

# *City of Southlake Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan*

***An Element of the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan***

*Adopted by Southlake City Council*

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# Executive Summary

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The City of Southlake is pleased to present the updated Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, a component of the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan. This plan update represents many months of between elected and appointed officials, and other community stakeholders. In February of 2018, the City adopted an amendment to the 2030 Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Community Facilities Master Plan. While not a complete update to the existing plan, it did include several deletions, revisions, and additions of recommendations across a few specific parks. Given the recency of this amendment, a number of those recommendations will be carried over in the Southlake 2035 Master Plan. Besides the amendment in 2018, the latest holistic update to the Plan took place in March of 2013.

City Council appointed the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee to oversee the development of this master plan update. In addition, staff held meetings with the Southlake Kids Interested in Leadership (SKIL), the Southlake Youth Action Commission (SYAC), and the Senior Advisory Commission (SAC). City staff also met with the Carroll ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to provide them with an update on the plan development process.

A key change was made during the development of the 2035 Plan update. Given the breadth of City parks and facilities, staff decided to separate the Parks, Recreation & Open Space element from the Community Facilities element. The Community Facilities Master Plan will be a distinct comprehensive plan element moving forward. This decision gave staff and all stakeholders greater capacity to focus on the parks, recreation & open space piece, and will do the same for community facilities. Part of the reason for this determination was that since the last major update to the comprehensive plan, the City has added new facilities to its portfolio, perhaps most importantly being The Marq Southlake and the DPS North Training Facility. Additionally, because with the senior center moved from its previous location at 307 Parkwood Dr. to The Marq Southlake (Legends Hall), there is now space at that facility for City programming.

Another adjustment to the preparation of this comprehensive plan update worth noting is the very way the recommendations within the ensuing plan were prioritized for implementation. As will be further discussed in a later section, rather than force-ranking each park in the Southlake system as had been done in previous master plan updates, the Committee only ranked those where capital requests would be required. Specific amenities were identified for each park; however, this does not mean that specific park was included in the forced-ranking activity. Staff and the Committee felt it was important to document specific desired amenities within each park, however some of the smaller items can be implemented in an annual work plan with SPDC funds. That said, the identified amenities will help guide staff operational budgets moving forward by delineating what items (such as water bottle refill stations) are needed and where.

Because the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan followed other adopted Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan elements, there were numerous existing policy recommendations to sort through with a direct tie back to the City's parks and open spaces. For example, staff pulled comments extensively from the Youth Master Plan and the Health & Wellness Master Plan, given the attention those documents devoted to physical health, the built environment, and the natural environment. Further staff combed through recommendations from the Public Arts Master Plan, the Consolidated Future Land Use Plan, and previous Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Community Facilities documents. Carefully analyzing and contemplating these existing adopted recommendations ensures that all involved in the update to the 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan thoughtfully considered the strategic foundation put in place years prior.

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# Introduction

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Southlake prides itself on its numerous parks and open spaces and its offering of recreation activities and resources. Residents use the park and recreational services extensively for active and passive leisure pursuits. As Southlake grows, these parks and recreation programs will continue to play a vital role in the lives of our residents and visitors by providing areas for:

- **Active recreational pursuits**
- **Passive enjoyment**
- **Enhanced quality of life**
- **Enhanced community image**
- **Increased tourism**

Southlake's proximity to Grapevine Lake and abundance of mature trees provides a visual backdrop that greatly adds to the overall aesthetic value of the City. Open spaces provide habitat and protection for threatened and endangered species, unique natural and cultural resources, and critical habitat linkages. These open spaces also enable natural outdoor experiences for residents near where they live.



*Rustin Park*

Parks contribute to this network of open spaces and enhance the quality of life for Southlake residents in numerous ways. Green spaces, healthy trees and plant life soften the impact of development and add visual enhancements to the City. Park facilities enable residents to be active and engaged in many recreation activities and outdoor pursuits, from senior citizen fitness classes to youth soccer.



*Stars & Stripes*

Parks can also reflect how a community regards itself and they can be objects of community pride. Distinctive signature parks such as Bicentennial Park, Bob Jones Park, North Park and Liberty Park at Sheltonwood give Southlake character and a sense of place in the region. Parks can also define neighborhoods throughout the City and serve as buffer zones between new development and residential enclaves and natural preserves. Parks, trails, and open space areas add value to the community. For example, parks and especially open space preserves can add to the assessed value of adjacent and nearby properties by making these areas more desirable places to live. Visitation and tourism to City events, which take place in public parks, such as Stars & Stripes, Art in the Square and Oktoberfest encourage people to visit and stay in Southlake. These visitors generate revenue by filling hotel rooms, dining out and participating in other activities that support the local Southlake economy.

Caring for and preserving these resources, as well as adapting to the changing needs of the community is an essential component of Southlake's future health and sustainability. As the City changes and develops, the community looks to maintain a balance between the built and natural environment where Southlake residents can relax and recreate. The recommendations, objectives and policies in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space

component of the Southlake 2035 comprehensive plan focus on the enhancement and appropriate use of Southlake's parks, open spaces, and programs to meet the changing needs of Southlake's population.

## Purpose of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan is a component of the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan. The comprehensive plan reflects the community's values and serves as a blueprint for Southlake's future. More specifically, the comprehensive plan establishes a framework to coordinate the city's activities and to guide the city's decision-making for the next several years. As such, the comprehensive plan and its components are updated on a regular basis.

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan was most recently amended in 2018. Before that, the last comprehensive update to this plan document took place in 2013. The City has undergone significant growth and improvements since that time, so it is necessary to address those changes with an update to the plan as a part of the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan. While there are numerous distinct adopted comprehensive plan elements that consider parks, recreation, and open space in Southlake, the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan is the primary tool that will guide decision-making when addressing changes to the City's parks, recreation facilities and open spaces. Recommendations developed in the Plan will also be incorporated into other future elements as appropriate. In addition, the plan will be utilized in setting priorities in future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) planning processes.

The Charter for the City of Southlake states that certain components of the City's comprehensive plan, such as the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, shall address a planning horizon of at least ten years into the future, and these components are to be updated to reflect changing City conditions and requirements every four years. As noted, the latest amendment to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan took place in 2018.

## Relationship to the Strategic Management System

Strategic planning is an ongoing process where resources, critical concerns, community priorities and citizen needs are combined to produce both a plan for the future and a measure for results. More specifically, Southlake's Strategic Management System links the City's day-to-day activities to a comprehensive long-term strategy for public policy and management decisions.

The Strategic Management System identifies Strategic Focus Areas and Objectives to guide effective and efficient resource allocation and provides benchmarks to assess performance. The Strategic Focus Areas and Objectives are driven by the City's Citizen Survey and are outlined in City's Strategy Map.



The Strategic Management System guided the development of the Southlake 2035 Vision, Goals and Objectives (VGO), which define a desired direction for growth in the City. Adopted by Ordinance in June of 2017, all subsequent master plan elements developed will be linked back to this document.

All recommendations in the Southlake 2035 plans are tied to at least one Strategic Focus Area from the Strategic Management System and at least one objective from the adopted Southlake Vision, Goals and Objectives. The recommendations from the comprehensive plan elements guide the development of the Capital Improvements Program (a five-year plan for the purchase, construction, or replacement of the City's physical assets) as well as departmental business plans. In turn, the Capital Improvements Program and departmental business plans dictate the City's day-to-day operations to ensure the City achieves the community's goals.

Further, the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan assists the City Council, Boards, and Commissions in decision-making by establishing a blueprint for the City's future. For example, the recommendations adopted with this plan element will provide the framework used to determine the parks, recreation, and open space initiatives and programs that get pursued. Using the plan as a guide helps to secure the community's vision for strong programs that engage all residents of Southlake.

## **Adoption Process**

As will be further highlighted later in the section on Public Input, City Council appointed the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee (Parks & Recreation Board) to oversee the development of the master plan. Based on recommendations from the Youth Master Plan and the Health & Wellness Master Plan, City staff also sought comment from the community's youth through meetings with the Southlake Youth Action Commission (SYAC) and the Southlake Kids Interested in Leadership (SKIL). Staff also met with the Southlake Senior Advisory Commission (SAC) to ensure the City included the senior perspective and took steps to ensure Southlake is an age-friendly community. To further encourage the synergy between the City and school district, staff met with was the Carroll ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

One of the first steps in the update to the Southlake 2035 Comprehensive Plan was to revisit the existing goals and objectives. In June of 2017, City Council replaced the Southlake 2030 Vision, Goals & Objectives with the Southlake 2035 Vision, Goals & Objectives (VGO) (Ordinance No. 1173). This critical document establishes the foundation for the recommendations within not only the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, but each adopted master plan element. The VGO document reflects changes in the Southlake community since the Southlake 2030 iteration was adopted previously. The Southlake 2035 Vision, Goals & Objectives also address new and future elements that will be included in the master plan. The goals and objectives for this plan are illustrated on pages 9 and 10. Using this as a foundation, as well as incorporating other critical comprehensive planning steps such as surveys and table top exercises, the Committee then developed the recommendations for the plan.



Between meetings with the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee, SYAC, SKIL, SAC, and SHAC, the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan was either discussed or presented at **twenty (20) committee and group meetings.**

All City meetings were open to the public and advertised on the City's website. Once the plan was ready to continue moving through the process, the Committee made a recommendation to forward the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan to the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) for consideration, public hearing, and recommendation in accordance with the City's charter. After P&Z made their recommendation to approve the Master Plan, this element proceeded to City Council for public hearing and final approval. On **June 15, 2021**, City Council adopted the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan as Ordinance No. 1242.

A Southlake Program for the Involvement of Neighborhoods (SPIN) Town Hall Forum and open house was also held on **May 25, 2021** to present the plan publicly before the City Council meetings to gather additional public input.

The forum fosters open and timely communication between the citizens and city government regarding programs and issues affecting the quality of life in the community, encouraging positive relations and a stronger sense of community.

In summary, the approval process for the Health & Wellness Master Plan was as follows:

- 1) Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee Meetings – September 2019 – May 2021**
- 2) Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation – May 20, 2021**
- 3) SPIN Town Hall Forum and Open House – May 25, 2021**
- 4) City Council 1<sup>st</sup> reading – June 1, 2021**
- 5) City Council 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (final plan approval) – June 15, 2021**

Following is an overview of the goals and objectives used in the development of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan.





## Southlake 2035 Vision, Goals & Objectives

### Goal 1: Quality Development

*Promote quality development that is consistent with the Urban Design Plan and existing development patterns, well-maintained, attractive, pedestrian-friendly, safe, contributes to an overall sense of place and meet the needs of a vibrant and diverse community.*

Objective 1.1 Encourage the maintenance and enhancement of existing neighborhoods, features and amenities in order to preserve property values and a unique sense of place

Objective 1.2 Create and preserve attractive pedestrian-friendly streets and pathways to encourage transportation alternatives to the automobile.

Objective 1.5 Promote unique community character through a cohesive theme by emphasizing urban design detail and performance standards for structures, streets, street lighting, landscaping, entry features, wayfinding signs, open spaces, amenities, pedestrian/automobile orientation and transition to adjacent uses.

### Goal 3: Mobility

*Develop an innovative mobility system that provides for the safe, convenient, efficient movement of people and goods, reduces traffic congestion, promotes energy and transportation efficiency and promotes expanded opportunities for citizens to meet some routine needs by walking or bicycling.*

Objective 3.3 In accordance with a need identified by the Citizen Survey, provide and promote a continuous pedestrian pathways system that is user-friendly, efficient, safe, economical, and connect parks, shopping, schools, work and residential areas.

Objective 3.4 Pursue opportunities to link Southlake's pathways to systems in adjacent cities and trails on the Corps of Engineers property.

### Goal 4: Parks, Recreation and Open Space

*Support a comprehensive integrated parks, recreation and open space system for all ages that creates value and preserves natural assets of the City.*

Objective 4.1 Ensure that new development incorporates usable open space.

Objective 4.2 Ensure that parkland and open spaces include an integrated mix of developed and natural areas with consideration of protecting the City's ecosystem and wildlife corridors.

Objective 4.3 Promote water conservation and reuse in the design of parks and open spaces.

Objective 4.4 Utilize partnerships to create open space and recreation facilities.

Objective 4.5 Ensure an even geographic distribution of park facilities and recreation activities—both active and passive—for citizens of all ages.

Objective 4.6 Provide a full range of park facilities and linear linkages that will accommodate the current and future needs of the City's residents and visitors.

Objective 4.7 Integrate passive recreational opportunities into preserved natural and drainage areas.

Objective 4.8 Incorporate feedback received from the Parks and Recreation Citizen Survey into recreation activities and park facilities.

Objective 4.9 Acknowledge the City's rich natural history, heritage and historical landmarks.

Objective 4.10 Determine parkland desirable for dedication as part of the development process based on classification, location and maintenance cost.

Objective 4.11 Prioritize investments in existing and established parks understanding that there will be strategic opportunities for land acquisition.

Objective 4.12 Incorporate educational and learning opportunities within parks and related facilities.

Objective 4.13 Pursue recreational and educational opportunities on Corps of Engineers property compatible with the goal of protecting and preserving the existing ecosystem for future generations.

#### Goal 7: Sustainability

*Encourage the conservation, protection, enhancement and proper management of the natural and built environment.*

Objective 7.2 Promote public awareness and education on such sustainability issues as public health, energy and water conservation and overall environmental stewardship.

#### Goal 11: Tourism

*Enhance the quality of life for residents and the sustainability of City businesses through the use and promotion of the tourism, convention and hotel industry as a tool for the local economy in the City.*

Objective 11.2 Support programs enriching experiences for residents and visitors.

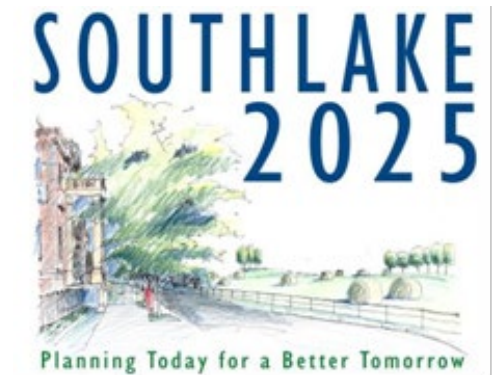
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# Background

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The citizens of Southlake, city staff, and the development community take long-range planning and consider it to be one of the most intrinsic functions undertaken by elected and appointed officials in this municipality. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan has undergone some significant iterations in the past decade or more, and like any good plan, it has evolved and become more relevant with each examination. In the History section below is a brief outline of the significant plan adoptions and updates of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. This is a long range (20-year) planning document that is frequently updated to reflect changing needs and priorities. The Community Services Department will make periodic reviews and make minor revisions as needed.

The Southlake 2025 Plan was the city's first comprehensive master plan that integrated all the City's master plans together. As a part of that comprehensive plan the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan was an element of that plan that since then has contributed to many improvements to the City's park system. This master plan laid a foundation to the improvements done to the City's parks and even eventually led to the creation of master plans for Bicentennial Park and the Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve. Since the Southlake 2025 Plan and Southlake 2030 Plan, the City's needs have continued to evolve due to changes in the population. This and other factors have led to necessary adaptations within the City's park system. The Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan will continue the legacy adjusting to meet the community's current needs, while also anticipating the needs of the future.



## History

The **1992 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan** was the City's first attempt to look at park and recreation resources in a comprehensive manner. At that time, the city's population was around 8,000, and the city owned 14 acres of park land, all in Bicentennial Park. The City's build-out population was projected to be more than 48,000, one-third more than the current projection. The recommended park acreage was six to ten acres per 1,000 residents, which would have yielded 289 to 483 acres at build-out. Schrickel, Rollins and Associates, Inc. of Arlington prepared the plan.

The **1996 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan** updated land and facility inventory, planning and design criteria, plan recommendations and implementation sections of the original plan. The focus of the update was "on the preservation, development or enhancement of attributes important to reflect the native condition of the North Texas landscape that attracted residents to the community." By this time, Bicentennial Park had been expanded to forty-one acres and two neighborhood parks, Koalaty (5 acres) and Lonesome Dove (8 acres), had been acquired. Purchase of 131 acres of land for Bob Jones Park was contemplated. A park and recreation citizen's survey was designed and administered by Glass & Associates. The park and open space standard was raised to 21 acres per 1,000 residents, almost double the regional standard. The update was prepared by the City of Southlake staff.

The **2001 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan** update reflected the most comprehensive analysis of the Southlake park system and its potential for orderly development to date. The most important result to emerge from this study was 100% compliance with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) standards for

parks master plans, which assured the maximum points available in that category would be available on any TPWD-sponsored grant submittals. All subsequent plans will conform to TPWD guidelines at a minimum in the future. This plan saw increases in the number of parks, park acreages, park inventories, comprehensive mapping, individual park conceptual planning, and prioritization of projects.

The **2005 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan** was adopted and prepared as a part of the Southlake 2025 comprehensive master plan and also met the guidelines for park and recreation system master plans set forth by the TPWD. TPWD provides a variety of matching grant programs, and approved plans enhance an applicant's chances of qualifying for matching grants for the implementation of projects. This plan also included a new component that would focus on promoting environmental sustainability and open space preservation within the park system. The Environmental Resource Protection component of the plan addressed areas of concern such as floodplains, wetlands, streams, trees, topography and view sheds, water quality, rural character, air quality and solid waste. This component also led to the creation of the Environmental Resource Protection (ERP) Map.

In terms of the Community Facilities portion of the Southlake 2025 Parks plan, the architectural firm Brinkley Sargent Architects was selected to formulate the projected future space needs for all city departments. The firm was also charged with the evaluation of existing city facilities and their potential adaptive reuse. The report produced by Brinkley Sargent, The Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan, was the final product of an in-depth study into the present and future needs of the various departments of The City of Southlake. Planning horizons for this study were the years 2016 and 2026 with respective population projections of 33,500 and 36,000. The components of this report, adopted in 2008, were integrated into this Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Community Facilities Master Plan and constitute the Community Facilities section of this plan. As previously noted, the Community Facilities Master Plan will be updated as a standalone comprehensive plan element in the future. Community Facilities were not contemplated as part of the update to the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan.

The **Southlake 2030 Comprehensive Master Plan**, adopted in 2013, updated the Southlake 2025 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. One of the most significant additions to this plan was the inclusion of the Community Facilities element. As mentioned in the introduction, it was determined that the significance of a community recreation center within an existing park was great enough and a critical component of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan that a Community Facilities Master Plan component should be included, and as a result the Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Community Facilities Master Plan was created. In addition, the Environmental Resource Protection component, which was included in the 2005 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, was been removed and integrated into the Sustainability Master Plan, adopted in 2015. A recommendation from the Sustainability Master Plan was to update the environmental resource protection map every two (2) years (BNE3). That said, as part of the update to the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan this map was been reviewed, updated, and adopted.

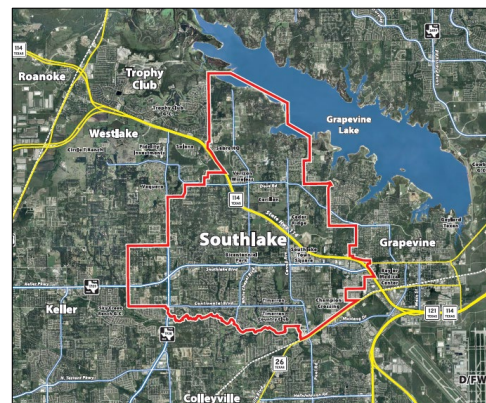


The Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan updates the Southlake 2030 document. Many of the recommendations for specific parks are being carried over from this previous plan to the current iteration. The updated Plan contemplates numerous recommendations across various other adopted plan elements, as well as the changing needs of the community as demonstrated in the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, and input from community stakeholders.



## Location, Character, and Resources

Southlake is located in North Central Texas, situated 23 miles northeast of Fort Worth and 25 miles northwest of Dallas. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is only a few short miles to the southeast, and Lake Grapevine borders the city to the north. State Highway 114 runs diagonally through the middle of the city, heading east through Las Colinas and into downtown Dallas and west toward the Alliance Airport corridor. The topography is comprised of mostly gently rolling, heavily treed hills and woodland areas, and the area in the north part of the city around the lake is comprised of some of the most prime native Cross Timbers habitat in the region. A ridgeline running just south of S.H. 114 divides the main watersheds of the city south toward Bear Creek and north to Kirkwood Branch of Denton Creek.



Southlake can also be characterized by its abundant natural resources in the Lake Grapevine vicinity and within walking distance of many neighborhoods. The City has made a very strong commitment to both natural resource protection and preservation of natural open space. The City of Southlake is also firmly committed to protecting environmental assets in potential private development areas with both existing and proposed ordinances that require developers to design with nature in mind. The enforcement of the city's Tree Preservation Ordinance, widely recognized statewide as a model ordinance, has resulted in creative development practices and the protection of existing resources. As such, Southlake has been awarded the

"Tree City USA" designation for 24 consecutive years by the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF). NADF awards the designation only to cities who have demonstrated exceptional local regulations and instructional community outreach and volunteer opportunities in the name of protecting trees and the environment. Additionally, in 2017 the City was awarded with Platinum Certification (the highest certification level available of the Scenic City Certification Program) and is one of only nineteen cities across the state to currently have this designation. The Scenic City Certification Program is a project of Scenic Texas. Scenic Texas has identified a direct

correlation between the success of a city's economic development efforts and the visual appearance of its public spaces. In recognition of this link, Scenic Texas has developed the Scenic City Certification Program to support and recognize municipalities, such as Southlake, that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. The program recognizes Texas cities which already have strong scenic standards and will provide an incentive to others to adopt and implement the kind of stringent criteria that has been proven to enhance economic development, improve quality of life and foster a sense of place.



## Demographics

Southlake experienced rapid population growth between 1990 and 2000 with a 205 percent increase in population during that period, among the highest in Texas. With economic recession and less land available for residential development, this trend slowed significantly between 2000 and 2010. As a result, the city has developed more slowly in recent years and with less intensity than previously estimated. The ultimate build-out population, estimated at 34,188, could be reached as late as 2050.

Demographic characteristics can help the city assess current and future needs for parks and recreational facilities. Demographic profiles depicting age, race, and income provide snapshots of Southlake’s current population, illustrate change over the past decade, and suggest trends for the future.

<b>Historical Population (1990 – 2019)</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5-Year Growth Rate</b>
<b>1990</b>	7,065	--
<b>1995</b>	13,350	89%
<b>2000</b>	21,519	61%
<b>2005</b>	24,900	16%
<b>2010</b>	26,575	7%
<b>2015</b>	27,710	4%
<b>2020</b>	30,370*	9%

Source: NCTCOG Regional Data Center and US Census Bureau  
(2000 US Census, 2010 US Census, American Community Survey)

\*Estimate

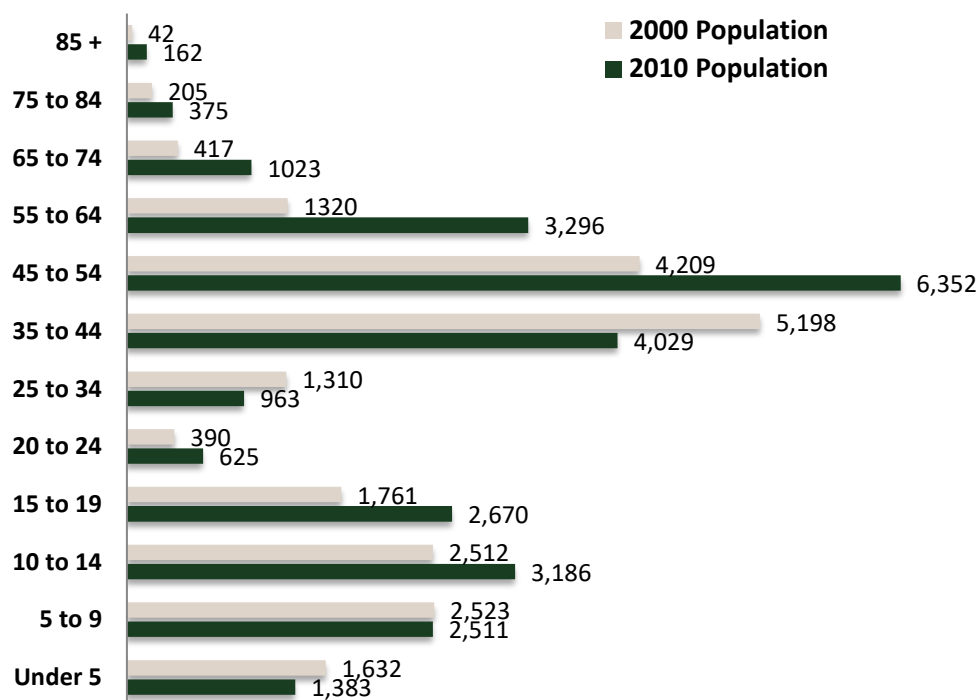
<b>Projected Population (2020 – Build-out)</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>5-Year Growth Rate</b>
<b>2020</b>	30,370	--
<b>2025</b>	33,075	8%
<b>2030 (Build-out)</b>	34,188	3%

Source: City of Southlake Water System Master Plan and Water Conservation Plan

Population by Age (2000 – 2010)					
	2000 Population	2000 % of Total Population	2010 Population	2010 % of Total Population	% Growth 2000-2010
<b>Total</b>	21,519	100%	26,575	100%	23.5%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	10,792	50.2%	13,313	50.1%	23.4%
Female	10,727	49.8%	13,262	49.9%	23.6%
<b>Age</b>					
Under 5	1,632	8%	1,383	5%	-15%
5 to 9	2,523	12%	2,511	9%	-0.5%
10 to 14	2,512	12%	3,186	12%	27%
15 to 19	1,761	8%	2,670	10%	52%
20 to 24	390	2%	625	2%	60%
25 to 34	1,310	6%	963	4%	-27%
35 to 44	5,198	24%	4,029	15%	-23%
45 to 54	4,209	20%	6,352	24%	51%
55 to 64	1,320	6%	3,296	12%	150%
65 to 74	417	2%	1,023	4%	145%
75 to 84	205	1%	375	1%	83%
85 +	42	0.2%	162	0.6%	286%
Under 18	7,978	37%	7,080	27%	14%
65 +	664	3%	1,560	6%	135%

Source: US Census Bureau (2000 US Census, 2010 US Census)

## Population by Age (2000-2010)



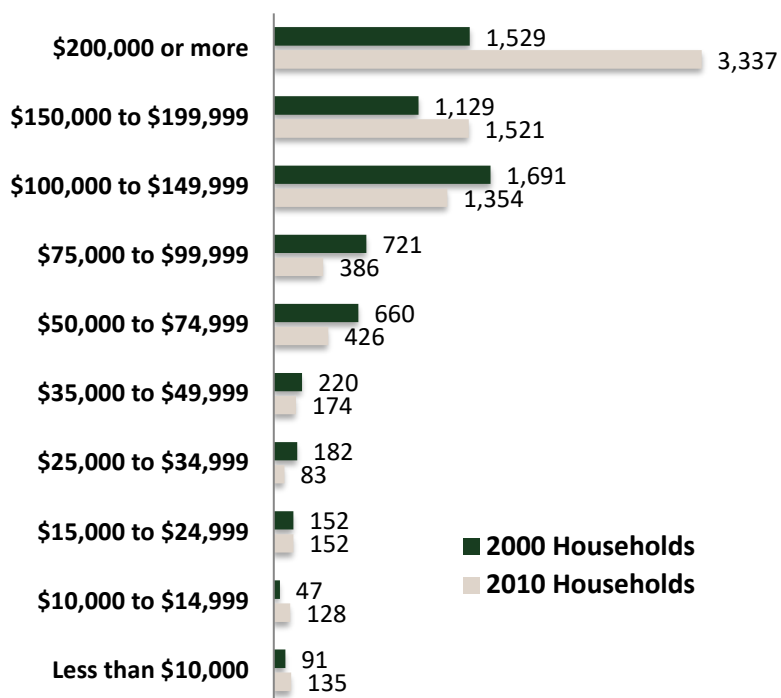
The 2010 census identifies 35-44- and 45-54-year-olds as predominant age groups in the city of Southlake, while nearly one-third of the population is less than 18 years old. Between 2000 and 2010, the City saw a

decrease in the population of children under 10-, 25-34- and 35-44-year-olds, and an increase in youth 15-19-, 45-54- and 55-64-year-olds. Both the youth and the adult populations in Southlake are generally older than they were a decade ago. Below is a comparative matrix that includes the latest age as a percentage of population information in Southlake. Without question the age 65 and older demographic is growing in in this community. Reference the City's Health & Wellness Master Plan for more specifics on Southlake striving to be a community for all ages

Age as a Percentage of Population			
	2000 % of City population	2010 % of City population	FY 2021 % of City population
Under 18 years	37%	27%	26%
19-64 years	60%	67%	63%
65 years and older	3%	6%	11%

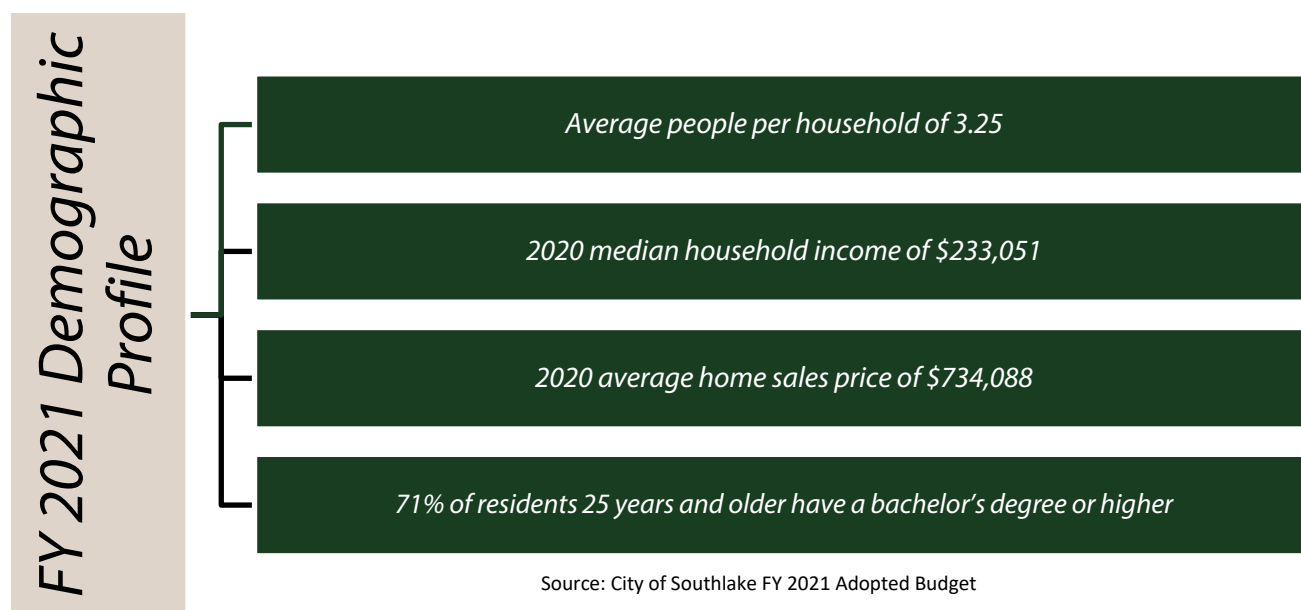
Source: City of Southlake FY 2021 Adopted Budget

## Household Income (2000-2010)



Household Income (2000-2010)					
	2000 Households	2000 % of Total Households	2010 Households	2010 % of Total Households	% Change 2000-2010
Less than \$10,000	91	1%	135	2%	48%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	47	0.7%	128	2%	172%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	152	2%	152	2%	0%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	182	3%	83	1%	-54%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	220	3%	174	2%	-21%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	660	10%	426	6%	-36%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	721	11%	386	5%	-47%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,691	26%	1,354	18%	-20%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,129	18%	1,521	20%	35%
\$200,000 or more	1,529	24%	3,337	43%	<b>118%</b>
Median Household Income	\$131,549		\$182,237		39%

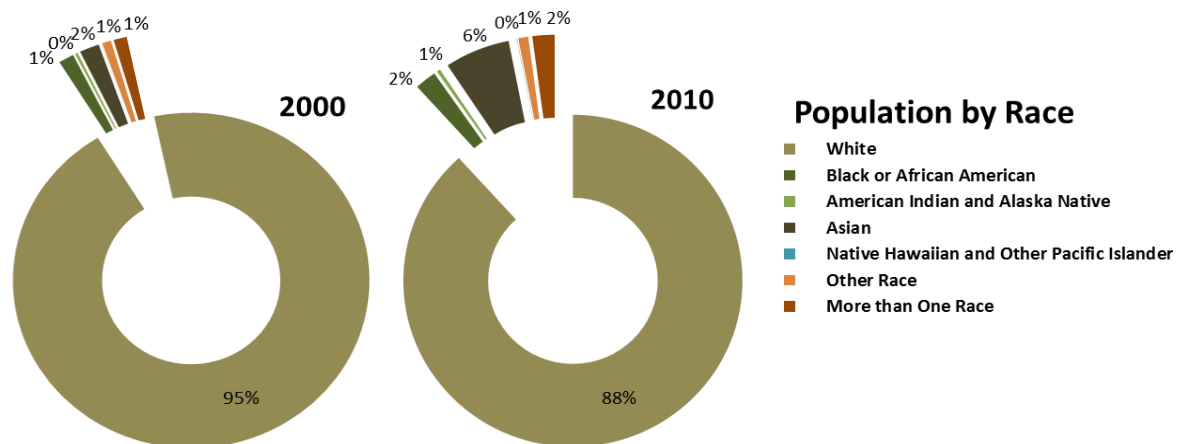
Source: US Census Bureau (2000 US Census, 2010 US Census)



Source: City of Southlake FY 2021 Adopted Budget

Population by Race (2010 – 2010)					
	2000 Population	2000 % of Total Population	2010 Population	2010 % of Total Population	% Growth 2000-2010
White	20,345	95%	23,454	88%	15%
Black or African American	299	1%	548	2%	83%
American Indian and Alaska Native	53	0.2%	92	0.3%	74%
Asian	386	2%	1,655	6%	329%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2	0%	9	0%	350%
Other Race	175	0.8%	253	1%	45%
More than One Race	259	1%	564	2%	118%
Hispanic Origin (of any race)	789	4%	1,458	6%	85%

Source: US Census Bureau (2010 US Census, 2010 US Census)



Population by Race (2019)	
	2019 % of Total Population
White alone	78.9%
Black or African American alone	1.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.4%
Asian alone	15.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0%
Two or More Races	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino	6.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	73.6%

Source: US Census Bureau (2019 Quick Facts)

## 2.4 Existing City Plans and Policy Documents

The City of Southlake has a robust comprehensive plan with elements ranging from a Tourism Master Plan to a Youth Master Plan, and even a Health & Wellness Master Plan. One of the early steps in the development process for the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan included combing through these and other adopted plan documents to evaluate existing recommendations as a foundation. It was critical avoid unnecessary redundancy across plan elements, which could result in complications related to implementation the adopted recommendations and measuring those results. The recommendations adopted with each master plan element provide guidance and policy direction for the City, into the future.

The City goes to great lengths to not only develop the comprehensive plan documents, but also implement the plan. Recommendations from master plan documents have come into fruition throughout the City, such as the City's community recreation center, Champions Club at The Marq Southlake, the widening of FM 1938, and public art installations within the City's various roundabouts. At the end of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan is an appendix featuring many of the previously adopted plan elements related to topics such as parks, recreation, and open space. In many cases, recommendations may start in one plan and be further vetted within another plan. An example of this approach can be seen in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan in terms of pedestrian crosswalks; the Parks Plan identifies opportunities for consideration, and these opportunities would be further evaluated and possibly prioritized as part of the next update to the Mobility Master Plan and Master Pathways Plan. Some of those items have been implemented. Recommendations from master plan elements stay active until they are replaced by a plan update. In Southlake, this cycle is repeated about every 4-5 years depending on the plan element.

## 2.5 Public Input

On August 6, 2019, Southlake City Council appointed the Parks & Recreation board to oversee the development of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan (Resolution No. 19-025). Altogether, the committee held 15 public meetings between August 2019 and May 2021 to discuss, review, and develop park recommendations for different park and open space areas in Southlake. This section highlights the public input that was gathered in the development of this plan.

### Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee (Parks & Recreation Board)

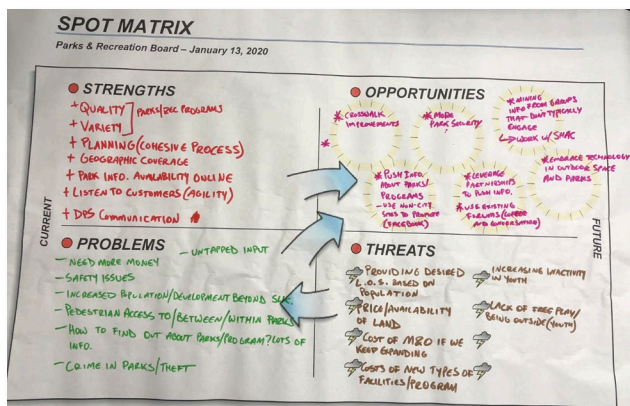
September 9, 2019 – Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Kickoff Meeting

October 14, 2019 – Southlake Sports Complex

November 11, 2019 – Noble Oaks, Haven, Koalaty Parks

December 9, 2019 – Lonesome Dove, Royal & Annie Smith, Cheasapeake Parks

January 13, 2020 – Discuss upcoming community survey, SPOT Matrix activity





February 10, 2020 – Winding Creek, Watermere, Johnson Parks  
June 8, 2020 – Review of community parks survey results  
September 14, 2020 – Review of draft recommendations  
October 12, 2020 – Liberty Park at Sheltonwood, North, Oak Pointe Parks  
November 9, 2020 – The Cliffs, Kirkwood/Sabre Linear, Coker Hike & Bike, Carillon Parks  
December 14, 2020 – Bicentennial, Central, Town Square Parks  
February 8, 2021 – Bob Jones Park  
March 8, 2021 – Discussion of outstanding items  
April 12, 2021 – Review of draft recommendations  
May 10, 2021 – Final Committee Meeting

In addition to meeting with the appointed Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee, staff also engaged two separate youth organizations to obtain perspective on these topics from the high-school student perspective, as recommended by the Southlake 2035 Youth Master Plan (YP9)

#### **Southlake Youth Action Commission (SYAC)**

February 11, 2019

#### **Southlake Kids Interested in Leadership (SKIL)**

January 27, 2020

January 25, 2021

The Southlake 2035 Health & Wellness Master Plan included recommendations for considering the addition of new parks and recreation equipment facilities from the perspective of not only youth, but also seniors (HW4). Additionally, this same plan included recommendations about working with groups such as the Senior Advisory Commission (SAC) to ensure Southlake is an age-friendly community (HW22), seeking the input of seniors regarding interests in terms of recreational program offerings (HW23), and engaging Southlake's senior community on projects being developed by the City (HW26). With those recommendations in mind, City staff made sure to meet with SAC during the development of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan.

#### **Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)**

March 9, 2021

Another recommendation from the Health & Wellness Master Plan was to maintain a relationship with the Carroll ISD School Health Advisory Council to identify opportunities to partner and create synergy regarding health and wellness topics in the community. That said, City staff made it a point to present to SHAC during the development of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan.

#### **Carroll ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

January 21, 2021

#### **Youth Involvement**

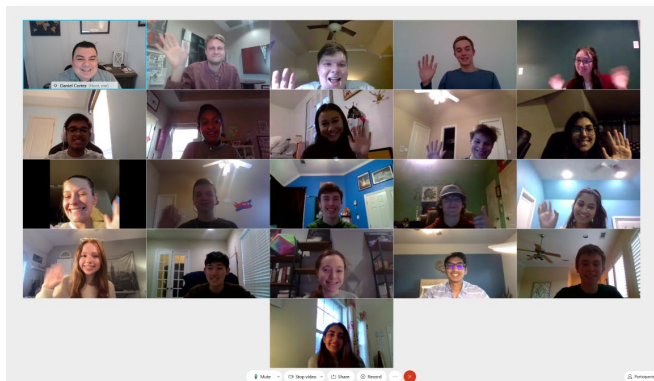
Given the level of engagement with the community's youth it is worth going into a bit more detail into the involvement of SYAC and SKIL. The SYAC students participated in a strengths and opportunities table-top activity in the context of parks in the City. Some of the identified strengths included a variety of activities, clean parks, scenic places, and the programming in the parks. Some of the identified opportunities included outdoor percussion, reading nooks, wildlife awareness signs, public art, and bike trails. It is worth noting that the SYAC and SKIL students also participated in the community parks survey. The responses from these two groups were captured separately from the overall citywide results.



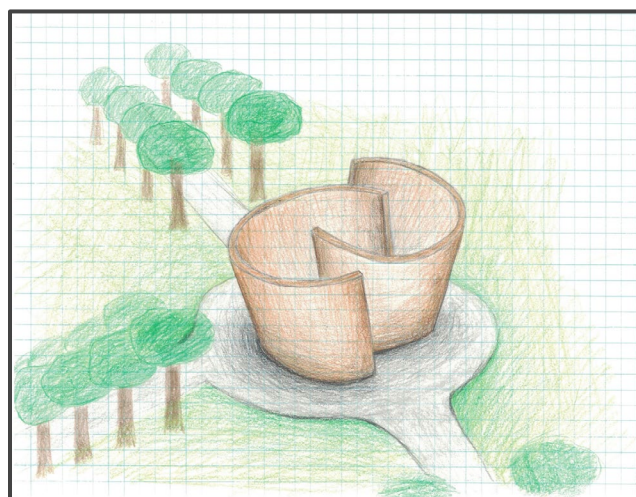
The timeline for developing the master plan allowed for two separate SKIL cohorts to provide feedback on the plan. The first SKIL cohort participated in an activity where the students split up into two separate groups, and designed their perfect active and passive parks; these were each presented to City staff following the completion of the activity.



The second SKIL cohort focused on public art within two City Parks. The students were given a project to split up into four separate groups of five people each. Then, two groups were assigned to come up with a public art installment within Southlake Sports Complex, and two groups were assigned to come up with a public art installment within North Park. Each of the four groups were provided with background information from existing master plan elements to inform their proposals. Students were asked to consider whether the art piece created a unique sense of place, or interest for the community. Some of the proposals are highlighted in this plan. Due to the pandemic, each presentation took place virtually.



What follows are a couple examples of the proposals from the students. One group proposed a sculpture within North Park that featured a mural on the inside of the art piece. Another group proposed a few different elements to be incorporated into Southlake Sports Complex, including an uplifting crosswalk along Crooked Lane into the park, an interactive public chalkboard, and a life-size chessboard. Recommendations were incorporated into the master plan for staff to reference SKIL feedback when considering what art, if any, to add to each of these parks.



Community Parks Survey

Surveys have become a key element in Southlake’s comprehensive planning process. City staff and the Parks Master Plan Committee reviewed the most recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey from 2019 to inform discussions about the park system. Additionally, a community survey was opened for residents to provide more specific comments about the future of Southlake parks. The survey contained five separated prompts, all of which were open-ended.

**Question 1: What is the primary reason that you use parks in the City of Southlake?**

**Question 2: In your opinion, what strengths exist in Southlake regarding parks, recreation, and open space?**

**Question 3: In your opinion, what is the biggest need in Southlake regarding parks, recreation, and open space?**

**Question 4: If any, what barriers prevent you from using parks in the City of Southlake?**

**Question 5: If you woke up tomorrow and five (5) years had passed, and it was suddenly the year 2025 in Southlake, what are a couple things you hope are offered regarding parks, recreation, and open space that may not be offered today? This could include programs, facilities, amenities, etc.**

The information from the survey was valuable in assisting in the identification of community preferences with regard to the City’s park system. All together there were 105 total responses to the survey. The survey, open from February 7, 2020 through February 28, 2020 was promoted through the City’s weekly e-blast, with links also shared to City social media accounts. The results of the survey were presented to the Master Plan Committee on June 8, 2020. Word clouds for each question were exported, and the Committee also received the verbatim comments. Word clouds for each question appear later in the Needs Assessment section of this plan.

Q5 If you woke up tomorrow and five (5) years had passed, and it was suddenly the year 2025 in Southlake, what are a couple things you hope are offered regarding parks, recreation, and open space that may not be offered today? This could include programs, facilities, amenities, etc.



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## Promoting the Plan Update

Signs were placed near the parks that were to be discussed in order to promote these public meetings. Additionally, the City posted on social media regarding the signs around town to provide additional context. Event signs were also placed at key locations around town promoting the update to this plan element, with a weblink to learn more.

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
PUBLIC DISCUSSION  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> - 6PM  
TOPIC: WINDING CREEK PARK  
www.CityofSouthlake.com/Parks2035

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION**  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - 6PM  
TOPIC: SOUTHLAKE SPORTS COMPLEX  
LOCATION: Legends Hall at The Marq Southlake  
www.CityofSouthlake.com/Parks2035  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016  
Ways to Get Involved in the Parks Master Plan Update

**How do I?**  
LEARN WHAT'S IN STORE WITH THE UPDATED PARKS MASTER PLAN  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2021  
Learn What's in Store with the Updated Parks Master Plan

**PLANNING for our PARKS' FUTURE**  
CITY OF SOUTHLAKE  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016  
City of Southlake Kicks Off the 2035 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

**Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Feedback Form**  
Sign in to Save Progress  
Send us Your Feedback!  
Do you have any comments about the City's parks system? Is there anything not available in the parks that you would like to see? What about comments regarding open space, or recreational offerings? Please use this form to provide us with information that will help with the update to the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan!  
First Name\* Last Name\* Email Address\* Phone Number

## Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Feedback Form

Recognizing that not everyone can attend a public meeting, staff created a form that enabled residents to send their comments virtually via the City's website. The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Feedback form was linked to the webpage for this plan so that a member of the public could send their input to staff any time. These forms were included in the meeting packets for the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee, ensuring all feedback was seen.

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# The Southlake Context

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This *Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* is evidence of the City of Southlake's long-standing commitment to provide area residents with high quality park facilities and recreation programs. The City's commitment has resulted in an outstanding system of much loved parks and well-attended programs that serve to enrich the lives of the community. The focus of this section of the Plan is to provide additional context into the City of Southlake park system by defining terms, speaking to existing amenities, highlighting identified needs, and partnerships.

The City's parks, recreation programs and open spaces contribute significantly to the quality of life in Southlake. With its high-quality park facilities, hiking and riding trails adjacent to Grapevine Lake, and comprehensive recreational programs, Southlake offers many leisure activities and healthy lifestyle choices for residents and visitors. Parks and community-serving facilities enhance the quality of life for residents and are an important component of complete and sustainable neighborhoods. Accessible parks provide a place to play, exercise, spend time with friends and neighbors, or to just relax and recuperate. Trails serve an important recreational function while also creating opportunities for connections throughout the community. These walking, hiking, running, biking, and equestrian trails connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, places of employment, and activity centers, and create mobility opportunities for residents of all ages. Recreational programs provide opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in recreational, educational, and sports-related classes and activities. Public health benefits accrue in neighborhoods that have access to parks, community facilities, and trails. Access to recreational amenities leads to improved levels of physical activity that have associated physical and mental health benefits on a community-wide basis. Such access also increases opportunities for interaction among all members of the community, which can lead to stronger community ties and an improved sense of connectedness.



*Johnson Park Trail*

## **Park Classifications and Their Functions**

In order to provide the parks, recreation, and open space facilities needed by the City's residents, a set of standards and criteria should be followed. In the *Southlake 2025 Comprehensive Plan*, parks were categorized and classified based on park design concepts and standards identified by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA - <http://www.nrpa.org/>). After further evaluating the demographics and specific needs of the City and its residents it became evident that many parks exceeded or did not fit within these standard categories. For the purposes of addressing classification and functions of parks within the City, this master plan will categorize parks on how they function specifically within Southlake.



*Chesapeake Park*

For this Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Community Facilities Master Plan, the following park categories are being used:

- **Neighborhood Parks**
- **Community Parks**
- **Natural Areas and/or Open Space**

### Neighborhood Parks

The neighborhood park is to be one of the most important features of a park system because of its ability to define the character of neighborhoods through its design. Its primary function is the provision of recreational space for the neighborhood that surrounds it. When it is possible to combine an elementary school with this type of park, the two features further enhance the identity of the neighborhood by providing a central location for recreation and education, and by providing a significant open space feature within the neighborhood. A neighborhood park would be preferably located near the center of the neighborhood, but also around the periphery of the neighborhood or as a buffer between major roadways and the neighborhood is also preferable. Safe and convenient pedestrian access (sidewalks or hike-and-bike trails) is important to a neighborhood park location. Facilities normally provided at a neighborhood park may consist of the following:



*Noble Oaks Park*

- **Playground structures**
- **Open space for both active & passive uses**
- **Pavilion with picnic tables**
- **Park amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, signage, grills, trash cans, trees and landscaping**
- **Hike/bike trails**

Neighborhood parks are typically designed to serve a small population area. The most critical aspect of acquiring, sizing, locating, and constructing neighborhood parks is that the park is easily accessible from the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, trail linkages and family-friendly amenities take priority.

### Community Parks

A community park is a large and much more versatile type of park developed to serve the community. These parks can be oriented to provide both active and passive recreational facilities for all ages. A community park can serve several neighborhood areas and can typically be conveniently accessed by automobile. These parks are diverse in nature and may include many different amenities including but not limited to the following:

- **Athletic complexes/field space for baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, and softball games and practices (lighted and non-lighted)**
- **Areas for community events**
- **Pavilions/community gathering spaces with picnic tables**
- **Park restroom facilities**
- **Sports courts (such as tennis & basketball)**
- **Playground structures**
- **Internal park road system & parking**
- **Open space for both active & passive uses**
- **Hike/bike trails**
- **Nature trails and interpretative areas**
- **Ponds and water features**
- **Viewpoints or overlooks**



- Park amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, signage, grills, trash cans, trees

and landscaping



*Bicentennial Park*



*North Park*

### Natural Areas and/or Open Space

These areas are natural and are generally left undisturbed but are not necessarily characterized as land preservations. No organized, active recreational uses are usually accommodated in these areas; they are primarily intended for passive recreational use. The US Army Corps of Engineers lease area is considered natural areas for the purpose of the plan update.



*Bob Jones Park*



*Oak Pointe Park*

### Public and Private Parks

It is important to note that many public parks are dedicated to the City as part of a developer's agreement. In many cases, these parks continue to be maintained by the developer or Home Owner's Association (HOA) per this approved agreement. Some of the parks identified below are owned by the City but maintained by an HOA. For a complete list of public and private parks, see Exhibit B at the end of this plan.

## Inventory of Parks and Acreage

The following exhibits contain a listing of public parks in Southlake and their acreages as well as the classification type based on the criteria mentioned earlier. Private residential parks and open space areas are not included in these calculations.

PUBLIC PARKS INVENTORY		
PARK	PARK CLASSIFICATION TYPE	ACREAGE
Bicentennial Park	Community Park	81.5
Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve	Natural Area/Open Space	115
Bob Jones Park	Community Park	137.7
Chesapeake Park	Neighborhood Park	11.4
Coker Hike & Bike Park	Natural Area/Open Space	3.3
The Cliffs Park	Neighborhood Park	15.2
East Haven Park	Neighborhood Park	1.1
Estancia Park (Cotswold)	Neighborhood Park	2.7
Gateway Lakes Park	Natural Area/Open Space/Neighborhood Park	13.2
Johnson Park	Neighborhood Park	7.3
Kirkwood/Sabre Linear Park	Natural Area/Open Space	12.9
Koalaty Park	Neighborhood Park	5.8
Liberty Park at Sheltonwood	Community Park	20.5
Lonesome Dove Park	Neighborhood Park	8.0
Noble Oaks Park	Neighborhood Park	4.6
North Park	Community Park	19.6
Oak Pointe Park	Neighborhood Park	8.4
Royal and Annie Smith Park	Neighborhood Park	13.1
Southlake Sports Complex	Community Park	16.1
Watermere Parks / Park at Verandas	Neighborhood Park	6.1
Winding Creek Park (portion public)	Neighborhood Park	2.1
<b>Carillon Parks</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enclave Park</li> <li>• Villa Park North</li> <li>• Villa Park South</li> <li>• Village Green</li> <li>• The Preserve</li> <li>• Corporate Park</li> <li>• Lake Carillon Park</li> <li>• Linear Parks</li> </ul>	Neighborhood Parks	47.3
<b>Town Square Parks</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Edgar Cornish, IV Park</li> <li>• Rustin Park</li> <li>• Family Park</li> <li>• McPherson Park</li> <li>• Summit Park</li> <li>• Central Park</li> </ul>	Community Parks	8.4
US Army Corps of Engineers Lease Area	Natural Area/Open Space	577.7
Total Acreage:		1,139

## Joint Use Facilities and Partnerships

The City of Southlake has a partnership with the Carroll Independent School District (CISD) that enables the use of public park facilities by CISD and the use of school facilities such as auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and fields by the City for public parks and recreation programs. School facilities are built and maintained with local tax dollars principally for the use of students and they are utilized extensively for the schools' extracurricular activities and maintenance during non-school hours. However, at times when the buildings or fields are not occupied for school-purposes, the community has been able to enjoy the use of these public facilities. Likewise, park amenities are public investments which can be shared by local schools to make more efficient use of public funds and reduce the need to build redundant facilities.

The City of Southlake should continue to consider future joint use partnerships with neighboring communities such as Keller, Grapevine, Colleyville, Westlake, or Trophy Club, as appropriate to meet community needs. When pursuing joint use opportunities, it is important to discuss all considerations including, but not limited to the following:

- Maintenance:** How can we ensure that joint use facilities are respected and maintained? Who is responsible for maintenance, repairs, and long-term capital improvements?
- Operations:** Who will unlock the gate? Who will run the programs? Who has priority?
- Liability:** What if someone gets hurt? Does the property have sufficient liability insurance to cover any issues associated with joint use?
- Ownership:** How does joint use affect how decisions are made about the property? Are partners involved in decisions made relative to the improvement, change, or sale of a joint use property? How can the partnership be mutually beneficial?
- Cost/Revenue:** What costs might be associated with the joint use partnership? How much should each partner contribute? How will revenues be split?

## Matching Funds

The Southlake Parks Development Corporation (SPDC) Matching Funds Program enables the City to leverage its capital funding to assist with the ongoing advancement of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, and implementing the City's strategic vision. The purpose of this program is to provide a process for considering requests by petitioning individuals or organizations for SPDC Matching Funds projects.

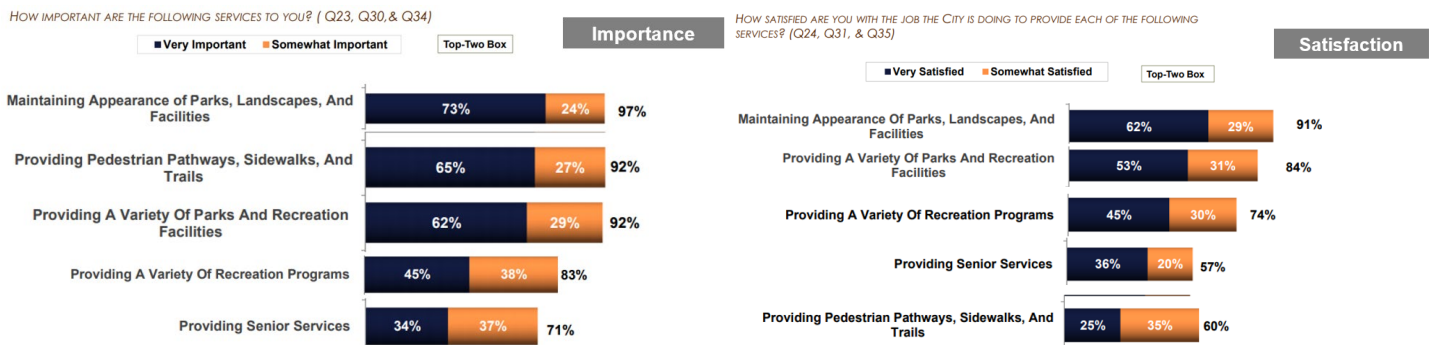
The City has partnered with various community groups over the years to fund significant park improvements through the Matching Funds Program. Examples of projects completed under the Matching Funds Program include completing sidewalks at The Cliffs Park, adding a shade structure for Softball batting cages at Bob Jones Park, softball soft toss stations at Bob Jones Park, and switching infield Number 9 in Bicentennial Park from a dirt field to a synthetic field.





## Needs Assessment

According to the 2019 Citizens Survey, 92% of those surveyed responded that providing sidewalks, trails and a variety of parks was either very important or somewhat important. With this in mind, during the development of this master plan the views and recreation preferences of Southlake residents played an important role in developing the direction of the plan and the amenities needed within the parks and recreation system of the City. An effort was made during the review of the parks of the City to ensure there is connectivity between and within the park system in addition to connections to adjacent neighborhoods and schools.



The parks and recreational facilities the City offers its residents should generally be in accordance with the current needs of Southlake, as well as with the anticipated or expected needs and demands that may arise in the future. Anticipated needs can be forecasted based on standards and development guidelines that are related to the population to be served and the trends in demand. With the City being at a point in time where the population increase is not expected to increase substantially, it is critical that the City take into considerations the demands of the population. Expectation of needs is usually determined through the analysis of material and data furnished by persons actively engaged in some type of recreational activity, as such was the case in the development of this master plan. The following section below describes the approach taken into accounting for and assessing the needs of the City.

### Demand Based Needs

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee contemplated the existing landscape of parks in Southlake against the results of the community parks survey, input forms sent in by members of the public, feedback from various stakeholders, and factored in their own perspectives. The City of Southlake fortunately has a variety of parks and recreational facilities and programs. The focus of the 2035 plan update was not as much about adding new parks, but rather building upon and improving what exists today. Some notable park redevelopment projects were prioritized as part of this planning effort. Additionally, the Committee felt the need to add a second dog park in Southlake. It is important to note that the demands of the community may change over time. For example, during the evaluation of the current conditions and inventory of the City's parks, the desire for additional pickleball courts was a recurring theme.



Enclave Park (Carillon)

The next pages features word clouds pulled from the community parks survey. The word cloud summarizes the verbatim comments from each question of the survey. Since there were five questions in the survey, there are five corresponding word clouds.

### Q1 What is the primary reason that you use parks in the City of Southlake?

Walking trails open running trails Kids sports go going parks time friends family  
 Take outside walking dog place sports events Recreation  
 nature play Bob Jones walking spend time friends kids  
 spend time playground open space exercise outdoors use children  
 park dog activities watching children play hang friends family fun enjoy

### Q2 In your opinion, what strengths exist in Southlake regarding parks, recreation, and open space?

activities Bicentennial people trees many recreation use trails beautiful  
 preserving open spaces Multiple sports amazing  
 playground fields good kept parks cities  
 Southlake facilities clean great facilities  
 well maintained strength space nature nice Kids areas small lot  
 well kept S well great

### Q3 In your opinion, what is the biggest need in Southlake regarding parks, recreation, and open space?

think trees recreational Bicentennial places place residents better bikes use paths  
 bike trails access play Grapevine space courts areas open trails  
 public open space families parks put need built  
 walk etc Southlake consider city Hikes Trails fields Make love also  
 bike paths children Bob Jones s nature much don t

Q4 If any, what barriers prevent you from using parks in the City of Southlake?

fields car mobility one locked don't use nice sidewalks  
walking None drive parks closed Southlake really  
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### Conclusions from the Needs Assessment

The overall Parks Inventory Evaluation (Needs Assessment) for the Southlake park system is shown below. As far as park acquisition is concerned, the city currently owns or leases adequate total acreage for a build-out scenario. The community would be open to new opportunities for recreational uses, whether they are active or passive, to accommodate and meet the demands of the City's residents.

***SOUTHLAKE 2035 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN***  
***PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY***

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES		2021 CURRENT			2035 PLANNED		
Facility Type	Southlake 2035 Standard (Based on 35,000 Population)	2021 Delivery (Based on 35,000 Population)	2021 Inventory	2021 Over/Under	2035 Delivery (Based on 35,000 Population)	2035 Inventory	2035 Over/Under
Baseball / Softball Field							
Youth Baseball Game Field	1 per 3,000	1 per 2,917	12	--	1 per 2,917	12	--
Youth Softball Game Field	1 per 7,000	1 per 5,833	6	1	1 per 5,833	6	1
Adult Softball Game Field	1 per 17,500	1 per 17,500	2	--	1 per 17,500	2	--
Baseball Practice Area	1 per 2,500	1 per 1,522	23	9	1 per 1,522	23	9
Softball Practice Area	1 per 7,000	1 per 2,333	15	10	1 per 2,333	15	10
Batting Cage Stall	1 per 4,000	1 per 2,917	12	3	1 per 2,500	14	5
Basketball Court (Outdoor)	1 per 5,000	1 per 1,750	20	13	1 per 1,591	22	15
Dog Park	2 per 35,000	1 per 35,000	1	-1	2 per 17,500	2	--
Fishing Pier	1 per 10,000	1 per 7,000	5	1	1 per 7,000	5	1
Pavilion	1 per 1,225	1 per 778	45	--	1 per 673	52	--
Playground	1 per 2,000	1 per 1,207	29	12	1 per 1,094	32	15
Rectangular Sports Field (Game)	1 per 2,000	1 per 1,522	23	5	1 per 1,522	23	5
Rectangular Sports Field (Practice)	1 per 1,000	1 per 875	40	4	1 per 795	44	8
Sand Volleyball Court	1 per 15,000	1 per 11,667	3	--	1 per 11,667	3	--
Tennis Court	1 per 1,500	1 per 897	39	15	1 per 897	39	15

**Notes:**

*Rectangular Sports Field = Sports field utilized for Football, Lacrosse and Soccer*

*2021 Current = The current inventory of Parks and Recreation Facilities*

*2035 Planned = The planned inventory based on the implementation of the Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Recommendations*

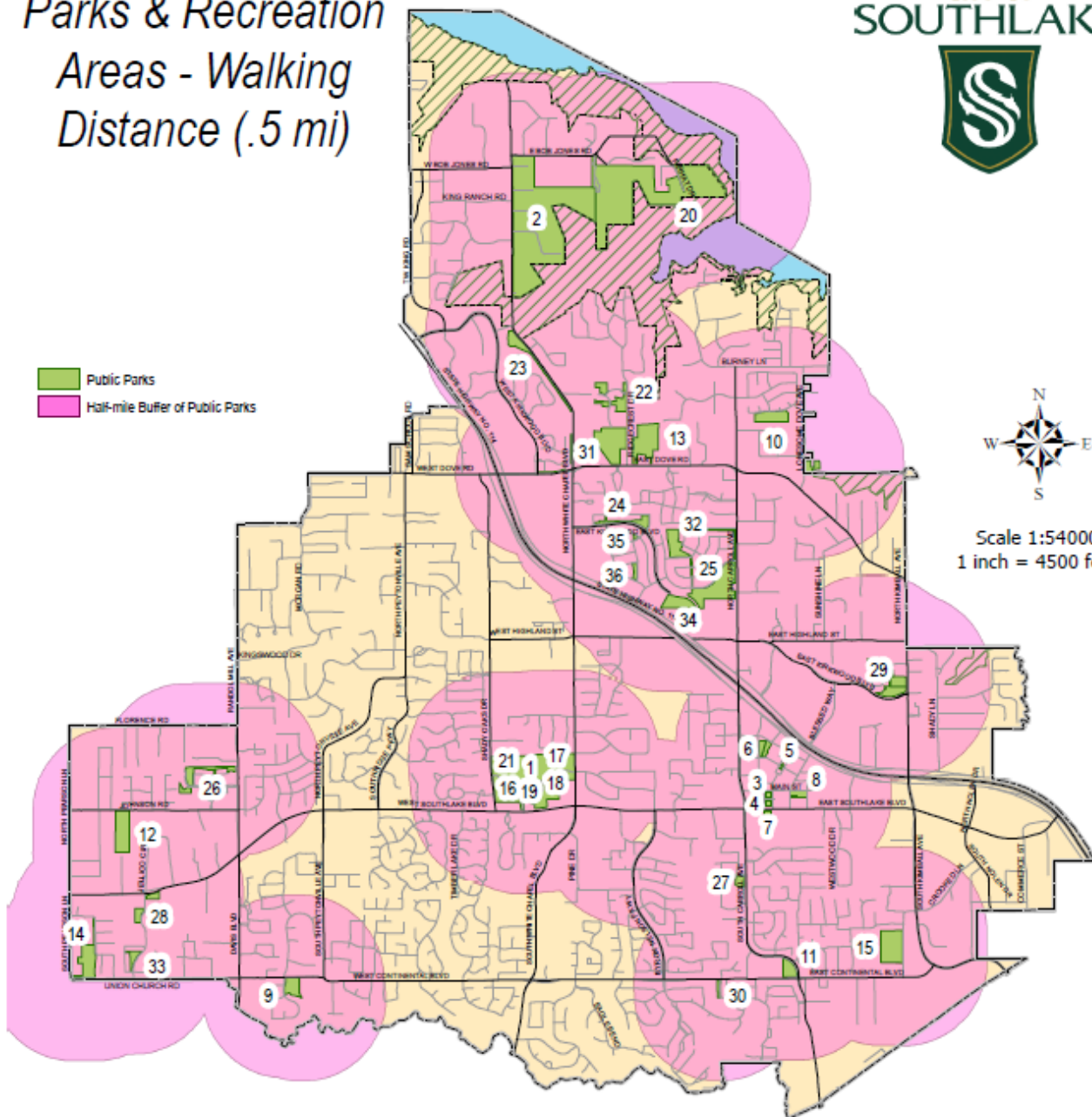
# Parks & Recreation Areas - Walking Distance (.5 mi)



- Public Parks
- Half-mile Buffer of Public Parks



Scale 1:54000  
1 inch = 4500 feet



## Public Parks

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|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Bicentennial Park       | 11 Noble Oaks Park                         | 21 Champions Club      | 31 North Park        |
| 2 Bob Jones Park          | 12 Royal & Annie Smith Park                | 22 Oak Pointe Park     | 32 The Preserve Park |
| 3 Rustin Park             | 13 Liberty Park at Sheltonwood             | 23 Kirkwood Park       | 33 The Verandas Park |
| 4 Family Park             | 14 Chesapeake Park                         | 24 Enclave Park        | 34 Corporate Park    |
| 5 Frank Cornish, Jr. Park | 15 Southlake Sports Complex                | 25 Carillon Park       | 35 Villa Park North  |
| 6 McPherson Park          | 16 Legends Hall                            | 26 Johnson Park        | 36 Villa Park South  |
| 7 Central Park            | 17 Community Services Maintenance Facility | 27 Winding Creek Park  |                      |
| 8 Summit Park             | 18 Southlake Tennis Center                 | 28 Watermere Park      |                      |
| 9 Koalaty Park            | 19 The Marq Southlake                      | 29 Southlake Glen Park |                      |
| 10 Lonesome Dove Park     | 20 Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve      | 30 East Haven Park     |                      |

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# Evaluation, Prioritization, Implementation

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## Plan Evaluation and Implementation

After finishing the initial draft of parks recommendations, it was necessary to formulate a way to prioritize the recommendations of the parks. The committee conducted a forced ranking exercise in which each park was “packaged” together and ranked based on the level of importance as voted on by the committee. The results of the forced-ranking activity are listed below along with the packaged recommendations that they were grouped in. The recommendations that were not in the “package” by park were excluded from this exercise due to no capital costs being associated with the recommendations. These recommendations could be prioritized at the staff level and placed on city department business plans. These parks are listed below under “non-prioritized parks.”

Forced-Ranking Survey Results	
Park Package	Priority Rank
Southlake Sports Complex	1
Bob Jones Park (does not include the Nature Center and Preserve)	2
Liberty Park at Sheltonwood	3
North Park	4
Koalaty Park	5
Central Park	6
Town Square Parks (Family Park, Frank Edgar Cornish IV Park, McPherson Park, Rustin Park, Summit Park)	7
Chesapeake Park	8
Lonesome Dove Park	9
Royal & Annie Smith Park	10
Carillon Parks (Corporate Park, Enclave Park, Lake Park, the Preserve Park, Villa Park North, Villa Park South)	11
Noble Oaks Park	12
Oak Pointe Park	13
The Cliffs Park	14

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee conducted a separate forced-ranking survey based on certain amenities that were brought up throughout the plan development process. In some cases, the amenities below are referenced within the recommendation for a specific park, such as pickleball at Southlake Sports Complex. The four amenities below were brought up, but not necessarily recommended to be incorporated into a recommendation package for a specific park. However, if funds become available, this amenity prioritization list can help provide guidance based on the Committee’s sentiment during plan development.

Forced-Ranking Survey Results	
Amenities	Priority Rank
Pickleball	1
Dog Park	2
Wheel-friendly Park (skate, bike, scooter park)	3
Sand Volleyball	4

## **Prioritization Schedule**

For each specific recommendation, a relative tier ranking has been established to articulate the expected implementation timeframe for that recommendation. Given that some recommendations require inclusion in the City's budget, Capital Improvements Program (CIP), or even a departmental work plan, the priority tier for all recommendations cannot be the same. The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee confirmed the tier rankings for all the recommendations during prioritization activities which were held for the various sections of the Master Plan. The tiers are divided into three different categories based on timeframe to implement:

- Tier 1: 1 to 3 Years (short-term)
- Tier 2: 4 to 7 Years (medium-term)
- Tier 3: 8 Years and beyond (long-term)

It is important to state within this section that recommendation packages will likely be addressed as one. There are several capital costs associated with the identified improvements, and therefore many years of CIP budgeting are often required. That said, there are few identified short-term park recommendation packages given the reality of funding available each year. As noted, the recommendations have been prioritized based on the results of the forced-ranking survey and therefore recommendation packages will be addressed comprehensively as the funding is available. Given the high priority of the Southlake Sports Complex (forced-rank #1) the likelihood of this park being completely redeveloped is much greater than Royal & Annie Smith Park (forced-rank #10) within the Southlake 2035 planning window. That said, it would be possible for staff to address identified park amenity or maintenance items on an as-needed basis as necessary.

For the Southlake 2035 plan update, staff created distinctive tier categories to simplify the process of differentiating between recommendations in prioritized parks and non-prioritized parks. This method will provide additional clarity when identifying individual line-item recommendations or projects to accomplish as part of an annual work plan. That said, items ranked 1A, 1B, or 1C (prioritized parks) represent higher priority line items, where those given a tier of 2A, 2B, or 2C (non-prioritized parks) are a lower priority.

The tier rankings are used in the development of department work plans as well as the Capital Improvements Program. In fact, the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) planning process begins and ends with projects recommended by all master plans in the City's comprehensive plan. Annually, as part of the City's budget process, city staff analyzes the adopted master plans and develops a comprehensive list of projects with preliminary cost estimates for inclusion in the proposed departmental budgets and the CIP.

The proposed departmental budgets and CIP are submitted to the City Manager's Office and the CIP Technical Committee who evaluate requests based on several City Council priorities including this master plan. The priority tiers that were developed during this master plan will help guide future members of the City's boards and City Council when making decisions related to the adoption of the City's annual operating budget and the CIP.

While these tiers provide the ideal order of implementation and desired priority for the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan recommendations, all recommendations are subject to available funding during the given budget year.

What follows is the complete list of recommendations in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan. The recommendations are listed in order of how they were prioritized by the Committee during the forced-ranking activity. This prioritization is predicated on months of planning, discussion, review, and analysis with regard to parks in Southlake.

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# Parks in Southlake

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## **Recommendations Overview**

The following pages delve into the specific recommendations within the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan. Recommendations are divided into three (3) categories:

- Citywide recommendations (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3)
- Recommendations for prioritized parks (Tier 1A, Tier 1B, Tier 2C)
- Recommendations for non-prioritized parks (Tier 2A, Tier 2B, Tier 2C)

These three categories are different in scope and should therefore not be weighed in the same manner. For this reason, the 2035 iteration of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan divided these items to allow for a more streamlined implementation process. In the case of Citywide policy recommendations, these items generally speak to guidance as related to future park development. In many cases, there is not a direct cost associated with the policy recommendations in the same manner of the other two categories. Staff wanted to make it simpler for anyone reviewing this plan element to understand what the higher priority park recommendations were, thus these were split into two-separate groupings.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan updates are the changes to the individual park concept plans. Anyone interested about future park development along with the Parks & Recreation Board, Southlake Parks Development Corporation, Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council and City Staff will rely directly on these plans for guidance. This makes the concept plans a critical part of the plan document and necessary of careful consideration when evaluating park improvements. It should be noted however that these plans are guidelines and are subject to changing conditions and evolution. The actual development of the park may differ from the concept plans.

In addition to the individual park concept plans, recommendations have also been drafted to reflect the considerations of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee. The recommendations are intended to be more descriptive and provide supplemental information of the intent of the individual park concept plans of the City's parks and should be considered when looking at the graphic illustrations of the concept plans developed by the committee.

## **Citywide Policy Recommendations**

Many park-specific issues arose during the development of this master plan update. However, there were some recommendations that seemed to be consistent throughout more than one City park. These recommendations were developed during the many meetings of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Committee. Together, they shape the city-wide recommendations of this plan and are not specific to any one park rather are to be applied throughout the City's park system as appropriate.



Draft Citywide Policy Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
PROS1	Provide guidance to HOA's regarding the maintenance of dedicated public park land maintained by HOA's.	<b>PROS1.1</b> Inform HOA's they may request water credits when utilizing City water to maintain dedicated public park land maintained by the HOA.	1	PDS	Quality Development	B1	4.1
		<b>PROS1.2</b> Explore opportunities to file a legal document of record with Denton/Tarrant County that would show up on a title search that would better inform the homeowner of their maintenance obligations (similar to an easement).	1				
PROS2	Analyze the future needs of public park land to be dedicated to the City of Southlake.	<b>PROS2.1</b> The City preference is for developers to pay the Park Dedication Fee rather than dedicating park land with each residential development. Be selective in terms of allowing park dedication in residential developments.	1	CS, PDS	Quality Development	C3	4.1
		<b>PROS2.2</b> Evaluate incorporating the dedication of park land into new retail/commercial developments and re-developing retail/commercial properties. Specifically look for opportunities to increase the amount of open space and public space in retail/commercial developments during the plan review process.	1				
PROS3	Provide guidance to HOA's and developers on the maintenance of dedicated public park land.	<b>PROS3.1</b> Revise developer's agreement to clearly identify the role of the developer and/or HOA in the future maintenance of the residential/commercial subdivision in perpetuity.	1	PW, PDS, CS	Quality Development	C3	4.1
		<b>PROS3.2</b> During the development process clearly articulate the expectations and requirements for dedicated public park maintenance to all involved in the process, such as developers, builders, lot owners, etc. (Ongoing)	1				
PROS4	Ensure all parks meet the City's park standards regarding signage and park amenities.	<b>PROS4.1</b> Inventory all parks and determine where amenities need to be added in all City parks. Amenities to include dog waste stations, signage, trash cans, water fountains, water bottle refill stations, benches, picnic tables, lighting, etc. Park amenities and signage should be continually maintained and replaced as appropriate as per the Park Standards identified within the master plan.	1	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.11
		<b>PROS4.2</b> Include water bottle refilling stations as a standard amenity in this policy. Add these stations when parks are being updated.	1				
PROS5	Prioritize passive development of the City's greenbelt.	<b>PROS5.1</b> Update the Mobility Master Plan to contain a component of the trail system plan specifically addressing and planning for the interconnectivity of sidewalks and trail systems, particularly those in greenbelt or flood areas, as well as the overall accessibility to parks from these trails.	1	PW, CS, PDS	Mobility	C2, C3	4.6
		<b>PROS5.2</b> Greenbelt and floodplain areas should be prioritized for recreation centered around health and wellness activities. Consider development and redevelopment proposals comprehensively, looking for opportunities to add to and expand the City's trail system.	1				
PROS6	Ensure that dedicated park land is deeded to the City upon acceptance.	<b>PROS6.1</b> Revise existing policy documents to ensure that park land that is dedicated to the City is deeded to the City upon final acceptance.	1	CS, PW, PDS	Quality Development	C3	4.1

Draft Citywide Policy Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
PROS7	Prioritize the development of a public park in areas currently underserved by parks.	<b>PROS7.1</b> There are currently no public parks between Randol Mill Ave (FM 1938), W. Dove Rd., Shady Oaks Dr., and W. Southlake Blvd. (FM 1709) During the next land use plan update, consider locating a park in this area.	3	PDS, CS	Quality Development	C3	4.5
		<b>PROS7.2</b> Aside from the parks within Watermere, there are currently no public parks between Watermere Dr., Byron Nelson Pkwy., Southlake Blvd. (FM 1709) and W. Continental Blvd. During the next land use plan update, consider locating a park in this area.	3				
		<b>PROS7.3</b> There are currently no public parks between Taylor St./Emerald Cir., N. Carroll Ave., E. Highland St. and N. Kimball Ave. During the next land use plan update, consider locating a park in this area.	3				
		<b>PROS7.4</b> Plan for and develop a dog park in Southlake south of SH 114.	3				
		<b>PROS7.5</b> Execute a right of first refusal on the Jordan Dr. and Randol Mill Ave. properties as identified in the Southlake 2035 Consolidated Future Land Use Plan (2035 Land Use Plan recommendations W-LU1 and C-LU1).	3				
PROS8	Use the City's parks system to educate residents and visitors about the City's history.	<b>PROS8.1</b> Work with the Southlake Historical Society to evaluate parks with historical significance.	1	CS	Partnerships & Volunteerism	B2	4.4, 4.9
		<b>PROS8.2</b> Work with the Southlake Historical Society to develop amenities such as plaques, interactive installments, or other commemorative features to tell the story of identified areas.	1				
PROS9	Assess the need for additional bollards or other safety barriers that align with the City's urban design guidelines to improve the security of the parks in Southlake.	<b>PROS9.1</b> Conduct a safety analysis of all parks and install bollards at pedestrian entrances to parks for increased safety and to eliminate vehicular conflicts.	1	CS, PW	Safety & Security	C1	3.3
PROS10	Park Accessibility	<b>PROS10.1</b> As improvements are made to City parks, ensure they meet the minimum standards of accessibility per ADA requirements with regard to play structures, sidewalks, seating, shade elements, etc.	1	CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	4.6
		<b>PROS10.2</b> As sidewalks are installed or improved in City parks, they should be no less than 8' wide, but preferably would be at least 10' wide.	1				
		<b>PROS10.3</b> As playground structures are replaced in community parks, ensure that they are replaced with accessible play structures that exceed ADA requirements that are inclusive to those with disabilities and consider that the needs of those more vulnerable and features elements of universal design.	1				

Draft Citywide Policy Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
PROS11	Consider developing opportunities to expand parks and recreation offerings related to learning, technology, and e-sports type recreational programming for all ages.	<b>PROS11.1</b> Increase the breadth of offerings to appeal to a broad range of interests in the City's parks and recreation program offerings. Explore unique and creative ways to incorporate educational and technological elements into City parks, such as virtual or augmented reality experiences for all ages and abilities.	1	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.11
		<b>PROS12.1</b> Research and determine a path forward for incorporating e-sports into City recreational programming.	1				
PROS12	Improve park signage and trail guidance.	<b>PROS12.1</b> Install plaques in parks dedicated to the City of Southlake demonstrating elected and appointed officials as well as City staff involved in the process. Ensure that this standard is applied at any newly dedicated park.	1	CS, OPx, OMC	Mobility	C3	3.3
		<b>PROS12.2</b> Create a brochure of trails in Southlake that can be found online in a digital format. This guide should contain information such as but not limited to the length of the trail, the difficulty, the name, and any relevant notes such as whether the trail is accessible strollers, wheel chairs, etc. Work with DPS to incorporate safety measures into the signs corresponding to a geographic location, such as unique identifying labels, that can help first responders locate people in need of help while on the trails.	1				
		<b>PROS12.3</b> Establish a standard policy for the installation of physical trail markers that shows segment distance and other relevant information. Begin placing the trail markers in accordance with this policy in City parks. Ensure that these trail signs are consistent throughout the City.	1				
		<b>PROS12.4</b> For those parks that have more robust trail systems, consider the installation of more permanent trail signage in the form of a large map at the beginning of a trailhead that illustrates the various trail segments within that park. Ensure that connections between various parks are demonstrated.	1				
		<b>PROS12.5</b> Develop City-branded signage to be placed at facilities that can be reserved (i.e., pavilion at Liberty Park at Sheltonwood, etc.). Use a QR code on the sign directing those wishing to reserve a facility to the reservation webpage. Ensure that available as well as non-available dates are clearly visible on the website.	1				
PROS13	Trail System / Pathways Master Plan Update.	<b>PROS13.1</b> As the City updates the Pathways Master Plan as part of the Southlake 2035 update to the Mobility Master Plan, ensure the trail, sidewalk, and pedestrian connectivity recommendations identified in and near the various parks are incorporated as segments.	1	PW, CS, PDS	Mobility	C2, C3	3.3, 4.6
PROS14	USACE Leases	<b>PROS14.1</b> The current land leases with the USACE are set to expire in 2036. Work with the USACE to extend these leases further into the future	2	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.13
PROS15	Jordan Dr. Properties (The City owns Lots 7-12, Block 3R of Cimarron Acres along Jordan Dr)	<b>PROS15.1</b> Leave the City-owned properties in a passive open space configuration, while ensuring the City maintains clear access to the above-ground storage tanks on property addressed as 3200 W. Southlake Blvd.	3	CS, PW	Quality Development	C2, C3	4.6

Draft Citywide Policy Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
		<b>PROS15.2</b> There is currently no sidewalk within this subdivision. Construct a sidewalk from the southwest corner of Lot 12 along N Pearson Ln., all the way to the property line of Lot 7, Block 3R and Lot 4, Block 3 along Harrell Dr.	3				
		<b>PROS15.3</b> Consider adding a crushed granite (or other low impact) path that meanders through the City-owned properties.	3				
		<b>PROS15.4</b> Consider adding a few parking spaces (on-street or off-street) to the City-owned properties, so users have vehicular access to the open space area.	3				
PROS16	Randol Mill Avenue Properties (755 and 635 Randol Mill)	<b>PROS16.1</b> Continue evaluating the potential use of these properties as future park land per recommendation C-LU1 from the Land Use Sector Plan	1	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.2
		<b>PROS16.2</b> If ever deemed appropriate as park land or open space, consider executing a right of first refusal on the purchase of these properties.	1				
PROS17	There is currently a disconnect between the following parks and open space areas: North Park, Oak Pointe Park, Liberty Park at Sheltonwood, Kirkwood/Sabre Linear Park, Bob Jones Park, The Cliffs Park, and the equestrian/hiking trails on the USACE property east of Loch Meadow Estates.	<b>PROS17.1</b> Given the proximity of these parks to one another, prioritize a trail network that safely connects these park and open space areas such that there is a network of trails making a safe and continuous loop between these areas.	3	CS, PW, PDS	Mobility	C2, C3	3.3, 4.6
		<b>PROS18.2</b> Require that sidewalks be constructed in this area at the time of any residential or commercial development or redevelopment.	3				
		<b>PROS17.3</b> Consider applying Capital Improvements Program funding towards the safe connectivity of these park and open space areas.	3				
PROS18	CISD Admin Tennis Courts	<b>PROS18.1</b> Consider working with CISD on the potential of resurfacing the tennis courts at the CISD administration building.	1	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.6

## Recommendations for Prioritized Parks

As referenced previously, the Committee took a unique approach in prioritizing recommendations for this plan, versus how recommendations have been captured in the past. Rather than forced-ranking each park in the system, the Committee only ranked those where capital requests would be necessary because smaller, non-capital items can be addressed annually through the SPDC Fund as an operational item. Put differently, specific amenities were identified for each park, however these do not mean that park was included in the forced-ranking activity. There is ultimately an important distinction between capital and non-capital parks for the sake of prioritizing recommendations. What follows are the identified recommendations for the parks in Southlake in order of priority. Specific amenities within non-capital parks are addressed next. It is also worth noting that the Committee did participate in a separate forced-ranking survey for the purpose of prioritizing specific amenities in the City. By have a prioritize list, staff can point back to the master plan when making decisions about which amenities to pursue in the community based upon this list.

No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
SSC1	Redevelop the current Southlake Sports Complex into a new community park	<b>SSC1.1</b> Redevelop the current SSC into a new community park as per the concept plan. The community park should prioritize the following park elements into the final design: synthetic turf at expanded large field, synthetic turf on baseball fields, demo of existing metal building, concession/restroom building, pavilions and shade structures, parks maintenance and storage building, playground, trail development and connectivity, fitness stations, batting cages, entry feature, field and common area improvements, parking, two park entrances, drop off zone, fencing, landscape & irrigation enhancements, public art, and appropriate community park amenities.	1A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>SSC1.2</b> Include the redevelopment of the current Public Works Service Center site into the new community park. The community park should also prioritize the following elements into the final design: a pickleball facility, drainage enhancements, pond and pond amenities, playground, trails, pavilion and shade structures, and park amenities.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.3</b> Provide additional tree and landscape screening around the perimeter of the park.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.4</b> Install crosswalks for pedestrians where appropriate.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.5</b> Prioritize the installation of synthetic turf and utilize multi use field markings to maximize use and flexibility.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.6</b> Explore the opportunity to provide pedestrian connectivity to nearby neighborhoods.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.7</b> Execute a Traffic Impact Analysis based on the final design of the new community park.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.8</b> Evaluate the need for a water well at the park for irrigation.	1A				
		<b>SSC1.9</b> Incorporate Public Art into the redevelopment of the community park as per the Public Arts Master Plan which identifies goals such as "interactive, experiential, educational, and entertaining." When considering what art to include in this park reference the proposals from SKIL from their 2021 session.	1A				

Draft Bob Jones Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
BJP1	Interactive Public Art	<b>BJP1.1</b> Incorporate Public Art into the revised concept plan for this Park per the Public Arts Master Plan which states to "Install art or artistic features at parks such as Bob Jones Park and North Park that will engage youth and encourage interaction with the arts." (PA9)	1C	CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11



Draft Bob Jones Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
BJP2	Parking Areas	<b>BJP2.1</b> Replace parking areas in the park, so they are concrete instead of asphalt (not including the equestrian parking area), enhance parking lot lighting.	1C				
		<b>BJP2.2</b> Provide additional parking on the south end of the park adjacent to the south pond and existing parking.	1C				
		<b>BJP2.3</b> Install lighting and additional landscaping within the parking lots of the park.	1C				
BJP3	Fencing	<b>BJP3.1</b> Replace chain fences around park and on fields with non-residential quality product	1C				
BJP4	Cross Country	<b>BJP4.1</b> Add trail markers and signage to the existing jogging path entrance	1A				
		<b>BJP4.2</b> Consider creating an additional 5K running loop within the park, not to be used by equestrian riders	1C				
BJP5	Internal Wayfinding Signage	<b>BJP5.1</b> Add wayfinding signs on trails that provide directions to key destinations within the park such as the dog park, nature center, day camp, etc.	1A				
		<b>BJP5.2</b> Improve the internal wayfinding to provide clear trail guidance for those using the hike and equestrian trails	1A				
BJP6	Equestrian Area	<b>BJP6.1</b> Consider enhancing the entrance off Equestrian Dr. to create a sense of place when arriving at this parking area	1C				
		<b>BJP6.2</b> Consider expanding the existing equestrian parking area to account for the demand	1C				
		<b>BJP6.3</b> Consider the addition of a compost bin for horse manure to be located near the equestrian parking area	1C				
		<b>BJP6.4</b> Reconfigure the equestrian parking area to direct loading and unloading of horses on the north side.	1C				
		<b>BJP6.5</b> Improve the parking lot adjacent to the equestrian area by ensuring separation from the equestrian parking area and the practice fields by way of landscaping and fencing as a buffer.	1C				
		<b>BJP6.6</b> Provide a watering hole in the equestrian area in the north.	1C				
		<b>BJP6.7</b> Add practice fields adjacent to the equestrian area on the north side of the park. Parking will be provided by the existing parking lot located to the south.	1C				

Draft Bob Jones Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
BJP7	Bob Jones Trails and Sidewalks	<b>BJP7.1</b> Pave a sidewalk/trail connection between where the sidewalk currently ends near the existing parking lot on the south side of the park to improve access to the dog park area to the north.	1C				
		<b>BJP7.2</b> Extend the pedestrian trail to circle the entire pond area on the north side of the park near the pavilion.	1C				
		<b>BJP7.3</b> Enhance the pathway to loop around the pond at the south end of the park, as well as extending the trail around the future additional parking area shown on the concept plan to make another connection to the trail enhancement shown in BJP7.1.	1C				
		<b>BJP7.4</b> Add water bottle refill stations	1A				
		<b>BJP7.5</b> Prioritize connectivity of the trail system. Install additional trails throughout the park and adjacent to N. White Chapel Boulevard providing connectivity to The Cliffs Park and the Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve area where appropriate.	1C				
BJP8	Pickleball at Bob Jones Park	<b>BJP8.1</b> Consider adding an area for pickleball to Bob Jones Park. Be sensitive to surrounding residential areas, as well as existing and future equestrian areas. Consider as a SPDC matching-funds project.	1C				
BJP9	Boo Boo's Buddies Dog Park	<b>BJP9.1</b> Add lighting and other amenities to make this dog park more accessible in the early mornings and evenings when it is dark outside.	1C				
		<b>BJP9.2</b> Explore the opportunity to add a water element/pond to the dog park area	1C				
BJP10	Park Amenities	<b>BJP10.1</b> Provide additional amenities at the park such as benches, bike racks, shade structures, restrooms.	1C				
BJP11	Shade Structures and Trees	<b>BJP11.1</b> Provide more shade in the form of trees and shade structures throughout the park along walkways, paths, parking lots, sports fields, N. White Chapel Boulevard, and the roadway to the Bob Jones Nature Center as appropriate.	1A				
		<b>BJP11.2</b> Add shade structures and landscape improvements to the existing multipurpose fields.	1C				
		<b>BJP11.3</b> Provide shade structures, landscaping and trees around the perimeter of the parking lots and sports fields within the park.	1C				
BJP12	Synthetic Turf	<b>BJP12.1</b> Prioritize the installation of synthetic turf and utilize multi use field markings to maximize use and flexibility.	1C				
BJP13	Maintenance Facility	<b>BJP13.1</b> Expand Park maintenance facility and storage to meet the needs of the Parks Division.	1C				

Draft Bob Jones Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
BJP14	Soccer Complex Improvements	<b>BJP14.1</b> Consider the following improvements related to the soccer complex: Improve drainage and irrigation, prioritize synthetic turf, add lights to the game fields, restrooms closer to the fields, centrally located, smaller concession stand closer to the fields, online field map and indoor facility.	1C				
BJP15	Softball Complex Improvements	<b>BJP15.1</b> Consider the following improvements related to the softball complex: Aesthetic improvements, replacement of the existing playground, spectator area improvements, conversion of shade fabric to metal roof shade structures, Additional 50-100 parking spaces, prioritize synthetic turf to the infields, add more shaded areas along the common walkway from the concession stand to the four-plex, upgrade the restrooms to the Southlake standard, address flooding issue related to rain events at the equipment room, drainage, enlarge field #3 to accommodate older age groups, and install additional lighting under the shade structure in the batting cages area.	1C				
		<b>BJP15.2</b> Provide updated aesthetic improvements to the existing softball fields shade structures and pavilion in the park.	1C				
BJP16	Restroom/Concession Building Improvements	<b>BJP16.1</b> Aesthetic and functional improvements at both concession/restroom facilities.	1C				
BJP17	Pavilion Improvements	<b>BJP17.1</b> Aesthetic and infrastructure improvements at the bat wing pavilion.	1C				

DRAFT Liberty Park at Sheltonwood Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
LPS1	Clearly demarcate what is public vs. private space.	<b>LPS1.1</b> The park property is adjacent to private property to the west and north of the park, as well as in the southeast corner of the park. Provide signage or other visible demarcation of where public property ends.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
LPS2	Amenitize the natural areas of the park near the proposed trails shown on the conceptual master plan.	<b>LPS2.1</b> Identify the creek area with signage	1C				
		<b>LPS2.2</b> Maintain the natural areas by regularly clearing brush and maintaining the trail system. Improve existing unofficial trails that have been created over time by use.	1A				
		<b>LPS2.3</b> Install trail markers that show distances and named routes for easier navigation for users (see PROS12.3).	1C				

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No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
		<b>LPS2.4</b> Complete the trail loop (concrete/decomposed granite) and connect it to the pavilion per the conceptual master plan. Add additional trail segments to the conceptual master plan to increase the number of trails in the park area, including but not limited to a segment connecting the trail in the natural areas from the west to the east just north of the pavilion. Also consider adding more trails to the area currently identified on the conceptual master plan as "expand parking."	1C				
LPS3	Liberty Park at Sheltonwood Improvements	<b>LPS3.1</b> Add park amenities such as benches and a bike rack	1A				
		<b>LPS3.2</b> Improve the existing volleyball court area.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.3</b> Install a children's playground (small/medium sized) adjacent to the pavilion.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.4</b> Conduct a study to determine the optimal number of parking spaces needed to support the use of the park. Construct new parking per the recommendations of the study. Design the parking expansion such that it results in the minimal impact to quality trees.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.5</b> Provide pedestrian connectivity from the new expanded parking to the park trail system.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.6</b> Drill water well for the pond to serve as a year-round amenity.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.7</b> Consider installation of exercise stations along the trail	1C				
		<b>LPS3.8</b> Consider creation of an enhanced pedestrian corridor from the parking lot to the center of the park.	1C				
		<b>LPS3.9</b> Consider opportunities to add informational and historic markers throughout the park. See recommendations PROS8 for guidance.	1C				

### DRAFT North Park Recommendations

No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
NP1	Update certain amenities within the park to improve the field use experience. Consider the ability for the fields to be revenue generating when making decisions about upgrading amenities.	<b>NP1.1</b> Replace the scoreboards on the three existing lacrosse fields when appropriate.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>NP1.2</b> Conduct an analysis to determine whether the number of fields is adequate for the City of Southlake. Consider expanding to add a fourth field if warranted.	1C				1.5, 4.6, 4.11

DRAFT North Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corporate Objective	VGO Link
NP2	Improve the walking connection to the Oak Pointe subdivision at the north side of the park.	NP2.1 There is an opening from the Oak Pointe subdivision into the park. Consider making improvements to this area to make the connection between this park and Oak Pointe. Endeavor to make this an accessible connection between these parks if possible, considering there is a plan for accessible connectivity from the future pathway along Ridgecrest Dr.	1C	CS, PW		C2, C3	3.3
NP3	Park amenities.	NP3.1 Add distance markers to this park for runners and walkers (see PROS12.3).	1A	CS		C3	1.5, 4.6, 4.11
		NP3.2 Add benches, water bottle refill stations, and dog water bowls around the pedestrian pathway to encourage use of this trail.	1A				
NP4	Consider Interactive Public Art	NP4.1 Consider incorporating additional public art into the revised concept plan for this Park per the Public Arts Master Plan which states to "Install art or artistic features at parks such as Bob Jones Park and North Park that will engage youth and encourage interaction with the arts." (PA9)	1C				
		NP4.2 When considering what art to include in this park reference the proposals from SKIL from their 2021 session.	1C				
NP5	North Park Improvements	NP5.1 Consider paving the overflow parking on the DPS North property.	1C				
		NP5.2 Consider the purchasing of properties to the east for future expansion of the park facility to Ridgecrest Drive. Develop right of first refusal for the properties.	1A				
		NP5.3 Provide the installation of a shade structure by the pond where it will not interfere with the area where a potential fourth field may be added.	1C				
		NP5.4 Explore opportunities for connectivity in the form of pathways to the west to N. White Chapel Blvd.	1C				

Draft Koalaty Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
K1	Park Amenities	<b>K1.1</b> Add restrooms and seating areas at the park. Consider the impact to surrounding properties when determining the best location for park amenities.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.11



Draft Koalaty Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
K2	Add features to prevent cars from being parked inside the park and near the ballfields.	<b>K2.1</b> Add decorative bollards with lighting to prevent people from parking near the ball fields.	1C				
K3	Koalaty Park Improvements	<b>K3.1</b> Provide additional amenities at the park such as shade structures, benches, bike racks, picnic area and restrooms at various locations in the park	1C				
		<b>K3.2</b> Consider the addition of lighting to the park where appropriate.	1C				

Draft Central Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
CP1	Ice Skating Rink	CP1.1 Consider incorporating recommendation FM-P1 from the Southlake 2035 Consolidated Future Land Use Plan which speaks to Central Park "add an ice-skating rink during the holiday season"	1C	EDT, CS	Quality Development	C3	11.2
CP2	Public Art	CP2.1 Add a public art piece per the Public Arts Master Plan (PA6 - "Activate Central Park through public art")	1C	CS			1.5, 4.6, 4.11
CP3	Central Park Improvements	CP3.1 Work with the adjacent property owner (Shops of Southlake) to create new arched central entrance into the park from the south parking area that results in improved accessibility and makes the park area more inviting to the public.	1C				
		CP3.2 As part of the development of the park concept plan evaluate the addition of an interactive water feature around the fountain.	1C				
		CP3.3 Install shade trees around the fountain area.	1C				
		CP3.4 Add hedges along the iron fence to the north.	1C				
		CP3.5 Consider allowing vendor kiosks within the park. Work with property management at the Shops of Southlake.	1C				
		CP3.6 Evaluate the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge across FM1709 from Central Park to Rustin Park.	1C	PW, CS, PDS		C2, C3	3.3

DRAFT Town Square Parks Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
TS1	Outdoor collaborative workspace	<b>TS1.1</b> Incorporate a public shared outdoor working or collaboration space (or similar facility) into the conceptual master plan for one of the Town Square parks (see Health & Wellness Recommendation HW28).	1B	CS, FIN	Quality Development	C3	4.6
TS-F1	Family Park redevelopment	<b>TS-F1.1</b> Consider redevelopment of Family Park that enhances the space making it an even more dynamic park suitable for community events and daily use.	1B	CS		C3	3.3, 11.2
TS-F2	Bollards at Fountain Place	<b>TS-F2.1</b> Add aesthetically designed temporary bollards to this cross-street such that the roadway can easily and temporarily be closed for community events.	1B	CS, PW		C3	3.3
TS-M1	McPherson Park Public Art	<b>TS-M1.1</b> Consider the addition of a public art piece per the Public Arts Master Plan (PA8 - "Install art or artistic features with the redevelopment of McPherson Park"). Depending on future buildout of the park, consider a sculpture garden or similar artistic activation of the park.	1C	CS		C3	1.5
TS-M2	Potential McPherson Park Redevelopment*  *Developer-driven park improvements	<b>TS-M2.1</b> Reshape the pond to increase usable park space.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>TS-M2.2</b> Consider the addition of a promenade on the east side of the pond between Federal Way and Division Street – a wide walkway framed by a double row of trees, bench seating and ambiance lighting.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>TS-M2.3</b> Consider the installation of design features at the State Street/Federal Way and the Division Street gateway entries.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>TS-M2.4</b> Revise/improve the hardscape path that connects around the pond's edge. Consider a seat wall along some or all of the land side of the path and one or more sitting areas at the end of the pond-edge path.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>TS-M2.5</b> Consider the installation of terraced steps down to the pond to create additional area to gather. Terraces could be all hardscape, all grass, or a mixture to include a series of planted area of varying sizes to break up the hardscape.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11
		<b>TS-M2.6</b> Add a "great lawn" in the area south of the hotel for added gathering and function space. This might include a crushed stone path along the perimeter with some benches along the outer edge of the path. This lawn space would preserve a footprint for a hotel conference center expansion/performing arts space if ever needed.	3C	CS		C3	4.6

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No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
		<b>TS-M2.7</b> Connect the promenade to the hotel with an expanded patio area, allowing room for table seating and trees/landscape. Consider installation of a water feature, sculpture, or other installation to center the space.	3C	CS			
		<b>TS-M2.8</b> Consider the installation of a feature fountain to the pond.	3C	CS			
		<b>TS-M2.9</b> Enhance access and parking in and around the park. Add a sidewalk along State Street to provide a direct connection between State Street and Division Street. A mid-block bumpout would provide a viewing area and access into the park from State Street.	3C	CS, PW, PDS		C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.11

### DRAFT Chesapeake Recommendations

No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
C1	Proposed changes to existing Chesapeake Park concept plan	C1.1 Remove off-street parking from concept plan, and instead add on-street parking spaces along Chesapeake Ln.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 4.5, 4.6, 4.11
		C1.2 Consider moving the basketball and tennis courts shown along the western portion of the park to the northeast side of the park. Consider striping the courts for Pickleball as well as tennis.	1C				
		C1.3 Evaluate making safety and aesthetic improvements to the fence along the western boundary of the park.	1A				
		C1.4 Add a shade structure to the playground when upgrading/expansion occurs (see PROS10).	1C				
		C1.5 Add bike racks to the park to encourage active transportation thus reducing the need for vehicular travel and parking.	1A				
		C1.6 Add trees in the northeast section of the park to provide natural shade areas.	1A				
C2	Prioritize the construction of sidewalks and trails to Chesapeake park from Union	C2.1 As part of the Mobility Master Plan, prioritize the construction of a currently incomplete sidewalk segment along Union Church Rd. to the park from where the sidewalk currently ends at Chesapeake Place.	1A	CS, PW		C2, C3	3.3

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No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
	Church Rd.	C2.2 Consider and monitor the need for a wrought iron fence or other low impact, decorative barrier to the south of Chesapeake park to prevent vehicles from parking near the pond. Alternatively, consider and monitor the need for additional parking in this area to allow for access to the park. Ensure that the sidewalk along Union Church Rd. connects to the loop in Chesapeake Park and then back to Union Church Rd. via open areas in the fence for park accessibility.	1C	CS		C3	
C3	Add age-friendly amenities to the park.	C3.1 Consider adding permanent exercise stations and/or other age-friendly park amenities that are more passive in nature.	1C	CS		C3	1.5, 4.5, 4.6, 4.11
C4	Chesapeake Park Improvements	C4.1 Provide a restroom if and when the basketball, tennis, pickleball courts and pavilion are built	1C	CS		C3	
		C4.2 Install appropriate signage in addition to a monument sign(s) that is scaled appropriately for the park.	1A				
		C4.3 Evaluate the need for and implement the installation of a well at the park if necessary.	1C				

Draft Lonesome Dove Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
LD1	Make improvements to the trail system within the park.	LD1.1 Provide wayfinding signage in the park.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6 4.11, 4.12
		LD1.2 Evaluate the bridge crossings within the park; make improvements as identified.	1C				
LD2	Add age-friendly amenities to the park.	LD2.1 Consider adding permanent exercise stations and/or other age-friendly park amenities that are more passive in nature.	1C				
LD3	Park educational opportunities.	LD3.1 Explore opportunities for flora and fauna species identification, as well as information about biodiversity and nature (kiosks, signs, or other means) throughout the park to encourage more hands-on learning.	1C				

Draft Royal & Annie Smith Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
RAS1	Add amenities to the park.	<b>RAS1.1</b> Add more trash cans in the park near the benches.	1A	CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	1.5, 3.3, 4.6, 4.7 4.11,
		<b>RAS1.2</b> Add a water bottle refill station in the park near the pathway along Johnson Road.	1A				
		<b>RAS1.3</b> Add interpretive signage to the existing well at the park.	1C				
RAS2	Trail Connectivity from the park to Harrell Dr.	<b>RAS2.1</b> Work with the Keller Independent School District to provide additional trail connectivity from the park onto Harrell Dr.	1C	CS, PDS			
		<b>RAS2.2</b> Consider first right of refusal if KISD decides to sell excess land after the remodel of Florence Elementary School	1A				
RAS3	Consider providing a public restroom in the park.	<b>RAS3.1</b> Add a public restroom to the park.	1C	CS			
RAS4	Cimmarron Acres access to RAS Park	<b>RAS4.1</b> Determine the level of interest from the residents of Vermilion Addition to allow an easement from Cimmarron acres to allow for easier access to RAS Park (companion recommendation to PROS15).	1C	PDS, CS			
RAS5	Promote Passive Activities at RAS Park	<b>RAS5.1</b> Maintain the southern portion of the lot in its natural state to provide flexibility of use for this area and evaluate potential passive activities such as Frisbee golf	1C	CS			

DRAFT Carillon Parks Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
CAR-CL1	Park amenities (Corporate Park and Lake Park).	<b>CAR-CL1.1</b> Add distance markers to this park for runners and walkers (see PROS12.3).	1A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, 4.11
		<b>CAR-CL1.2</b> Add benches, water bottle refill stations, and dog water bowls around the pedestrian pathway to encourage use of this trail.	1A				
		<b>CAR-CL1.3</b> Work with the HOA to update the internal trail signage throughout Corporate and Lake Park.	1A				
		<b>CAR-CL1.4</b> Plant trees/landscape to screen the utility boxes at the northwest corner of Corporate Park.	1A				
		<b>CAR-CL1.5</b> Consider the addition of low-intensity lighting around the trail in each park to increase the safety for those walking in the early mornings or evenings. Ensure the lighting is consistent with the City's amenity policy (see PROS4).	1C				
CAR-CL2	Trail extension (Corporate Park and Lake Park).	<b>CAR-CL2.1</b> Consider connecting the trail at the south end of Lake Park to the 11-acre property recently purchased by the City.	1C	CS, PW			3.3



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No.	Recommendation/Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
		<b>CAR-CL2.2</b> Consider possible improvements to the Corporate Park / Lake Park trail when designing the potential future extension of Kirkwood Blvd. to E. Highland St. Identify opportunities to keep the pedestrian connection between these two parks and allow for the trail system to continue to E. Highland St (perhaps a pedestrian connection under the bridge).	1C	CS, PW			3.3
		<b>CAR-CL2.3</b> Consider passive park and/or open space use for the remaining land of the 11-acre property as part of the potential future extension of Kirkwood Blvd. takes place.	1C	CS			1.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9, 4.11
		<b>CAR-CL2.4</b> Consider purchasing the property in the floodplain at the rear of 1360 N. Carroll Ave. for additional open space.	1C	CS			
		<b>CAR-CL2.5</b> There is a small cemetery that is surrounded by City property (addressed as 950 E. Highland St.). Consider executing an access easement with the Southlake Historical Society or other non-profit to allow access across City property for upkeep of the cemetery.	1C	CS, PW			3.3
CAR-P1	Park amenities (The Preserve Park).	<b>CAR-P1.1</b> Add distance markers to this park for runners and walkers (see PROS12.3).	1A	CS			
		<b>CAR-P1.2</b> Add benches, water bottle refill stations, and dog water bowls around the pedestrian pathway to encourage use of this trail.	1A				
		<b>CAR-P1.3</b> Add signage to indicate the park is public at the entry points along Pyrenees Dr. and Lake Carillon Ln.	1A				
		<b>CAR-P1.4</b> When it comes time to replace the existing playground equipment, replace with accessible playground equipment and surfacing (see PROS10).	1C				
		<b>CAR-P1.5</b> When it comes time to replace the existing playground equipment, identify opportunities to add swings for children of all ages.	1C				
CAR-V1	Park amenities (Villa Park North and Villa Park South)	<b>CAR-V1.1</b> Add picnic-style tables to each park to make more conducive for outdoor dining. If tables are added, ensure the area is an accessible space, and there are an appropriate number of trash receptacles.	1A				

Noble Oaks Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
NO1	Promote this park as an open, passive, natural area.	<b>NO1.1</b> Add signage within the park noting that unstructured activities can occur in this park, and the area is open for play.	1A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.5, 4.5, 4.7
		<b>NO1.2</b> Monitor and consider the need for more benches and picnic tables to this park to promote its passive nature.	1A				
		<b>NO1.3</b> Consider adding a water bottle refill station along the pathway adjacent to S. Carroll Ave.	1A				
NO2	Provide educational experiences and promote the historical context within Noble Oaks Park.	<b>NO2.1</b> Highlight the Champion Oak Tree in the southwest corner of the park.	1A	PDS	Quality Development	C3	4.12, 7.2
		<b>NO2.2</b> Identify low impact, minimalistic, educational opportunities to highlight the various species of trees in the park, as well as the historical context of the tree stand.	1A				

Oak Pointe Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
OP1	Amenity replacement.	<b>OP1.1</b> Assess the existing amenities included in the park such as benches, signage, and tables. Work with the HOA to replace amenities according to the standard amenity replacement schedule as needed per recommendation PROS4.	1C	CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	1.1, 1.5, 4.11
OP2	Evaluate the need to expand the trails and connectivity of Oak Pointe Park.	<b>OP2.1</b> Oak Pointe Park consists of four (4) separate public park lots. Consider adding trails to Lot 11, Block 1.	1C	CS, PW	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.3, 4.6
		<b>OP2.2</b> Consider expanding the sidewalk that currently ends at Lot 2, Block 1 into the public park lot (Lot 1, Block 1), in case the property to the north is redeveloped and sidewalks are added.	1C				
		<b>OP2.3</b> Consider expanding the trails into the southwest corner of Lot 14, Block 2.	1C				
		<b>OP2.4</b> Consider expanding the trails of Lot 6, Block 1 to include another segment at the north end of the lot.	1C				
		<b>OP2.5</b> Evaluate and consider the ability to create a pathway connection to North White Chapel Boulevard / Walnut Grove Elementary School.	1C				

The Cliffs Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
CP1	Park amenities at The Cliffs Park (+/-10 acres) off N. White Chapel Blvd.	CP1.1 Add distance markers to this park for runners and walkers (see PROS12.3).	1A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.2, 1.5, 4.6, 4.11
		CP1.2 Add benches, water bottle refill stations, and dog water bowls around the pedestrian pathway to encourage use of this trail.	1A				
		CP1.3 Plant trees to provide screening for the residents of Clariden Ranch on the perimeter of the park, and also provide shade trees along the sidewalk for those using the trail.	1A				
		CP1.4 Consider adding low-intensity lighting around the trail in each park to increase the safety for those walking in the early mornings or evenings. Ensure the lighting is consistent with the City's amenity policy (see recommendation PROS4).	1C				
		CP1.5 Add an unsignalized mid-block pedestrian crossing area across N. White Chapel Blvd. to better connect Bob Jones Park to The Cliffs Park.	1C	CS, PW		C2, C3	3.3,
		CP1.6 Create an accessible opening in the fence near the pedestrian crossing at Bob Jones Park on the east side of N. White Chapel Blvd.	1C	CS		C3	1.2, 1.5, 4.6, 4.11
CP2	Park amenities at The Cliffs Park (+/-4 acres) of Rancho Laredo Trl	CP2.1 Add shade trees to the park.	1A				
		CP2.2 Consider incorporating additional amenities into to the park such as low intensity lighting, additional seating, and pet waste stations.	1C				
		CP2.3 Add a gazebo with dining table to the park.	1C				
		CP2.4 Consider the addition of a play structure to this park (see PROS10).	1C				
CP3	Sidewalk segment connections.	CP3.1 Connect the missing sidewalk segment across 101 Clariden Ranch Rd. between the City trail and where the sidewalk begins again to the southeast of The Clariden School (100 Clariden Ranch Rd.)	1C	CS, PW	C2, C3	3.3,	
		CP3.2 Connect the missing sidewalk segment at 3611 Sunrise Ranch Rd. to the City trail system.	1C				

## Recommendations for Non-Prioritized Parks

The recommendations within this section represent, in many cases, park amenities and other projects that can be addressed without needing to make a capital funding request as part of the 5-year CIP. When putting together their workplan, the Community Services department can review these items to determine identified amenities to be addressed in their annual operational budget.

Bicentennial Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
B1	On-street Parking spaces at Liberty Garden	<b>B1.1</b> Consider the addition of a few on-street parallel parking spaces off Unity Way (south side of the street) at the east end of the park so that people can more easily access the sitting area and trails located to the north east of the tennis courts (Liberty Garden)	2C	CS, PW	Quality Development	C3	1.5
B2	Businesses along FM 1709	<b>B2.1</b> Work with the businesses to the south of the park along FM 1709 to enhance these areas adjacent to the park.	2C	CS, EDT	Quality Development	C3	4.11
		<b>B2.2</b> Consider screening the parking area north of Lot 13 (where Another Broken Egg Café and Jersey Mike's are located) to enhance the views from The Marq facility.	2A				
B3	Public Art	<b>B3.1</b> Evaluate the need and feasibility of expanding the stage and seating at Aria Amphitheater Per the Public Arts Master Plan (PA16)	2C	CS	Quality Development	C3	

Coker Hike & Bike Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
CHB1	Retain as open space	<b>CHB1.1</b> Retain the area as open space. Consider planting a tree buffer near the adjacent property owner.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.2, 4.5
CHB2	Trail Connection and Park Amenities	<b>CHB2.1</b> Consider working with the City of Grapevine and the USACE on the potential connectivity of this open space park to the Grapevine trail system. If the connection is made, add parking and appropriate park amenities and signage.	2C	CS, PDS	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.4, 4.4
CHB3	Privately owned property near the Park	<b>CHB3.1</b> Execute a first right of refusal on the purchase of the privately property in the center of the park.	2C	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.2

East Haven Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
EH1	Add amenities to the park per the City amenities policy.	<b>EH1.1</b> There are currently not any water fountains in this park. Consider adding a water bottle refill station near the pathway along Continental Blvd. Add according to the City's amenity policy.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.1, 4.11
EH2	Increase accessibility and safety for those accessing the park from the north side of E. Continental Blvd.	<b>EH2.1</b> As part of the update to the Mobility Master Plan, consider adding a crosswalk from Sarah Park Trail (Timarron) to provide better access to this park and a continuation of the sidewalk system	2C	PW, PDS, CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.3

Johnson Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
J1	Ensure consistency of park signage.	<b>J1.1</b> Make sure signage is consistent in the park.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.1, 4.11
J2	Johnson Park Trail Improvements	<b>J2.1</b> Evaluate the possibility of providing additional connectivity to the west by working with the Trailhead Addition Home Owners Association to install a trail into the Trailhead Addition private open space.	2C	CS, PW, PDS	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.3
		<b>J2.2</b> As part of the next Mobility Master Plan update, consider incorporating a recommendation for pedestrian crosswalks at appropriate road intersections when updating the Mobility Plan.	2A				
		<b>J2.3</b> Explore options of trail connectivity to the northwest of the park if the property develops.	2C				

Kirkwood/Sabre Linear Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
KSL1	Pedestrian Connectivity	<b>KSL1.1</b> As part of the next Mobility Master Plan update, consider prioritizing pedestrian connectivity through the existing utility easement from N. White Chapel to Kirkwood Boulevard.	2A	PW, CS, PDS	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.3



Kirkwood/Sabre Linear Park Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
		<b>KSL1.2</b> As part of the next Mobility Master Plan update, prioritize connectivity along Kirkwood Blvd., Dove Road, and N. White Chapel Blvd. Consider alternatives to connect the future pathway along Kirkwood Blvd., near Sabre, over to N. White Chapel Blvd. The ultimate goal would be a fully connected trail around Kirkwood Hollow to Bob Jones Park, The Cliffs Park, North Park and Liberty Park at Sheltonwood. Consider the addition of a pedestrian crossings where appropriate.	2A				

Watermere Parks Recommendations							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
W1	Park improvements in Watermere.	<b>W1.1</b> Remove the existing playground equipment from the park and consider replacing with passive open space and age-friendly affixed fitness equipment, or other appropriate age-friendly amenities.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C2, C3	1.1, 1.5, 4.11
		<b>W1.2</b> Ensure all City park signage throughout the Watermere development is consistent.	2A				
		<b>W1.3</b> Improve the decomposed granite trail area at the northernmost park area near Southlake Blvd. Consider including passive amenities such as sitting areas in the treed areas. Consider connecting the trail to the sidewalks along FM 1709.	2C				
W2	Crosswalk Treatments	<b>W2.1</b> As part of the next Mobility Master Plan update, consider adding crosswalk treatments to make it easier for residents to access the central park area from the condominium building.	2A	PW, CS, PDS	Quality Development	C2, C3	3.3
W3	Park Improvements at the Park at Verandas Watermere	<b>W3.1</b> Add shade trees along the pathways of this park for increased walkability and comfort.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C3	1.1, 1.5, 4.11
		<b>W3.2</b> Consider incorporating additional amenities into to the Park at Verandas in Watermere such as lighting, pet waste stations, additional tree cover.	2A				

Winding Creek Park Recommendations (Public Park Portion)							
No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
WC1	Clearly indicate which portions of the park are public vs. private.	<b>WC1.1</b> Work with the HOA to develop and place a permanent map delineating the public and private portions of this park.	2A	CS	Quality Development	C3	4.4
WC2	Park amenities	<b>WC2.1</b> Add a bench or benches on the sidewalks near S. Carroll Ave.	2A				1.1, 4.11

Bob Jones Nature Center Recommendations

No.	Recommendation / Policy	Implementation Metric	Priority Tier	Dept.	Strategic Link	Corp. Objective	VGO Link
BJNC1	Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve	BJNC2.1 The Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve to be addressed as part of the update to the Community Facilities Master Plan, or other plan element.	2	PDS, CS	Quality Development	C3	4.6

## Park Standards

### Monument Signs

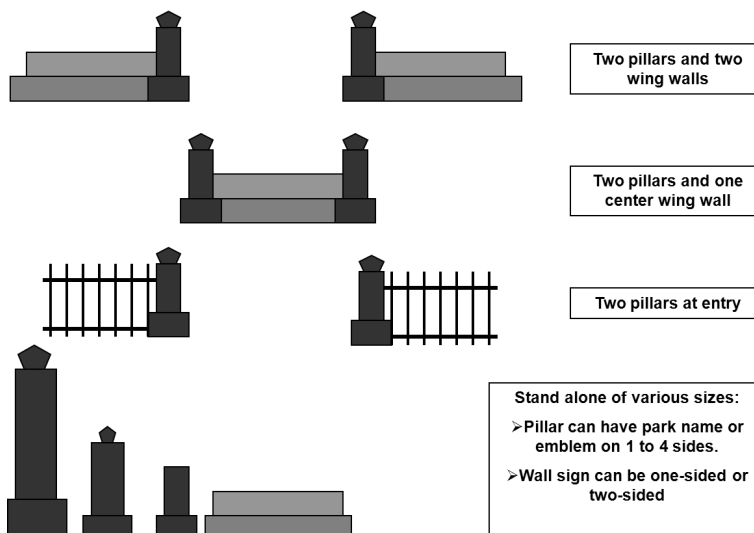
Monument signs in City parks should consist of masonry material and generally follow the City's Urban Design Plan unless there is a general theme of architecture or materials within the park that should be complimentary. The design objectives for monument signs are as follows:

- **Versatile**
  - *Multiple configurations*
  - *Various stone or brick options to match park appearance or theme*
- **Timeless & classic design to symbolize a Southlake park**
- **Standardization of design to eliminate recurring design & engineering costs**
- **Maximum visibility of park name with lighting**



*Sample of Existing City Park Monument Signs*

The configurations of the signs should also retain some level of consistency throughout the City. The following are some examples of configurations and should be used as guidelines only. Actual configuration may have to vary depending on physical constraints on individual park sites.



**Park Amenities**

The City has informally adopted some level of standards when doing amenity improvements to the City’s parks. With this master plan, the City will have formalized guidelines as to what level of quality the amenities should contain. A majority of the improvements consisting of benches, picnic tables, trash bins and drinking fountains have been installed with a black coating or finish. This trend should continue throughout all the City’s parks, and the standards provided below indicate the minimum level of quality to be provided whenever amenity improvements are considered.



Black Fusion Coated 46" Metal Square Table (4 seat or 3 seat ADA)



Black Fusion Coated 6'-8' Metal Table (Standard or ADA)

*Picnic Tables*



Black Fusion Coated Trash Can with Black Dome Top and Liner



Black Steel Drum w/Black Dome Top  
Cheapest and used throughout parks in open areas, parking lots, etc.

*Trash Bins*





**Black Murdock ADA Drinking Fountain with Dog Bowl**



**Black Fusion Coated Metal Bench (4', 6' or 8' - In Ground or Surface Mount)**



**Black Pet Waste Station**

*Benches, Drinking Fountains & Pet Waste Stations*



There are also some higher quality amenities that have been installed at various City parks such as Bicentennial Park, North Park and throughout the Town Square Parks. This level of quality should be aimed for but should only be implemented if funding permits and if the use and character of the park calls for it. The Victor Stanley and Dumor designs are examples of these higher quality park amenities.



Bike Rack



Victor Stanley, Inc.  
Litter Receptacle SD-42



Victor Stanley, Inc. Backless Bench C-5



Victor Stanley, Inc. Table ST-5



Victor Stanley, Inc. Bench C-10



Victor Stanley, RND-363 Umbrella

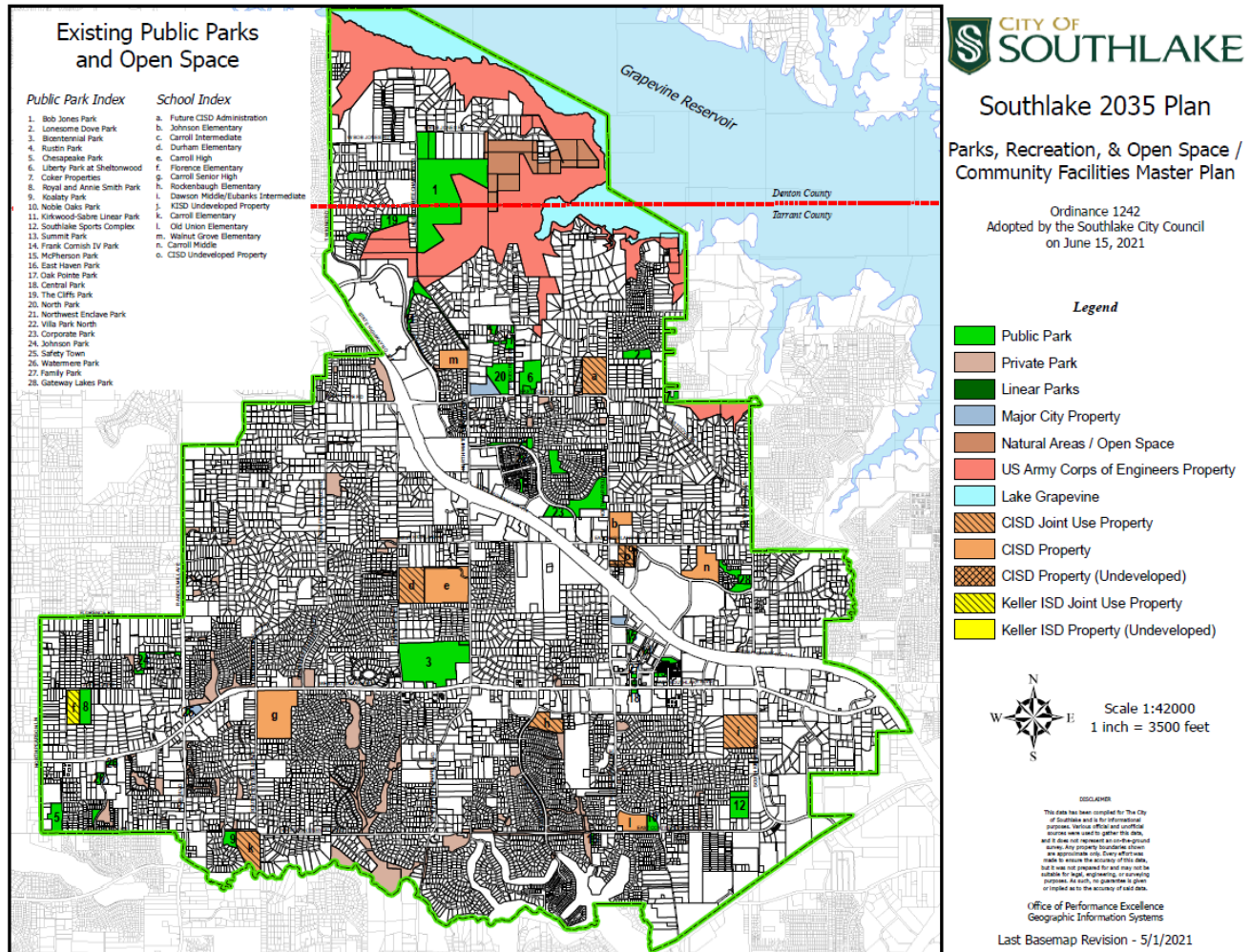


Town Square Amenities (Victor Stanley)

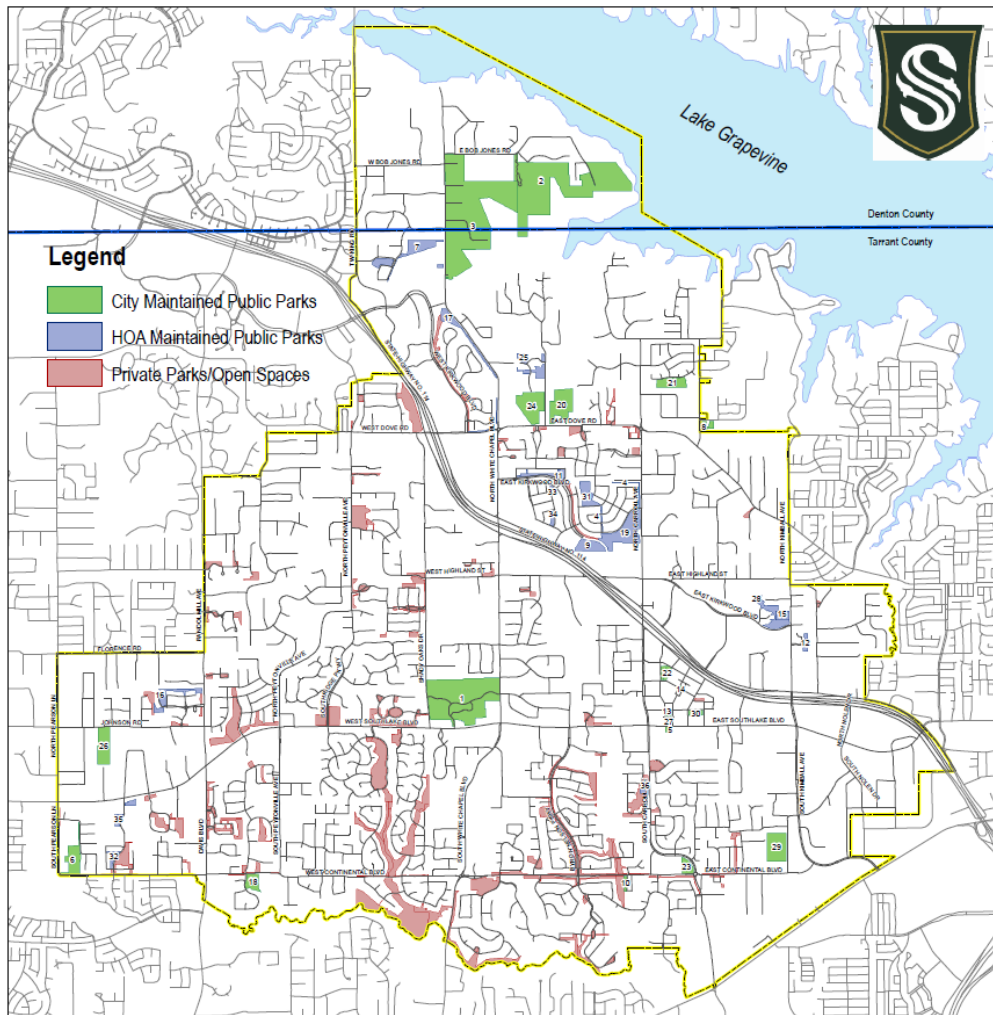
Higher End Amenities – Used at Bicentennial Park & North Park  
(Victor Stanley & Dumor )

*Higher Quality Amenities Examples*

# Exhibit A – Southlake 2035 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Map



# Exhibit B – Public and Private Parks Map



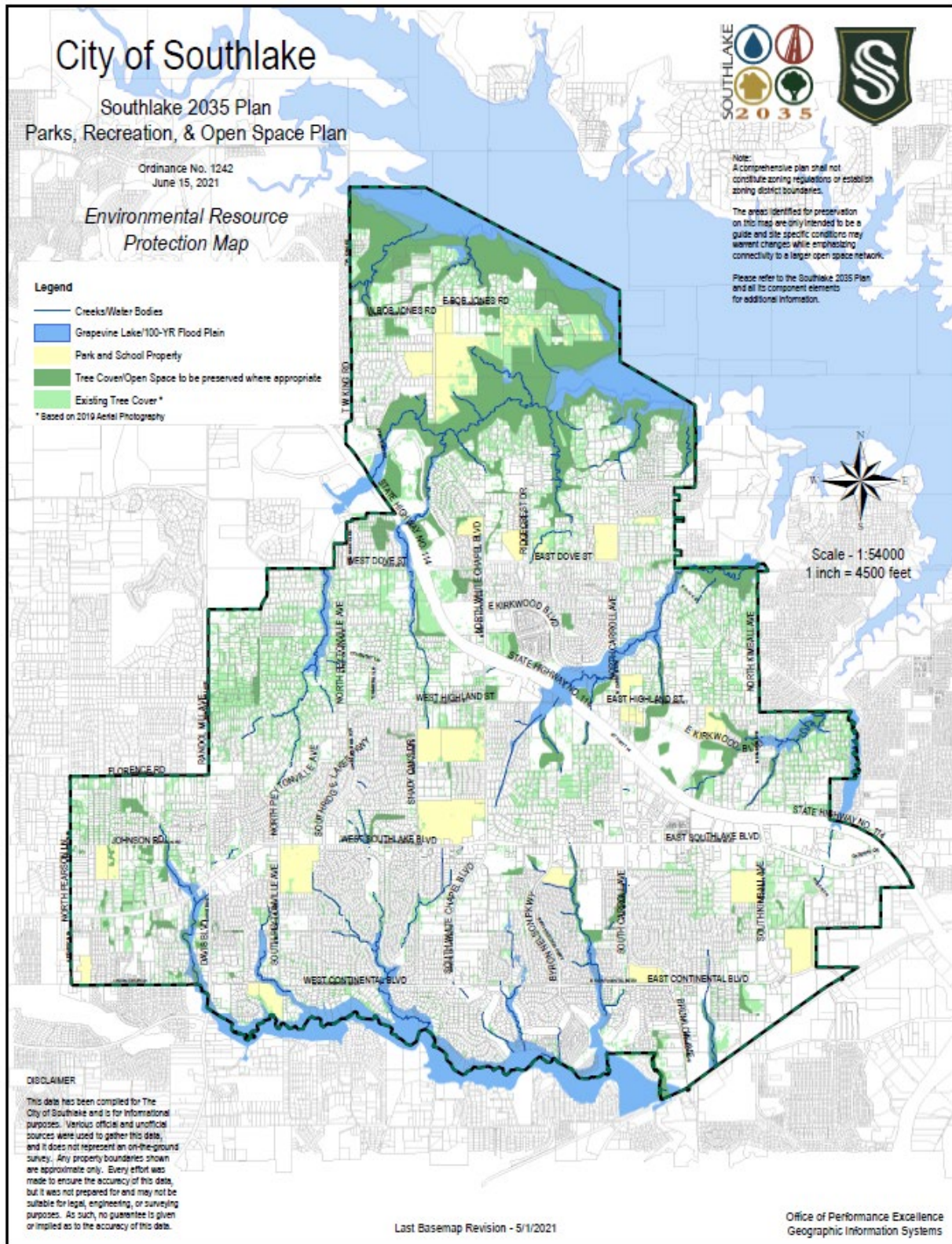
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## **Exhibit C – Existing Comprehensive Plan Recommendations**

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# Exhibit D – Environmental Resource Protection Map





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## Exhibit E – Parks Descriptions

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### **Bicentennial Park**

Bicentennial Park is a community park comprised of the first land ever assembled for park purposes in Southlake, with initial purchases and donations beginning in the 1970s. It is located north of Southlake Blvd. (F.M. 1709), west of White Chapel Blvd., and east of Shady Oaks Drive. As additional land was purchased, the park became the center of athletic facilities in the city, and largely remains that way today, with baseball facilities outnumbering all other uses. The park also includes basketball goals, a Tennis Center with a pro shop, the Parks Division offices, and maintenance yard, a large playground, a log cabin community building, the Liberty Garden demonstration garden, and The Marq Southlake.

In 2004, the city purchased 6.5 acres adjacent to Shady Oaks, which provides roughly 82 acres of contiguous land for park uses. In February 2007, the City Council adopted the Bicentennial Park Schematic Design. The first phase of the park improvements detailed in the Schematic Design was completed in September 2011 which included a new Bicentennial (American flags) theme for the park, four new youth baseball fields, a new park entry feature off FM 1709, a third park entry drive off Shady Oaks Blvd, additional trails, the development of a large pond with signature vehicular bridge and increased drainage retention, a roundabout intersection, additional trees and landscaping, park amenities, as well as many other aesthetic improvements.

Phase II improvements began construction in 2013 and added a new playground, park boulevard connection to White Chapel Blvd including a new park entry feature, new Parks Division offices and maintenance yard, concession/restroom building, a Miracle Field, a high-school (60/90) size baseball field, trails, additional trees and landscaping, and additional aesthetic improvements.

Phase III started in 2017 and concluded in early 2021, included a park restroom building, enclosed tennis courts, completion of the trail system, a synthetic turf field to replace the in-line hockey court, as well as irrigation enhancements.

### **Bob Jones Park and Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve**

Bob Jones Park began as a series of purchases, a large portion coming from an underdeveloped, small-lot mobile home park that had fallen into disarray. Eventually, with other acquisitions and the Corps of Engineers lease, the park grew to total nearly 500 acres – most of which is prime native Cross Timbers habitat. The first major construction at the park involved completion of 13 soccer fields (several subsequently lighted) and parking, followed by support facilities. The nearby six-acre pond with the bat-wing pavilion serves to collect drainage for use as field irrigation, not to mention a first-class fishing area. On the far north drive entrance, an equestrian parking lot houses trailer parking, corral pens, hitching posts, a picnic area, and a ranch faucet.

In 2004 the six practice backstops were retrofitted with lights to create a Girls' Softball Complex, which also includes support facilities, buildings, and another pond. Boo Boo's Buddies Dog Park, which sits on about 2.5 acres east of the Girls' Softball Complex, was added in 2006. Additional parking south of the complex near the pond was added in 2007. Bob Jones Park and the Corps lease were also officially recognized by the City Council in 2002 as the location for the Bob Jones Nature Center. To provide an immediate location, the ranch house on the 60-acre Tucker property purchase was designated to serve as the center. In April 2008, the Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve was officially opened following major renovations to the Tucker home and the development of the grounds near the facility. In 2011, the Bob Jones Nature Center & Preserve Master Plan

was adopted by the City Council. Since then, Bob Jones Park and the Nature Center have become the premier place to enjoy Southlake's natural habitat.

There are many recommendations for Bob Jones Park outlined in the 2035 Master Plan. Among the most significant include incorporating more public art, updating parking areas and fencing, adding Wayfinding Signage, and adding an area for pickleball.

### **Central Park**

Central Park is located in the Shops of Southlake Shopping Center directly across Southlake Blvd. from Town Square. Constructed as part of a development partnership with The Shops of Southlake, more than 32,000 square feet of land was set aside to be constructed into a public park space. The park was created to as a landmark feature and amenity area with the area of The Shops. In September 2005, Park Board recommended the acceptance of the land as a public park. The park was officially named Central Park by City Council in early 2007. The park now boasts a fountain and several shaded picnic tables. Due to its location within The Shops development, it is an ideal place for a shopping break or to enjoy a meal outdoors. Recommendations for this park include incorporating recommendation FM-P1 from the Southlake 2035 Consolidated Future Land Use Plan that suggests adding an ice-skating rink during the holiday season and adding a public art piece in Central Park. Additional recommendations consider several improvements including an arched central entrance, an interactive water feature, trees, hedges, and the considering the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge across FM 1709 from Central Park to Rustin Park.

### **Chesapeake Park**

As one of the only public parks in the southwest area of the city, Chesapeake Park is a neighborhood park that has much potential to further provide enjoyment to the area residents. It features a mid-size pavilion, fishing pier, and playground. Several recommendations were made to address improvements to Chesapeake Park and are included in the concept plan.

These recommendations include removing off-street parking and adding on-street parking along Chesapeake Ln, moving basketball and tennis courts to the northeast side of the park, striping the tennis courts for Pickleball, improving fencing, and the addition of amenities such as shade structures, bike racks and trees for natural shade. Other considerations include constructing sidewalks and trails to Chesapeake park from Union Church Rd. and adding age-friendly amenities to the park.

### **Coker Hike & Bike Park**

The Coker Hike & Bike Park is the only park that is not within the City of Southlake boundaries. This park is located in Grapevine immediately adjacent to the City. The potential to improve the park is minimal due to a portion of the park being in a floodplain and utility power lines with easements running diagonally through the park. Recommendations to this park include retaining the park as open space and working with the City of Grapevine and the USACE on possibly connecting this park to the Grapevine trail system. If feasible, add parking, signage, and park amenities.

### **The Cliffs Park**

The Cliffs Park was dedicated parkland during the development of the Cliffs of Clariden Ranch. The approximately 15 acres of open space area is mostly unimproved with the exception of the portion of the park that is on the interior of the Cliffs of Clariden Ranch development. The larger portion of the park between the development and N. White Chapel Boulevard is mostly flat open space with minimal tree cover, particularly on the interior of the lot. In 2019, the Clariden Ranch subdivision was the first of its kind to partner with the City to expand The Cliffs Park trail system. The expansion included connecting two previous sections of the trails, adding benches and making modifications to the irrigation system.

Several recommendations for The Cliffs Park were suggested. These include improving park amenities such as adding distance markers, benches, water refill stations and dog water bowls, planting more trees for screening, improving sidewalks and trails, and adding a Gazebo and play structure. Other improvements include adding low-intensity lighting around the trails, adding passive walking trails in the Corps property, and connecting sidewalk segments.

### **Cotswold Valley Park (Estancia)**

Cotswold Valley Park is a 2.7-acre neighborhood park located in the Estancia subdivision. Mainly serving Estancia residents, it includes a large water feature, a natural trail, and a pedestrian bridge. No specific recommendations were discussed at this time.

### **Estes Park**

Estes Park compliments Oak Pointe with a 2.3-acre public park area and public pathways. This small neighborhood park features a small pond and large oak trees. The park is a great asset for residents living in surrounding neighborhoods. No recommendations were discussed at this time.

### **Gateway Lakes Park**

This unimproved park area was dedicated to the City with the development of the new Gateway Church facility. This lot has a wetlands area occupying most of the property. With the development of the Southlake Glen subdivision, more parkland was dedicated to the city. Together, these two areas make up Gateway Lakes Park. Primarily serving the Southlake Glen subdivision, Gateway Lakes Park includes a designated parking lot on the corner of N. Kimble Ave and Kirkwood Blvd and a natural trail system with a trailhead. No additional recommendations were discussed as part of the 2035 plan.

### **East Haven Park**

East Haven Park is a narrow linear park area that mainly serves the residents of Haven Circle. Due to its limited size and physical development constraints, no major development recommendations were made. Recommendations include adding a water bottle refill station and adding a crosswalk from Sarah Park Trail to increase accessibility and safety of the park from the north side of E. Continental Blvd.

## **Johnson Park**

Johnson Place Park was dedicated as a City park during the development of Johnson Place Estates. This park, like East Haven Park, primarily serves the residents within the development. There are existing trails within the park and a few sitting areas. The park contains the development's three retention ponds and serves primarily as a walking/jogging and aesthetic amenity to the development and surrounding area.

Recommendations for this park include ensuring consistency of park signage, installing crosswalks where appropriate, and providing additional connectivity to the west and northwest areas of the park.

## **Kirkwood/Sabre Linear Park**

This small, triangular and linear site is on the west side of North White Chapel Boulevard near Kirkwood Boulevard at the Sabre Campus property. It is a linear park that connects to the other linear private parks throughout the area, including the parks adjacent to the Kirkwood Hollow neighborhood. This site, when the North White Chapel trail is constructed, would make an ideal rest area and picnic spot. To achieve full potential of the site, connectivity is key in development of this park, and as such, has been recommended by the committee.

## **Koalaty Park**

Koalaty Park is a mostly open neighborhood park with a small stand of trees in the southern end. It currently contains four backstops and is heavily used by local youth sports teams. Due to its strategic location and frequency of use, the committee determined that further expansion of the parks uses is possible. Several recommendations have been made regarding this park including adding restrooms and seating areas to the park, adding decorative bollards to control parking and additional amenities such as shade structures, benches and lighting.

## **Liberty Park at Sheltonwood**

This park, on the north side of Dove Road at Ridgecrest, is a relatively large and underdeveloped park. It was formerly the site of a "summer camp" area, complete with a pavilion and swimming pool, and during the Southlake 2025 process was mostly undeveloped. In 2009 the first phase of development of the park was completed to include a new, large pavilion structure over the original pavilion slab, trails, landscaping, park amenities, a restroom facility, pond, and parking.

Considerations by the committee for the park consisted of clearly marking the public and private areas of the park, adding amenities to the natural areas of the park, and improving park amenities such as adding benches, updating the volleyball area, improved pedestrian connectivity, and adding historical and educational markers.

## **Lonesome Dove Park**

Lonesome Dove Park, one of the first neighborhood parks, was dedicated and constructed by the developer of the subdivision. This park is completely developed, and major improvements such as adding a playground were made in 2008 per the recommendations of the 2005 Parks Master Plan. Additional recommendations include improving the trail system by providing wayfinding signage in the park, adding age-friendly amenities such as exercise stations, and exploring the educational opportunities in the park.

### **Noble Oaks Park**

Noble Oaks Park is an approximately 4.6-acre park in one of the more densely populated areas of the city, located adjacent to Old Union Elementary School. Residents have long enjoyed its simple open space and shade trees for impromptu events and youth sports practice. Improvements in the form of monument signs and a small pavilion have been completed since the last master plan update. During the committee's review of the park, it was determined that the priority for the park was promoting this park as an open, natural area by adding signage, adding amenities such as benches and water refill stations, and providing educational experiences within the park.

### **North Park**

This park opened in September 2012. The park includes three lighted multi-purpose sports fields, a concession/restroom building, multi-use trails, playground, large pond, landscaping, and open play space. The park represents the level of quality that should be used in development of other City parks that are similar in nature. The park serves as a great amenity to the surrounding neighborhoods, such as Estes Park and Oak Pointe, but also the City as whole due to its flexibility in field use.

To maintain the quality of this park it was recommended to update certain amenities such as replacing the scoreboards on the lacrosse fields, improving the walking connection to the Oak Pointe subdivision, adding park amenities, and including public art in the revised concept plan. Other considerations include additional parking and potentially purchasing properties to the east of the park for future expansion.

### **Oak Pointe Park**

This public neighborhood park on the west side of Ridgecrest just north of Dove Road consists of a series of "pocket park" areas totaling 8.2-acres within the residential development of Oak Pointe linked by a public pathway system. The areas are to be kept in a relatively natural state, and area residents can enjoy the public pond and multiple shaded areas with benches and tables. The committee recommended connectivity as the primary focus for the park, expanding trails and sidewalks as well as providing links between North Park, Liberty Park at Sheltonwood, and Walnut Grove Elementary School along North White Chapel Boulevard. Replacing park amenities as needed was also recommended.

### **Royal and Annie Smith Park**

Royal and Annie Smith Park was purchased from the Smith family, who had long occupied the premises. The property has a significant bit of history, and includes a hand-dug well, rumored to be the final resting place of a notorious gangster named "Pinky". The history and abundant natural area suggested very minor improvements during the last master plan update. Since that time, amenities such as a playground and play area, pavilion, picnic benches, walking trails, drinking fountain and parking lot have been added to the park. The developed area and the area adjacent to Johnson Road is maintained in a more manicured state, however the undeveloped portions of the park are left in a more natural state per the request of the surrounding neighbors. It is suited for a number of mid- to low-impact activities due to its size. During the review by the committee, it was recommended to add amenities such as trash cans to the park, improving trail connectivity from the park to Harrell Dr, and the addition of a public restroom.

## **Southlake Sports Complex**

This approximately 16-acre park was constructed as a private baseball instructional facility and was purchased from the original owners. The property contains three lighted baseball fields (one high school size and two youth size), roughly 100 parking spaces, a 20,000 sq. ft. indoor training facility (currently leased to a private gymnastics instruction group), and approximately six acres of undeveloped property north of the drive entrance. The committee has determined there is significant potential to redevelop this park to become a prominent community park in the City. In FY 2020 the design process for redeveloping the sports complex started. There are numerous recommendations for this park, and they are included in the concept plan. The priorities include synthetic turf at expanded large field and baseball fields, demo of current metal building, concession/restroom building, pavilions and shade structures, maintenance and storage building, a playground, trail development and connectivity, fitness stations, batting cages, parking areas, and public art among others. In addition, this park will serve as the primary hub for Pickleball in the City.

## **Town Square Parks**

Town Square Parks serve as a main tourist destination in Southlake. Nestled within the Town Square development the parks offer a place for Town Square visitors to take in the scenery and enjoy the green space. The following parks are located within Town Square: Family Park, Frank Edgar Cornish, IV Park, McPherson Park, Rustin Park and Summit Park. Family Park is located directly in front of Town Hall on Main Street. The park features lighted pathways, benches, and a water fountain. Frank Edgar Cornish, IV Park is located on Grand Avenue in the restaurant district of Town Square. It features a paved plaza with a trellis system, fountain, and beautiful landscaping. McPherson Park is located adjacent to the Hilton Hotel. It features a beautiful pond and a loop trail. The park provides beautiful greenspace in an urban environment. Rustin Park is located at Fountain Place and across the street from Family Park. It features the large Rustin Pavilion, a large water feature, sidewalks, and Benches. Summit Park is located adjacent to the Brownstones residential development. The park features a trail, benches, ornamental grasses, and open space.

Several improvements to the Town Square Parks were recommended such as adding bollards at Fountain Place and incorporating shared, outdoor working or collaboration space into the master plan for Town Square Parks. They also include considering redevelopment of Family Park to make it more dynamic and suitable for community events. Additional recommendations include adding Public Art, such as a sculpture garden or similar artistic activation if McPherson Park is redeveloped.

## **Watermere Parks**

Watermere at Southlake is a 67-acred master planned community offering several choices for the over 55 Senior and the Active Adult buyer. The community has two dedicated park areas: Watermere Park and Park at Verandas. Watermere Park features a playground, walking paths, and a small gazebo. Park at Verandas is made up primarily of natural landscaping with a walking trail and features several benches.

Recommendations for these parks include removing the existing playground equipment from the park and consider replacing it with passive open space and age-friendly affixed fitness equipment, adding crosswalk treatments to improve resident accessibility to the park area from the condominium building, ensuring consistent park signage throughout the development, and improving the decomposed granite trail area at the northernmost park area near Southlake Blvd. For the Park at Verandas Watermere, it was recommended to add shade trees along the pathways of the park and to consider incorporating additional amenities such as lighting, pet waste stations, and additional tree cover.



### **Winding Creek Park**

Winding Creek is a luxury neighborhood situated on 46 acres featuring walking trails, benches, and water features located throughout the development. This park has portions that are public and portions that are private to the subdivision. It is recommended to work with the HOA to develop and place a permanent map delineating the public and private portions of this park. Other recommendations include adding benches on the sidewalks near S. Carroll Ave.

### **Carillon Parks**

The Carillon subdivision has several areas of dedicated park land. These parks include: Enclave Park, Villa Park North, Villa Park South, Village Green Park, The Preserve Corporate Park and Lake Carillon Park. This system of parks includes trails, benches playground structures, water features and a few pieces of Public Art. Several recommendations were made for the Carillon Parks the most significant being adding park amenities such as distance markers, benches, trail signage and trees to Corporate Park, Lake Park and the Preserve Park. Other recommendations include improving trail connectivity of Corporate Park and Lake Park and adding picnic-style tables to Villa Park North and Villa Park South.