

# NOLANVILLE

## PARKS & RECREATION



PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE  
MASTER PLAN

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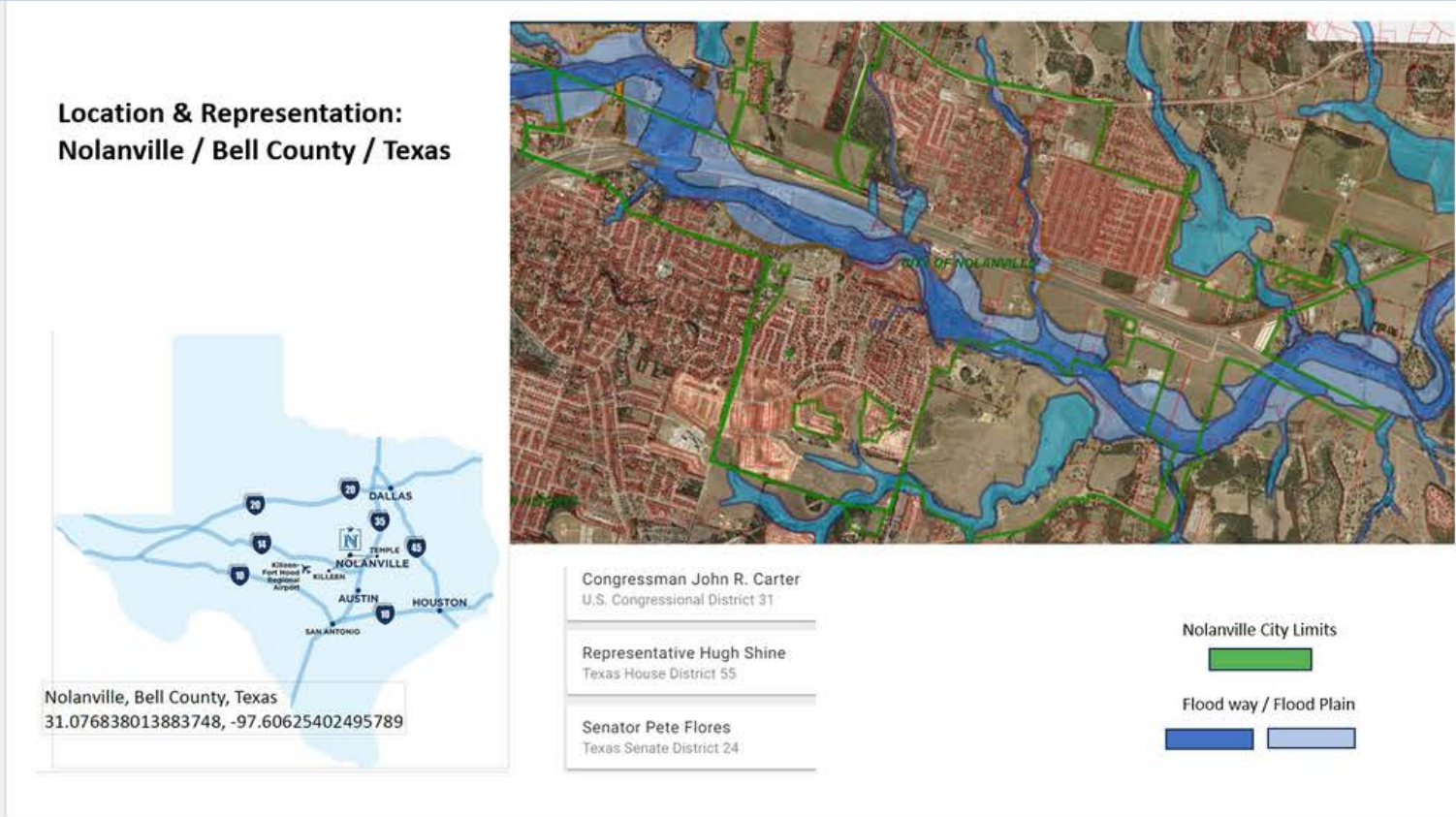
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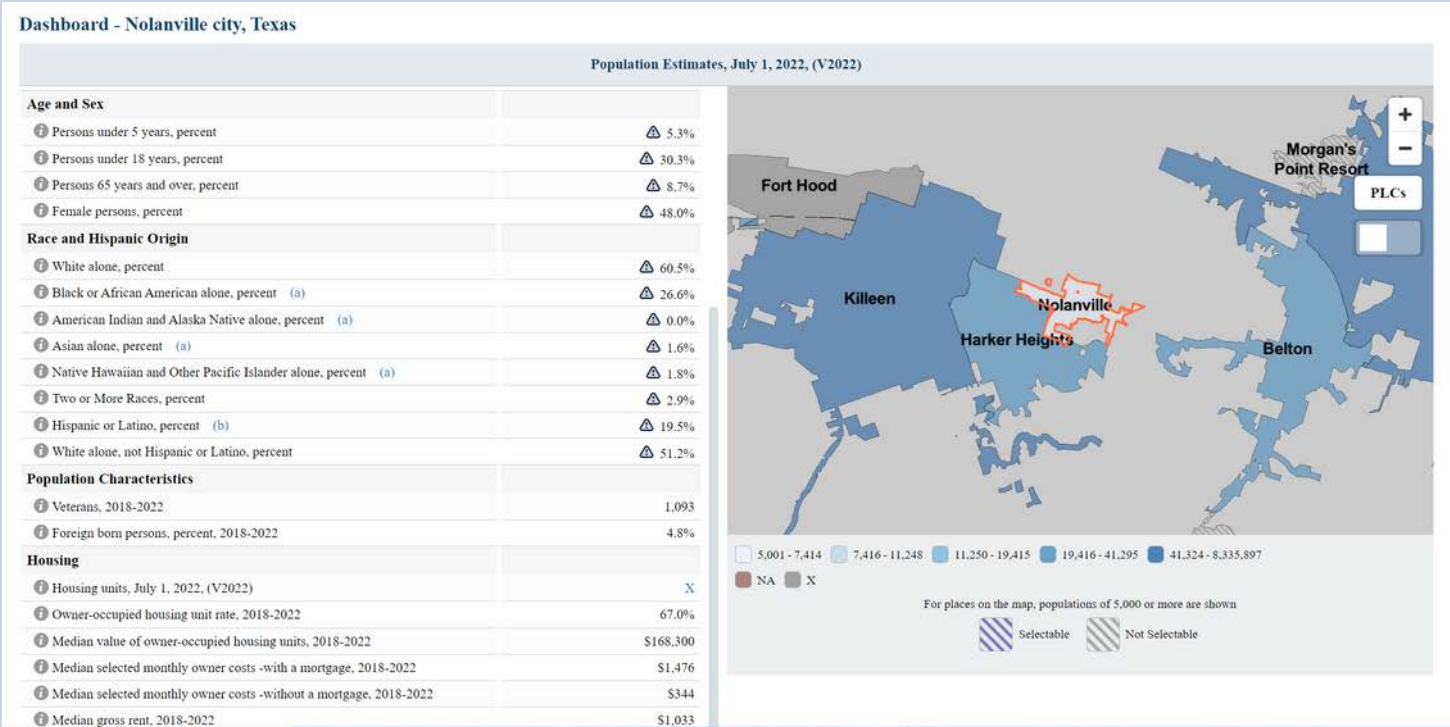
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# This plan covers parks and recreation for the City Council, City of Nolanville, while considering current regional assets and future plans for the Killeen Temple Metropolitan Area.



Census chart below includes socio-economic data; demographics on ethnicity, age, and income. Current and projected population figures estimate a maximum of 18,000 within the City Limits over the next 20 years, exponential growth patterns are expected over the next 10 years and then we will likely see a plateau as we a land locked between neighboring City's ETJ. The government's or agency's role in providing parks and recreation opportunities should balance the availability of amenities located in nearby Cities with the ability of our the residents accessibility to them.

*The local government should strive to make nature available to every child right outside their front door.*



# WHY PLAN FOR PARKS?





# Plan & Purpose

To successfully implement the City's new vision for public parks and recreation services, this Plan creates a "snapshot" of current system assets and offers a forum for residents to express their recreational needs. The Plan guides City officials and local partners regarding the most efficient and equitable methods to meet the recreational needs of the residents of Nolanville over the next five to ten years via prioritized investments, programs, policies and practices. Furthermore, the Plan provides Nolanville's elected officials and staff with a clear framework for future land acquisition , park and trail improvements, and maintenance of existing and future recreation facilities.

## **The Nolanville Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes the following:**

- A long-term “vision” for the role that the parks and recreation system will play in enhancing Nolanville's quality of life.
- A record of community-wide recreational preferences and needs.
- An inventory of current park system assets and conditions.
- A plan for system-wide growth to ensure equitable access to recreational assets and keep pace with a growing population.
- A list of prioritized park investments to maintain current facilities and provide new opportunities.
- Strategies to improve operational efficiencies in administering and maintaining the City parks system
- An action plan for implementation.



# Planning Process and Timeline

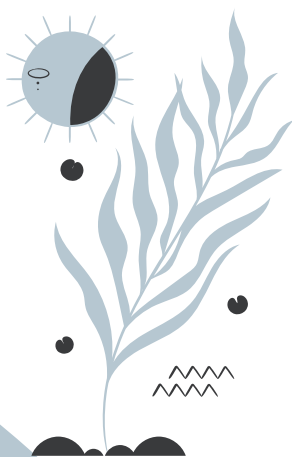
## Plan Components

The Nolanville Parks and Recreation Master Plan is organized into five chapters. Plan chapters are arranged chronologically - consistent with the incremental steps of the planning process, including an evaluation of existing conditions, summary of community needs, recommendations and plan of action.



## Park Development

This Plan revisits the topics that were originally considered in Nolanville's first Master Park Plan and builds on the resulting initiatives generated by the planning process. Given Nolanville's ever-changing demographics, City officials recognized the need to commission a more current study of the city's parks system assets and community recreation needs.



# Planning Process and Timeline

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*Keep Nolanville  
Beautiful*

## **Nolanville Community**

### ***Keeping Nolanville Beautiful***

As with any community, parks, recreation, and open space play a significant role in establishing an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors to Nolanville. The City of Nolanville provides multiple recreation facilities and services to the community including sports parks, trails, playgrounds, youth and senior programs, a natural history museum, a library, and public access to Nolan Creek.

#### **OUR MISSION**

Promote the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens; add value to our community by planning for the future, and encourage community involvement. Being responsive to those we serve, while always striving to improve the quality of life for our citizens, and enhance our dedication towards making the City of Nolanville "A Great Place to Live".



# OUR PARKS SYSTEM TODAY



Defining Parks and Open Space  
Existing Facilities Inventory  
Park & Recreation Department







## NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- Distributed throughout residential areas
- Accessed primarily by walking and biking
- Active and passive amenities for all ages
- Organized play opportunities

## COMMUNITY PARKS

- Active and passive facilities cater to local needs
- Accessed by bike/walking as well as car
- Often include open space and natural areas
- Hosts events and festivals

## POCKET PARKS

- Located within close proximity to medium/high density residential areas
- Small lot that includes sidewalks and benches
- Small gateway or garden areas for informal gatherings

## ***Park Classifications***

The standard framework defining parks by a “classification” of size and service are originated as a series of guidelines established within the National Recreation and Parks Association’s (NRPA) Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines. Parks and recreation systems include multiple park types to serve different geographic service areas, purposes, and intended users. Understanding the distinct characteristics of different park types assists a community in identifying system gaps and overlaps in the City park system, and in determining whether the distribution of existing facilities meets the current park, recreation, and open space needs of the city.

# PARK PROGRAMMING

Our mission is to identify, record and evaluate flood-prone areas & enhance them. We plan to stabilize slopes with vegetations, mark pollinator gardens for fragile habitats, while also creating new active and educational space for residents. The presence of effective programmed activities attract and increase positive use in a park and is essential for engaging residents from diverse backgrounds and creating meaningful and enriching park experiences. While traditional programming consisted mostly of sports leagues, summer camps, and exercise classes, the broadening view of park planning has created opportunities for innovative programming that can be catered to a more diverse park clientele. The general suitability of the three park programming categories by park classification are Recreational, Social, and Natural.

## Park Programming Categories

### 1. Recreational

Supports a range of activities from information play to active competition.

Examples: Playscapes, sports courts and athletic fields, pools, splash pads, skate parks, canoe/kayak launches, disc golf, fishing piers and multi-use trails.



### 2. Social

Serve as places for public gathering in either a formal or informal setting.

Examples: Plazas, seating/picnic areas, community gardens, squares, etc.



### 3. Natural

Emphasize resource conservation, habitat preservation, and support low impact passive recreation activities.

Examples: Floodplain/drainage, mature tree canopy, bird watching, or hiking and biking trails.







# TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

Multi-use and recreational trails have become "cornerstone" amenities in many public parks systems. Trails not only provide access to and connectivity between parks and other key destinations, but also provide recreation and fitness opportunities for users. In recent years, the desire for trails has continued to grow across the country. In fact, trail running and bicycling is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities.

## THIS MASTER PLAN IDENTIFIES FOUR TRAIL CATEGORIES:

- Greenway Trails: are intended for off-street linear parks, are often regional in nature and may connect parks with neighborhoods.
- Thoroughfare Connector Trails: are intended as active transportation corridors to move people from destinations throughout the city.
- Neighborhood Connector Trails: connections serve neighborhoods and provide safe access to multiple locations throughout the city.
- In-Park Trails: provide walking paths through the park primarily for exercise.

# NOLANVILLE PARKS

Park Name	Grid Coordinates	Acreage
<b>Community Parks</b>		
Monarch Park	31.08076, -97.59154	10
Pecan Park	31.07682, -97.61608	14
Nolanville Elementary Multi Use Ports Field	31.07449, -97.62102	3
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>		
Mocking Bird Pocket Park	31.08076, -97.59154	0.03
Wildwood Park	31.08808, -97.61463	0.37
Fox Park	31.0804, -97.60052	1.4
Enclave Pocket Park	31.07195, -97.62079	2.726
Warrior's Legacy Park	31.062361, -97.622718	5.9
<b>Pocket Parks</b>		
Hummingbird Park	31.07857, -97.59949	1
Meet Me at the Corner	31.078656, -97.605243	0.426

# COMMUNITY PARKS

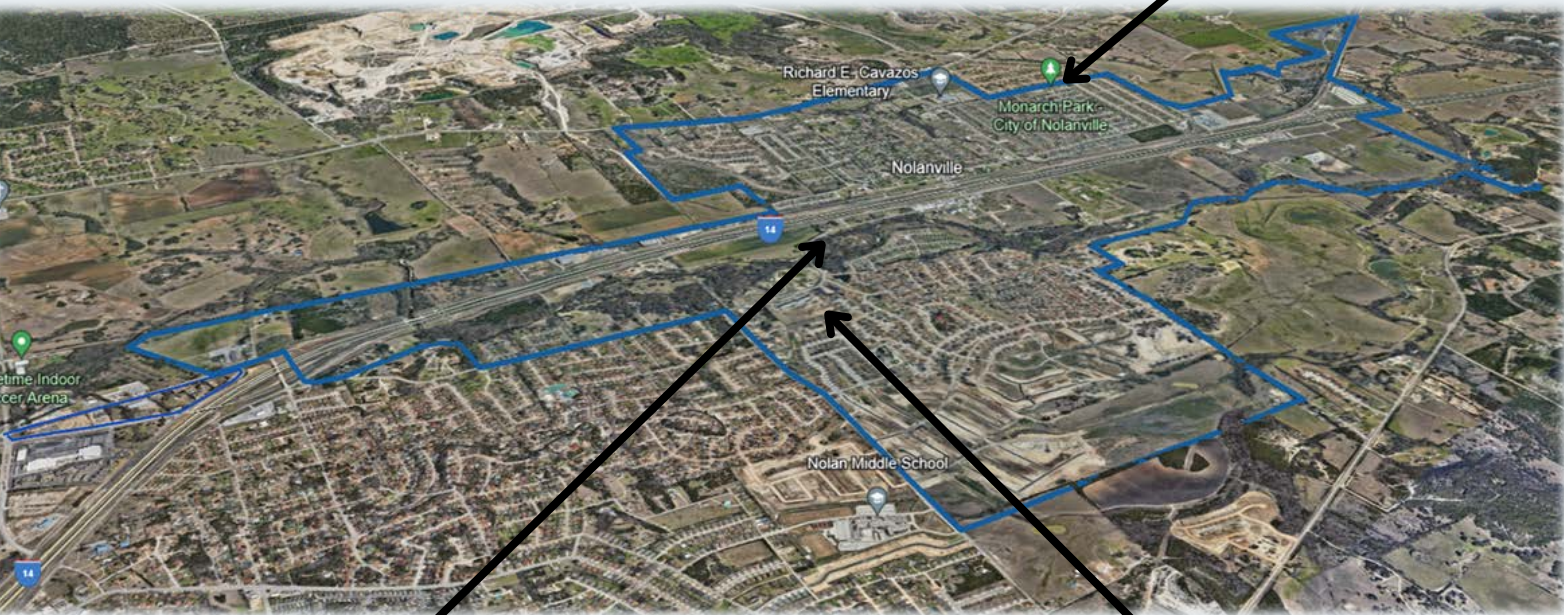
Community parks are large scale parks that serve multiple neighborhoods. Amenities within community parks typically include athletic fields, aquatic facilities, sports courts, and indoor facilities while providing visitors the opportunity to participate in active and passive activities. Areas within a community park may also include natural areas, open spaces for unstructured recreational activities, and landscaped areas for beautification. Some community parks may also include features and amenities of a regional park that attract and support visitors from outside of the community.

Nolanville's park system includes 3 community parks totaling 25 acres and which comprises approximately 69 percent of Nolanville's total parkland.





# NOLANVILLE COMMUNITY PARKS





# NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

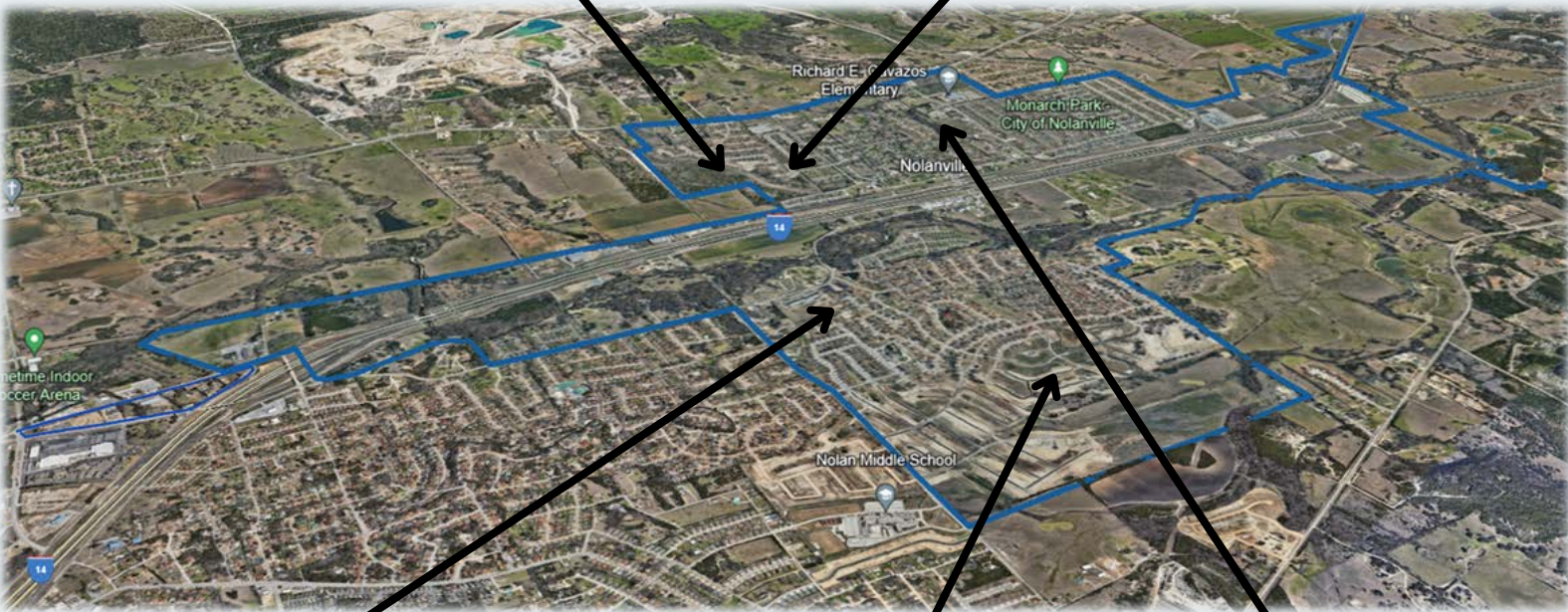
Neighborhood parks are generally smaller in scale than other park classifications and are meant to serve the daily need of residents in surrounding neighborhoods. Neighborhood parks are typically three to 10 acres. These parks should be located within walking or cycling distance of nearby patrons as they do not typically contain amenities - (such as bathrooms or parking areas) that are intended to attract city-wide patrons or support lengthy visits.

Nolanville' s park system includes 6 community parks totaling 10.426 acres and which comprises approximately 29 percent of Nolanville' s total parkland.





# NOLANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

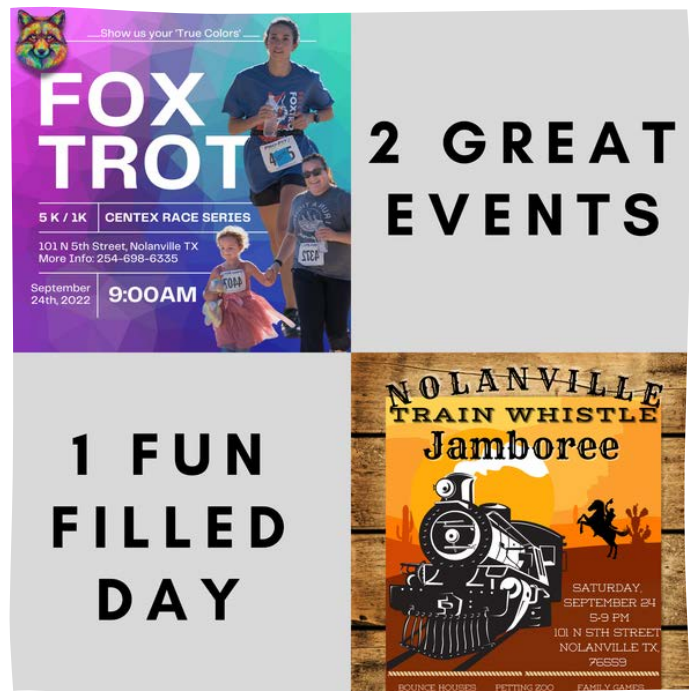




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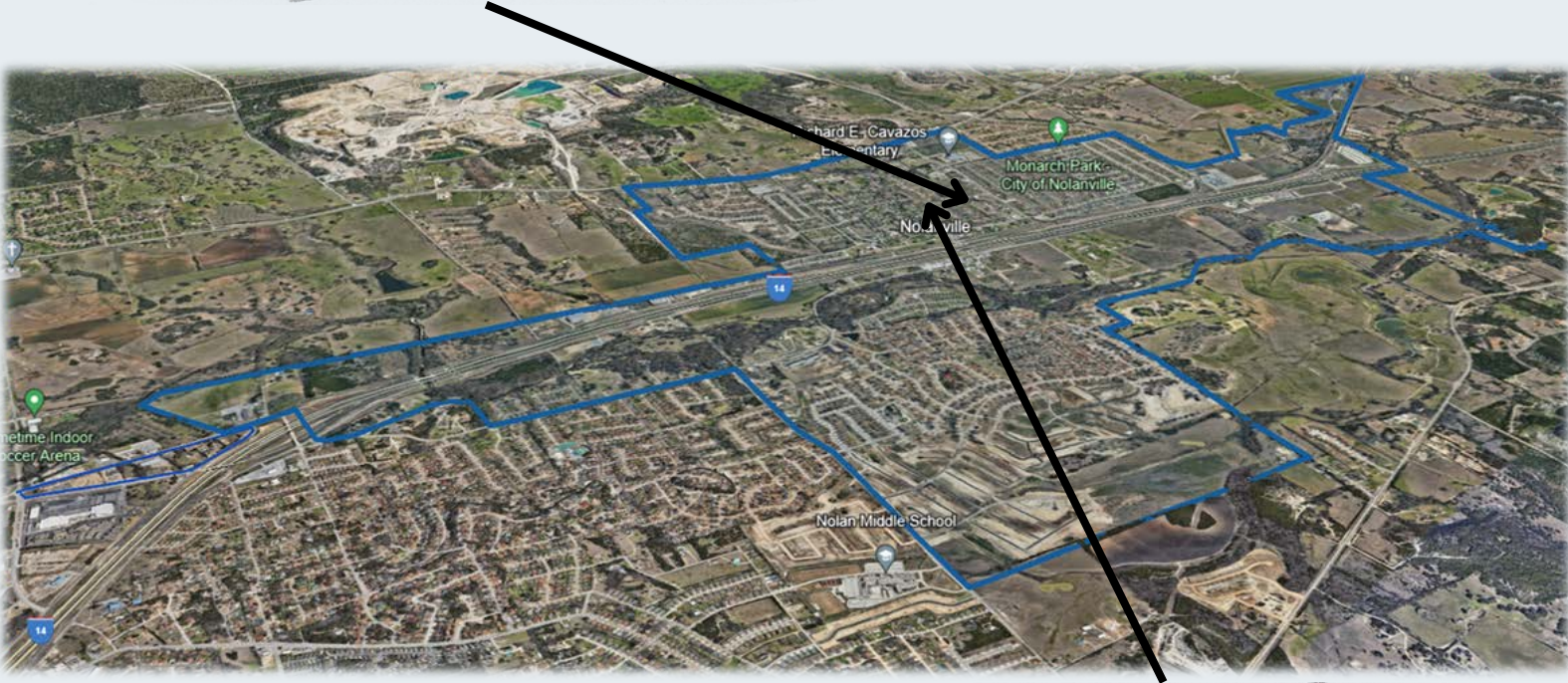
Pocket Parks/ Special use parks vary in size and type of amenities to accommodate user groups with special interests. Prominent examples of special use parks are standalone golf courses, aquatic facilities, or sport fields. Unique examples may include shooting ranges, BMX parks, race tracks, and must more. These park types - particularly those that are designed to attract regional or statewide audiences - may be supported by a dedicated and other specialized staff.

Nolanville's park system includes 2 community parks totaling 1.426 acres and which comprises approximately 2 percent of Nolanville's total parkland.





# NOLANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

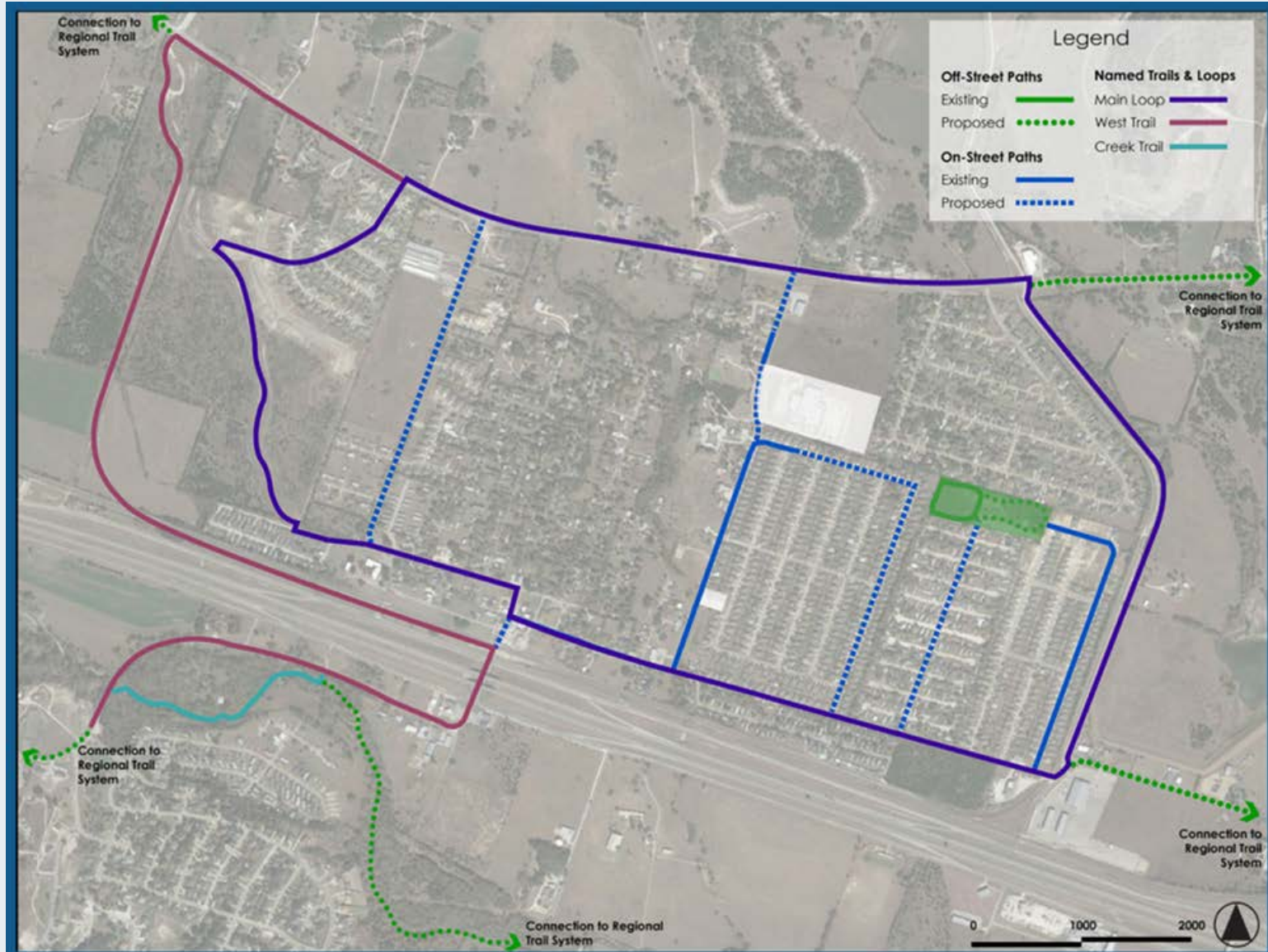


# NOLANVILLE TRAILS

Trail	Grid Coordinates	Miles
<b><i>Nolanville In-Park Trails</i></b>		
Wildwood Trail	31.0784, -97.60836	2.08
Ave G Trail	31.08073, -97.60178	2
Greenway/ Landfill	31.05574, -97.58922	2.26
Pecan Trail	31.07511, -97.61804	5
Nolan Creek Trails	31.06376, -97.59174	9.376
Total In-Park Trails: 20.716 Miles		
<b><i>Nolanville Connector Trails</i></b>		
Main Loop Trail	31.082649,-97.617877	3.57
Old Nolanville Rd.	31.706378,-97.617071	1
Safe Rout to School	Small Paths In Nolanville	2.22
Total Connector Trails: 6.79 Miles		



# NOLANVILLE TRAILS



# EXISTING FACILITIES INVENTORY

## Fox Park – Neighborhood Park

438 N 10th St.

Nolanville TX 76559

Total Area: 1.500 Acres

		Condition				
Existing Amenities	Quantity	Good	Fair	Delete	Repair	Accessibility
Tot- lot	1				X	Needs to be cleaned
Benches	2	X				Good Condition



**AREA GOALS:** New Equipment/ Skate Park- Fox park skatepark (\$250k) Fox park dirt pump track (\$80k), Ave G Linier snake run style skate space (\$350k), Community center satiable planters (Price Based on plans ~\$50k) Drainage Ditch Skate spot (\$150k)



# EXISTING FACILITIES INVENTORY

## Hummingbird Park - Special Use

408 N 10th St.

Nolanville TX 76559

Total Area: 1.00 Acres

		Condition				
Existing Amenities	Quantity	Good	Fair	Delete	Repair	Accessibility
Swings	1				X	Needs to be cleaned
Picnic Tables	2		X			Needs to be cleaned & painted
Tot-Lot	1		X			Rust
Slide	1			X		Broken



**AREA GOALS:** Repair and relocate equipment to Fox Park with awarded Grant from TPW.

**Use area to expand SMART Museum**

# EXISTING FACILITIES INVENTORY

## Monarch Park – Community Park

100 Gold Star Ave.

Nolanville TX 76559

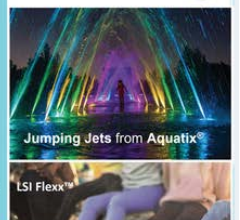
Total Area: 9.33 Acres



Existing Amenities	Quantity	Condition					Accessibility
		G o o d	F a i r	D e l e t e	R e p a i r		
Football Field	1	X					
Swing Set	1	X					
Half-Court Basketball	1	X					
Monkey Bars	1	X					
Sent Garden	1	X					
Picnic Tables	3	X					
Splash Pad	1	X					Expanding Splash Pad Within 5 Years
Community Center	1	X					Expanding – Gym/Storm Shelter
Soccer Field	1	X					
Walking Trail	1	X					
Dog Park	1	X					
Public Art	4	X					
ADA Playground	5	X					
Fitness/Obstacle Course	2	X					
Bathrooms	1	X					
Concession Stand	1	X					
Pavilion	2	X					
Playground Set	1	X					

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Play with [LSI Flexx™](#) is a game-changing steel-reinforced cable netting material that offers kids with a range of play sensations. Its cables are made of tightly woven, polyester-reinforced galvanized steel, and boast from



**Consider expanding and renovating existing Splash Pad within 5 years.**





# EXISTING FACILITIES INVENTORY

## Mocking Bird Park– Neighborhood Park

31.08373, -97.61269

Nolanville TX 76559

Total Area: 4.00 Acres

		Condition				
Existing Amenities	Quantity	Good	Fair	Delete	Repair	Accessibility
Silo Gazebo	1	X				
Bird Blind	1	X				



**AREA GOALS:** Designated for the small park situated in Phase II of Wildwood Estate, along Lonesome Oak/ Playground area, benches, landscaping, bike racks- to keep at least 4 acres for every 1000 people, the city should seek to obtain 31 acres by 2030





# TRAILS IN NOLANVILLE

Nolanville has over 25 miles of trails within the City, as well as a dense sidewalk network. According to the Thoroughfare Plan Nolanville wants to create a system of connected parks and open spaces by the year 2035.



- **Greenway Trails: Nolan Creek Trail, Greenway/Landfill, & Pecan Trail**
- **Thoroughfare Connector Trails: Main Loop Trail & Old Nolanville Rd.**
- **Neighborhood Connector Trails: All the smaller trails in our Safe Rout to School; connecting and providing paths from subdivisions to our schools**
- **In-Park Trails: Wildwood Trail & Monarch Park Trail**



Our goal is to establish a trail along Nolan Creek from east to the west side of the City Limits. This trail and amenities along it will connect to the existing regional assets along the creek as demonstrated below.

## Water Features

at Central Texas

**Nolan Creek** is a popular destination for recreation in, around, and on the water. Its headwaters are a series of springs located in the Fort Hood area. It goes through Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Belton and enter the Leon River.

**Stillhouse Hollow Lake and Belton Lake** are U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs providing fishing spots, swim beaches, camping and water sports for residents in Killeen-Temple area, Central Texas.

**Recreations:**

- Hiking
- Mountain Bike
- Horseback Riding
- Water Sports
- Fishing
- Archery
- Birds Watching
- Sports Fields
- Play Units
- Skate Park
- Camping
- Pavilion Rental
- Picnic Table

**Conder Park**  
310 Conder Dr. Killeen

**Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail**  
2201 E. Venable Ave. Killeen

**Miller Springs Nature Center**  
423 FM 1422.7, Belton

**Chalk Ridge Falls Park**  
5500 FM 1470, Belton

**Heritage Park**  
1402 Park Ave. Belton

**Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area**  
2000 Apple Rd. Belton

**Dana Peak Park**  
1800 Corporate Dr. Harker Heights

Preliminary Concept Plan for Nolan Creek was completed by Recreational Engineer Planners. Trail had at Old Nolanville Road Bridge will be installed in April 2024 with TXDOT funding.



This plan sheet shows Myers Unnamed Dedication and City 30 acre landfill end point for trail.

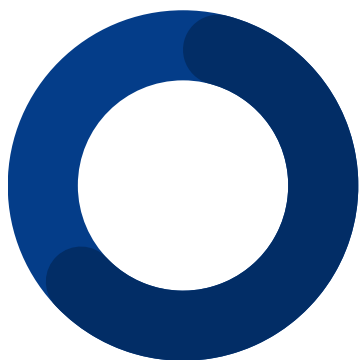
# NOLANVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

City of Nolanville Community Events		
Spring Trash Off	Spring- April	Throughout the City
Monarch Festival	April	Monarch Park
Lemonade Day	May	Corner on Main
Ride of Silence	May	City Hall
End of School Splash	May	Monarch Park
Summer Trash Off	June	Throughout the City
Nolanville Night Markets	All Year	Corner on Main
Fox Trot 5K	September	City Hall
Train Whistle Jamboree	September	City Hall
National Night Out	October	Block Parties
Halloween Fest	October	Corner on Main
Fall Festival	November	Corner on Main
Grinch Fest	December	Corner on Main
First Responder Parade	December	10th Street



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community events are offered by cities to allow residents social opportunities to learn new hobbies or take part in an enjoyable activity.



## NOLANVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nolanville's Community Events are becoming more popular as we continue to grow. The Fox Trot 5K & the Train Whistle Jamboree are the fastest growing events in Nolanville. These events offer races, live music, vendors, and many more activities to enjoy for people of all ages.

# Nolanville Parks and Recreation System

## Parks and Recreation Department

*The City of Nolanville Parks and Recreation Department is the City's principal provider for active and passive recreational opportunities as a facilitator and as a programmer. The City of Nolanville is committed to supplying various types of parks in order to provide a well-rounded, quality park system that serves the local and regional recreational needs. With a goal of over 82 acres of parkland and six different park classifications the City has ample parkland for the residents in the area.*





# ALL HANDS ON DECK

## SMART NOLANVILLE

Developing a smart town framework for the city of Nolanville to address challenges in **mobility**, **communication**, **safety**, **economy**, **health** and **environment** while enhancing small-town atmosphere.



## MUNICIPAL PARTNERS —”—

The City of Nolanville Parks and Recreation Department works in conjunction with several other city departments to ensure that recreational facilities and services offered by the City are provided in an efficient manner. Key department partnerships include:

### Operations

Building Services & Public Works collaborates with the PARD to ensure the proper maintenance and upkeep of the Community Center and other recreational facilities.

### Programming

Keep Nolanville Beautiful and Nolanville EDC collaborates with the PARD on community events in Nolanville and receives the support of the PARD in ensuring the proper use and care and upkeep of the Community Center and other recreational facilities.

## ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

### Youth Sports Organizations-

Should be responsible for providing team sports for youth. However, the Department will still need to provide most if not all the facilities for these activities. It is highly recommended that the Athletic Coordinator meet monthly with Nolanville's City Council. Nolanville City Council would help in coordinating programs and activities, prioritize athletic facility usage and promote coaches and training programs.

### School District-

Coordinating with Killeen Independent School District to provide youth after school programs and services, education classes for youth (and even adults), as well as youth sports (location for practices), will need to be enhanced. The school's facilities should continue to be a location for some recreation programming to take place.

### Non-Profit Providers-

Coordinating with the Nolanville Boys & Girls Club and a variety of non-profit providers to deliver recreation services. Other organizations such as YMCA, cultural arts groups, etc. should be encouraged to continue to develop facilities and provide programs in Nolanville.

Suggestions to enhance these enhance these existing partnerships are provided in Plan Recommendations. Methods by which municipal departments, boards and commissions may assist in Plan administration monitoring and implementation are found in Implementation Program.

# Assessing Our Needs

Assessing Parks System Needs

Public Needs and Preferences

Park System Assets

Park System Conditions

Operations and Maintenance Summary





# Assessing Park System Needs

## METHODS OF PARKS SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

There are many different methods by which to assess the ability of a public parks and recreation system to meet the evolving needs of system users. The Nolanville Parks and Recreation Master Plan uses four primary techniques, to evaluate Nolanville's current and future park and recreation needs. Three of these techniques- the demand, resource and access-based assessments follow general methodologies accepted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for local park master plans and are designed to provide guidance for the future amount, location and distribution of parkland and recreational facilities. The fourth technique, the conditions assessment, addresses the quality of existing recreational spaces and amenities.



### DEMAND-BASED ASSESSMENT

The demand-based assessment evaluates the expressed needs and desires of residents and property owners. It identifies the types of facilities, amenities, and activities that they would like to see added to their community.



### ACCESS-BASED ASSESSMENT

The access-based assessment evaluates the current quantity and distribution of parkland and facilities to determine if the needs of everyone in the community are being met in a convenient manner. It considers methods to reduce gaps in recreational services.



### RESOURCE-BASED ASSESSMENT

The resource-based assessment evaluates the potential of man-made and natural resources to be utilized to expand or connect the community's parks and open space system. It considers a community's ability to leverage resources to attract greater visitation and investment.



### CONDITIONS-BASED ASSESSMENT

The condition-based assessment evaluates the condition of existing parkland, recreational facilities and structures to assist in prioritizing anticipated near-term maintenance needs. It augments potential long-term capital investments in the community's parks system.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

According to National Recreation and Park association an inclusive and meaningful engagement process ensures that our parks and public spaces are created by people they are intended to serve.

## INITIATE

**AIM:** To promote our Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Indoor Facilities  
**Intended Audience:** Local School, Boys and Girls Club, and Residents  
**Planning:** Identify the needs of the community

## DEVELOP

**Resources:** Provide displays and flyers  
**Instructors:** Stormwater Coordinator, Planning Coordinator, and Public Outreach Coordinator

## IMPLEMENT

**Activities:** Have booths set up at City Events and Schools to take polls and gather feedback

## EVALUATE

**Assessment:** Pre-and post-event test to determine the outcome. Questions discussed before revealing results from each event.  
**Feedback Surveys:** Purpose-designed questionnaires to obtain feedback from the community.

## SHARE

Reflect upon and share feedback through the community with publication, blogs, social media and other databases.



### 2024 Community Events Calendar

All dates, times and locations are subject to change

Date	Event	Location / Time	Notes
Feb 10 Sat	Craft Corner	12:30-2:00 pm	408 N 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, Nolanville TX. Join other members from the community as we make home made cards. Open to the community age 10 and over.
Mar 9 Sat	Trash Off Event (Location TBD)	9 am – 11 am	Neighborhood event to remove trash from a selected part or parts of our community. Location will be determined and announced before the event.
Mar 16 Sat	Meet Me at the Corner	6 pm – 8pm	Family event at the Food Truck Corner – Green and St. Patrick's Day.
April 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling Roll Off	8-5 am Thursday, Friday. 8 am – 2 pm Saturday	Bulk drop off event hosted by Nolanville Public Works
Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Monarch Festival	Monarch Park 9 am - Noon	Family event – vendors. kids costume parade, King Monarch, kites, face painting, DJ and many other exciting activities
May 3 Friday	Night Market Cinco De Mayo & Lemonade Day	Corner on Main 6 pm – 8 pm	This event will feature children selling items to teach entrepreneurship. Music, games and food trucks!
May 15 Wed	Ride of Silence	City Hall 6:00 pm	Silent bike ride to honor those who have been struck by vehicles over the past year. Focus is on cycling safety.
June 7 Fri	End of School Splash	Corner on Main 6 pm - UTC	Family Games, info on summer activities for kids, Music, Food trucks
July 20 Sat	Meet Me at the Corner	Corner on Main 6 pm – 7pm	event at the Food Truck Corner – Margaritaville, dress island style, sing Jimmy Buffett songs

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# Public Needs and Preferences

The Master Plan's public input process was structured to identify common and shared community values, and to create consensus and commitment among elected and appointed officials, City Staff, and community members. A mix of online and in-person public input tools and events were provided to ensure sufficient opportunities were offered for involvement of diverse populations

## Planning & Zoning Commission/ Citizen's Outreach Committee

Planning & Zoning Commission and Nolanville's Citizen Outreach Committee was the primary oversight body for the master planning effort. As the City's appointed advisory body, the P&Z and Citizen Outreach was consulted often throughout the planning process. They reviewed draft documents, assisted in advertising the planning process, and provided direction on the plan vision, goals and recommendations.

## Focus Groups

Focus group meetings were held each month during 2021-2023 with City Staff and additional organizations that offer recreational services in partnership with the City. The introductory meetings offered an opportunity for user groups that have a high level of interaction with the City to determine key themes regarding City parks and recreation service delivery.

## Public Surveys

Online surveys were administered during the master planning process. These included a survey about the overall park system in Nolanville, S.M.A.R.T. Museum, Fox Park/Skate park, and other pop up parks. Feedback received was critical when conducting the demand-based assessment of the parks systems.





# Key Needs/ Priorities for Master Plan Recommendations

The prioritization of the improvements is based on community input. These survey responses were collected manually from kids who came into City Hall, attended our 4th of July event, and from the Nolanville Boys and Girls Club.

Collection time from June 30th- July 6th.

- **High Priority** - to be completed within 5 years
- **Medium Priority**- to be completed between 5 and 10 years
- **Moderate Priority**- these items might be initiated during the life of the master plan, but they may not be completed within 10 years. Additionally, several of these priority items are currently meeting the needs of the community (for example, soccer, football, and basketball) but there is an expressed desire and need for the continued upkeep and maintenance of these facilities that the City has already invested in.

The City's park priorities are divided into "Outdoor Recreation Priorities" and "Indoor Recreation Priorities" as shown on the next page.



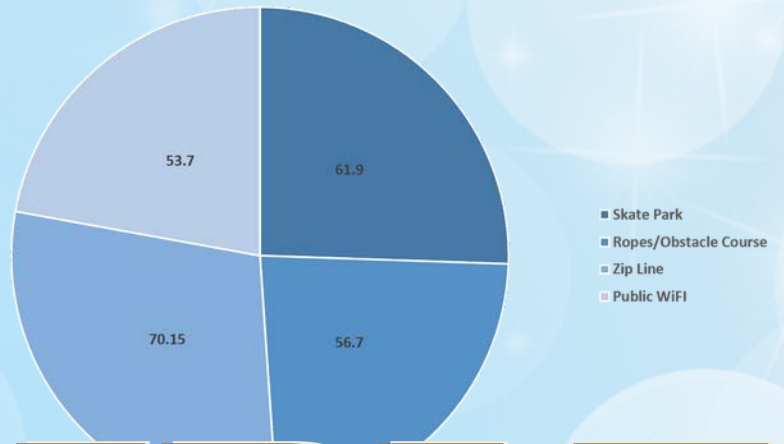


# Key Needs/ Priorities for Master Plan Recommendations



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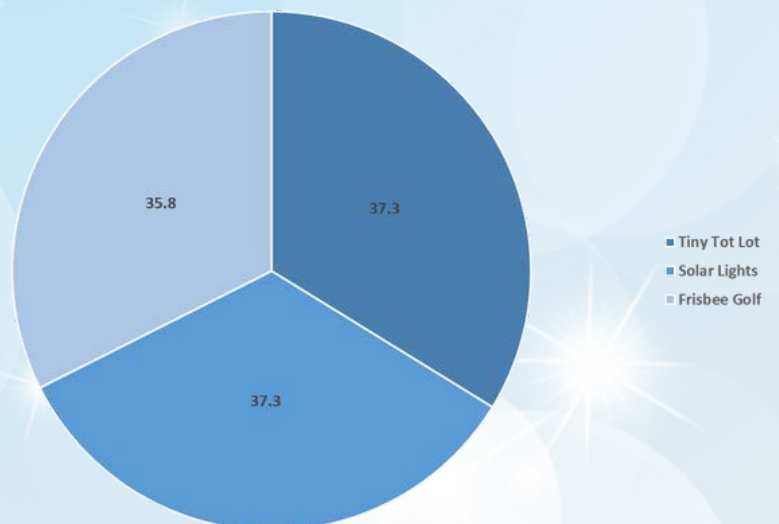
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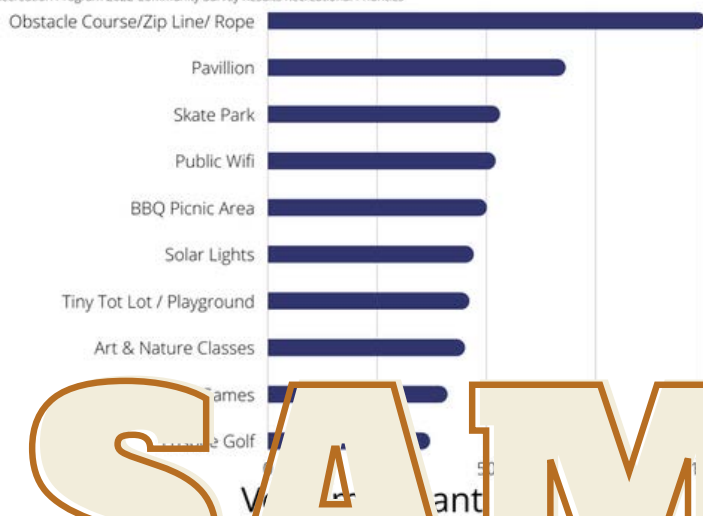


# Public Needs and Preferences

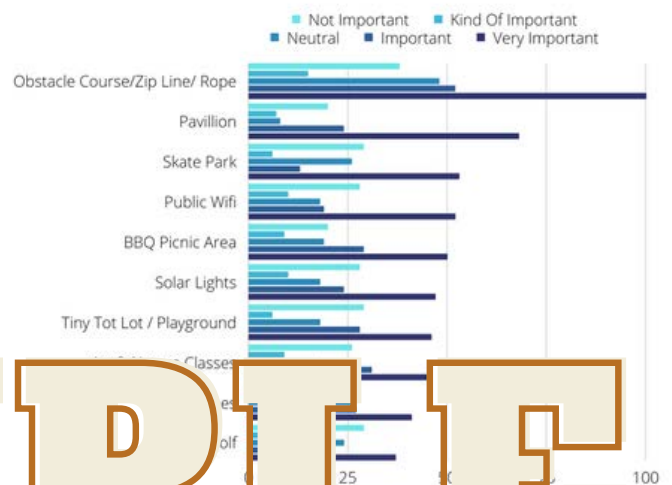
## Sample Public Feedback

Sample responses from the initial public survey and open houses conducted in October 2019- June 2022 are presented below. The information collected through the public outreach process serves as the foundation for many of the recommendations contained in this plan.

City of Nolanville, Bell County, Texas Nolanville Fox Park Project TPWD Non Urban Small Community Recreation Program 2022 Community Survey Results Recreational Priorities



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# SAMPLE

RANK	Park Elements	Not Important	Kind Of Important	Neutral	Important	Very Important	
1	Pavillion	20	7	8	24	68	
2	Zip Line	22	3	25	23	54	
3	Skate Park	29	6	26	13	53	
4	Public Wifi	28	10	18	19	52	
5	BBQ Picnic Area	20	9	19	29	50	
6	Solar Lights	28	10	18	24	47	
7	Climbing Rope/Obstacle course	16	12	23	29	46	
8	Tiny Tot Lot / Playground	29	6	18	28	46	
9	Art & Nature Classes	26	9	16	31	45	
10	Yard Games	23	10	26	27	41	
11	Frisbee Golf	29	15	24	19	37	
	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>104</b>	
		<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>					

# Survey Results

## Top Priorities

Date Offered: XXXXXX

### Outdoor Priorities:

- #1 = Zip Line or Rope Course
- #2 = Disk Golf
- #3 = Renovate & Expand Splash Pad
- #4 = Creekside Park & Trails
- #5 = Kayak Launch Point
- #6 = Fishing Holes
- #7 = Picnic Tables
- #8 = Pavilions
- #9 = Adult softball fields
- #10 = Tennis courts & Pickle Ball Courts
- #11 = Shelter
- #12 = User friendly w/ a good room
- #13 = Fire station
- #14 = The city center
- #15 = Outdoor passive recreation (Green space)
- #17 = Dog Park
- #18 = Playground (New Areas)

### Indoor Priorities:

- #1 = Indoor pool
- #2 = Basketball Court
- #3 = Fitness Gym
- #4 = Indoor Pick ball Courts
- #5 = Walking track
- #6 = Arts and crafts room
- #7 = E sports
- #8 = Fitness Group Classroom
- #9 = Expand Boys & Girls Club
- #10 = Expand SMART Museum

### Public Hearing and Outreach Event Results:



## Conceptual Site Plans

This "system-wide" parks and recreation master plan includes site-specific conceptual development plans for five parks: Mocking Bird Park, Wildwood Park, Fox Park, and Pecan Park/Trail. While this Master Plan considers broad approaches for enhancing the community-wide delivery of recreational services, the companion conceptual development plans re-imagine the potential mix, location and aesthetics of new and improved spaces and facilities within each of the five focus parks.



## How was each park selected?

**Park Classification.** The scale purpose of each park differs. The conceptual development planning initiative included neighborhood park, community park, and parkway. Each can serve a model for the future development of similar park types.

**Geography.** Mocking Bird Park, Wildwood Park, Fox Park, and Pecan Park/Trail are distributed throughout the City. Implementation of each conceptual development plan provides the opportunity for insignificant park investment throughout Nolanville.





# Park System Assets

The accessed-based assessment-occasionally referred to as the "standards-based" assessment-analyses the amount and distribution of parkland and recreational facilities offered by a jurisdiction in relation to the community's current and projected population. Two common types of analysis are used to evaluate a parks system's access-based level of service:

- **Level of Service- Park Acreage.** The acreage-based level of service analysis defines the amount of parkland acreage in a community, expressed as a ratio of acreage to population. This analysis method considers whether there is enough acreage to serve the community's population today and in the future.
- **Level of Service- Access to Parkland.** The access-based parkland analysis examines the location and distribution of parkland throughout a community to determine its accessibility to community members. This method is frequently measured using a "proximity guideline," expressed as a maximum walking radius from a park property.

Both access-based level of service analysis methods can also applied to recreational facilities. Where applicable, both methods have been applied to selected recreational facilities in the Nolanville parks and recreational system.

## Parkland Level of Service

A common method to measure how a municipal parks and recreation system can meet the needs of its residents is to create targeted "levels of service" for parkland acreage and core recreational facilities (i.e., athletic fields, sport courts, aquatics, and trails). These targets are aspirational-typically not being met in full- yet provide defined benchmarks that tell a community where funding and resources for new recreational services should be directed.



## Parkland Level of Service- Park Acreage

Recreational Use	2022 Acres	2030 Acres
Greenway	30	53
Large City Park	10	10
Neighborhood Parks	2	17
Parkway	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>82</b>

**Total Green Space**  
**Total Population as of 2022**  
**# of acres per population**

### Parkland Acreage Snapshot

The City of Nolanville parks and recreation master plan establishes a minimum parkland acreage goal of over 82 acres. This level of service "target" also included individual acreage targets for regional, community and neighborhood parks. Parkland Level of Service (above) illustrates that the City will exceed its minimum 82 acres target by 2030.

Goal (4 acres per 1000 people)

Goal 2030 Total Green Space

Subdivision Requirement for Donation: 1 acre per 133 dwelling units

Article 10.04-Parkland Dedication

Fee Schedule Cash in lieu \$200 per dwelling unit

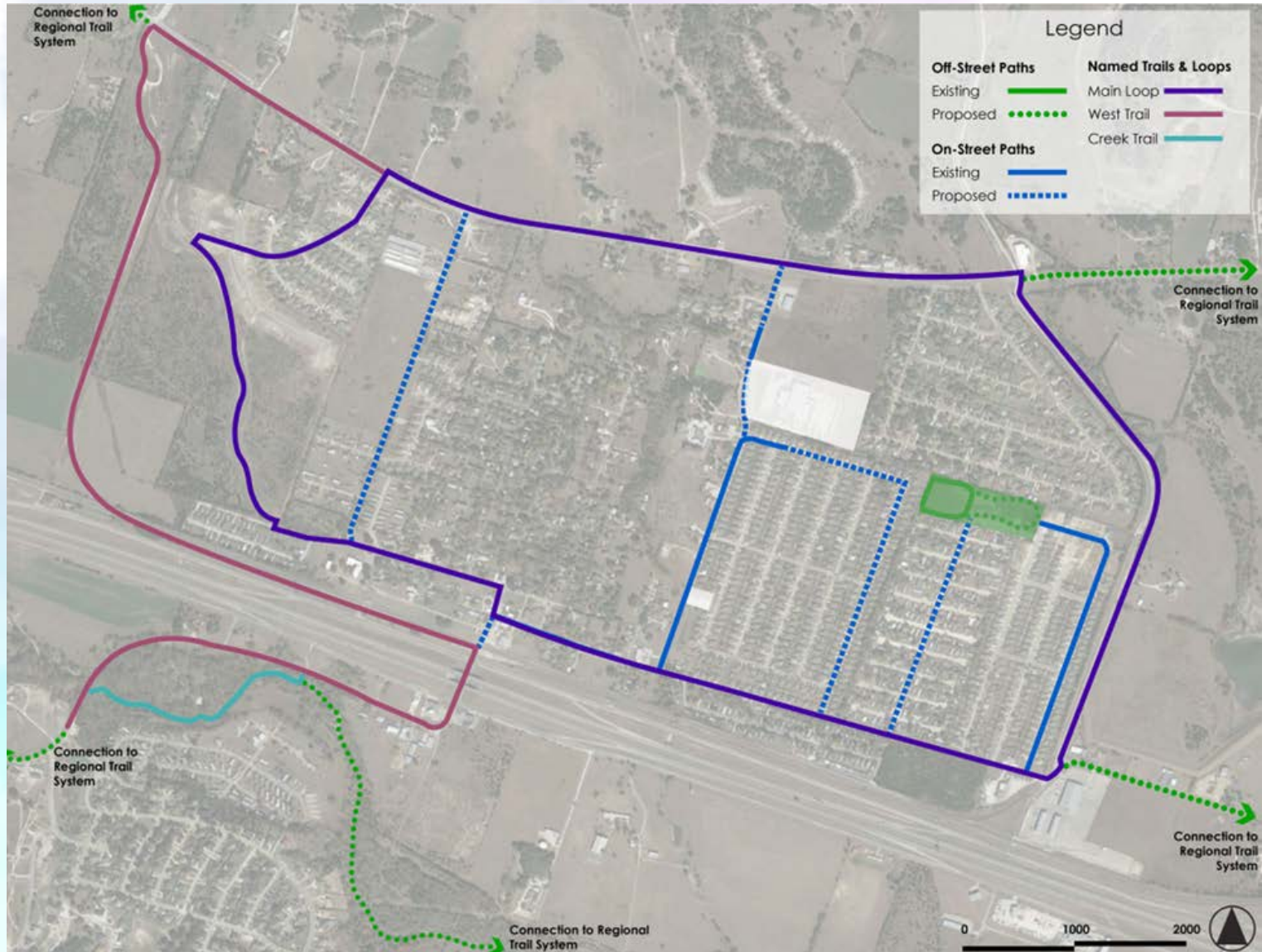
Trails Goal (3 miles by 2030)

Comprehensive Plan - Parks

Capital Improvement Plan






# Parkland Level of Service- Access to Parks






## Parkland Accessibility



A community that is well-served by its public parks system is one where parkland is distributed in a manner that is conveniently accessible by the maximum possible number of residents. Sufficient accessibility to parkland is typically determined by "proximity guidelines" calibrated to ensure that residents of a range of ages and abilities can independently access a park space without reliance on a motor vehicle.

Category	Acres	Grid Coord	Type	Project Names	Inventory
	0.03	31.08373, -97.61269	Neighborhood Park	<p>Action 8.2.1.3 Provide at least 3 miles of trails according to the Thoroughfare Plan to create a system of connected parks and open spaces by the year 2035, i.e. Wildwood Subdivision and Pecan Trail.</p> <p><b>MOCKING BIRD POCKET PARK (Wildwood)</b></p>	Silo Gazebo, Bird Blind
	0.37	31.08808, -97.61463	Neighborhood Park	<p>Obj. 8.2.1 Create a system of parks and open spaces with the purpose of preserving natural areas and ecological systems</p> <p><b>WILDWOOD UNNAMED PARK</b></p>	No assets, awaiting dedication in Phase V
	10	31.08076, -97.59154	Community Park	<p>Obj. 10.1 Acquire 15 acres of land by 2030 to revert to parks and open space, based on the Active Living Parks Plan (20 acres acquired by 2040)</p> <p><b>MONARCH PARK</b></p>	Football Field, Swing Set, Monkey Bars, Scent Garden, Half- Court Basketball, Picnic Tables, Splash Pad, Community Center (B&G Club), Soccer Field, Walking Trail, Dog Park, Public Art, ADA Playground Equipment, Public Art, Trash Cans, Fitness/Obstacle Course, Sidewalk and Trail, Bathrooms & concession stand



Category	Acres	Grid Coord	Type	Project Names	Inventory
	1	31.07857, -97.59949	Special Use	<p>Action 8.2.2.3 Plan an enviromental awareness campaign to be conducted at community events, i.e. night markets</p> <p><b>HUMMINGBIRD PARK</b></p>	<a href="#">Tot Lot (Small Playground), 2 Benches, Smart Museum Fact Sheet</a>
	1.4	31.0804, -97.60052	Neighborhood Park	<p>Obj. 8.2.1 Create a system of parks and open spaces with the purpose of preserving natural areas and ecological systems</p> <p><b>FOX PARK</b></p>	1 Tot Lot, 2 Benches, Irrigation w/ 5+ trees, Parking Lot
	14	31.07682, -97.61608	Greenway	<p>Action 8.2.1.2 Set aside land for parks and recreation by setting aside land for parks prioritizing land in the floodplain</p> <p><b>PECAN PARK</b></p>	<a href="#">Deed Information- Pecan Park</a>

# Park System Conditions

Category	Acres	Grid Coord	Type	Project Names	Inventory
	2.726	31.07195, -97.62079	Neighborhood Park	Action 8.2.1.2 Set aside land for parks and recreation by setting aside land for parks prioritizing land in the floodplain, utilizing subdivision ordinances , conservation easements, zoning regulations, park impact fees, parkland dedication <b>ENCLAVE POCKET PARK</b>	Land Acquired
	3	31.07449, -97.62102	Park- School	Obj. 8.2.2 Develop programming to provide environmental education and awareness for all residents and visitors of Nolanville <b>NOLANVILLE ELEMENTARY MULTI USE SPORTS</b>	Demo of old school in 2024





# Future Service Needs

## Future Development

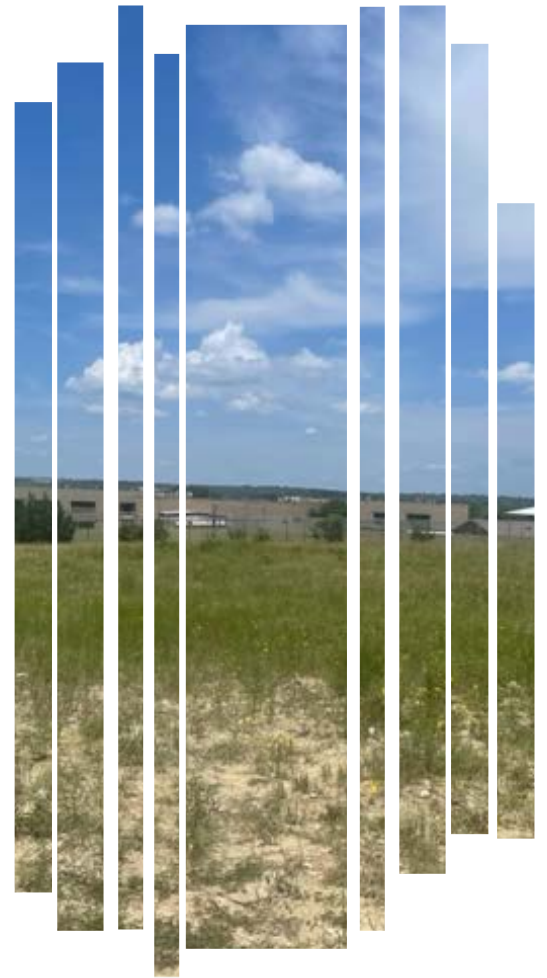
Parks should be provided for new residential areas through parkland dedication such as Article 10.04 Parkland Dedication outline in the City's Code of Ordinances.

## Level of Service - Park Acreage

- Existing parkland acreage targets presented in Parkland Level of Service for Greenway, Large City Park, Neighborhood Parks, and Parkway should be retained.
- Target levels of service for park acreage establish minimum targets. Attainment of a target level of service should not be used as a pretext for limiting the acquisition of additional parkland acreage to improve accessibility or to address a special need or opportunity.

## Level of Service - Park Accessibility

- Nolanville's target levels of service for parkland acreage should be accompanied by a "proximity" standard.
- A proximity standard would establish a goal for a neighborhood-scale park to be located within a 1/2 mile (10 minute) walkshed of all residential areas.
- Large City Park and Neighborhood Park could be counted on a case-by-case basis as fulfilling the proximity guideline recommendation of a 1/2 mile walkshed typically applied to neighborhood parks.



# Future Indoor Facilities

## Gymnasium

The City would like to explore adding a gymnasium to the existing Boys and Girls Club facility that is located within the boundaries of Monarch Park. The existing facility was designed to accommodate an expansion on the north side of the existing facility. The expansion may include additional functional spaces over and above the gymnasium.

## What's to come - Gymnasium

The expansion will provide sports games and opportunities for our residents to play basketball, volleyball, and more. This area will also provide a potential storm shelter.



## SMART Museum

The City would like to provide a self-paced technology-driven experience that promotes messages of environmental sustainability and related career pathways. We strive to educate, inspire, and demonstrate how science, technology, and environmental considerations are essential to solving problems and improving our lives.

## What's to come - SMART Museum

The Nolanville Smart Museum will be home to multiple attraction to harbor discovery and drive a growing passion for science and technology. Attractions like VR, hydroponics, and art.

**COMING SOON**

Event Rentals   Incubator Tech   Play Education   Senior Activities   Interactive Museum   Community Garden

**JW SIMS SMART MUSEUM RENOVATION**

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# Future Service Needs

## Future Service Needs- Trails

Multi-use trails are only one component of a broader active transportation network. Building an interconnected and community-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities requires a range of facility types appropriate for unique contexts of each corridor, neighborhood and district. Active transportation facilities must be calibrated to topography, roadway geometry, user comfort, cost, and other factors.

- Public input received during this planning process confirms the overwhelming popularity of trails in Nolanville. Trails were identified as one of the most important recreational facilities in the City and the most frequently used. Increased access to trails for recreational and transportation purposes- and enhancements to existing trail segments- should continue to garner broad public support.



## Level of Service

- The City should strive to increase the percentage of residential areas that are within a 1/2 mile walkshed to a trail.
- The proposed Pecan Trail network should be extended to improve long-term trail proximity to residential areas.

## Network Expansion

- Opportunities exist to extend the City's planned multi-use trail network along additional roadway and non-roadway corridors.
- A trails network alone may not provide for City-wide bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and should be augmented by a broader active transportation planning effort.

# Operations and Maintenance Summary

## Purpose of the Plan

The Parks and Recreation of the City of Nolanville had devoted careful consideration to developing a plan for the ongoing care and protection of the substantial assets that are our parks and grounds. This plan is for the maintenance and operation of the City of Nolanville Parks and Recreation has been developed in order to create standards and guideline to support the vision of the City of Nolanville. The maintenance standards were developed to provide the City of Nolanville, Parks and Recreation Department and local Nolanville community with the best possible parks and recreational facilities; to present a positive image, safe and clean facilities, and for Parks and Recreation employees for each of the Park elements.

This summary is divided between the Maintenance Plan and the Operational Plan. The Maintenance Plan will serve as a general guideline for the frequency of the maintenance for the parks, facilities, and equipment and the operational plan will provide for specific rules, regulations, policies and business practices governing the proper conduct of activities occurring at both the sports fields and the community park.

## Operations and Maintenance Summary

The City of Nolanville's Parks and Recreation Department is a lean operation that depends on efficiency to deliver quality parks and recreation services. Although public sentiment received as part of this master planning effort suggests general satisfaction with the quality of the city's park spaces and facilities, greater funding diversity will be necessary to satisfy growing community wide interests and expectations.

Priority administrative and operational needs include the following:

### Operating Budget

- The City must find ways to reduce its current degree of reliance on general funds for parks and recreation operations.
- Pricing strategies should be developed to better leverage rental revenues for daily amenities (i.e. pavilions and gazebos) and the use of large scale facilities for tournaments and events.
- Efforts to explore grant funding opportunities should be accelerated to address high-priority or niche facility and programming needs.

### Maintenance Practices

- When considering public priorities, increased funding for the improvement and maintenance of existing park spaces may represent a popular allocation of Parks & Recs Department expenditures.
- A department-wide maintenance plan and schedule should be developed to provide uniformity in maintenance practices.
- Plan may include a long-term asset management schedule.





# Operations and Maintenance Summary



## Maintenance Elements

**Each task contains basic elements for maintaining the parks and facilities;**

- Natural Turf Care: Watering, mowing, aeration, reseeding, top dressing, weed control.
- Fertilization: Fertilization of turf, trees, shrubs, or floral plantings.
- Irrigation: Automated or manual watering of turf, trees, shrubs, and floral plantings.
- Disease & Insect Control: Prevention, correction, and management of disease and/or insects in turf, trees, shrubs, floral plantings either by cultural or chemical methods; includes pest control in and around park buildings.
- Hardscape Surfaces: Sweeping, blowing and power washing of walkways, parking lots, basketball courts and any other hardscape surfaces in parks and facilities.
- Repair: Maintenance required for facilities, vehicles, or park amenities.
- Inspection: Visual and physical examination of park facility, equipment, or amenity to ensure compliance, safety, and proper operation.
- Restrooms: Cleaning, sweeping, sanitizing, stocking of supplies.
- Special Features: Maintenance of equipment or facilities such as drinking fountains, seating areas, soccer goals, picnic tables, signs, and litter receptacles.
- Community Park: Inspection and maintenance of play equipment and recreational areas; remove litter and other foreign objects in the surfacing material.

## Quality of Work

**Each Park element of facility under the maintenance schedule will be evaluated using a checklist to be developed in consultation with equipment and materials suppliers. The purpose of the checklist is to provide information to the Parks and Recreation Supervisor as to the progress of routine maintenance tasks, to highlight any Park area or facility that needs repair, and to facilitate the prompt scheduling of this work as expeditiously as possible. The checklist will be completed weekly by field staff and turned in to the Parks and Recreation Supervisor. The Supervisor will then give all parties the information regarding the work to be scheduled in the following days and weeks.**

# Operations and Maintenance Summary



## General Maintenance Duties

The following duties will be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation field staff, including but not limited to:

- Performing weekly play equipment safety inspections.
- Inspecting all restrooms for burned-out lights, malfunctioning toilets, urinals, sinks, hand dryers, etc.; looking for graffiti and reporting any damage to the Supervisor so that the repair work can be scheduled.
- Maintaining all drinking fountains in working condition.
- Making sure all park security lighting and other security elements are functioning.
- Checking for vandalism to Park benches, picnic tables, etc., and reporting these issues to the Supervisor so that the repair work can be scheduled.
- Checking all pump and pipe utilities for clogs, cracks, or malfunctions.
- Checking, cleaning, and replacing, as needed all locks and padlocks that are rusted or malfunctioning. Maintaining all Park signs.
- Turning on irrigation and checking for sprinkler head malfunctions or pressure variances.
- Evaluating landscape plants for health and vigor and coordinating rotation of any annual plantings.
- Wiping down and sanitizing any and all exercise equipment with approved solution.





# Operations and Maintenance Summary

## Maintenance Schedule for All Park Facilities



Tasks	Frequency
Picking up litter throughout park	Daily
Empty trash cans	Daily
Restroom cleaning and restocking	Daily
Building inspection and maintenance	Weekly
Irrigation repair and monitoring	Weekly
Mowing, edging, and line trimming	Weekly
Park facility/ playground maintenance inspection	Monthly
Power washing all facilities	Twice yearly or as needed
Blowing debris off rooftops and rain gutters	Monthly
Power-wash playground surfaces	Monthly
Sports Turf Maintenance	Monthly
Restroom sanitizing	Monthly
Park tree maintenance	Weekly
Weed management	Weekly
Paint	As needed
Minor repairs	As directed
Splashpad maintenance/ inspection	Daily/ Monthly (off-season)



# BUILDING PARKS FOR ALL OF US

- Vision and Goals
- Community Programs and Events
- Overall Plan





# Vision & Goals



**VISION:** Create a system of parks and open spaces with the purpose of preserving natural areas and ecological systems



**ASSESSMENT:** Develop the necessary partnerships to create educational exhibits that inspire, challenge and educate residents and visitors alike.



**GOALS:** Develop and set aside land for parks and recreation by setting aside land for parks prioritizing land in the floodplain, utilizing subdivision ordinances, conservation easements, zoning regulations, park impact fees, parkland dedication



**OUTCOMES:** Provide at least 3 miles of trails according to the Thoroughfare Plan to create a system of connected parks and open spaces.



**IMPLEMENTATION:** Move forward in the developing parks and recreation and continue to provide open spaces and preserving natural areas.

## OUR PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS

# 1

### PARKS SYSTEM GROWTH AND ACCESS

Equitable access to park properties and recreational amenities is provided through the balanced distribution of parkland, open space, and facilities, and the development of safe and efficient pathways to surrounding residential areas.

# 2

### PARKS SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

The longevity of parks system assets is ensured by investing in facilities that support varied community interests while designing safe, cost-effective and engaging spaces that are compatible with the local climate and natural features.

# 3

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Personal well-being and public pride is enhanced by working with community partners to provide access to a diverse suite of recreational programs and community events that cater to varying interests, ages and abilities.

# 4

### RECREATIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY

High-quality recreation services are provided in an efficient manner through clear administrative policies and processes, strategic partnerships, diversified funding sources, and highly-trained staff.

The goals, objectives, and actions introduced in this chapter are not listed according to priority and should not deter community leaders and stakeholders from considering other future actions or initiatives intended to enhance the City of Nolanville parks and recreation system. Should a future action on initiative advance one of the goals contained in this Plan then it may be pursued with as much energy as the recommendations herein. In contrast, where activities or initiatives diverge significantly from this Plan, the City should amend the plan document.

# Goals, Objectives, and Actions

## Goal 1: Parks System Growth and Access

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PARK PROPERTIES AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE BALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF PARKLAND, OPEN SPACE, AND FACILITIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFE AND EFFICIENT PATHWAYS TO SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

**Objective 1.1. Ensure an Equitable Distribution of Accessible Park Spaces and Recreational Facilities That Support Community Interests.**

**Action 1.1.1 Parkland Level of Service.** Utilize the acreage and proximity standards presented in the plan as a guide for minimum city-wide regional, community and neighborhood parkland levels of service.

**Action 1.1.2. Parkland Service Area Gaps.** Reduce parkland service area gaps in existing residential areas by acquiring land for neighborhood parks.

**Action 1.1.3. Trail Network Level of Service.** Expand the planned trails network and increase the percentage of residential areas that are within one-half mile of a trail access.

**Action 1.1.4. Active Regional Trail System Plan.** Prepare an active transportation plan to link the City's planned network of multi-use trails to a city-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Action 1.1.5. Partnership Parks.** Partner with the school district, non-profits and other institutions to reduce service gaps to neighborhood parks and recreational amenities.

**Objective 1.2. Utilize The Development Process to Ensure That Parkland is Provided for Nolanville' s Growing Population.**

**Action 1.2.1 Update the Parkland Dedication ordinance** to require additional improvements and amenities to the dedicated parkland, beyond those currently required, sufficient to make the land immediately usable as fully functioning park.

**Action 1.2.2. Pocket Park Performance Criteria.** Allow small pocket parks to be constructed in new developments in lieu of neighborhood parks only in accordance with specific performance criteria.

**Action 1.2.3. Trail Development.** Work with developers to negotiate public access and public trail system connection to developer-planned trails in subdivisions that have already been platted but not built.

**Action 1.2.4. Active Regional Trail System Plan.** Prepare an active transportation plan to link the City's planned network of multi-use trails to a city-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Action 1.2.5. Confirm that in ordinances and other official documents, open space and parks are defined to also include plazas that can be placed in the downtown areas. If this is not the case, change those definitions.**



# Goals, Objectives, and Actions

## Goal 2: Reduce Pollution

REDUCE POLLUTION IN THE CITY TO IMPROVE THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT. PROTECT NOLANVILLE' S NATURAL AREAS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THAT MINIMIZES DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE, AND CONSERVE HUMAN HEALTH AND HERITAGE, AND PROMOTE BEAUTIFICATION.

Objective 2.1. Work together as a community to reduce litter in water sources, parks, and along roadways.	Objective 2.2. Create recreational and educational opportunities through a system of connected parks and open spaces to make Nolanville "a great place to live."
Action 2.1.1. Coordinate with the Watershed Plan and TCEQ to improve water quality.	Action 2.2.1 Protect and retain at least 25% of the trees on future sites of development
Action 2.1.2. Organize creek monitoring with Texas Stream Team, schools, and other environmental groups.	Action 2.2.2. Begin at least one nature education or recreational program by year 2035.
Action 2.1.3. Make a plan to identify strategic locations of trash/recycling bins throughout the city, including a prioritization plan for installation.	Action 2.2.3. Install at least 10 educational signs in the park system to raise awareness and educate about nature, history, and environmental preservation.
Action 2.1.4. Participate in and influence regional recycling efforts through the Solid Waste Advisory Group.	Action 2.2.4. Create an ordinance to require preservation of trees over a certain size upon land being developed for non-residential use. (Percentage required should be lower for non-residential development than that to be required by Subdivision Ordinance for residential development.)
Action 2.1.5. Budget and install air pollution monitors at critical locations. Locations should be determined based on parameters such as traffic density, proximity to industries, etc.	Action 2.2.5. Plan an environmental awareness campaign to be conducted at community events, i.e. night markets.

# Goals, Objectives, and Actions

## Goal 3: Identify- Current & Future Flooding Events

THERE ARE LARGE AREAS OF NOLANVILLE THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE 100-YEAR FLOOD ZONE (ZONE AE), BUT MAJORITY OF DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSIDE OF IT. THE CITY CAN ENHANCE THE VALUE OF NOLAN CREEK FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO NOLANVILLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE BY MONITORING POTENTIAL HAZARDS.

**Objective 3.1. Support and manage natural water retention and flood hazard mitigation methods through development practices that minimize flood risk.**

**Action 3.1.1. Identify frequently flooding areas within city limits.**

**Action 3.1.2. Hire engineers to design flood reduction and control projects to improve flood infrastructure in frequently flooded areas.**

**Action 3.1.3. Contact owners of land in Nolan Creek 100-year floodplain about the city's interest in receiving donated conservation easements for use in public trail system. This could also include dedication markers noting who donated that part of the land.**

**Action 3.1.4. Pass a regulation requiring or encouraging new development adjacent to Nolan Creek 100-year floodplain to set aside land along the creek for the public trail system if development is aligned with the proposed path of the citywide trail system, as detailed in the Thoroughfare Plan. The land must be in a natural, ungraded condition (except minor grading to improve its usefulness as parkland). This land would count toward parkland dedication requirements**

**Action 3.1.5. Foster stream and floodplain restoration that reduces environmental harm and natural disasters in floodplain area.**

**Action 3.1.6. Research and implement early flood detection and warning systems.**





# Goals, Objectives, and Actions

## Goal 4: Parks System Investments

THE LONGEVITY OF PARKS SYSTEM ASSETS IS ENSURED BY INVESTING IN FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT VARIED COMMUNITY INTERESTS WHILE DESIGNING SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE AND ENGAGING SPACES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL CLIMATE AND NATURAL FEATURES.

**Objective 4.1. Develop and apply uniform design policies and maintenance practices for parks system landscape and hardscape features and facilities.**

**Action 4.1.1. Develop and implement a department-wide annual maintenance plan and long-term asset maintenance schedule.**

**Action 4.1.2. Utilize a work order management system to analyze unit costs for in-house versus contracted maintenance activities.**

**Action 4.1.3. Conduct an annual or bi-annual conditions assessment update.**

**Action 4.1.4. Prepare and implement an urban management policy to guide the selection, management and removal of trees on public properties.**

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# Community Programs and Events

## Personal Well-Being and Public Pride Enhanced

BY WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A DIVERSE SUITE OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT CATER TO A VARYING INTERESTS, AGES AND ABILITIES.

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# Community Programs and Events

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### ***Action 5.1.1. CONDUCT AN ANNUAL AGE SEGMENT ANALYSIS TO ENSURE A CONTINUED BALANCE OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS.***

Maintain the preliminary age segment analysis prepared as part of the master planning process on an annual basis to note changes or to refine age segment categories. Utilize results to assist in ongoing changes to the City's recreational program offerings.

### ***Action 5.1.2. TRACK RECREATION PROGRAM RATES OF PARTICIPATION TO ENSURE THAT THE CITY PROGRAM PORTFOLIO ADJUSTS TO MEET CHANGING RECREATIONAL NEEDS AND PREFERENCES.***

Augment the annual age segment analysis with lifecycle analysis involves reviewing program participation data over a period of years. Lifecycle analysis results will assist the city in determining the stage of growth or decline of each City-sponsored or facilitated program as a way of informing strategic decisions about the overall recreation program portfolio. Refine recreation program offerings to replace low enrolment or canceled programs due to no enrollment with programs that allow the City and its partners to provide a programming portfolio that is better distributed across age groups.



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### ***Action 5.1.3. Diversify recreational program pricing options to strategically meet cost-recovery goals.***

Allow staff to work within a pricing range tied to the cost recovery goals in this Plan to set prices based on market factors and "differential pricing" (i.e. prime-time/non-primetime, season/off-season rates) to maximize user participation and also encourage additional group rate pricing where applicable.

### ***Action 5.1.4. Diversify the City's recreational program portfolio to maximize the utilization of recreational amenities and to maintain appropriate program life cycle balances.***

Create and administer- or pro-actively work with partners to facilitate the creation of - new recreational programs and services in the areas of greatest demand. Monitor participation trends of programming and services in Nolanville offered by the City and third-party vendors to focus their efforts on increased programming in the areas of greatest documented unmet need.





# Community Programs and Events

***Objective 5.2. Sponsor and host community events that increase the utility of municipal park space while fostering public pride and a shared identity.***

One of Nolanville's Parks and Recreation Goals, Community Programs and Events, is to provide personal well-being and public pride is enhanced by working with community partners to provide access to diverse suite of recreational programs and community events that cater to varying interests, ages and abilities. This goal does not imply that the City is solely responsible for providing recreational services to the public. Rather, the City of Nolanville should continue to leverage partnerships with other organizations to provide recreation services without limitation to who owns the property or facility, or who operates or manages the specific service, so long as such services can be provided efficiently and equitably.

***Action 5.2.1. Invest in public park venues and accessory facilities that can be leveraged to host robust schedule of organized events and activities.***

Prioritize efforts to increase the number and distribution of annual community events held at City parks and other municipal properties throughout the calendar year. Share the responsibility of event creation and management between PARD and other municipal departments to allow PARD recreation staff to balance event administration responsibilities with recreational programming adjustments and monitoring.

***Action 5.2.2. Work with organizations to promote municipal parks and recreational programs aimed at tourists and new residents.***

Nolanville maintains relationships with other entities which promote quality of life and public health initiatives. These partnerships should be maintained while new partnerships should be developed to expand the reach of the City's parks and recreation assets.



# Overall Plan

## Recreational Service Delivery

HIGH-QUALITY RECREATION SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN EFFICIENT MANNER THROUGH CLEAR ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCESSES. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS. DIVERSIFIED FUNDING SOURCES, AND HIGHLY-TRAINED STAFF.

**Objective 6.1. Enhance administrative practices that facilitate efficient recreational service delivery.**

**Action 6.1.1. Promote professional development opportunities that strengthen the core skills of staff and Commission members.**

**Action 6.1.2. Invest in staff resources and refine park access policies to improve park security.**

**Action 6.1.3. Improve field staff's access to handheld GPS and web-based equipment for field maintenance and inventory activities.**

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**Action 6.2.1. Establish clear policies and procedures for coordinating community outreach efforts related to programming and events.**

**Action 6.2.2. Conduct a cost of services analysis to refine municipal fee schedules for recreationally programs, reservations rentals.**

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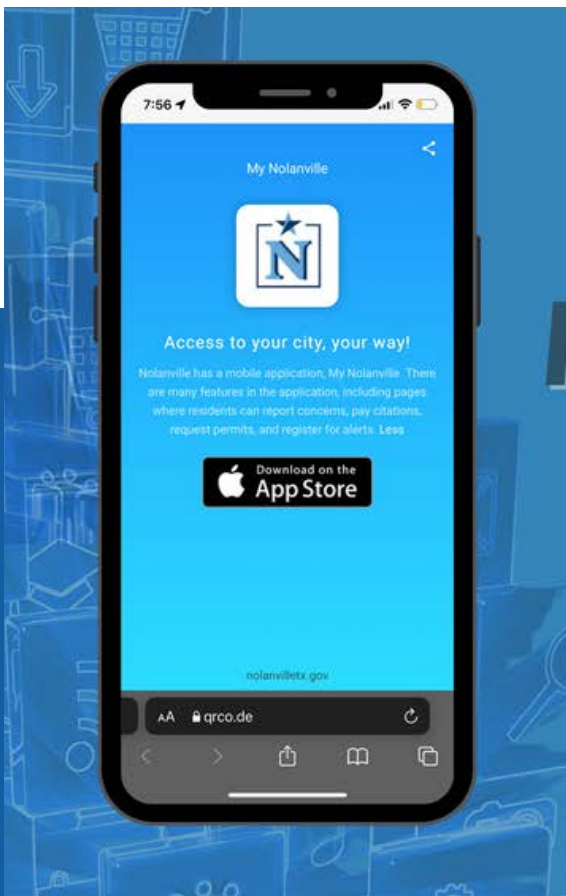




# Overall Plan

## ***Objective 6.1. ENHANCE ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES THAT FACILITATE EFFICIENT RECREATIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY.***

The Nolanville Parks and Recreation Department has continued to improve the methods by which it collects data related to parks and recreation system conditions and user preferences. The organizational structure of the department has also been altered to improve overall service delivery to the residents of Nolanville. Additional steps can always be taken to not only improve reporting practices, but to provide greater efficiency in day-to-day administration operations.



### ***Action 6.1.2. Invest in staff resources and refine park access policies to improve park security.***

Public safety at municipal park property and public events should remain under the purview of the Nolanville Police Department, but positions could be added or result from re-assignment within the department.

### ***Action 6.1.1. Promote professional development opportunities that strengthen the core skills of staff and Commission members.***

Nolanville should fund select accreditation and certification maintenance of PARD staff members as selected from a priority list submitted by City administration. Professional accreditation opportunities illustrate a connection between an organization's stated goals and its commitment to providing its employees with the tools to achieve those goals. In assessing the appropriate level of annual funding for parks and recreation professional development opportunities, Nolanville should consider not just management-level employees to help promote buy-in to the organization's overarching mission statements and goals and to assist in recruitment when filling vacant positions.

### ***Action 6.1.3. Improve field staff's access to handheld GPS and web-based equipment for field maintenance and inventory activities.***

The PARD's Inventory and mapping capability can be greatly enhanced by providing field maintenance staff with enhanced handheld GPS and web-based equipment that can be used for inventory projects and maintenance scheduling and activities. Data mobility will allow staff to efficiently update, inventory and catalog maintenance needs while in the field.

# Overall Plan

## ***OBJECTIVE 6.2. EXPAND ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PROACTIVE MARKETING LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AND DIVERSIFYING FUNDING SOURCES.***

Improving resident access to recreational opportunities requires that the City adjust funding methods and actively seeks to expand recreational programming and facility access through targeted partnerships. This Plan should serve as a catalyst for soliciting volunteer participation in targeted projects and programs designed to enhance the overall parks and recreation experience in Nolanville.

### ***Action 6.2.1. Establish clear policies and procedures for coordinating community outreach efforts related to programming and events.***

Evaluate and update policies and procedures for coordinating community outreach efforts related to park maintenance and programming. Maintain an ongoing on-line presence and outreach activities to include even those PARD functions that are seemingly mundane. For instance, there is very little energy spent on advertising daily maintenance activities, yet park conditions are a topic of unending public interest. Daily use of social media tools by the PARD can be encouraging to the public by helping them anticipate ongoing operational and programming activities of which they are otherwise unaware.

### ***Action 6.2.2. Conduct a cost of services analysis to refine municipal fee schedules for recreationally programs, reservations rentals.***

To properly fund all programs, either through tax subsidies or user fees, and to establish the right cost recovery targets, a cost of service analysis should be conducted on each program, or program type, that accurately calculates direct (i.e., program-specific) and indirect (i.e., comprehensive, including overhead) costs.





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### **Action 6.2.3. Create partnerships with advocacy and special interest groups to access funding or in-kind opportunities for various recreational activities.**

Nolanville maintains facilities that are attractive to special interest groups. Create a list of specific small-scale enhancement projects and amenities for special use facilities and work with advocacy groups to manage funding drives and park work days. Work with one or more groups to create a "friends of the parks system" non-profit organization to solicit ongoing targeted volunteer contributions and labor.

### **Action 6.2.3. Develop strategic partnerships and programs to mitigate the direct cost for park system maintenance through indirect revenue sources and in-kind contributions.**

Maintenance operations are typically spent in divisions that do not have direct revenue sources that can offset expenditures. There are opportunities, however, to reduce expenditures through the following strategies:

- **Adopt-a-Trail Programs.** These are typically small-grant programs that fund new construction, repair or renovation, maps, trail brochures, and facilities (bike racks, picnic areas, birding equipment, etc.), as well as provide maintenance support.
- **Operational Partnerships.** Partnerships are operational funding sources formed from two separate agencies, such as two government entities, a non-profit and a public agency, or a private business and a public agency.

### **Action 6.2.4. Continue the partnership with schools, health care institutions and other providers to co-locate or administer publicly accessible recreation facilities and programs.**

Work with institutional partners to expand recreational programming and facility offerings in a way that improves community-wide access. Partner with health care institutions to find vendors for senior classes or programs that could be conducted in converted community center space.

# IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION

**Parks and Recreation Priorities  
Parks and Recreation Program  
Parks and Recreation Strategies  
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Plan Administration and  
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- Mary Marie Multi Use Center completed August 2018
- Basketball / Volleyball Court completed March 2019



# PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES

## Goals & Objectives



**SAFETY**

- Smart Lighting Features
- Gabion Edge Reinforcement
- Flood Sensors
- Flood Prediction System
- Pollution Sensors



**ENVIRONMENT**

- Edge Stabilizing Plants
- Pollinator Plants
- Natural & Sustainable Materials



**CONNECTIVITY**

- City Wide Trail
- Wayfinding Signage
- Software Application
- Mix-Use Spaces



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOCUS

Nolanville, TX Green Corridor



# PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES

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# PARKS AND RECREATION PRIORITIES

## Parks and Recreation Work Program

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Nolanville Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the City's principal guide for providing parks and recreation services to the City's current and future residents in an efficient and equitable manner. This Plan is not a capital facilities plan, but rather an operational guide that provides suggestions on how to enhanced parks and recreational service delivery while identifying future opportunities capital and non-capital investments.

This Plan's implementation program includes three principal components. The Parks and Recreation Work Program categorizes and prioritizes the Plan actions that were introduced in Building Parks for all of Us. The plan Administration and Implementation section outlines the roles and responsibilities of City officials and implementing partners; while, Funding Strategies highlights key funding sources that may aid in advancing implementation activities.

### **WORK PROGRAM**

The Parks and Recreation Work Program described within this chapter includes two (2) major components: A) The Policy Program; and, B) The Investment Program.

### **POLICY PROGRAM**

The Policy Program is designed to prioritize all general policy, programming, regulatory and operational initiatives that were previously described in Building Parks for All Of Us. The Policy Program addresses investment actions and initiatives only in general terms and does not address anticipated project costs.











### **Investment Program**

The Investment Program identifies estimated cost ranges associated with capital projects including: park land acquisition, new facilities, or the major renovation of existing facilities. These projects organized in this chapter to allow for the phased implementation of recommended parks system investments.









# PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

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Objective 1.2. Utilize The Development Process to Ensure That Parkland is Provided for <u>Nolanville's</u> Growing Population.			
Action 1.2.1 Update the Parkland Dedication ordinance to require additional improvements and amenities to the dedicated parkland, beyond those currently required, sufficient to make the land immediately usable as fully functioning park.			City Staff
Action 1.2.2. Pocket Park Performance Criteria. Allow small pocket parks to be constructed in new developments in lieu of neighborhood parks only in accordance with specific performance criteria.			City Staff
Action 1.2.3. Trail Development. Work with developers to negotiate public access and public trail system connection to developer-planned trails in subdivisions that have already been platted but not built.			City Staff
Action 1.2.4. Active Regional Trail System Plan. Prepare an active transportation plan to link the City's planned network of multi-use trails to a city-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.			City Staff
Action 1.2.5. Confirm that in ordinances and other official documents, open space and parks are defined to also include plazas that can be placed in the downtown areas. If this is not the case, change those definitions.			City Staff





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# PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

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GOAL 2: REDUCE POLLUTION IN THE CITY TO IMPROVE THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT. PROTECT NOLANVILLE'S NATURAL AREAS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THAT MINIMIZES DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE, AND CONSERVE HUMAN HEALTH AND HERITAGE, AND PROMOTE BEAUTIFICATION.			
Objective 2.1. Work together as a community to reduce litter in water sources, parks, and along roadways.			
Action 2.1.1. Coordinate with the Watershed Plan and TCEQ to improve water quality.			TCEQ
Action 2.1.2. Organize creek monitoring with Texas Stream Team, schools, and other environmental groups.			Groups
Action 2.1.3. Make a plan to identify strategic locations of trash/recycling bins throughout the city, including a prioritization plan for installation.			City Staff
Action 2.1.4. Participate in and influence regional recycling efforts through the Solid Waste Advisory Group.			City Staff
Action 2.1.5. Budget and install air pollution monitors at critical locations. Locations should be determined based on parameters such as traffic density, proximity to industries, etc.			City Staff
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Objective 2.2. Create recreational and educational opportunities through a system of connected parks and open spaces to make Nolanville "a great place to live."			
Action 2.2.1 Protect and retain at least 25% of the trees on future sites of development			City Staff
Action 2.2.2. Begin at least one nature education or recreational program by year 2035.			KNB
Action 2.2.3. Install at least 10 educational signs in the park system to raise awareness and educate about nature, history, and environmental preservation.			City Staff
Action 2.2.4. Create an ordinance to require preservation of trees over a certain size upon land being developed for non-residential use. (Percentage required should be lower for non-residential development than that to be required by Subdivision Ordinance for residential development.)			City Staff
Action 2.2.5. Plan an environmental awareness campaign to be conducted at community events, i.e. night markets.			KNB

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GOAL 2: THERE ARE LARGE AREAS OF NOLANVILLE THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE 100-YEAR FLOOD ZONE (ZONE AE), BUT MAORITY OF DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSIDE OF IT. THE CITY CAN ENHANCE THE VALUE OF NOLAN CREEK FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO NOLANVILLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE BY MONITORING POTENTIAL HAZARDS.			
Objective 3.1. Support and manage natural water retention and flood hazard mitigation methods through development practices that minimize flood risk.			
Action 3.1.1. Identify frequently flooding areas within city limits.	ST	S	City Staff
Action 3.1.2. Hire engineers to design flood reduction and control projects to improve flood infrastructure in frequently flooded areas.	MT	FI	City Staff
Action 3.1.3. Contact owners of land in Nolan Creek 100-year floodplain about the city's interest in receiving donated conservation easements for use in public trail system. This could also include dedication markers noting who donated that part of the land.	ST	FI	City Staff
Action 3.1.4. Pass a regulation requiring or encouraging new development adjacent to Nolan Creek 100-year floodplain to set aside land along the creek for the public trail system if development is aligned with the proposed path of the citywide trail system, as detailed in the Thoroughfare Plan. The land must be in a natural, ungraded condition (except minor grading to improve its usefulness as parkland). This land would count toward parkland dedication requirements	LT	R	City Staff
Action 3.1.5. Foster stream and floodplain restoration that reduces environmental harm and natural disasters in floodplain area.	O	P	City Staff
Action 3.1.6. Research and implement early flood detection and warning systems.	O	S	City Staff

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# PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

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GOAL 4: THE LONGEVITY OF PARKS SYSTEM ASSETS IS ENSURED BY INVESTING IN FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT VARIED COMMUNITY INTERESTS WHILE DESIGNING SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE AND ENGAGING SPACES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL CLIMATE AND NATURAL FEATURES.			
Objective 4.1. Develop and apply uniform design policies and maintenance practices for parks system landscape and hardscape features and facilities.			
Action 4.1.1. Develop and implement a department-wide annual maintenance plan and long-term asset maintenance schedule.	ST	P	City Staff
Action 4.1.2. Utilize a work order management system to analyze unit costs for in-house versus contracted maintenance activities.	O	R	City Staff
Action 4.1.3. Conduct an annual or bi-annual conditions assessment update.	ST	S	City Staff
Action 4.1.4. Prepare and implement an urban management policy to guide the selection, management and removal of trees on public properties.	LT	P	City Staff

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Objective 4.2. Invest in municipal park spaces and facilities that improve and maintain the condition of system-wide assets while expanding access to new recreational amenities.			
Action 4.2.1 Adopt minimum facility and amenity standard for new parks.	ST	P	City Staff
Action 4.2.2. Prepare a park design construction standards manual to guide future parks system investments.	MT	P	City Staff
Action 4.2.3. Include a M.O.R.E. assessment and estimate (maintenance, operations, revenues, and expenditures) within all conceptual park design plans to ensure the availability of long-term maintenance and operations funds.	ST	P	City Staff
Action 4.2.4. Prepare illustrative master plans for the development or redevelopment of each park, as appropriate, to take maximum advantage of grant or other funding opportunities.	ST	OC	City Staff
Action 4.2.5. Invest in property and facility improvements within each of the City's existing parks based on maintenance needs identified as park of this master planning process.	O	FI	City Staff

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# Funding Strategy

The Park's Capital Budget, amounting to \$150,000 annually, has been utilized over the past eight years to match Texas Parks & Wildlife Grants. To complement this strategy, additionally, a City Facility Bond, scheduled for 2025, will be used as a matching fund for the next application in October 2024.

The next objective is to pursue a Large Park Grant, which can be distributed among five existing parks & including the expansion of an existing facility, namely the Boys & Girls Club at Monarch Park, Wild Wood, Pecan Park, Myers' Unnamed Dedication, and 30 Acre Landfill Area. These parks, offering nature-based activities while aligning with the priority list for recreational facilities.

The selection of these particular parks system are geared towards enhancing Nolan Creek as a regional asset and promoting recreational tourism for the City.