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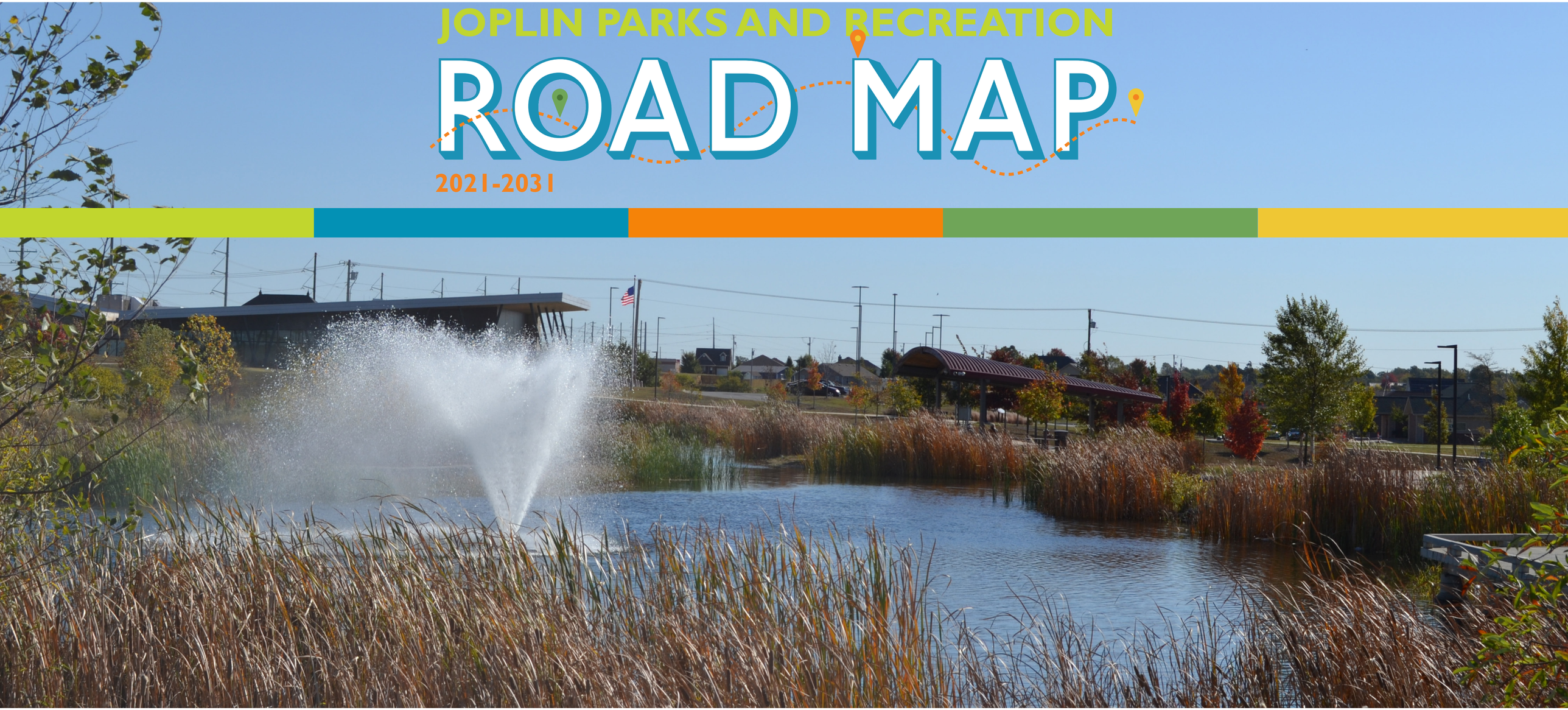
ROAD MAP

2021-2031



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MASTER PLAN GOALS

GOAL #1 DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

GOAL #2 IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

GOAL #3 PRIORITIZE SAFETY

GOAL #4 EDUCATE THE MASSES

GOAL #5 CULTIVATE HEALTH & WELLNESS

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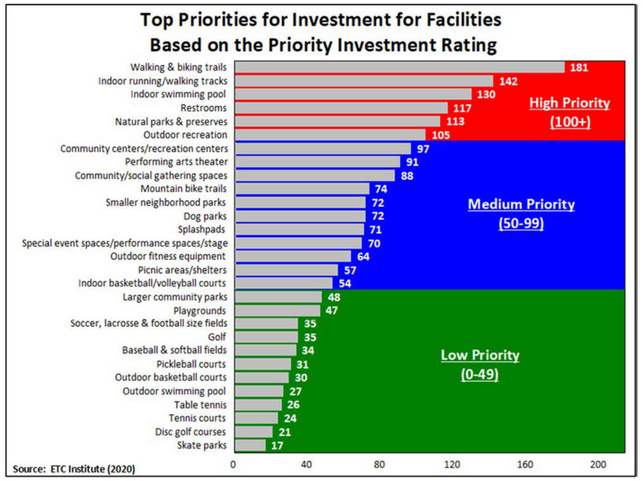
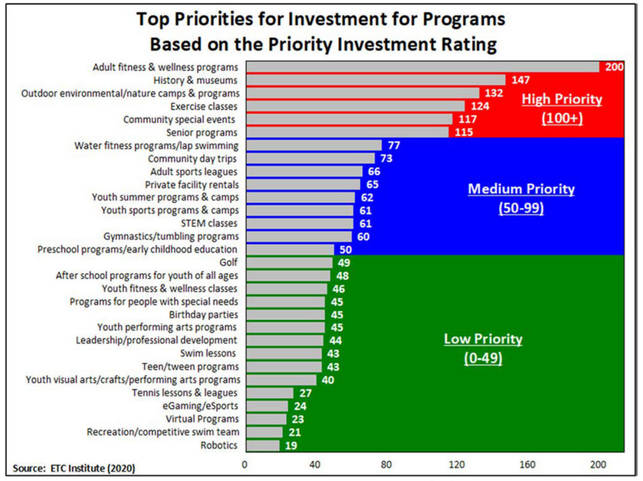
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY SURVEY

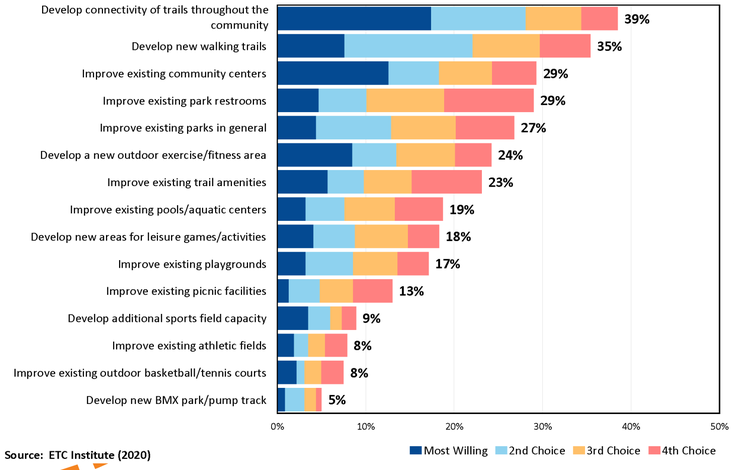
- statistically valid survey of the community
- 26 questions regarding park and recreation resources and priorities
- 3,500 surveys mailed to households at random during November and December
- 317 completed responses received by December 31
- demographics of 317 completed responses reflect the demographics of the City





Q12. Which FOUR actions from the list in Question 11 would you be most willing to fund with your tax dollars?

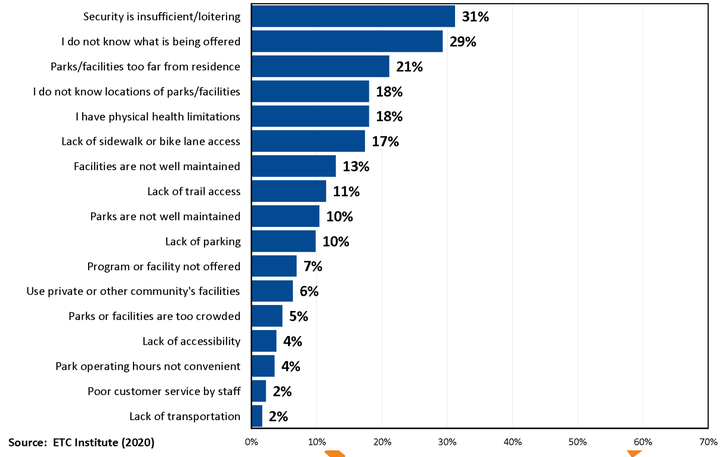
by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



Source: ETC Institute (2020)

Q5. Please CHECK ALL the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks, trails, recreation facilities, or programs in the City of Joplin more often.

by percentage of respondents (multiple choices could be made)



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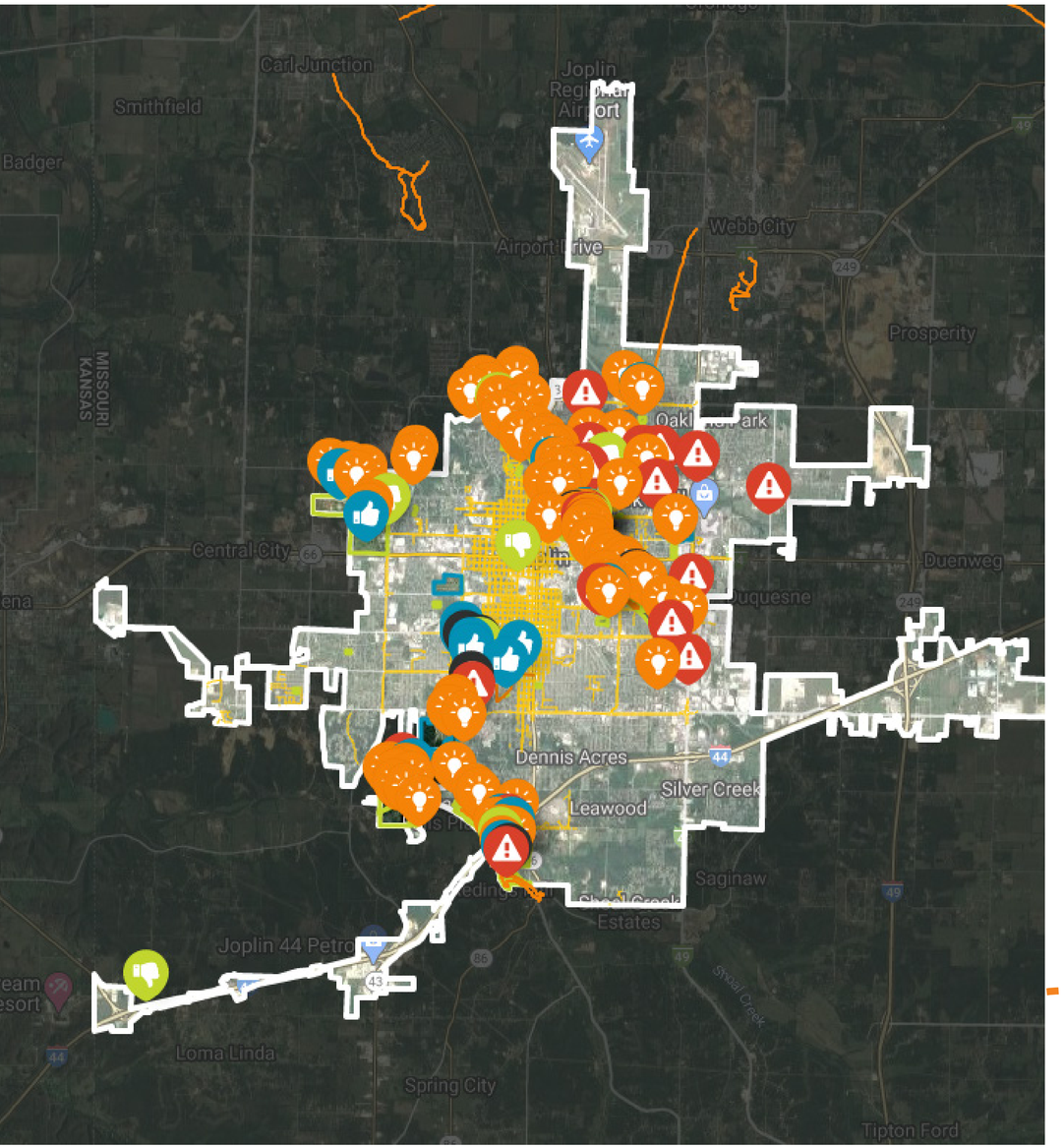

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SOCIAL PINPOINT

- interactive online platform to garner community input
- visitors get to place "pins" on an interactive map of Joplin parks properties
- "pins" are categorized by 5 types of comments: Like it, Don't Like it; Ideas for Improvement, Causes for Concern, and What's Up with That?
- platform was open to comment for 6 weeks from November to January
- 2612 visits
- 631 unique users
- 65 stakeholders
- 191 comments

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

IN-PERSON EVENTS

- October 13th Pop-up Meetings - conversations with people in parks
- November 22nd Public Meeting - discussion of bicycle and trail amenities
- January 27th Open House - sharing the results of the process
- 6 different locations over 3 different days
- 75 members of the public participated

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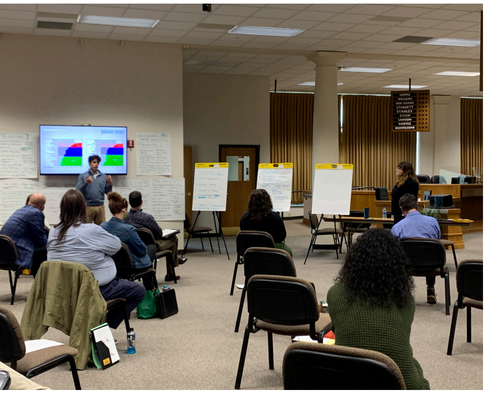

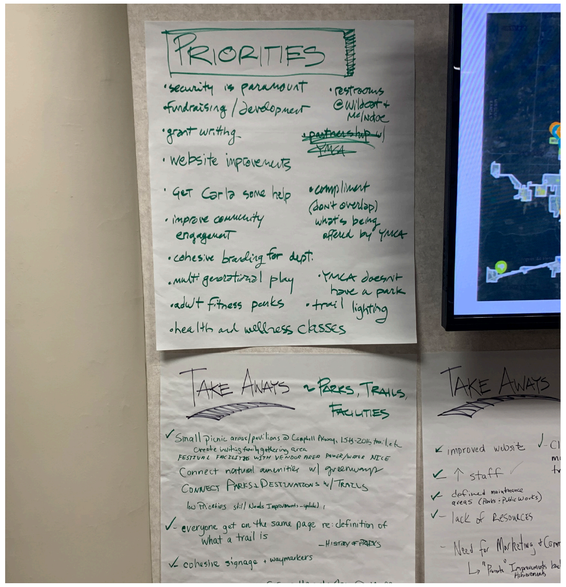





PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

- January 13th - City Hall - 11am - 4pm
- 4 consultants: a landscape architect, urban planner, park planner, and an architect
- 30 members of City staff as well as elected and appointed officials participated
- Departments of Parks and Rec, Public Works, Planning, Finance, and Administration
- Parks and Rec Advisory Board and City Council Members
- 4 components to the day: sharing collected data, developing plan goals, brainstorming projects, highlighting community priorities

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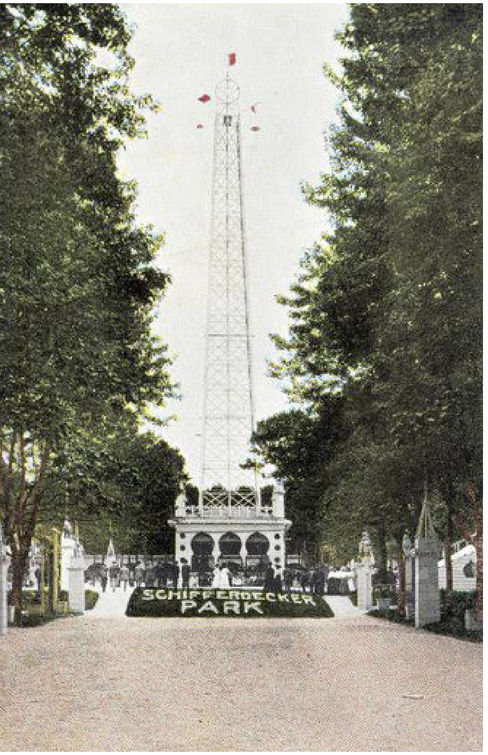

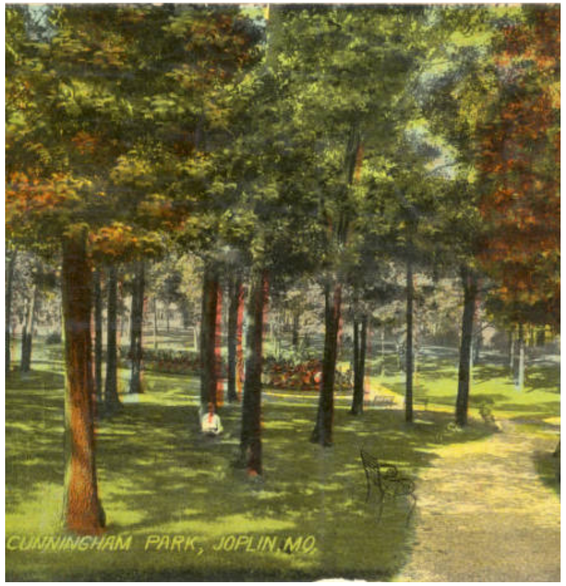



COMMUNITY PROFILE

JOPLIN PARK HISTORY

- Joplin's parks document the City's history in the landscape
- They tell the stories of your people across different periods of American history: the American Frontier, the Gilded Age, Jim Crow, the Roaring 20s, Urban Renewal, etc.
- Your system is the beneficiary of decades of civic pride and philanthropy
- Your commitment to public open spaces runs more than a century deep.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

JOPLIN DEMOGRAPHICS

- Joplin's population has grown at a rate of 0.42% annually over the past decade
- Joplin is less racially diverse than Missouri
- Joplin's population exhibits higher rates of poverty and disability than Missouri
- Joplin's largest population sector by age at 22% is "under 18"
- Joplin's second largest sector by age at 16.6% is "over 65"

2019 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY - 1 YEAR ESTIMATE

POPULATION IN POVERTY
8.5%

HOUSEHOLDS
20,326

MEDIAN AGE
34.5

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
$45,334

POPULATION WITH A DISABILITY
16%

NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS
6.5%

TOTAL POPULATION
51,322

AVERAGE CHANGE PER YEAR
0.42%

PROJECTED GROWTH BY 2031
53,518

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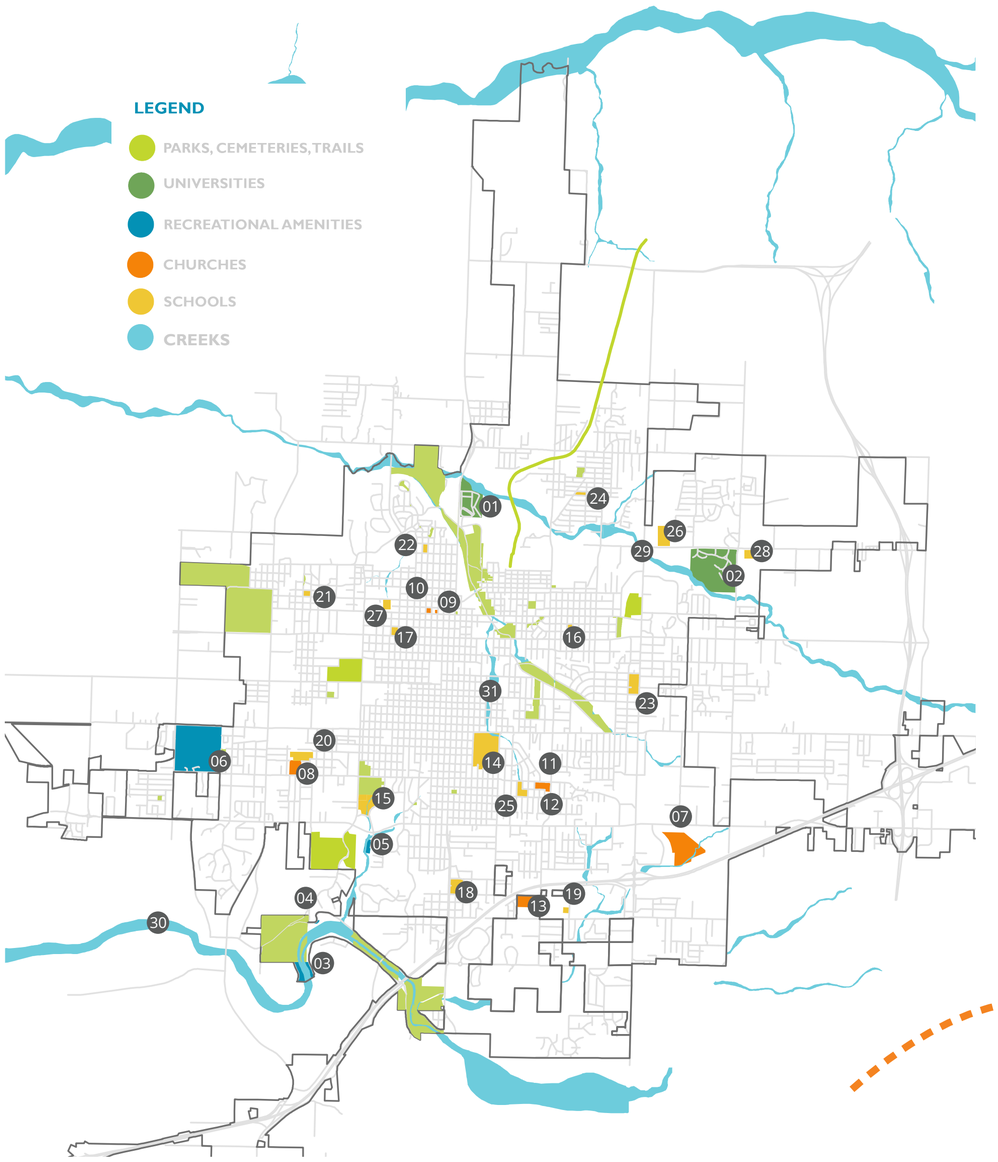
COMMUNITY PROFILE

COMMUNITY AMENITIES



UNIVERSITIES

01. Ozark Christian College
02. Missouri Southern State University

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

03. Grand Falls
04. Inspiration Point
05. Joplin Family YMCA
06. Twin Hills Golf and Country Club

CHURCHES

07. Victory Ministry & Sports Complex
08. Saint Paul's Church
09. First Christian Church
10. First United Methodist Church
11. Immanuel Lutheran Church Ministries
12. Joplin Calvary Church of the Nazarene
13. First Baptist Church

SCHOOLS

14. Joplin High School
15. Irving Elementary School and Joplin Early Childhood
16. McKinley Elementary School
17. West Central Elementary School
18. Stapleton Elementary School
19. South Joplin Head Start/Early Head Start
20. Cecil Floyd Elementary School
21. Jefferson Elementary School
22. Columbia Elementary School
23. Eastmoreland Elementary School
24. Royal Heights Elementary School
25. Kelsey Norman Elementary School
26. Thomas Jefferson Independent
27. North Middle School
28. College Heights Christian School

CREEKS

29. Turkey Creek
30. Shoal Creek
31. Joplin Creek

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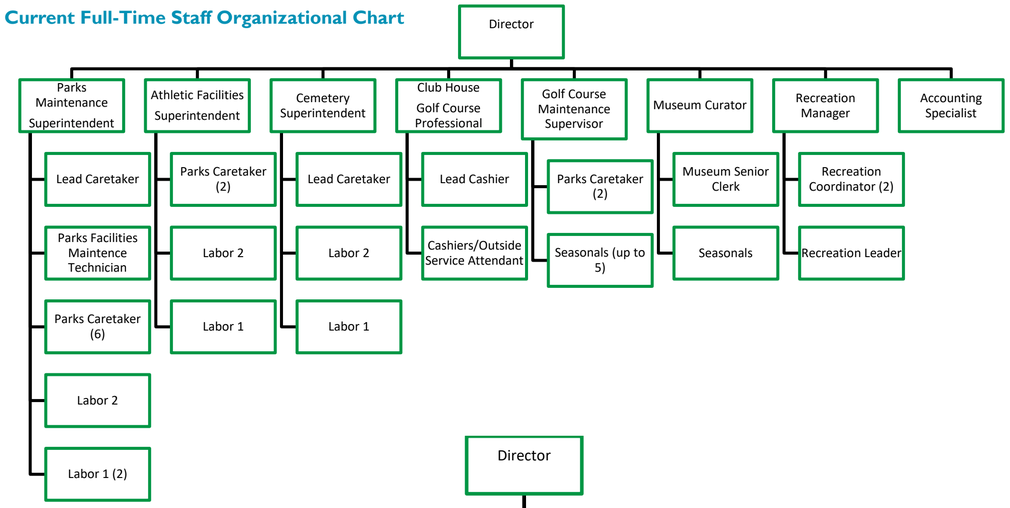
SYSTEM INVENTORY

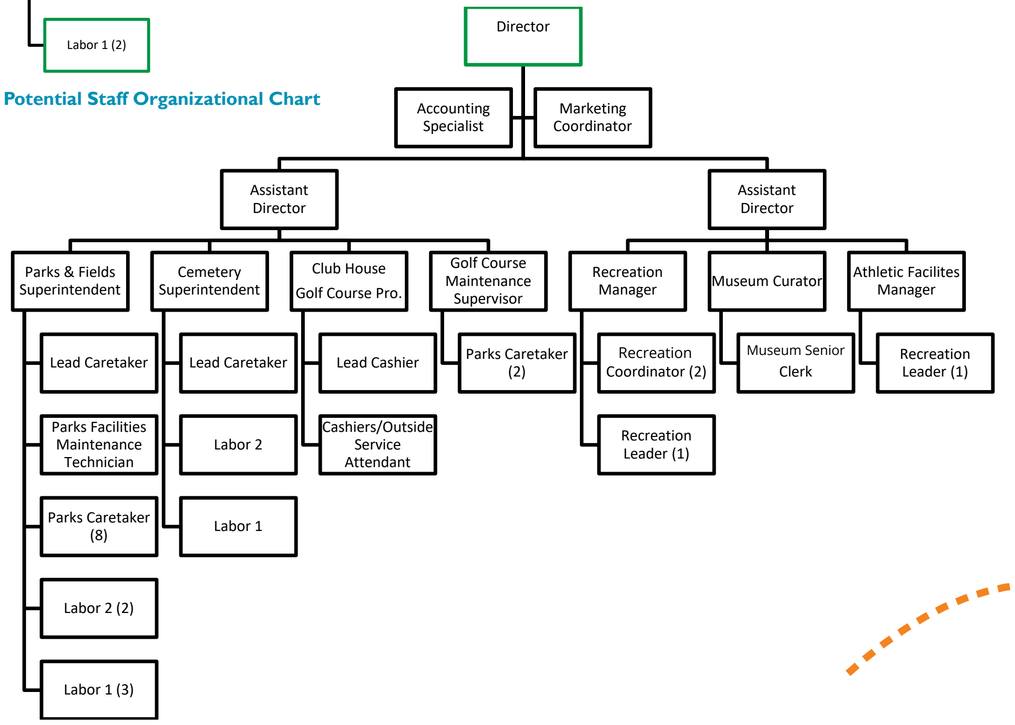
DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

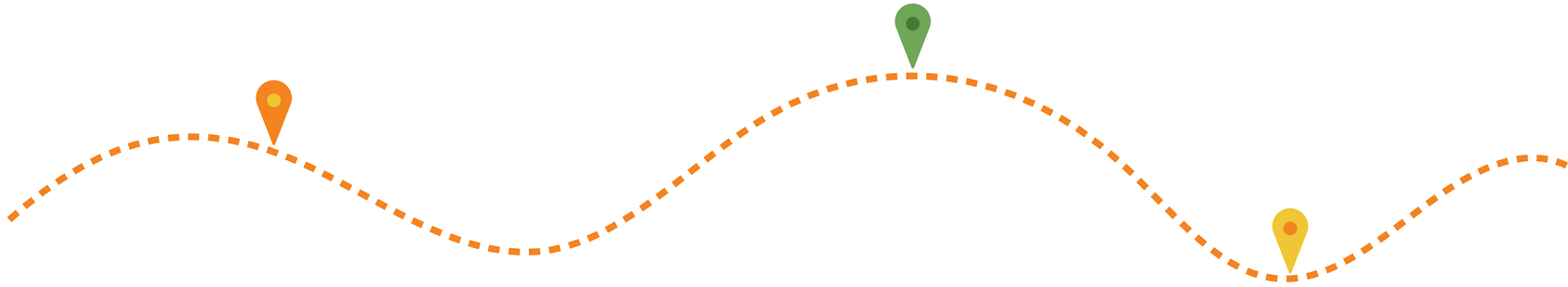
- Staffing adjustments should be made with an eye towards revenue generation
- The Department should consider creating a separate Marketing Coordinator position
- If Joplin renovates Memorial Hall (or not), the Department should consider adding an extra Recreation Coordinator and Recreation Leader
- The Department could consider developing a mentoring program within the department
- The Department must consider the impact future minimum wage increases will have on personnel expenses

Current Full-Time Staff Organizational Chart



Potential Staff Organizational Chart





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FUNDING ANALYSIS

- The Department is financially healthy with a generous subsidy from the general fund
- The golf course achieves an impressive cost recovery rate, and with no driving range
- If the Department proceeds with Memorial Hall renovations, expect to see increased revenues and increased operating expenses, but overall improved cost recovery
- Future investment in the Department should focus on renovating and updating the current inventory of parks and expanding revenue generating opportunities



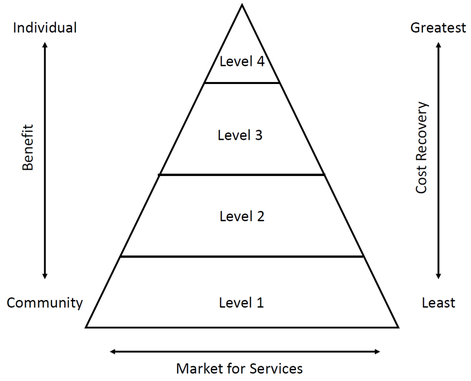
SYSTEM INVENTORY

PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Joplin's current core program areas include: rentals, youth sports, adult sports, community events, and aquatics
- Potential new program areas could include: outdoor education, fitness/wellness, and expanded summer camps
- The Department should continue to evaluate rental rates and program fees on an annual or bi-annual basis
- The Department needs to develop a program pyramid that provides cost recovery guidance for current and future programs



- Level 1 – 30% Cost Recovery & Under
- Level 2 – 30-60% Cost Recovery
- Level 3 – 60-90% Cost Recovery
- Level 4 – 90% Cost Recovery



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SYSTEM INVENTORY

PARK, FACILITY, AND TRAIL ASSESSMENTS

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		Landreth	Humphrey	Leonard	Ewert	Cedar Ridge	Wildcat	Campbell Parkway	Garvin	Goose Egg	Iron Gates	McIndoe	Mineral	Frisco Trail	Spiva	Mohaska	McClelland	Roanoke	Crestwood Greenway	Spring Greenway	Triangle	McKinley	Mercy	Cunningham	Parr Hill	TRADITIONAL PARK AVERAGE	Osborne Memorial	Fairview	Forest Park	Parkway	CEMETERY AVERAGE	Joe Becker Stadium	Joplin Athletic Complex	Schifferdecker	ATHLETIC PARK AVERAGE	Schifferdecker Aquatic Center	Cunningham Aquatic Center	Ewert Aquatic Center	AQUATIC PARK AVERAGE	Joplin Senior Center	Joplin Parks & Recreation Offices	Schifferdecker Golf Clubhouse	Joplin History & Mineral Museum	Memorial Hall	BUILDING AVERAGE
ACCESSIBILITY	(MAX 20)	12	14	14	14	10	9	8	9	9	4	10	5	10	14	9	5	7	5	7	6	5	17	14	15	9.08	9	9	9	6	8.25	16	14	11	13.66	19	16	8	14.33	20	18	16	14	10	15.6
EASE IN WALKING TO PARK	(MAX 5)	3	3	3	4	4	1	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	5	4	1	3	2	1	3	2	5	2	1		3	2	2	1		4	1	1		5	4	2		5	5	5	4	3	
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LIGHTING	(MAX 5)	4	4	5	5	4	3	2	5	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	5	1	5		1	1	2	1		4	5	4		5	4	3		5	4	3	2	2	
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0-49 Poor scoring **50-69** Fair scoring **70-84** Good scoring **85-100** Excellent scoring

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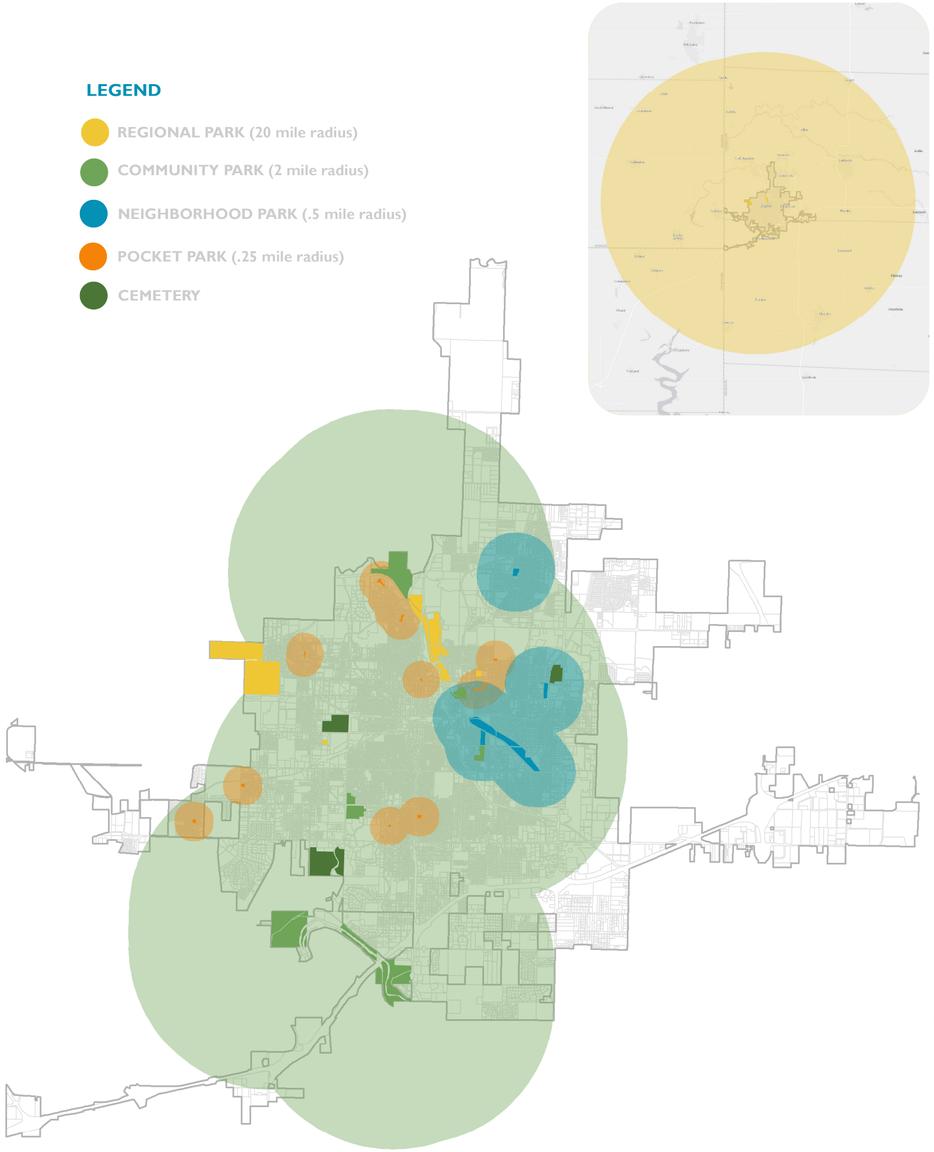
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS



- **POCKET PARKS:** 0.25 to 5 acres in size serving population within a 1/4-mile
- **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS:** 5 to 20 acres in size serving population within a 1/2-mile
- **COMMUNITY PARK:** 20 to 75 acres in size serving population within 2 miles
- **REGIONAL PARK:** 50 to 250 acres in size serving those within a 30-minute drive
- Joplin is blessed with a great diversity of parkland
- Joplin's gaps in parkland are found in the northeast, southeast and far west
- Increased connectivity, rather than land acquisition, could be a solution
- 3 nodes: Joplin Creek Corridor, Shoal Creek Corridor, Schifferdecker/Athletic Complex

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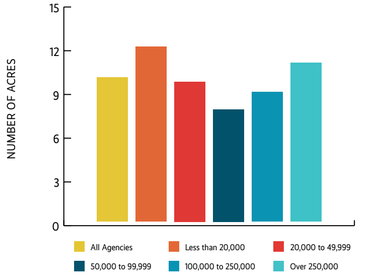
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

NRPA & COMMUNITY BENCHMARKING

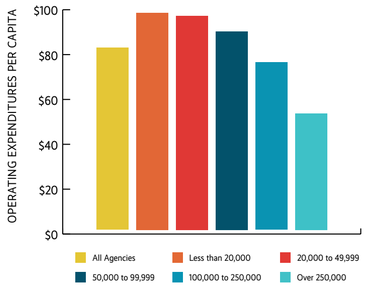
- The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) releases park metrics each year which provide a snapshot of parks in communities across the nation
- This master plan collected and analyzed similar park metrics from seven cities from across the region which City of Joplin staff deemed to be peer communities

FIGURE 2: ACRES OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Median	9.9	12.0	9.6	7.7	8.9	10.9
Lower Quartile	5.1	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.0	5.3
Upper Quartile	17.1	20.8	15.0	17.1	14.9	17.9

FIGURE 14: OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA (BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	Over 250,000
Median	$81.19	$96.77	$95.34	$88.53	$74.67	$51.91
Lower Quartile	$45.97	$56.34	$54.90	$52.91	$45.33	$22.76
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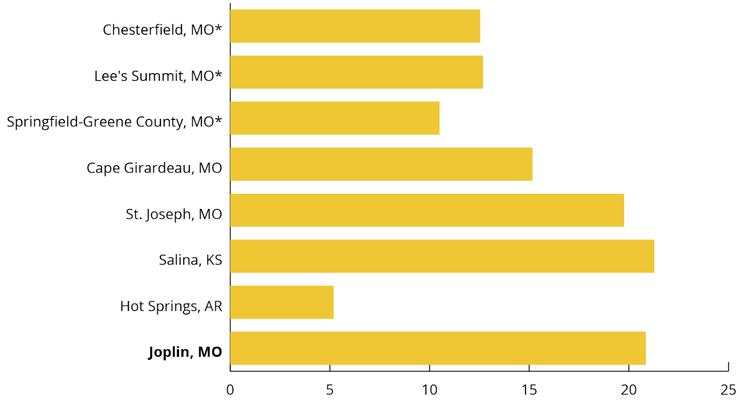

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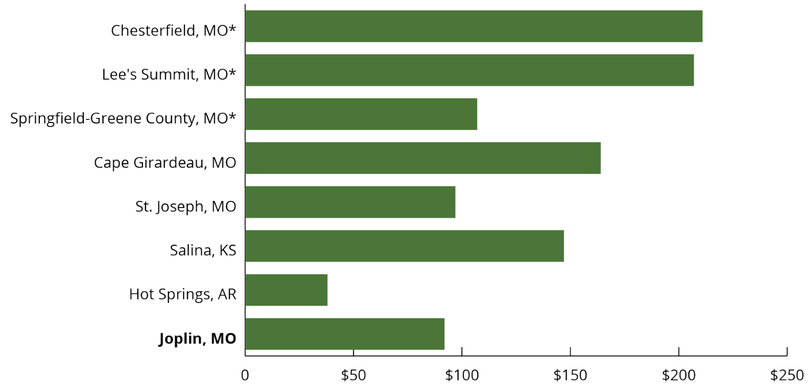

Operating Expenses per Capita

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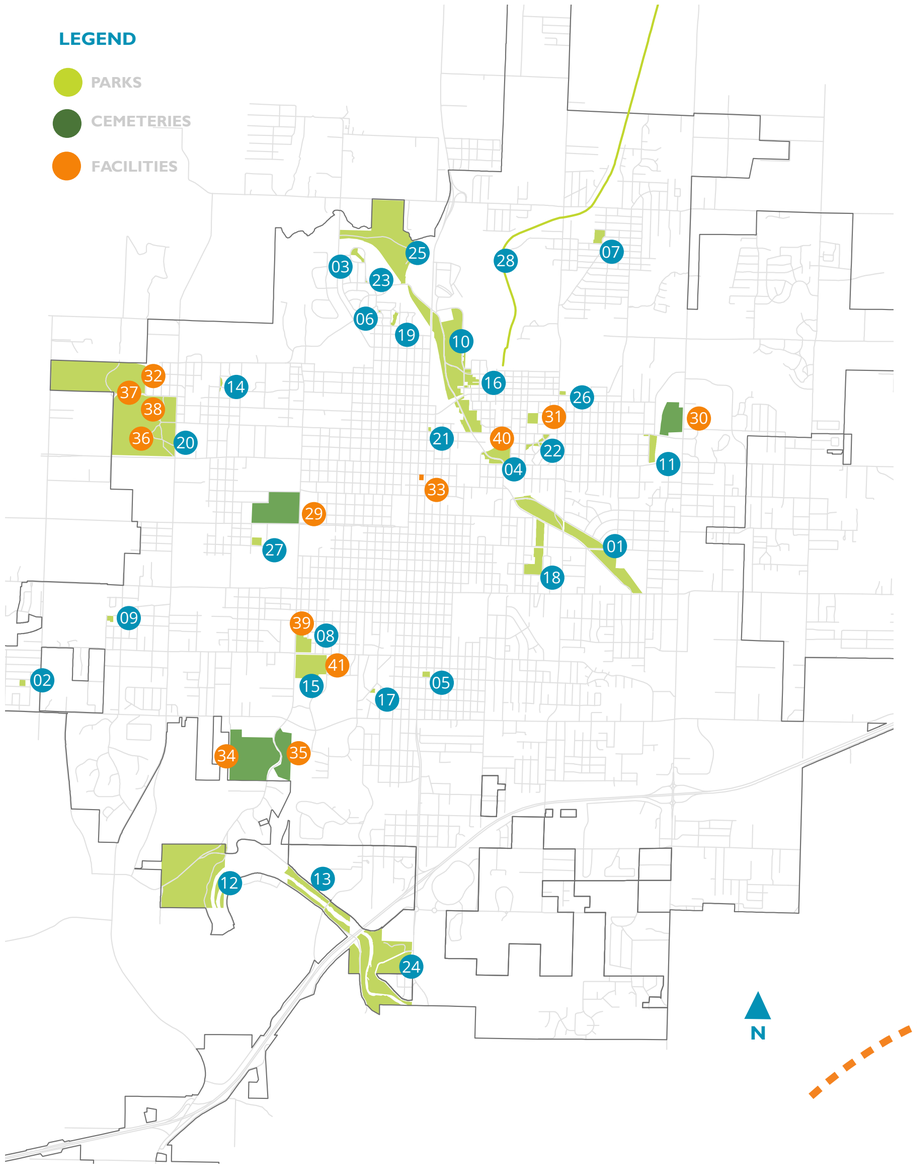
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

MASTER PARK MAP



PARKS

01. Campbell Parkway Park
02. Cedar Ridge Park
03. Crestwood Park
04. Ewert Park
05. Garvin Park
06. Goose Egg Park
07. Humphrey Park
08. Cunningham Park
09. Iron Gates Park
10. Landreth Park
11. Leonard Park
12. McClelland Park
13. McIndoe Park
14. McKinley Park
15. Mercy Park
16. Mineral Park
17. Mohaska Park
18. Parr Hill Park
19. Roanoke Park
20. Schifferdecker Park
21. Spiva Park
22. Spring Park
23. Triangle Park
24. Wildcat Park
25. Dover Outdoor Recreation Area
26. Ozark Memorial Park
27. Gabby Street Practice Field
28. Frisco Greenway Trail

FACILITIES

29. Fairview Cemetery
30. Forest Park Cemetery
31. Joe Becker Stadium
32. Joplin Athletic Complex
33. Memorial Hall
34. Osborne Memorial Cemetery
35. Parkway Cemetery
36. Schifferdecker Aquatic Center, Golf Course and Museum
37. Parks and Recreation Offices
38. Park Maintenance Facility
39. Cunningham Aquatic Center
40. Ewert Park Aquatic Center
41. Senior Center

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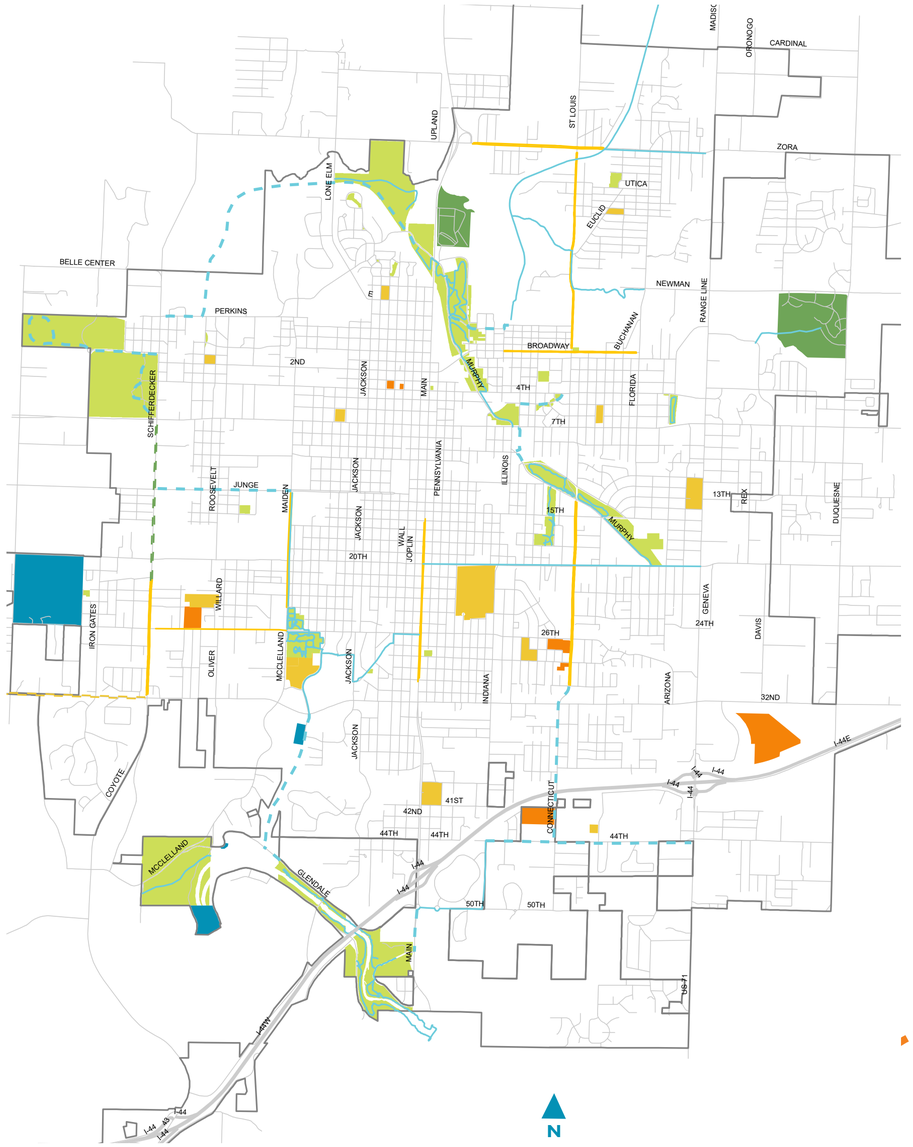
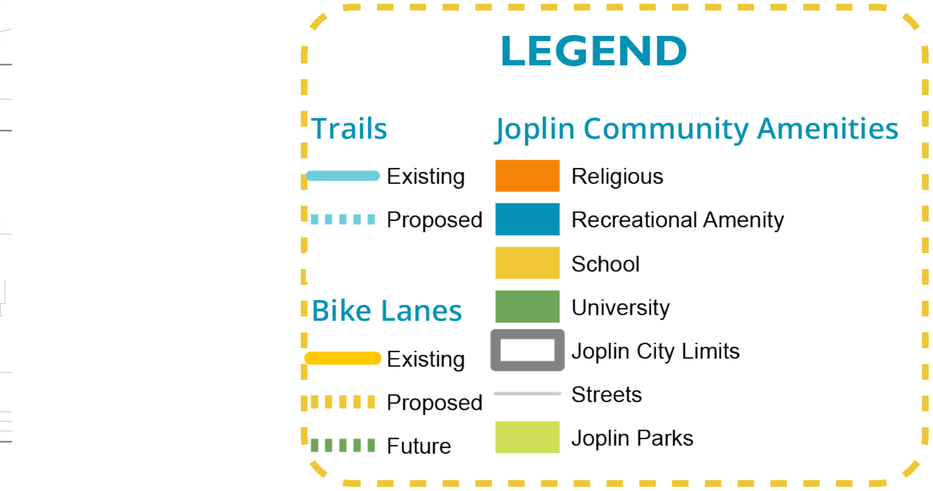
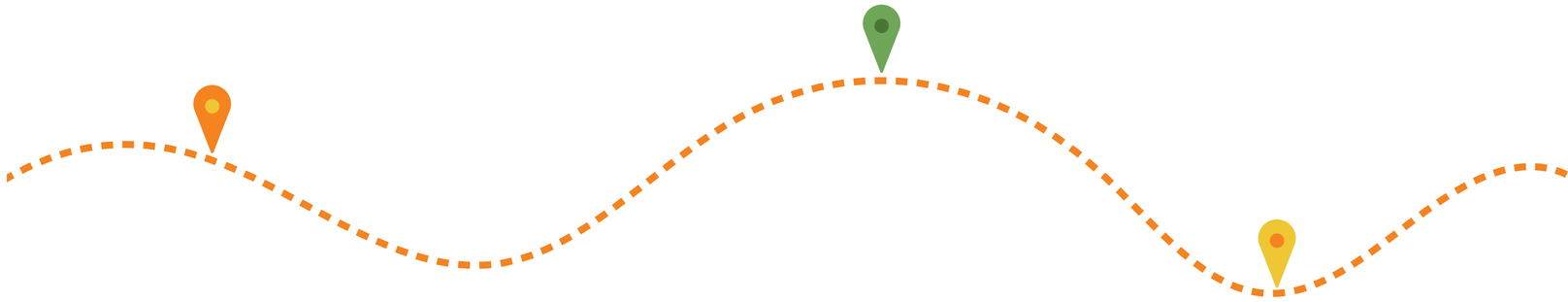
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

MASTER TRAIL MAP







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STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL #1 DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

Objectives

- Improve or enhance the parks and facilities currently in the system
- Create signature improvements at signature parks
- Beautify all park properties

Actions

- Facilitate a public art program to feature the works of local and regional art in parks
- Select and execute improvement projects that enhance the identity of the City's primary recreational nodes: the Joplin Creek Corridor, the Shoal Creek Corridor, and the Schifferdecker/Athletic Complex
- Establish sales tax-funded operations, maintenance, and beautification programs

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STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL #2 IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

Objectives

- Improve trail connections around and across Joplin
- Improve accessibility for all park users
- Upgrade vital utilities and infrastructure

Actions

- Standardize trail construction details and material specifications
- Commission an accessibility audit for all parks, cemeteries, and facilities
- Bring electrical power to Mercy Park
- Complete trail connections to link the City's three primary recreational nodes

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STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL #3 PRIORITIZE SAFETY

Objectives

- Develop security infrastructure at all parks
- Improve safety through park design
- Improve safety through park programing

Actions

- Develop a park ranger division within the department
- Install security cameras at 11 parks
- Install security lighting at 11 parks

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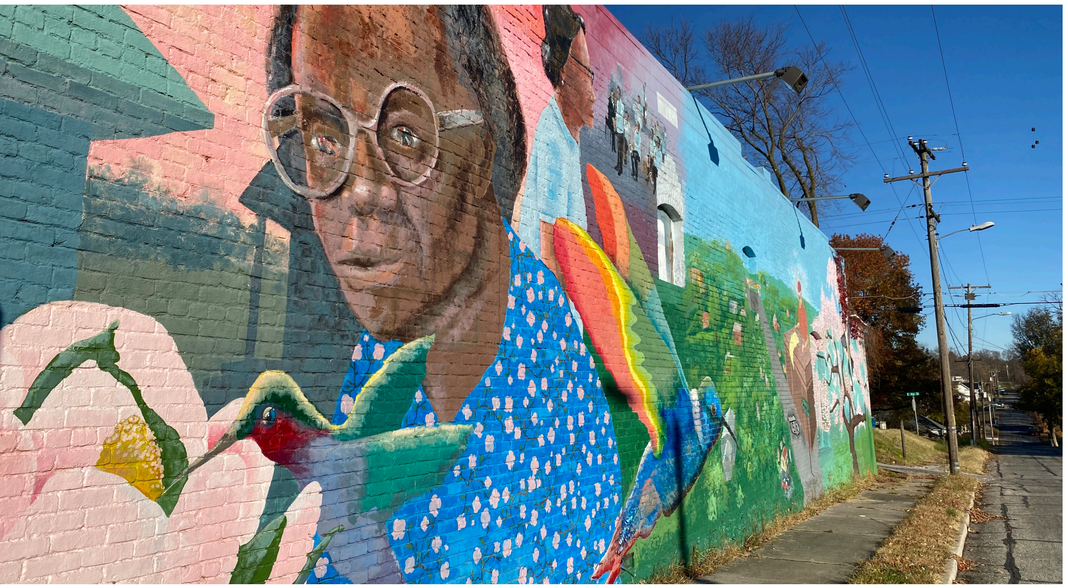





STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL #4 EDUCATE THE MASSES

Objectives

- Develop park signage guidelines
- Improve park and trail wayfinding system
- Improve departmental marketing capacity
- Highlight the natural and cultural resources of Joplin parks

Actions

- Develop wayfinding signage guidelines for parks and trails
- Install new entry signs at 5 parks
- Install interpretive signage at 4 parks
- Revamp the departmental website
- Increase departmental staffing to increase marketing and development capacity
- Partner with a smartphone app to provide citizens with mapping and facility data

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STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

GOAL #5 CULTIVATE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Objectives

- Develop wellness programming to compliment what is offered in the community
- Promote the idea of health and wellness outdoors in parks
- Improve multi-generational play opportunities
- Promote environmentally sustainable operations practices

Actions

- Develop and initiate bike safety programing for families
- Install fitness trail at Landreth Park
- Overlay 28 sports courts across 9 parks
- Add outdoor game equipment at 7 parks
- Initiate recycling program in Schifferdecker, Landreth, and Cunningham Parks
- Reduce mowing across park properties by expanding prairie partnership with USFWS

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JOPLIN PARKS AND RECREATION ROAD MAP 2021-2031

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

PROJECT LIST

Goal #1: Develop Destinations
Projects:

1.	Ewert Aquatic Center splash park	$5,000,000
2.	Ewert Park covered basketball court	$550,000
3.	Ewert Park amphitheater	$250,000
4.	Schifferdecker roadway, parking, sidewalk, and improvements	$2,500,000
5.	Schifferdecker Municipal Golf Course driving range	$850,000
6.	Cunningham Aquatic Center slide replacement	$100,000
7.	Cunningham Park playground to sand volleyball conversion	$90,000
8.	Campbell Parkway parking, sidewalk, and trail improvements	$850,000
9.	Joplin Athletic Complex fishing pond and trail	$1,750,000
10.	Gene Bassman Softball Complex synthetic turf	$800,000
11.	Hershewe Soccer Complex synthetic turf	$1,500,000
12.	Miracle Field turf replacement	$400,000
13.	Wendell Redden Stadium outfield synthetic turf installation	$400,000
14.	Wendell Redden Stadium infield synthetic turf replacement	$200,000
15.	Joplin Athletic Complex tennis center restroom	$150,000
16.	Renew Joplin Athletic Complex operations program	$3,000,000
17.	Dover Outdoor Recreation Area bicycle park	$1,350,000
18.	Joe Becker Stadium outfield synthetic turf installation	$400,000
19.	Joe Becker Stadium infield synthetic turf replacement	$200,000
20.	Landreth Park football field lighting replacement	$200,000
21.	McClelland Park roadway, sidewalk, and shelter improvements	$1,450,000
22.	McIndoe Park restroom	$150,000
23.	Wildcat Park restroom	$150,000
24.	Humphrey Park splash pad	$750,000
25.	Perform playground enhancements across 15 parks	$1,300,000
26.	Establish Park Beautification Program	$2,500,000
27.	Renew Annual Park Maintenance Program	$1,700,000
28.	Joplin History & Mineral Museum Strategic Plan	$150,000
		$28,690,000

Goal #2: Improve Connectivity
Projects:

1.	Install electrical facilities in Mercy Park	$250,000
2.	Katy Trailhead Park at W. Perkins St.	$900,000
3.	Katy Trail west segment - from W. Perkins St. to N. Lone Elm Rd.	$1,150,000
4.	Katy Trail east segment - from N. Lone Elm Rd. to NW Murphy Boulevard	$650,000
5.	Dover Outdoor Rec to Landreth Park connector	$750,000
6.	Landreth Park Main Street underpass	$250,000
7.	Landreth Park to Frisco Trailhead connector	$280,000
8.	Creekside Plaza Riverwalk	$2,500,000
9.	Spring Greenway Trail	$180,000
10.	Parr Hill Park 15th Street underpass	$1,100,000
11.	E. 44th St. shared use path	$250,000
12.	S. Main St. shared use path	$350,000
13.	Tin Cup Trail Phase 2	$750,000
14.	Tin Cup Trail 32nd Street underpass	$1,200,000
15.	W. Junge Blvd. shared use path	$450,000
16.	N. Schifferdecker Ave. shared use path	$180,000
17.	W. Perkins St. shared use path	$180,000
18.	Install trail wayfinding signage package	$150,000
19.	Install or replace benches across trail network	$200,000
		$11,720,000

Goal #3: Prioritize Safety
Projects:

1.	Install security cameras at 11 parks	$300,000
2.	Install security lighting at 10 parks	$ 1,510,000
		$1,810,000

Goal #4: Educate the Masses
Projects:

1.	New entry monument signs at 6 parks	$60,000
2.	Interpretive signage at 4 parks	$80,000
3.	Update lettering on both Landreth Park entry signs	$10,000
4.	Install information kiosks at all 28 parks and cemeteries	$300,000
		$450,000

Goal #5: Cultivate Health and Wellness
Projects:

1.	Install fitness equipment on trails at Landreth Park	$350,000
2.	Overlay or resurface 28 sport courts across 9 parks	$440,000
3.	Add outdoor games at 7 parks	$105,000
		$895,000

MASTER PLAN TOTAL

$43,565,000

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: SCHIFFERDECKER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: ROADWAY, PARKING, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, NEW GOLF DRIVING RANGE

TOTAL COST: $3,350,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- The park currently features limited sidewalks and accessible parking
- internal roadways are nearing end of lifespan
- Park attractions are difficult to access and poorly signed
- The park does not take capitalize upon its historical identity
- The golf course lacks the programming offered by a driving range

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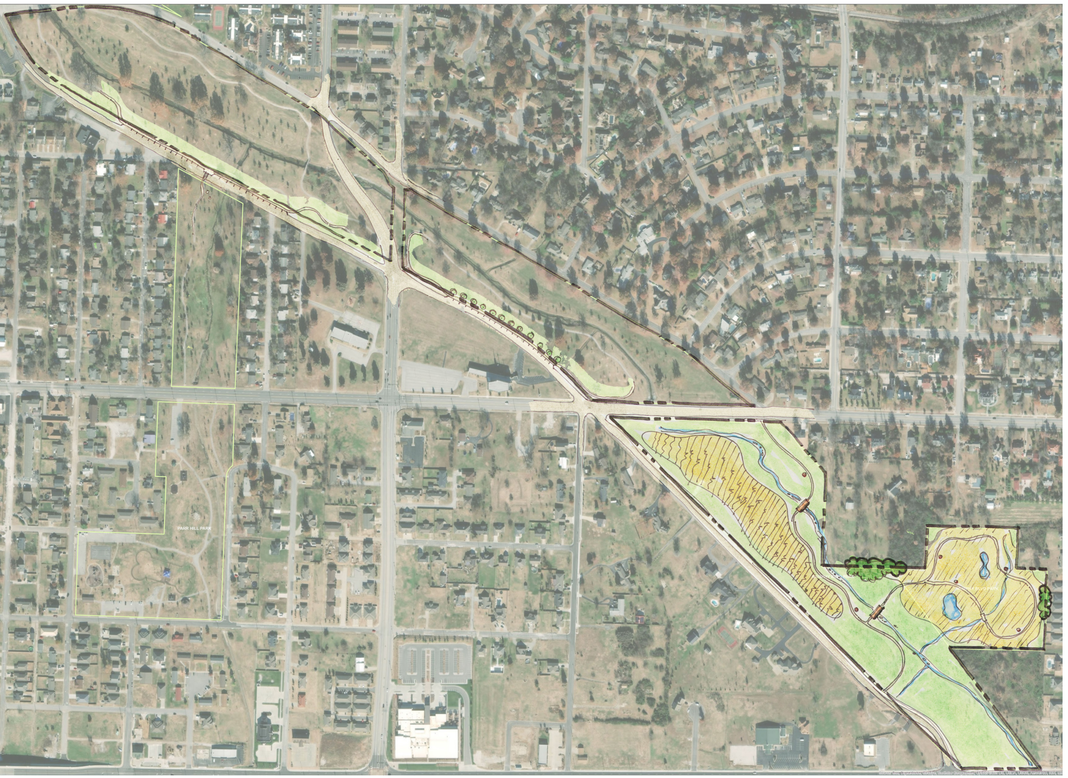





PROJECT LIST

NAME: CAMPBELL PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: PARKING, SIDEWALK, & TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

TOTAL COST: $850,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- Existing parallel parking on Murphy Blvd. is limited and inaccessible
- Trail access in southern portion of park is limited
- The park does not provide enough access to or emphasis on Joplin Creek
- The community has expressed a desire for more outdoor educational and recreation and this park has the potential to provide more of both

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: JOPLIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX FISHING POND

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: POND, ROADWAY, PARKING, RESTROOM, SHELTER & TRAIL

TOTAL COST: $1,750,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- The community prioritizes investment in trails
- The department does not currently have a fishing venue in the system
- A fishing pond would provide additional program and event opportunities for the department
- These western 40 acres of the Athletic Complex currently convey the stormwater runoff from Schifferdecker Municipal Golf Course

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: JOPLIN ATHLETIC COMPLEX UPGRADES

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: BASSMAN SOFTBALL TURF, HERSHEWE SOCCER TURF, MIRACLE FIELD TURF, WENDELL REDDEN TURF, TENNIS CENTER RESTROOM

TOTAL COST: $3,450,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- Turf replacement will improve playability, drainage, and reduce annual operational costs due to reduced mowing
- The tennis facility does not have a dedicated restroom building
- These improvements help to keep the Athletic Complex a premier destination for youth sports players and families across the region

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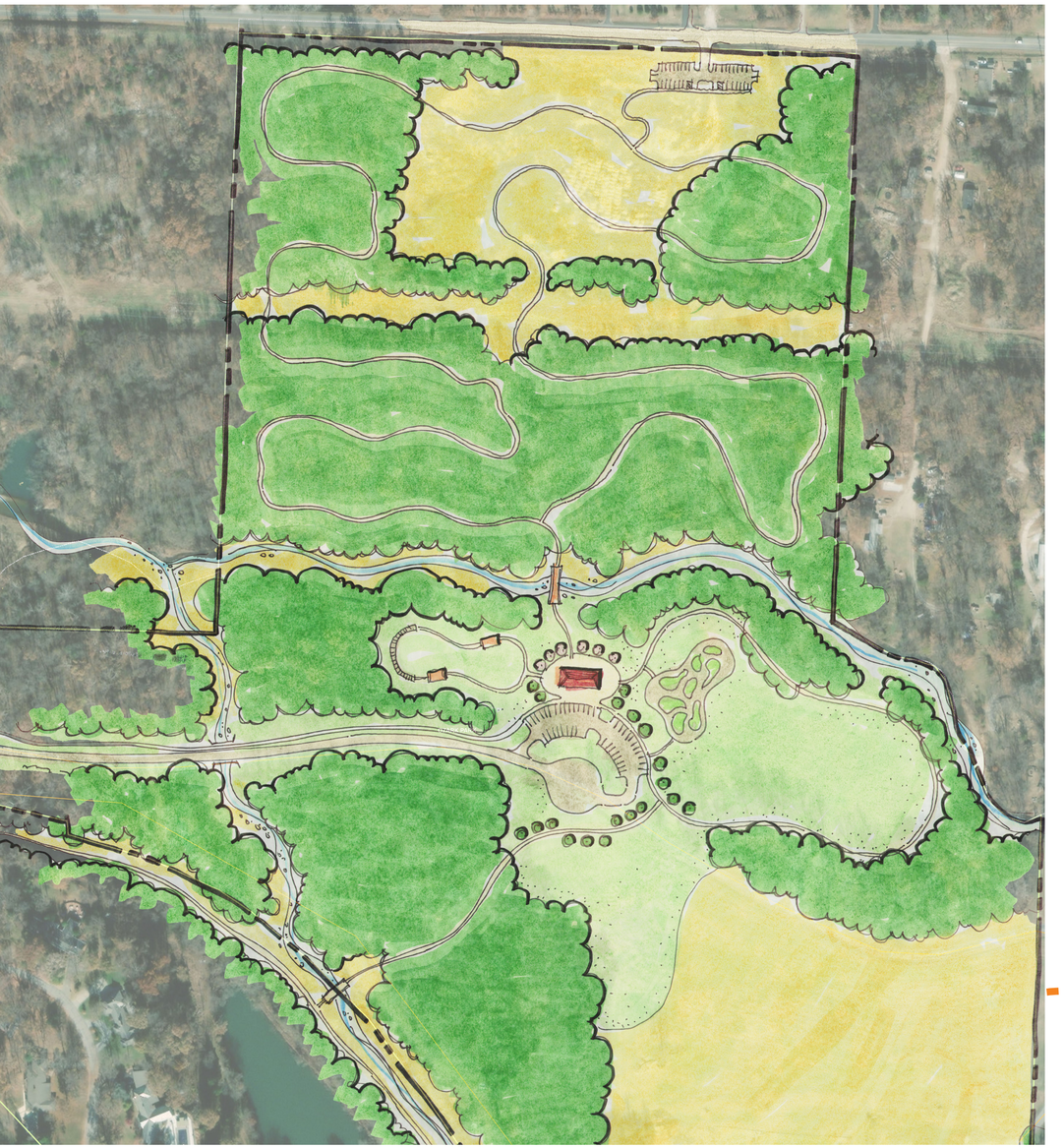

PROJECT LIST

NAME: DOVER OUTDOOR REC AREA BICYCLE PARK

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: ROADWAY, PARKING, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, SHELTER, RESTROOM, PUMP TRACK, BIKE PLAYGROUND, MTB TRAIL

TOTAL COST: $1,350,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- The community prioritized bike and running trails as its top facility
- Natural parks and preserves and outdoor rec also rated highly
- This park property features 95 acres of mostly undeveloped land with 40 feet of grade change and access to Joplin and Turkey Creek
- Development of this property as shown would make it an anchor for the Joplin Creek Corridor and attract visitors from outside Joplin

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: MCCLELLAND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: ROADWAY, PARKING, SIDEWALK, AND SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

TOTAL COST: $1,450,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- The park lacks a destination entry experience for visitors
- Picnic areas on the bluff offer no accessible parking
- The park features no accessible pedestrian trails
- This park is the largest park in the Shoal Creek Corridor and has been a community destination for decades
- Providing upgrades roadway infrastructure, new shelters, and picnic spaces will keep it a destination for years to come

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: HUMPHREY PARK SPLASH PAD

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: NEW SPLASH PAD

TOTAL COST: $750,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- Humphrey is the only park serving the historic northeast
- A splash pad is a simple way to add an aquatic amenity without adding significant aquatic operational and personnel costs
- These amenities not only provide fun during the summer; with proper design they can add to the cultural or historic identity of the park and provide year-round play opportunities and event space

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS

GOAL: DEVELOP DESTINATIONS

COMPONENTS: REPLACEMENT PARTS, NEW EQUIPMENT, AND NEW SURFACING

TOTAL COST: $1,300,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- Playgrounds are a requisite amenity for Joplin's youth and young families
- They must be repaired, updated , or replaced once a decade to remain safe, accessible, and up to community standards
- This project would positively impact 21 separate playgrounds across 15 parks including: Joplin Athletic Complex, Cunningham, Garvin, Humphrey, Leonard, Iron Gates, Landreth, Cedar Ridge, McClelland, Mineral, Parr Hill, Roanoke, Schifferdecker, Ewert, and Wildcat Parks

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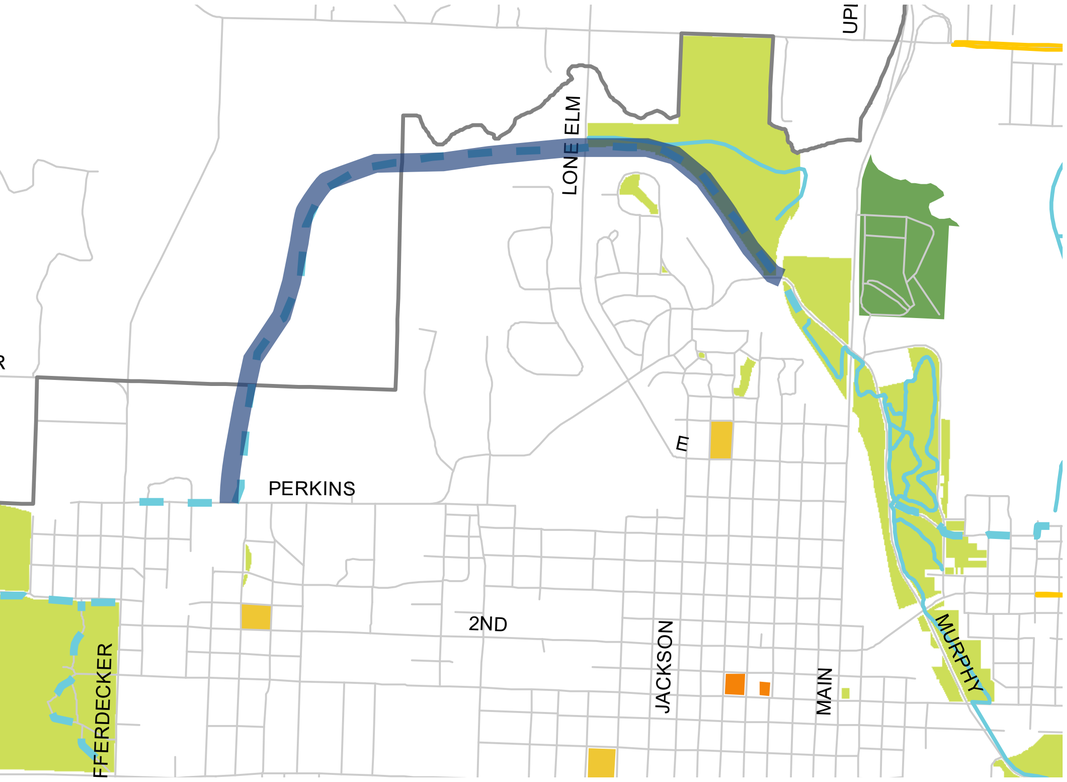


PROJECT LIST

NAME: KATY TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

GOAL: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

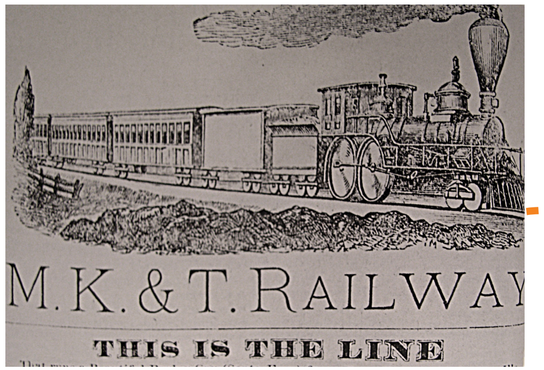
COMPONENTS: TRAIL HEAD PARK, WESTERN & EASTERN SEGMENTS

TOTAL COST: $2,700,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- This project would provide 11,800 linear feet of multi-use bike and pedestrian trail
- It would connect the Schifferdecker/Athletic Complex to the Joplin Creek Corridor
- It takes advantage of vacant railroad right-of-way
- It highlights Joplin railroad history along Missouri-Kansas-Texas railway
- It offers safe access to wild landscapes of north Joplin





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PROJECT LIST

NAME: LANDRETH PARK TRAIL CONNECTIONS

GOAL: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

COMPONENTS: DOVER PARK CONNECTOR, MAIN STREET UNDERPASS, & FRISCO TRAIL CONNECTOR

TOTAL COST: $1,280,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- These are 3 separate trail projects which could safely connect Landreth Park to adjacent park and trail properties
- A Main Street underpass would allow pedestrians and cyclists to avoid the dangerous intersection of Murphy Boulevard and Main Street
- The Frisco Connector would improve existing failing neighborhood sidewalks and link Landreth with Mineral Park as well as the Frisco Trail





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PROJECT LIST

NAME: EWERT PARK TRAIL CONNECTIONS

GOAL: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

COMPONENTS: JOPLIN PLAZA RIVERWALK, SPRING GREENWAY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

TOTAL COST: $2,680,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- These projects would provide critical connections between multiple park properties and land uses in the heart of the Joplin Creek Corridor
- Joplin Plaza Riverwalk would bring 1,100 linear feet of trail on the east bank of Joplin Creek through an established commercial development and connect Ewert Park to Campbell Parkway
- Spring Greenway sidewalk improvements would connect residential neighborhoods to Ewert Park through an existing park

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: TIN CUP TRAIL CONNECTIONS

GOAL: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

COMPONENTS: 32ND STREET UNDERPASS, TIN CUP TRAIL PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

TOTAL COST: $1,950,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- This project would provide safe connections between the Shoal Creek Corridor, Mercy and Cunningham Parks, and Osborne Cemetery
- Project would provide access to the Tin Cup Creek riparian corridor
- These improvements build upon current investment in the Tin Cup Trail
- 32nd Street underpass would offer cyclists and pedestrians a safe way to cross under the intersection of 32nd Street and St. Johns Boulevard

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PROJECT LIST

NAME: SECURITY CAMERAS & LIGHTING

GOAL: PRIORITIZE SAFETY

COMPONENTS: SECURITY CAMERAS & LIGHTING

TOTAL COST: $1,810,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- Safety concerns are the #1 barrier to Joplinites visiting their parks
- Parks and trails are open from 7:00am until 11:00pm
- Better lighting increases accessibility and reduces vandalism
- Project would fund the installation of cameras at 11 parks: Joplin Athletic Complex, Mercy, Cunningham, Landreth, Leonard, Humphrey, Parr Hill, Ewert, Schifferdecker, Wildcat, and McClelland
- Project would fund the installation of 300 pole-mounted light fixtures across 11 parks: Humphrey, Leonard, Landreth, Parr Hill, Ewert, Garvin, Spiva, Mercy, Cunningham, Schifferdecker, Iron Gates





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PROJECT LIST

NAME: INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE & PARK KIOSKS

GOAL: EDUCATE THE MASSES

COMPONENTS: INTERPRETIVE SIGNS & PARK KIOSKS

TOTAL COST: $380,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- This community prioritizes the programing of history in its parks
- Joplin has multiple park properties with deep connections to local history and ecology
- A community uses its parks more when it knows what is available
- This project would install interpretive signage at 4 parks: Ewert, Schifferdecker, Mineral, and Wildcat Parks
- Project would install park kiosks at all 4 cemeteries and 10 parks: Dover Outdoor Recreation Area, Joplin Athletic Complex, Landreth, Parr Hill, Ewert, Mercy, Cunningham, Schifferdecker, Wilcat and McClelland

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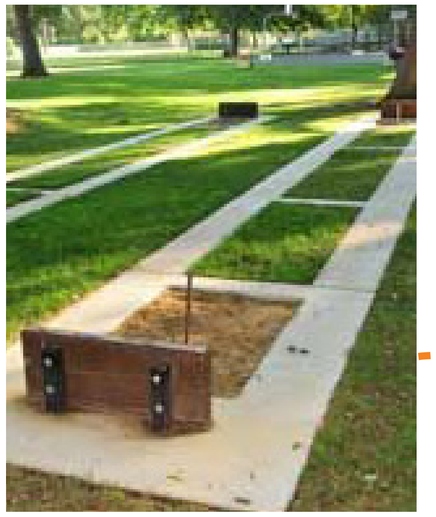

PROJECT LIST

NAME: FITNESS TRAIL & OUTDOOR GAMES

GOAL: CULTIVATE HEALTH & WELLNESS

COMPONENTS: LANDRETH PARK FITNESS TRAIL AND OUTDOOR GAMES ACROSS 7 PARKS

TOTAL COST: $455,000

JUSTIFICATION:

- This community wants more opportunities for outdoor adult fitness
- Joplin's largest demographics are the under-18 and over-65 age brackets
- Outdoor fitness equipment is a natural fit along the mile of existing trail in Landreth Park
- Outdoor games are a simple way to get entire families to spend more time in parks. This project would install games at Leonard, Humphrey, Landreth, McIndoe, McClelland, Cunningham, and Schifferdecker Parks

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