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KALAMAZOO, MI

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Mission Statement and Vision

Mission – Enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering quality, affordable programs and events for the community.

Vision – Beautiful parks, quality recreation, and memorable events.

Introduction

Welcome to the City of Kalamazoo’s 2019-2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan *Executive Summary*. This plan reflects a vision for the City of Kalamazoo’s parks and recreation facilities operations, maintenance, and enhancements for the next several years. It serves as a roadmap for future recreation facilities and programs by considering existing parks and programs in and around the City and the anticipated demand for additional or improved recreation facilities.

The Plan also forms the basis for potential recreation grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and other agencies and foundations. The City of Kalamazoo’s Plan was prepared in accordance with MDNR’s Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

Most importantly, this Plan will act as City of Kalamazoo’s plan for community building as it relates to parks and recreation over the next five years.

Philosophy

The City of Kalamazoo’s parks and recreation system strives to provide facilities that are diverse, of highest quality, and accessible to all potential users. The City is committed to preserving those amenities valued by the community and providing new and exciting facilities to improve the quality of life in the city. The City strives to maintain and improve residents’ access to parks within their immediate neighborhoods by providing routes utilizing multiple modes of transportation.

City of Kalamazoo Planning Efforts

Imagine Kalamazoo (IK) is the planning process undertaken by the City of Kalamazoo to explore opportunities, break down barriers, and chart new directions for the City. IK is the culmination of an extensive public engagement and community feedback initiative that will serve as the foundation for all plans and documents. The 2017 Strategic Vision was the first plan to be approved by the City Commission, followed closely by the Master Plan (IK2025). The direction provided in these two documents guided the creation of neighborhood plans and this document, Imagine Fun!. This section explains the integration of the Strategic Vision and Master Plan into Imagine Fun!.

2017 Strategic Vision

The Strategic Vision, approved by the Kalamazoo City Commission on July 17, 2017, provides an overview of the community’s priorities. 10 Strategic Goals make up the Strategic Vision and guided the creation of the Master Plan, all neighborhood plans, and Imagine Fun!.

Strategic Goals	
Shared Prosperity	Abundant opportunities for all people to prosper.
Connected City	A city that is networked for walking, biking, riding, and driving.
Inviting Public Places	Parks, arts, culture, and vibrant streets.
Environmental Responsibility	A green and healthy city.
Safe Community	Creating a safe environment for living, working, and playing.
Youth Development	A city with places and supports that help young people thrive.
Complete Neighborhoods	Residential areas that support the full range of people's daily needs.
Strength Through Diversity	An inclusive city where everyone feels at home.
Economic Vitality	Growing businesses and stabilizing the local economy to the benefit of all.
Good Governance	Ensuring the City organization has the capacity and resources to effectively implement the community's Strategic Vision in a sustainable way.

Brief Discussion of Key Strategic Vision Goals

The following table assesses the alignment of the goals presented in Imagine Fun! with the goals established in the Strategic Vision. The goals for Imagine Fun! are listed along the left and the goals for the Strategic Vision are listed along the top of the table. The dots mark where the Imagine Fun! goals align with the Strategic Vision. The Strategic Vision Goals, “Inviting Public Places” and “Environmental Responsibility,” are the two most aligned with the goals of Imagine Fun!. However, all of the Strategic Vision goals are represented in Imagine Fun!.

Imagine Fun! Goals and Objectives

		STRATEGIC VISION GOALS								
		SHARED PROSPERITY	CONNECTED CITY	INVITING PUBLIC PLACES	ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY	SAFE COMMUNITY	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS	STRENGTH THROUGH DIVERSITY	ECONOMIC VITALITY
Goal 1: Diverse and exciting opportunities	Upgrade Amenities	.		.	.	.	.	.
	Invest in Modern, Sustainable Equipment	.		.	.	.	.	.
	Provide a Variety of Activities	.		.		.	.	.	.
	Provide Newly Popular Amenities	.		.		.	.	.	.
	Provide Community Gardens and Food Forests	.		.	.	.		.	.	.
	Engage the Community	.				.	.	.	.
Goal 2: Access for all residents	Ensure Amenities add Value	.		.		.	.	.		.
	Provide Park Amenities within a 10-Minute Walk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.
	Provide Green Space within a 10-Minute Walk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.
	Build Parks in Underserved Areas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Upgrade Amenities in Underserved Areas	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Provide Adequate Automobile Parking		.		.			.		
	Provide Adequate Bicycle Parking	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Expand Bicycle Parking Along Trails	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Construct Sidewalks to All Parks	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Maintain Infrastructure	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.
	Build Spray Pads in Convenient Locations	.		.		.	.	.	.
Goal 3: Design parks for all users	Engage the Community During Upgrade Planning	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Interface with Neighborhood Groups	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Understand the Needs of Neighborhoods	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Understand the History of Neighborhoods	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Understand the Users of Parks	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Understand the Potential for Negative Influences	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
	Maintain Signage			.		.		.		
	Promote Safety and Fun	.		.	.	.	.	.	.
Goal 4: Use best practices	Reduce Impervious Surface			.	.					
	Preserve Wetlands and Floodplains			.	.					
	Use Native Species			.	.					
	Establish Community Gardens and Food Forests	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Utilize Recycled Materials			.	.					
	Reduce the Need for Lawn Mowing			.	.					
	Understand the Natural Environment			.	.					
Goal 5: Make parks a point of pride	Maintain a High Level of Quality	.		.	.	.		.
	Provide Exciting Amenities	.		.	.	.	.	.
	Make Parks Centers of Community Life	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Consult Previoius Planning Efforts	.								
	Invest in Public Art and Placemaking	.		.		.		.	.
	Highlight the Importance of Parks	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Promote Parks to the Region	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Encourage Resident Pride	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.



2025 Master Plan (IK2025)

The City of Kalamazoo City Commission adopted its Master Plan, Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 (IK2025) on October 16, 2017. IK2025 is the guiding document for all planning and development in the city. It is also a visioning document informed by many residents and stakeholders and created to enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and visit Kalamazoo.

Like IK20125, Imagine Fun! utilizes resident and stakeholder feedback to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan that will guide parks planning for the next five to ten years. Imagine Fun! especially utilized the concept of neighborhood planning which was a key goal of IK2025. Neighborhood plans building off IK2025 were being developed at the same time as Imagine Fun! and the input for those plans was used where available. Through Imagine Kalamazoo (IK2025) the Kalamazoo residents created a shared vision for their community. The Strategic Vision and Master Plan outline this vision. Imagine Fun! is the five-year plan.

IK2025 - PARK ACTION ITEMS	
CONNECTED CITY	<div>» Adopt Complete Street Policy to align street design, reconstruction, and maintenance with IK 2025 Street Types; enhancing pedestrian experiences in Downtown and Commercial and Neighborhood Nodes.</div> <div>» Bicycle infrastructure projects should be evaluated for type and provide continuous routes of travel throughout the community; Prioritize connections between neighborhoods, employment areas, schools, business districts, and transit stops.</div> <div>» Create a streetscape policy based on street type and location (Node, Downtown, etc.).</div> <div>» Incorporate bicycle education and culture into City road project materials, media, events, and website.</div>
COMPLETE NEIGHBORHOODS	<div>» Use public land for placement of gardens in under-utilized spaces.</div> <div>» Increase the quantity of gardens throughout the City through vacant land use.</div> <div>» Plant fruit trees in parks and other public spaces.</div> <div>» Use tools like GIS to develop data and map demographics, housing, healthcare, health outcomes, transportation, food, parks, and employment for all neighborhoods.</div>
INVITING PUBLIC SPACES	<div>» Use the goal of a 1/4 mile as the maximum distance residents should be from a park to shape land acquisition and park improvement strategies.</div> <div>» Review park facilities or types to detail appropriate amenities within each space and determine the appropriate service area for each to best serve residents.</div> <div>» Incorporate landscape standards that promote native species and those compatible with native species for both landscape and growing spaces.</div> <div>» Develop way-finding plan that includes pedestrian and vehicular-oriented directional signage to designate and brand the City's unique areas.</div> <div>» Evaluate the cultural resources throughout the City to assess unmet demand for arts, cultural and entertainment venues; as well as marketing of venues for activities.</div> <div>» Expand the events and activities in Downtown to serve a broader population and to occur year-round.</div>
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY	<div>» Revise landscape standards to increase buffers and preserve woodlands/slopes where neighborhood edge areas abut established residential areas.</div> <div>» Pursue the acquisition or protection of sensitive environmental areas through a range of techniques, such as conservation easements, deed restrictions, transfer of development rights, land conservancy donations, or transfer to foundations or public bodies.</div> <div>» Expand on inventory of natural features and open space to frame green ways and classify priority areas to unify neighborhood green way plans across the city for connectivity.</div> <div>» Increase the tree canopy throughout the City along streets in Downtown and Neighborhoods; Evaluate the City by neighborhood to determine species for infill strategy.</div> <div>» Evaluate fleet purchases or leases that include hybrid or electric vehicles.</div> <div>» Complete the gaps/missing connectivity between neighborhoods throughout the city for pedestrian, bicycle, and recreational NonMotorized Plan implementation.</div> <div>» Expand the urban trail system to connect neighborhoods, Downtown, and surrounding municipalities.</div>
SAFE COMMUNITY	<div>» Expand the Farmers' Market to reach more people; providing parking, more vendors, indoor facilities, bicycle amenities, and activity space.</div> <div>» Support redevelopment of the Youth Development Center at Upjohn Park to provide expanded youth programming.</div> <div>» Invest in building and maintaining community trust through youth development programming, integrating stations into neighborhoods, and building staff capacity.</div> <div>» Invest in crime prevention and reduction through community engagement, officer training, and internal process review.</div>
SHARED PROSPERITY	<div>» Provide data that helps frame youth support services, including homelessness, drivers' education, Promise support, after-school and summer programs, mentoring, and community centers with cradle-to-careers services.</div> <div>» Create career exploration options for teens.</div> <div>» Establish a regular communication channel between the city, Kalamazoo Public School District and private schools to coordinate initiatives and leverage resources (such as use outside of school hours for public events and recreational opportunities).</div> <div>» Incorporate goals from the 2025 Master Plan into the Shared Prosperity Plan.</div>
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	<div>» Create many activities and places to engage our youth throughout the City.</div> <div>» Utilize neighborhood centers and schools for youth programming throughout the year; Youth services after school and late hours in the summer.</div> <div>» Expand summer offerings for teens; Maker Faire, talent shows, gatherings that bring different high schools together (public and private).</div> <div>» Create multi-generational programming to mentor and build relationships in the community.</div> <div>» Support and expand the "All Things Possible Program".</div> <div>» Consider City facilities (new or rehabilitated) to incorporate youth programming; playgrounds, computer centers, tutoring, and places to study.</div>

One specific goal brought forward in the 2017 Strategic Vision and discussed more thoroughly in IK2015, is the goal to create Complete Neighborhoods.

“Complete Neighborhoods focuses on raising up all Kalamazoo neighborhoods. It recognizes the critical link between land use and transportation and sets the stage for neighborhood planning efforts.”

IK2025, page 99

“Including having transportation choices, access to parks, multiple housing options, and more.” *IK2025, page 98*

The Master Plan defines Complete Neighborhoods as the following:

“Residential areas that support the full range of people’s daily needs.” *IK2025, page 10*

“At the heart of Complete Neighborhoods are choices and equal access. A complete neighborhood has safe walkable streets and housing options to meet residents’ needs throughout one’s life. Additionally, access to parks and recreation, the ability to meet daily needs, and access to fresh food. The unique way that each neighborhood achieves completeness will vary based on resident input.”

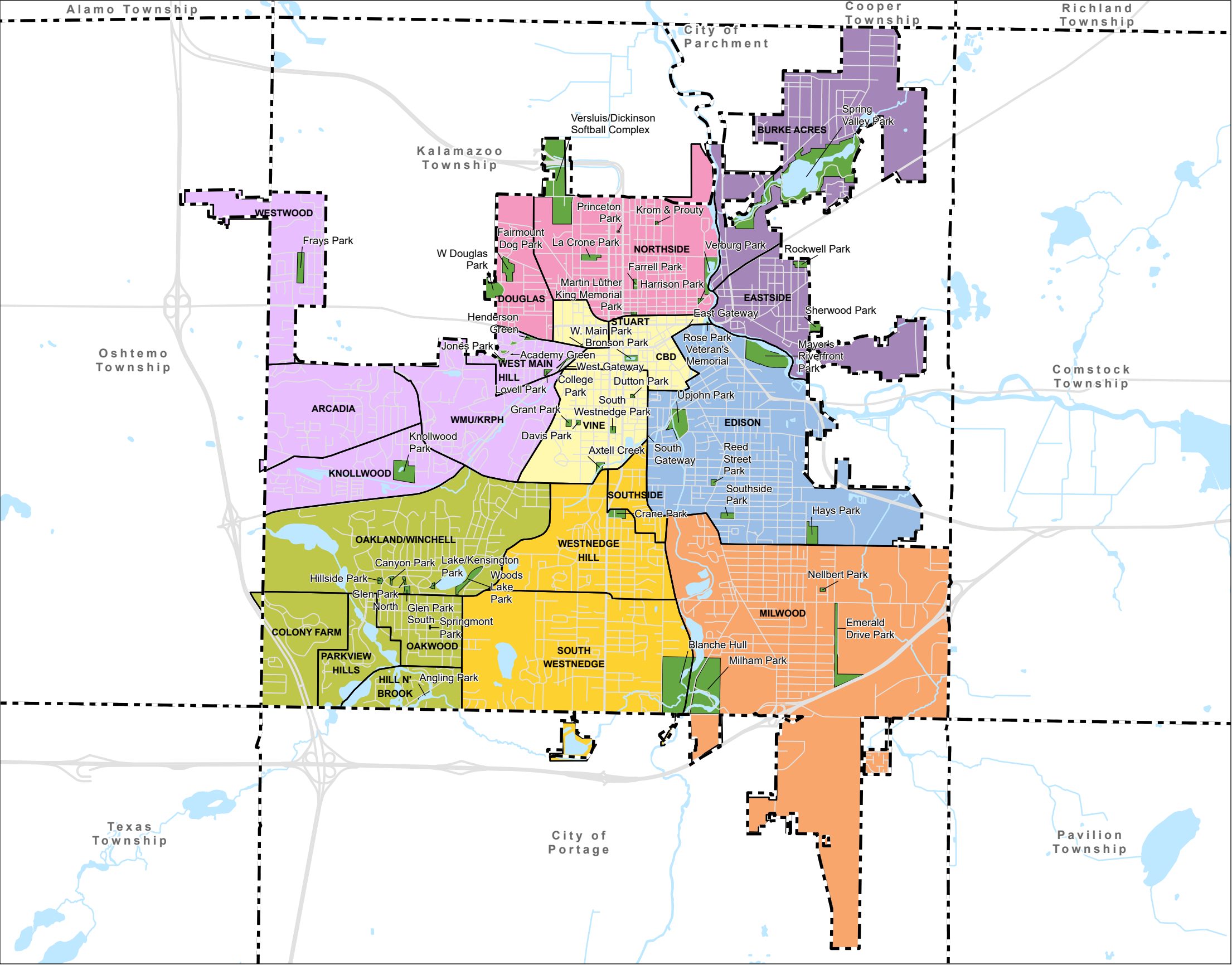
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“Complete Neighborhoods are also specific to the neighborhood and determined based on the discussions during neighborhood planning efforts.”

IK2025, page 13

Imagine Fun! supports the Complete Neighborhoods idea by providing respite and recreation to all residents. Additionally, when the Parks & Recreation Department seeks to improve an existing park, or acquire land for the park system, the department will utilize its’ Park Improvement Process (page 148). The process will include reviewing all relevant plans (IK 2025, Neighborhood Plans, etc.) prior to the kick-off meeting with residents.

During this internal plan review process, all comments related to a particular improvement to be made will be presented and combined with resident comments received during the Park Improvement process to develop the best plan for the space. The Parks & Recreation Master Plan and 10-year Strategic Vision, Imagine Kalamazoo 2025, Neighborhood Plans, and any other relevant plans will be available at the kick-off meeting for those in attendance to review.



Parks Planning Regions

City of Kalamazoo, Michigan

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LEGEND

- North Side
- Northeast
- Central
- Edison
- Milwood
- South
- Southwest
- West



Basemap Source: Michigan Geographic Framework, 2017. Data Source: City of Kalamazoo, 2018, McKenna, 2018.



Citywide Parks Inventory

The methods of conducting the inventory included site visits to parks and evaluation of available amenities, discussions with City staff and residents regarding state of parks, the 10 year action plan, and comparison to state and national standards. This combination of efforts allowed for a complete inventory of City-owned parks and their amenities. This plan encompasses 52 parks and facilities, covering 684.10 acres, or 1.07 square miles of land. The total parkland makes up 4% of the 25.11 square miles in the City. To allow for further analysis of park service area and community needs, the City was grouped into eight Park Planning Regions based on neighborhood makeup, geographic location, and physical size. The Park Planning Regions and their associated neighborhoods are as follows:

Table 1: Citywide Parks Inventory, Kalamazoo, MI

Park Planning Region	Neighborhood	Parks
NORTH SIDE	Northside	Farrell Park Florence Spray Park Harrison Park Krom & Prouty Park La Crone Park Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Princeton Park Verburg Park Versluis / Dickinson Sports Complex
	Douglas	Fairmont Dog Park West Douglas Park
NORTHEAST	Eastside	Rockwell Park Sherwood Park
	Burke Acres	Spring Valley Park
CENTRAL	Stuart	West Main Park
	Central Business District	Bronson Park East Gateway Rose Park Veterans Memorial
	Vine	Davis Street Park Dutton Street Park Grant Park South Westnedge Park Axtell Creek Park

Park Planning Region	Neighborhood	Parks
EDISON	Edison	Upjohn Park Reed Street Park South Gateway Hays Park Southside Park Mayors' Riverfront Park
MILWOOD	Milwood	Emerald Drive Park Milham Park Nelbert Park
SOUTH	Southside	—
	Westnedge Hill	Crane Park
	South Westnedge	Blanche Hull Park
SOUTHWEST	Oakland / Winchell	Canyon Park Glen Park North Glen Park South Hillside Park Lake / Kensington Park Woods Lake Park
	Oakwood	Springmont Park
	Colony Farm	—
	Parkview Hills	—
	Hill N' Brook	Angling Park

Park Planning Region	Neighborhood	Parks
WEST	Westwood	Frays Park
	Arcadia	—
	Knollwood	Knollwood Park
	WMU / KRPH	—
	West Main Hill	Academy Green College Park Henderson Green Henderson Park Henderson Tot Lot Jones Park Lovell Park West Gateway

10-Year Citywide Action Plan

NORTH SIDE	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Fairmount Dog Park							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Farrell Park			Splash Pad					\$585,000	Private Donations (FFE)
	Florence Spray Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Krom & Prouty							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Harrison Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	La Crone Park			Building and Surface Maintenance					To Be Determined	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park		Community Vision	Implement Vision	Implement Vision				To Be Determined	Private Donations (Friends of Recreation)
	Princeton Park								No Planned Improvements	N/A
	Verburg Park		Master Plan	Implement Master Plan					\$500,000	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	Versluis/Dickinson Softball Complex			Master Plan for New Facilities	New Facilities	New Facilities			To Be Determined	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	West Douglas Park	Maintain as Green Space								
NORTHEAST	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Rockwell Park	Playground, Basketball, Pathway	Restroom Building						Expended in 2018	Expended in 2018
	Sherwood Park				Master Plan				\$8,000 (for plan) + implementation costs	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	Spring Valley Park								To Be Determined	To Be Determined
CENTRAL	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Axtell Creek							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Bronson Park		Furnishings, Lighting, Signage, Honor Walk						\$850,000	Parks Department Funds/Grants Private CIP
	Davis Street Park	Skate Plaza, Shelter, Gaga Pit, Playground, Furnishings							\$340,000	Previously Expended
	Dutton Street Park							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	East Gateway Park							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Grant Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Rose Park Veterans Memorial	Irrigation						To Be Determined	Previously Expended	Previously Expended; Post 2024: Private Donations (Kalamazoo Sunrise Rotary Endowment)
	South Westnedge Park		Furnishings						\$3,000	Parks Department Operating Funds
EDISON	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Hays Park	Playground, Pathway, Furnishings								
	Mayor's Riverfront Park							Playground	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Reed Street Park		Playground, Shelter, Pathway, Furnishings						\$300,000 - \$400,000	Parks Department Funds / Grants, FFE
	Southside Park						Master Plan	Implement Master Plan	\$8,000 (for plan) + implementation costs	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	South Gateway Park							To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
	Upjohn Park			Community Garden, Public Orchard			Master Plan	Relocate Pool, Sports Field, Dog Park	\$8,000,000 (approximate)	To Be Determined

MILLWOOD	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Emerald Drive Park				Master Plan	Implement Master Plan			\$258,000	
	Milham Park		Master Plan	Implement Master Plan					\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000 Parks Department Funds \$675,000 Private \$300,000 DNR
	Nelbert Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
SOUTH	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Crane Park		Pathways, Tennis Courts, Furnishings, Landscaping						\$585,000	Parks Department Funds / Grants City CIP / FFE
	Blanche Hull		Master Plan	Implement Master Plan					\$ 1,975,000.00	\$250,000 Parks Department Funds \$1,400,000 Private \$300,000 DNR
SOUTHWEST	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Angling Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Canyon Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Glen Park North	Maintain as Green Space								
	Glen Park South	Maintain as Green Space								
	Hillside Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Lake/Kensington Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
	Springmont Park		Furnishings, Playground						\$40,000	CDBG
	Woods Lake Park	Restroom, Shelter, Parking, Playground, Pathways, Overlook, Fishing Area							Previously Expended	Previously Expended
WEST	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Academy Gree	Maintain as Green Space								
	College Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Frays Park	Pathways, Furnishings, Tennis Courts, Pickleball							Previously Expended	Previously Expended
	Henderson Green	Maintain as Green Space								
	Henderson Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
	Henderson Tot Lot	Playground, Basketball, Pickleball, Gaga Pit, Shelter, Furnishings							Previously Expended	Previously Expended
	Jones Park	Maintain as Green Space								
	Knollwood Park				Master Plan	Implement Master Plan			\$ 10,000 for Plan, \$250,000 for Improvements	Parks Department Funds/Grants
	Lovell Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
	West Gateway Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
	West Main Park								No Planned Improvements	No Planned Improvements
NON-MOTORIZED	PARK NAME	2014-2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024-2029	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
	Kalamazoo River Valley Trail	Portage Creek to Upjohn Park Pitcher to Walnut	Stockbridge to Lovers Lane	Cork to Kilgore	Cork to Kilgore				\$10,000,000 \$450,000 (estimated)	Grants

Citywide Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Provide diverse and exciting recreational opportunities for all residents

1. Upgrade park amenities in as many parks as possible by 2029.
2. Invest in modern equipment that is fun, safe, equitable, and sustainable.
3. Provide a wide variety of activities, facilities, and amenities.
4. Ensure that newly popular facilities—such as GaGa Pits, skate parks, disc golf, and Pickleball Courts—are provided to the public.
5. Identify and implement opportunities for community gardens and public orchards, particularly in Upjohn Park, but also in other parks. Engage with the community on optimal locations and partner with Kalamazoo Valley Community College on implementation and maintenance.
6. Utilize the City of Kalamazoo park improvement process (plan and design, review, bid/award, and construct) which includes a strong community engagement component.

Goal 2: Ensure all residents have access to green space and parks amenities in their neighborhoods

1. Ensure all parks have amenities that add value to the surrounding community, in proportion to the size of the park and the needs of the community.
2. Provide a park “worth walking 10 minutes to” within a 10-minute walk of all residents.
3. Provide public green space within a 10-minute walk of all residents.
4. Work with the County, other City departments, neighborhood groups, Western Michigan University, and others to acquire land for new public parks in underserved areas.
5. Upgrade amenities at parks that are more than 10 minutes away from parks “worth walking 10 minutes to” in order to provide amenities within walking distance of more residents.
6. Ensure parks have adequate and appropriate space nearby for parking vehicles, where deemed necessary and appropriate.
7. Provide bicycle parking in appropriate locations at all parks.
8. Expand bicycle parking where new trails are planned.
9. Work with other City departments to ensure sidewalks are constructed to connect all parks.
10. Work with other City departments to ensure all infrastructure surrounding parks is in working order and supports the needs of park users.
11. Build four spray parks, with the locations determined such that each spray park serves at least two Park Planning Regions.

Goal 3: Design all parks to be welcoming, accessible, and fun for all potential users

1. Undergo park improvement plan processes prior to investing in park improvements.
2. Involve neighborhood groups and the general public in parks improvement decisions.
3. Understand the needs of the neighborhood and consult the respective neighborhood plan when planning park improvements.
4. Understand the history of parks and their surroundings when planning park improvements.
5. Understand the potential users of a park when designing park improvements.
6. Understand the potential for vandalism or other negative influences when planning park improvements.
7. Maintain and update the signage that identifies City parks.
8. Work with neighborhood groups to promote safety and fun in parks.
 - Promote events and activities in parks.
 - Promote opportunities for residents to invest in parks themselves, such as community gardens, neighborhood clean-ups, and community art projects.

Goal 4: *Design parks using best practices for sustainability and resiliency*

- 1. Reduce impervious surface in parks where possible.
- 2. Preserve wetlands and protect flood plains.
- 3. Preserve trees, and replace any removed trees on a two-to-one basis.
- 4. Use native species for landscaping where possible.
- 5. Establish community gardens and food forests in appropriate park locations.
- 6. Utilize recycled materials in facilities and equipment.
- 7. Reduce lawn mowing by planting native Michigan meadow mixes, butterfly gardens and restoring natural habitat.
- 8. Provide and maintain trash and recycling receptacles.
- 9. Understand and appreciate the natural environment of Kalamazoo and its surroundings, and incorporate that understanding into parks design and maintenance.

Goal 5: *Create a parks system that the entire Kalamazoo region takes pride in*

- 1. Maintain all parks to a high level of quality.
- 2. Provide high-quality, fun, and exciting equipment and amenities.
- 3. Work with neighborhood groups to make park spaces the center of community life.
- 4. Refer to Neighborhood Plans when the park improvement process for a specific park begins.
- 5. Invest in public art and other placemaking activities within parks.
- 6. Highlight the important role parks play in providing positive stimulation and exercise for young people and families.
- 7. Encourage residents to take pride in their neighborhood parks, and “adopt” them as their own.

