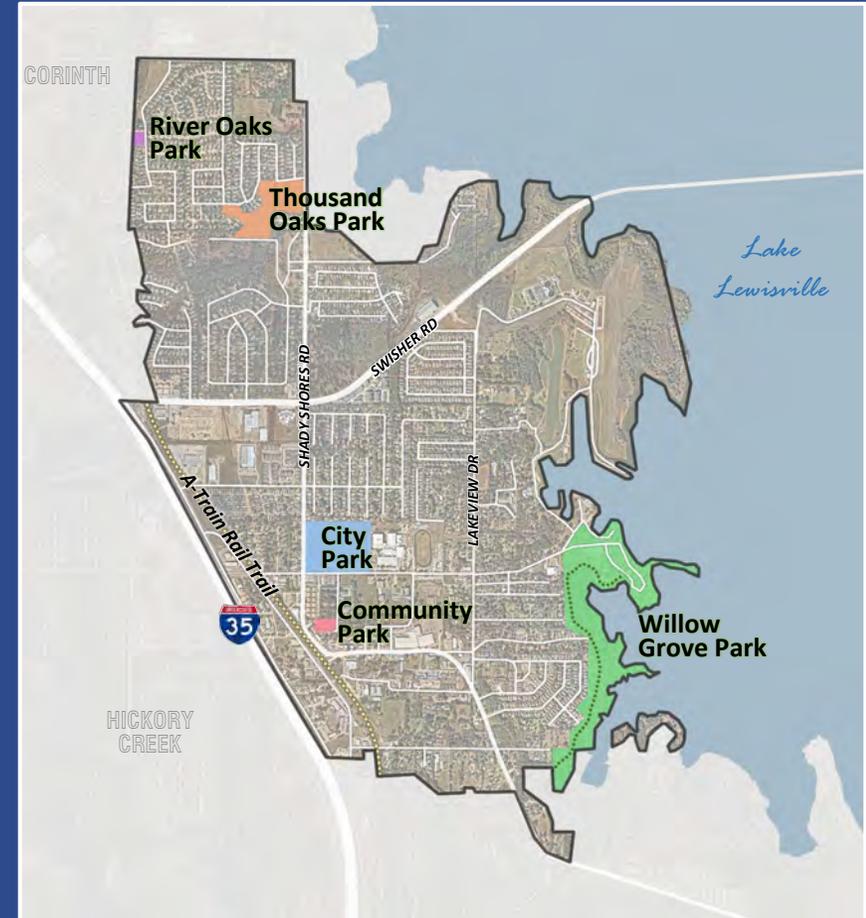
Base Mapping

- GIS Mapping / Exhibits
- Parks / Schools / Leases, etc.

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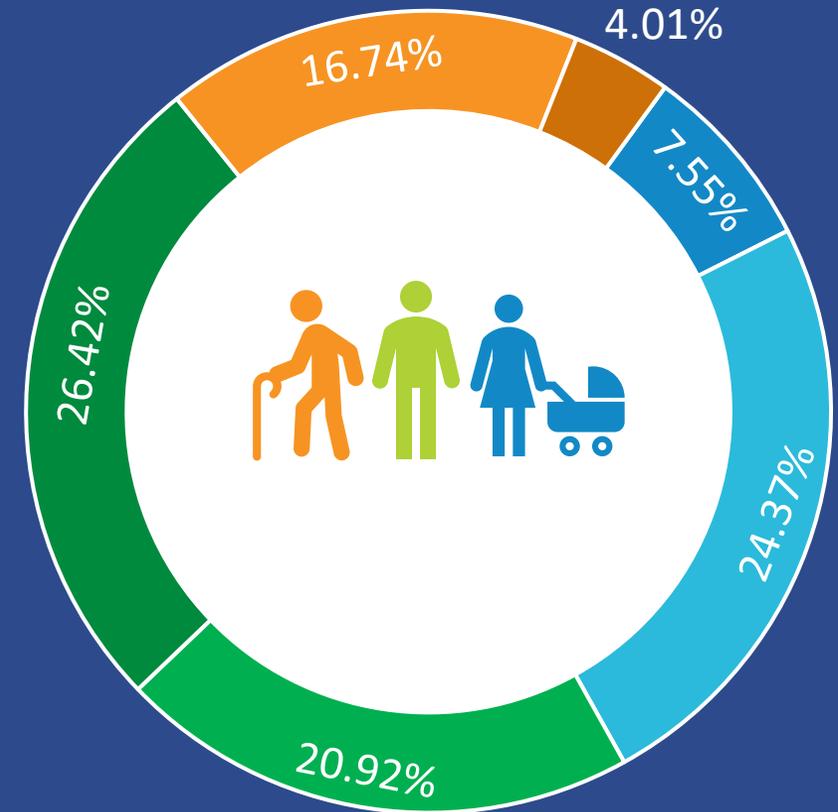
Inventory & Supply

- Parks & Recreation Facilities
- Trails & Open Spaces
- Joint-Use Facilities (*Schools, USACE, etc.*)
- Youth & Adult Sports Associations
- Potential Land for Park Acquisition
- Citywide Tour of Parks



3 Population & Demographic Trends

- Population
 - ✓ Current + Projected
- Demographics
 - ✓ Age Groups & Ethnicities
 - ✓ Income Levels
 - ✓ Growth Rates & Trends
 - ✓ Equity of Access
- Data Sources
(ESRI, City EDC, etc.)



■ Under 5
 ■ 5 to 19
 ■ 20 to 34
 ■ 35 to 54
 ■ 55 to 74
 ■ 75 Up

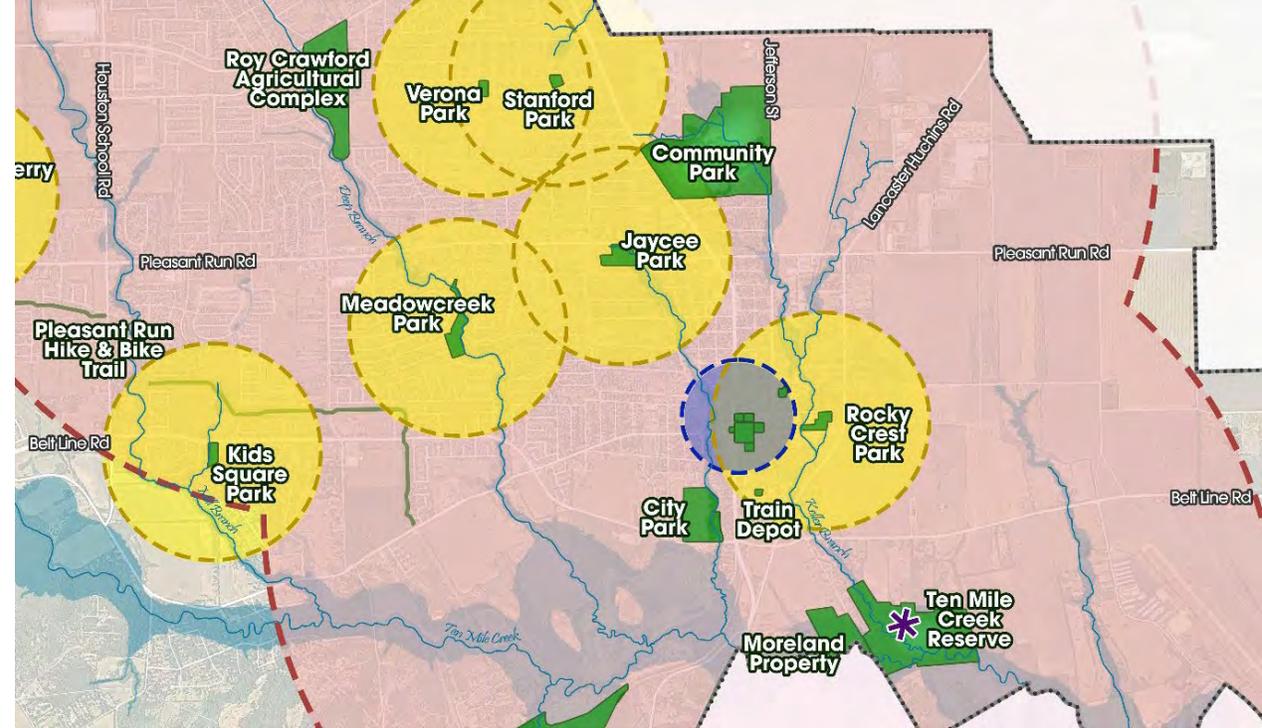
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Standards Analysis

- Establish Guidelines per Population
 - ✓ *Acreage + Number of Facilities*
- Present + Projected Population
- Regional / National Standards & Classifications
- Providing a ***variety of quality recreation*** to people in your neighborhoods, communities and region

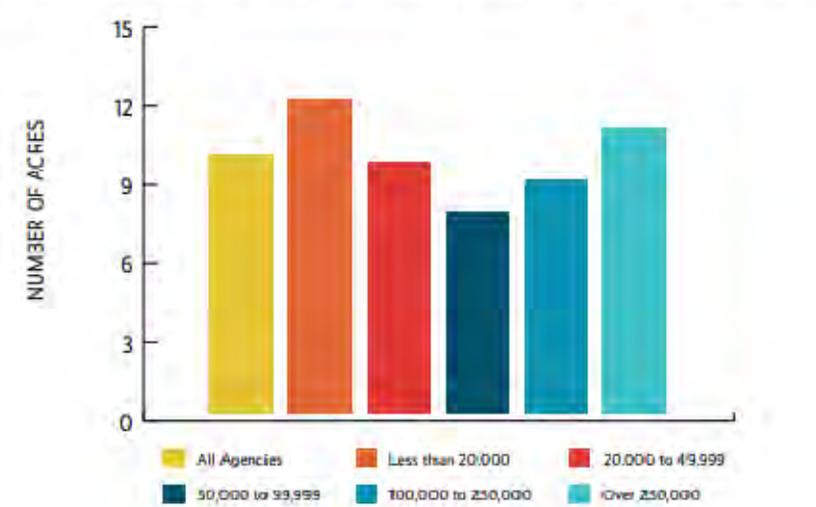


Type	Size/Acres	Service Area	Acres per 1,000 Population
Mini (Pocket) Park	2500 S.F.-1 Acre	Less Than ¼ Mile Distance in Residential Setting	.25-.5 ac/1,000
Neighborhood Park	1-15 Acres	One Neighborhood ¼ to ½ Mile Radius	1.0-2.0 ac/1,000
Community Park	16-99 Acres	Several Neighborhoods	5.0-8.0 ac/1,000
Metropolitan Park	100-499 Acres	Several Communities Under 1 Hour Driving	5.0-10.0 ac/1,000
Regional Park	500+	Several Communities Within 1 Hour Driving	Variable
Special Use Areas	Varies Depending on Desired Size	No Applicable Standard	Variable
Linear Park	Sufficient Width to Protect the Resource and Provide Maximum Usage	No Applicable Standard	Variable
Total			11.25-20.5 Ac/1,000 Population



Acres of Parkland per 1,000 residents

The typical park and recreation agency has 9.9 acre of parkland per 1,000 residents in the jurisdiction.



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Demands Analysis & Needs Assessment

- Dunaway + National Service Research
- Focus Group / Visioning Sessions
- Survey Document Design
- Online Survey
 - ✓ City Website
 - ✓ Social Media
 - ✓ Email Links to Citizens, HOA's
 - ✓ Notices in Water Bills
 - ✓ Mailed Postcard w/ Link to Online Survey
 - ✓ Other
- Summary of Findings



Survey Sample

7a. Which facilities or amenities need to be ADDED to existing or future parks in the Town of Prosper? (Check ONE answer for each facility - if you have no "other" answer, please select no opinion/not familiar)

	Rate EACH on a scale 1 to 4				
	4-Definitely Needed	3	2	1-Not Needed	No Opinion Not Familiar
A - Community/Recreation Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B - Amphitheater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C - Aquatic Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D - Disc Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E - Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F - Community garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G - Nature center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H - Equestrian center and trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I - Hike/bike/walk/jog/run trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J - Bike lanes (along major roadways)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K - Large nature area/preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L - Leisure outdoor swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M - Lighting in parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
N - Natural surface trails/tracks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Dear Resident,

The City of Van Alstyne Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide active and passive recreational opportunities for all citizens in an accessible and safe environment, while promoting the preservation of the City's natural resources. The City is in the process of updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and we are asking for input from residents through the use of this needs assessment survey to assist with developing priorities for the Master Plan. We take this information seriously and use it to help prioritize specific projects and needs of the community.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey online at www.vanalstyne.org. Your specific answers will be completely anonymous, but your views, in combination with those of others, are extremely important. Should you have any questions about the survey or its results, please feel free to let me know. We ask that one survey be completed per household. **Please complete and return your survey within the next THREE WEEKS.**

Thank you so much for your help with this important survey.

Van Alstyne Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey

- How do you find out about parks, recreation facilities and recreation programs in Van Alstyne? (Check all that apply)
 - Van Alstyne website
 - Youth Sports Associations
 - Park & Recreation Dept. Flyers
 - Facebook/social media
 - Emails from Van Alstyne
 - HOA newsletter
 - School District Publications
 - Other _____
 - Do not know how to find out
- Overall, how would you rate the **QUALITY** of parks and recreational opportunities in the City of Van Alstyne?
 - Excellent
 - Good/satisfactory
 - Somewhat unsatisfactory
 - Poor
 - No opinion
- Overall, how would you rate the **QUANTITY** of parks and recreational opportunities in the City of Van Alstyne?
 - Excellent
 - Good/satisfactory
 - Somewhat unsatisfactory
 - Poor
 - No opinion
- How important do you think quality parks and facilities are to the overall quality of life in Van Alstyne?
 - Very important
 - Somewhat important
 - Somewhat unimportant
 - Not important
- How would you rank the maintenance and upkeep of the following facilities/amenities in Van Alstyne? (Check ONE answer for EACH Below)

Maintenance Rating	Maintenance meets or exceeds expectations	More maintenance is needed	Less maintenance is needed	Not aware / Don't Use
Athletic facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benches and picnic tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concession stands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking fountains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gymnasiums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor grills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quantifiable Findings

Facility	Definitely Needed 4	3	2	Not Needed 1	No Opinion	Mean Score	PRIORITY RANK
Outdoor aquatic center	39%	17%	8%	12%	24%	3.55	1
Additional lighting in parks	53	16	7	5	19	3.76	2
Trails that are connected throughout the city and to downtown	34	22	12	10	22	3.47	3
Shaded playgrounds for children	52	19	6	4	19	3.76	4
Sprayground/splash pads	42	19	11	7	21	3.60	5
Special events in parks	41	19	12	6	22	3.60	6
Recreation Center – west side of Lancaster	30	15	13	12	30	3.52	7
Community garden	28	16	20	10	26	3.39	8
Additional nature trails in greenbelts	23	19	18	12	28	3.36	9
Pond with fishing pier	28	19	15	11	27	3.44	10

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1 Priority Rankings

- Establish Systemwide Priorities
- Weighted Ranking Matrix
 - *Citizen Survey*
 - *Advisory Committee*
 - *Boards & Council*
 - *City Staff*
 - *Consultant*

How would you rate each priority consideration listed below (circle a number)?

3 = High Priority

1 = Low Priority

2 = Moderate Priority

0 = Not Needed at All

• Multi-Use Fields	3	2	1	0
• Practice Fields	3	2	1	0
• Soccer Fields	3	2	1	0
• Baseball Fields	3	2	1	0
• Softball Fields	3	2	1	0
• Cricket Fields	3	2	1	0
• Indoor Tennis	3	2	1	0
• Esports Arena	3	2	1	0
• Outdoor Fitness	3	2	1	0
• Indoor Athletic Center	3	2	1	0
• Expand Recreation Center	3	2	1	0
• New Recreation Center	3	2	1	0
• Adult / Senior Center	3	2	1	0
• Restroom / Concessions	3	2	1	0
• Amphitheater	3	2	1	0
• Shade Structures	3	2	1	0
• Pavilions	3	2	1	0
• Playgrounds	3	2	1	0
• Lighting in Parks	3	2	1	0
• Wayfinding / Signage	3	2	1	0
• Trails	3	2	1	0
• Learning Stations	3	2	1	0
• Docks / Water Access	3	2	1	0
• Waterpark	3	2	1	0
• On-Water Recreation	3	2	1	0

WEIGHTED VALUES

20%

10%

60%

10%

FACILITY	Park Board						Park Board		Staff		Citizen Survey		Dunaway		TOTAL SCORE
	1	2	3	4	5	6		20%		10%		60%		10%	
Playgrounds	3	4	4	4	4	3	3.67	0.73	4.00	0.40	3.49	2.09	4	0.40	3.63
Lighting in parks	4	4	4	4	4	4	4.00	0.80	4.00	0.40	3.51	2.11	3	0.30	3.61
Outdoor multipurpose fields	2	4	4	4	3	4	3.50	0.70	4.00	0.40	3.15	1.89	4	0.40	3.39
Practice fields	4	4	4	2	3	4	3.50	0.70	4.00	0.40	3.24	1.94	3	0.30	3.34
Benches	3	3	4	3	3	2	3.00	0.60	4.00	0.40	3.12	1.87	4	0.40	3.27
Hike/bike trails	1	2	4	1	2	2	2.00	0.40	4.00	0.40	3.42	2.05	4	0.40	3.25
Picnic areas	4	2	4	3	3	3	3.17	0.63	3.00	0.30	3.16	1.90	4	0.40	3.23
Natural trails	4	2	3	4	1	1	2.50	0.50	3.00	0.30	3.38	2.03	4	0.40	3.23
Large pavilion	4	4	4	3	3	4	3.67	0.73	3.00	0.30	2.95	1.77	4	0.40	3.20
Special events	4	3	3	3	1	1	2.50	0.50	4.00	0.40	3.04	1.82	3	0.30	3.02
Open space	3	2	3	3	1	1	2.17	0.43	3.00	0.30	3.1	1.86	4	0.40	2.99
Recreation center	3	4	4	3	2	1	2.83	0.57	2.00	0.20	3.19	1.91	1	0.10	2.78
Dog park	1	1	4	4	2	2	2.33	0.47	4.00	0.40	2.51	1.51	3	0.30	2.67
Pond with fishing pier	2	3	3	1	1	1	1.83	0.37	2.00	0.20	3.02	1.81	2	0.20	2.58
Aquatic center outdoor	3	3	3	2	1	1	2.17	0.43	1.00	0.10	3.09	1.85	1	0.10	2.49
Wildlife education	2	2	3	3	2	1	2.17	0.43	1.00	0.10	2.58	1.55	3	0.30	2.38
Disc golf	2	1	1	4	3	4	2.50	0.50	3.00	0.30	2.13	1.28	1	0.10	2.18
Amphitheater	2	2	1	1	1	1	1.33	0.27	1.00	0.10	2.19	1.31	2	0.20	1.88

Ranked Priorities

HIGH

MOD

LOW

Rank	Action Plan	High	Moderate	Low
1	Hike/bike/walk trails that are connected throughout the city	◆		
2	Spray ground	◆		
3	Expand amenities at Lavon Lake (fishing, picnicking, swim beach)	◆		
4	Hike/bike/walk nature trails along the lake/dam	◆		
5	Aquatic Center (indoor – leisure area and lap lanes)	◆		
6	Aquatic Center (outdoor – leisure area and lap lanes)	◆		
7	Special events in parks	◆		
8	Additional lighting in parks	◆		
9	Multipurpose sports fields (football, soccer, baseball, softball)	◆		
10	Additional practice fields (football, soccer, baseball, softball)	◆		
11	Benches/seating areas	◆		
12	Dog Park		◆	
13	Open spaces/natural areas		◆	
14	Picnic areas with grilling stations		◆	
15	Updated playgrounds for children		◆	
16	Amphitheater		◆	
17	Expand Senior Recreation Center		◆	
18	Additional large pavilions (special events/reunions, etc.)		◆	
19	Recreation Center on the east wide of Wylie		◆	
20	Exercise stations along trails		◆	
21	Pond with fishing pier		◆	
22	Additional classroom space at Wylie Recreation Center			◆
23	Wildlife/plant education stations in parks			◆
24	Mountain bike/BMX trails			◆
25	Nature center/nature preserve for birdwatching/wildflower planting			◆
26	Expand Veteran's Memorial Park			◆
27	Community garden			◆
28	Expand skate park			◆
29	Additional art/sculptures in parks			◆

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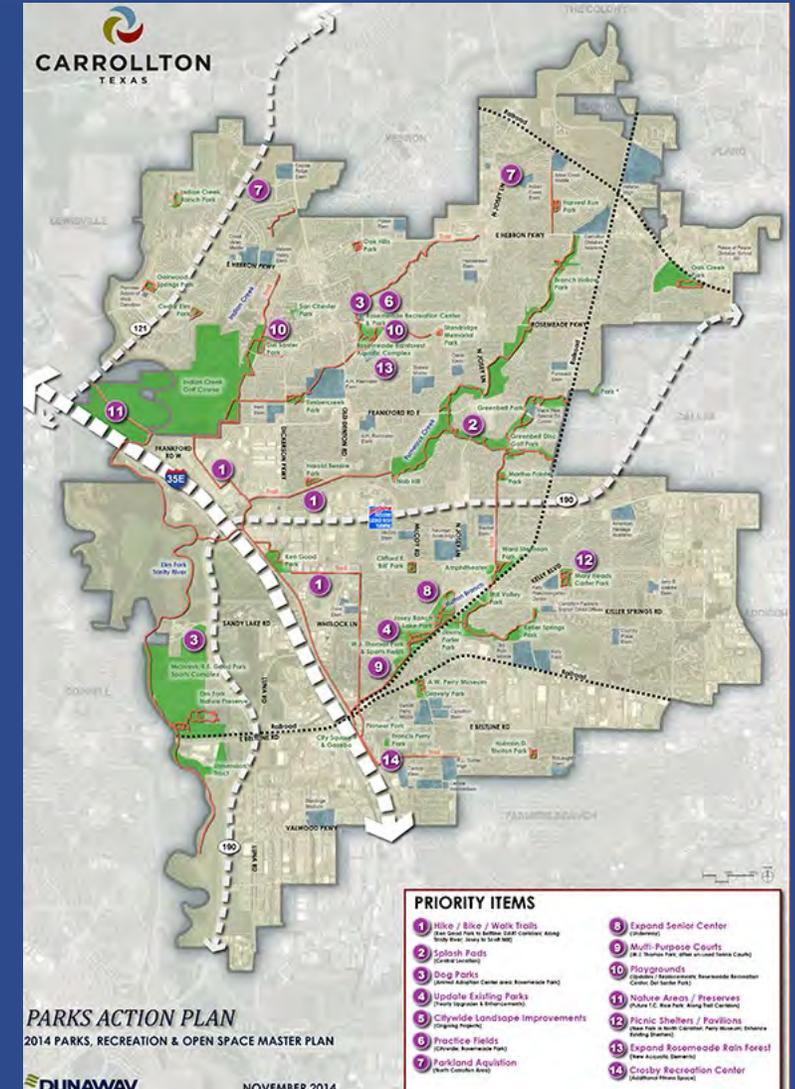
Action Plan

- Strategic Recommendations
- Mapping / Exhibits

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Implementation Plan

- Expenditure Plan for designated Budgets / Capital Costs
- Trails Standards & Signage
- Funding Recommendations
- Implementation Timeline

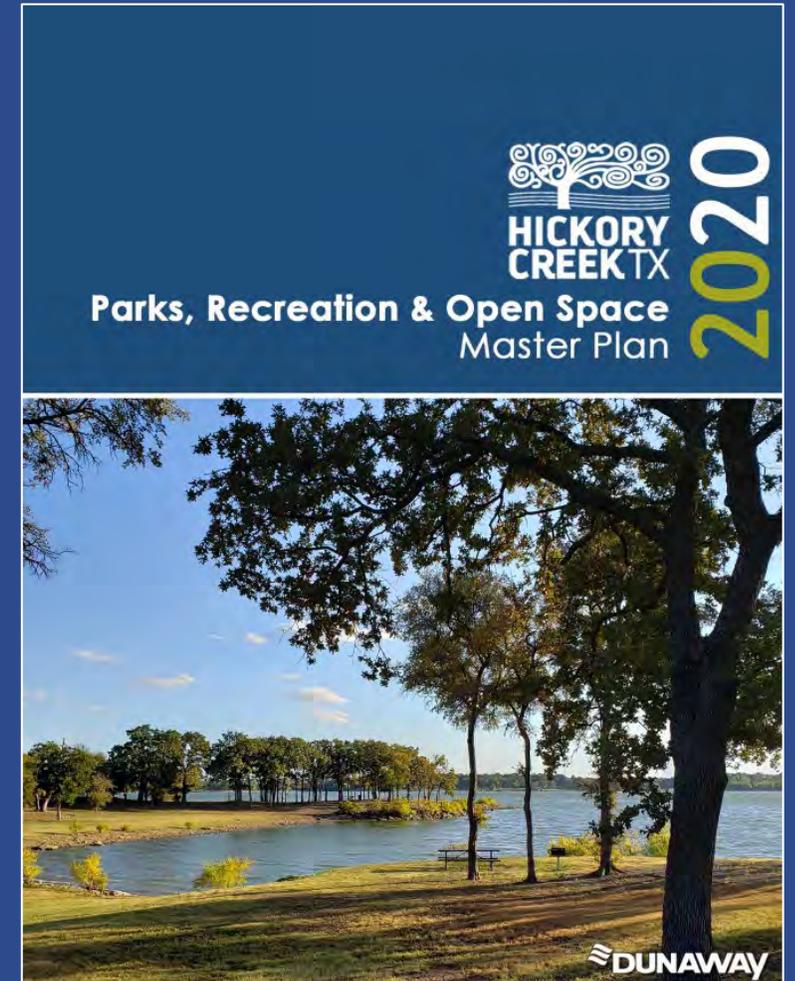


4 Preliminary Master Plan

- Preliminary Narrative Report
- Maps / Exhibits
- Presentation to City Leaders

5 Final Master Plan

- Finalize Report & Exhibits
- Presentations & Adoption





Round Table Groups

-  Athletics / Sports
-  Indoor Facilities
-  Recreation Programs
-  Outdoor Park Facilities
-  Trails / Nature Areas
-  Special Use Facilities / Activities



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**Survey Coming
in September!**



Dismiss to Round Table Groups