

Appendix G

2008 O'Fallon Comprehensive Plan Parks, Recreation and Trails Goals and Action Items

The 2008 O'Fallon Comprehensive Plan identifies the City of O'Fallon development policies, capacities, and trends, and it provides a basis for making decisions on current and future projects and initiatives. It identifies existing and future land use patterns, as well as development goals, opportunities, and constraints. The Comprehensive Plan evaluates land use alternatives, makes recommendations concerning future land use patterns, and establishes development guidelines. The Comprehensive Plan, in summary, attempts to answer the basic questions about the physical, economic, and social conditions of O'Fallon and the aspirations of its citizenry by integrating knowledge of existing conditions with a plan for the future. The goals and action items listed in Appendix G have been considered as guiding principles of the master plan. Any updates to the Comprehensive Plan should be evaluated for potential impacts to the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS

GOAL 67: PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

THE CITY OF O’FALLON SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DESIRES OF RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS WHERE THE CITY WILL LIKELY EXPAND IN THE FUTURE.

Action 67.1: The City should aggressively pursue the acquisition of park land and open space to meet the current demands and future needs of its’ residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation & City Administration, Short Term

Action 67.2: The City should actively pursue developers and landowners for donations of 20 acres or more of appropriate property and/or open space suitable for the creation of new or expanded park development needs as identified by the residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Community Development & City Administration, Short Term

Action 67.3: The City should update its current Facility Needs Study and Park and Recreation Master Plan to determine that park land is developed in accordance with the needs of the residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Short Term

Action 67.4: The City should develop and implement a full-time Ranger Program to meet the needs of the growing parks and keep them a safe environment for all.

Implementation Strategy: Police Department & Parks and Recreation, Short Term

GOAL 68: PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY MAINTENANCE

THE CITY OF O’FALLON SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESERVE, MAINTAIN, AND ENHANCE EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THROUGH THE USE OF ADEQUATE OPERATING BUDGETS, USER FEES, VOTER-APPROVED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, INNOVATIVE FUNDING TECHNIQUES, AND PROPER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

Action 68.1: The City should seek private, state and federal funds to assist with the purchase, development and maintenance of all Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 68.2: The City should continue to develop partnerships with schools and other organizations, groups and individuals to assist in funding, equipping and maintaining current and future Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 68.3: The City should continue to update its current maintenance procedures to keep our parks and facilities up to date, safe and attractive to all users.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 68.4: The City should continue to update or add new amenities to current parks where possible to meet the needs of the residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 68.5: The City should strive to make all facilities and park amenities accessible to persons with disabilities.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

GOAL 69: RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

THE CITY OF O’FALLON SHOULD CONTINUE TO SPONSOR A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS THAT MEET THE DESIRES OF A VARIETY OF USERS AND AGE GROUPS.

Action 69.1: The City should continue to provide both passive and active recreational programs that meet the desires and needs of the population.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 69.2: The City should continue to provide programs to all persons, regardless of their abilities, finances or age.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 69.3: The City should continue to research the programs offered by others and keep abreast of new trends or deficiencies in the area.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 69.4: The City should continue to provide and expand the quality festivals and events that are free to the public (i.e. Heritage and Freedom Fest, Fall Fest).

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 69.5: The City should continue to provide and promote all types of cultural arts including music, dance, theater and art.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

GOAL 70: MULTI USE TRAIL SYSTEM

THE CITY OF O'FALLON SHOULD IMPLEMENT THE 2008 TRAILS MASTER PLAN AND PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRAVEL TO BECOME A WALKABLE/ BIKABLE COMMUNITY.

Action 70.1: The City should strive to develop the trails and paths outlined in the Trail Master Plan within the next 5-7 years.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Long Term

Action 70.2: The City should continue to develop nature trails and paths within existing and future parks.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Intermediate Term

Action 70.3: The City should utilize Great Rivers Greenway and other funding sources to finance the development of these trails and paths.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Intermediate Term

Action 70.4: The City should develop a maintenance plan for these trails and paths.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Long Term

Action 70.5: The City should educate its' residents on the alternate means of travel as they are developed.

Implementation Strategy: Public Relations & Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

GOAL 71: TOURISM

THE CITY OF O'FALLON SHOULD PROMOTE ITS VARIOUS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE SHOULD VISIT O'FALLON.

Action 71.1: The City and the O'Fallon Convention and Visitors Bureau should develop a marketing plan to promote the attractions in O'Fallon.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, City Administration & Public Relations, Short Term

Action 71.2: The City and the O'Fallon Convention and Visitors Bureau should develop 1-2 City wide promotional events that bring people to all areas of the City. (Something to tie in with Celebration of Lights during the holiday season).

Implementation Strategy: Public Relations, City Administration & Parks and Recreation, Intermediate Term

Action 71.3: The City should continue to support and promote the River City Rascals Baseball Team.

Action 71.4: The City and the Veteran's Commission should continue to hold the special events at The O'Fallon Veterans Memorial Walk and expansion of this memorial.

Implementation Strategy: City Administration & Parks and Recreation, Short Term

GOAL 72: PROVIDE UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS

THE CITY OF O’FALLON SHOULD SUPPORT THE CULTURAL ARTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND PROVIDE UNIQUE ATTRACTIONS OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

Action 72.1: The City should provide the residents with a wide-range of cultural programs and activities for all ages and backgrounds.

Implementation Strategy: Tourism and Festivals & Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 72.2: The City should sponsor and support the cultural arts and consistently provide significant local, regional and national attractions for the enjoyment and growth of its residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Public Relations & City Administration, Intermediate Term

Action 72.3: The City should analyze the growth opportunities for the O’Fallon Repertory Theatre by moving out of the gymnasium facility in the Municipal Centre into a new or rehabilitated facility to provide the level of professionalism to grow the program for the theatre and the residents.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation & City Administration, Long Term

Action 72.4: The City should work in cooperation with the St. Charles-City County Library District to expand the size and inventory of its 3 branch libraries, construct additional branches and to promote the use of O’Fallon libraries to City residents.

Implementation Strategy: City Administration & Public Relations, Ongoing

GOAL 73: BEAUTIFICATION

THE CITY OF O’FALLON SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE CITY.

Action 73.1: The City should continue to provide the hanging baskets for the Main Street area and evaluate the opportunities to expand this to other pedestrian areas in the city.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation, Ongoing

Action 73.2: The City should evaluate the current Street Tree Program and modify it where safety concerns are apparent. A revised Street Tree Program should be developed to identify appropriate locations, types of trees and what will be required to continue receiving the Tree City USA designation.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation & Community Development, Short Term

Action 73.3: The City should evaluate the opportunity to provide for landscaped islands in identified areas throughout the city.

Implementation Strategy: Parks and Recreation & Community Development, Intermediate Term

