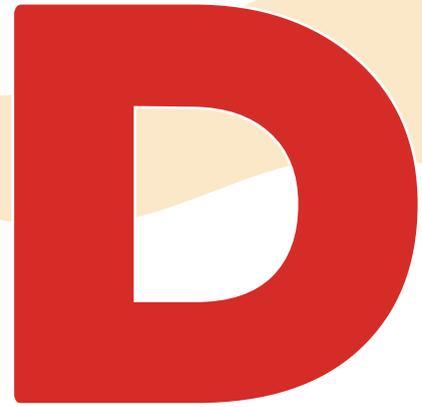


Appendix



FOCUS GROUP MEETING NOTES





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY & NOTES

Date | December 15, 2023

To | Aaron Stewart

From | Consultants - Steve Rhoades (Vireo), Larry Reynolds (Vireo), Pat O'Toole (Berry Dunn), Lauren Ozburn (Water's Edge Aquatic Design), Kerry Newmann (SFS Architecture), Brian Garvey (SFS Architecture)

Mr. Stewart,

Over the course of 3 days (November 28th - 30th) the Consultant Team facilitated a series of 14 focus group meetings with community stakeholders, City staff, Parks Department staff, and more. The purpose of the meetings was to gain insight from various community members on how the Parks Department can better serve their needs and what they would like to see done over the next 10 years. In total, about 100 people participated in the meetings. Below are our notes from the meetings and results of various engagement efforts.

Each meeting was approximately an hour long the majority of which were held at Anthony Recreation Center. Other meeting locations included City Hall, Joint Maintenance Facility (JMF), and the Flint Hills Discovery Center. A series of 6 questions facilitated the discussion (same questions to each group) and at the end of each meeting participants were asked to rate the Department on 12 performance categories using a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating. The overall average rating for the department combining all 12 categories was 3.41 out of 5. Individual performance ratings can be found at the end of this document.

Vireo facilitated a public open house on the evening of November 29th at the Eisenhower Recreation Center from 5:00 to 8:00. Approximately 35 to 40 people participated in activities at the event. Participants were engaged to share their thoughts about parks and recreation through a series of activities. Large boards displaying an aerial image and current inventory of amenities were provided for each park and participants were asked to write comments about what they would like to see in the future at the parks they use. Three dot exercise boards were used to obtain feedback on the importance of park amenities, recreation center spaces, and indoor water amenities.

The top 3 park amenities:

1. Outdoor pickleball courts (40)
2. Outdoor splash pad (19)
3. Baseball/softball (12)
3. Soccer (12)
3. Natural areas for recreation (12)

The top 3 rec. center spaces:

1. E-sports computer lab (43)
2. Indoor turf fieldhouse (19)
3. Multi-activity gym (16)

The top 3 aquatic amenities:

1. Competitive lap lanes (18)
2. Wave generation (13)
3. Warm water (12)

Participants were also given \$100 in play money in \$10 denominations to allocate as they saw fit to 10 different parks and recreation system responsibilities. The categories receiving the most funding (by number of bills counted) were:

1. Expand youth sports programming (50)
2. Fund the construction and on-going operations & maintenance of an indoor pool (41)
3. Update park amenities (41)

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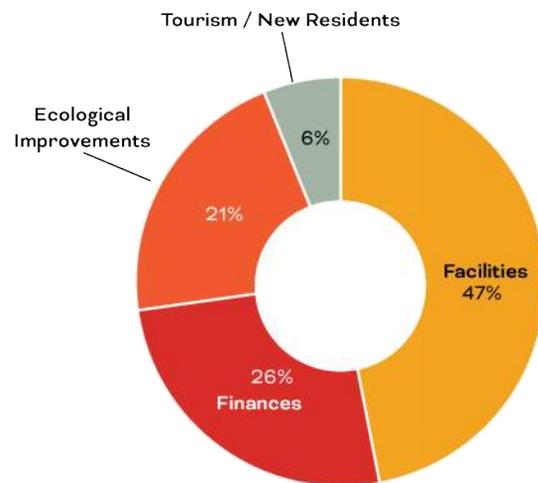
Focus Group Meetings:

Below is a bulleted list of notes from the responses of each of the 6 questions asked during the meetings. A couple of additional questions were discussed and those responses are included at the end. Charts and word clouds are provided with each question identifying the frequency of topics heard. A few recurring over arching themes became noticeable from our discussions including:

1. Take care of what we have.
2. Thoughtful planning for future improvements including on-going operational and maintenance needs.
3. Improve internal and external communication and marketing.
4. Equitable and inclusive access to park facilities and recreation services.

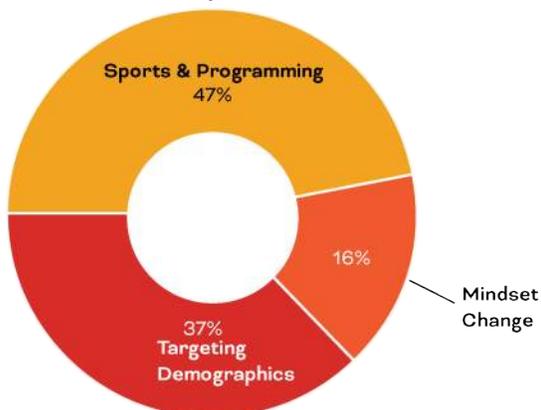
I. What can the Manhattan Parks Department do to help improve the services you provide?

- Tourism/New Residents
 - Welcoming tournaments into town
 - Attracting new residents
- Ecological Improvements
 - Keeping native plants as much as possible
 - Tree planting
 - Keep track of trees/ tree inventory
 - Add a grant program for tree replacement
 - Remove bush honeysuckle
 - Regular burning is essential
 - Partner with Kansas Forestry, as they are releasing Inflation Reduction Act grant money
 - Have a consistent sustainable approach
- Finances
 - Create an agreed upon cost recovery plan
 - Foster private sector growth
 - Quality of life sales tax
 - Identify ways to pay for new pursuits and how to maintain them
 - Help the public see where their money is going
 - Account for ongoing operational costs with future pursuits
 - More fees and grant revenue
 - Allow payments other than credit card to be acceptable for registration online
 - Have a sustainable funding source
- Facilities
 - Improve overall wayfinding
 - Make bike infrastructure safer
 - Less car-centric infrastructure, urban trail system



- Help the BPSP Plan come to fruition
- Signage improvements
- Add digital banners to easily update information and communicate to the public
- Add an indoor pool and less outdoor pools
- More green spaces
- Better ADA Access
- Frequent benches
- Improve parking
- Bus parking at Senior Center
- Douglass Center Parking
- Coordinate with KSU parking
- Equipment replacement/ Improvements

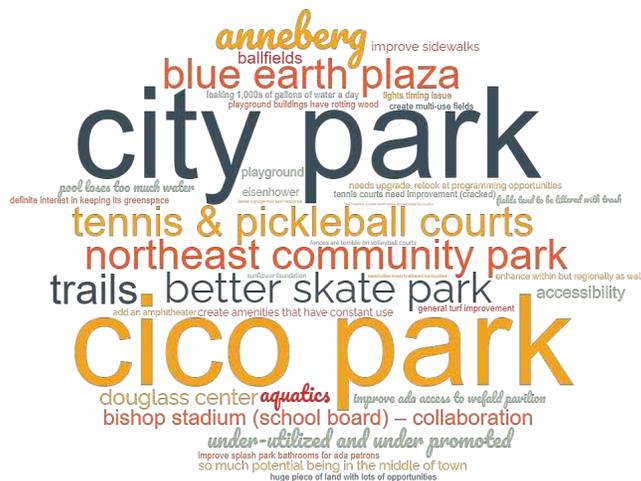
2. If you could select ONE PRIORITY for the Manhattan Parks and Recreation system, what would it be?



- Targeting Demographics
 - Getting KSU students to use the parks
 - Catering to the 1%
 - Providing programs for diverse groups is one of the city's core values
 - Autism- needs quiet areas of the playground for calmness
 - Major ADA access issues
 - Youth
 - Opportunities to try new sports
 - Low-income children should have equal opportunities for coaching and sports
 - Minorities
 - No recreational center for several
 - Tweens
 - Toddlers
 - Volunteer groups
 - Helps build ownership and pride
- Mindset
 - Taking care of what we've got instead of focusing on new
 - Being proactive and staying ahead of growth as opposed to a reactionary mindset
 - Fiscal responsibility with ongoing operations and maintenance
 - Finding out what the community really wants
 - Professionalism and national accreditation
- Sports/Programming
 - More sports activities in the winter
 - Overall diversity of sports, as things come and go
 - Facility Rental
 - Too costly, forces some teams out
 - Difficult to find a field to practice

- Can only book 10 days in advance
- Pickleball
 - Competes in gym with other sports
 - Basketball seems to rule the gyms at night
 - Need dedicated outdoor courts
- Single track mountain bike trails
- Soccer
- Improve field availability communication
- Volleyball
- Needs more access to court space because they cannot use Ahearn anymore
- Disc Golf
- Create an 18-hole course
- Indoor Pool
- Water exercises for seniors

3. Which outdoor or indoor facility do you feel is most in need of improvement?

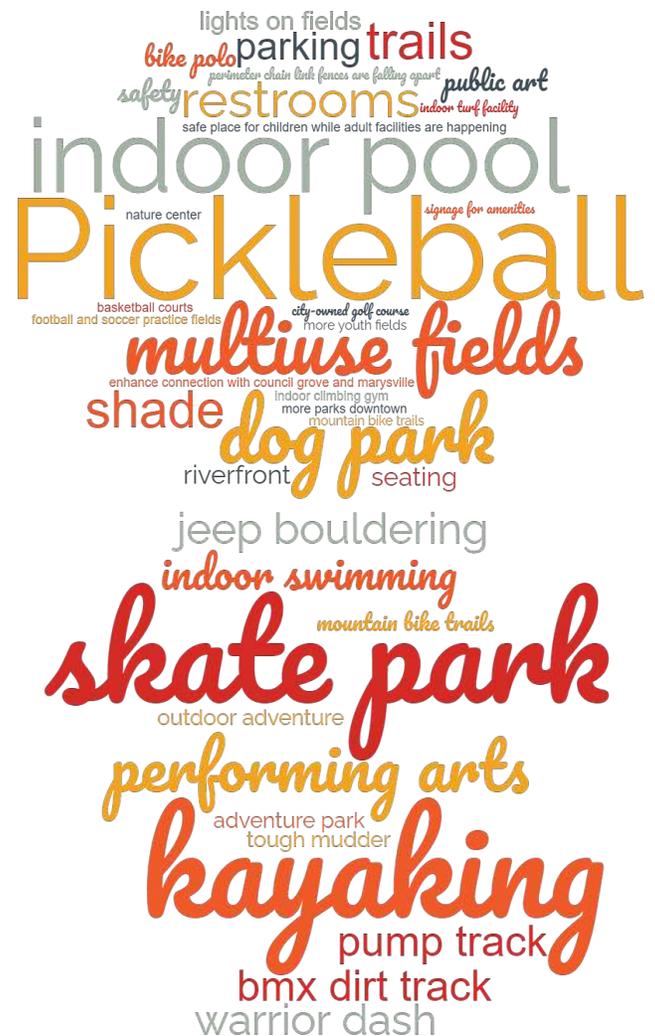


- Anneberg
 - 'Old timey' playground buildings have rotting wood
- Aquatics
 - Leaking 1,000s of gallons of water a day
- Blue Earth Plaza
 - Add an amphitheater
- Bishop Stadium (School Board) – Collaboration
 - High school parents – need to update the stadium
 - Huge piece of land with lots of opportunities
- Eisenhower
 - Ballfields
 - Playground

- Cico Park
 - So much potential being in the middle of town
 - Were 2 lighted fields prior
 - Needs upgrade, relook at programming opportunities
 - Create multi-use fields – the school will build, but Parks will maintain and have limited use.
 - Create amenities that have constant use-similar to city park
 - Better skate park
 - Tennis Courts need improvement (cracked)
- City Park
 - Better signage near town entrance
 - Tennis & pickleball courts
 - Fences are terrible on volleyball courts
 - Bathrooms closer and more accessible to courts
 - Definite interest in keeping its green space
 - General turf improvement
 - Improve ADA access to Wefald Pavilion
 - Pool loses too much water
 - Improve sidewalks
 - Fields tend to be littered with trash
 - Improve splash park bathrooms for ADA patrons
- Douglass Center
 - Accessibility
 - Lights timing issue
- Trails
 - Under-utilized and under promoted– we have an excellent trail network and thankful for it.
 - Enhance within but regionally as well
 - Opportunities to join to adjacent communities
 - Sunflower Foundation
- Northeast Community Park
 - Ballfields
 - Playground
 - Not a whole lot of nice fields or activities to fully utilize this park
- NE and Fairmont
 - Large cottonwood- a beaver was working on concerned about girdling.
 - Baseball field at NE has a lot of sand burrs in it.
- Joint Maintenance Facility (JMF)
 - No air conditioning
 - Car port we must cross main street to get to
 - Layout of this in some ways is good, but others terrible

- No consideration for expansion
- Gymnasiums at City Hall
 - Loud for special populations
- Old Blue River Trail is unable to be biked and transition from limestone to asphalt is difficult
- Truth and Stagg Hill need new playground equipment

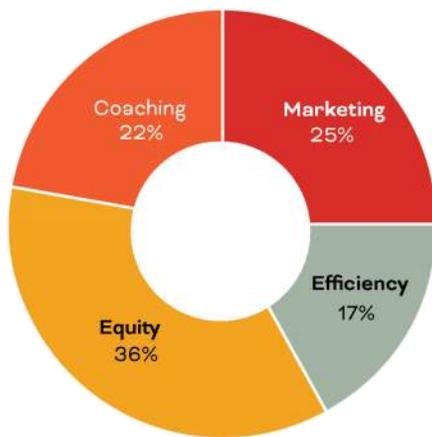
4. What outdoor or indoor amenities are most needed?



- Functional
 - Restrooms
 - Seating
 - Shade
 - Parking
 - Signage for amenities
- Safety
 - Lights on fields
 - Perimeter chain link fences are falling apart
 - Safe place for children while adult facilities are happening

- Sports
 - Football and Soccer Practice fields
 - More Youth Fields
 - City-owned golf course
 - Indoor climbing gym
 - Mountain bike trails
 - Multiuse Fields
 - Pickleball (State championships in Manhattan?)
 - Basketball courts
 - Bike Polo
 - Indoor Turf Facility
- More parks downtown
- Trails
 - Intercity connection
 - Enhance connection with Council Grove and Marysville
- Riverfront
- Nature Center
- Indoor Pool
- Dog Park
- Public art throughout

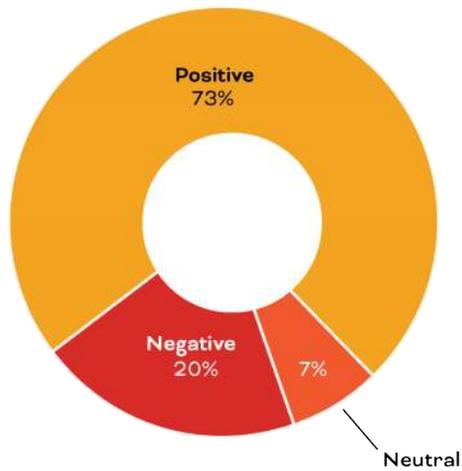
5. If you could change 1 thing about the recreation programs, activities, or classes offered what would it be?



- Coaching
 - Need more staff
 - Coaching 101 class/ Better training for umpires and referees
 - Softball – can be rough culture make sure rec supervisors ensure referees and umpires are comfortable with the rules – first aid supplies on hand
 - Utilize athletic group experts with high level

- coaching experience
- More lifeguards after school starts
- Affordability and Equity
 - Lower cost options for kids
 - Kids with experience could provide coaching while getting community service credit
 - Opportunities for kids who want to play for fun rather than competitively
 - Make soccer less privatized
 - Provide amenities all around town- such as dance
 - More special populations programming
 - Extended activity hours later in the evening
 - Make water parks' daily admission cheaper
- Efficiency
 - Background screening
 - Automation with technology
 - Approval process
 - Easier for online registration
- Marketing to the public/education
 - Tree/plant ID
 - Scavenger hunt or passport with parks
 - Team up with local restaurant for BOGOs
- Advertise classes and programs through signs at parks
- Inform people that the Museum and the Zoo are part of the parks and recreation department
- Brochures informing new KSU students about Manhattan parks
 - Cut sheets for each park and how to get to them
 - See Lawrence's Park maps and cut sheets for an example
- General Ideas
 - Anneberg park Fishing Derby for kids
 - Disc Golf Tournaments and parks like Emporia
 - Guided plant walks
 - Ping pong
 - Movie screenings at parks
 - Arts and crafts at parks
 - Collaborate with healthcare businesses to encourage people to stay active
 - Bring back swim programs with each pool having its own swim team and compete against each other in a city-wide meet
 - Expand parks and recreation across the river

6. It has been identified that there is a desire for an indoor pool in Manhattan. Considering the groups you are here representing, what impact positive or negative will this have on your group? (if funded and built.)



- Department Staff
 - Can provide essential services to the community
 - Maintenance is a 24/7 division and adding another facility will make it difficult to meet the needs of other parks
- Natural Resources and KSU
 - Swimming lessons and meets.
 - Important to Manhattan and area schools.
 - Nearest pool is in Wamego, personally think it's a good idea especially with a hot tub and sauna.
 - Is it missing out of the students life? Yes, I don't think they are addressing it.
 - Kinesiology Department, maybe KSU could collaborate with the City.
- Business Associations
 - Swim meets would have a large impact – even 3 a year would be great being indoor
 - The only way to tackle this is collaboration between various entities – city, counties, KSU, school dist., etc.
 - 2005 indoor complex CiCo park – we put everything in there everyone wanted – didn't pass election
 - Everyone is very protective of their location in the city
 - Lessons learned here
 - Location accepted by community will be key
 - Fiscal responsibility
 - We owe it to ourselves to get all of these entities in a room and figure it out

- Opportunity today with new commission, new city manager, new parks director, KSU wanting to be good neighbors, lots of change means timing seems good for the discussion.
- Is there a collaborative conversation that can be had with various jurisdictions city, counties, schools
- Sports and KSU Rec Services
 - Not a lot to do in the winter and this would fill that void
- Government Entities
 - Fort Riley indoor aquatic facility and indoor training facility
 - Support Manhattan Marlins and Manhattan Schools use it.
 - If Manhattan builds one it is not in conflict with Fort Riley.
 - Have experienced overcrowding at Fort Riley.
 - Funded and built is capital side not operations side. Operating 12 months of water is more than 2 or 3 months as we have now. Permanent funding needs to be ID now. What is that extra stuff we need, the big concern we need.
 - Community perspective benefits wellness and health needs. How is it operated and funded. Recruitment and training of lifeguards could have a more consistent model for training lifeguards, etc. Big operational cost.
 - User fees plan looks good, but do you use it. Right now, the SD pays Genesis to use the facility. I could see branching off to classes. The 6A schools that have water are jealous of Manhattan where they just pay rent and not have to take care of things.
 - Some schools use Aquatics for special needs groups within the school.
 - Ellsworth Kansas – Dollar tax on water bill for the pool, \$12 per year. Pool free to use for everyone. Must have consistency in funding source.
- Bike Ped Groups
 - Go multiple times a day, really been good.
 - Did Genesis swim lessons and most people dropped out before it ended. Not their mission. Filling a void.
 - Overlap with Tri-Athletes
 - Regional Connections Plan – Casement back, the sidewalk

- Health Special Populations
 - Capitol Federal Pool in Topeka
 - Was good for the community
 - Owned by the school district
 - Doesn't have leisure water
 - Recreational Swimming, Competition, and leisure to get wiggles out.
 - By policy Big Lakes can't take residents into the pool.
 - Love splash park, any way to do it at Zero Depth to be safer.
 - Big Lakes is about accommodation within the community of any pool that isn't designed to be separate, inclusive.
 - Well-established stats on community benefits and economic benefits. Contributes to Quality of life and some recreation activities but most likely needs to be subsidized.
 - Via Christi on Seth Childs does warm water therapy.
 - Public – private partnership is possible with Stormont - Vaile
- Fitness Center Owners
 - Will not have a negative effect, all three of kids were lifeguards. The reality to us is Fort Riley will pay personal training to soldiers for \$45. Staffing issue.
 - Not really a bearing on organization
 - No conflict with business. Assuming lap water. Actually, rec and leisure water is desired.
 - Agree the City needs pools for recreational water, agree with competition pool. If it's indoor recreation space, then there are businesses in town you will peel off memberships. Will watch it about singling out one business in town. Some letters from KSU saying they will not subsidize a pool.
 - Pool should be near Peters Recreation Complex. Can the school district help with ongoing operations and maintenance. Maybe a small charge on the water bill. If there is recreation space and fitness, we will fight that tooth and nail.
 - Smaller fitness centers are competing against current and retired teachers at KSU, coupled with Genesis who have received credits and not paid property taxes.
 - Wildcat Fitness did get some help but must watch expenditures closely.
- Hard to find people to work front desk anymore.
- Why does KSU not compete and what's the difference between that and the city.
- Tap into the cultural things of KSU student body, multi-cultural things within the student population.
- City Department Heads
 - Both, growth of the division and staff to help run it.
 - Shouldn't expand operations, that's too much water for Manhattan. If it becomes a destination, then it can help focus resources.
 - Therapeutic aspect will take off
 - If we operate at capacity have, we will meet the goal
 - If fees appropriate and we fill the time, what is our mark. Great thing, it's needed.
 - The outdoor facility sits dry 3-4 months which is the worst thing ever for mechanical systems and structural aspects of the pool
 - The community would be interested in it. Salina has a nice indoor pool connected with a school. There is value but it's expensive and a lot of maintenance.
 - See value in narrowing it down to one but a lot of push back. It takes time and the right message because a lot of people will struggle to close the neighborhood pool.
 - Funding?
 - Won't impact the Zoo unless it becomes a resource issue and things are taken away from the Zoo.
 - Shell space for a place to bring other people in, like co-working space. Now what do we make it, a melting pot of community things? Maybe we use it for multiple uses.
 - Community space within the facility, hang-out.
 - Cross selling – everything in one. Indoor water year- round, Every kid in swimming lessons. Draw to the Aggieville area. Needs to be community friendly area.
 - Other communities have a central resource facility.
 - Improves recruitment for KSU
 - Aggieville and Neighborhood would be enhanced
 - Architectural piece of art.
 - Far enough away from the fitness center that has its own clientele.
 - A national program on teaching students to swim, every kid learns to swim. Everybody learns to swim.

- No fee in-lieu, no impact fees. Green space requirements as a part of new development.
- Parks Staff
 - Would be a good thing to have but need to get rid of a few others if you do it.
 - Mixed bag
 - Good idea but if you take one away from a neighborhood how do they get there, removing access.
 - Is it cheaper to run it year around?
 - With KSU being involved?
 - More maintenance crew members?
 - Partnerships?
- Advisory Boards
 - How will the community share the space?
 - Cost benefit analysis needs to be done – will it benefit 60,000 or 16,000. Make sure we have the right benefit and cost analysis keeping everyone's
 - Sales tax has a limited revenue ability – could take away from other community needs
 - Positive tourism impact
 - Swim meets
 - YMCA studies have said your community can't support it
 - Not supposed to be on the shoulders of the city alone
 - School district has a responsibility here too

Additional discussions:

7. Please share any thoughts you have regarding the future of the Manhattan Parks and Recreation System:

- Inform the public about Manhattan's African American History
- Could help recruit students to K-state
- Historic district off Yuma St
- Tiger Wood's dad played baseball in Manhattan
- Northview (Douglass) was the only black pool
- Negro Leagues played here
- Maintenance is a 24/7 division

8. What non-sports attractions can we pursue that will attract hotels, visitors, and new residents (think Flint Hills Discovery Center)?



- Performing Arts
- Kayaking and outdoor adventure
- Skate Park that's wheel-chair X-ready
- Pump Track + BMX dirt track
- Jeep bouldering – in Randolph
- Tough Mudder, Warrior Dash, etc.
- Mountain Bike trails
- Indoor Swimming
- BMI property – Adventure Park

PERFORMANCE RATINGS:

Focus Group participants were asked to rate the Park System on performance categories listed below from 1 to 5 (5 being the best). The results below show the average rating for each category.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Accessible amenities for limited mobility patrons	★	★	★	▶		3.22
Indoor recreation centers	★	★	★	★		3.89
Marketing & Communication of Programs & Services	★	★	★			2.92
Online registration for programs, facility rentals, etc.	★	★	★	▶		3.35
Park Amenities Meet the Needs of the community	★	★	★	▶		3.20
Park Maintenance, Cleanliness, and General Upkeep	★	★	★	▶		3.52
Park safety and security	★	★	★	▶		3.51
Park System Overall as a Whole	★	★	★	▶		3.54
Quality of Park Amenities	★	★	★	▶		3.37
Quality of Rec. Activities, Classes, and Programs	★	★	★	▶		3.49
Variety of Rec. Activities, Classes, and Programs	★	★	★	▶		3.31
Waterparks	★	★	★	▶		3.59



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE RESULTS:

A public open house was held on Wednesday, November 29th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Participants were asked to participate in the following activities to provide input on parks and recreation. A total of about 35-40 people participated in the activities with age groups of participants including teens, young adults, middle age adults, and seniors. Below is a description of the activities and images of the results.

- Individual Park Input Boards** - 20 parks were each displayed on a 24"x36" board illustrating an aerial image of the park and a list of their current amenities. Participants were encouraged to write comments or draw on the map identifying improvements they would like to see in the future, particularly at the parks they use most.
- Dot Exercise Amenity Preference Boards** - Participants were asked to provide input on their preferences for amenities in each of 3 categories: parks, recreation centers, and indoor aquatics. Participants were given 4 dots for each amenity preferences board and were instructed to place their dots under the amenities that were most important to them. They could place all of their dots under one amenity or spread them out to multiple.
- Priority Funding Allocation Board** - Participants were given \$100 in play money in \$10 denominations. They were asked to distribute their funds as they saw fit and could put all of their money in one envelope or distribute it across multiple priorities.



About the Project:

The Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department has begun the process of updating our system-wide Parks Master Plan. The last comprehensive parks and recreation master plan was completed in 1992. The study is being led by Vireo, a Kansas City-based landscape architecture, community planning, and design firm.

Plan objectives will include: a comprehensive review of programs and facilities, update and consolidation of existing park master plans, priority investment planning, a feasibility study for indoor aquatics, and concept plans for three parks and a potential facility with indoor aquatics.

This is a community driven planning process for the park system as a whole and your voice is needed to help shape the future of our parks. The plan will act as a roadmap for the City to make improvements to the park system for the next 10 years.

Following extensive public engagement of residents, park users, and stakeholders, the plan will be established by the summer of 2024.

Project Schedule



How to Stay Engaged!

Online

Engage with Our Social Pinpoint Site!

Scan the QR Code to go to the Project Website

The site gives park users an opportunity to:

- comment on key parks and recreation topics
- leave notes on a map about specific locations
- keep up-to-date on project happenings

Mail

Statistically Valid Survey

Be on the lookout for a survey in the mail from the City of Manhattan! Surveys will be sent to a random sample of the community.

Most Important Park Amenities

Please place your dots in the boxes below to indicate the amenities most important to you:
Total: 164 dots (41 people)

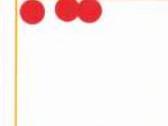
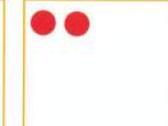
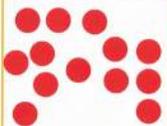
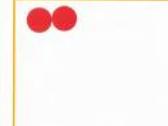
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Most Important Rec Center Spaces

Please place your dots in the boxes below to indicate the spaces most important to you:

Total: 133 dots (34 people)



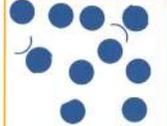
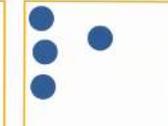
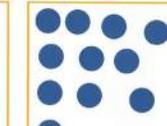
<p>Aerobics/Dance, Yoga, and Spin</p>   <p>9</p>	<p>Arts & Crafts Room or Community Art Gallery</p>   <p>3</p>	<p>Baseball, Softball, Golf Tunnels</p>   <p>12</p>	<p>Multi-Purpose Spaces (birthdays, meetings, classes, etc.)</p>   <p>3</p>	<p>Child Watch (for parent while using facility)</p>   <p>0</p>	<p>Child Daycare (licensed all day)</p>   <p>2</p>	<p>Walking & Jogging Track</p>   <p>7</p>
<p>Weights and Cardio Fitness Area</p>   <p>13</p>	<p>Indoor Playground</p>   <p>4</p>	<p>Indoor Turf Fieldhouse</p>   <p>19</p>	<p>Learning Kitchen</p>   <p>2</p>	<p>E-Sport Computer Lab</p>   <p>43</p>	<p>Multi-Activity Gymnasium</p>   <p>16</p>	<p>Indoor Raquetball Courts</p>   <p>0</p>

Most Important Indoor Aquatic Amenities

Please place your dots in the boxes below to indicate the amenities most important to you:

Total: 116 dots (29 people)



<p>Active Features (climbing wall, zipline, slide etc.)</p>   <p>10</p>	<p>Competitive lap lanes (25 yards or meters)</p>   <p>18</p>	<p>Concession Area</p>   <p>0</p>	<p>Shallow Water & Zero-Depth Entry</p>   <p>9</p>	<p>Deep Water & Diving Boards</p>   <p>6</p>	<p>Inclusive Features & Amenities (for all abilities)</p>   <p>4</p>	<p>Lazy River</p>   <p>11</p>
<p>Open Recreational Swimming Area</p>   <p>12</p>	<p>Rentable Areas</p>   <p>4</p>	<p>Sauna</p>   <p>4</p>	<p>Water Slides</p>   <p>12</p>	<p>Toddler Features (slide, sprays, etc.)</p>   <p>1</p>	<p>Wave Generation</p>   <p>13</p>	<p>Warm Water (therapy, rehab, classes, etc.)</p>   <p>12</p>

Investments



How would you spend your money?
money in the e...
funds as desir...

41

Fund the construction and on-going operations & maintenance of an ... and ...

18

Improve Outdoor Waterparks

41

Update Park Amenities

32

Maintenance of Parks and Park Facilities

34

Park Security

21

Marketing and Communication of Recreation Programs and Events

32

Expand the Quantity or Size of High Demand Activities, Classes, and Programs

50

Expand Youth Sports Programming

24

Provide After-school Care Programs for Children/Youth

29

Continue to Expand the Pedestrian Trail Network



Numbers shown are by number of bills counted.



SUPERSTICKY EASELPAD
TABLEAU A FEUILLES MOBILES SUPERCOLLANTES
SUPERCHISMAS BLOC DE HOJAS REPOSICIONABLES



30

25 IN/PO 30 IN/PO
63,5 cm x 76,2 cm
5.2 SQ FT (1,90,48 m²)

3M

What are we MISSING?

- More reservable multipurpose fields w/ lights
- outdoor pickleball courts. !
- Increase bike paths.
- Convert one of the outdoor pools into ~~an~~ an indoor pool.
- Indoor pool.
- ADD WEIGHTS/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT to Eisenhower Rec. / Anthony Rec.
- More shade along hiking + walking trails
- More dedicated pickleball courts. w/ Bathrooms + shade + seating !!
- Sun cover for Blue Earth river
- splash park water is always freezing
- More Homeschool activities
- more middle/high school activities (esp during the day)
- Add field hockey equipment to Eisenhower Rec. + Anthony Rec.
- Teenagers get to be able to use training equipment. (esp weights + treadmill)
- lit outdoor pickleball court !
- Archery range
- Indoor pool
- Consistent + expanded youth sports
- Gym equip. added to rec. centers
- More PARKS. EXPANDED SIZE
- KEEP ~~THE~~ OUTDOOR POOLS OPEN LONGER INTO FALL → WEEKENDS

BLUEMONT HILL

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



* Improved Trail going down hill.
More seating in picnic area

Current Amenities:

- Trails
- Scenic Overlook
- Picnic Tables

BLUE EARTH PLAZA

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Turfed green space for special events
Cover for the river (shade sails)
More shaded tables!
More benches

Current Amenities:

- Shade Structures
- Restroom
- Water Feature
- Event Plaza
- Fireplace

CICO PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Heated Pool
 Soccer pitch
 Track & field
 Renovate baseball fields ← 2nd
 INDOOR POOL
 Connect to indoor pool
 Zoo
 Upgrade playgrounds east.

Museum
 hot tub
 arcade game
 Play ground
 water gun fights
 Multi-use field space/soccer/basketball/etc.
~~More & better~~ Better Drainage for B-Ball fields
 Bathrooms
 Shaded areas near courts (canopy)
 Turf baseball fields

Current Amenities:
 Shelter
 Playground
 Baseball Fields (5)
 Trail
 Restroom

CITY PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



indoor pool ***
 Humboldt Penguin
 Statue with facts
 Keep outside pool open through hot season
 More & better parking
 (Sept)

Outdoor pickleball courts
 Better lighting on courts
 dedicated Pickleball w/ fencing between
 Bathrooms
 Picnic Tables / Shaded areas (canopy)
 - Main Box should be split for tournaments

- Current Amenities:**
- Splash Park
 - Aquatic Center
 - Shelters (2)
 - Tennis Courts (6)
 - Basketball Court
 - Playground
 - Picnic Table w/grills
 - Ball Diamonds (3)
 - 1-Mile Loop Trail
 - Outdoor Stage
 - Rose Garden
 - Sand Volleyball
 - Restrooms

DOUGLASS PARK & RECREATION COMPLEX



Are there improvements you would like to see at this facility?



indoor pool
 indoor pool
 Parking Lot
 Replace lights/Keep them on longer
 Add 2 more w/ lights

Rec Amenities:
 Multi-Purpose Gym (BBall, VBall, PBall)
 Walking Track
 Exercise Equipment
 Classroom Space

Park Amenities:
 Shelter
 Grills
 Playground
 Basketball Court
 Restroom Facilities

EISENHOWER BASEBALL COMPLEX



Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



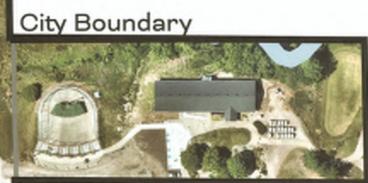
~~ADD WEIGHTS/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - similar to Donnas~~
 TURF THE WHOLE FIELD
 TURF ON 3 FIELD AREAS/GRASS OUTFIELD

Current Amenities:

- Baseball Field
- Restrooms
- Concessions

FRANK ANNEBERG PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Turf on south fields
 Lights on NE Field
 Nice play structure & fence
 Improve the play area near duck pond
 Sidewalk to soccer

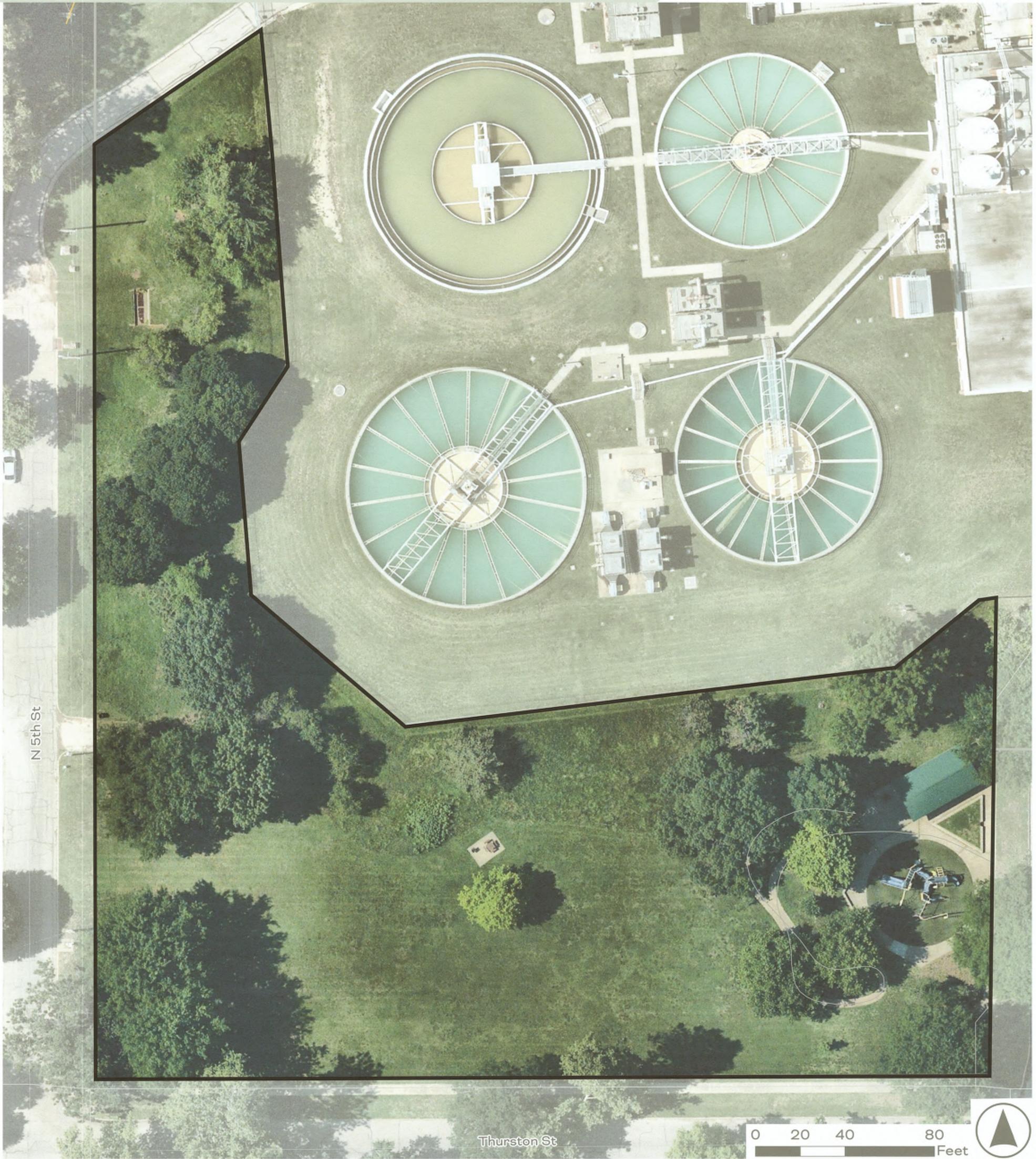
MORE SHELTERS/TABLES

Current Amenities:

- Synthetic Softball Fields (4)
- Natural Softball Fields (2)
- Synthetic Soccer Field (1)
- Natural Soccer Fields (7)
- Shelters (2)
- Grills
- Playground (in complex)
- Public Playground
- Fishing Lake
- Trail (1.9 mi)
- Restroom

GOODNOW PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



defined walking paths

Bathrooms (parents groups meet here)

Basket ball court / lights

Current Amenities:

Shelter

Grills

Playground

Picnic Tables

Open Space

Tricycle Path

GRIFFITH PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Get rid of the pot holes. ^{West} Side
Clean and reopen bathrooms

Improve parking
define baseball outfield or remove fields
Increase/Larger screen or netting
Get rid home plate as foul balls
Add Ft. Riley Blvd

Current Amenities:

- Youth Baseball Fields
- Youth Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Restrooms

LONGS PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



*(Potential for 2-4 pickleball courts!
or concrete slab for Basketball*

Current Amenities:

- Shelter
- Grills
- Playground
- Bathroom Facilities

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK



Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Lighted Soccer Fields

More vegetation & shade for trails

Pickle Ball Courts - lighting too

Better Lighting

Dog Park

Bathrooms

Current Amenities:

Shelter

Picnic Tables

Drinking Fountain

Restroom

Walking Trails & Benches

Playground

NORTHVIEW PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Practice Baseball field for kids.

INDOOR POOL

Pool open into Sept.

Baseball court

Possible Tennis / Pickleball - would need Restroom benches & shade

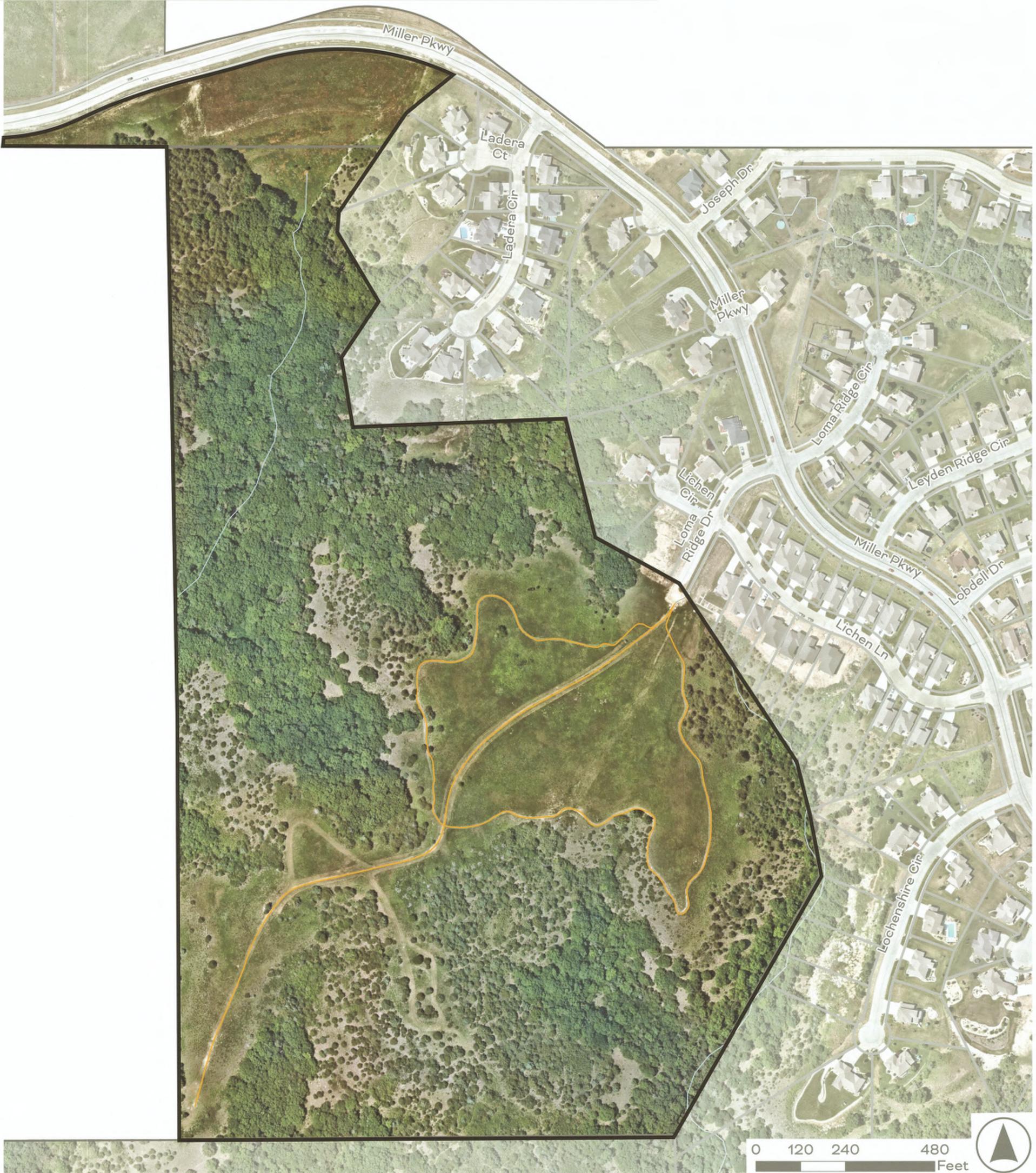
Current Amenities:

- Baseball Field
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Shelter
- Grill
- Swimming Pool

ROGER SCHULTZ COMMUNITY PARK



Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Archery Range
Archery Range!

Current Amenities:

- 1-Mile Mowed Trail
- Scenic Views

STAGG HILL PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



Current Amenities:

Playground

Trail

WARNER MEMORIAL PARK

Are there improvements you would like to see at this park?



ADD TABLES & SHELTERS

Current Amenities:

- Disc Golf Course
- Shelter
- Grills
- Open Space
- Trails