

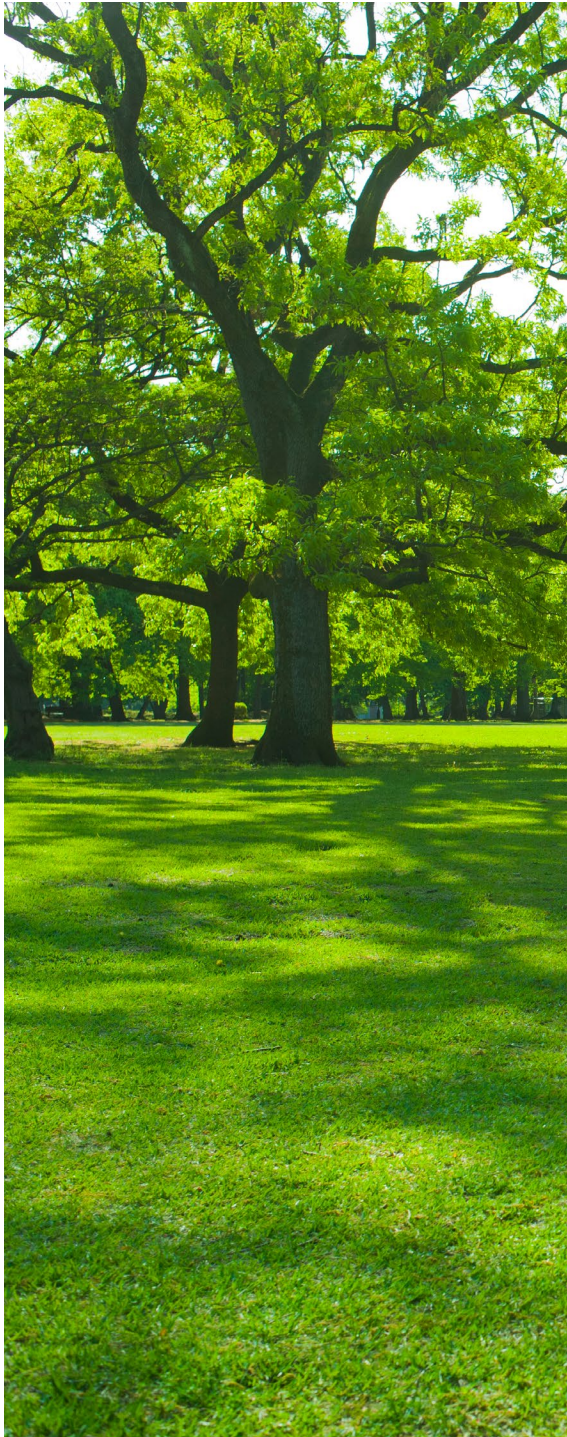
FAIRVIEW
HEIGHTS **Parks &
Recreation**

MASTER PLAN

Planing the Future of Our Parks

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FRIEND OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS,

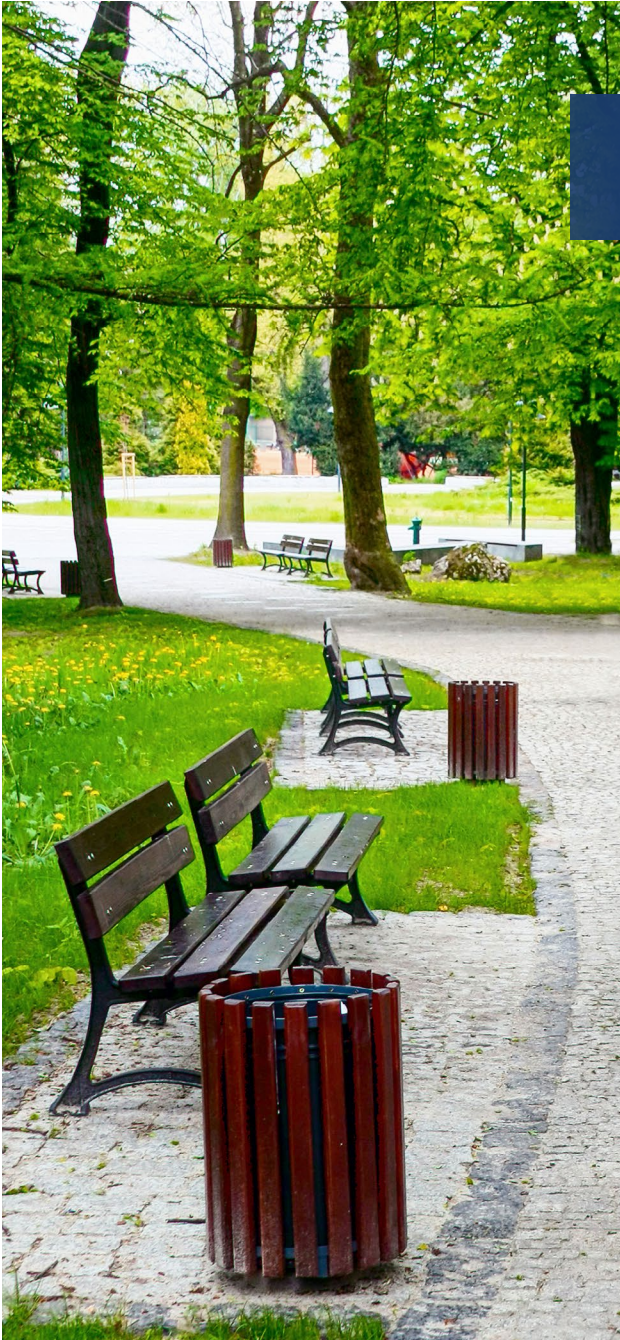
Thank you for taking the time to review the first Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan. A master plan is a document that guides direction for future growth that is comprehensive and long-range in scope and identifies goals and objectives the agency wants to achieve; a living document that is not set in stone and complements the City's Mission, Vision, and Core Values. The Master Plan will take a look at what was accomplished and identify where we head over the next five to ten years. Parks and open space and recreation are prime components of livable communities, an essential public service providing natural respite and access to physical activity. A dynamic park and recreation system offers health benefits and social and economic value, offering restorative effects to the mind and body as well as boosting property values. Surveys throughout the country often cite parks and recreation as a top-rated amenity within communities. City Council and Parks & Recreation staff are committed to providing the best experiences for residents and guests and these initiatives are further enhanced by way of the City's public and private community partners. Recognizing the importance and value of parks and recreation in the community, the City of Fairview Heights strives to be responsive to residents, while balancing the diverse recreation interests of the city. This is accomplished through the creation and implementation of the Master Plan that provides an in-depth view of the resources, programs, and services.

The Park & Recreation Master Plan provides essential guidance in long-term decision-making while establishing goals and priorities based on current and needed open space and recreation offerings. This means taking care of existing amenities, preserving open space, and making Fairview Heights's parks wonderful places to enjoy now and into the future. No matter how you choose to recreate, there is no shortage of ways to enjoy all that The City of Fairview Heights offers. The Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation is privileged to serve this involved community and looks forward to continually providing high-quality park and recreation services that make an attractive and healthy place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark T. Kupsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark T. Kupsky | Mayor



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In the spring of 2022, the City of Fairview Heights, Illinois engaged a team of park planners and other professionals that included The Fource Group, Hutchison Solutions and Planning Design Studio to create a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The purpose of the plan was to create a community-driven guide for expansion, updates and renovations to Fairview Height's city parks and

recreation facilities over the next ten years. The master plan determines future expansion needs, documents the priorities of the community and identifies potential opportunities for new recreation programming and facilities. The master plan process involved public engagement throughout the planning process.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW/DEMOGRAPHICS

The City of Fairview Heights is a vibrant community of over 16,143, located in southern Illinois. The City is located in St. Clair County, approximately 12 miles east of downtown St. Louis and less than 10 miles northwest of Scott Air Force Base. Fairview Heights is also within the Metro East region, the second most urbanized area in the State, behind only Chicago. The City is a predominantly single-family residential community that is supported by a strong regional shopping hub.

Fairview Heights is served predominantly by two school districts: Grant Community Consolidated School District 110 and Pontiac-William Holliday School District 105. Schools contribute significantly to local quality of life and the desirability of a community to potential future residents.

The estimated population of Fairview Heights is 16,143 according to the US Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey. Other important demographic information is shown below.

Key Facts:

- ▶ 2020 Population: 16,143
- ▶ Median Age: 40.0
- ▶ State Median Age: 37.4
- ▶ Individuals with a Disability: 10.4%
- ▶ National Average: 8.5%
- ▶ Median Household Income: \$47,321
- ▶ Illinois Median Household Income: \$68,428



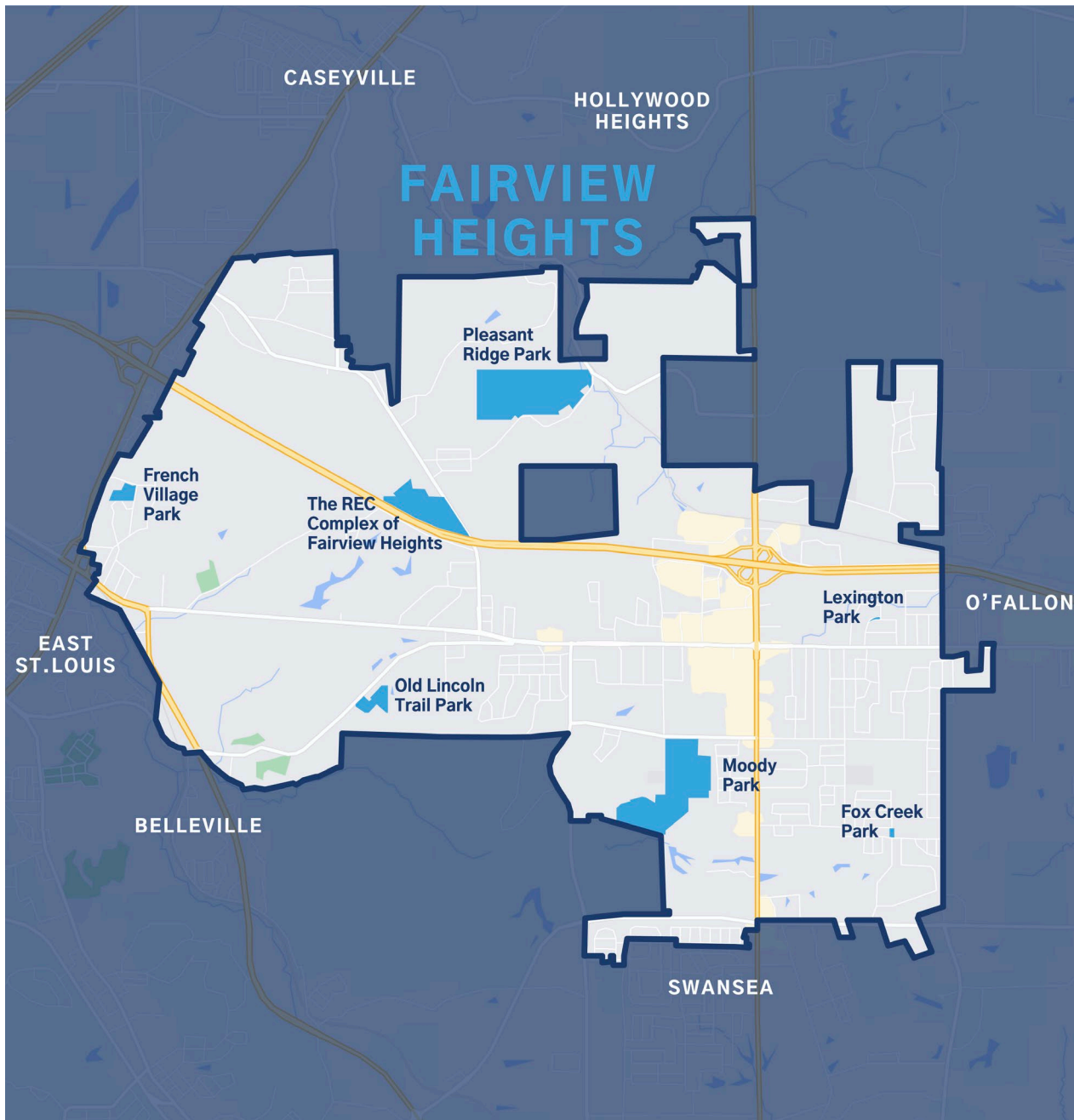


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OTHER RECREATIONAL PROVIDERS

Several other parks and recreational opportunities exist around Fairview Heights that complement the services provided by the city. These include one recreation area, one Khoury League field facility, and eleven parks provided by the State of Illinois, St. Clair County, two townships and five municipalities.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Determination of the needs, desires and priorities of Fairview Heights residents guided the master planning process and was paramount in determining the master plan recommendations. Community input was gathered throughout the planning process in various forms. An internet-based survey focused on parks and recreation was conducted in order to determine the recreational needs of Fairview Heights residents and the adequacy of current facilities and programming at meeting those needs. The survey found that the highest priorities for new facilities among Fairview Heights residents were community space, outdoor aquatics, baseball/softball fields, soccer fields and new walking and biking trails. The highest priorities for new programming items were a farmer's market, outdoor aquatics, soccer leagues, community gardens, and pickleball.

The planning team met with user groups who have vested interests in the future of the parks. These included sports teams who use city-owned facilities, various clubs & organizations, representatives from local schools, and many others. The planning team asked representatives from these groups targeted questions in order to gain an understanding of how the groups use the parks and their vision for the future of the park system.

Public meetings were held throughout the planning process to gather input on needs and desires, to keep the community informed about the master plan progression, to present concepts and proposed improvements, and solicit feedback to incorporate into the plan. In the first public meeting, the attendees participated in a group work session and communicated that their top priorities for park improvements at the various Fairview Heights parks. Detailed descriptions of the public input received was incorporated into the master plan can be found in the Community Input section of this document. During the second public meeting, proposed improvements for each park were reviewed with the public and participants provided valuable feedback to the proposed improvements.



PARK LAND & FACILITY ANALYSIS

A park land, distribution, and facilities analysis was completed as part of the master planning process. The park land analysis is an evaluation of the total amount of park land and the amount of park land within each park size category. The park land distribution analysis evaluated the extent residents in all parts of the city have access to park land. The recreation facilities inventory compared the availability of various types of recreation facilities within Fairview Heights to benchmark standards based on Fairview Heights' population.

PARK LAND:

When considering just parks and park land owned by Fairview Heights, the city has enough Metropolitan Park acres to meet current standards. However, when factoring in the existing city park land, the standard suggests that the city would need an additional:

- ▶ 10 acres of Neighborhood Park land
- ▶ 9 acres of District Park land
- ▶ 97 acres of Regional Park land

The acquisition of additional park land should continue to be a long-term goal of the City of Fairview Heights to meet the gaps listed above.

PARK LAND DISTRIBUTION:

From a park land distribution standpoint, most of the city is covered by one or more of the service areas which means residents should have access to a close park. However, three areas are not covered. These areas are:

- ▶ The NW corner of Fairview Heights along the bluffs does not have any parks within a walkable distance. The recommendations for this area would be to build trails or greenways along Bunkum Road to better connect this area with other parks in the city.
- ▶ The area around Hwy 50 /Hwy 159 intersection does not have any parks within walkable distance. This area is an excellent site for the City of Fairview Heights to re-develop urban concrete parking lots into usable community-centered spaces that complement the commercial development. A Farmer's Market and/or community space with urban park elements should be explored and the city should take advantage of the numerous grant opportunities to purchase and develop an urban park.
- ▶ The SE corner of the city does not have any city-owned parks within walking distance. However, there are two non-city-owned open spaces within walking distance that residents could use. To the NE is St. Ellen Mine Park,

a county park with walking trails. In addition, Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery is close by which has over 80 acres of open space for passive walking or running. Residents could gain easier access the cemetery if the city built a multi-use path along Frank Scott Parkway.

RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY:

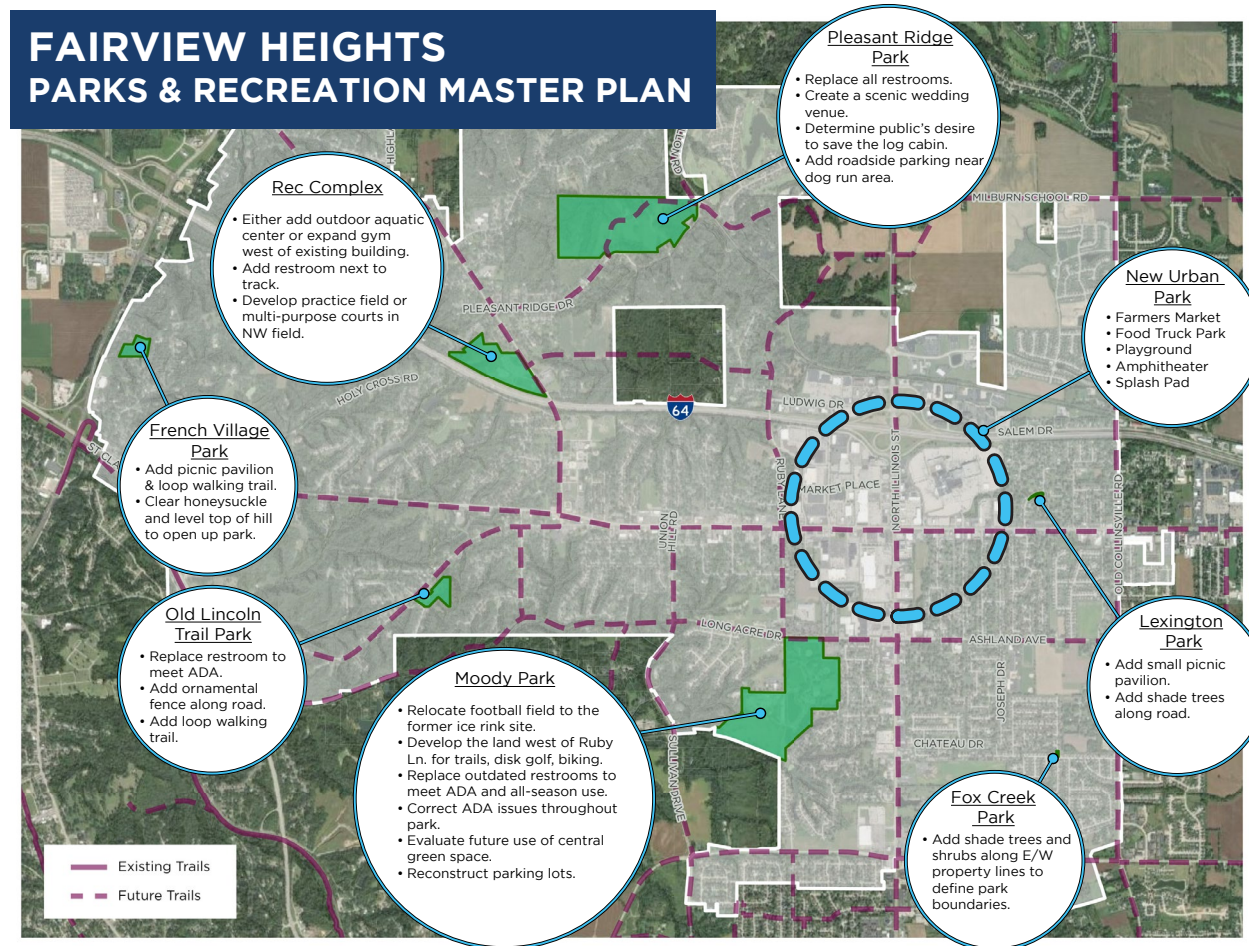
The recreation facility analysis inventoried only facilities owned and managed by Fairview Heights. The results of this analysis show that Fairview Heights falls short of benchmark standards in about 1/3rd of the recreational categories. These categories include:

- ▶ Trails (need 6 miles)
- ▶ Basketball Courts (need 2 courts)
- ▶ Outdoor Amphitheatres (need 1)
- ▶ Soccer Fields (need 1 field)
- ▶ Tennis Courts (need 1 court)

CONCEPT PLAN

The concept plan covers four subject areas:

1. New Park Land Considerations
2. Maintenance and Improvement of Existing Facilities/Amenities
3. Other Future Considerations
4. Trail Considerations. See the overall master plan map below



NEW PARK LAND CONSIDERATIONS:

Opportunities for the acquisition of additional park land should continue to be a goal. When an opportunity presents itself, it should be evaluated based on the specific conditions of the potential site, along with the intended future recreation use prior to final acquisition. Additional considerations regarding new park land include:

- ▶ Explore a dedicated space for a Farmers Market/Community City Center at Hwy 50 / Hwy 159 in a new urban park.
- ▶ Additionally, confirm space is also allocated for park functions such as playgrounds, an amphitheater, and open space within the new urban park.
- ▶ The City should evaluate entering into a long-term use partnership agreement with Caseyville Township for the use of the former Khoury League fields located off Bunkum Road next to City Hall.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES/AMENITIES:

► Moody Park:

- Relocate the existing football field to the former ice rink site, developing that site as a destination football venue.
- Develop a 5-year improvement plan to address the following items:
- Systematic reconstruction of all parking lots.
- Address and correct ADA issues throughout the park.
- Replace outdated restrooms near the football field and the recently constructed playground, with the goal being all restrooms in the park meet current ADA guidelines.
- Develop the rolling land west of Ruby Lane for uses such as an 18-hole disc golf course, a bicycle pump track or mountain bike course.
- Evaluate long-term future uses for central green space immediately west of open pavilion festival area. Potential uses could include rentable special event venue/ summer day camp, splash pad, or food truck venue.

▪ Pleasant Ridge Park:

- Determine the public's desire to save the existing log cabin. If desire to preserve the cabin is strong, identify potential partnering agency to spearhead the preservation effort, with the City's assistance.
- Systematically replace all existing comfort stations over a 3-year period.
- Repurpose one pavilion area to create a scenic wedding venue.
- Add roadside parking adjacent to the existing open dog area.
- Perform a trail assessment survey on nature trails and implement report recommendations.

▪ The REC Complex

- Option #1: Consider adding an outdoor aquatic complex west of the existing Rec building.
- Option #2: Expand gym to provide more space for indoor sports like volleyball, pickleball or indoor soccer.
- Construct a permanent restroom building near the running track for use by nonbuilding members.
- Lengthen walking path and route it through more of the property.
- Develop a practice field (soccer/lacrosse) and/or pickleball multi-purpose courts on the northwest side of the site.



OTHER FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

► Old Lincoln Trail Park

- Perform needed maintenance activities such as property line fencing and tree care for the existing large legacy cottonwood tree.
- Update/reconstruct existing restrooms, to bring the restrooms into ADA compliance.
- Add additional fencing at road edge of park for better roadside legibility.

► French Village Park

- Add a picnic pavilion and looping walking trail to expand the use of the park.

► Lexington Park

- Consider adding a small picnic pavilion and shade trees to make the area more welcoming and usable.

► Fox Creek Park include:

- Add landscape improvements to provide more shade and better define the park space.

► **Other:** There is a private not-for-profit organization that will contribute to the recreation offerings of the community through a planned use of city-owned property at the intersection of Bunkum Road and Old Lincoln Trail adjacent to Grant Elementary School. The organization will lease land through the City for a proposed sculpture park.

► **Hiring of Additional Park & Recreation Staff:** As proposed new additions and improvements become reality, adding more park staff to operate and maintain the park assets will be of critical importance. Staff with experience in event management, turf/field management, horticulture, and forestry will provide noticeable benefits to the park system and larger Fairview Heights community.





TRAIL CONSIDERATIONS:

Trail improvements should focus on maximizing safe connections between parks. The planned Bunkum Road Trail is the first phase of a trail system intended to eventually link several parks in Fairview Heights. Future trail connections to parks are outlined below.

- ▶ Reach: Bunkum Road to Pleasant Ridge Road
 - Trail Type: Local Trail
 - Parks Connected: The REC and Pleasant Ridge Park
- ▶ Reach: Old Lincoln Trail to Bunkum Road
 - Trail Type: Bike Route (On-Street)
 - Parks/Destinations Connected: Old Lincoln Trail Park and MetroLink Station
- ▶ Reach: Lincoln Trail to Bunkum Road
 - Trail Type: Bike Route (On-Street)
 - Parks Connected: Moody Park and Former Ice Rink site (Future Football Field Venue)
- ▶ Although no current trail connections are planned to the following parks, future connection opportunities should continue to be investigated in order for these parks to be connected to the larger system.
 - French Village Park
 - Lexington Mini Park
 - Fox Creek Mini Park

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides a strategy of meeting recreation needs for the next 10 years. The master plan describes several potential implementation strategies and funding methods to assist the Parks & Recreation Department’s effort to implement, fund, and accomplish the recommendations in this plan. See master plan document for additional detail on these strategies.



GENERAL ACTION PLAN

It is reasonable to assume that the successful implementation of the master plan will be achieved by utilizing a combination of the previously mentioned funding sources. For the largest and most costly projects, the use of bonds, leveraged bonds, or similar municipal financing is the most realistic. The small to medium projects should be funded by other sources such as grants, donations, and self-help activities.

FORMAL PLAN ADOPTION

The first action item the City should seek to accomplish is support of the Plan, and the formal adoption of the plan by the City Council. This gives the plan legitimacy and spreads the responsibility for its implementation throughout the municipal organization.

DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN CHAMPIONS

The City should continue to promote and encourage secondary support groups to champion the implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ONGOING CONSENSUS BUILDING

It is important that consensus building continue throughout implementation of the plan. An informed public with “knowledge” and “ownership” in the plan will help keep the process moving forward.

PHASING

Completing recommendations in phases that can be implemented over time is a prudent approach to implementation. The focus of “priority” phases should be on improvements that have the most impact or highest priority among the residents or on improvements that improve the health, safety and welfare of the park users.

THE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan focuses on three levels of action for implementing various aspects of the plan based on the preferred time frame for realization. These three levels are: Priority Projects, Mid-Term Projects, and Long-Term Projects. The Priority List covers implementation of the projects from years 2023–2025. Note that the Priority Projects are not listed in priority order and that any priority project may be pre-empted by a strategic land acquisition opportunity. The Mid Term project list includes projects anticipated to occur between years 2026–2029. Long Term projects are planned to occur in years 2030–2034.

PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

- **All Parks:** ADA Compliance Report to correct ADA issues
- **Moody Park:** Replace Restrooms
- **REC:** Add Gym
- **REC:** Add Crosswalk (signalization) Public
- **Pleasant RDG:** Replace Restrooms
- **Pleasant RDG:** Replace Pavilions
- **Pleasant RDG:** Add Wedding Venue
- **Pleasant RDG:** Add Roadside parking near dog run
- **Pleasant RDG:** Replace Playground
- **Urban Park:** Community/City Center/Farmers Market/Food Truck
- **Urban Park:** Destination Multi-Generational Playground
- **Urban Park:** Amphitheater & Splash Pad
- **Lexington Park:** Shade Trees along road
- **Fox Creek Park:** Shade Trees along E/W property line

MID-TERM PROJECT LIST

- **Moody Park:** Evaluate future use of Central green space master plan
- **Moody Park:** Pickleball Courts (3) with shade plaza
- **Moody Park:** Solve drainage problem and reconstruct small playground
- **Moody Park:** Reconstruct parking lots (2)
- **REC:** Add restroom next to Track
- **REC:** Add Pickleball Courts outside (3) with shade
- **French Village:** Add small picnic Pavilion
- **Lincoln Trail:** Replace restroom
- **Lincoln Trail:** Replace Fence along the back of homes
- **Lexington Park:** Add small pavilion

LONG-TERM PROJECT LIST

- **Moody Park:** Football Field relocation to Ice Rink location
- **Moody Park:** Moody Plus/Ruby Lane west area site plan
- **Moody Park:** Park Maintenance & Public Works Secure Compound with Public Works
- **REC:** Aquatic Center- Outdoor
- **REC:** Expand Walking Path
- **French Village:** Add loop Walking Path
- **French Village:** Add ornamental Fence along the road

PILOT PROJECT

Starting off with one complete, high-impact project can increase visibility and community support for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In this strategy, the master plan recommendations are fully implemented at one time, early in the implementation process. The project should be highly visible and increase the recreational opportunities in the City. This creates tangible results that the community can observe and immediately start to utilize. This can build momentum for the plan and help to recruit champions that will support and advocate for the plan's full implementation.

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Parks master plans ensure that a city is meeting the recreational needs of the community and that recreational needs will continue to be met as a community changes over time. Having a high-quality system of parks, greenways, and recreation opportunities increases the quality of life for community residents and helps to create an attractive and desirable place to live. Parks and greenway master plans focus on improving the physical structure and components of a city's parks and its greenway network.

The City of Fairview Heights, Illinois embarked on a Parks and Greenways Master Plan with a planning team consisting of The Fource Group, Hutchison Solutions, and Planning Design Studio in April of 2022. The goal of the master plan is to guide development of Fairview Heights' parks and greenways over the next decade.

Parks and greenway master plans are community-driven, meaning that public input is a critical component in the planning process. This ensures that the plan's recommendations are tailored to the needs and desires of the unique community. Parks and greenway master plans build community support and enthusiasm for park improvements and new recreation facilities. Park and greenway master plans create a blueprint for implementing needed capital improvement projects. Strategically identifying and prioritizing projects allows the city to make the best use of available funds to achieve a high-quality recreation system. The plan helps to identify funding strategies for the implementation of improvements. These strategies can multiply the impact of invested capital by making use of creative alternate funding strategies.

MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process for the Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes three primary phases:

1. Data Collection, Analysis, and Needs Assessment

2. Concept Development and Preliminary Master Plan

3. Final Master Plan

The first phase, Data Collection, Analysis, and Needs Assessment involves a broad collection of information on the existing conditions of the City's parks, an overview of the community context, and its demographic characteristics. The existing conditions of each park are assessed by the planning team. The Data Collection phase

also includes collection of public input through an online community survey.

This phase also includes a park land distribution analysis and a park facilities analysis. The park land distribution analysis examines the amount of park land available compared to benchmarks based on the City's population, and the distribution of park land throughout the city. The park facilities analysis compares Fairview Heights' existing recreation facilities to benchmarks based on the City's population. The result of the analysis is a recommendation for additional parks or facilities that would help Fairview Heights adequately serve the recreation needs of the entire population

During the Concept Development and Preliminary Master Plan phase, the planning team then

synthesizes the information gathered into concept recommendations for each park, and for the park system overall. This phase includes the development of a program statement for the master plan and outlines a vision for the parks system.

As part of the third phase, priorities are developed using the initial master plan recommendations and a phasing plan is created that divides improvements into short term (0–3 years), mid term (3–6 years) and long term (6–10 years) phases. Broad, master plan level cost estimates are developed for each recommendation and each phase of development.

COMMUNITY INPUT

As a community-driven plan, public input is gathered from the Fairview Heights residents and park users during the planning process and is critical to creating a successful plan. The Data Collection phase included an on-line public survey that collected community input.





IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

Implementing the recommendations in the plan should be a phased process. Starting with one small demonstration project can help to build momentum and public support for the improvements. The initial projects should be important to residents and make a tangible difference in the community's use of the parks system. Grant opportunities should be sought out to maximize the funding.

DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The master plan document is organized by the project phases. Section 2 covers the Data Collection, Analysis, and Needs Assessment phase. Section 3 covers the Concept Development phase, and includes the Master Plan recommendations, as well as funding and implementation strategies. An Appendix is provided that includes the Stakeholder/Public Meeting notes, On-Line Survey Results Data, and the Park Assessment Sheets.



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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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The City is well positioned for convenient access to and from the City of St. Louis and the greater St. Louis region. The City of Fairview Heights is served by two significant routes: Interstate 64, and IL Route 159. Additionally, the City is connected to the larger region via Metro Transit's light rail service, the MetroLink. Passengers boarding at the Fairview Heights station can reach downtown St. Louis in just over 20 minutes. Several bus routes also serve the community, connecting visitors from Belleville, Collinsville, O'Fallon, Shiloh and Scott Air Force Base with the St. Clair Square mall area.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fairview Heights is served predominantly by two school districts: Grant Community Consolidated School District 110 and Pontiac–William Holliday School District 105. Schools contribute significantly to local quality of life and the desirability of a community to potential future residents.

GRANT COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 110 (SD110)

SD 110 currently serves approximately 560 students and has additional capacity. Student enrollment has varied over the past five years but it is expected to remain around 560 students for the next five years. SD 110 operates three facilities in Fairview Heights including Illini Elementary School, Grant Middle School and the District Offices. SD 110 is located within the City’s Lincoln Trail Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

FUTURE SCHOOL FACILITIES

The SD 110 administrative offices are located on property approximately two-thirds of a mile north of Grant Middle School. This site is intended to be the future location of a new school facility that could potentially replace the current Grant Middle School facility.

PONTIAC–WILLIAM HOLLIDAY SCHOOL DISTRICT 105

SD 105 is currently at capacity, serving approximately 640 students. As with SD 110, enrollment in SD 105 has not varied significantly in the past five years, nor is it expected to change over the course of the next five years. The Pontiac–William Holliday School District operates two facilities in Fairview Heights: Pontiac Junior High School and William Holliday Elementary School.

FUTURE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS

SD 105 has no plans for new facilities. There are several infill sites located near the district’s two school facilities which could accommodate additional residential development in the future. When considering parks and greenways related proposals for these areas, the City should ensure that new development will, when possible, accommodate sufficient pedestrian connections leading to the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY

The presence of four high school districts (with no high school located within Fairview Heights) has served to fragment the community overall. The majority of the City’s current households are

located within the Belleville Township High School District 201 (BTHS 201). The City’s northeast growth area will continue to be served by the O’Fallon Township High School District 203

OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The City of Fairview Heights is predominantly served by Pontiac–William Holliday School District 105 and Grant Community Consolidated School District 110. However, beyond these districts, the westernmost portion of the city is served by East St. Louis School District 189 while the city’s southernmost portion is served by Wolf Branch School District 113. A very small portion of the city is served by Central School District #104 in the east and by the O’Fallon Community Consolidated School District 90 in the northeast.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Holy Trinity Catholic Church operates a church and private school at 505 and 504 Fountains Parkway, respectively. The school has a current enrollment of 82 students in grades preschool through 8th grade. This represents a significant decline over the past 5 years. Students come from Fairview Heights, St. Stephen Catholic Church, Caseyville and throughout the surrounding area.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The estimated population of Fairview Heights is 16,143 according to the US Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey (all data in the demographics section is from the 2020 American Community Survey or US Census Quick Facts) unless otherwise noted). This represents a 2.18% decline since the 2010 census. The master planning process should account for a population that stays relatively steady or declines slightly in the upcoming years.

AGE

There are approximately 3,810 Fairview Heights residents under 18, or about 23.6% of the population. This is higher than the Illinois state average of 22.2% of the population being under 18. There are an estimated 2,389 adults over 65, or 14.8% of the population. This is lower than the Illinois state average of 16.1% of the population being over 65. The median age is 40.0, which is older than the Illinois state median age of 37.4. Fairview Heights's population is younger than Illinois state average. The parks and recreation master plan should pay special attention to the needs of both the younger and the older adult population when identifying recommendations for the parks system.

DISABILITIES

There are an estimated 228 individuals between the ages of 18 and 64 with a disability, or about 10.4% of the population. This is higher than the national average of 8.5% of the population. An estimated 32 children under 18 have a disability. An estimated 193 adults over 65 have a disability, or 36.1% of this population. This is similar to the national average of 35% of the population over 65 having a disability. The parks and recreation master plan should consider this population in their recommendations for the parks.



DIVERSITY

Approximately 58.7% of the population are white (with no other race identified), 30.8% percent are black or African American, and 3.8% are Hispanic or Latino. This is lower than the Illinois state statistics for white (no other race)76.8%, and for Hispanic or Latino 17.5%, but higher than the Illinois state statics for black or African American 14.6%.

INCOME, EMPLOYMENT & COMMUTING

The mean household income in Fairview Heights is \$81,101, which is lower than the Illinois state mean of \$95,115. The median household income in Fairview Heights is \$47,321, which is slightly lower than the Illinois state median of \$68,428. Of the population 16 years and over, 65.3% are in the labor force, and 61.5% are employed, as of 2020. Of these workers, an estimated 82.9% drive to work alone, 7.9% carpool, 0.3% walk to work and 6.3% get to work by other means. The mean commute time is 24.0 minutes. An improved bicycle network throughout the City of Fairview Heights could enable more workers to commute to work without use of a vehicle.

EDUCATION & COMPUTER ACCESS

Of adults 25 and over, 93.0% have a high school degree and 32.9% have a bachelor’s degree or higher. Over 94.9% of households have a home computer and 86.7% have a broadband Internet subscription. The Internet can be a primary method of communication between the parks department and residents, consideration should also be given to the population without home Internet access or computer proficiency.

THE BROADER AREA

The estimated 2021 population within a 10–minute drive time of 6500 N. Illinois Street, Fairview Heights is 98,005. Within a 20–minute drive time of the same address the 2021 population is 361,040. Both statistics are according to ERSI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, March 29, 2022). The parks and recreation master plan should consider both broader area populations in its recommendations for parks and programs.



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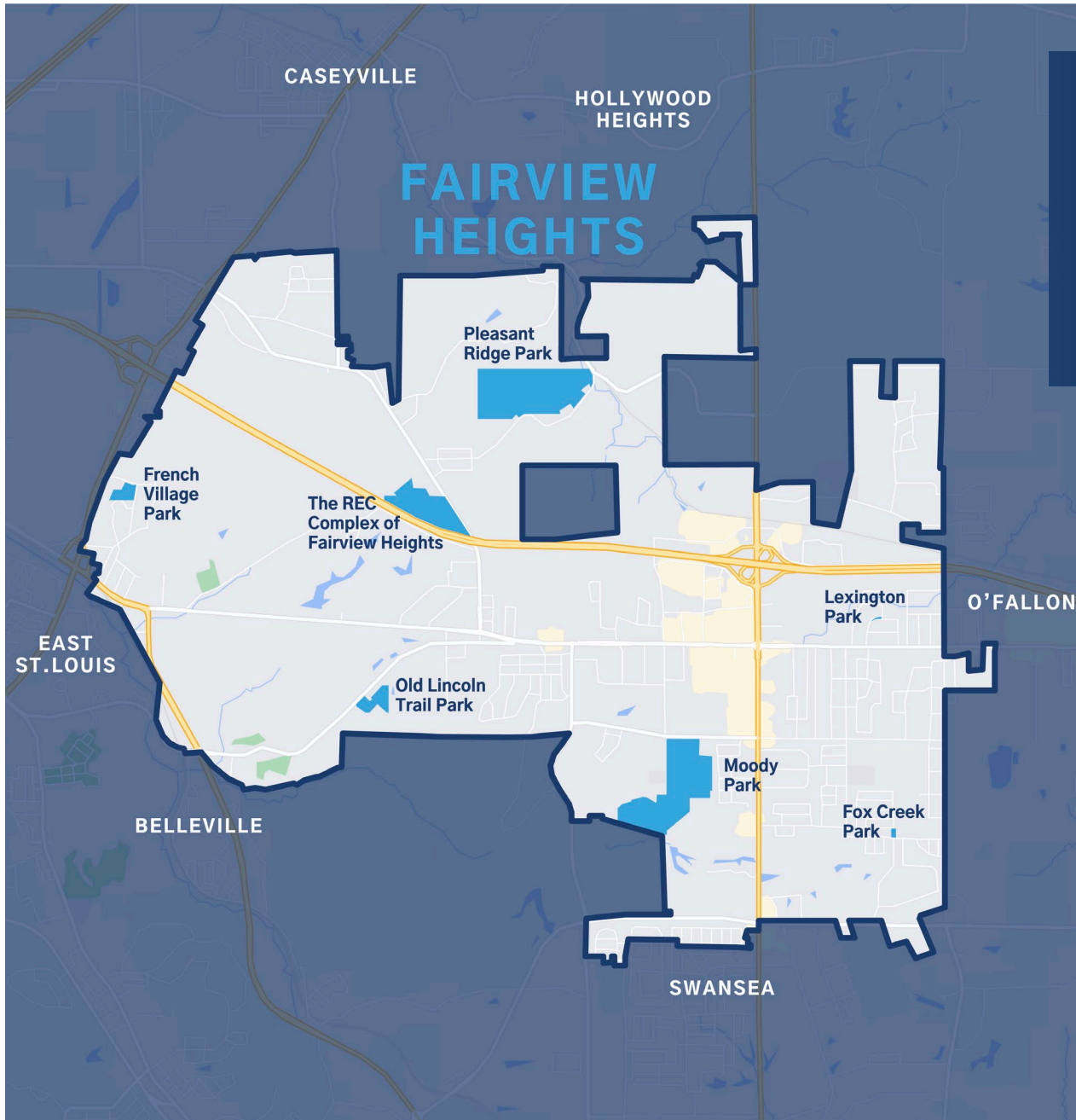


Figure 1

MOODY PARK *(Formally known as Longacre Park)*

Moody Park is Fairview Heights' main city park and is located in the south-central area of the city at 425 South Ruby Lane. The main "park-portion" of the land consists of approximately 56 acres on the east side of Ruby Lane. Major recreational activities available at the park are listed below. A grouping of picnic/event pavilions is occasionally used for large community events and festivals. The undeveloped 37 acres of land on the west side of Ruby Lane is comprised of parks and public works maintenance facilities and a large open, rolling field the city has used for depositing construction fill.

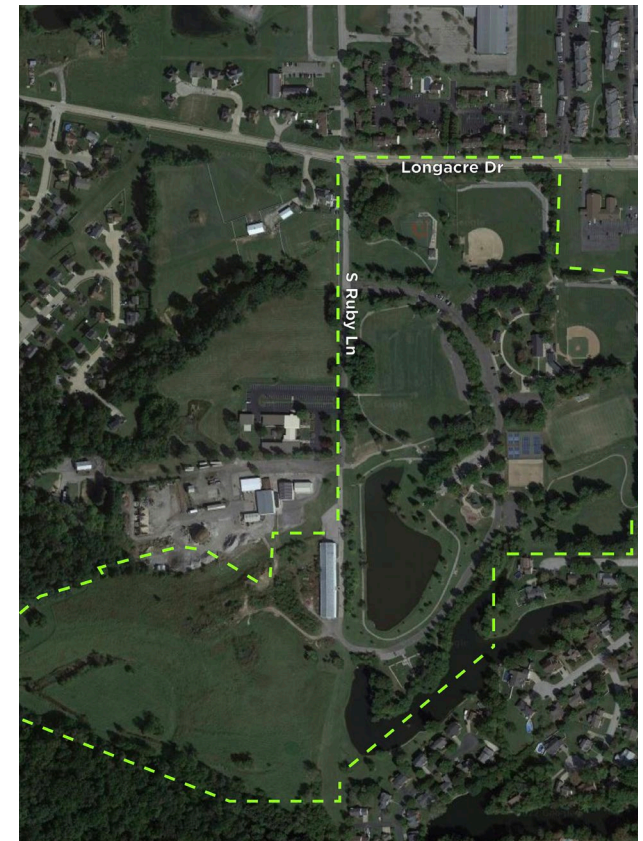
Located just a block north of the park is an additional 9-acre city owned parcel of land that formally housed an indoor ice rink. Once the city demolishes the ice rink structure, this land could potentially take on some of Moody Park's recreational activities that may require additional space.

PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

- ▶ Many park functions are too close together and large events in one group can often spill over and conflict with unrelated nearby park activities. Some popular football games can bring in hundreds to thousands of people to the park.
- ▶ The older restroom buildings are not ADA accessible and not open year-round. Many people would like the restroom by the large playground and pickleball courts to be open year-round.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ 3.32-acre Lake Mitchell, 2.5 acres of Lake Stratford (rest of lake on Private Land)
- ▶ 2 Playgrounds
- ▶ 2 Baseball fields (Lighted)
- ▶ 1 Miracle Ball Field (Lighted)
- ▶ 1 Football Field (Lighted)
- ▶ 1.5-mile paved loop walking trail
- ▶ 2 tennis courts (Lighted)
- ▶ 4 pickleball courts (Lighted)
- ▶ 3 Sand Volleyball courts
- ▶ 6 Picnic/Event Pavilions (5 are rentable)
- ▶ 3 Comfort Stations (1 heated)
- ▶ 1 Dog Park
- ▶ 1 Memorial/Flagpole



- ▶ The entire park is built over an old mine that is causing subsidence problems throughout the area. Large buildings and other structures (like an outdoor aquatic center) can't be built here due to these underlying problems.
- ▶ Goose feces is a problem in the park, particularly around the lake and surrounding pathways.

- ▶ There are drainage problems around the small playground and the baseball field sides. Better access to the ballfields would reduce the need for people to walk through these wet areas.
- ▶ The park has a large number of old Pear and Ash trees in the park. The city should plan for higher tree maintenance, removal, and replacement costs over the next 10 years.

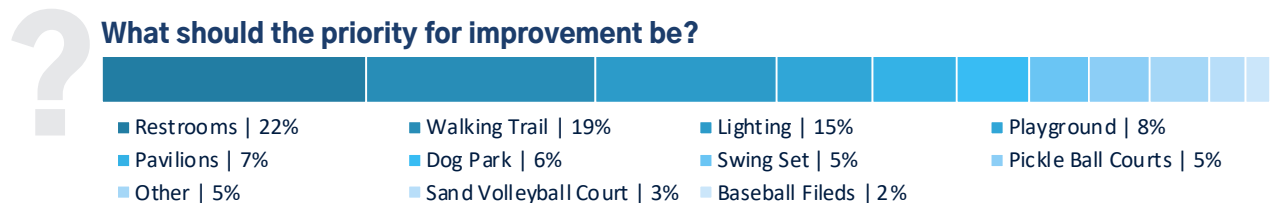
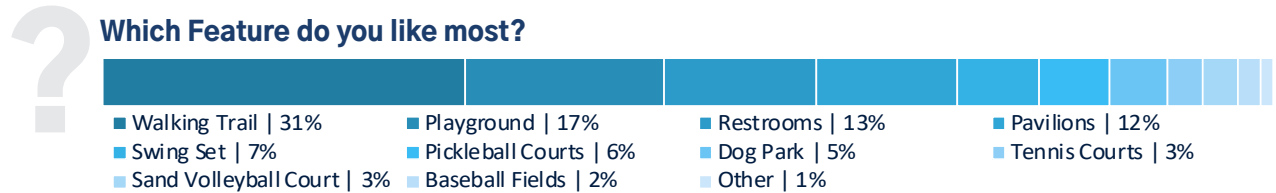
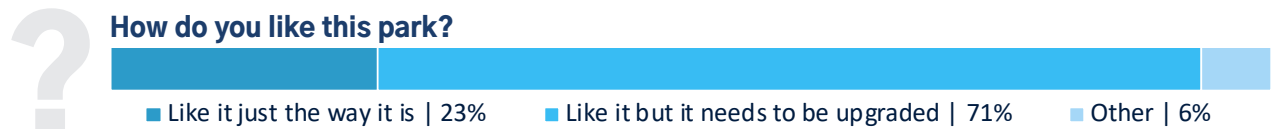
- ▶ Many of the parking lots in the park lack curbs, pavement markings and wheel stops resulting in numerous conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and automobiles.
- ▶ The central pavilion space and associated playground lack adequate storm drainage resulting in periodic flooding for the area.



INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ Find a better location for the football field that includes adequate parking, concessions, and restrooms. The former ice rink site is one possible location to consider.
- ▶ Replace the old bathrooms with ones that are open year-round and are ADA accessible.
- ▶ Address ADA issues throughout the park.
- ▶ The undeveloped rolling field on the west side of Ruby Lane could be easily used for inexpensive and lower impact activities like a Bicycle Pump Track or Disk Golf Course that could take advantage of the uneven terrain and remoteness from other park activities.
- ▶ Systematically reconstruct all parking lots within Moody Park.

MOODY PARK SURVEY RESULTS



PLEASANT RIDGE PARK

Pleasant Ridge Park is a large natural park located in the north central portion of Fairview Heights at 401 Pleasant Ridge Road. The park is comprised of 94 acres of tall, rolling hills with mixed grass fields and forests, providing beautiful views within the park. The roads and pavilions are built along the tops of the hills with deep valleys between them that are very popular for sledding during the winter. In the back of the park a web of natural hiking trails weave through the forest. The most unique feature in the park is an old log cabin that dates back to the 1860's and connects the land to its historic use as the Kinsella Family Homestead.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ 4 Picnic/Event Pavilions
- ▶ 2 Comfort Stations
- ▶ 1 Historic Log Cabin Building
- ▶ 1 Playground
- ▶ 1.17 Miles of Nature Trails
- ▶ 5 acre off-leash field for dogs



PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

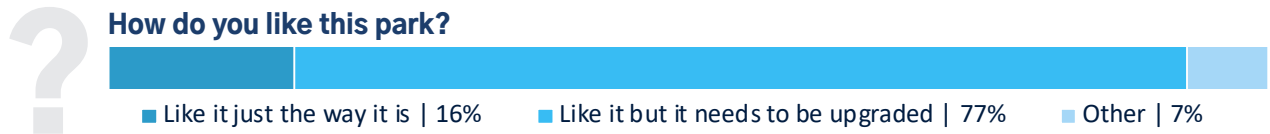
- ▶ The park's natural character should be preserved as much as possible, especially the open view corridors of the valleys between each of the hill tops.
- ▶ All the pavilions and restrooms are old and need replacing.
- ▶ The playground needs replacing.
- ▶ The Log Cabin has serious and expensive structural problems that could lead to it collapsing soon if not fixed.
- ▶ The large open field on the left side after entering the park makes a great off leash dog run area, especially for larger dogs. All other dog parks in the city are too small for large dogs, making this is the only park large dog owners can take their dogs.
- ▶ Off-leash dogs and their owners often conflict with other park users when using shared facilities like comfort stations and parking lots.

INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ The city should advertise to the public and any Fairview Heights historic preservation groups to see if there is enough desire to save the log cabin before it collapses.
- ▶ Reconfiguring one of the pavilion areas to accommodate scenic weddings could help bring in additional funding to help maintain the park facilities and the log cabin.
- ▶ Either add roadside parking or a path to existing parking for the dog run area. Don't locate a pavilion between the dog area and its closest parking lot or restroom to prevent user conflicts.
- ▶ Provide trails or an access path to the back (far west) open field so it can be more easily accessed by park visitors.
- ▶ Relocate or provide better screening for the trash dumpster behind the log cabin.
- ▶ Perform a "Trail Assessment and Condition Survey" (TRACS) on the nature trails and implement the recommendations, as necessary.



PLEASANT RIDGE PARK SURVEY RESULTS

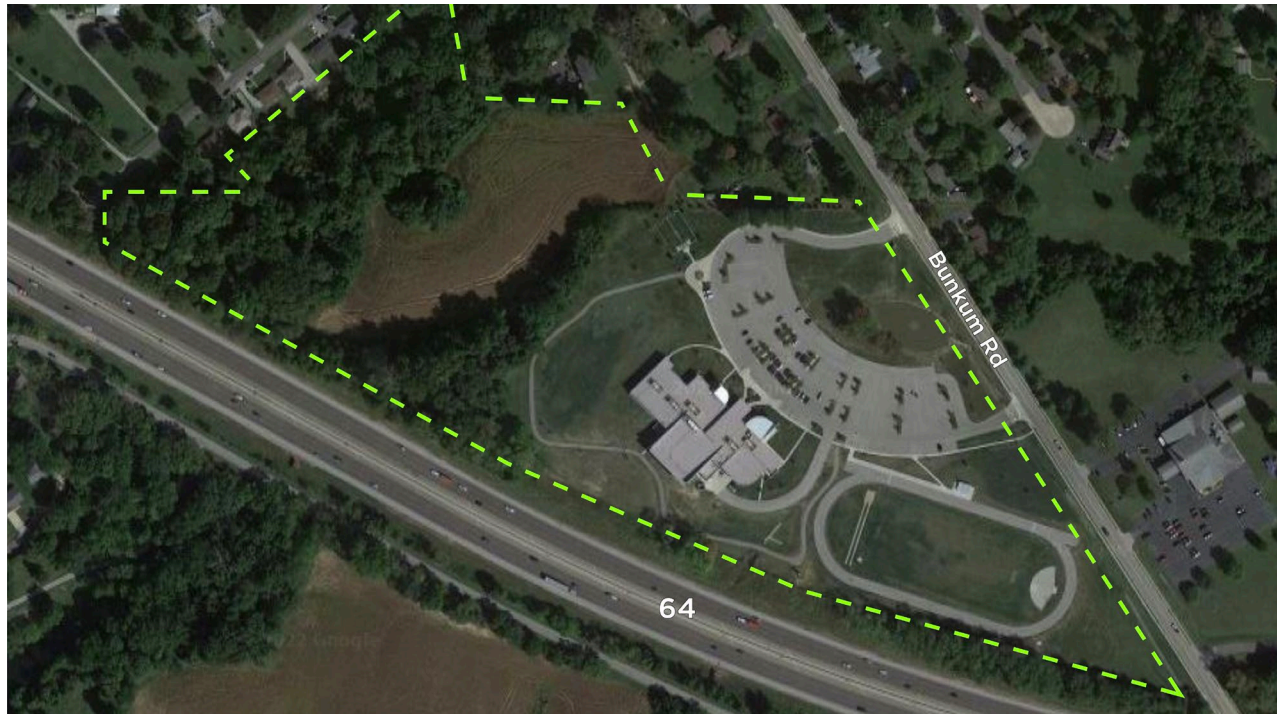


THE REC COMPLEX OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

The Rec Complex is Fairview Heights' newest park located just over a quarter mile north of City Hall at 9950 Bunkum Road. The 31-acre site's centerpiece includes a 57,000-sf indoor recreational complex building. Many of the city's recreational classes and programs are based out of this building including fitness classes, personal training, aquatics & swim lessons, and sports like basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Outside the facility there is a large asphalt surfaced running track that is also jointly used by some of the elementary and middle schools in the area.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ 57,000 sf Recreation Complex that includes:
 - Fitness Room
 - Indoor Aquatic Center featuring 4 lane lap pool, water slide, lazy river, and zero-depth entry pool.
 - "Clip 'N Climb" climbing wall
 - Gymnasium
 - Community meeting room
- ▶ Outdoor fitness track (asphalt surface)
- ▶ Soccer field
- ▶ Dog Park
- ▶ 0.5 combined miles of walking paths and sidewalks.



PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

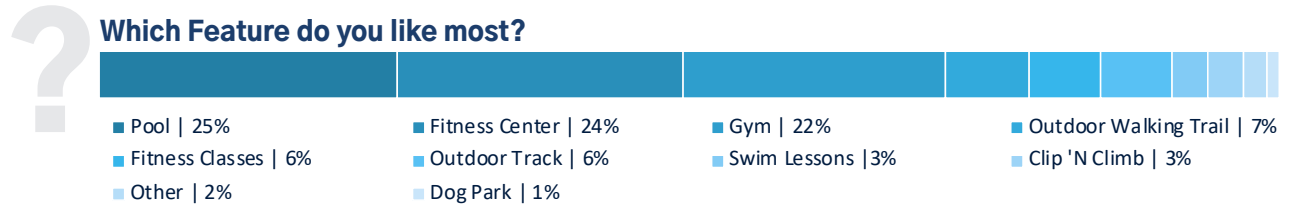
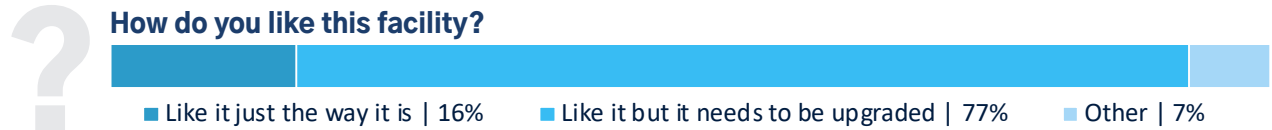
- ▶ The facilities are all new and in good condition.
- ▶ There are no outdoor public restrooms available. A portable restroom is provided outside the building. To use restrooms inside the recreation complex, users must be members and check in at the main desk.
- ▶ The indoor basketball courts are the only basketball courts in the city park system and are only available to paid members.
- ▶ The requirement to always leave one basketball court open for walk in basketball means there is not enough space in the gym for other activities like Volleyball games that need 2 courts for league play.
- ▶ The dog park is too small for big dogs.
- ▶ There is open land next to the gymnasium for future expansion and a large open field west of the dog park for future facilities.

INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ Construct a public restroom that is open year-round.
- ▶ Expand the gym to include more court space for volleyball, pickleball, indoor soccer, etc.
- ▶ Lengthen the walking path and consider routing it through more of the community center property.
- ▶ Consider developing the open field to the west into a practice field or outdoor courts.



THE REC COMPLEX SURVEY RESULTS



OLD LINCOLN TRAIL PARK

Old Lincoln Trail Park is a small 7.5-acre neighborhood park located in the southwest part of the city at 9820 Old Lincoln Trail. The park is relatively flat with several large mature trees and an old ball field in the back portion of the site.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ 2 picnic pavilions
- ▶ Restroom (seasonal)
- ▶ Playground
- ▶ Old baseball field (casual play only)



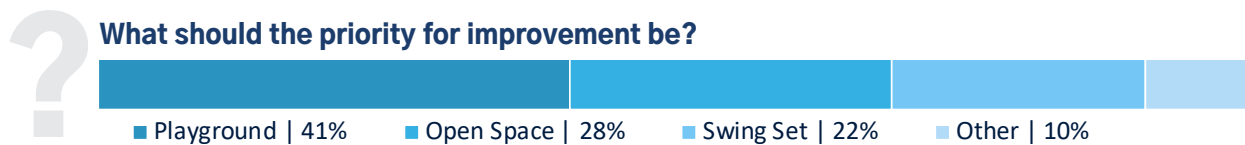
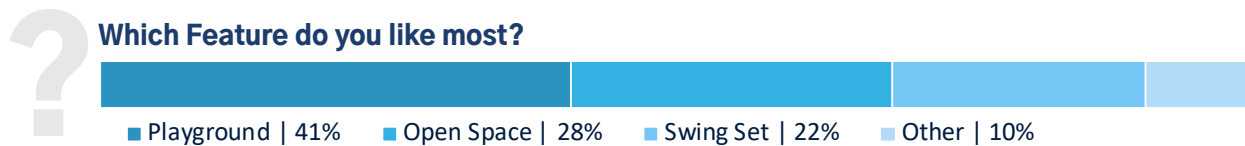
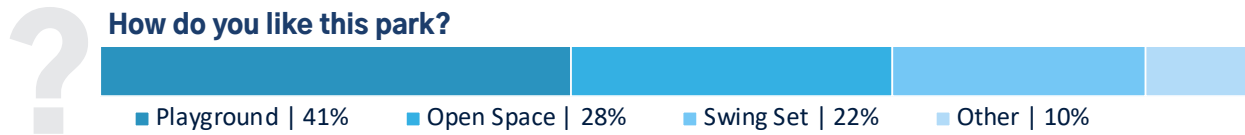
PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

- ▶ The all-grass ball field is only maintained for casual neighborhood play. The very large cottonwood trees growing in the outfield should be kept.
- ▶ The massive Cottonwood tree in the middle of the park between the parking lot and playground should be preserved and maintained.
- ▶ Like other parks, the restrooms, shelters, and playground do not meet ADA standards and need updating.
- ▶ The park property is hard to distinguish from other neighborhood properties to drivers approaching it along Old Lincoln Trail and the park sign is hard to see by drivers approaching from the North.
- ▶ Warning signs of what users are not allowed to do are much more visible than the main park entrance sign.

INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ The city should hire a certified arborist to prune and remove dead branches on the massive cottonwood tree in the middle of the park by the parking lot.
- ▶ Repair or replace the park fencing along the property line by the ball field.
- ▶ Add a more visible ornamental fence along the front road edge of the park. This fence will make the park clearly stand out from the adjacent neighborhood properties to approaching drivers. In addition, the fence will also allow the open front portions of the park to be used for recreational activities with less fear of kids or pets accidentally running into traffic.

OLD LINCOLN TRAIL PARK SURVEY RESULTS



FRENCH VILLAGE PARK

French Village Park is a small neighborhood park located near the western edge of the city along the river bluff line at 1725 Sycamore Drive. While the park property is 5.6 acres in size, most of the land is functionally unusable due to the steep, forested topography. The only usable portion of the property is a narrow band of open land along Sycamore Drive, where the playground is located, and at the corner of Sycamore Drive and Hillside Avenue where a dog park is located.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ Playground
- ▶ Dog park

PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

- ▶ City staff have very rarely ever seen people use the park. No paths connect the playground to the road and the neighborhood has no sidewalks and steep terrain, which limits the ability of people to walk to the park.
- ▶ The dog park is small. Despite separate areas for small and large dogs, the area designated for large dogs is too small for large dogs.



- ▶ An open bowl-shaped area exists behind the current dog park. This space could be used as a large dog park. The area is visually isolated from the surrounding roads and houses so surveillance needs should be considered if using the space for other recreational activities.

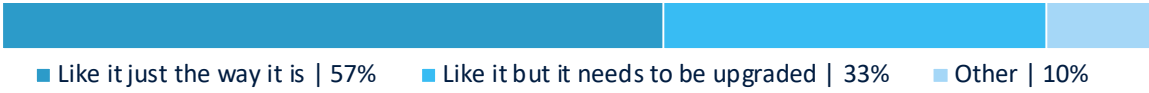
INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ Consider building a small picnic pavilion and loop walking trail to make the park functionally usable to a wider age range.
- ▶ Clear honeysuckle from the hillside behind the playground to open the park up to more activity space.

FRENCH VILLAGE PARK SURVEY RESULTS



How do you like this park?



Which Feature do you like most?



What should the priority for improvement be?



LEXINGTON PARK

Lexington Park is a very small pocket park located within a triangle shaped traffic island at 1 Richmond Drive. The park serves the local neighborhood and has a small playground surrounded by a fence. The remaining portion of the island contains an open lawn and a several trees.

One block northeast of the park is the former site of Ogles Creek Park. Ogles Creek Park existed within an undeveloped road right-of-way section of Monticello Place as it crossed Ogles Creek. The park land was largely abandoned by the city as a park after the facilities became old and the pedestrian crossing across Ogles Creek was removed by high water events, restricting access to the site from the south.



EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

- ▶ Playground

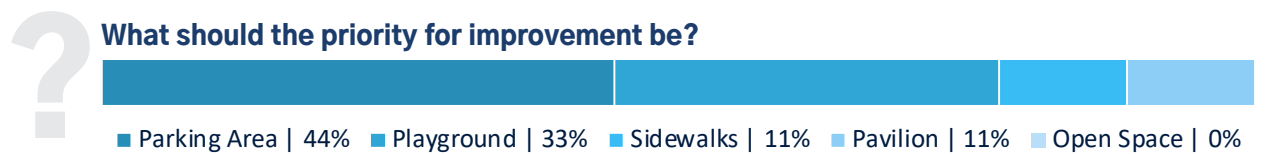
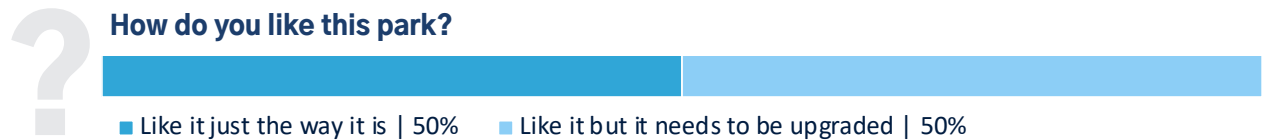
PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS:

- ▶ The playground needs more mulch. In several locations, the safety surface level stickers on the equipment (now mostly worn away) were exposed well above the current surface levels.

INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ▶ The city should consider building a small picnic pavilion west of the playground for parents and neighbors.
- ▶ Add more shade trees along the length of the traffic island to make the area more welcoming.

LEXINGTON PARK SURVEY RESULTS



FOX CREEK PARK

Fox Creek Park is Fairview Heights' smallest park at only 0.15 acres. The park is built within a street right-of-way and prevents Traubel Drive from connecting with Columbia Drive. A simple neighborhood playground is the only recreational feature in this park and there is a small walkway spanning the length of the park connecting Traubel Drive with Columbia Drive.

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FEATURES:

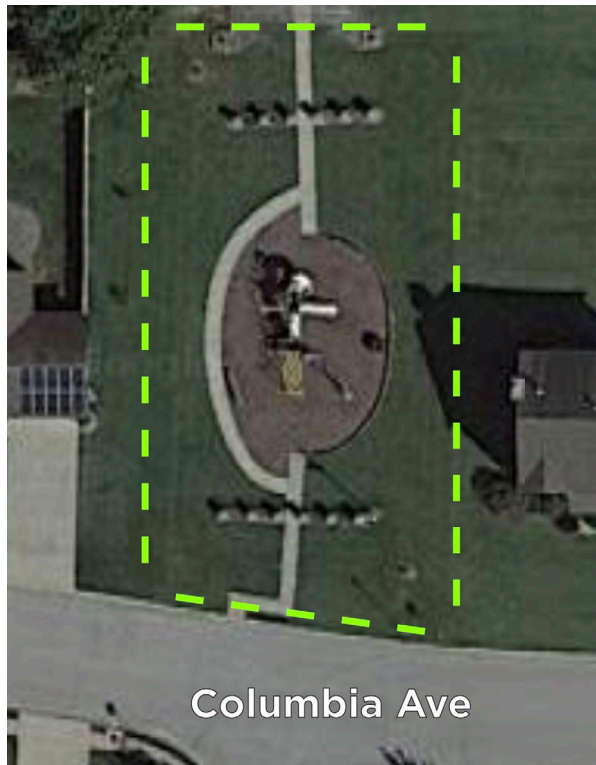
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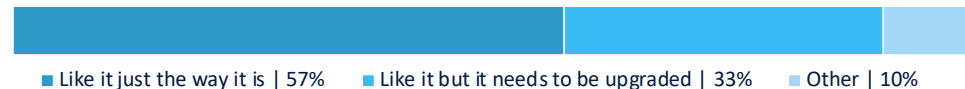
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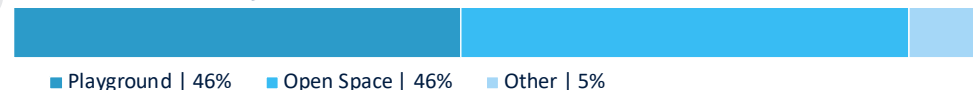
FOX CREEK PARK SURVEY RESULTS



How do you like this park?



Which Feature do you like most?



FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS PARK FEATURES

| | Moody Park | Pleasant Ridge Park | French Village Park | Fox Creek Park | Lexington Park | Ogles Creek Park | Old Lincoln Trail | The REC Complex | Subtotal |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Total Acreage | 87.4 | 94.2 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 30.8 | 226.4 |
| Amphitheaters | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Archery Range | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Baseball/Softball Field | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Baseball/Softball Field (lighted) | 3 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Basketball Courts | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Basketball Courts (lighted) | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Boat Ramps | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Boat/Fishing Docks | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Campsites | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Community Centers/Complexes | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Community Gardens | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Cricket Fields | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Disc Golf | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Dog Park | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| Dog Park Open Off-Leash | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Equestrian Sites | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Exercise/Fitness Courses | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Football | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Golf Course (9 hole) | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Handball/Racquetball Court | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Horseshoe Pits | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Ice Rinks | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Lakes & Ponds (acres) | 3.0 | | | | | | | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| Monuments/Flagpoles | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 | 9 |

Figure 2

| | Moody Park | Pleasant Ridge Park | French Village Park | Fox Creek Park | Lexington Park | Ogles Creek Park | Old Lincoln Trail | The REC Complex | Subtotal |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Multi-Use Court | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Parking Spots | 278 | 79 | 5 | 5 | 0 | | 16 | 273 | 656 |
| Pedestrian Bridges | 4 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Pickleball Courts | 4 | | | | | | | 4 | 8 |
| Picnic Shelters | 5 | 4 | | | | | 2 | | 11 |
| Picnic Shelters (destination) | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Picnic Sites | 7 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Playgrounds | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 6 |
| Playgrounds (destination) | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Regional Sport Complexes | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Restrooms | 3 | 2 | | | | | 1 | | 6 |
| River Access Sites | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Skate Park | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Soccer Field | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Splash Pad/Wading Pools | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Swimming Pools/Aquatic Center | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Tennis Courts | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Tennis Courts (lighted) | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Track-Outdoor | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Trail (paved) – Miles | 1.5 | | | | | | | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| Trail (unpaved) – Miles | | 1.1 | | | | | | | 1.1 |
| Volleyball Courts | 3 | | | | | | | 2 | 5 |
| Clip N' Climb | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| REC Room Ping Pong-Pool | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Swimming Pools (SF) | | | | | | | | 10,300 | 10,333 |
| Sculpture Park & Garden 6.7ac | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 2 Continued



OTHER RECREATIONAL PROVIDERS

OVERVIEW

Several other parks and recreational opportunities exist around Fairview Heights that complement the services provided by the city. The park master plan needs to take these other opportunities

into account when analyzing and making recommendations to the city. The following is a brief description of the recreational opportunities that are within a 3-mile radius of Fairview Heights.

STATE OF ILLINOIS / ILLINOIS DNR

Frank Holden Recreation Area

Located west of Fairview Heights, the 1,080-acre Frank Holden State Recreation Area provides numerous recreation opportunities for the region. The park features an 18-hole golf course, 2 lakes totaling more than 200 acres in size, BBQ picnic shelters, a cross country running course, an athletic field, basketball courts and a baseball field.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

The Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site located about 2.5 miles north of Fairview Heights and is a UNESCO World Heritage site that currently spans 2,200 acres. The historic mounds were once part of a great city built by the Mississippian people that at its height was larger than London in AD 1250. The site features an Interpretive Center, over 16 miles of trails, historic mounds/archaeological sites, and a picnic area.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS

St. Ellen Mine Park

Located on the eastern edge of Fairview Heights, St. Ellen Mine Park provides 85 acres of passive recreation to the community. The park is built on the site of a former coal strip mine and includes a large lake, several large ponds, and a large mound created by the mining activity. The large lake includes a boat ramp that allows visitors to canoe and fish. The large mound has a 2.4-mile paved walking trail that loops around the mound and up to the top.

CASEYVILLE TOWNSHIP

Khoury League Fields

The Khoury League 18-acre ballfield complex is located next door to Fairview Heights' City Hall. This complex provides 9 baseball/softball fields in the center of Fairview Heights and was used by many residents in the past for Little League play. Recently, the fields and facilities here have aged, and many families now play at more modern fields like at the O'Fallon Family Sports Park and follow trends towards Select travel teams.

ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Wolf Branch School Area Park

This 6-acre park is managed by both St. Clair Township and the Wolf Branch School District. It includes 2 tennis courts, a roller-skating rink, 2 baseball fields, and a 0.3-mile loop walking path. For the purpose of this plan, Wolf Branch School Area Park and Schranz Memorial Park (managed by Swansea) are grouped together since they are next to each other.

Centennial Park

This 40-acre nature trail park managed by both St. Clair Township and Swansea is located 3 miles south of Fairview Heights along Richland Creek. The passive park has a 1-mile loop trail running along both sides of the creek and picnic areas.

O'FALLON PARKS

Family Sports Park

The O'Fallon Family Sports Park is the premier sports complex in the region. The 202-acre sports complex has 10 Baseball/Softball fields, 12 Soccer fields, 4 playgrounds, a splash pad, 6 Picnic shelters, and 2.3 miles of paved walking trails. The park is home to youth and adult baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse leagues. It is also home to KIXX United Soccer Club and hosts US Soccer League Championship Tournaments.

Savannah Hills Park

Savannah Hills Park is a 9.5-acre neighborhood park located near the NE corner of Fairview Heights. The park features a playground, picnic pavilion, and a 0.7-mile paved loop walking trail along a natural creek.



COLLINSVILLE PARKS

Jaycee Sports Park

The 70-acre sports complex is located about 2.5 miles north of Fairview Heights and contains 12 baseball/softball fields, an informal soccer field, and a football field. The fields and facilities have aged, but Collinsville has plans to rebuild and upgrade the entire park in the next several years.

CASEYVILLE PARKS

Caseyville Village Park

Caseyville Village Park is Caseyville's main community park. The park is over 22 acres in size and contains a playground, skate park, 3 picnic pavilions, and 2 fishing lakes totaling about 4.5 acres in size.

BELLEVILLE PARKS

Bellevue Park

Bellevue Park was Belleville's first park and is located about 2.5 miles SW of Fairview Heights. The 25-acre park features gently rolling terrain with over 1 mile of walking trails, a 3-acre fishing lake, and a historic Stone Lodge used for events and summer day camps. There are also 2 playgrounds, 2 tennis courts, a picnic shelter, and a covered music stage used for summer concerts in the park.

SWANSEA PARKS

Melvin Price Memorial Park

Melvin Price Memorial Park is located about 2.5 miles south of Fairview Heights and is the main community park for Swansea. The 30-acre park features 2 ballfields, a soccer field, 4 playgrounds, 3 picnic shelters, and over 1.5 miles of paved trails.

Schranz Memorial Park

Schranz Memorial Park is located about 1 mile south of Fairview Heights and is best known in the area for its large castle themed playground. In addition to the large playground, the 10.5-acre park also has 4 pavilions, a splash pad, and a community center.





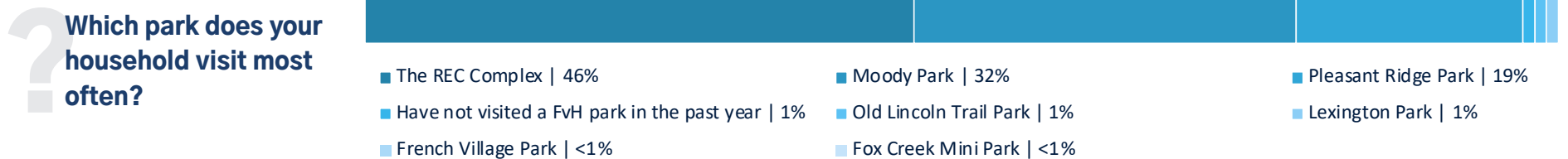
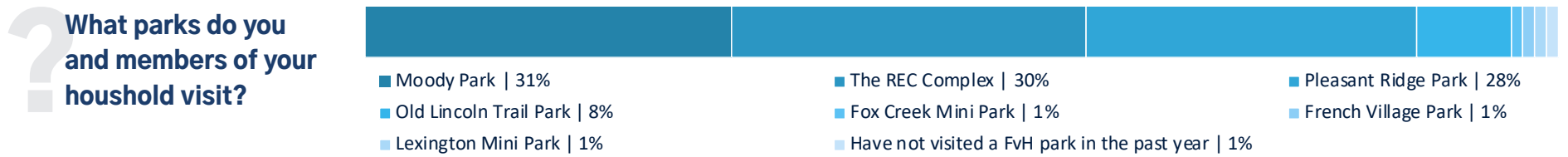
COMMUNITY INPUT

OVERVIEW

Community input is a critical component of a community-driven parks and recreation master plan. The primary purpose of the parks and recreation department is to serve the community, and the needs of each unique community should drive development. For this master plan, the community provided input through a public survey,

stakeholder group interviews, and multiple public meetings. The feedback from each of these methods is summarized within this document. Subsequent public meetings will be summarized in proceeding sections of the plan.

MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

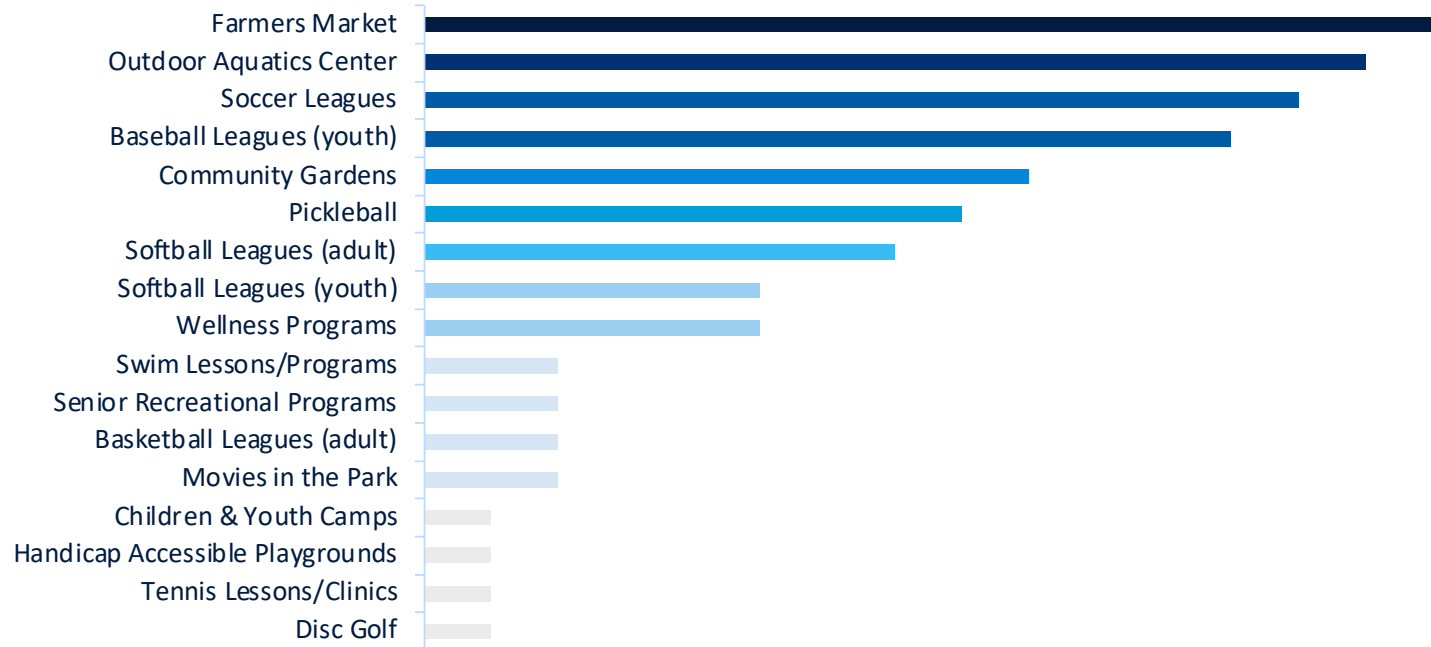


MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED

How important is it for the City of Fairview Heights to provide high-quality parks and recreation programs and facilities?



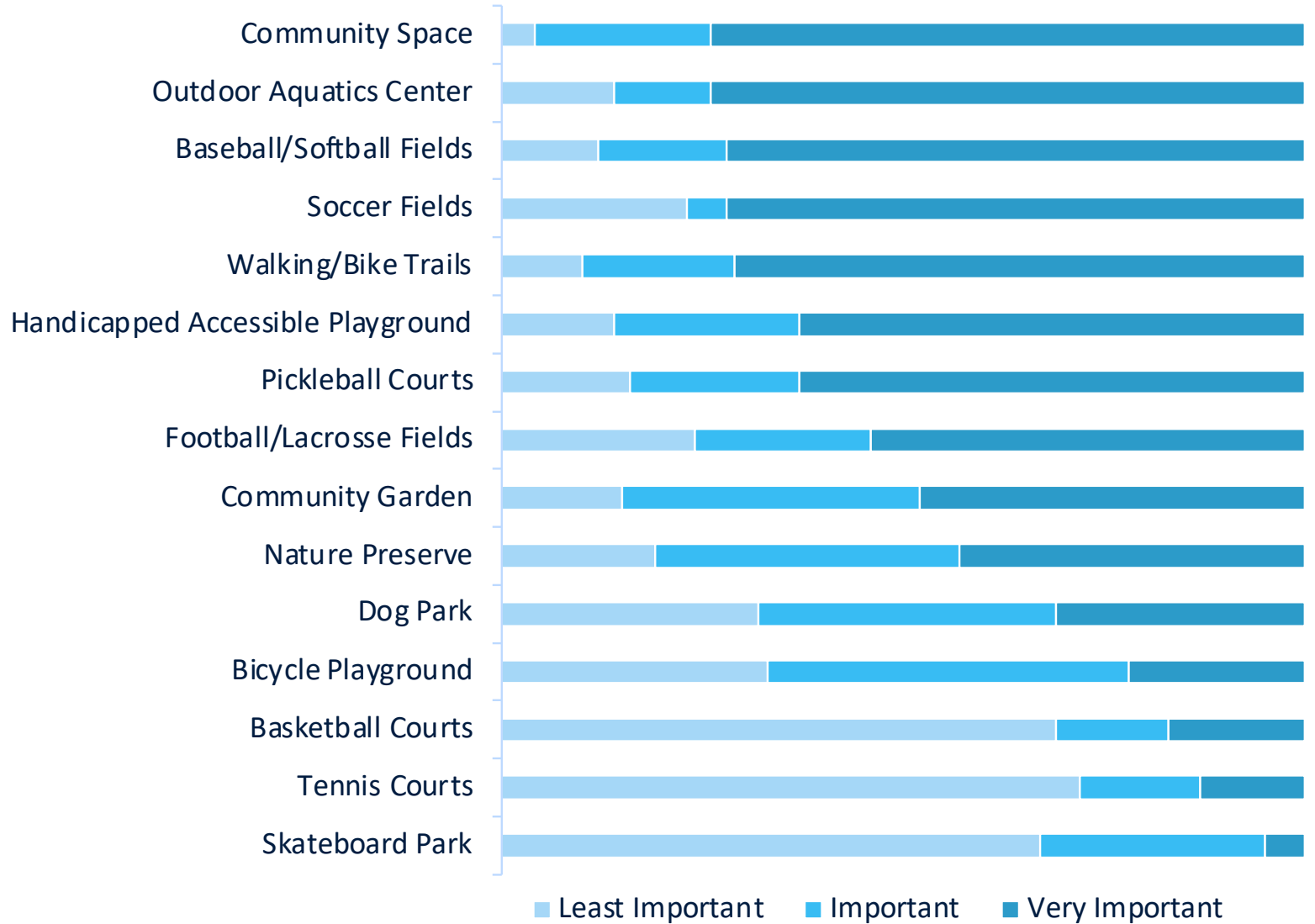
Select programs and activities you or others in your household would be interested in.



MASTER PLAN SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED



Rank the importance of services and amenities you would like to see added or enhanced.



STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

The planning team conducted stakeholder group interviews on April 20th, 2022 with the City Council and on April 26th, 2022 with the remaining groups. The interviews were arranged with the help of the Parks and Recreation Department and conducted in person at the Rec Complex. The following groups and organizations were interviewed during this process:

- ▶ Fairview Heights City Council
- ▶ Park and Recreation Staff
- ▶ Schools and Bicycle Organizations
- ▶ Football & Soccer
- ▶ Volleyball & Baseball
- ▶ Clubs and Organizations
- ▶ City Department Heads

Each session lasted approximately one hour. Every group was given a brief overview of the planning process and the importance of community input to that process. The participants were made aware that no comments would be linked with any individual, and the comments would be recorded as general concepts rather than verbatim. The interviews used the following questions to help guide the discussion:

- ▶ What are the positive and negative aspects of the Fairview Heights parks?
- ▶ What potential amenities would you like to have added to the parks in Fairview Heights?
- ▶ What are your top five priorities for amenities that should be added to the parks in Fairview Heights?
- ▶ What problems/concerns do you have regarding the amenities that are currently offered in the parks in Fairview Heights?
- ▶ Identify the top two parks in Fairview Heights that you use?
- ▶ What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?
- ▶ What adjustments should be made to parks (and park facilities) based on COVID?





What are the positive and negative aspects of the Fairview Heights parks?

Positive

- ▶ Happy with the baseball fields at Moody Park.
- ▶ Would not want turf (artificial) fields at Moody Park as that would price the rec teams out of playing there.
- ▶ The concession / pavilion area in Moody Park are nice.
- ▶ Pleasant Ridge is a nice passive park.
- ▶ New Rec Center has greatly expanded the entire parks and recreation program in the city.
- ▶ Parks are balanced around city.
- ▶ Lots of compliments on Story Walk in Moody Park.
- ▶ Moody has enough parking for football
- ▶ Most used facilities at Moody Park:
 - Walking trail
 - Large playground
 - Pickleball
- ▶ The Rec Complex is a big positive.
- ▶ Park maintenance is very good. The staff have paid even more attention recently since COVID. (and park facilities) based on COVID?

Negative

- ▶ Parking at Moody does not accommodate ADA well.
- ▶ Volleyball:
 - The Rec Building only has room for practice and not league play since only 1 court is available.
 - Need 2 courts minimum to really run a volleyball program.
 - Hard to share space with basketball.
 - Sunlight through the large windows currently blinds players on half the court. Any new gym needs to consider sun glare and the position of players in the gym.
 - Fix the sand volleyball courts at Moody.
- ▶ City is way behind on bike trails compared to other cities in the region (like O'Fallon).
 - City lacks bike trails (Edwardsville is great example)
- ▶ City needs more accessibility – connections to park.
 - Can't fully get from City Hall to Rec Complex by sidewalk the whole way. Sidewalk alternates on different sides of the road and no crosswalk to connect to sidewalk near the Rec Complex.
 - City really needs connections to parks. Hard for lots of nearby neighborhoods to easily walk or bike to parks.
 - The area needs Greenways.
 - Schools don't have good sidewalks around them. Kids have to walk on the road to walk to school.
 - Schools are far from parks.
- ▶ Restroom facilities are all old and not ADA compliant.
- ▶ Moody Park facilities are “squished” together. Would be nice to spread out.
- ▶ Nighttime Park Safety at Moody Park – 100–150 kids gathering at night causing trouble. Mayor wants gates at park to keep out cars entering at night.
- ▶ Grass field at Rec Complex needs lighting.
 - Moody: Lighting is outdated, baseball fields need to upgrade to LED.
- ▶ Moody Park field is nice, but they need a concession stand away from the pavilions as currently there is conflict with pavilion users.



- ▶ Not enough turf fields in the area.
- ▶ Moody: Bathrooms are old and small.
- ▶ Football field needs fencing off to keep non-players off the field during games.
- ▶ Moody: City should block cars from driving in the pavilion and concession area. It is dangerous for the pedestrians.
- ▶ Other city's parks are newer. Fairview Heights parks look like they are from the 1950's.
- ▶ Park maintenance logistics is very segmented.
 - Operate out of area behind city hall. The large shed at Moody has no heat, running water, restrooms, and has settling/subsidence problems (like all buildings in the area).
- ▶ Moody: Lots of conflicts between football and other nearby activities in park.
 - Some big games can run in the 100's – 1,000's of people.
 - Not adequate parking for major events.
 - Lots of conflict with users of other nearby recreational facilities like the pavilions, pickleball/volleyball, playground, and walking trail.
 - Some park staff are worried the large football events get out of control and it is only a matter of time before someone gets injured.
- ▶ Moody: Second playground (small one) needs replacing.
- ▶ Moody: Parking lot spaces undefined – needs curbs, wheel blocks, markings, or other things that control where people can park.
- ▶ French Village: Nobody goes to this playground. Small dog park is very rarely used.
- ▶ Pleasant Ridge: The whole park needs an overhaul.
- ▶ Pleasant Ridge: Trails are not maintained. They are a dangerous.
- ▶ Cameras in parks don't work well
- ▶ Online system sign-up is very difficult and cumbersome.
- ▶ Hard time for schools to get affordable group rates for field trips. The Rec is too expensive and so schools go elsewhere to cheaper options.
- ▶ Moody: As the season goes on, Staff need to follow up with rules in pavilions. Really loud and vulgar music from pavilion renters can sometimes be heard far away at homes surrounding the park.

? What potential amenities would you like to have added to the parks in Fairview Heights?

- ▶ Add another Gym to the Rec so there is enough space to spread out the kids.
 - Have a small storage space for equipment.
 - ▶ Develop rules for outside groups to run the concessions at Moody as a fund raiser. Some sport leagues like volleyball have people to staff the concessions but want to know if and how they are allowed to do it.
 - ▶ Add a Food Truck Park.
 - ▶ Encourage business sponsorships of park areas & activities.
 - ▶ BMX track at Moody Park.
 - ▶ Add more adult programming at Rec. (Volleyball, Cornhole, etc.)
 - ▶ Add a Heritage/Historic center.
 - ▶ Add a City Center with a park in center with green space.
- ▶ Add a Community Garden.
 - ▶ Many basketball courts were removed from parks due to problems. The Rec is a good location for future outdoor basketball courts.
 - ▶ Make an Art District.
 - ▶ Moody Ideas for open field in southwest corner of park:
 - Drone field.
 - Paintball.
 - ▶ Add a Farmers Market.
 - ▶ Add a new Indoor Sports facility:
 - Can work with 80-yard fields.
 - Better to give one group a night instead of sharing space with 2 groups. This will greatly avoid conflict between the two groups.
 - ▶ Use the open field at Old Lincoln Trail Park as a football practice field.
 - ▶ Schools are open to a rec agreement with city. Schools currently have to team up with the YMCA instead.

- ▶ Add the following to the existing Rec Complex:
 - Pickleball
 - Splash pad instead of outdoor pool
 - Tennis
 - 2 more lap lanes (to have competitions)
 - Need another Gym (could use 8 more Basketball courts)
 - Outdoor restroom
 - Playground
 - Pavilion
 - Nice, paved walking trail with wildflowers and other plantings along the route. The current trail is very popular and should be expanded.
 - Outdoor Aquatics at Rec.
 - (From 1 employee) Sauna and Hot tub. (Other employees didn't want hot tub.)



? What are your top five priorities for amenities that should be added to the parks in Fairview Heights?

- ▶ Greenways and trail connections between parks and also from parks to the surrounding neighborhoods.

? Identify the top two parks in Fairview Heights that you use?

- ▶ No comments

What problems/concerns do you have regarding the amenities that are currently offered in the parks in Fairview Heights?

- ▶ Currently Volleyball uses more expensive school space since not enough space in Fairview Heights Rec Center.
- ▶ Some park maintenance staff are very concerned about the current situation with football at Moody Park. They feel this is a high priority item that needs to be addressed. (Note, some park maintenance staff do not want the city to have Football. Other Rec staff disagree.)

What could be done to better meet your recreation needs?

- ▶ Rec Plex in St. Peters is a nice model for a good volleyball playing gym. Another indoor facility in the region as a model is Bud Dome in south St. Louis County.
- ▶ People often ask why no splash pad at Moody Park.

What adjustments should be made to parks (and park facilities) based on COVID?

- ▶ No comments

General Questions / Comments

- ▶ Why is the running track at Rec hard pavement instead of soft track surface? Per the City, it was a requirement from the schools when the track was built.
- ▶ Volleyball could work if schedule is adjusted so groups could use after normal business hours (since they already know how to open and close the place securely).
- ▶ Remove hurdles to bike trails by improving intergovernmental cooperation between city, township, and county.
- ▶ Soccer group rents half the rec gym in winter (not ideal since they share with basketball and other groups).
- ▶ One option might be to repurpose the ice rink complex into Football/Soccer facility. An enclosed structure maybe lighter than ice rink facility.
- ▶ Football activities run from March through December.
- ▶ Football needs a safe, permanent place to practice.
- ▶ Moody Park: Old vent shaft coming out of lake goes down to coal mine below.
- ▶ Moody Park: Land subsidence in area means no new aquatic center or other large structures can go in the undeveloped areas. The Public Works buildings have limited use because of damage from land subsidence.
- ▶ Not enough seasonal staff. Need more park staff. The city built more facilities without adding staff.
 - Not enough staff at Rec complex to keep facilities open at all times.
- ▶ Park & Rec must use Public Works equipment which restricts availability for use on parks projects.
- ▶ Schools provide a significant amount of rec facilities for public use in parts of the city with no city parks.
- ▶ School playgrounds and fields are available to the public when not being used by the school.
- ▶ City should connect with GORC (Bike organization) to help build better bike trails in parks like Pleasant Ridge or Moody's undeveloped areas.
- ▶ Potential Greenway connections:
 - Ashland Storage to Mall – Utility ROW – Potential corridor.
 - Ogles Creek to Moody.
 - Union Hill to Sullivan on west side of street.
- ▶ Several elementary schools have their own summer camp which takes place in their facilities.



PUBLIC MEETING #1

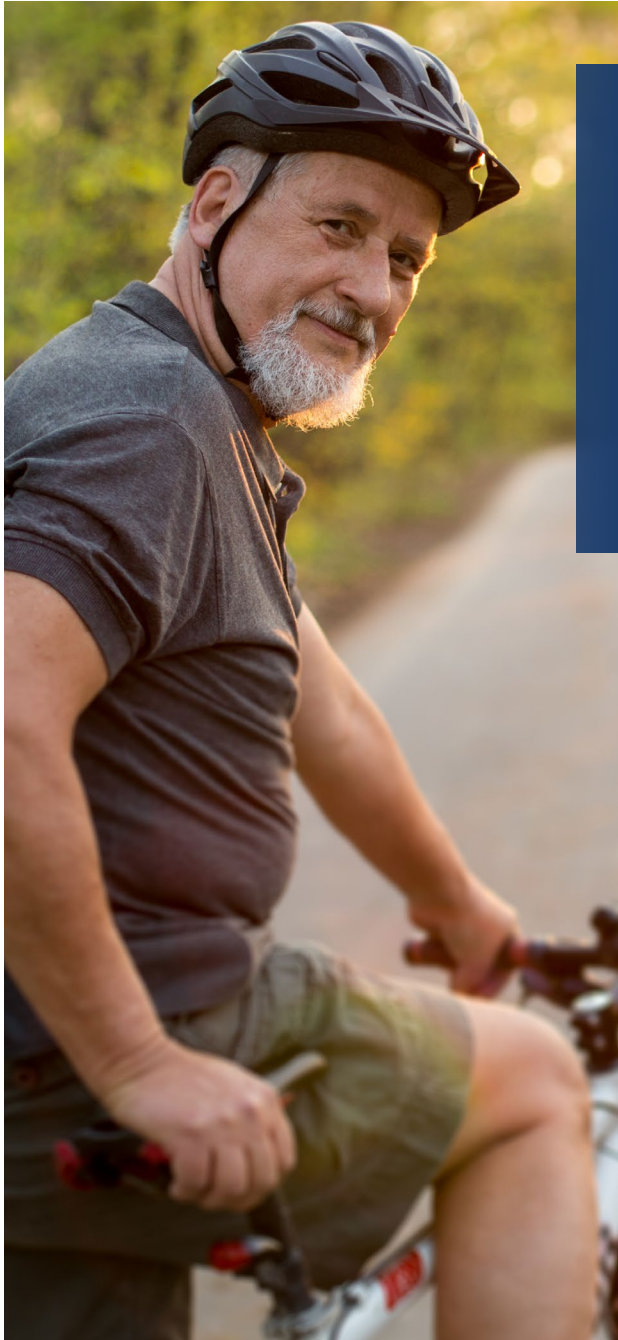
The data collection process involved a public meeting to which all residents of Fairview Heights and users of Fairview Heights parks were invited. The first public meeting was conducted on April 22, 2022 at the Fairview Heights Rec Complex. The agenda included the following topics: an overview of the master plan project and process, a park system overview, and a “Blue Sky” input session that included grouping the audience into teams of 4–8 people. One person was elected leader/scribe,

and the group was given a series of questions to answer. The questions covered the same topics as the stakeholder interviews. After 40 minutes, each team leader presented the groups findings to the larger audience. Approximately 5 groups provided input. The final activity included requesting each participant rank what they felt were the three most important ideas discussed during the workshop session. A summary of these responses is included in the figure to the right.

PUBLIC MEETING #1 | Most Important Idea Summary

| RESPONSES | TOPIC |
|-----------|--|
| 10 | Bike Path/Connection to Metro East Trails |
| 9 | Farmers Market at Moody of Pleasant Ridge Park |
| 8 | Bike Park Activities |
| 6 | Basketball courts |
| 6 | Revitalize Pleasant Ridge Park for Off Leash Dog Users |
| 4 | Cabin Restoration |
| 3 | Cost |
| 3 | Flagpole at Pleasant Ridge Park |
| 3 | Splash Pad |
| 3 | Movie Night |
| 3 | Keep Closed Restrooms Open More |
| 2 | Festival Barn at Pleasant Ridge Park |
| 2 | Dog Park for Large Dogs |
| 2 | Disability Playground |
| 2 | Stop Feeding Geese at Moody Park |
| 2 | Senior Classes in Evening at The REC |
| 1 | Upgrade Restrooms |
| 1 | Fire Pit for Sledding at Pleasant Ridge Park |
| 1 | No Basketball Courts |
| 1 | Open Play Fields |
| 1 | Community Updates |
| 1 | Ensure Hand Sanitizers are Available |
| 1 | Soccer at Pleasant Ridge Park |
| 1 | Sledding at Pleasant Ridge Park |

Figure 3



PARK LAND NEEDS, DISTRIBUTION, & RECREATION FACILITIES ANALYSIS

OVERVIEW

The **park land analysis** is an evaluation of the total amount of park land and the amount of park land within each park size category. The first part of this analysis considers park land owned and maintained by the City of Fairview Heights, which is compared to benchmarks based on Fairview Heights' population. The second part of the analysis includes the evaluation of public open space within a distance from the city that is available for Fairview Heights residents use. The **park land distribution analysis** evaluates the extent residents in all parts of the city have access to park land. The results can indicate areas in which the city could consider adding new park land.

The **recreation facilities inventory** compares the availability of various types of recreation facilities within Fairview Heights to benchmark standards based on Fairview Heights' population. The first part of the facility inventory evaluates only recreation facilities owned and maintained by the City of Fairview Heights. The second part considers facilities managed by other public entities within a certain radius around of the city that residents of Fairview Heights can use. This process determines opportunities for the city to add additional recreation facilities.

PARK LAND ANALYSIS

The first aspect of the park land analysis considers only parks owned and maintained by the city of Fairview Heights. For this analysis, each park is classified into a park type category based on its size in acres from standards created by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). Each park type has a benchmark need (in acres) per 1,000 people and a service area radius, which represents the maximum distance that people are typically willing to travel to visit that type of park. For instance, a person might drive up to 30 miles to visit a large Regional Park but would only be willing to walk one quarter of a mile to visit a Mini Park. **Figure 4** indicates park type categories, size ranges, the standard of acreage needed of each type per 1,000 people and the service area radius.

Fairview Heights has 7 parks ranging from 0.25-acre pocket parks up to 90+ acre metropolitan size parks. **Figure 5** lists each park and shows their size and park type classification. When including adjacent, city-owned undeveloped land, Moody Park is Fairview Heights' largest park at 97.2 acres. Pleasant Ridge Park is a close second at 94.3 acres. The Rec Complex is the city's only District sized park at 30.8 acres. The city has 2 Neighborhood sized parks with Old Lincoln Trail and French Village Park. Finally, both Lexington Park and Fox Creek Park are around ¼ acre each and classified as pocket parks.

| Park Type Category | Size | Park Land Needed Per 1,000 People | Park Type Service Area (Typ. Max Travel Distance) |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Pocket Park | <1 Acre | 0.25 | 1/4 Mile |
| Mini Park | 1 – 5 Acres | 0.25 | 1/2 Mile |
| Neighborhood Park | 5 – 15 Acres | 1.5 Acres | 1 Mile |
| District Park | 16 – 79 Acres | 2.4 Acres | 3 Miles |
| Metropolitan Park | 80 – 250 Acres | 4 Acres | 5 Miles |
| Regional Park | >250 Acres | 6 Acres | 30 Miles |

Figure 4: NRPA Park Type Categories, Size Range, and Acreage Need per 1,000 People

| Fairview Heights Park | Size in Acres | Park Type |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Fox Creek Park | 0.2 | Pocket Park |
| Lexington Park | 0.2 | Pocket Park |
| French Village Park | 6 | Neighborhood Park |
| Old Lincoln Trail Park | 8 | Neighborhood Park |
| The REC Complex | 31 | District Park |
| Pleasant Ridge Park | 94 | Metropolitan Park |
| Moody Park | 97 | Metropolitan Park |

Figure 5: List of Fairview Heights Parks

The estimated 2020 Fairview Heights population of 16,143 was used to calculate Fairview Heights’ park land acreage needs for each park type. This plan assumes the population of Fairview Heights will remain stable over the next 10 years, so no adjustments to the future 10–year population were made. Focusing on Neighborhood Park size and larger, Fairview Heights needs 24 acres of Neighborhood Parks, 40 acres of District Parks, 65 acres of Metropolitan Parks, and 97 acres of Regional Parks to meet the benchmarks (rounding to the nearest acre). When considering just parks and park land owned by Fairview Heights, the city has enough Metropolitan Park acres to meet the NRPA standard. However, when factoring in the existing city park land, the standard suggests that the city would need an additional:

- ▶ 10 acres of Neighborhood Park land
- ▶ 9 acres of District Park land
- ▶ 97 acres of Regional Park land

It is important to consider that Fairview Heights’ residents don’t only use Fairview Heights’ parks. Residents will visit any nearby public park, regardless of which city or organization manages it. The design team further analyzed all the other available public park land within 3 miles (1 mile for Neighborhood parks) of the city.

The acquisition of additional park land should continue to be a long–term goal of the City of Fairview Heights to meet the gaps of:

- ▶ 10 acres of Neighborhood Park land
- ▶ 9 acres of District Park land
- ▶ 97 acres of Regional Park land

The summary of park land needs for Fairview heights is shown in **Figure 6**. For Metropolitan and Regional Parks, the planning team only considered parks within 3 miles of the city despite the service radius of these parks being 5 and 30 miles, respectively. The list of parks by other entities included in this analysis are shown in **Figure 7**.

| | Standard Acreage Needed | FvH Owned Total Acres | FvH Owned Needed or Surplus Acres |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Neighborhood Park | 24 | 14 | -10 |
| District Park | 40 | 31 | -9 |
| Metropolitan Park | 65 | 191 | 126 |
| Regional Park | 97 | 0 | -97 |

Figure 6: Park Land Needs Analysis for Residents of Fairview Heights

| Parks Within 3 Miles of CFVH | Owner/Managing Entity | Park Size | Park Type |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Savannah Hills | O’Fallon IL | 14 | Neighborhood Park * |
| Schranz Memorial Par & Wolf Branch School Area Park | St. Clair Township / Swansea | 16 | Neighborhood Park * |
| Khoury League Fields | Caseyville Township | 18 | District |
| Caseyville Village Park | Caseyville | 22 | District |
| Bellevue Park | Belleville | 25 | District |
| Melvin Prince Memorial Park | Swansea | 31 | District |
| Centennial Park | St. Clair Township / Swansea | 40 | District |
| Jaycess Sports Complex | Collinsville | 70 | District |
| St. Ellen Mine Park | St. Clair County | 85 | Metropolitan |
| Family Sport Park | O’Fallon Il | 202 | Regional |
| Frank Holden State Recreational Area | State of Illinois | 1,080 | Regional |
| Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site | State of Illinois | 2,200 | Regional |

* Neighborhood parks within 1 mile of Fairview Heights

Figure 7: List of parks manages by other public entities within 3 miles of Fairview Heights that were i

PARK LAND DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

The park land distribution analysis evaluates the distribution of park land throughout the city of Fairview Heights. The examination of how evenly park land is distributed throughout the city can be used to reveal areas that are underserved regarding access to parks. The park land distribution standard is to have park land within walking distance for each city resident.

For this analysis, a maximum walking distance radius of 1-mile was used for Fairview Heights' Neighborhood, District, Metropolitan, and Regional Parks. For Pocket Parks, a ¼-mile radius was used as the maximum distance people would likely be willing to walk to visit this type of park. All public parks both managed and not managed by Fairview Heights were considered. In addition, most public schools allow their outdoor recreation areas to be used by the public during non-school hours. As a result, public schools are given a ½-mile walking distance radius and included in the analysis.

This information was overlaid onto a map of the city which also considered some major pedestrian barriers such as interstate highways, which would greatly limit walk-ability. The map is shown in **Figure 8** with transparent circles representing an assumed walkable radius around each park.

It is important to note that the service area circles do not consider the current condition of pedestrian facilities like complete sidewalk/trail networks and crosswalks. Many neighborhoods and roads

in Fairview Heights lack these pedestrian friendly facilities which greatly limit the ability of residents to safely visit the parks, despite living close enough to normally walk.

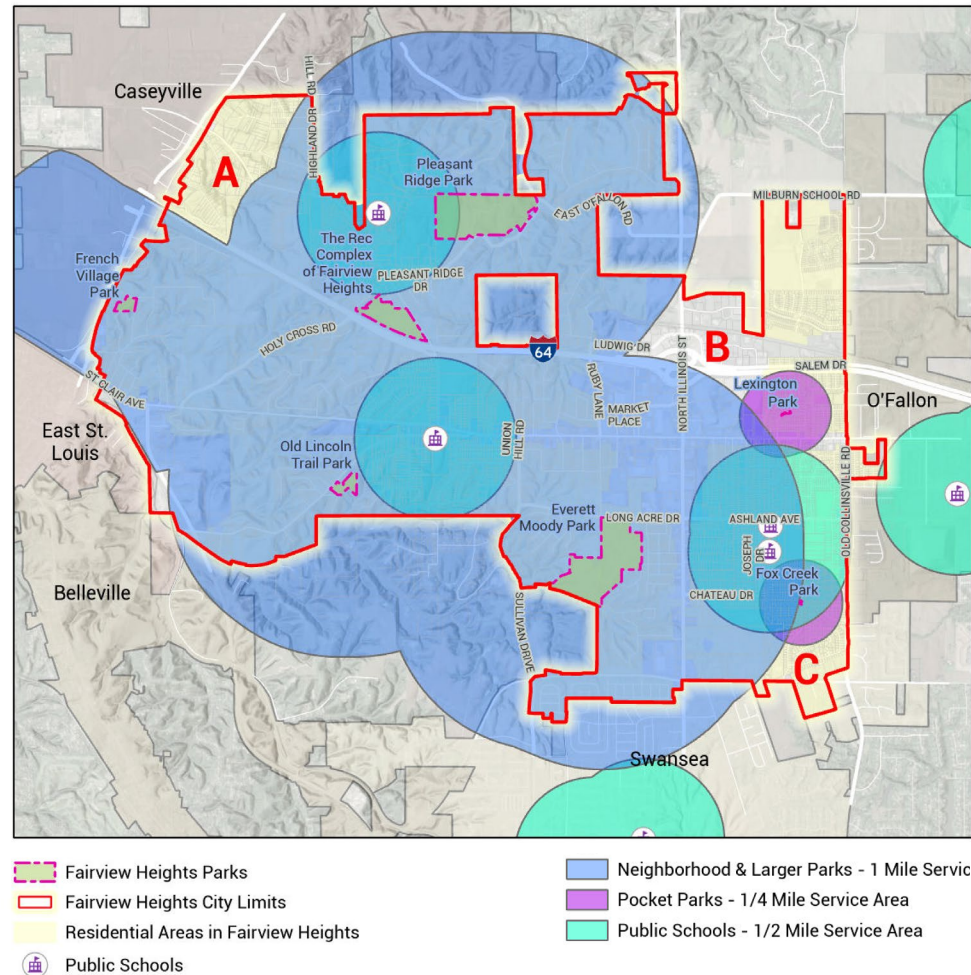


Figure 8: Park Service Area Map

Looking at the Park Service Area Map, most of the city is covered by one or more of the service area circles which means they should have access to a close park. Three areas, unfortunately, are not covered and are indicated on the map in large red letters. These areas are either not covered or coverage needs additional explanation below:

A. The NW corner of Fairview Heights along the bluffs does not have any parks within a walkable distance. This under served area is made up of mostly all older residential homes built along the winding, difficult bluff terrain. Many of the roads offer limited connectivity between each other which also limits the walkable impact of any potential new park in the area. Our recommendations for this area would be to build trails or greenways along Bunkum Road to better connect this area with other parks in the city.

B. The area around Hwy 50 /Hwy 159 intersection does not have any parks within walkable distance. This area has been the central commercial district of the city, but in recent years due to the changing retail landscape, businesses have closed and vacated large parcels of land that are potential spaces for new emerging urban parks.

City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work.

Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. For example, they attract tourists, serve as community signature pieces, offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses and conventions and host festivals, concerts and athletics events.

There is an excellent site for the City of Fairview Heights to re-develop urban concrete parking lots into usable community-centered spaces that compliment the commercial development. A Farmer's Market and/or community space with urban park elements should be explored and the city should take advantage of the numerous grant opportunities to purchase and develop an urban park.

C. The SE corner of the city does not have any city owned parks within walking distance. However, there are two non-city owned open spaces within walking distance that

residents could use. To the NE is St. Ellen Mine Park, a county park with walking trails. In addition, Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery is close by which has over 80 acres of open space for passive walking or running. Residents could gain easier access to the cemetery if the city built a multi-use path along Frank Scott Parkway.

RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY

The recreation facility inventory compares the availability of various park and recreation facilities to standard benchmarks based on Fairview Heights

population of 16,143. Each facility has its own benchmark that represents the standard demand for that facility. The recreation facilities that were

inventoried, the standard need for each, and the facility demand for the City of Fairview Heights are shown in **Figure 9**.

| Recreation Facility | Recommended Standard Use for this Plan ¹ | Facility Demand ³ | Fairview Heights Facility Inventory | Facility Need (Fairview Heights Facilities Only) | Other Facilities within 3-miles (shown at 1/2 actual quantity) | Facility Need (Including Facilities Owned by Others) |
|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Park Land Acres (per 1000 people) | 9.9 | 10 | 14.6 | 0 | 1,982 | 0 |
| Trails (Miles) | 9 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| Baseball / Softball Diamond (residents per field) | 4,645 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| Basketball (Residents per Court) | 6,241 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Community & Recreational Centers (Residents per Center) | 17,645 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dog Park (Residents per park) | 23,477 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Football (Residents per field) | 13,174 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Golf Course (9 Hole) (Residents per Course) ² | 25,000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Lakes and Ponds (Residents per Acre) ² | 14,000 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 109 | 0 |
| Multi-Use Court (Residents per Court) | 10,367 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Outdoor Amphitheater (Residents per Amph.) | 31,655 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Aquatic Center (Residents per pool) | 22,547 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Picnic Area Shelter (Residents per Pavilion) ² | 2,000 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Playground (Residents per playground) | 3,231 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Skate Park (Residents per park) | 43,026 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Soccer Fields (Residents per field) | 6,714 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Tennis Courts (Residents per court) | 4,980 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Volleyball Courts (Residents per courts) ² | 10,795 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Figure 9: Fairview Heights Park Facility Needs

¹ Standards from 2022 NRPA unless noted / ² Standards from Planning Design Studio / ³ Based upon Fairview Heights estimated 2020 population of 16,143

The benchmark standards used in this analysis use the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) 2022 Park Metrics. The standards selected are an average taken from comparable communities to Fairview Heights with the following properties:

- ▶ Population less than 20,000
- ▶ Park & Recreation Budgets between \$1–\$5 Million
- ▶ 250 or Fewer Acres of Parkland
- ▶ 10–24 Full Time Employees (FTE)
- ▶ Population Density Between 500 and 1,500 per Square Mile
- ▶ Cities Located in the Midwest

The first part of the analysis inventoried only facilities owned and managed by Fairview Heights. The results of this analysis show that Fairview Heights falls short of benchmark standards in about 1/3rd of the recreational categories. These categories include:

- ▶ Trails (need 6 miles)
- ▶ Basketball Courts (need 2 courts)
- ▶ Golf Course (need 1 course)
- ▶ Outdoor Amphitheatres (need 1)
- ▶ Soccer Fields (need 1 field)
- ▶ Tennis Courts (need 1 court)

Like the park land analysis, a second part of the recreation facilities inventory included facilities managed by public entities other than the city of Fairview Heights. Facilities were surveyed at a distance within 3 miles from Fairview Heights. This also included facilities at public schools within

the same 3-mile distance (see **Figure 10**). All non-Fairview Heights facilities were calculated at ½ the actual quantity due to the assumption that they may not always be available to use by Fairview Heights residents.

| | |
|--|---|
| Grant Community Consolidated School District / #110 | Illini Elementary School Grant Middle School |
| Wolf Branch School District / #113 | Wolf Branch Elementary School Wolf Branch Middle School |
| Pontiac-William Holiday School District / #105 | William Holiday Elementary School Pontiac Junior High School |
| O’Fallon Community Consolidated School District / #90 | J. Emmett Hinchcliffe Sr. Elementary School |
| Collinsville Community School District / #10 | Collinsville High School |
| Central School District / #104 | Central Elementary School Joseph Arthur Middle School |
| O’Fallon Township High School | OTHS Milburn Campus |
| East St. Louis School District / #189 | Katie Harper-Wright Elementary |

Figure 10: List of Schools with in 3 miles of Fairview Heights uses in this facility Analysis

LIMITATIONS OF THE BENCHMARK ANALYSIS

It is important to know that while the NRPA benchmark analysis is a very effective tool at measuring the recreational needs of Fairview Heights, there are certain limitations in the analysis.

Points to consider when considering the analysis regarding Fairview Heights:

► The benchmarks are based on an average of what is typically found in similar communities to Fairview Heights. This works very well for most recreational activity types. However, they do not accurately predict the needs for

certain activities that are rapidly growing in popularity everywhere and where nearly every community surveyed is low in the facilities (which brings the recommended benchmark quantity down). Two examples of this include Miles of Trails and Pickleball. Pickleball is so new that it is not even surveyed yet and Trails/Greenways are exploding in popularity and demand. The planning team finds that both activities are in very high demand and nearly every community visited throughout the region does not have an adequate amount of facilities to meet actual local demand.

► Some recreation activities have specific requirements to play competition games that supersede the benchmark standards. As one example, the benchmark for Volleyball does not differentiate between indoor courts and outdoor/sand volleyball. Unfortunately, indoor and outdoor volleyball are practically 2 different sports and outdoor sand courts do not make up for a lack of indoor courts, despite appearing to in the analysis. Also, official indoor games often require 2 courts minimum to play and having just 1 indoor court means official league play cannot occur.





PROGRAM STATEMENT/ CONCEPT PLAN

Based on information gathered during the Data Collection and Analysis phases, the planning team created a program statement to guide the Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the

Park's Department's future growth and expansion. It is summarized below. Note, the order of the items listed below does not indicate any priority for future implementation.

1. NEW PARK LAND CONSIDERATIONS

Opportunities for the acquisition of additional park land should continue to be a goal. When an opportunity presents itself, it should be evaluated based on the specific conditions of the potential site, along with the intended future recreation use prior to final acquisition. Additional considerations regarding new park land include:

- A.** Explore a dedicated space for a Farmers Market at Hwy 50 / Hwy 159 in a new urban park.
- B.** Additionally, confirm space is also allocated for park functions such as playgrounds, an amphitheater, and open space within the new urban park.
- C.** The City should evaluate entering into a long-term use agreement with the Caseyville Township for the use of the former Khoury League fields located off Bunkum Road next to City Hall.

2. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES/AMENITIES

After reviewing the input received during the initial stages of the master planning process, maintaining the existing parks and facilities was determined to be a high priority. Therefore, the following items are included as part of the program statement for the existing parks in Fairview Heights.

A. Moody Park: As the city’s premier park, focus on improvements critical to its mission that are in most need of updates. Considerations regarding Moody Park include:

- i. Relocate the existing football field to the former ice rink site, developing that site as a destination football venue.
- ii. Develop a 5-year improvement plan to address the following items:
 - Systematic reconstruction of all parking lots.

- Address and correct ADA issues throughout the park.
 - Replace outdated restrooms near the football field and the recently constructed playground, with the goal being all restrooms in the park meet current ADA guidelines.
- iii. Develop the rolling land west of Ruby Lane for uses such as an 18-hole disc golf course, a bicycle pump track or mountain bike course.
 - iv. Evaluate long-term future uses for central green space immediately west of open pavilion festival area. Potential uses could include rentable special event venue/ summer day camp, splash pad, or food truck venue.

- v. Also explore this land for possible Sports Park with soccer, football, lacrosse, baseball/softball, and an aquatics center.

B. Pleasant Ridge Park: Due to the outstanding natural resources of the park, improvements should focus on replacing and/or upgrading the existing facilities for enjoyment by all. Considerations regarding Pleasant Ridge Park include:

- i. Determine public’s desire to save the existing log cabin. If desire to preserve the cabin is strong, identify potential partnering agency to spearhead the preservation effort, with the City’s assistance.
- ii. Systematically replace all existing comfort stations over a 3-year period.
- iii. Repurpose one pavilion area to create a scenic wedding venue.
- iv. Add roadside parking adjacent to the existing open dog area.
- v. Perform a trail assessment survey on nature trails and implement report recommendations.





C. The REC Complex: Improvements for the city’s newest park should focus on new improvements that compliment and expand the current offering at the facility. Considerations regarding The Rec Complex include:

- i. Option #1: Consider adding an outdoor aquatic complex west of the existing Rec building.
- ii. Option #2: Expand gym to provide more space for indoor sports like volleyball, pickleball or indoor soccer.
- iii. Construct a permanent restroom building near the running track for use by non-building members.
- iv. Lengthen walking path and route it through more of the property.
- v. Develop a practice field (soccer/lacrosse) and/or pickleball multi-purpose courts on the northwest side of the site.

D. Old Lincoln Trail Park: Complete a series of improvements that will ultimately create a well-used neighborhood park. Considerations regarding Old Lincoln Trail Park include:

- i. Perform needed maintenance activities such as property line fencing and tree care for the existing large legacy cottonwood tree.
- ii. Update/reconstruct existing restrooms, to bring the restrooms into ADA compliance.
- iii. Add additional fencing at road edge of park for better roadside legibility.

E. French Village Park: Implement a series of improvement to encourage more use of this park. Considerations regarding French Village Park include:

- i. Add a picnic pavilion and looping walking trail to expand the use of the park.

F. Lexington Park: Provide improvements that allow this park to continue to serve the diverse needs of the immediate neighborhood. Considerations regarding Lexington Park include:

- i. Consider adding a small picnic pavilion and shade trees to make the are more welcoming and usable.

G. Fox Creek Park: Focus on improvements that better define the park and improve on-going maintenance. Considerations regarding Fox Creek Park include:

- i. Add landscape improvements to provide more shade and better define the park space.



3. OTHER FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

A. Hiring of Additional Park & Recreation

Staff: As proposed new additions and improvements become reality, adding more park staff to operate and maintain the park assets will be of critical importance. Staff with experience in event management, turf/field management, horticulture, and forestry will provide noticeable benefits to the park system and larger Fairview Heights community.

B. Other: There is a private not-for-profit organization that will contribute to the recreation offerings of the community through a planned use of city-owned property at the intersection of Bunkum Road and Old Lincoln Trail adjacent to Grant Elementary School. The organization will lease land through the City for a proposed sculpture park.



4. TRAIL CONSIDERATIONS

Trail improvements should focus on maximizing safe connections between parks. The planned Bunkum Road Trail is the first phase of a trail system intended to eventually link several parks in Fairview Heights. Using the Trails & Transit Plan from the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and other trails currently planned as the starting point, several proposed future trail connections to parks are outlined below.

- A. Reach:** Bunkum Road to Pleasant Ridge Road
 - i. Trail Type: Local Trail
 - ii. Parks Connected: The REC and Pleasant Ridge Park
- B. Reach:** Old Lincoln Trail to Bunkum Road
 - i. Trail Type: Bike Route (On-Street)
 - ii. Parks/Destinations Connected: Old Lincoln Trail Park and MetroLink Station
- C. Reach:** Lincoln Trail to Bunkum Road
 - i. Trail Type: Bike Route (On-Street)
 - ii. Parks Connected: Moody Park and Former Ice Rink site (Future Football Field Venue)
- D.** Although no current trail connections are planned to the following parks, future connection opportunities should continue to be investigated in order for these parks to be connected to the larger system.
 - i. French Village Park
 - ii. Lexington Mini Park
 - iii. Fox Creek Mini Park



FUNDING & GENERAL ACTION PLAN

OVERVIEW

The Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides a strategy of meeting recreation needs for the next 10 years. Implementation of the plan is a long-term process that requires updates as improvements are made or demands change. It is suggested that Fairview Heights staff

review the plan on a regular basis to maintain progress toward meeting the recommendations. The following section discusses implementation strategies that can assist the Parks Department effort to implement, fund, and accomplish the recommendations in this plan.

FUNDING / ACQUISITION SOURCES

Once a parks master plan has identified improvements, identifying resources to implement the plan is the next critical path item

to accomplish. The following information describes the traditional sources of funding that may be utilized to fund the plan implementation.

PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE

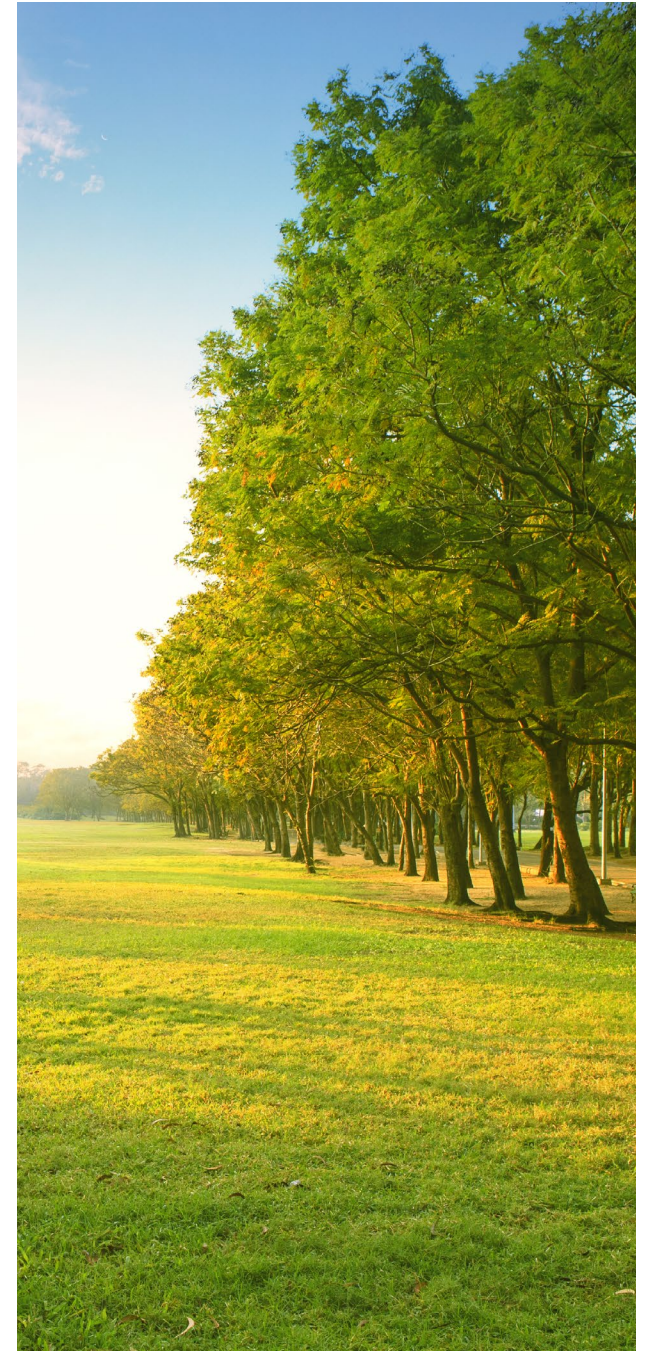
Dedication of open space or payment of fees for park development by private developers can be negotiated in exchange for developmental considerations beyond those customarily permitted by planning and zoning requirements. Unless properly written and applied, a parkland dedication ordinance could result in a court challenge by a developer accusing the local government of illegally taking valuable land. To prevent this, the ordinance must provide that any land or funds will benefit the users of the new development. Fees in lieu of open space are used when it is not practical for a developer to donate land. An important aspect of parkland dedication is land quality.

Not every plot of ground is suitable for recreation. A typical ordinance will require that most of the land be dry, reasonably flat, and accessible by road. Some ordinances provide allowances for private recreation space. The idea is that the private amenities will reduce residents' need to use local public parks. Restrictive covenants and maintenance agreements are usually part of the conditions for allowing private recreation space to be given allowance.

FOUNDATIONS

Another source of revenue for parks and recreation is through a foundation, such as a "Friends of the Parks" foundation. A Friends of the Parks foundation is classified as a community foundation, which build their endowments through contributions from several donors. They support

charitable activities focused primarily on local needs. The advantages of a foundation include tax exemptions and tax deductibility. Illinois law must be consulted prior to inception in order to ensure compliance with local and national regulations governing the foundation.





COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENTS

A cooperative use agreement is an agreement between the school and parks department to share facilities. Both the school and parks department provide similar recreation facilities. By signing a cooperative use agreement, residents may use school facilities when not in use by the school. This agreement would allow the City to expand its available parkland without taking on any additional maintenance responsibilities.

SALES TAX

The City could impose a sales tax on retail sales within the city limits. Income generated from this tax could be used to fund capital improvements, as well as for general operations, maintenance, and management of the parks system.

USER FEES

As a practical matter, all over the nation communities are requiring users of some parks and recreation facilities to pay a daily permit or for facilities used on a seasonal basis. This is primarily true of costly indoor recreation facilities and large

labor-intensive outdoor facilities such as ballfield complexes and aquatic facilities that have high staffing and maintenance obligations. The goal of the operation and management of these facilities is to generate income sufficient to meet or exceed the

cost of staff to operate and maintain them, and if possible, establish a profit margin that can support future improvements and expansions.

BONDS

The City could utilize its bonding capacity to place a bond referendum on the ballot. With successful passage, the City can sell bonds to raise capital for development / repair / improvements to the park system. Taxes are raised appropriately to retire the bond over the term of the bond. The bond money typically is available in a lump sum and used on the projects for which it was identified. Likewise, there is a time frame under which the bond money must be committed for use or it can be forfeited. The following are three types of bonds that may be considered for recreation facility funding.

- ▶ General Obligation Bonds – Bonded indebtedness issued with the approval of the electorate for capital improvements and general public improvements and, usually, requires a general increase in property tax.
- ▶ Industrial Development Bonds – Specialized revenue bonds issued on behalf of privately owned, self-supporting facilities.
- ▶ Revenue Bonds – Bond used for capital projects which will generate revenue for debt service where fees can support repayment of the bond.

LEASE / PURCHASE FINANCING

Facilities for public use can be financed and built through an entity separate from the municipality – either another public entity, a non-profit corporation set up for that purpose, a bank or leasing company, or joint powers authority. There are several types of lease purchase funding mechanisms, including certificates of participation in which investors can purchase tax

free investments in the leased facility, and sales leaseback, which is a means for public entities to sell an existing facility to a separate entity such as a nonprofit organization, an investor, or a group of investors. Improvements can be made by the separate entity who then leases the facility back to the public entity for an agreed to period of time and interest rate.

PUBLIC / PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP)

PPPs can be used to develop expensive projects like sports complexes, community centers or ice rinks that have development costs beyond the means of a community. With a PPP project, the public entity develops a relationship with a private

enterprise to jointly fund, construct and operate a recreation facility. In some cases, the public entity contributes the land that can be used for the facility and there may be tax advantages involved for the partnership.

HOTEL, MOTEL AND RESTAURANT TAX

The Hotel, Motel and Restaurant tax is based on gross receipts from charges and meal services or a per-room / night rate and may be used to build and operate golf courses, tennis courts, and other

special park and recreation facilities or be put to use in general park operations. The advantage to such a tax source is that virtually all of it is generated by visitors, not local residents.

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT / BENEFIT DISTRICT

These taxing districts are established to provide funds for certain types of improvements, which benefit a specific group of affected properties. Improvements may include landscaping, erection

of fountains, acquisition of art, and supplemental services for improvement and promotion, including recreation and cultural enhancements.

GRANTS

Grant funding programs have been available at both the state and federal levels. Some of these grants are listed below. The State of Illinois also maintains a list of agencies offering grant

programs. This information can be accessed from the following link:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx>

OSLAD

The OSLAD program provides up to 50% of funding assistance for land acquisition and development projects that serve a wide range of open space and recreation purposes. A portion of the state's real estate transfer tax serves as a dedicated funding source. OSLAD is the largest grant program that assists communities in meeting their diverse

recreational needs. It focuses on providing basic close-to-home recreational opportunities, including land for parks and facilities like ballfields and playgrounds. OSLAD also supports the renovation of existing recreational facilities since aging infrastructure has become a major problem in many communities.

ILLINOIS BICYCLE PATH GRANT PROGRAM

The Bicycle Path Grant program assists with up to 50% of the costs for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of public, non-motorized bicycle paths and directly related support facilities. Revenue for the program comes from a percentage

of vehicle title fees collected pursuant to Section 3-821 (f) of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The primary objective of this grant is the development of bicycle paths and trails for safe and enjoyable use by the public.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF/LAWCON)

The federal LWCF program providing up to 50% project funding assistance, was the first local recreation grant program undertaken in Illinois. It has provided \$100 million over 30 years to local agencies in Illinois for land acquisition and

development of public parks and recreation areas. As of August 2020, the program was fully and permanently funded by Congress and signed by the presented with the passage of the Great American Outdoor Act.

RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

The federal "Recreational Trails Program" (RTP), was created through the National Recreational Trail Fund Act (NRTFA) as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and reauthorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. By law, 30% of each states' RTP funding must be earmarked for motorized trail projects, 30% for non-motorized trail projects and the remaining 40% for multi-use (diversified) motorized and non-motorized trails or a combination of either. The RTP program can provide up to 80% federal funding on approved projects and requires a minimum 20% non-federal funding match. Applications for grant assistance must be received by IDNR no later than March 1 of each calendar year. Awards are generally announced within 180 days following the application deadline date. Examples of eligible project activities include:

- ▶ Trail construction and rehabilitation
- ▶ Restoration of areas adjacent to trails damaged by unauthorized trail uses
- ▶ Construction of trail-related support facilities and amenities
- ▶ Acquisition from willing sellers of trail corridors by easements or simple title.

PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (PARC)

A program under Illinois DNR provides grants to eligible local governments for park and recreation unit construction projects and land acquisition. Grant amounts range from \$25,000 to \$2,500,000 and covers 75% of capital project cost for most applicants, 90% of capital project cost for Disadvantaged Communities. PARC grants must be used for “bondable” or “brick and mortar” projects. Eligible projects include demolition, site preparation and improvements, utility work, reconstruction or improvement of existing buildings

or facilities, expansion of buildings/facilities and new construction of structures for indoor/outdoor recreation.

Land acquisition projects for public park recreation and conservation purposes include acquisition of land for the following: to construct new public recreation buildings, structures and facilities; to expand existing public recreation buildings, structures and facilities; general park purposes such as regional, community, and neighborhood

parks and playfields; frontage on public surface waters for recreation use; open space/conservation purposes to protect floodplains, wetlands, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and unique geologic and biologic features, and additions to such areas. The priority of the program is the renovation or construction of indoor recreation facilities since they are not eligible under other IDNR grant programs.

ITEP FUNDS

On December 4, 2015, the federal transportation bill, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, or “FAST Act” was signed into law. The FAST Act replaced the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funding for transportation alternatives authorized under Section 1109 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C.133(h)). 20 ILCS 2705-615 establishes supplemental state funding, set aside from the

Road Fund, for projects in the categories of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the conversion of abandoned railroad corridors to trails. At least 25% of projects funded will be directed toward projects in high-need communities and the local matching funds required shall be determined based on a sliding scale based on the Community Map score. Applicants may apply for up to \$2,000,000 maximum per project in ITEP funds.





IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

OVERVIEW

It is reasonable to assume that the successful implementation of the master plan will be achieved by utilizing a combination of the previously mentioned funding sources. For the largest and most costly projects, the use of bonds, leveraged bonds, or similar municipal financing is the most realistic. This method permits access to a large sum of money to complete the project in the shortest possible time frame, thus making the improvement available to the community in the near future. The amount of the bond should be fixed to ensure sufficient funds are generated from the sales tax to not only retire the bonds, but also provide for some level of operations and maintenance, as well as finance other smaller capital improvements to be completed by city staff on a labor and materials basis.

The small to medium projects should be funded by other sources such as grants, donations, and self-help activities. It is not possible at this time to identify a specific source for every project in the master plan as this is an interactive process that needs to be undertaken by city officials. On larger facilities, maximizing the programming potential in terms of events, tournaments, clinics, league play, etc., with the goal of recouping the cost of staffing, operation, and maintenance, should be the goal of funding the ongoing costs of these facilities.

FORMAL PLAN ADOPTION

The first action item the City should seek to accomplish is support of the Plan, and the formal adoption of the plan by the City Council. This gives the plan legitimacy and spreads the responsibility for its implementation throughout the municipal organization.

DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN CHAMPIONS

The City should continue to promote and encourage secondary support groups to champion the implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ONGOING CONSENSUS BUILDING

It is important that consensus building continue throughout implementation of the plan. An informed public with “knowledge” and “ownership” in the plan will help keep the process moving forward.

PHASING

Completing recommendations in phases that can be implemented over time is a prudent approach to implementation. The focus of “priority” phases should be on improvements that have the most impact or highest priority among the residents or on improvements that improve the health, safety and welfare of the park users.

Recommendations that are not critical to park operations or usability, but nonetheless are desired aspects to the system, can be constructed later. Meanwhile, essential park elements can be

constructed to serve residents in the near term. This approach allows the city to show results toward the improvements of the park system and can create a favorable climate toward future parks and recreation spending. By phasing the various components of the master plan, the City will see recognizable improvement in the park system that would not be otherwise realized if it waited to implement each facility or component under an “all or nothing” method.



THE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan focuses on three levels of action for implementing various aspects of the plan based on the preferred time frame for realization. These three levels are: Priority Project, Mid Term Projects and Long Term Projects. The Priority List covers implementation of the projects from years 2023–2025. These are listed in **Figure 10** and will be the first aspects of the Master Plan addressed in

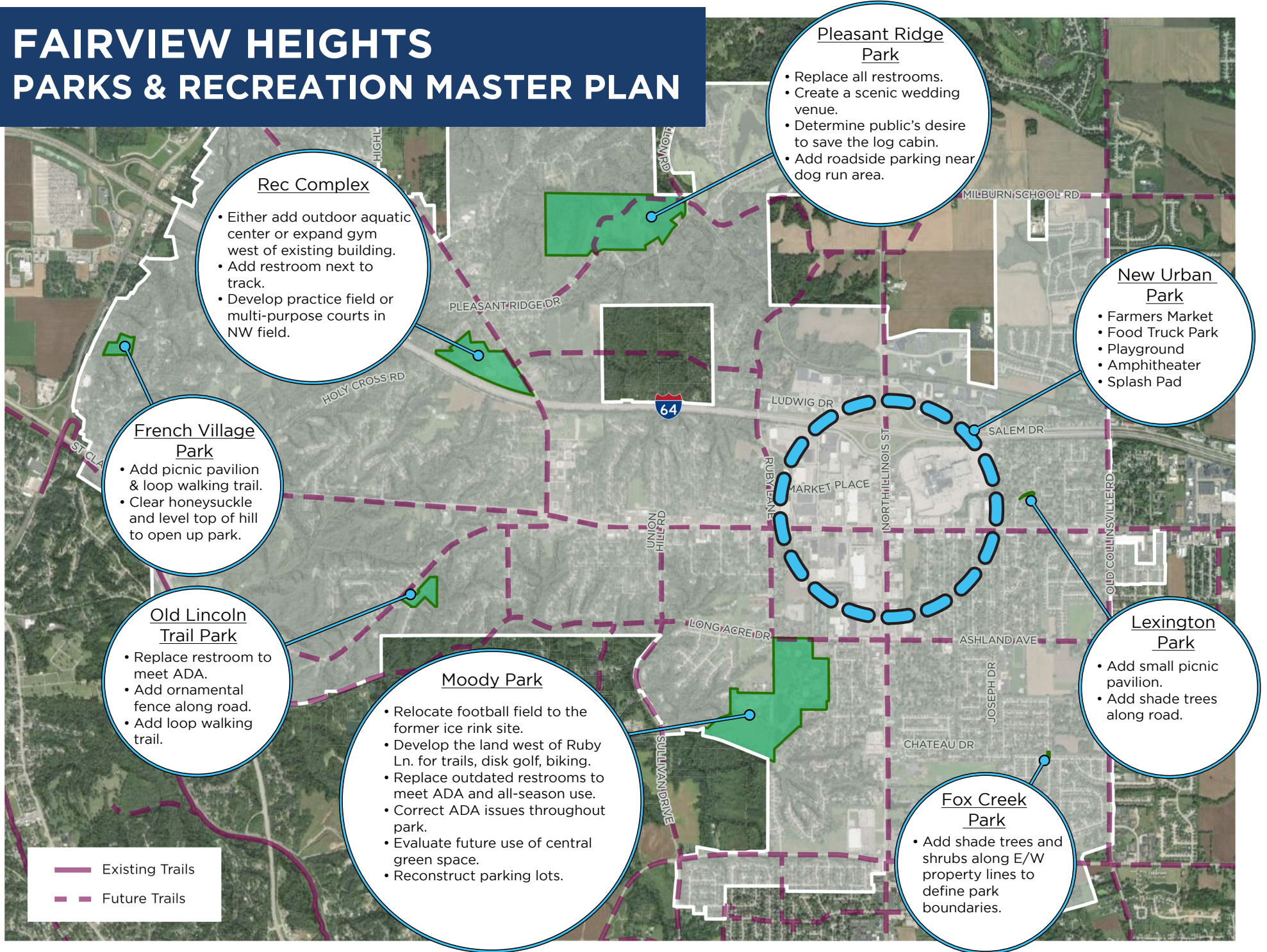
the future. Note that the Priority Projects are not listed in priority order and that any priority project may be pre-empted by a strategic land acquisition opportunity. The Mid Term project list includes projects anticipated to occur between years 2026–2030 and these are shown in **Figure 11**. Long Term projects are planned to occur in years 2030–2034 and these are included in **Figure 12**.

PILOT PROJECT

Starting off with one complete, high impact project can increase visibility and community support for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In this strategy, the master plan recommendations are fully implemented at one time, early in the implementation process. The project should be highly visible and increase the recreational

opportunities in the City. This creates tangible results that the community can observe and immediately start to utilize. This can build momentum for the plan and help to recruit champions that will support and advocate for the plan’s full implementation.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



Rec Complex

- Either add outdoor aquatic center or expand gym west of existing building.
- Add restroom next to track.
- Develop practice field or multi-purpose courts in NW field.

French Village Park

- Add picnic pavilion & loop walking trail.
- Clear honeysuckle and level top of hill to open up park.

Old Lincoln Trail Park

- Replace restroom to meet ADA.
- Add ornamental fence along road.
- Add loop walking trail.

Moody Park

- Relocate football field to the former ice rink site.
- Develop the land west of Ruby Ln. for trails, disk golf, biking.
- Replace outdated restrooms to meet ADA and all-season use.
- Correct ADA issues throughout park.
- Evaluate future use of central green space.
- Reconstruct parking lots.

Pleasant Ridge Park

- Replace all restrooms.
- Create a scenic wedding venue.
- Determine public's desire to save the log cabin.
- Add roadside parking near dog run area.

New Urban Park

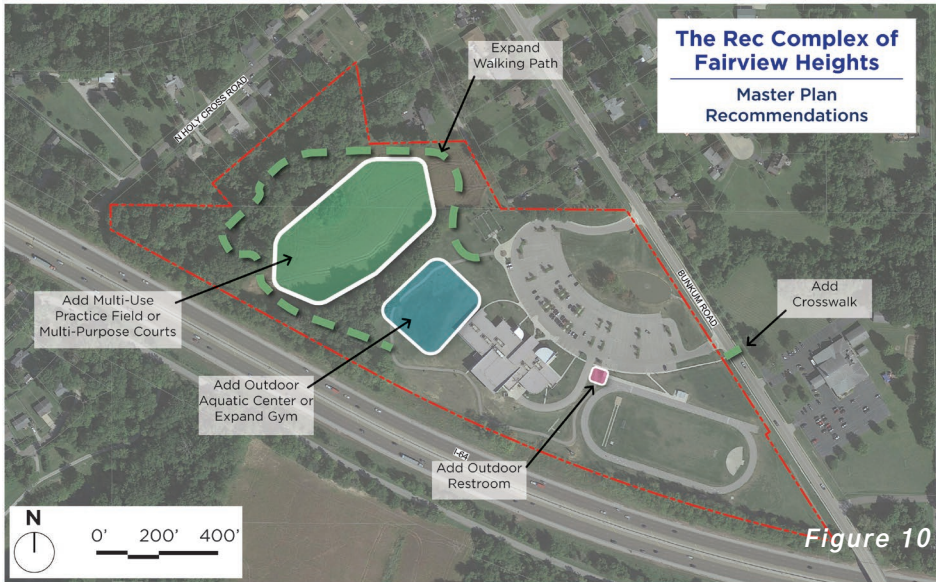
- Farmers Market
- Food Truck Park
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Splash Pad

Lexington Park

- Add small picnic pavilion.
- Add shade trees along road.

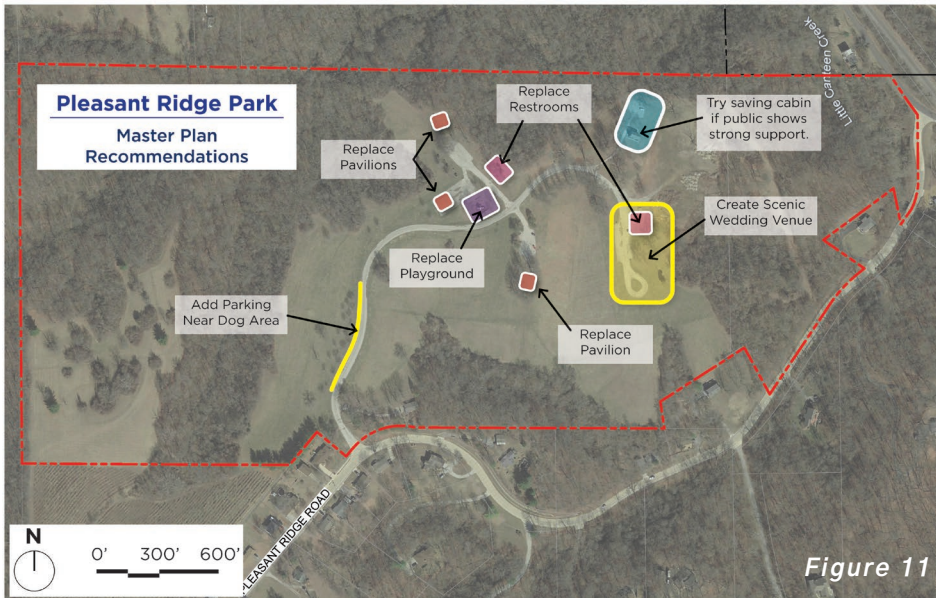
Fox Creek Park

- Add shade trees and shrubs along E/W property lines to define park boundaries.



THE REC COMPLEX BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 10

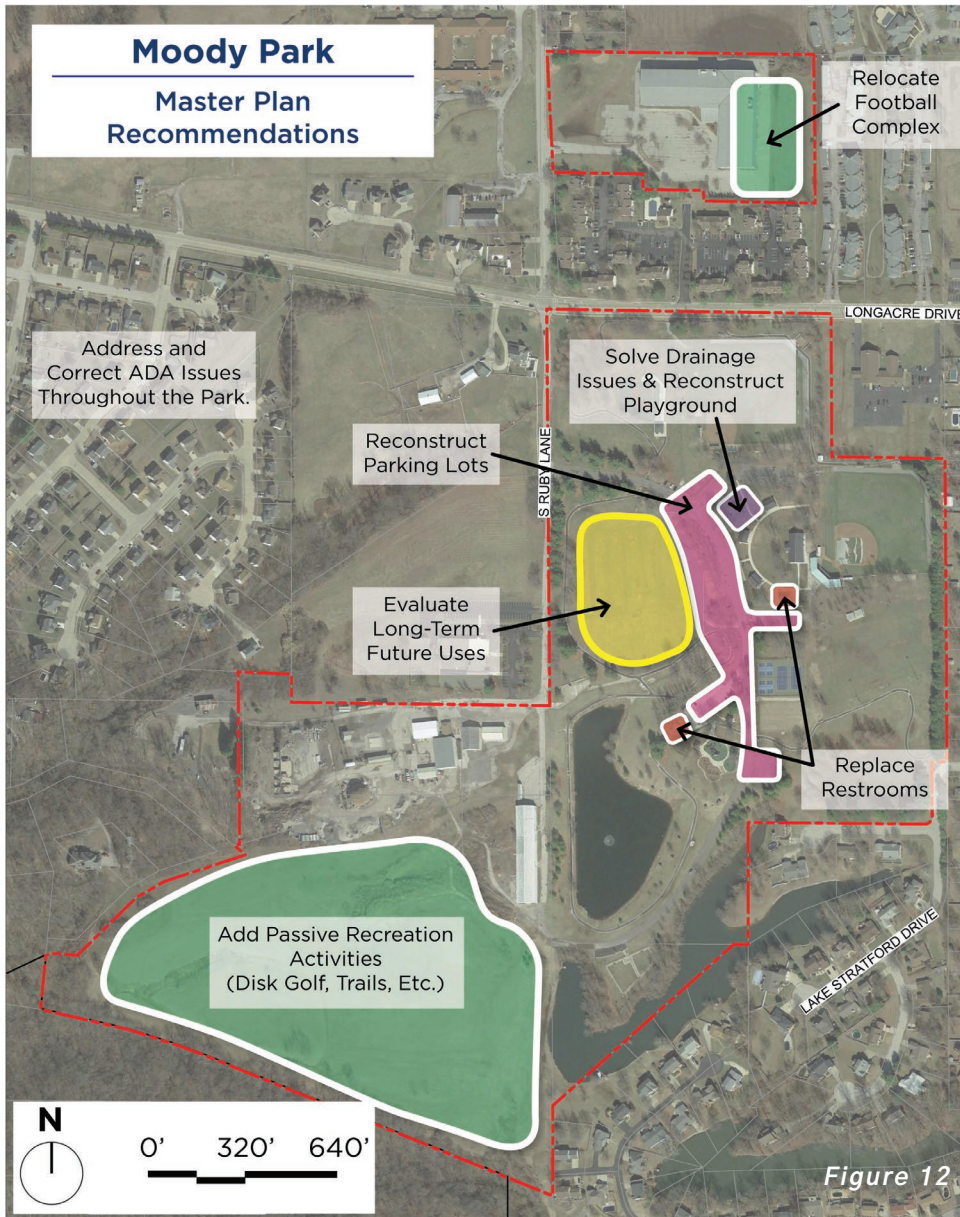
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
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| Add Gym | \$2 Mil-\$2.5 Mil |
| Add Aquatic Center | \$5 Mil-\$6.5 Mil |
| Add restroom next to track | \$200K-\$250K |
| Develop Practice Field or multi-purpose courts | \$650K-\$750K |
| Add crosswalk (No signalization) | \$18K-\$25K |
| Expand walking path | \$170K-\$190K |
| Pickleball Courts (3) w/Shade | \$150K |



PLEASANT RIDGE PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 11

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|--|-------------------------|
| Replace all restrooms (2) | \$700K-\$850K |
| Replace all pavilions (3) | \$750K-\$900K |
| Create scenic wedding venue | \$500K-\$550K |
| Log cabin preservation (exterior only) | \$350K-\$400K |
| Roadside parking near dog run | \$40K-\$65K |
| Replace playground | \$400K-\$475K |

NOTE: THESE ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE A 20% CONTINGENCY OR 15% DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FEES ON TOP OF THE COSTS PLUS CONTINGENCY.



MOODY PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 12

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|---|-------------------------|
| Prepare ADA Compliance Report to correct ADA issues throughout park | \$25-\$30K |
| Replace all restrooms (2) | \$700K-\$850K |
| Pickleball Courts (3) w/Shade Patio | \$150K |
| Solve drainage problems and reconstruct small playground | \$350K-\$400K |
| Reconstruct parking lots (2) | \$190K-\$220K |
| Evaluate future use of central green space site plan | \$25K-\$30K |
| Football field relocation to ice rink site plan | \$20-\$30K |
| Moody Plus/Ruby Lane west area site plan | \$25-\$35K |
| Park Maintenance & Public Works Secure Compound (Phased) | \$600K-\$700K |

NEW URBAN PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|---|-------------------------|
| Community City Center/Farmers Market/Food Truck | \$5 Mil-\$6.5 Mil. |
| Destination & Multi-Generational Playground | \$750-\$1.0 Mil. |
| Amphitheater | \$750-\$1.0 Mil. |
| Splash Pad | \$650K-\$780K |

FOX CREEK PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|---|-------------------------|
| Add shade trees along E/W property Line | < \$5K |

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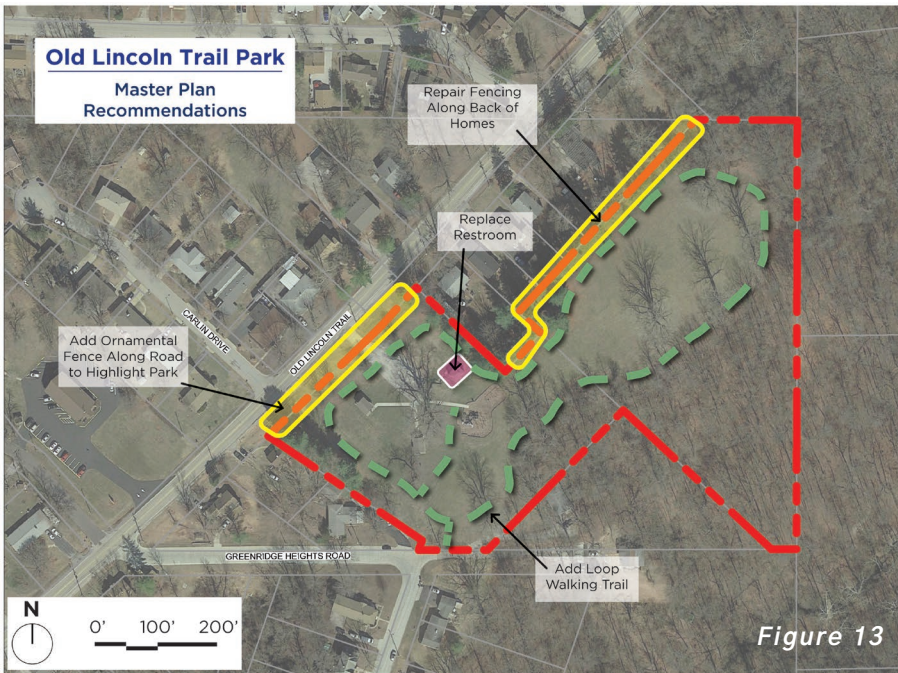


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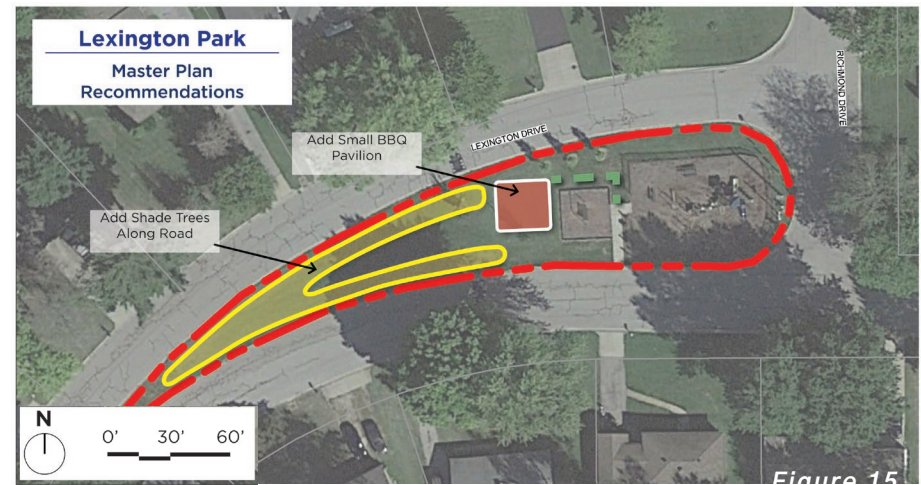


Figure 15

OLD LINCOLN TRAIL PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 13

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Replace restroom to meet ADA | \$350-\$425K |
| Repair fence along back of homes | \$25-\$30K |
| Add ornamental Fence along road | \$25-\$30K |
| Add loop walking trail | \$195K-\$220K |

FRENCH VILLAGE PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 14

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|---|-------------------------|
| Add small picnic pavilion | \$65-\$70K |
| Add loop walking trail | \$150K-\$200K |
| Clear Honeysuckle and level top of hill | \$125K-\$155K |

LEXINGTON PARK BUDGET ESTIMATES FIGURE 15

| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Add small picnic pavilion | \$70-\$75K |
| Add shade trees along road | < \$5K |



Figure 14

NOTE: THESE ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE A 20% CONTINGENCY OR 15% DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FEES ON TOP OF THE COSTS PLUS CONTINGENCY.

COMMENTS

Suggestions: survey local teachers to help assess which needs are present in the youth population. Then, link this up with educational grants to help fulfill local projects and needs - such as community ~~garden~~ gardens.

Safety was not highlighted in the survey or the results - especially pertaining to the city center concept. Scott AFB is what brings my family to the local area. The mall has always been highlighted as an unsafe location, therefore this would be the absolute last place I'd consider for a city center. As a military spouse, I would highlight that quality of life components of safety, schools and housing are always the top 3 at every base. With this being said, if safety/education/affordable, quality housing is not properly highlighted - then the local area development may take a backseat to military looking to live in Fairview Heights, or even when wanting to spend money in the area.

Community/urban gardens - there should be more planning placed into this; especially with regard to the reflection the presentation highlighted with the local area's demographics.

COMMENTS

- Some suggestions that we would like to see in the City
- * Wineery
 - * New Dog Bark made for really small dogs ^{or update existing one.}
 - * Turn the mall area into an outside mall
 - * Amphitheater / Convention Center
 - * Consider turning Charles Garden into a park area
 - * Golf Course
 - * ~~Take~~ down the Log Cabin @ Pleasant Park, don't use taxpayers money to restore it
 - * Add a Sauna to the Rec
 - * Add an outdoor pool for residents only & if it's extended to ~~the~~ outside residents, increase the fee
- I enjoyed the presentation by the Architects. They brought some great ideas in the meeting, but we need to consider what can we do to attract Revenue in the City; and ~~do~~ something for Senior Citizens to do.



SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: August 18, 2022 5:00-7:00 pm
 Meeting Topic: **Public Town Hall Meeting #2**
 Project: Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan
 Location: The Rec Complex of Fairview Heights, Holland Room

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APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

Fariview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Moody Park

525 South Ruby Lane

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/4/22

Prepared by: JOHN PRATT, SCOTT MILLER & NICK CORREALE

3B
Pink - MJ notes

Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots

| Road Name | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|-----------|---------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
| Mary Pkwy | 6 miles | | Asph | A B C D | |
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| Bridge | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|--------|----------|
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| # of Parking Lot Spaces | Material | Rating | Comments |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 180 x 110 | Oil & Chip | A B C D | First parking lot. |
| 104 x 64 | " | A B C D | North Field parking lots. |
| 200 x 100 | " | A B C D | Parking lot next to Knott |
| 320 x 70 | " | A B C D | 140 x 64 |
| 140 x 64 | " | A B C D | main Bathroom parking lot |
| 160 x 70 | " | A B C D | Playground parking lot |
| 130 x 88 | Oil & Chip | A B C D | Volleyball parking lot |

| Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC. | Length | Avg. Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|--|--------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|
| | 650 | 8' | CONCRETE | A B C D | PERIMETER WALKS |
| | 45' | 145' | PERIMETER | A B C D | Playgrounds |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Restroom Name: Main 2R | Size: 32 x 24 | Rating: A B C D | |
| Wall Material: Block + wood siding | | Rating: A B C D | |
| Roof Material: asphalt shingles | | Rating: A B C D | |
| # of Toilets: 10 | # of Urinals: 4 | # of Sinks: 2 | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Restroom Name: #2 next to playground | Size: 36 x 24 | Rating: A B C D | |
| Wall Material: Block + wood siding | | Rating: A B C D | |
| Roof Material: shingles | | Rating: A B C D | |
| # of Toilets: 6 | # of Urinals: 2 | # of Sinks: 2 | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | | |
| Other: aeration | | | |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces: 1 | | Rating: A B C D | 2 slides |

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|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| # of 2-5 Age Structures: 1 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures: 1 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface: 1100 | Material: mulch | Rating: A B C D | | |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces: 3 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of 2-5 Age Structures: 1 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures: 2 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface: 15,200 | Material: wood chips | Rating: A B C D | | |
| Shelter Name: Pavilion 2, 3, 4 | Size: 50 x 35 | Material: metal | Rating: A B C D | |
| Shelter Name: Pavilion 1 | Size: 20 x 20 | Material: " | Rating: A B C D | |
| Shelter Name: Pavilion 5 | Size: 100 x 50 | Material: " | Rating: A B C D | |
| Trail Name: Trail | Length: 100m | Width: 2m | Material: dirt | Rating: A B C D |
| Trail Name: Trail | Length: | Width: | Material: | Rating: A B C D |
| Trail Name: Trail | Length: | Width: | Material: | Rating: A B C D |
| Trail Name: Trail | Length: 1.5 miles | Width: | Material: | Rating: A B C D |
| Other | | | | |
| # of Basketball Courts: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Ball Diamonds: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Football/Soccer Fields: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Tennis Courts: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Tennis Courts-Lighted: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Pickleball Courts: 4 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Volleyball Courts: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Campsites: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Historical Sites: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Monuments/Flagpoles: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Horseshoe Pits: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Archery Ranges: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Exercise/Fitness Sites: 0 | # of Stations: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | |
| # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes): 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes): 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Dog Parks: 1 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| ac. Of Lakes/Ponds: 3 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Fishing Docks: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Boat Ramps: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of River Access Sites: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Picnic Sites: 7 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Cricket Pitch: 0 | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| # of Entrance Signs: 1 | Location: | Rating: A B C D | | |
| # of Entrance Signs: 1 | Location: | Rating: A B C D | | |
| # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards: 1 | Location: | Rating: A B C D | | |
| Qty. Facility Other: | Rating: A B C D | | | |
| Qty. Facility Other: | Rating: A B C D | | | |

Moody

Add re place bridge
Add culvert / Add culvert
Impound area
Near flat brid

Dog Park parking
Asphalt

Miracle Field - Add shade

PERIMETER CONDITION - NEED NEW SLABS
GUARD AND FENCES

NEW SURFACE 20 YEARS AGO. BUILD NEXT
TO VOLLEYBALL COURTS SO SOME BOWNS CAN COUNTS

PARKING COLL BE AS ISSUE WITH
WRONG GRADE OF SAND
REPLACE VOLLEYBALL POSTS/NETS

Pickleball - windscreens

" " - edge buckled
" " - Add shelter/shade
aired by
Tennis/Pickleball
PICNIC

OLD WOOD CONSTRUCTION

TREES NEED TO GO

REPLACE w/ digital signs planned
NEED NEW ELECTRIC MARQUEES

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

| Qty. | Facility | Other | A | B | C | D |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Maintenance | | | | | | |
| Maint. Building Name | Cushman Shed | Size 16 x 16 | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | Wood | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | Sheet Metal | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size | X | | A | B | C | D |
| Maint. Building Name | Big Shed | Size 320 x 60 | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | Sheet Metal | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | Sheet Metal | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size | X | | A | B | C | D |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size X | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size | X | | A | B | C | D |

Moody

Moody

Improvements Required THIS PARK HAS THE MOST ACTIVITY, PARKING IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES IN THE PARK. 2 OF THE BATHROOMS ARE OLD AND OUTDATED, SHOULD BE LOOKED AT FOR REPLACEMENT. ELECTRICAL MANAGE FOOTBALL SCORE BOARD

PLAYGROUND NEEDS NEW MATTING LIGHTING, LIGHTING AND LIGHTING - INCREASE SECURITY THE TRAIL HAS BECOME A PLACE FOR BEEN TO LISTEN, WITH THAT HAS COME OTHER ISSUES. FOOTBALL OUTLETS ARE FOUND, ALSO NO PUBLIC FACILITIES, CAUSES CONFLICT IN PARK

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments
- ASPHALT PARKING LOT, CURBS, LIGHTING AND DRAINAGE WOULD MAKE FUN

⊙ A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ON THE PARK - CONSIDER LAYOUT CHANGE IN BATHROOM PLANS. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT MANY PEOPLE AND HOW PARKING TO HANDLE THE VOLUME OF PEOPLE. WE

ALSO HAVE CLOSE TO A 30 A FIELD BEHIND THE MAINTENANCE AREAS THAT IS UNUSED. THE LARGE GRASS FIELD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK IS USED FOR PARKING, FOR A FESTIVAL, BUT RELATIVELY UNUSED OTHER

TIMES OF THE YEAR - WHAT IS THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A PLAYGROUND. THIS PLAYGROUND IS THE NEWEST IN THE CITY BUT ALSO THE BUSIEST. NOT ONLY IT BEING REPLACED,

BUT WHAT IS A REALITY LIFE OF A PLAYGROUND THAT IS UNDER ESTIMATED HEAVILY USE ALL THE TIME. GET RID OF MULCH IN SWIRLS AREA AND INSTALL MAT, TO HEAVY OF USE AND TO HAVE QUALITY FALL PROTECTION

UPDATE PLINK TABLES / SINGLE SHEDS IN THE PARK. NORTH BASEBALL FIELD DOES NOT SEE MUCH USE THESE DAYS, CONSIDER

OPTIONS FOR THE SITE. EVALUATE HONEYSUCKLE AND YEW TREES, WOULD COME UP WITH A PLAN TO INTRODUCE NATIVE SPECIES (TREES) TO THE PARK

CONSIDER REMAINING ALL PEAR TREES AS THEY HAVE BECOME AN INVASIVE SPECIES

WALKING TRAIL WAS BUILT OVER LIMESTONE (CRUSHED) BASE. OFTEN WASHES OUT DURING HEAVY RAIN. COULD USE DRAINAGE AND (GROUT) LOCATES, WOOD BURNERS OVER IRON PIPES NEED REPLACED

BIGGEST ATTRACTIONS TO THE PARK - WALKING TRAIL, PLAYGROUND, PICKER BARN, VOLLEYBALL, PAVILIONS AND SINGLE SHEDS AND THE BATHROOMS.

THE BATHROOMS THE PLAYGROUND IS NOT HEATED, SO IT IS WINTERIZED EARLY WINTER, THIS IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST VOLUME AREAS IN THE PARK ON A DAILY BASIS. HEAT OR REPLACE WITH A HEATED BATHROOM.

- PAVILION 5 DOES NOT HAVE SIDEWALKS CONNECTING IT TO THE MAIN DRIVE

REPLACE BY NATIVE SPECIES

Improvements Required

Tree Trimming/ Removal Plan - Slowly remove gumball & Bradford Trees during winter months.

Wood Buildings - Trim w/ mallet

Tennis Area - ADA Entry

Pickleball - Paint light poles - rusted
Tennis - power wash courts

Drainage - fields attention

ADA - Pathways to bleachers
" " to fields

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

Do you use concession by field #5?

Small playground - remove to a better location
drainage - poor

Upgrade/replace lights fields

Turf Football field

Move Bike Rack by Loxson field

Learn Hole in odd location

Why no Fishing in lake

Goose Mitigation Plan -
Add tall grass

Why no Fishing Lake?

Dog Park - NO ADA parking
Add an area for large dogs
Shade structure
No water or more

Parks/ Public Works Compound - enclosed
w/ fence & gates

Develop Tree Plan for the City & Parks -

airview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Pleasant Ridge Park

401 Pleasant Ridge Road

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/4/22 Prepared by: Jarin Proctor, Scott Miller & Nick Cornwell

Pink Notes MT

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Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots

| Road Name | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|----------------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
| Pleasant Ridge | 1.1 Miles | 25' | Asp | A B C D | |

| Bridge | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
| | | | | A B C D | |

| # of Parking Lot Spaces | Dimensions | Material | Rating | Comments |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 100 x 60' | Oil chip | A B C D | Position 3 & 4 parking lot | |
| 50 x 20 | " " | A B C D | Position 2 parking lot | |
| 30 x 100 | " " | A B C D | Main RR location 1 parking lot | |
| 54 x 54 | " " | A B C D | Log Cabin parking | |

Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC.

| Length | Avg. Width | Material | Rating |
|--------|------------|----------|---------|
| | | | A B C D |

Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters

| Restroom Name | Size | Rating | Comments |
|---------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Wood ballroom | 20 x 20 | A B C D | Replace w/ ADA Restroom Heated |

| Restroom Name | Size | Rating | Comments |
|---------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|
| Main RR | 32 x 14 | A B C D | Replaced w/ ADA Restroom |

Total # of Play Area Pieces 3 A B C D 4 slides, 1 lounge slide rail 1 bounce?

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of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface 541154 Material metal A B C D

P.R.

Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ A B C D
 # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ A B C D

Shelter Name Quillion 4 Size 50 X 40 Material metal A B C D
 Shelter Name " 3 Size 36 X 36 Material wood A B C D
 Shelter Name " 2 Size 30 X 44 Material wood A B C D
 Shelter Name " 1 Size 30 X 25 Material wood A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Other

- # of Basketball Courts _____ A B C D
- # of Ball Diamonds _____ A B C D
- # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted _____ A B C D
- # of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ A B C D
- # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ A B C D
- # of Tennis Courts _____ A B C D
- # of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ A B C D
- # of Pickleball Courts _____ A B C D
- # of Volleyball Courts _____ A B C D
- # of Campsites _____ A B C D
- # of Historical Sites _____ A B C D
- # of Monuments/Flagpoles _____ A B C D
- # of Horseshoe Pits _____ A B C D
- # of Archery Ranges _____ A B C D
- # of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations _____ A B C D
- # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ A B C D
- # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ A B C D
- # of Dog Parks _____ A B C D
- ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ A B C D
- # of Fishing Docks _____ A B C D
- # of Boat Ramps _____ A B C D
- # of River Access Sites _____ A B C D
- # of Picnic Sites _____ A B C D
- # of Cricket Pitch _____ A B C D
- # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ A B C D
- # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ A B C D
- # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ A B C D

LOG CABIN - RAISING CIEL - NEED WORK
FRAGILE IN THE BACK OF THE CABIN. FLOOR DOES NOT RAISE & LOWER

5 ACRES WOULD THAT ALLOWS TO GET OFF LEASH

PICNIC TABLE ALONG ROAD

Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D
 Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D

Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D

P.R.

Maintenance

Storage Building Name Rec. Shed by Riv 1 Size 15 X 12 A B C D
 Wall Material asphalt shingles wood A B C D
 Roof Material asphalt shingles A B C D
 Storage Building Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Lean To Structure Log Cabin Size 34 X 16 A B C D
 Wall Material logs A B C D
 Roof Material cedar shingles A B C D
 Yard Size _____ X _____ A B C D

Maint. Building Name Fault shed Size 48 X 30 A B C D
 Wall Material wood A B C D
 Roof Material asphalt shingle A B C D
 Storage Building Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Lean To Structure _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Yard Size _____ X _____ A B C D

Maint. Building Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Storage Building Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Lean To Structure _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Yard Size _____ X _____ A B C D

Improvements Required

DOG AREA - FIGHT WITH THE FIVE ACRE FIELD ON THE LEFT AS USED BY
PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LET THEIR DOGS OFF LEASH. DOGS HAVE CAUSED MUCH
CONFLICT WITH USERS OF THE AREA

PR

- PARK NEEDS ENTIRE REDESIGN - AGED PAVILION & BATHROOMS
DOG PARK OR DEFINED DOG AREA THAT CUTS DOWN ON THE CONFLICT
OF DOGS AND OTHER PARK USERS. REPAIR OR ELIMINATION OF
THE CABIN
TRAIL THROUGH THIS WOODS THAT NEED MAJOR ATTENTION,
WASH DOTS, EROSION, AND GROUND HONEY SUCKLE AT TIMES.
PLAYGROUND COULD USE AN OVERHAUL AS WELL

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

THIS PARK WAS ACQUIRED WITH THE INTENTION THAT IT WOULD
ALWAYS REMAIN SOMEWHAT OF A NATURAL PARK. MY UNDERSTANDING
IS PRIMITIVE BATHROOMS AND REPAIRING A PLAYGROUND ARE OKAY, BUT
I DON'T THINK ATHLETIC FIELDS.
THERE ARE ANOTHER 3 ACRES THAT ARE MOWED BUT NOT
EASILY ACCESSIBLE. IF A REDESIGN OF THE PARK WERE
TO BE DONE, IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THIS BECOME MORE
ACCESSIBLE. AGING FACILITIES AND DOG USAGE ARE THE
TWO BIGGEST ISSUES IN THIS PARK

MJ notes P. Ridge

Improvements Required

Cover wooded small structures w/metal
Base poles raw. Need to replace or reinforce
Pav - additional space for ADA access
ADA Picnic tables in some -
ADA Pathways to All pavilions
Add two nice Gazebos - Wedding Venue
Areas for pop up tents for small/med reception
- Add fire pit to pavilion area (2)

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

Remove Playground completely / Replace
Cabin - well - private fundraising to move it.
Add small parking area to trail entrance
near cabin
Remove landfill area & clean-up
great site for a wedding area
Great Park that needs better roads/ asphalt

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Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Rec
9950 Bunkum Rd.
Park Site Condition Assessment Form
Date: 4/5/22 Prepared by: JOHN PROCTOR

MJ Notes

Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

| Rating | Comments |
|--|----------|
| Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots | |
| d | A B C D |
| Road Name <u>THE PARK</u> Length _____ Width _____ Material <u>ASPHALT</u> | A B C D |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces <u>273</u> Material <u>ASPHALT</u> | A B C D |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D |

Parking Lot - Stripes Painted
COULD USE STRIPES + PAINT

| Rating | Comments |
|---|----------|
| Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC. | |
| Length <u>1400</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>CONCRETE</u> | A B C D |
| Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Length <u>90'</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>CONCRETE</u> | A B C D |
| Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |

| Rating | Comments |
|---|----------|
| Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters | |
| Restroom Name _____ Size <u>X</u> | A B C D |
| Wall Material _____ | A B C D |
| Roof Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____ | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | |
| Other _____ | |
| Restroom Name <u>TRUCK STOP WITH SEAT</u> Size <u>5' X 6'</u> | A B C D |
| Wall Material <u>PLASTIC</u> | A B C D |
| Roof Material _____ | A B C D |
| # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____ | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | |
| Other <u>EMERGED WITH VALUUM</u> | |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ | A B C D |

Future - Add of exterior restroom heated

| | |
|--|-----------|
| # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ | A B C D |
| # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size <u>X</u> Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size <u>X</u> Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size <u>X</u> Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name <u>WALKER TRAIL</u> Length <u>6 miles</u> Width <u>8'</u> Material <u>ASPHALT</u> | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| <u>1 CLIP AND CLAMP - 7 STATIONS (A)</u> | (A) |
| Other <u>1 INDOOR TRAIL</u> | (A) |
| <u>2</u> # of Basketball Courts | (A) B C D |
| # of Ball Diamonds _____ | A B C D |
| # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted _____ | A B C D |
| # of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ | A B C D |
| # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ | A B C D |
| # of Tennis Courts _____ | A B C D |
| # of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ | A B C D |
| <u>4</u> # of Pickleball Courts <u>SET UP ON BASKETBALL</u> | (A) B C D |
| <u>2</u> # of Volleyball Courts <u>ON RECREATION COURT</u> | A B C D |
| # of Campsites _____ | A B C D |
| # of Historical Sites _____ | A B C D |
| <u>3</u> # of Monuments/Flagpoles | (A) B C D |
| # of Horseshoe Pits _____ | A B C D |
| # of Archery Ranges _____ | A B C D |
| # of Exercise/Fitness Sites <u>50</u> # of Stations | (A) B C D |
| # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ | A B C D |
| # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ | A B C D |
| # of Dog Parks _____ | (A) B C D |
| ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ | A B C D |
| # of Fishing Docks _____ | A B C D |
| # of Boat Ramps _____ | A B C D |
| # of River Access Sites _____ | A B C D |
| # of Picnic Sites _____ | A B C D |
| # of Cricket Pitch _____ | A B C D |
| <u>1</u> REC ROOM w/ POOL TABLES + TABLE TENNIS | (A) |
| # of Entrance Signs <u>NORTH ENTRANCE</u> Location | (A) B C D |
| # of Entrance Signs _____ Location | A B C D |
| # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ | A B C D |
| <u>1</u> Qty. <u>TRACK</u> Facility <u>TRAMP JUMP</u> Other | (A) B C D |
| Qty. _____ Facility <u>DISCUS</u> Other | A B C D |

SLIDE, RIO AREA/2000 ENTRY JUNCTION LAST RIVER

GOOD CONDITION, COVER USE W/SEEN TO INTRODUCE FUNGAL PROPERTIES FOR GROWS GRANT SCHOOL THE REC PROGRAMS, MILITARY TRAINING, AND RESIDENTS USE THIS ON TO REPAIR ISSUES

WEIGHT ROOM

VERY SMALL BUT DOES SERVE USE ADD SHADE/BENCHES - my ADA ACCESS

Add small picnic sites

ELECTRIC MARQUEE

GRANT SCHOOL USES THE TRACK TO HOST SCHOOL TRACK

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESMENT SHEETS

Maintenance

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Maint. Building Name | <u>TRUCK SHED</u> | Size | <u>18' x 20'</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Storage Building Name | <u>TRUCK SHED</u> | Size | <u>8' x 20'</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Yard Size | <u>X</u> | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------|----------|---|---|---|---|
| Maint. Building Name | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Storage Building Name | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Yard Size | <u>X</u> | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------|----------|---|---|---|---|
| Maint. Building Name | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Storage Building Name | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | | | | | |
| Roof Material | | | | | | | |
| Yard Size | <u>X</u> | | | | | | |

Improvements Required

NEWER FACILITY. PARKING LOT AND TRAIL NEED SEALED + GRIPPED

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

OFTEN MOST EVENTS OUTSIDE REGULAR HAVE PORTABLE RESTROOMS
INSTEAD OF PERMANENT OUTDOOR RESTROOM FACILITIES MIGHT BE NICE
BETWEEN SUMMER CAMPS AND THE REGULAR OUTDOOR USE AN OUTDOOR
TOILET WOULD LIKELY GET USED.

LARGE LEVEL FIELD ON NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING WOULD
BE NICE TO SEE THIS AREA HAVE A PURPOSE / BOUNDRY / BREATHER
SINCE THERE IS A BUILDING EXPANSION PLAN THAT COULD USE THIS
SPACE

Add - gym with addition 2 Basketball CTS / Volleyball
or 4 Pickleball

Add second entrance for program only

Correct entrance into facade - TOO OPEN!

Some just slip through the check-in area

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

1A

Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Pleasant Ridge Park THE ICE PINK
 401 Pleasant Ridge Road 125 S RUSBY W, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
 Park Site Condition Assessment Form
 Date: 4/6/22 Prepared by: John Preston

Pink - MJ's Notes

Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots 2 10 Acre Property

d Rating A B C D Comments _____
 Road Name ICE COMPLEX Length 300' Width 30' Material ASPHALT A B C D
 Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

of Parking Lot Spaces 2 AREAS Material ASPHALT A B C D Current parking lot covers about
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D 2 AREAS ON THE PROPERTY. SWIMMING
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D TO BE RAISED THIS YEAR. WILL
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D NOT HAVE AS BIG OF LOT WHEN COMPLETE.
 # of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D

Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC.

Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters

Restroom Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____
 Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____
 Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____
 Other _____
 Restroom Name _____ Size _____ X _____ A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____
 Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____
 Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____
 Other _____

Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ A B C D

of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ A B C D
 # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Other

of Basketball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Ball Diamonds _____ A B C D
 # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ A B C D
 # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Tennis Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Pickleball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Volleyball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Campsites _____ A B C D
 # of Historical Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Monuments/Flagpoles _____ A B C D
 # of Horseshoe Pits _____ A B C D
 # of Archery Ranges _____ A B C D
 # of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations _____ A B C D
 # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ A B C D
 # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ A B C D
 # of Dog Parks _____ A B C D
 ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ A B C D
 # of Fishing Docks _____ A B C D
 # of Boat Ramps _____ A B C D
 # of River Access Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Picnic Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Cricket Pitch _____ A B C D
 # of Entrance Signs WEST SIDE OF LOT Location _____ A B C D
 # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ A B C D
 # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ A B C D

2 Qty. ICE PINK Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D
 Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D
CONDEMNED - SCHEDULED TO BE REMOVED

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

| Qty. | Facility | Other | A | B | C | D |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|---|---|---|---|
| Maintenance | | | | | | |
| Maint. Building Name | Ice rink | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Storage Building Name | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Yard Size | X | | | A | B | C |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Storage Building Name | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Yard Size | X | | | A | B | C |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Storage Building Name | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Lean To Structure | | Size | X | A | B | C |
| Wall Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Roof Material | | | | A | B | C |
| Yard Size | X | | | A | B | C |

Possible Lacrosse SITE
 Possible Field Site -
 3 Football Teams may SHARE

Must be funding for removal?

Complete tear-down
 SITE: WATER
 Electrical
 SEWER ON SITE

Improvements Required

BUILDING TO BE REMOVED

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

SEVERAL IDEAS FOR PROPERTY

- PRACTICE FACILITY FOR FALCONS FOOTBALL, MAYBE EVEN HAVE GAMES AT LOCATION SOME DAY
- PARKING FOR FESTIVALS
- DRY PANK, ~~PAVILIONS AND RESTROOMS~~
- HAS SEVERAL SMALL AREAS THAT ARE CALLED DRY PANKS BUT LACKS A FULL SCALE FENCED IN DRY PANK
- PAVILIONS & SINGLE SHELTERS, PEOPLE DO LIKE TO HAVE A PLACE TO HANG UP AND EAT ON HANG OUT

CONSIDERATIONS:

- RESTROOMS?
- LIGHTING?
- DISTURBANCE OF NEIGHBORS

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Old Lincoln Trail Park

9800 Old Lincoln Trail

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/7/22 Prepared by: John Proctor

MJ's Notes
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Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

| Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots | Rating | Comments |
|---|---------|----------|
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces <u>50x100'</u> Material <u>CHIP</u> | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |

| Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC. | Rating | Comments |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Length <u>60'</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>CONCRETE</u> | A B C D | To BATH ROOM |
| Length <u>75'</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>"</u> | A B C D | To PLAY GROUND |
| Length <u>50'</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>"</u> | A B C D | To PAVILION 2 |
| Length <u>50'</u> Avg. Width <u>5'</u> Material <u>"</u> | A B C D | To PAVILION 1 |

| Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters | Rating | Comments |
|---|---------|------------------|
| Restroom Name <u>BATHROOM</u> Size <u>16' x 22'</u> | A B C D | ADA - NON |
| Wall Material <u>WOOD</u> | A B C D | |
| Roof Material <u>SHINGLE</u> | A B C D | |
| # of Toilets <u>2</u> # of Urinals <u>1</u> # of Sinks <u>2</u> | | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | |
| Other _____ | | |
| Restroom Name _____ Size _____ X _____ | A B C D | |
| Wall Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Roof Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____ | | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | |
| Other _____ | | |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces <u>2</u> | A B C D | |

| | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures <u>2</u> | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface <u>3,000</u> Material <u>WOOD</u> | A B C D Replace material |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ | A B C D |
| # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name <u>PAVILION 1</u> Size <u>20' x 30'</u> Material <u>WOOD</u> | A B C D |
| Shelter Name <u>PAVILION 2</u> Size <u>20' x 30'</u> Material <u>WOOD</u> | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name <u>1</u> Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |

| Other | Rating | Comments |
|---|---------|--|
| # of Basketball Courts <u>1</u> | A B C D | |
| # of Ball Diamonds <u>1</u> | A B C D | BACK STOP IN FIELD NOT A GAME FIELD, JUST FOR PLAY AND PRACTICE |
| # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted <u>1</u> | A B C D | |
| # of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Tennis Courts _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Pickleball Courts _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Volleyball Courts _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Campsites _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Historical Sites _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Monuments/Flagpoles _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Horseshoe Pits _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Archery Ranges _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Dog Parks _____ | A B C D | |
| ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Fishing Docks _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Boat Ramps _____ | A B C D | |
| # of River Access Sites _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Picnic Sites _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Cricket Pitch _____ | A B C D | |
| <u>1</u> # of Entrance Signs <u>ROAD</u> Location _____ | A B C D | WOOD SIGN @ FRONT OF PARK |
| # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ | A B C D | Replace entrance sign & TURN |
| Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ | A B C D | |
| Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ | A B C D | |

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

| Qty. | Facility | Other | A | B | C | D |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Maintenance | | | | | | |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size <u>X</u> | | | A | B | C | D |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size <u>X</u> | | | A | B | C | D |
| Maint. Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Storage Building Name | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Lean To Structure | | Size <u>X</u> | A | B | C | D |
| Wall Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Roof Material | | | A | B | C | D |
| Yard Size <u>X</u> | | | A | B | C | D |

Improvements Required

*Overall the park is in good condition by the time
at persons ridge
Renovations are complete this park will be due for update
Renovations Ballns, Background + Bathroom*

WOOD/PIE FENCE AROUND PARK IS IN POOR CONDITION - REMOVE OR REPLACE

Old Lincoln

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

*DETERMINE A PURPOSE FOR THE PARK LOCATED IN
A PART OF TOWN IT WILL ATTRACT SOME PEOPLE BUT
NOT LARGE CROWDS*

*MJ - Tree Work Needed
Park looks shabby but
could be a cute park.*

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Fox Creek Mini Park

823 Columbia Ave

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/17/22 Prepared by: John Preston

GB

Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

| | Rating | Comments |
|---|---------|--------------------------|
| Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots | | |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC. | | |
| → Length <u>175'</u> Avg. Width <u>4'</u> Material <u>CONCRETE</u> | A B C D | |
| Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters | | |
| Restroom Name _____ Size _____ X _____ | A B C D | |
| Wall Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Roof Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____ | | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____ | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____ | | |
| Other _____ | | |
| Restroom Name _____ Size _____ X _____ | A B C D | |
| Wall Material _____ | A B C D | |
| Roof Material _____ | A B C D | |
| # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____ | | |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____ | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____ | | |
| Other _____ | | |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ | A B C D | <u>Needs improvement</u> |

| | |
|---|---------|
| # of 2-5 Age Structures <u>0</u> | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures <u>1</u> | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface <u>2000</u> Material <u>MULCH</u> | A B C D |
| Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ | A B C D |
| # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ | A B C D |
| Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Shelter Name _____ Size _____ X _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ | A B C D |
| Other | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Basketball Courts | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Ball Diamonds | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Football/ Soccer Fields | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Tennis Courts | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Tennis Courts-Lighted | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Pickleball Courts | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Volleyball Courts | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Campsites | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Historical Sites | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Monuments/Flagpoles | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Horseshoe Pits | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Archery Ranges | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Dog Parks | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ac. Of Lakes/Ponds | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Fishing Docks | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Boat Ramps | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of River Access Sites | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Picnic Sites | A B C D |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # of Cricket Pitch | A B C D |
| _____ # of Entrance Signs _____ Location | A B C D |
| _____ # of Entrance Signs _____ Location | A B C D |
| _____ # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards | A B C D |
| _____ Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other | A B C D |
| _____ Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other | A B C D |

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESMENT SHEETS

Improvements Required REPLACE WOOD BENCH

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK, KIOSKS TO COME USE THE PARK
QUESTION IF
I ~~THINK~~ WE SHOULD LEAN @ GETTING AWAY FROM THE
MUSIC AND ARTS/VAULT TIME ON FRINGE/GRASS. LOOK AT GETTING
INFO MATTING THAT WILL BE MORE DURABLE AND CONSISTENT
SAFER FOR PAWS.?

Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

French Village Park

1725 Sycamore Park

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/7/22 Prepared by: JOHN PROVEN

5B

D-MJ Needs Imp or Replace SP

Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

Rating Comments

Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots

Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____

Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____

of Parking Lot Spaces 50x120 Material CHIP A B C D _____
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 # of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 # of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____ A B C D _____

Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC.

Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____
 Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____ A B C D _____

Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters

Restroom Name _____ Size X A B C D _____
 Wall Material _____ A B C D _____
 Roof Material _____ A B C D _____
 # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____
 Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____
 Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____
 Other _____

Restroom Name _____ Size X A B C D _____
 Wall Material _____ A B C D _____
 Roof Material _____ A B C D _____
 # of Toilets _____ # of Urinals _____ # of Sinks _____
 Heated/Unheated (circle one) _____
 Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) _____
 Other _____

Total # of Play Area Pieces 1 A B C D _____

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of 2-5 Age Structures 0 A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures 1 A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface 1500 Material MWLLT A B C D

Total # of Play Area Pieces _____ A B C D
 # of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 # of 5-12 Age Structures _____ A B C D
 Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface _____ Material _____ A B C D

Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D
 Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D
 Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D
 Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Other

of Basketball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Ball Diamonds _____ A B C D
 # of Ball Diamonds-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ A B C D
 # of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Tennis Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ A B C D
 # of Pickleball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Volleyball Courts _____ A B C D
 # of Campsites _____ A B C D
 # of Historical Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Monuments/Flagpoles _____ A B C D
 # of Horseshoe Pits _____ A B C D
 # of Archery Ranges _____ A B C D
 # of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations _____ A B C D
 # of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ A B C D
 # of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ A B C D
 # of Dog Parks 1 A B C D
 ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ A B C D
 # of Fishing Docks _____ A B C D
 # of Boat Ramps _____ A B C D
 # of River Access Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Picnic Sites _____ A B C D
 # of Cricket Pitch _____ A B C D

of Entrance Signs Along Street Location _____ A B C D
 # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ A B C D
 # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ A B C D

Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D
 Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D

Add playground safety material

Too Small, Exchange for other dogs

Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D
Maintenance

Maint. Building Name _____ Size X A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Storage Building Name _____ Size X A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Lean To Structure _____ Size X A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Yard Size X A B C D

Maint. Building Name _____ Size X A B C D
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 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Lean To Structure _____ Size X A B C D
 Wall Material _____ A B C D
 Roof Material _____ A B C D
 Yard Size X A B C D

Improvements Required

MS
 Determine Need for this park
 Design/Area - difficult
 ADA - Non

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

Park gets very little use. Dog park gets
 a few people from time to time. Playground gets
 almost no activity.

Fairview Heights Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Lexington Mini Park

1 Richmond Drive

Park Site Condition Assessment Form

Date: 4/6/22

Prepared by: John Proctor

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Rating Guide

A = New/Recent B = Good C = Fair (Needs Repair) D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots

| Road Name | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|-----------|--------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |

| Bridge | Length | Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |

| # of Parking Lot Spaces | Material | Rating | Comments |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| 0 | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |

Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC.

| Length | Avg. Width | Material | Rating | Comments |
|--------|------------|----------|---------|----------|
| 30' | 5' | Concrete | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |

Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters

| Restroom Name | Size | X | Rating | Comments |
|--|--------------|------------|---------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| # of Toilets | # of Urinals | # of Sinks | _____ | _____ |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | | | |
| Other | | | | |

| Restroom Name | Size | X | Rating | Comments |
|--|--------------|------------|---------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | A B C D | _____ |
| # of Toilets | # of Urinals | # of Sinks | _____ | _____ |
| Heated/Unheated (circle one) | | | | |
| Public Sewer / Sewer Plant / Septic (circle one) | | | | |
| Other | | | | |

| Total # of Play Area Pieces | Rating | Comments |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | A B C D | _____ |

APPENDIX | PARK ASSESSMENT SHEETS

MJ

Lex

of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D

of 5-12 Age Structures 1 A B C D

Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface 3000 Material MULCH A B C D

Total # of Play Area Pieces 1 A B C D

of 2-5 Age Structures _____ A B C D

of 5-12 Age Structures 1 A B C D

Sq. Ft. of Safety Surface 625 Material MULCH A B C D *Add Safety Material*

Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D

Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D *Add small cover picnic table*

Shelter Name _____ Size X Material _____ A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Trail Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____ A B C D

Other

of Basketball Courts _____ A B C D

of Ball Diamonds _____ A B C D

of Ball Diamonds-Lighted _____ A B C D

of Football/ Soccer Fields _____ A B C D

of Football/Soccer Fields-Lighted _____ A B C D

of Tennis Courts _____ A B C D

of Tennis Courts-Lighted _____ A B C D

of Pickleball Courts _____ A B C D

of Volleyball Courts _____ A B C D

of Campsites _____ A B C D

of Historical Sites _____ A B C D

of Monuments/Flagpoles _____ A B C D

of Horseshoe Pits _____ A B C D

of Archery Ranges _____ A B C D

of Exercise/Fitness Sites _____ # of Stations _____ A B C D

of Golf Courses (per 18 holes) _____ A B C D

of Disc Golf Course (per 9 holes) _____ A B C D

of Dog Parks _____ A B C D

ac. Of Lakes/Ponds _____ A B C D

of Fishing Docks _____ A B C D

of Boat Ramps _____ A B C D

of River Access Sites _____ A B C D

of Picnic Sites _____ A B C D

of Cricket Pitch _____ A B C D

_____ # of Entrance Signs _____ Location _____ A B C D

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_____ # of Entrance Signs with Message Boards _____ A B C D

_____ Qty. _____ Facility _____ Other _____ A B C D

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Improvements Required

Lex

Other Facility Suggestions/Comments

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUNDS/PARK, FINE FOR
 WHAT IT IS. CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ISLAND WOULD
 INCLUDE PICNIC TABLES AND TABLES. AGAIN THE
 PARK IS NOT HEAVILY USE.

Please list other services and amenities you would like to see added or enhanced.

Nothing I can think of now.

I enjoy the off leash dog park part because there are hills and shade. Have gone a lot less since most of it is on leash only.

Allow leashed dogs in city parks vs just in the enclosed dog park. Include dog obstacle items in dog park. And a dog water fountain is a great bonus.

At Moody Park, some geese are aggressive and will not move off the path. The amount of goose droppings also deter me from choosing to go here. But do love the story walk there.

Walking paths that are wide to easily accommodate two way traffic are always better than narrow paths. Paths around some sort of nature aspect, body of water, trees, flowers, etc., are nice. Benches and pavilions scattered around the park are also appreciated. Also, ample parking is a must. Lastly, I enjoy parks with walking/running a paths that can be individualized by length and route. It keeps it interesting to be able to take a different start and end point, as well as to be able to easily modify going from a longer distance by going one way and a shorter distance by taking another way. Paths where there are set starts and ends with no ability to customize are less appealing.

Hot tub added to aquatic center

Need to add more Art into the community.

Rec plex early afternoon fitness classes for seniors like Silver Sneakers.

Would love to see bike trails and basketball courts

Splash pad in O'Fallon draws my family every summer!

Outdoor basketball courts for those whose families cannot afford the Rec.

Outdoor pool at the REC.

Suggestion Box at the REC.

Well maintained restroom facilities including paper and soap. Police presence for safety.

Can't think of anything else

Water park!!

Events planned for adults after 5pm. Seems bunko / excursions are planned during work hours. Maybe something once a quarter.

Playgrounds at Pleasant Ridge and basketball courts.

I would love to see a bike trail connecting to ofallon!

Outdoor pool

It would be nice to have something like a ninja warrior course park for the older kids and a splash pad for the younger kids.

The park at Pleasant Ridge Could be expanded. Also- the trails labels need to be updated to be able to follow them. If you're not familiar with the trails, it would be easy to get lost.

Open the bathrooms please. We've been going to FH public parks and no one wants to use poratpottys .

Sidewalks to Old Lincoln Trail park would be nice. We don't utilize that park nearly enough because I don't feel it's safe for my kids to get too. We'd have to drive there even though it's within walking distance.

Our kids need safe open spaces to play. I'd like to say Fairview is a safe place but I'm not sure I agree with that anymore. We need to have more people watching out for all the kids. Whether that is neighborhood watches, police patrols, bike patrols.

Link parks by trails/paths.

Enforce leash rules to include walk ways and roads

Work with county to get walking/ bike path on the RR right of way along Ofallon drive.

I would like to see more / larger CONTAINED dog parks. The leashed area at Pleasant Ridge Park is not observed or enforced. My property meets the park and dogs have come into my yard from the woods behaving aggressively. My dog was on a leash right next to me when 2 larger dogs came up to him growling. Their owner did not seem to care. It's not safe for families when people don't control their dogs. I used to walk the nature trails often but have stopped taking my grandchildren on the trails due to the dogs. Also the nature trails need maintenance.

Link parks by trails/paths.

Enforce leash rules to include walk ways and roads

Work with county to get walking/ bike path on the RR right of way along Ofallon drive.

Id like some sort of shade or shelter at the lexington park. Theres just a bench swing with no shelter from the blazing sun for parents to watch kids while they are at the park.

Clean, stocked and safe bathrooms

Nothing additional

More/larger fenced pet areas

More water fountains and hand sanitation stations. Trash cans with dog poop bags because even though dogs aren't "allowed on the trails" they're walked there anyway. Allow leashed dogs on the walking trails. More playgrounds and swingsets. Restrooms open year-round. The last time I took my children to Moody Park, there were so many families at the main playground that it looked like an overflowing tin of sardines. The bathrooms right next to it were locked. We waited in line for the Porta potty but the kid before us made a nasty mess in there, so we walked to the ones next to the pavilions. That's a long walk for kiddos that need to use the restroom and wash their hands when you aren't sure they will be unlocked. Thank you for reading.

Connected bike paths to neighborhoods.

Monthly Cost of the Rec for FH residents should be lower

Accessibility is most important for the children in our community. Moody has nice baseball fields, but they are locked. They have a great playground but the entire city uses it and its way too crowded. Our children need OPEN football fields, basketball courts, baseball fields, an outdoor roller rink, a large free splash park. Allow every child of every demographic to participate in being active and staying out of trouble!

I would like to see more open, free spaces for older kids pre-teen through teen to gather and play, especially basketball courts. Basketball is such a fun, inexpensive sport that many teens enjoy playing. It's a shame they aren't available at our parks.

More security at park rules not enforced police to busy conversing alongside maintance building had a gentleman keep following and trying to talk to me didn't feel safe haven't been back since don't call police they are useless unless you say something then they harass you for anything too many are rude and condescending to the point I live here but don't care

I frequently use the Cadio machines at the REC and find they are a big help to my general health. Also I think a Sauna would be a great addition to the fitness agenda that's available at the REC. Anyway I would like to thank all the staff for the fine work they do providing the amenities for the patrons.

Fire pit at pleasant ridge park

A dog park that is fully off leash and contained; fenced. A skate park. A farmers market.

Some nature play areas

The Rec center is over priced, especially for residents.

Stop dogs from running loose at pleasant ridge park.

The pay no attention to leash required areas and is very dangerous.

It would be nice if there was an accessible sidewalk/walking trail/bike trail from the west end of Fairview (Lincoln Hwy) to Bunkum Road and the Rec Complex. I would love to walk to the Rec or ride my bike there, but it is too dangerous along the highway.

Walking paths you can walk your dog on. Not another small area fenced in called a dog park. Take down the leash and unleashed area signs at Pleasant Ridge Park. People can walk the path at Moody Park where we cannot take our dogs, let the dogs have Pleasant Ridge Park back. I quit FH parks after the Mayor closed Pleasant Ridge Park because of COVID. That was insane! Then I return to find Unleashed vs Leashed areas. Caseyville Park has all the FH parks beat for avid dog walkers. I gladly spend my money in Caseyville since I drive to their park daily.

Pleasant Ridge off leash area needs a pavillion (covered area), restrooms and would be VERY nice to have a bridge or nice cleaned walkway to the back area (that would open up to a bigger mowed area) where we could spread out.

Skating Rink
 An addition of outdoor swimming
 Paths that can be biked and skated on.
 more swings at the parks. At Pleasant Ridge there are none. Moody Park has no monkey bars. There are no basketball courts outside, only at The Rec, and it would be nice to have outdoor courts free for all.

Outdoor splash pad.

Outdoor swimming pool
 The senior activities at the rec are important. It would also be great if there was a semi-supervised senior room at the rec, like the toddler area.
 Pleasant ridge dog friendly area , we would love to have a bench to sit down & it would be nice to have space to park . We use the park every day & really appreciate the off leash area. Most of the other items listed we do not use. However we are considering joining the REC center

Availability of water and bathrooms in off leash area.
 We need covered outdoor basketball hoops.

Raise the rates at the rec for non-residents so the people who live here can actually go there and enjoy it.

Outdoor exercise classes
 Mountain bike trails
 Interconnected bike trails making the city more bike able and more connected to surrounding towns.
 I would like to see a little library box at Pleasant Ridge.
 I was glad to see signs about not feeding the birds at Longacre. It appears to be working.
 I would like to see more festivals. Midwest Salute and Wingfest are cool. Maybe a Food Truck weekend at Longacre or the mall. Bring in some conventions.

love the Rec complex
 More weight lifting equipment
 Don't clean the Rec Center pool during Easter break time.
 Don't know if something rlse
 Sidewalks!!!
 Enforcing codes in housing. Our neighbors have a broken down truck, trash in the front yard, lighting that stays on all night. The neighbor next to the this guy is another one that has trash all over their yard.

Power outlets at Old Lincoln Trail Park.
 Tent camping spaces.
 open fields
 Toddler specify area doesnt have to be large area
 Open up the Rec Center to residents close to Fairview Heights.
 I think the exercise/equipment area needs to be enhanced, it was crowded.
 The Arts Festival
 A sculpture park
 We could really use side walks on Old Lincoln trail. I see a ton of kids walking on the shoulder of old lincoln trail to get to lincoln trail park. It's a big safety issue. On two occasions a kid almost got hit by a car. I'm telling you, it was a really close!

Place for theater and arts.
 More weekend farmers markets and events would be great. An outdoor pool and splash pad would be wonderful as well. Maybe More outdoor music during the summer would be a nice hangout. Food truck events would be fantastic!
 Having more food festivals or drink festivals would be fun.

no more dog parks MORE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS
 I am going to call you about the Lexington Mini Park being very in need of mulch and some repairs.

New Christmas decorations

Connection to Metro trail system via bike/hike trail. St Clair Ave needs safer bike access

Walking and bike trails
 NEVER put basketballs courts in our parks. It will cause nothing but problems.
 Nothing specific
 Connection to Metro trail system via bike/hike trail. St Clair Ave needs safer bike access

Splash pad
 Outdoor pool would be cool! Diving boards as well would be a nice addition. Sauna

Greenspace
 More pickleball courts.
 Security to the parks. And stop allowing outside affiliations (east St. Louis and Missouri) football teams to congregate and play games in our parks! It's dangerous for everyone.
 Maybe a splash pad, if economically feasible, for one of the parks.
 Expanding dog parks. They are quite small and have little to no obstacles for dogs to play.
 Swimming Pool at Pleasant Ridge or Moody Park

Art murals in the public parks would be nice!
 Pleasant Ridge Park needs to be a nature preserve in the middle of our busy, structured world. The less development, the better.
 We love the REC complex and are members. Thank you to our Mayor and City leaders! It is an asset to the community!
 Park lighting and security
 the parks seem to get worse every year to the amount of unruly teenagers and adults especially during football

Would love more outdoor festivals with bands.
 Expanded programs for teens and adults.
 A good sized fishing lake
 Moody Park main attractions are the pickle ball, volleyball, the walking trail, playground and picnickers/pavilion rentals. Football overruns the park, there is not sufficient parking. If the park is going to continue to host large functions like the art fair, parking needs to be addressed. The big hill works, but creates major issues when it rains. Pleasant ridge needs a designated dog area with parking, pavilion/restrooms/running water. To many small dog parks all over the city, would be nice to see one big full service dog park. Park could use an over-hall with new bathrooms and pavilions.

We swim 3 times per week at the REC and walk 3 days per week in Moody Park.
 I'd love to see a splash pad our outdoor water play! We love Moody Park, and another handicap accessible playground similar would be amazing (similar to Hannah's Playground in Breese).

Toddler only outdoor Playground.
 A couple parks needs to be updated, like pleasant ridge and old Lincoln trail park.
 Safety along with the hiking and walking trails.
 Please add walking and biking trails. Enjoy the children's playgrounds.
 Expanding dog parks. They are quite small and have little to no obstacles for dogs to play.
 Just to explain my answer above since I really didn't understand what you were asking: I am satisfied with the current baseball fields and area pickle ball courts, but the parks I marked as 5s are the ones that need and deserve the most expansion to be satisfactory for our city. We have been lucky to have people to come from the entire bi state area to shop for years and I believe we should offer the our parks for places to play. Why should we have to send our children to O'fallon, IL and MO to play soccer. We need bike trails and sidewalks to connect the city residents to our

APPENDIX | SURVEY – OPEN END COMMENTS

parks. Traffic on Bunkum is a problem with the Rec and the widening of the street. We need sidewalks on REC side of Bunkum now and a traffic light at the REC entrance so people get their safely. It would also be nice if kids could ride bikes and walk from the FH schools to the parks.

Need more trash cans near Bus stops and School. Too much trash on streets.

Basketball court

you do a good job

we are to old to get out sometimes we go to parks for the great grand kids

Basketball courts with lights

Need more trash cans near Bus stops and School. Too much trash on streets.

Good

Walking and bike trails

Frizbe golf

Good

Baseball league for children

Indoor Racquetball court

I don't know of a Dog Park in Fairview, which would be helpful since so many of us find dog poop on our property that was left there by a neighbor's dog. Although neighbors take their dog walking, they don't pick up what the dog leave behind which means the owner of the property is left cleaning it up. If we had a Dog Park perhaps the clean up problem will go away.

Bike trails connecting the city commercial center with the residential areas, especially down Old Lincoln Trail to the SCC bike Trail system.

More basketball courts

Fix Moody Park pickleball courts. Surface is mushy, hard on knees, and balls don't bounce.

I would like to see solar panels be added to our facilities.

Connect the MetrolinkBike trail at the Fairview Metrolink to Fairview Height parks - like Pleasant Ridge Park and Moody park. Have more community events like 5k's, 10k's, and triathlons using the Rec pool.

Security to the parks. And stop allowing outside affiliations (east St. Louis and Missouri) football teams to congregate and play games in our parks! It's dangerous for everyone.

Water bottle filling stations (to fill water bottles). More clean restrooms.

I think the Fairview Heights Rec center needs a separate pool for Aqua classes and lap lanes, separate from the kids pool area.

SAFE, SMOOTH SIDEWALKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET!!!!!! FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, PLEASE DO THIS. None of the above matters if kids cannot safely get there. The point of parks and fields is to encourage health and fitness. Have you ever tried to ride a bike around Fairview??? It's downright dangerous! The sidewalks on Old Lincoln Trail are more dangerous than being in the middle of the road. As a 44 year resident, I can say that sidewalks should be our #1 focus. Create safe sidewalks = kids and families going to our parks and recreation sites.

Bigger and better playgrounds for kids! Pay to play splash pad at The Rec might be cool... Community space for gatherings for holidays/fireworks. We NEED more adult recreation! Kickball, volleyball, softball or soccer leagues! Our city has nothing for adults, teens or in between! Bike paths in Fairview would be awesome!

Handicapped Accessible Playground

Redo moody pickleball courts

Better code enforcement for business that has turned into nothing more than a dump for trash and broken equipment.

Basketball courts with lights

I would like to see a map of the trails at pleasant ridge added to the parks and rec website. The only place I have ever seen them is on a map at the park.

A public pool would be nice!

Swing for a wheelchair

More activities for Adults 40-60. I stop looking because everything is for kids or seniors.

Adult Rec leagues in multiple sports

I wish French Village park was clean so the kids could enjoy it more. It's nasty and a disgusting.

Larger dog park so they have more room to run.

More Childrens playgrounds

More secure.

Baseball league for children

Rugby field. With the types of fields listed above- would leagues also be added? Just adding fields doesn't seem as much of a benefit as adding fields & leagues along with them

The trailer trash mobile homes on Ashland and the 57 empty store fronts are more important than this survey!!

What's it be added is something for Theater Arts music. Other things other than Athletics

Outdoor pool

Basketball courts at pleasant ridge park

A designated fishing area... the pond in front of the Rec would be the ideal spot because of accessibility, size, adequate parking, sun and shady areas, maintenance and overall visibility. Also designated, marked biking lanes in the parks and along residential city streets.

I no longer live in FVH, IL. I live in New Orleans, LA

I would like to see some back boards for the tennis courts so we can practice our volley shot when we have no one to practice with.

Racquetball courts

We need a sports park! Soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, gymnasium for basketball/ volleyball tournaments. All 4 sports to host tournaments, which then in return bring business to the city. Hotel, shopping, dining, gas, all major revenue to bring to the city.

Vehicle gates to lock Moody Park up at closing, just like Pleasant Ridge

Why not try inviting some food trucks to some of the parks once a month? Carnivals? Car shows? Invite a lil art into our parks. A splash pad would be good.

More pickleball courts

The option to have private lessons for different activities

Indoor play areas would be amazing for winter time

Handicapped accessible play equipment at all playgrounds

Increase the number (to 6 or 7) of REC Complex lap lanes.

A better park at Pleasant Ridge - one of the tunnel slides slams the kids into the side as they go down and hurts them. Some of those painted obstacle courses would be cool too where the kids jump, spin, run, etc down a sidewalk that tells them what to do. Also, better marked trails there. It's super easy to get lost.

An outdoor playground at The Rec would be cool too - and an interesting one with a fun theme, not just a set of swings.

We've been to another park across from the Fairview Heights Library in between the baseball fields. I don't know what it's called. It's serviceable but could be a lot more fun with a facelift!

I was very disappointed when I moved to Fairview Heights in January 2020 to find out that the park district is almost non-existent and most of the activities are ran by the Rec. If you do not have a membership to the Rec, things are more expensive and/or not available to you. I also was very sad to find out that there are no outdoor pools in the area for the summer time. I have lived in both Morton, IL and St. Charles, MO where both had very active park districts. I guess because of that we thought that everywhere had part districts that were active, so that was probably our biggest disappointment when we moved here.

It would also be really neat to have an archery range or something that is not a sports activity.

Outdoor water park/splash pad

Non-sand volleyball courts

Roundabouts, connecting trails, high school

I would like to see more water activities, similar to the ofallon splash pad but fenced in to more easily keep track of kids.

I would also love to see more learning opportunities with animals, language, etc.

Hot tub and suana at the REC.

Our family lives in walking distance of Moody Park & visit often. We also enjoy The Rec, we love swimming, playing basketball & the fitness room. An outside basketball court & bike trail would be a great addition to our community. We often visit the O'Fallon Sports Park to ride our bikes.

Missouri continuously has awesome events, cool vendor markets, and concerts at their larger parks each year. We love to attend those but would love it even more if FVH offered more community events (and not just people trying to get you to sign up for their MLM or some insurance company trying for your business- actual market vendors) ;)

Some of the items listed for ideas are awesome above!

I'm happy that this survey is being done. It is important for the citizens to have input. My concern , would be not wanting to increase my taxes for these enhancements. Let the CBD/Marijuana Businesses pay for theses enhancements.

Frisbee golf disk park

Outdoor pond/flooded area that can freeze for pond hockey

Roller skating/Roller blading trail

Bike trail system that connects to local businesses (shopping by self powered wheels)

Pleasant Ridge was designed to be a total off leash park. Now that it is categorized to leash and no leash sections, there are NO parking or sitting spaces for off leash patrons.

Community related activities such as art shows and homecomings.

Community relations center

Wooded or Prairie Trails- we love Pleasant Ridge, but the trails are too difficult for smaller kids and an aging dog. would love to see batting cages for public entertainment, maybe a putt, putt golf, Centerfield is looking bad, would love to see a new outdoor sports park like that

Picnic areas

Outdoor splash pad at the Rec

We need a sports park! Soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, gymnasium for basketball/ volleyball tournaments. All 4 sports to host tournaments, which then in return bring business to the city. Hotel, shopping, dining, gas, all major revenue to bring to the city.

More youth sports and activities

It is time we have more things for our kids to do! We would LOVE a skatepark/bike park so that we don't get chased from riding in parking lots!

Close the park at dusk. Too many teenagers gathering and causing issues

Sauna, Hot Tob or Whirlpool, and Hydro Masage Chairs.

Playgrounds, community space, ice skating

Splash pad

Outdoor rollerskating rink

We love the Rec and the indoor pool.

I think Fairview Heights has many park related services for whole families.

Swings at the Lexington mini park

Would like to see the library updated and enhanced as well

Bicycle trails to connect to trails in edwardsville

A bike trail along Lincoln trail leading to Moody park from metro link

We need basketball hoops. There's too many children in the street doing drugs since we can't have basketball hoops on the streets.

I'd love to see some enhancements at Pleasant Ridge Park. The hiking trails are overgrown and unsafe (I injured myself there last year when I slid off a narrow portion of the trail.). But there is great potential there with some clear out, widening of trails, repairing bridges, etc. I also think there would be more draw to the park if there was an easier and safer access trail that goes straight to the creek bed, for us nature-play mamas and kiddos. I'd suggest contacting some local Scouting groups, school groups, trade schools, religious groups, etc. to see if any would like to build something as a project.

I'd also love to see a nature playground added to Pleasant Ridge that could be tucked closer to the tree line to add more shade. I'd suggest looking at photos of Wildwood Community Park's playground in Wildwood, MO; and Towne Park Nature Playground in Foristell, MO. My family and I drive to those locations quite often because there's nothing comparable in the MetroEast. I'd love to see something similar in Fairview Heights.

As far as the Rec goes, I'm generally satisfied but the pool area is a little bit of a disappointment for older kids and teens. There is only one water slide and it is rarely turned on. The general play area isn't very deep for older kids. I'd love to see a small outdoor water park in Fairview Heights—something similar to the Collinsville Aquapark—that has plenty to do for all age groups.

I'd love to see more shade and benches added to the Moody park playground as well.

Sand Volleyball courts

Creative Themes for outdoor activities - Daniel Boone exploration week/ John Appleseed week etc — send home maps of parks with school kids and ideas for outdoor times

Would love a splash pad and a skate park

My family, whom lives in the summit springs subdivision would love an outdoor pool at the Rec or a near by park to enjoy time together and soak up the sun!!!

My family and I would love an outdoor pool/swimming park we go to the rec daily and would love to swim in the outdoors.

Regards,

Summit springs household

My family, whom lives in the summit springs subdivision would love an outdoor pool at the Rec or a near by park to enjoy time together and soak up the sun!!!

Splash pad similar to O'Fallon park. Improve the bathrooms at Moody Park. Provide more handicap accessible play equipment for kids. Having 1 swing for their use is not adequate.

Safety. Do not feel safe walking park trail.

Also, moody Park was to be moody park at Longacre. Shame on you for dropping Longacre for all of the self serving politicians that had to have something named after them. Change street names or start naming parking lots. DO NOT feel free to change our park names for your benefit.

Disc golf. Get David McCormack of Gateway Discs of St. Louis out to Pleasant Ridge. We need another top level course in area to compliment Clinton Hills. People much more likely to make a full day trip from STL to bag both courses. He's redoing Alton's courses currently.

additional indoor gym and pickleball courts

We enjoy the parks. We belonged to the REC until covid. An outdoor pool would be great. More wooded trails and dog friendly trails would be nice. More playgrounds. We like the idea of the dog park at Moody Park but our 9 lb dog can easily fit through the fence on the small dog side. Also people do not clean up after their dogs as required.

Connecting trails to other cities' trails, more sand volleyball courts, improved accessible workout equipment at The REC, more landscaping/greenspaces incorporated into the commercial areas, maybe a splash pad if a pool cannot be added to our parks,

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I would like to see more done with Pleasant Ridge. There are some nice hiking trails back there but they may need updates and some of the trees cleared. The paths are not as clearly marked for someone who is inexperienced.

Community garden located at The Rec

9. Please list any additional Programs / Events you would like to participate in below.

Off leash dog opportunities

Doggy socials, neighborhood networking

City Wide Sculpture Walk

Tai chi in the park, like Belleville does (or did) downtown. Was offered free and underwritten by a resident (Annette Eckert?). Dolores Gordon was the instructor ("Come As You Are Tai Chi").

Splash pad for the kiddo.

Aqua Spinning at the REC.

Trips to the Munny in Forest Park.

I think fairview needs a boosters program for kids sports. Not every family can afford use of The Rec.

Family friendly parks and activities that encourage community involvement. Neighborhoods full of kids with no place to go and do mean that kids get bored and cause trouble. Also parents need to be more involved so the kids know how to behave in public.

Art show, craft show, community picnic with food vendors

Yoga in the park

Certainly the Bus trips are a welcome event for seniors and people able to take them.

Live summer concert series.

Dog training programs

Outdoor aquatic center that can be visited for cheaper than the rec. we often visit one in south county b during the summer and it's only \$5

Football

Gardening tips for home farming, like the old Victory Gardens

I would be happy to start a program where people would pick up dog waste. We need additional signage & something that would hold bags. I would be glad to provide bags

Swimming pool or splash pad for dogs.

Have no idea

Volleyball lessons

Have no idea

5k race/fun run

Sprint triathlon

Timed triathlon for kids: each leg would be for 10 mins. Transitions would be 5. Run and bike done on the track.

Activities for children also during the week not just weekend, as many parents work weekends

Volleyball adult leagues

Amphitheater type structure so that residents can showcase their talents

Running club

Dance classes for the little ones.

Biking group

Festivals with bands.

Daily Water walking/swimming/and water aerobics at the REC for people with arthritis

Music in the park

Golf Lessons (Youth and Adult)

Chess Lesson/League (Youth and Adult)

Gaming Lessons/League (Youth)

Kids and Adult Volleyball league - indoor at the Rec and outdoor sand leagues at Moody Park.

The Rec used to have (before COVID) volleyball on Friday nights, where you show up and play.

There are also "draw tournaments" for volleyball, where you show up with one other person. Teams of 2 play with 2 other teams to make up a team of six. Every game you switch to a different team. Team of two with the most wins at the end of the night wins.

Volley ball league

Youth football

Bike trails, Volleyball, adult sand volleyball, adult kickball, more hiking trails

Pickleball clinics

I would like to participate in more things but I no longer feel safe in Fairview Heights. Between the head shops, dispensaries, abortion clinic within a mile of a Catholic Church , (how disrespectful is that) and a deteriorating mall with escalating crime, I am a thinking about moving out of the community. The police department is fabulous but only so much can be done with the culture that is bring created.

Adult volleyball

Run events similar to the 55+ activities for under 55+.

Theater programs, Trivia, running events

Volleyball programs

Track/running

Racquetball!

Basketball league for kids

Bridge lessons/competitions December thru February.

Adult volleyball

Running club that starts at the Rec center

Mountain bike trail club

more music venues

Block parties

Camping

Bike programs

Toddler programs and activities, bike trail

5K-10K race

Would like to see heritage programs and festivals-similar to Epcot in Disney:

Mexican

German

African American

Native American

Exercise training

Adult pick up soccer leagues

Childrens camps and leagues

Walk/run events

Boot camp

Basketball camp

Tennis lessons
 Movies in the park
 City-wide Yard Sale
 City-wide recycling/hazardous waste drop off
 Sand Volleyball for children/youth
 Art classes for kids
 Concerts in the park
 My kids want to participate in volleyball at the Rec but we'd love to have a day of the week that is not Sunday. I'd love a weeknight or Saturday option. (Sunday is our Sabbath day.)
 Please go back to previous years' offerings for the summer library weekly events. There were great things in the past—magicians, plays, etc. and I'd love to see some of those things brought back. In addition, I'd love to see more diverse offerings, like Japanese dancers or the drum group from East. St. Louis.
 I'd love to see concerts in park added from diverse groups and performers.

Sand Volleyball

Badminton

Badminton

Badminton

Outdoor concerts are great, would love to see jazz, rock, musicals, blues, rap covered in one summer

Badminton

Badminton

Gymnastics at the REC instead of the YMCA
 Art programs like there used to be monthly
 Community marketplace. A couple of times a year or every week. Whatever could work. Let folks sell their garden produce, home made crafts, etc. Swansea has this on the parking lot by Burger King. Our city offers residents so much more than Swansea. Don't let them beat us in this arena.
 Maybe some live entertainment like concerts would be fun. More outdoor adult activities. Food truck days. Meet the Police and Fireman Days. Hands on arts and craft days.

Swimming Classes

Swimming Classes

10. YOUTH PROGRAMS / EVENTS: If your household includes youth 18 or under, please write in the top FOUR most important Youth Programs / Events to your household.

Soccer basketball volleyball track
 Sports activities
 Bike trails
 swim, community garden
 Sports
 Baseball, soccer, tennis, swimming
 Increased options
 Swimming
 All the sports programs. Youth groups. Mentor programs that involve all ages. Affordable to all programs. We have a lot of families without the funds to sign kids up for the rec.
 Summer day camp, swimming lessons, aquatic park, farmers market
 My kids are too busy with high school band to do any other activities.
 My child is too young now to know what programs he'll be most interested in.
 Baseball leagues, swimming, basketball leagues, community involvement ie movie in the park & more

Summer programs
 Sports teams & classes
 Educational programs
 Health, wellness, and safety programs

Swim lessons, pool, summer camps, farmer's market

Soccer
 Gardens
 Swim lessons
 Movies in park

Bike park/trails, farmers market, outdoor swimming and youth basketball league

Summer camps with lots of activities.

Basketball, cheer, gymnastics, football

Soccer, tball, basketball
 Baseball League
 Football League
 Basketball League
 Summer Camp

Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Swimming

Soccer, swim, baseball, playgrounds
 Basketball
 Soccer
 Swim lessons
 Tennis lessons

Soccer, basketball, volleyball, bike trail
 swim lessons
 Water park

Baseball, softball, basketball, mountain biking

Indoor summer camps that were also educational would be great.

Basketball
 Weight lifting
 Swimming lessons
 Boxing
 Bowling league
 children and youth camps
 swim lessons
 cooking

Sports
 Camps
 Swimming
 Garden

Swimming lessons
 Special needs activities
 Summer camps/programs
 Movies in the park

Baseball soccer water park gardening

Swimming

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Tennis camp
Camps
Movie in the park

baseball, soccer
Soccer league
Running
Tennis
Riding Bikes

Children and Youth Camps, Swim Lessons, Movies in the Park, Outdoor Aquatics Center
Baseball/softball
Basketball
Soccer
Outdoor swim

toddlers only outdoors Playgrounds
Outdoor aquatics options. Even just a splash pad would be nice. We go to the rec as members but in summer outdoor option would be nice.

Swimming softball tball soccer dance
Baseball
Tennis lessons
Swim lessons
Summer camps
Soccer
Tennis
Scouts

Football and baseball, character building
Soccer
Volleyball

Soccer, arts/crafts, youth walking/ running club, outdoor water park
Swimming
Soccer
Fencing
Boys and girls club

Summer camps, tennis, water programs
Soccer
Volleyball

Soccer, Swimming, Parks and Social Events
Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Golf and Chess (5 :)

Football, Tennis, Swimming, Camping
Basketball for teens. After 4th grade there is nothing for teenagers

Summer Camp, Story times, Swim Lessons, Group Time with like aged kids
Volleyball
Soccer
Cross Country
Track and Field

Youth sports and swimming
bike riding
Swimming, soccer, baseball, volleyball, biking

Softball

Football and baseball, character building

Bike safety/training, swimming, summer programs, nature/community work

Swim, Reading,
Youth Baseball

Sports
Water
Park
Camps
Tennis
Volleyball leagues
Soccer leagues
Movies at the park
Swim lessons

Summer day camp, swimming lessons, movies in the park
Swim/soccer/outdoor swim/fitness classes

Baseball, basketball, summer camp
Softball (fastpitch), basketball, volleyball, swimming
We do many of the sports at The Rec
I do wish the Clip N Climb was included for members

Gun Safety
Hunting
Preparing for runaway inflation
Fishing

Swimming, Soccer, Volleyball, Pickleball
Swimming
Parks
Soccer
Camps

Basketball , baseball , wrestling , swimming
Swim lessons
Soccer/softball/basketball teams
Summer programs
Water olay

Swimming, Soccer, Volleyball, Pickleball
Swimming softball tball soccer dance
ages 6 and under t-ball, soccer and tennis programs
climbing walls
Pickleball
Tennis
Biking
Running

Swimming lessons, summer camps, soccer, water park
AN OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL!!!!
Youth Camps for when there is no school (I know you have one technically, but theRec is mainly an indoor facility)
Archery range (almost all are now gone from the surrounding metro area)
Activities for the entire family at the parks

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School day out programs
 Summer camp
 Outdoor swimming

Volleyball, Tennis, enrichment programs like art and cooking

Swimming
 Tball
 Basketball
 Soccer

Volleyball
 Karate
 Tutoring
 Conditioning

Football, softball, basketball, art
 More swim lesson options
 Spanish classes for kids
 Soccer for pre
 Outdoor water activities

Soccer, basketball, outdoor swimming, youth camps
 Pond skating
 Roller blading
 Weight lifting for beginner teens
 CrossFit for teens

Sports camps

Bmx/skate park, riding trails, soccer

Soccer, baseball, basketball, swimming
 Soccer
 Flag Football
 Baseball

Three grandchildren under 18 will enjoy all the services for youth.

Water park, climbing activities, skate park, lacrosse

Toddler activities, soccer league, volleyball league, tennis lessons

Soccer
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Lacrosse

Camps for the kids as well as afternoon activities during the school year. It helps to develop social skills especially after the past couple years.

Soccer
 Swim lessons
 Softball
 Youth camp

Movie Nught, Summer Programs, Sports like Soccer and Wellness Programs

Youth Soccer
 Swim lessons

1. Dating safety for teens
2. Basketball leagues
3. Teen ball/dance
4. Farmers market-outdoor bazar

Soccer
 Swimming
 Basketball
 Sports- comprehensive

Bike trail

Soccer
 Basketball
 Swim Lessons
 My kids want to do volleyball if you ever offer it on a day other than Sunday.

Camps, Running events, Nature walks. Dog parks

Pickle ball court
 Soccer fields
 Library reading / storybook walk

Swimming
 Gymnastics
 Soccer
 Art and crafts

Sports/swimming/youth fitness classes/community programs
 Toddler to 3rd grade programs. Weekend or summer programs. A couple hours on a Saturday for ABC camp, finger painting camp, get up a dance camp, let's learn about foods that make us healthy camp. There are endless topics for this age group.

Basketball youth
 Football youth
 Summer camp, indoor/sand volleyball, swimming lessons, general health classes (not just workouts, but healthy eating/cooking, mental health awareness, etc., etc.),
 Soccer. It would be nice to have more than one field that if there is a track meet, the spring soccer program doesn't have to move to a different area

Baseball
 Soccer
 Swim

11. ADULT / 55+: If your household includes adults 55 and older, please write in the top FOUR most important Adult / 55+ Programs / Events to your household.

Dog off-leash walking, bicycling, hiking, and farmer's market.

dog parks, hiking trails, farmers market, I enjoy other activities like kayaking which are beyond the scope of this park

Accessible walking paths.

Pickle Ball, Walking Paths, Bike Paths, Salute to the Arts
 Safe, well maintained walking trail.
 Dog parks.
 Community garden.
 Wellness programs (especially for seniors).

Swimming laps at the Rec
 Walking the Track at the Rec and at Moody Park
 Swimming in the pool at the Rec
 Walking on the Tread Mill and doing the exercise machines at the Rec

Walking, yoga, water exercise, farmers market

Ay trips weekends. Explore the surrounding area.

Adult pickup soccer

Adult pickup soccer

Dogs, exercise, yoga, safety in the parks

Nothing this city could offer me would I be interested in

Swimming, and Cardio machines.

Bring back the senior shuttle

Safe walking and biking trsils

Swim programs, outdoor aquatics, farmer’s market, community gardens

Safe walking paths, frequent benches to stop and rest

SENIOR TRIPS, FARMERS MARKETS,

Exercise

Wellness

Road trips

Community Gardening

Senior bingo at the rec is fun.

More advertising of any other senior events would make them easier to find. A senior newsletter email might be helpful.

The care takers could be more active if there was a space for the seniors to sit while under some supervision.

Wellness classes , farmers market , walking groups

Wellness programs

Community gardens

Farmer's Market

More senior trips

Like the senior trips. Went in one of them before and it was very pleasant

- Fitness classes for Seniors
- Regional outings
- Park and Ride to Sporting events

Information about opportunities to volunteer for Food Pantry and local non profit organizations

walking, aquatics, movies, events, trips

Farmers market

Wellness programs

Senior Rec programs

Senior fitness programs

group exercise outdoors

group walking

water aerobics

basic stretching

A walking trail with exercise stations for adults and seniors.

Walking trails

Garden

Exercise classes

Zumba

Senior strengthening classes

Walking trail

Swimming indoor

Market

Can't think of any

Wellness gardening senior activities movie night

Walking/biking access. Community events like farmers market, festivals. Continue and expand programming at Rec with tennis/pickle ball, outdoor pool, etc. Youth sports programs and facilities to appeal to families

Walking, exercise, trips and crafts

aqua swim, water exercise, walking trails. I would enjoy a Farmers Market

Community Garden, Farmers Market, Dog Parks, Outdoor Pool

Community gardening

Walking/biking access. Community events like farmers market, festivals. Continue and expand programming at Rec with tennis/pickle ball, outdoor pool, etc. Youth sports programs and facilities to appeal to families

Pickleball, walking trails, police security

Pickleball courts, bicycle trails, walking trails, senior activities

- 1.Pickleball
- 2.Pickleball
- 3.Pickleball
- 4.Pickleball

Aquatic

Workout

pickle ball

Festivals, REC indoor pool (I have a pool for summer use), walking trail/track (I live in a good area for outdoor walking in good weather).

pickle ball, walking trail, nice bathroom facilities and covered seating to enjoy a picnic or time with friends.

Lap swim at the REC, Hiking/walking trails.

After 5:00 pm programs and events

Walking

Biking trails

Daily Low Impact Aqua class, Lane swimming class, a Water walking/ relaxation class, and an 8:30 am water aerobic class would be nice for people to stay active that have arthritis like my family

Gardening, walking trails to connect to other parks and wellness activities.

Pickleball

farmers market, outdoor water park for grandkids, pickleball, rec plex

gardening, watching grand kids, going out to eat, concentrate on the youth

Walking, exercise, trips and crafts

Walking, Swimming, Camping, Fishing

Walking path and evening water aerobics (some seniors still work)

Walking

Pickle ball

Senior trips

Pickleball, movies in the park, wellness programs, farmers market

Pickleball, farmers market, walking trails, bicycle trails

Farmers market

Community gardens

Movie in the park

Good library with good hours.

Rec Center

lap swimming

Rec Center
 Senior trips
 Senior activities
 Walking track

Walking, pickleball, special events , youth facilities

REC center programs.
 Wellness clinics
 Blood Drives
 day trips

1. Group walking in the parks
 2. Group day trips
 3. Group picnics in the parks
 4. Group activities such as learning how to paint, draw, do stained glass, do leather craft, play and experience music from different venues, effectively tell stories, write short stories, take and enhance pictures on your smart phone, understand software programs like Excel, Word, exploring your smart phone/tablet's capabilities, etc., etc.

Group activities for singles 55+ to meet with others that aren't canceled due to cost/lack of participation.

Walking, bike, running trails. Farmers markets, Disc golf

Workout, pickleball, walking path; swimming

Tennis
 Parks
 Walking trails

Lap swimming; Bridge lessons (Winter months); Picnic areas/pavilions; Bunko/Bingo

Senior Recreational Programs
 Community Gardens
 Pickleball
 Farmer's Market

Water exercise programs in the evenings

Pickleball league

Senior program.... Basketball, Baseball, Farmer's Market, Sit down Breakfast, maybe Bingo ... Something for Seniors to do.....

Walking, basketball

Water aerobics. Swimming. Senior trips and engagement programs. You once had Tai Chi and it was great!

Senior Exercise
 Bunco
 Senior Trips
 Educational Lifelong Learning Experiences

Senior recreation, tennis, swimming, games.

Outdoor swimming

swimming, Senior Rec

1. Maintain top notch indoor exercise facilities
 2 more bike trails that connect to others
 3. Walking trails
 4 e,ercise training for seniors

Self defense

Hiking
 Walking
 Swimming
 Vacations

The rec

REC center activities 1. Pickleball 2. Exercise classes 3. Water aerobics 4. Activities you can invite your grandkids to

Wellness programs
 Swimming pool
 Outdoor pool
 Farmers market

Walking programs
 Real senior active aging activities-activities that are for seniors who would like to be more active like chair exercise

REC center activities 1. Pickleball 2. Exercise classes 3. Water aerobics 4. Activities you can invite your grandkids to

Wellness programs
 Swimming pool
 Outdoor pool
 Farmers market

Pickleball lessons
 Rec plex pool and fitness equipment
 Moody park picnic pavilions
 Trails walking and biking
 Discounts for visiting family members
 Nutrition at the park pavilion.
 Current scams on Seniors (maybe PD help here).

Pickelball, body pump classes, senior exercise classes treadmill walking/running tracks

Pickleball
 Day trips
 Gathering Place for the City

Walking and Nature Trails, Live Entertainment, social activities such as art classes, community service projects.

4. Please indicate any other suggestions you have for Moody Park.

Larger dog park area

Add more art.

Please keep restrooms open during cooler/cold weather for walkers in all seasons.

More natural conservation areas for native plants.

Please keep the restrooms stocked with paper and soap and hand driers that work.

Line the trash cans with bags.

More Police presence for safety.

Enforce that dogs and bikes stay OFF the Walking Trail.

Needs basketball courts

Need more open flat space for throwing ball/Frisbee. Seems most of the park is ball diamonds anymore that are rarely used

Water pad/park area for kids & families.

Splash Pad

The restrooms could use more lighting and air movement.

I would like to see more police patrols on bikes interacting with the kids let them know it's safe and that they need to be respectful of other people in the parks. I love seeing teenagers hanging out playing but I wish they'd watch their mouths and behavior around the younger families.

Moody Park is a great park but doesn't always feel the safest. A lot could be done to improve that.

Fun out door exercise activities, bike trails connected to neighborhoods

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Restrooms need to be open from sunrise to dark, year round. We need another playground, baseball fields need to be open to the public, lighting needs to be brighter. More athletic fields for all.

Basketball courts

Bike park/trail

Clear the bird poop more often.

A trail for bikes and skaters. Trail for walking dogs.

add basketball and monkey bars

Basketball court

Have someone to clean up duck/geese waste on walking trail.

Maybe some swings outside of the children's area for adults to use...that would be cool :)

A pool would be fantastic

Miss the trees on the trail especially around the lake. Reason I go there is because it had more shade than Ofallon Sportman park.

Open play for ball fields

Waterpark

There needs to be an additional side walk added at west entrance to kitchen pavilion
Grounds around small playground need to be graded so no flooding.

Stage speakers lighting

It would be great to have more covered seating picnic tables near the water, or a pavilion with a water view. I often park at the dog park parking lot to have breakfast in my car because there are not enough tables. Also more food festivals and events would be great

The Moody Park Playground is a unique asset that is under promoted

There's a dog park?

Extend walking trail

Splash pad for kids

There's a dog park?

Restrooms need to be cleaned and improved. I am scared of them! Also lighting among the trail could be better! Also get those darn geese to stop attacking me when I walk by the lake!

Get rid of the evil/pooping geese

More security and don't allow outside programs to use the parks. It causes issues.

Disc golf course

Add a splash pad

Goose eradication project. (kidding/not kidding) Also allow dogs to be walked on the trail.

Parking lot could use an over-hall, new lighting, curbs, drainage and asphalt. Reconsider the flow of traffic and location of parking. When the park is busy parking is limited as everyone is competing for the same parking spots while other parts of the park are empty and unused. New bathrooms would be nice as well.

Control the poop from the geese! There are too many. Very unhealthy.

Disc golf course

Picnic areas are the best. There should be more for individual family picnics.

Add indoor spaces so the park can be used in the winter.

Add splash pad

Extend walking trail

Expand behind the shed

It would be VERY nice to be able to rent equipment for the tennis courts, sand volleyball, softball, etc. A small fee for rental equipment and field/ court reservation would be a nice upgrade.

1. Add a kids Water Splash Area

2. Add an area to play chess. Maybe a few concrete Chess boards/tables/chairs so people can play each other in chess games

3. Skating area

Better parking area

Add an outdoor pool

Trash needs to be picked up more frequently especially to the east side near the homes and the lake. More enforcement of not feeding the geese and ducks.

Dog owners should be allowed to walk their dogs to the dog park instead of requiring them to drive all the way to the back of the park to unload their dogs.

Improve the Sand on the Volleyball courts and purchase 3 new nets. Create a trail from the Metrolink Bike trail to this park.

More security and don't allow outside programs to use the parks. It causes issues.

Flooding is an issue that needs to be addressed as well as safe sidewalks from the West side of Fairview to and from the park.

Need turf fields for soccer

Out of town juveniles who over take the park are destroying the safety and reputation of the park...I wouldn't feel safe bringing my grandchild there to play. The city has to do something to reduce the attractiveness of that location

The pond area is a mess

Less geese. Bike obstacle course or someway to use bicycles.

B basketball court

Either have designated biking lanes on the parks roadway or expand the current walking trail's width to accomodate both bikes and people walking. Check out Durst Park in Maryville, IL as a very good example of walking and bike riding compatibility.

UNLOCK THE FIELDS....we drive to ofallon to use the softball fields there, we like to just throw, hit, pitch etc. but you can not do that in Fairview because the fields are all locked up...not sure why its a public park if only certain groups can use the facilities

Improve safety and restroom facilities

Put in a backboard for the tennis courts

Bluebird trail/Nature trail on extended loop around mine debris on the southwest corner of the park. Gated access to keep out vehicles after hours.

The geese poop is ridiculous, needs cleaning more often off of walking trails. My older dogs need to walk with me, not other dogs. I do not use the dog park but others may. I moved here 26 years ago because of the proximity of Moody Park, Long Acre to me, but was unaware that I couldn't walk my dogs there. I have to go to other cities to walk my dogs in their parks!!

I would like this changed to include LEASHED dogs allowed with owners. I step in more geese poop than I ever would dog poop.

A few more picnic tables scattered around outside the pavilions, especially around the lakes.

Add more benches along the trail for us older adults, add a skateboard and scooter pads for kids

Moody park is the coolest one we've been to. Please upgrade the others that aren't very interesting before changing this one!

We love that Moody has that giant open grass area on the hill. Kite flying is a fan favorite in our house there.

Basketball courts

Non sand volleyball courts

Update trail

Need to clean and clear walk paths for safety.... Such as twigs, tree balls, duck shit etc....

The restrooms are dark, new lighting.

Upgrade pavilions and restrooms

Add a skatepark and bmx park

It seems that regular attention is given to the walking trail. Hope that continues.

Better bathrooms

There used to be a water feature in the lake. It doesn't work now. That added to a relaxing walk and didn't kill the fish like last year. Please add a water feature again. Maybe a waterfall. We need more scenery features. Perhaps statues or something and the geese/ ducks poop on the walking trail too much. Trail needs frequent cleaning. Please hire someone for that. Park Staff is very nice.

More / better security

additional in and out driving lanes-better traffic flow

Basketball courts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

More shade and benches in shady spots around the playground.

Need more sand and outdoor nets, Would love to have league play available for youth and adults.

Make park more

Open and safe... Keep tree trimster etc

Keep ducks & moles Under Control

Would be great to have a skate park

The city needs a real dog park. The wild packs of dogs and owners at pleasant ridge isn't safe and irresponsible. The rest of the parks are more like potty stations.

Fix the ladies bathroom. Must there always be puddles of water around the toilets. A lighter color of paint on doors and wall would help it look less dingy. Sudebar-kudos to the team that keeps it clean. Good job!

Pickelball courts need to be rrfurbished

I like Moody Park just the way it is but there is always room for improvement.

Better bathrooms - that are actually open. And water fountains that actually work.

4. Please indicate any other suggestions you have for Pleasant Ridge Park.

The rough acreage at Pleasant Ridge Park is a remarkable asset with respect to wildlife, both flora and fauna. It should be left exactly as it is now.

Make it all off leash like it used to be. We need shade in the summer..

Add more art.

Don't use it that often but seems ok as is.

Fix the Cabin

Fix up the cabin and add disk golf

Fix the Cabin

Please keep the restrooms stocked with paper and soap and hand driers that work.

Line the trash cans with bags.

Keep dogs on leash.

More Police presence for safety.

Maintain the hiking trails.

Clean up and revamped

The pathways need to be cleaned up and some repairs made to some of the steps. It's getting a little over run in places and someone is going to get hurt.

CONTAINED dog area.

More maintenance for trails and restrooms.

Upgrade old building, have more interesting events

The playground is dangerous and falling apart. Bathrooms are never open. Lots of beautiful open space for lots of amenities at this park.

Log home repara

Get rid of the dogs. They are the owners responsibility not the publics.

Go back to having the entire park off leash!

More pavilions are needed.

There needs to be better parking for the current off leash area-it's dangerous getting your pets in the car when cars are driving to the back of the park.

Trails need to be cleaned up-big trees cut back and large logs moved that block the paths.

Remove the Leash vs Unleashed signed areas. Make it off leashed again.

Off leash area needs...

Pavillion (covered area)

Restroom/water

Bridge or cleared walking path to back area.

Parking area

add swings and basketball

Ban dogs in park. Owners do not control.

Too much activity in woods behind log cabin.

It would be great to have a seating area & a Better place to park.

The pavilions get the job done, but they could do with some TLC.

Hiking trails, bathrooms

We are glad to see the park closed off at night. We live close and it's nice to have the music stopping at a certain time.

major upgrades to rest rooms and palatable drinking water

Bathrooms

Tent camping sites, trail maintenance scheduled events, trail run 5k

Enjoy the openness of the park

We don't use this park very often. Not sure what needs improved.

The trails need to be better maintained and marked. Signage or lack thereof can be confusing as times

We should save the Kinsella Cabin

Some of the trail infrastructure is aging

Better signage to keep people in the park and off other peoples private property

Some of the trail infrastructure is aging

This park is really pretty! But I definitely think there could be improvements made!

Get rid of that ugly old cabin. What is that all about?

More/better maintenance of the trail system

Needs an entire remodel with swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court, baseball field, etc.

Upgrade the restrooms, add disc golf, add a community garden.

A fishing lake and dogs need to be on leashes on the hiking paths to protect the hikers

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Restroom upgrades

The park is my favorite of them all, most natural setting. Needs a complete over-hall. New pavilions, tear down the cabin, new bathrooms and figure out how to accommodate dogs without interfering with other park users. Trails are in need of much work, dangerous washouts and drop offs, should either bring them up to standards or do away with the trails all together.

So old, worn down and outdated. Need updates.

Tennis courts

Playground is usually out of order or something broken

Use the hill for sledding

The sled hills are the most utilized area of the park. We should have a refreshment stand that serves hot chocolate during sledding times. A bon fire area for parties and during sledding would be great, too.

Tennis courts

dont use it enough to recommend

Needs a fire pit

It's a beautiful park and I like that it's quieter with more trails, but not much to do there otherwise. Improved and more interesting trails would be good. A different style of playground like a ropes course or obstacle course would be interesting.

Good walking paths

Ensuring the hiking paths are clearly marked and not tagged by graffiti would best serve this park.

We love the wooded trails here! It could benefit from signage throughout the trail. Right now the trail map is just at the start of each trail head.

Sidewalks...

fields for use, more/safer hiking trails, get the dogs under control with a nice giant area for the dogs to run(not the dog parks that have been installed for tiny dogs), better playgrounds

upgrade restrooms

I just walk through the park on the main driving area around the flag pole and back. I know there are paths in the park, but I am not going to attempt them without a map.

The hiking trails are not well marked I have gotten lost before

Fix big divot at bottom of sledding hills.

We mainly only go for sledding and occasional trails. Would love to see big slides down one of the hills (climbing back up is great exercise).

Need more than one plyground.

Tear down the old log cabin looking thing towards the back of the park. It has zero historic value that anyone cares about, and is an eyesore.

bathrooms

great place for outdoor gatherings and meals

The playground is great, but I miss the hiking trails as they were several years ago when there were two loops (the right turn at the first split from the trailhead near the playground used to loop around instead of just exiting the trails).

Paths should be better labeled. Playground needs swings.

Add basketball courts

Get all the restrooms functional!

Improve safety and lighting

Bluebird trail/Nature trail. More native plants and less grass, reduce mowing costs. Allow employees of the City of Fairview Heights to bow hunt deer to manage populations and improve habitat. Bush honeysuckle removal. Posted maps of trails.

Allow paid tent camping, (no facilities) in summer to increase funds.

Bike trail?

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A maintained walking trail would be nice as I'm getting a bit too old for the hiking paths I now use.

Playground is usually out of order or something broken

Add scooter and skateboard areas for kids

What's the purpose of the old house there? Clearer markings on the pavilions would be helpful and much clearer markings on the paths. It's easy to get lost back there. Maybe some fun trail signs about the local area flora and fauna, etc. A safer playground so the kids don't get banged up in the slides.

places for scouts to hold events/merit badge day camps and campouts.

Don't use this facility only Moody Park close by....

Dogs allowed in park(you have a dog park, but can't take the dogs around the track?)

Better water retention.....gets very muddy

afety

Need parking area for dog park

Trails need weeding/cutting back brush

As I suggested in the survey prior, seating and parking in the unleases area would be helpful. More gravel on trails would be nice as they get very muddy in snow and rain.

Update pavilions and restrooms. Utilize sledding in winter at Pleasant Ridge park. No better hills anywhere.

I often feel unsafe in Pleasant Ridge with various people sitting in their cars. I have also witnessed exchanges take place from a car sitting and a car driving up. As a mom of 3 young kids, I would love for pleasant ridge to be a place my friends feel comfortable meeting my family to play in the playground.

There isn't much to do at Pleasant Ridge Park. There is only one playground with limited activiteis.

Bike path

Use holds for sledding

The hiking paths need maintenance.

Basketball courts

Trails as they are right now are overgrown and unsafe. Clear out and widen hiking trails. Add and repair bridges. Add a direct access trail to creek area. Add a natural playground with modern playground equipment. I suggest adding it near the tree line to take advantage of natural shade. Add unique play equipment. (The playground at Moody park just seems like the same play equipment design I see everywhere.)

Signage to indicate how to reserve pavilions — phone number to call if problems

Paths are in need of repair and try to control poison ivy

Signage to indicate how to reserve pavilions — phone number to call if problems

Maybe a tennis court

Signage to indicate how to reserve pavilions — phone number to call if problems

It would be nice if the hills and valleys are regraded for smoothness. It is a winter destination and my back hurts after sledding

Disc Golf. Local clubs could help actively maintain trails depending on course layout

4. Please indicate any other suggestions you have for The REC Complex.

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Keep it clean and safe place to exercise and workout.

Better supervision of kids and teens

Outdoor aquatic area

Outdoor Pool would be great!

Locker room needs to be cleaned more often

PLEASE MAKE LAP SWIMMING A PRIORITY, by always having a least one lane available at ALL TIMES.

Please keep the locker rooms stocked with paper and soap, (both at the sink and in the showers), and maintain the showers and hand driers to make sure that they work.

Please ENFORCE that people shower before entering the pool.

Please ENFORCE that people use the correct lanes: if in the 'continuous swimming' lane, their feet should NOT be walking on the bottom of the pool.

Indoor track, outdoor pool and aquatics would be great

Increase the size of the dog park.

I like the facilities available but wish it was a little more family friendly in fees.

A heated jacuzzi, not just the votes there now.

The REC is clearly new and is a great facility.

Pool, kiddie pool and slides are closed at random times and dont have enough availability. We drive to highland to use Korte Complex instead. Gym is entirely too small. Most residents want to play basketball but usually the court is being used for a youth sports program, pickleball or a fitness class. Fitness classes should be held in a seperate room.

Basketball courts should be available more often and full gym. Youth programs are poorly run and disorganized. They need a lot of work.

Certainly the addition of the Sauna would be a welcome amenity. Also this maybe something already scheduled but marking the lines in the parking lot would aid in parking.

Need more affordable membership options for residents including personal trainer services. Pricing is NOT competitive with private options.

Install solar panels.

The Rec needs to keep things consistent for each and every customer that comes in as well as consistency in it's programs, events, and classes. Having specialty events and one off things are great but being able to offer swim lessons at all times is important, recreation activities for all ages available, and having a proper cleaning schedule should be a must!

The pool water could stand to be warmer. We stopped going as much because of how cold the water was.

Increase temp of pool.

Have the fitness class at the same time everyday.

I wish they would conduct classes after 5 PM. Like 5:30 or 6 PM for those of us who work during the day

Pool does not apoear clean esp around drains.

We have used the pool table often.

Outdoor fitness sessions

I haven't been there. I bought climbing passes pre-covid, but they expired. When I contacted the Rec to see if we could still use them, no one replied. So, I haven't been inclined to check out the facility since the staff seemed lacking. Would love for the Rex to have a hot tub. Also I'm glad to see the pool is being cleaned. The last few times I went I was disgusted at how dirty the bottom of the pool was— lots of sediment near the drains.

More adult supervision with the basketball courts for youths, adults sometimes takeover the whole gym with fights and full courts and don't any live in the neighborhood

Need two gyms. To much attention is given to pickle ball players and the other sports suffer because of it. Not enough time is devoted to swimming lessons and start some summer sports like a track program or an outdoor basketball tournament 😊

Need larger rooms and more 2lb weights

Small playground situated near the track/soccer field.

Stretching center with space

The fitness center needs to be expanded. The are is quite small and seems like everyone is on top of each other. Also is it very hot at all times in the fitness center.

You could use a lot more free weights.

Earlier classes on the weekend. More Community activities

More staff.; fitness rooms are sometimes not clean. Young people are sometimes misusing equipment or not allowing others to use equipment and there doesn't seem to be staff around in the gym area to monitor rule-breaking

Indoor walking track

Miss ability to reserve swim lanes...particularly for after work swimmers

The changing room for the pool offers no privacy to speak of. As an adult who has had a double mastectomy, I don't care to change out in the open. As I also have a bad knee having to stand in the shower isn't ideal either, so I have to occupy the one handicap toilet stall. I believe the lack of small changing stalls with a bench is poor planning.

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I have a lot to say about this one as I am a member of the facility and come in regularly. The front desk staff is actually really nice. Generally, the afternoon and evening staff are really nice and peppy. They do seem young and sometimes do not know the answers to things, but I can see they are trying their best. But, sometimes the older lady that stands at the front desk early in the mornings is moody to me and does not even say good morning. Also she seems to be unprofessional as I see and hear her talk bad things about other employees in front of and to customers. Classes are good and all the instructors are lovely! Gym area is clean most of the time and normally has a good amount of machines open. The pool is good for the most part especially for me and my family, but some of the lifeguards could pay attention more. My only other suggestion is the amount of wild kids that run around sometimes. I know this is not really the REC's fault, but just some food for thought. Otherwise I love the REC and I like working out at it better than other places in the area like the YMCA.

Sweep and clean floors in gym. Move bleachers and clean behind them as well.

Is the REC profitable for the City?

Have better lighting around the outdoor track

Really needs thorough cleaning in gym area. The floor appears to never be washed. Items and garbage behind bleachers.

I am so grateful I have found the Rec Complex for Pickleball!!! I wish we had a specified time for FOUR courts. Right now, it is 3 courts, but the 4th court is dependent on whether the basketball court is being used. Pickleball, to my knowledge, is not mentioned in your website or brochure(s).

I do wish the floor in the gym was swept/cleaned better. AND pull out those bleachers once in awhile to clean the floor behind and underneath. They are pretty nasty!

Parking lot needs resealed and restriped

Upgrade dog park. More rooms for people to work out when fitness class is going on and fitness center is crowded. Bigger dog park with obstacles.

Lighting on walking path and track

Would recommend adding another squat rack for the fitness area. Would love to have a dedicated yoga studio. Or just in general different rooms dedicated to the different workouts (ex: boxing in its own space, yoga in its own space)

The inside walking track is great!

Utilize the undeveloped field for a nature conservation area.

Out door pickleball courts and a lake

The property around the REC is very large and size of the "dog Park" is embarrassingly small. 2 dogs and it's full! It should have been make much much larger and there is room. Look to Rock Springs for an example of how to build a dog park.

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Parking lot collects water where everyone parks, forms ice in the winter, very dangerous.

Need to extend the hours of operation to open earlier.

Cleanliness of floors in fitness class room

Pilates

5:00 or 5:30 AM fitness class

Other than the daycare center there are no activities and or spaces designed for toddlers to play. There needs to be an actual activity portion in the Rec center for toddlers so their parents can bring and participate in the activities with the toddlers. I would suggest carving out a space are adding an addition for indoor activity for toddlers. (Ages 1 - 5)

They need to follow their policy on adults needing to be with teens within the facility. For the cost of monthly membership it's quite annoying to see policies not being enforced and older kids and their teens just being dropped off and causing chaos and none of the workers doing a thing about it.

Larger dog parks, large fitness center, additional group fitness room just for cycling , larger indoor track, More family areas

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More swimming lanes roped off for use during other classes.

Clean the bottom of the pool

We need more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts. We have over 40 people currently playing pickleball on 3 or 4 courts. Which only accommodates 12-16 people. Too much time waiting to play, ultimately people end up going elsewhere.

Cleanliness of floors in fitness class room

Saunas or hot tub

Needs tk expand

1. Add a racquetball court
2. Block off time in the gym to allow volleyball players to play/practice
3. Fitness center needs to be expanded, not enough equipment
4. Add a large jacuzzi in the pool.
5. Add a boot camp class for beginners during the evening/weekends
6. Add/Promote a Gamers lessons/league (Xbox/Playstation) for kids age 8 and above

Needs more basketball courts inside and outside

Need more equipment that is "Senior Citizen friendly". Also need signs posted stating "Personal Trainers are available for assistance"

Pickleball players having to give priority to basketball players seems totally wrong.

Nothing needs to change.

Love the Rec! We have also done birthday parties here for our daughter. Would be great if the walking/running path was even longer.

The Rec Center needs a separate pool for lap lanes and Aqua Classes to be separate from the kids pool area. I believe an outdoor pool would bring in a lot of business during the warmer months. You could create a yearly rate for families who use the pool year round and one that "grandfather's in" special introductory rates.

Need more trails, better soccer field-get (astro) turf for better utilization and add more fields, need swim lessons back, pickle ball

Pickleball needs more courts some days are very busy with long wait time to play

Get a sauna.

This facility is poorly managed. I have dropped my membership. Never knew if there was going to be a scheduled class or not. I have never been invoiced or notified of membership renewal so I made an effort to contact adm myself to make sure I'm not in arrears. My grandson was in a swim class where the time was changed and parents weren't notified. Another child in his class almost drowned where the child's mother jumped in the pool with her street clothes to save him. After all this enough was enough so I no longer go to the facility.

A Jacob's ladder would be a beautiful addition for a low impact but high intensity cardio option.

Like it as it is

More advanced workout equipment outside of machines

Have hosted two birthday parties there for my child. Used the pool and Clip N Climp.

It definitely could use a upgraded family bathroom

We need more outside, like tennis/pickleball, electric car charging station, baseball fields

Need more free motion space in the gym.

Love the Rec but could use another pickleball court or two or at least extend exclusive time for that activity ... most of the classes are geared for middle aged and older. Not many more difficult classes to chose from and those that you do have are only 30 minutes long

There should be more family restrooms. These are often utilized by fitness center people or other parties who should use the regular restroom and leave family rooms for families with children. The pool should have been built with more lap lanes. The lanes seem to often be utilized during "prime" times by lessons or classes making it hard for lap swimmers. I liked the reservation system during Covid so I knew a lane would be available. Swim lessons often had too many kids & I felt my kids were not getting good instruction. Maybe need better trained/more teachers?I would love to see a swim team!

I also utilize the indoor track in the gym.

Benches along the outdoor walking path would be advisable for those who want the outdoor walking experience but need some assistance along the way.

The REC is one of the most significant and relevant projects that our city has ever undertaken and accomplished!

kids activities

Security needs to be upgraded

If there is a way to add Tennis court with a backboard.

Need racquetball! And a Zumba class on Mondays and Thursdays

Instead of using the land on the north west for a golf course, allow community gardens to produce food. We're all going to starve soon because food prices is going to the moon.

Splash pad

I'd like more community participation with different events going on throughout the year.

I use the REC regularly and mostly enjoy the pool. The lap lanes should be open to water exercisers when vacant if lap swimmers. I was told I could not use an empty lap lane when I asked due to 5 other people in the one exercise lane. I'm now currently going to the Ofallon YMCA because they accommodate seniors that need to exercise in the water and the REC doesn't. I still use the indoor track in inclement weather.

Rec room and indoor walking path around the Gym.

Suggested improvements include an extension of the outdoor walking path to the north and west of the existing one through the existing wooded area.

Larger dog parks, large fitness center, additional group fitness room just for cycling , larger indoor track,

More family areas

Add more resting spots around the track for older adults

Outdoor playground would be amazing! More active workout classes for younger people, mid-morning would be nice. More kid's programming would be great too outside of the regular sports. We've noticed that staff isn't always aware of programs going on and sometimes give mixed messages. We've asked for call backs on various programs and sometimes we get them, sometimes we don't. There have been the same sticky spots on the floor of the recreation room for a few weeks. I'm not sure what specific actions would fix items like these, but there seems to be a need for perhaps a culture shift? Or some way to keep things more consistent and reliable.

Outdoor Pickleball courts

There aren't childcare options for a child over the age of ten. I can't leave my 11-13 year old kids alone in the Rec but they are too old for the childcare. If you can make the childcare area bigger, and provide more activities for older kids that would be great, OR reduce the age that kids can go about on their own in the Rec.

The fitness center needs more equipment for members with limited mobility. A couple of recumbent bikes would be helpful along with another seated elliptical.

Permanent volleyball court

More time and day options for kids classes

We urgently need hot tub/jacuzzi and a steam sauna. The REC would be more competitive with the other gyms in the area with these new additions.

The gym is always crowded with adult men who don't like to share the court with the children. It would be nice to have a designated time, or designated space for kids to play. I love running the outdoor track and walking path. It would be nice to have lights around the track & walking path. The lights could stay on while the Rec is open so people can use it after dark.

Prices need to be more competitive for those on fixed income. You can get a membership at the YMCA cheaper...my tax dollars were used to create this venue.

Flooded area or pond for pond hockey/ice skating in winter

Farmers market

Warm the water in the pool. Not pleasant most days.

More water aerobics or water classes.

party rooms are very pricey for the amount of time you get

More space needs to be created in the gym. Maybe create a cardio studio in a conference room upstairs and move the majority of the cardio machines up there. There is no room when there are more than 5 people there

The Clip & Climb seems to be wasted space. Once children do it a few times they do not want to go back. The child care area is not equipped for older children. You can't leave your children unattended until they are 12 but the childcare area is mostly for toddlers and children 7 and under. It would be nice to have a childcare area for children 8-12 with activities that are age appropriate.

None at this time. Keep friendly staff.

Volleyball league

More slide time open

outdoor skating rink with lights for after dark

We would love it if Lil Rec'ers were open for the hours the Rec is open for. Also, I'd love it if you opened charter memberships for purchase one more time.

You simply need more features. There is not enough offered there and the indoor trail is not long enough, you have to walk it a thousand times just to reach a mile

Would like to see more room for working out. At the height of the pandemic I was very concerned when the facility opened back up with space to social distance and work out.

Indoor walking track

Lockers needed @ indoor track

More weights

Indoor track

Add child/youth volleyball on a day other than Sunday.

Add a girls-only basketball option for children/youth. In sitting through many basketball games watching my sons it was very apparent that the girls tend to hold back and aren't as aggressive as the boys so I feel like they're missing out. I notice that there are only a few girls who even sign up and I feel like the girls basketball program at Grant Middle School is suffering because there aren't very many girls that play. I wonder if a girls-only option, with a female coach if possible, would help build some confidence and enthusiasm in potential female basketball players to prepare them for middle school sports. You could try mixed age groups if enrollment is low at first, as a instructional/fun option. (My own daughter, age 8, did not want to sign up for basketball this year because there were mostly boys playing and because the Coach/Rec employee was too intimidating/hostile.)

Add child/youth baseball that's more instructional for all ages. I feel like if a child wants to try out baseball when he's 9 years old, there aren't a lot of options for him if he hasn't already done t-ball and coach pitch. I'd like to see baseball and softball offered in a similar way to how the Rec offers basketball and soccer, where anyone can join in at any level.

Add more leveled swim lessons. My kids took the beginner lessons but they aren't quite ready for the skills of the advanced lessons. I don't know why there's not something in between. Even the swim instructor didn't have a suggestion for us.

Could add Sand Volleyball courts outside here, instead or in addition to the Longacre (Moody) courts improvements. Understand that it would be easier to provide league play here.

REC staff are Phenomenal! Continue to put Programs out to the community.. having quality programs for kids (even if small uptake initially) makes life long memories ... like I had as a kid at Jones Park and Bellevue Park

Outdoor pool for warm weather

Active aging class geared to SENIORS who are not physically fit but would like to be more mobile. Current classes address those who are fit not those who would like to improve fitness.

An outdoor pool would be awesome to enjoy being a family that lives in the summit spring subdivision off bunkum road

Outdoor pool for our family. We love outdoor swimming

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Outdoor pool for warm weather

Some Classes are becoming over crowded. Need to add more or limit the # of participants.

Offer Pickleball classes.

Gymnastics

WE NEED MORE BASKETBALL SPACE!!!!!!!

I wish the dog park was larger.

The gym needs to be cleaned daily

Gum, dust and spots are on the floor

Don't use this enough to have a strong opinion

Add on another gym

Please add more accessible/inclusive fitness equipment.

Community garden

If the City of Fairview Heights were to construct a new community park, what should be included?

Large off leash dog park area and trails

See previous comments, specifically about allowing leashed dogs and a dog obstacle course if an enclosed dog park is included. Preferably a dog obstacle course for both big and little dogs.

Focus on and use funds to improve the parks that you have! Maintain recreation and public facilities that exceed expectations and do not dilute resources and funding.

Handicap access, nature trails, splash pad, updated playground, bathroom.

Walking trail, community garden (depending on site and available space).

Bike paths

Outdoor pool and splash pad

Places for food trucks. Splash pad. Weekly craft and food markets.

Outdoor pool. Separate kid area.

Conservation areas. Don't lose more trees, encourage planting trees and natural areas for wildlife and conservation.

Outdoor pool

Full size out door POOL and splash pad area.

Bike Trail.

Restrooms, walking trail, dog park, handicapped friendly playground, splashpad

garden, green space, basketball court, bike trails

Trails for walking and bikes

Basketball court

Water pad

Open space

Larger and better dog park

Botanical gardens

No new park. Just enhance the existing.

Something for the older kids like a skate park and or a ninja course, a splash pad, Larger playground areas. The nice one at moody gets overcrowded and the younger kids often times get run over. It would be nice to have another kid friendly park when the camps and school groups are using the moody park. Basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts are all nice things for our teenagers to keep busy. When there is only one of these attractions in one location it gets frustrating when they're always occupied. Bike/skate area would be wonderful so we don't have to drive to other towns to find one. Same with a pool, and splash pad areas. It would be really nice to have one of our own.

I think improving existing facilities is a better use of funds

Dog park, aquatic area like a splash pad, pavilions and seating, bike/walking trails

Pavilions, special needs accessibility

An awesome playground, a great dog park with more space for running, a water feature, walking trails with interest (but not hiking-level difficulty), a splash pad would be amazing.

Skate park, bicycle park, splash pad, outdoor pool, basketball hoops, tennis courts, place for "street" hockey

Water activities for kids and grown ups

Splash pad

Sports fields, another playground or 2, a roller rink, a skate park. Troy community park would be a good example of what should be included.

Basketball courts

Security

Certainly being able to construct a new community park would be a very commendable effort but funding something like that takes a lot of Tax dollars and increasing the tax base maybe something better approached when our economy is in better shape.

Dog park. Skate park. Paved walking trails. Another high quality playground like Moody Park.

Community garden, walking path, nature play space, farmer's market

Waterplay

Playgrounds, restrooms, outdoor swimming, walking and biking trails, bike park, ball fields, tennis

Space and events that encourage community and self-care.

Splash pad, swimming pool

Swings playgrounds walking trails tennis courts volleyball court splash pads

turf fields for soccer, football, or baseball and softball turf fields

Updated shade spaces and open pavillions that operate on a first serve basis

Outdoor pool, events for younger children like gymnastics, cheer, karate etc

Basketball courts, a playground, a pavilion with a grill, swings, baseball field

WATER PARK, FAMILY FRIENDLY AREAS, MAYBE SOMETHING FOR THE TEENS,

Basketball court

A lot of trees and some native plants

Outdoor pool and splash pad, outdoor basketball

Maybe an outdoor public pool

A spot where food trucks could be utilized

Covered Basketball hoops

Soccer fields

Playground with water park. The playgrounds get so hot in the summer. Maybe even an outdoor swimming pool, water park.

Baseball fields tennis court.

Mountain bike/hiking trails, pump track, walking paths, baseball, soccer, basketball

Pickleball, baseball,

Swimming center! Another great playground like the one at Moody would be nice.

I think we have enough parks. If you were to make something. Make a festival field with ample paved parking and have art, music, flea market, and food festivals.

Dog park

Outdoor pool and indoor

Baseball and soccer fields

Outdoor pool

not sure a city of this size needs another city funded park. might want to consider merging a couple of these to include features. and to consider adding more attractions and features to the nw section of the city

Always playground

Basketball courts, swimming pool and splash pool, bigger and better outdoor track field, area for skate boarding and roller skating and a fenced-in area where small kids can play on their ride-on toys like bikes, small cars, or motorcycles.

A walking trail

PLAYGROUNDS

Splash pad/Water park, ZIPLINES!!! (🤩)

We have lots of facilities already, there is no need for another

splash pad, toddler specific equipment,

Basketball

Walking trails

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Movies in the park
Live Music

I believer either a water park or an ice rink. It would bring more business to the community.

A tree house zipline theme would be cool!

We do not need to construct a new park. WE SHOULD HAVE SAVED the log cabin at Pleasant Ridge. It is shameful what has happened to it.

Basketball courts. Great lighting. Stage. Speakers space for seating

Walking trails, dog friendly areas, bike paths (and protected bike lanes on city streets to get to the park safely), community gardens/pollinator gardens, open space for community gatherings

Space for food trucks to park for food truck Fridays or an outdoor stage for live music or for an outdoor movie screen. You could show home baseball games during the summer on a big screen. A place that is open for food, beverages and drinks during events, or have local restaurants or food trucks present during live events or movie showings. More covered picnic tables would be great. A splash pad or outdoor pool/water would be nice. Walking trails and space for outdoor yoga and exercise classes.

Outdoor water play area (swimming pool, splash pad, etc.)

I'd like to see a community center and Farmers Market, perhaps near St. Clair Square.

No new park needed

Festival stage for concerts and events. Bike access and bike amenities.

Something for every age group young and old.

a pool

You listed 10 parks. We have enough parks.

Community Garden Space

Splash pad for kids

Festival stage for concerts and events. Bike access and bike amenities.

Splash pad

More tennis courts

Somehow a way for kids to learn more about the nature and animals in the area. Playground that is safe and accessible for the kids. Areas to picnic at. Water spaces. Outdoor splash pad. More pavilions.

Pickleball courts, tennis courts ball fields, walking trails, playground equipment, pavilans, restrooms, well lighted and security or police officers on the grounds.

Bicycle and walking paths

Some type of nature play scape for the kids

Lots of green space. Pavilions that are spread out. A good walking/running trail. Possibly an outdoor splash pad for kids.

Pickleball courts, basketball courts.

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS. But do not use Moody Park Pickleball Courts as a role model. The surface there is awful.

Public soccer fields

Be handicapped accessible and have handicapped specific playground equipment. Pickle ball court.

Bicycle and walking paths

Some type of nature play scape for the kids

Disco golf course, basketball court, walking trail/bike trail, dog park, outdoor pool, water park, skate park

Swimming pool, basket ball court, walking trail

Bike path

Walking track

More sports fields, walking/biking paths, a splash pad.

city garden walk, fountains, art, unique kids climbing area

Parking, restrooms, walking/bicycle trail, large flat open space for people to come out and enjoy.

Toddler zone!

Bike Trail!

I think we need to take care of the parks we currently have before putting the money into a new park

Family activities and areas, a playground at the Rec. Softball fields

Playground, walking trail, tennis court

Disco golf course, basketball court, walking trail/bike trail, dog park, outdoor pool, water park, skate park

Not necessary to construct a new park—just elaborate on the ones we have

Outdoor pool!

More walking and Bicycle trails

A minimum of 12 pickleball courts with lights and designed correctly. Go to Plummer Park and duplicate what they have.

Axe throwing

Multi- use sports activity complex

depends on location

Pond for fishing

restrooms lots of greenery, handicap accessible playground

Improve the ones we have with basketball courts.

More walking and Bicycle trails

Outdoor pool would be nice.

Outdoor basketball courts

Pool

Skate park

Walking biking rollerblading trail

Playground

Dog park

Something for every age group young and old.

More of the same just in different areas of the city

Would love to see something available for live outdoor concerts and/ or carnival possibilities.

Outdoor pool would be nice.

Chess Table/Area

Water Splash Area

Something not available at the other parks.

This survey has mentioned pickle ball courts and community gardens, those are great ideas.

I like the idea of something like a splash park for young kids and a skate park for the older ones.

A local farmers market modeled after what O'FALLON has done would be very nice.

For a community garden I really like the thought of a wild flower area to feed birds and butterflies, and maybe have a local beekeeper have a hive or two. Teaching about sustainability is important.

Fairview Heights can also that the lead in the area by offer a recycling program throughout the city and try to keep our community looking better. Trash is a big problem in the city.

Activities for teens

A playground set up for toddler age children.

Trails that link to other parks and the Metrolink trail.
 Snow cone stand :) Good bribery to get kids to bike to it!

Everything that was stated in the comments prior

Child play areas.

8 to 12 pickleball courts for holding tournaments etc...

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 restrooms
 playground including handicapped accessible
 walking trail
 pavilions
 water play area

Improve the ones we have with basketball courts.
 I would actually like to see more hiking trails. Something like out at Queeny Park would be amazing. Not sure if that is something FH has the space for though.

Swimming pool
 Community Gardens
 Farmer's Market

Nature type trails/walking paths, connecting bike trails, outdoor pool.

Just fun for the kids to keep them active

Sand and hardtop volleyball courts, basketball court, garden

Not needed.

Splash pad
 Basketball courts
 Playground
 Pavilion

Outdoor pool

A park with an outdoor splash pads and water features.

Definitely pickleball courts ...

water feature for kids to splash thru fountains

I would have it on the order of Old Lincoln Trail Park.

I can't think of anything

Hiking trails, a playground, and maybe an outdoor pool.

Why construct a new park? We have great parks.

Place for theater, speakers lighting, stage. Areas to plug in.

Outdoor swimming

Pool, pickle ball courts

A walking/biking trail and a paved area designated and marked for drone takeoffs and landings.

softball fields, water parks....running trails and basketball courts

a pool

I believe if the city were to construct a new park I would hope they would chose to do something like O'Fallon sports park. Soccer fields, baseball fields, track, splash pad playground facilities, and pavilions

Bike trails with electronic bike rentals. Wildflower plantings with bee hives for less mowing and upkeep costs.

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No need for an additional park, keep the ones we have in good shape...but...IF...it would ne nature walking paths and bike paths

I think the parks can use a lil improvement, but don't you think our roads should come first?
 There are a lot of roads that could use our money before this. For example, we just recently concrete paved the road that goes to Pleasant Ridge park? Why are we not doing something with Circle Drive that has a lot more traffic than most any road around. There is a school there to in which is very used. I think we need to repave that one? Concrete would be good. There are some really bad bumpy spots on that one.
 I know this is supposed to be about the parks, but we are good on parks. Fix these roads please!

Why would the city want a new park ? We have some of the best parks in the area.

Outdoor pool more pickleball same amenities as we have in present

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Perhaps an outdoor water facility

Accessible Play area
 Splash pad and pool
 Dog park

Baseball diamond with grass infield and outfield and regulation pitcher's mound. Diamond should be oriented with home plate to the west. Softball diamond again with home plate to the west.

An outdoor pool that accommodates people of all ages would be great. I currently pay to use the Ofallon community pool. Also, everyone I know who owns dogs like to walk their dogs in a park- not the streets and not let them loose in a small dog park. We like to exercise TOGETHER. It's a shame we have to pay other cities to swim in their outdoor pools or walk our dogs in their parks. Also, Seniors like to sit together in outdoor settings that do not revolve around playgrounds. Some benches or seating in circular situations would be nice. I notice some seniors sitting on benches situated at Moody walking trails and maybe a more designated place would be useful.

Picnic / gathering pavilion, walking trails with picnic tables beside trail, playground with picnic tables, (maybe) dog park, youth softball field, youth baseball field, garden area for residents to maintain surrounded with picnic tables. Bicycle trail head (or stop over) with parking and picnic tables. Food vendors, at least during warm months on weekends.

Family activities and areas, a playground at the Rec. Softball fields
 walking trail, playground with swings and climbing equipment, baseball/softball fields, tennis courts, pickle-ball courts, sand volleyball

12 pickleball courts
 New tennis courts
 Wooded trail walking path
 Designated bicycle trails

Splash park, painted obstacle course on sidewalks, themed playground with something for all ages, high ropes course (or elements of one), zip line, disc golf.

A POOL, an archery range, a disc golf course, playground, dog park.
 grassy amphitheater with playground nearby and a concession area. this will bring people into the area for music festivals and community theater, like rendezvous event center in Winter park, colorado. a food truck area nearby would be good too, or a container park like the downtown container park in las vegas, NV.

A water park

Like Rock Springs in O'Fallon

Splash pad that is fenced in

Hot tub and sauna

An outdoor basketball court would be nice improvement.

Splash Pad, event hall, basketball court, pavilions with electricity, outdoor pool, BBQ grills

Basketball courts, pavilions, restrooms, walking trail, playground, concession stands for sports leagues

APPENDIX | SURVEY – OPEN END COMMENTS

Ice rink

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Outdoor pool. Trails.

Walking paths, possibly some through native grasses and flowers.

batting cages, covered pavillions garden area

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Walking trail

Bike trail

Picnic area

Lighting

Pavilions

Camping area

I would suggest Fairview Heights prioritizes resources to upgrade and maintain the current parks and the Rec.

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Outdoor water park (only city without one in the area), farmers market, better dog park than a small fence in area

Basketball courts and soccer fields

A place for kids to ride bikes, skateboards, and scooters. My household has a personal connection with an x games champion that would be willing to help design a park if you are interested! I hate having to go to other towns to fulfill our hobbies when our city has plenty of space to do sure.

Splash pad, pool, playground, running trail

Everything that will attack the residence of Fairview Heights.

Bike trail, splash pad, volleyball court,nature area or prairie

Sports fields

NO Outdoor basketball courts

Outdoor pool

Outdoor skating rink with lights

Pool, nice walking trail, splash pad, yearly open restrooms with heat/a/c,

A rentable hall for parties/gatherings

an outdoor pool/splash zone

Community garden plots (residents only)

A memorial garden area with a water feature and sitting area

A protein bar

Better and a bigger workout area

Larger pool

More activities for seniors

A sauna room

An indoor/ outdoor pool

A youth program for summer

A location that is centralized in Fairview Heights --The Rec is hidden

walking/running path and playground for children

Playground and swing sets. Plenty of seating for adults.

Open space with nature trails

Gardens, butterfly house Or aviary. Playground, dog park, fields

Walking/ bike path, tennis court, basketball court, baseball area, nice bathrooms and pavilions, small lake maybe.

Outdoor swimming

Outdoor swimming pool

Farmers market space like the Vine Street Market in OFallon,IL

Basketball courts for adults and kids.

—Outdoor water park

—Destination playground

—Walking/biking trails

—Biking course for all ages with unique elements—bumps, tunnels, etc.

—SHADE and benches in shady areas

—Clean restrooms

—Creek area for play

—Area with visual appeal—bridge, stonework, etc.—that could be a backdrop for family/senior/prom photos. I’m always looking for areas to take photos and Fairview doesn’t really have anything to offer for this. We usually end up going to other parks instead.

Indoor Sand Volleyball facility. I am not sure of the logistics but Sand Volleyball is the fastest growing sport at the collegiate level and an indoor facility could generate revenue for the city, by hosting college tournaments.

Walking path

Swimming pool

Playground

Bicycle paths

Would be good to have a good bike path throughout the community.

Summer programs where Freshman and Sophomore can mentor and instruct grade school kids

It sounds hooky but music In the park or at city hall starts as a mustard seed but grows the awareness and sense of Commitment to a quality life style —- Maplewood MO was going down down down 5 years ago and rejuvenated the parks with music etc. and now thriving with young families and social climbers without leaving the average kids behind.

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Outdoor pool, skate park, dog park, community garden nature.

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Walking path

Swimming pool

Playground

Bicycle paths

Fully accessible playground

Splash pad similar to O’Fallon

Handicap accessibility and paths

Walking paths

Soccer fields

Walking trail

Splash pad

Playground

Pavilions

Bike trails

Green space

Walking path, bike path, dog park, playground
 Outdoor pool
 Covered space for outdoor yoga
 No no...thats not needed. Please don't waste that kind of money. Improve what we have.
 Pickelball courts. The courts are always crowded
 Playground, pool, dog park
 Soccer fields and baseball fields and water park and trails
 ADA Playground; Community Rental area for small parties year round
 Basketball courts
 Bike /skate park
 Lake, amphitheater, wooded hiking trails, several playgrounds, pool or small waterpark would be nice, pavillions, sufficient parking for events, shade trees,
 Splash pad or swimming pool, outdoor concert/bandshell, food truck space with appropriate area for dining (either tables or picnic areas), all with accessible areas,
 A play ground for disabled children that is a decent size with more handicapped swings. Different walking trails, like Moody Park, or a combo of walking trails and hiking trails.
 Community garden
 My first question is what neighborhood you're tearing down to create this park.
 Adequate bathrooms. Water fountains. Walking trail. Safe lighting.
 Giant Water Slide

Please write any additional suggestions you have for improvements to the Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation facilities and programming below.

Keep bathrooms open all year. I go to the bathroom all year, not just the summer.
 Hot tub/ sauna/ steam room
 Interconnect the parks with bike, walking, scooter and golf cart paths and/or sidewalks. Expand size of sidewalks to interconnect and provide pedestrian access to city wide park system. Part of the user experience is to visit multiple parks not just one by having them interconnected. Add Sculptures and artwork to the park experience.
 Our city parks are great! Keep the parks safe, the goose crap under control at Moody Park (if possible), and the citywide recycling drive in the spring at Moody.
 I love the parks. As a non-resident, I'd love to support them through vendor based sales or other things like a paid movie in the park.
 I used to be a resident of Fairview Heights until I sold my home.
 New buildings (including the Rec) should use renewable energy and have solar panels. It would show the city is committed to the environment and being fiscally responsible on energy costs.
 Do NOT allow LOUD MUSIC SYSTEMS to be set up by individuals in the pavillions at the park, except for City Festivals.
 Other park goers should be allowed to enjoy the parks without being disturbed by LOUD MUSIC. Thank you.
 FH should have more bike trails and walking paths in the city. We live less than a mile to shopping, but cannot walk or ride a bike there. Sidewalks are also needed throughout the city. Again, we live a mile from Moody park and don't have sidewalks to walk there.
 Just wanted to say I see the city trucks at the Fox Creek mini park a lot and everything is so well kept. The neighborhood appreciates it! Thanks you!
 More older adult exercise activities outdoor
 Bring back dance classes. Swing, ballroom, etc.
 There needs to be more offered for adults like an adult softball or kickball league. There is a good amount available for young kids and the older community which is great, there just seems to be a lull in that area for teens and adults. I also think that some seperation between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Rec would be a good thing.

please consider adding basketball courts and updating playgrounds.
 Again, it seems difficult to find information about senior programs. The rec website lists some, but I don't think they list them all. A link from inside their content to additional resources might be helpful.
 We have been members of the rec center for years. It seems like a great facility.
 Why waste more money
 I really like the turn Fairview has taken in the last few years to make residents aware of the changes to the parks.
 Better supervision and night teenagers watching adults at night....
 lowering costs at the rec if at all possible
 No suggestions but think this survey is wonderful! Great job to those that thought of it and those that implemented it! great job fairview heights
 Continue to hire quality employees. The staff at the rec center is amazing.
 As I said above, you should save and repair the log cabin at Pleasant Ridge.
 Protected/designated bike lanes to access the parks. We can't currently SAFELY ride our bikes to the Rec Center or Moody Park. A designated bike lane down Bunkum road and/or Hwy 50 would make a huge difference for example. It would be great if biking/pedestrian access were considered for any new parks or in the improvement of existing parks.
 I have heard people commenting on security issues at the Rec and it is worrisome.
 Ice skating rink. Outdoor pool with diving boards.
 I would like to see pickleball and basketball have separate times to play. I would like the rec complex staff be friendly to all members. I would like communication between staff be consistent. It is very frustrating getting different answers from staff employees.
 More festivals. I know this requires much planning and volunteers.
 Adding a disc golf course and setting up leagues would be great. Would also like to see more bike paths, and more sports programming for teens and adults.
 Allow dogs in Moody Park if leashed. Would like to see a Master play that creates purpose and function for the spaces in our parks, The parks are great and well used. Would like to see them get even better. Security is another issue, making sure people feel safe when in the parks.
 See above.
 Angie the director does a GREAT job
 Programs should be free for residents who pay for Rec Center membership
 I like how O'Fallon has the Vine Street market. Would be great to have something similar.
 If we had trails that connected to the Metrolink we could get more people biking to restaurants, etc. Culvers in Collinsville next to the MCT trail head is always filled with bikers.
 Everything that was stated in the comments prior...more programs for adult, teen and young adults
 I love my community and want a safe, clean, family friendly environment in which to live. I hope my comments provide some insight on how some residents feel
 Also, how can you pay for park improvements when my neighborhood streets are crumbling.
 Eliminate one of the seldom/not used parks (French Village, Ogles Creek)
 I would really appreciate charging station in Fairview Heights area.
 Have under 55+ activities that are similar to the 55+ activities.
 activities for teens are needed
 Parks should benefit residents and workers of Fairview Heights, and NO PEE WEE FOOTBALL games that end up with shootings. Again NO PEE WEE Football games.
 Does Fairview Heights have summer day camps for kids?
 Fairview does a great job with parks and Rec. Our family feels The Rec is one of the best things to happen to Fairview
 Get rid of the geese.

Move basketball hoops to a designated area

Please update Pleasant Ridge's playground so kids stop getting banged around on the equipment.

I just really wish the park district was not so tied up in theRec and membership there.

Less money grab, more structure

Not just high school/college kids running camps.....or train them to be more engaged

Thank you for taking high interest in our parks and rec!

Tear down old buildings and any vacant buildings. Set up a plan for a community park with new trees and gardens. Allow for a walking path adjacent to the main business district. If feasible, set up an ice cream shop, maybe a coffee shop, or a couple of other family oriented stores to entice families to utilize the park year round.

batting cages, batting cages, batting cages, lol like the ones at centerfield, putt putt would be nice too

Close all parks at dusks. Have gates to deny access. Stop allowing football games with non resident teams from st louis . People want to relax at parks not deal with out of control teenagers

Again, please revise the layout of the gym at the Rec. Also, if it's in the budget, another squat rack and a couple more machines would be beneficial

More sports leagues and activities for toddlers and teens

Keep the park clean

I'm grateful we live in a place where parks and recreation are so highly regarded. Keep up the good work!

increased mailers and communication regarding the services that we do have. Increased advertisement. Again increase in diversity.

Basketball courts

Continue to ask for input from the people who use the parks. My family and I go to parks all over the bi-state area and I'm always surprised when I find park elements that are not designed well for the people that they serve.

Anything from poorly designed restrooms to a playground out in full sun can be a deterrent to the people you want to be using these facilities.

Keep marketing and promoting programs for FH City kids and "grandkids" of FH +55 residents

The important things is to get a

Message out each month about FH supporting activities ... Easter egg hunt or

Music etc.... Keep

Marketing Fairview Heights as a City Supporting kids development and community interaction --- vibrant and dynamic

Our community would greatly benefit from soccer girls as d a splash pad so we don't have to travel to neighboring cities.

We need a farmers market

We love Fairview Heights. The parks are great. There is always a need for improvement. Something that brings people together. People of all ages. But it is about money, available land, maintenance, work force, and sustainability.

APPENDIX | PARK IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET ESTIMATES

| Moody Park | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Prepare ADA Compliance Report to correct ADA issues throughout park | \$25-\$30K |
| Replace all restrooms (2) | \$700K-\$850K |
| Pickleball Courts (3) w/Shade Patio | \$150K |
| Solve drainage problems and reconstruct small playground | \$350K-\$400K |
| Reconstruct parking lots (2) | \$190K-\$220K |
| Evaluate future use of central green space site plan | \$25K-\$30K |
| Football field relocation to ice rink site plan | \$20-\$30K |
| Moody Plus/Ruby Lane west area site plan | \$25-\$35K |
| Park Maintenance & Public Works Secure Compound(Phased) | \$600K-\$700K |

| THE REC | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Add Gym | \$2 Mil-\$2.5 Mil |
| Add Aquatic Center | \$5 Mil-\$6.5 Mil |
| Add restroom next to track | \$200K-\$250K |
| Develop Practice Field or multi-purpose courts | \$650K-\$750K |
| Add crosswalk (No signalization) | \$18K-\$25K |
| Expand walking path | \$170K-\$190K |
| Pickleball Courts (3) w/Shade | \$150K |

| PLEASANT RIDGE PARK | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Replace all restrooms (2) | \$700K-\$850K |
| Replace all pavilions (3) | \$750K-\$900K |
| Create scenic wedding venue | \$500K-\$550K |
| Log cabin preservation (exterior only) | \$350K-\$400K |
| Roadside parking near dog run | \$40K-\$65K |
| Replace playground | \$400K-\$475K |

| NEW URBAN PARK | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Community City Center/Farmers Market/Food Truck | \$5 Mil-\$6.5 Mil. |
| Destination & Multi-Generational Playground | \$750-\$1.0 Mil. |
| Amphitheater | \$750-\$1.0 Mil. |
| Splash Pad | \$650K-\$780K |

| FRENCH VILLAGE PARK | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Add small picnic pavilion | \$65-\$70K |
| Add loop walking trail | \$150K-\$200K |
| Clear Honeysuckle and level top of hill | \$125K-\$155K |

| OLD LINCOLN TRAIL PARK | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Replace restroom to meet ADA | \$350-\$425K |
| Repair fence along back of homes | \$25-\$30K |

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Add ornamental Fence along road | \$25-\$30K |
| Add loop walking trail | \$195K-\$220K |

| LEXINGTON PARK | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Add small picnic pavilion | \$70-\$75K |
| Add shade trees along road | < \$5K |

| FOX CREEK PARK | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Order of Magnitude Cost |
| Add shade trees along E/W property Line | < \$5K |

NOTE: THESE ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE A 20% CONTINGENCY OR 15% DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FEES ON TOP OF THE COSTS PLUS CONTINGENCY.



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