

Overview

O'Fallon, Missouri's park and recreation system consists of nine parks totaling approximately 447.5 acres of land, of which 368.5 acres have been developed. With a projected 2020 population of 87,050, the city embarked on a master planning process to strategically address its parks and recreation needs for the next ten years and beyond.

The Process

A planning process which emphasized on public input was used to develop the plan. Integral to this process was execution of a Community Attitude and Interest Survey which focused on understanding the needs and desires of the community. Additional opportunities for public input included stakeholder interviews and public workshops.

Analysis

The analysis of park land and facilities revealed a need of over 188 acres of additional park land along with a significant future need for facilities. Significant service area gaps were discovered for each of the various types of parks. Although when considered together, a very small park service area gap was shown to exist.

Facilities identified as having a high need included:

- Walking and Biking Trails
- Nature Trails and nature Center
- Fishing Lakes
- Playground Equipment
- Off-Leash Dog Parks
- Outdoor Swimming Pools
- Baseball and Softball Fields
- Recreation Center

Recreation Program Assessment

The Recreation Program Assessment revealed the following findings:

- The existing programs currently focus on selling benefits, which is a positive
- One improvement area identified was the need to provide additional focus on high school age programs.
- Program performance measures should be established and tracked system wide.
- System-wide customer feedback methods should be established and implemented.
- Expand corporate outreach programs to generate additional earned income streams.

Park Operations and Maintenance

- Develop standards which tie available staff hours and equipment requirements to the frequency of the task.
- Develop a cost of service model to determine costs to achieve desired standards.
- Create a utility plan to reduce utility costs through energy efficient practices.
- Incorporate "Green" or sustainable objectives into daily operations and future projects.

Safety

- Six to seven rangers, covering seven day-a-week operations annually, with three to four volunteer rangers for support should be considered for the O'Fallon Parks Ranger program.
- Associate rangers with the NRPA Ranger Certification program and or State of Missouri Peace Office certification.
- Modify role to include equal focus on public relations and resource conservation.

Implementation Strategies

Three levels of action for implementing various aspects of the plan, based on the preferred time frame were developed. The Priority List covers implementation

of the projects from years 2009-2014. The Mid Term project list includes projects anticipated to occur between years 2015-2020 and the Long Term projects are to occur in years 2021-2030.

Priority Project (2009-2014)

- Civic Park**
 - ADA Playground Safety Surfacing
 - Alligators Creek Pool Entrance
 - Alligators Creek Bath House Improvements
 - Alligators Creek Pump Room Improvements
 - Alligators Creek Water Feature Replacement/Upgrade
- Dames Park**
 - New Comfort Station
 - Relocated Fitness Trail (New Fitness Equipment)
 - Off Leash Dog Park
- Fort Zumwalt Park**
 - Parking Lot Removal and Replacement (Heald House/Fort Area)
 - New Visitor's Interpretive/Nature Center
 - Restored Fort with Interpretive Signage (Signage Only)
- Knaust Park**
 - Playground Improvements (ADA)
 - Solar Powered Lighting Fixtures
- O'Day Park**
 - Phase 1 Improvements-Main Entry, Playground, Trails, Youth Activity Center, Skate Park
- O'Fallon Sports Park**
 - 1 Mile Loop Perimeter Trail
 - Concession Stand with Restroom Facility
 - Field Lighting
 - Site Electrical Distribution for Field Lighting
- Ozzie Smith Complex**
 - North Field Complex Improvements
 - Perimeter Trail
- Westhoff Park**
 - Phase 1 Improvements-East Entry & Service Roads, Fireworks Launch Site, North Meadow
- Other Projects**
 - Park to Park Greenway Development Initiative (1 Mile of Trail)
 - Comprehensive Main Park Signage Update

Mid-Term Project (2015-2020)

- Dames Park**
 - Archeological Site Phase 1 Cultural Assessment
 - Interpretive Trail Around Archeological Site w/ Educational Signage Nodes
 - Electrical Service to Main Pavilion
- Fort Zumwalt Park**
 - New Maintenance Building and Storage Building
 - Removal of Existing Small Maintenance Building
 - Lake Improvements
 - Lake Pathway with Seating/Viewing Nodes
 - Heritage Meadow
 - New Lake Access, Fishing Dock and Gazebo
- O'Day Park**
 - Phase 2 Improvements-Outdoor Classroom, Tree House, Trail, Parking, Entry Feature
- O'Fallon Sports Park**
 - Expanded Parking Lot (Southwest - 138 Spaces)
 - Multi-Use Fields (South - 2 Overlay Fields)
- Ozzie Smith Complex**
 - Concession Warehouse
- Other Projects**
 - Future South District Park Land Acquisition (40 Acres)
 - Future Northwest Metro Park Land Acquisition (80 Acres)
 - Park to Park Greenway Development Initiative (1 Mile of Trail)

Long-Term Project (2021-2030)

- Westhoff Park**
 - Phase 2 Improvements-Central Athletic Fields, Parking, Ramble, Tennis Courts, Roundabout
 - Phase 3 Improvements-West Athletic Fields, Parking, Roundabout
- Other Projects**
 - Northside Recreation Center
 - Future South District Park (Facility Improvements)
 - Future South District Park Projected Annual Maintenance Man Hour Costs
 - Future Northwest Metro Park (Facility Improvements)
 - Future Northwest Metro Park Projected Annual Maintenance Man Hour Costs

Executive Summary

O'Fallon Parks & Recreation
Master Plan



2020 Concept Plan

The Master Plan

The Master Plan consists of four component parts or topic areas: 1) New Park Land Considerations, 2) Maintenance and Improvements of Existing Facilities/Amenities, 3) Trails, and 4) Additional Long Term Goals.

New Park Land Considerations

Recommendations for future park land include the following:

- Neighborhood Parks (4) @ 15 acres per park.
- District Parks (2) @ 40 acres per park.
- Metropolitan Park (1) @ 80 acres per park.

Maintenance and Improvement of Existing Facilities/Amenities

Future detailed recommendations have been made for maintaining and improving the existing facilities and amenities within each of O'Fallon's nine parks.

Trails

A Bikeable-Walkable Community Plan (OWL) was developed in 2008 for the communities of O'Fallon, Wentzville and Lake St. Louis, Missouri. The City of O'Fallon is currently in the process of implementing various component parts of the 2008 Bikeable-Walkable Community Plan. The focused implementation objectives, related to trails, and germane to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan include:

- A high priority on connectivity between existing parks.
- Development of a trail system which connects parks but is separate from the existing roadway

Additional Long Term Goals

Several additional long-term goals have also been identified as part of this Master Plan. These are outlined below.

- Land Acquisition – The City of O'Fallon should continually seek opportunities to acquire future park land and open space. Additional opportunities for
- System Wide Connectivity – Connecting all parks within the City of O'Fallon with walking/biking paths should be a high priority now and in the future.
- Sports Complex– Future development of an outdoor sports complex anticipated to meet the community's long term facility needs including baseball/softball fields and soccer fields.
- Northside Recreation Center – Replacement of Civic Hall with a new community center facility is a recommendation of this plan.

system and promotes safety and use by those of all ages while minimizing conflict with motorized vehicles.

- Promotion and education of the natural environments which exist within O'Fallon
- Designation of a future corridor framework which is coordinated with the new park land acquisitions recommended by this plan.

Using the above objectives as a basis, a trail concept has been developed which uses the O'Fallon portion of the OWL plan as its underlying basis.

