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Why Plan?

- Assess and identify park and facility needs
- Develop strategic, measurable, and obtainable recommendations
- Develop a ten-year action plan for implementation

The planning process covers six key stages:
Assess, Connect, Envision, Prioritize, Plan, and Implement

Goals

- Assess the needs of the current population
- Determine what improvements, changes or additions should be made to existing parks and facilities
- Plan for new park and open space
- Enhance and establish local and regional trail networks
- Develop a prioritized list of strategies, targeting an initial ten-year implementation period

Master Plans provide a framework for future decision making. The Plan serves as a guide for decision making through the next decade. The Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies requires master plans as part of the accreditation process.

While the Plan contains multiple recommendations over a ten year period, significant follow up work will be required for various projects. For example, if a recommendation includes adding programming space, at the time the project is scheduled, the District will need to complete research to determine the feasibility of the project at that time. Just because a project is mentioned in the Action Plan, does not necessarily mean it will be completed. The determination of a project will be made close to the time it is due to start. The District will facilitate public input sessions for each of the significant projects.

The Master Plan team recognizes that priorities and resources change throughout the years. As a result, each year the District will re-visit the Plan to determine if any changes in priorities are necessary.

The Plan contains the following chapters:

Chapter One

Introduction

The introduction provides an overview of the Glencoe Park District by summarizing the geographic, historic, demographic, organizational, and financial profiles of the District. Other relevant planning documents used during the development of this plan are also referenced in the introduction.

Chapter Two

Operations Assessment

Chapter Two provides an overview of the newly created mission, vision, and values of the Glencoe Park District. It also includes a brief summary of the Operations Assessment process and outcome.



Chapter Three

Assess: Inventory & Analysis

Chapter Three provides a detailed inventory of all parkland, open space, District facilities, schools, trails and relevant adjacent land uses. All District park assets are classified and quantified based on standards, size, location, and amenities. Chapter Three also documents the level of service, equity mapping, and facility needs analysis. A park inventory catalogues observations on context, natural features, site characteristics, users, and programs. The facility inventory catalogues individual indoor facilities, documenting observations on each building's site and facility conditions, code compliance, programming and users.

Chapter Four

Connect: Needs Assessment & Community Engagement

Chapter Four documents national, state, and local trends in parks and recreation. Results from the 2014 Community-Wide Needs Assessment Survey, focus group meetings, community meetings, and Board of Commissioners and staff workshops are summarized.

Chapter Five

Envision: Alternative Strategies

Chapter Five identifies issues, concerns, or opportunities that arose during the previous two planning phases along with the justification or support information for those issues, concerns, or opportunities. Strategies for demographics, parks and open space, and facilities are outlined.

Chapter Six

Prioritize: Preferred Strategies

Chapter Six identifies specific projects and improvements for parks & open space, trails, and facilities.

Chapter Seven

Plan: Action Plan

Chapter Seven identifies action items directly related to the preferred strategies and determines policy, funding, acquisition, master planning, design, construction, and programming priorities for the next ten years. Deadlines for grants and other applicable funding sources are noted in the action plan timeline.

Chapter Eight

Appendix

Contains raw information from the community needs assessment, and excerpts from other planning documents.

Glencoe Park District Mission

Enriching lives and creating memorable experiences by providing exceptional services, parks, programs, and facilities.

Glencoe Park District Vision

We are committed to become the most innovative, customer driven, and fiscally responsible Park District for current and future generations.

