

City of Tomball

PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

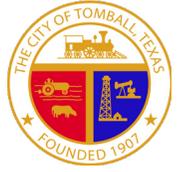


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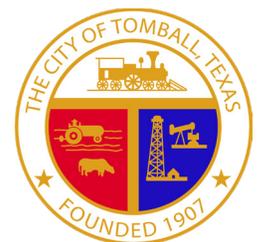
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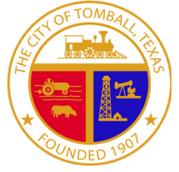
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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Introduction





Executive Summary

The City of Tomball is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through the development of a comprehensive and connected system of parks, recreation facilities, and trails. The purpose of this Parks, Recreation, and Trail Master Plan is to establish a road map for creating vibrant public spaces that promote public health, social well-being, and economic vitality. The master plan is a direct response to the aspirations of the community members, who have consistently expressed their desire for improving the existing park facilities and creating new recreational opportunities. With a strong emphasis on community input, this plan outlines strategies to meet the needs of Tomball's growing population. Here is an overview of what was learned through this Master Planning effort.

Existing Park Facilities

1

Where Tomball is today?

Recording existing conditions formed a critical foundation for this master plan. Teams conducted field visits and recorded information and notes across the city's seven existing park facilities. These observations evaluated the current condition of amenities and identified gaps in recreational offerings. The data collected played a pivotal role in shaping the recommendations for future improvements.

2

Where does Tomball want to be?

Engaging the community was paramount in this planning process. Through focus group meetings and a public gathering, the city encouraged active participation from Tomball residents. An online survey garnered an impressive 472 responses, revealing valuable insights into the desires and preferences of Tomball's residents. An overwhelming 99% of respondents supported the idea of enhancing or improving Tomball's parks, trails, and recreational facilities.

3

Addressing the Need for New Park Facilities

Target for the Future

Based on NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) data, Tomball falls below the national average. The national average is 13 acres per 1,000 residents and Tomball is 4.9 acres per 1,000 residents. Currently, Tomball has only 59 acres of amenitized green space. With a rapidly growing population, it is important to consider acquiring more parkland. The goal for future expansion of recreational facilities is to consider acquiring land on the west and south sides of Tomball.

We asked the community:

Do you feel that there is a need for additional park amenities in Tomball?

93%

OF RESPONDENTS ANSWERED YES TO THIS QUESTION





Executive Summary - Continued

4

How does Tomball get there?

The Action Plan prioritizes recommendations for each existing park and sets a time frame in which the city can aim to complete specific project scopes. Conceptual sketches for each park are also provided which explore “big ideas” for the future of these greenspaces to help kick-start the community discussions for improvements.

5

Identifying Potential Funding Mechanisms

Creating a healthy budget for parks in Tomball

In order to make implementation possible, it is imperative to establish a healthy budget for park maintenance, renovations, and the creation of new parks. Often internal funds can be limited and it is necessary to explore a combination of funding sources that align with the project's specific needs and priorities. Leveraging multiple funding sources and engaging in community partnerships can enhance the financial feasibility of park projects and help to ensure their implementation and long term success.



Local Government Funds



Grants: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)



Public-Private Partnerships



Other partnerships with Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, and Centerpoint



Bond Issuance



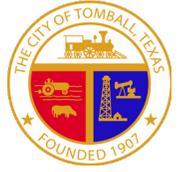
Park Dedication & Development Fees



“Friends Of” Associations



Memorial Dedication Program



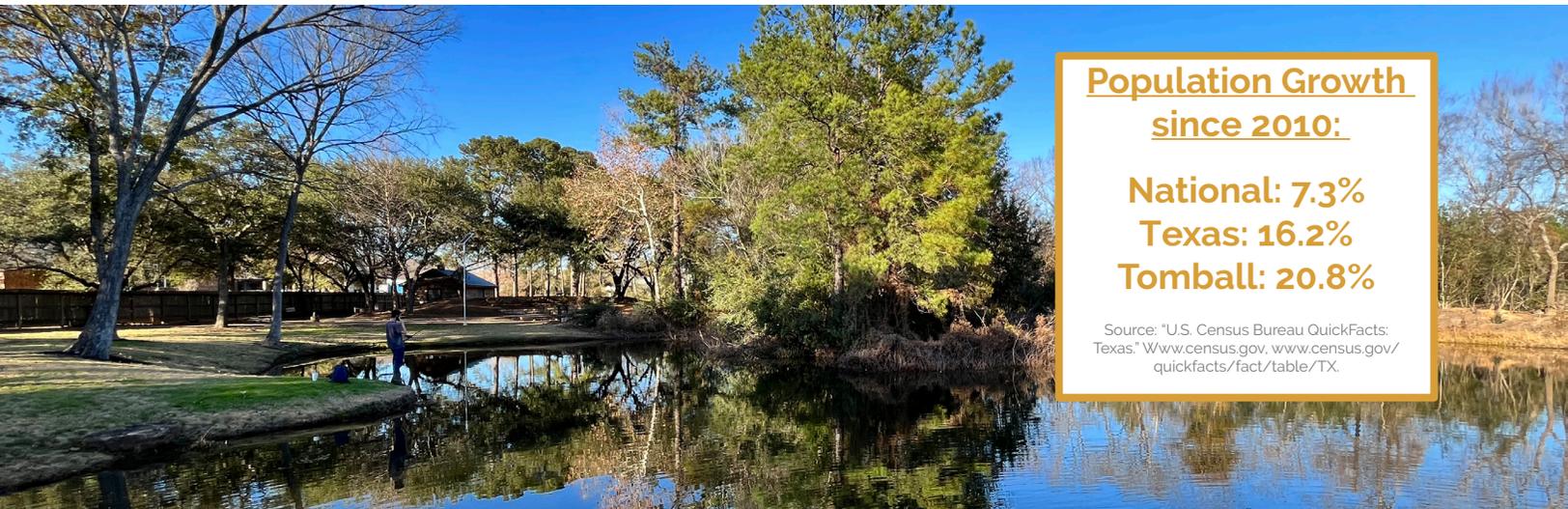
Purpose & Vision

The City of Tomball is known for its small town feel; however, Tomball is changing quite rapidly with new population growth and development. Tomball has seen a population increase of over 20% since 2010. This growth has brought new opportunities and challenges for the City, particularly in regards to parks, recreation, and trails. Overall Tomball aims to provide high-quality parks, recreational facilities, and trails that meet the needs and preferences of its users.

To address these challenges, the City of Tomball is creating a Parks, Recreation, and Trail System Master Plan. **The purpose of this plan is to establish a comprehensive and connected system of parks, recreation facilities, and trails that promote public health, social well-being, and economic vitality. This document will serve as a road map for the City over the next 10 years, guiding the development, expansion, and planning of parks and recreational facilities throughout the community.**

As part of the master planning process, an inventory of all City-owned parks and recreational facilities has been conducted, along with an analysis of the existing trail system. Additionally, public input and survey results have been gathered through various channels, including community meetings and online surveys. This input has been instrumental in identifying the needs, preferences, and priorities of the community; and it was used to guide the development of the master plan. It is important that Tomball parks, recreational facilities, and trails meet the needs of its residents today and in the future.

Please note that all plans and diagrams within this package are conceptual and subject to change. This Master Plan should be used for planning purposes only.



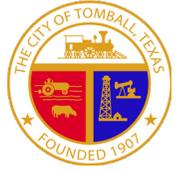
Population Growth since 2010:

National: 7.3%

Texas: 16.2%

Tomball: 20.8%

Source: "U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Texas." www.census.gov, www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/TX.



Process & Methodology

The preparation of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan involved indentifying several key steps that are needed to gather input. Hearing from City staff and community focus group's personal assessments as well a "boots on the ground" approach of the existing park facilities, these steps helped to develop a vision for the future.

Step 1: Inventory existing parks, recreation, and trail facilities: Assess the current state of parks, recreation, and trail facilities in the community, including their condition, usage patterns, and capacity.

Step 2: Create base maps and diagrams with findings and photo documentation of existing conditions. Create image boards to help identify a vision for future park improvements.

Step 3: Conduct focus group meetings: Gather input from local organizations and identify their needs and priorities for parks, recreation and trails.

Step 4: Conduct a public survey: Gather input from residents to identify the community's needs and priorities for parks, recreation, and trails. Provide both an online survey and host a public meeting (in person) to collect input.

Step 5: Develop goals and objectives: Based on the community needs assessment, establish a set of clear, measurable goals and objectives for the master plan.

Step 6: Conduct a gap analysis: Identify gaps in the current system of parks, recreation, and trail facilities and determine which areas need improvement or additional investment.

Step 7: Identify recommendations for improvements: Based on the community needs assessment, goals and objectives, and inventory of existing facilities, write recommendations that outline how the parks, recreation, and trail system will be developed or improved.

Step 8: Create a vision for the future: Produce concept sketches for the 7 existing Tomball parks that show "big ideas" and how the recommendations might take shape from a plan perspective.

Step 9: Develop implementation strategies: Develop an Action Plan for implementing the master plan, including timelines, funding sources, and partnerships with other organizations.

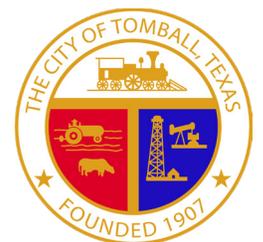
Step 10: Finalize the master plan: Present the final master plan to the community and local government officials, and obtain their approval.

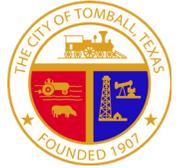
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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Who We Are





History of Tomball

Welcome to Tomball, TX – a charming city with a rich history, located about 30 miles north of Houston. With a current population that reflects both growth and a strong sense of community, Tomball is a place that embraces its small-town roots.

The first settlers in the Tomball area were primarily German immigrants who arrived in the late 1800s seeking fertile land and new opportunities. Established in 1907, the City of Tomball originated as a railroad town, setting the stage for its early development and historical roots. Tomball was named after Thomas Henry Ball, a former congressman who played a crucial role in bringing the railroad to the area in the late 19th century. Thomas Henry Ball's efforts in the development of the railroad and the growth of the community led to the naming of the town in his honor. His contributions were instrumental in shaping the early history and infrastructure of Tomball, Texas.

The discovery of oil in the region in the 1930s brought a new wave of prosperity, attracting businesses and residents to the area. Tomball's population steadily increased, and the city began to diversify its economic base. The introduction of essential services, such as schools and hospitals, further solidified Tomball as a thriving community.

The post-war era witnessed continued expansion, with infrastructure projects enhancing the city's connectivity. Tomball's strategic location, just north of Houston, made it an appealing residential destination while still maintaining its small-town charm. Throughout the decades, the city's leadership worked diligently to balance growth with the preservation of its unique character.

The latter part of the 20th century saw Tomball embrace its historical roots, evident in the restoration of landmarks like the Tomball Railroad Depot. This commitment to preserving its heritage became a defining feature of the city.



Regional Location Map

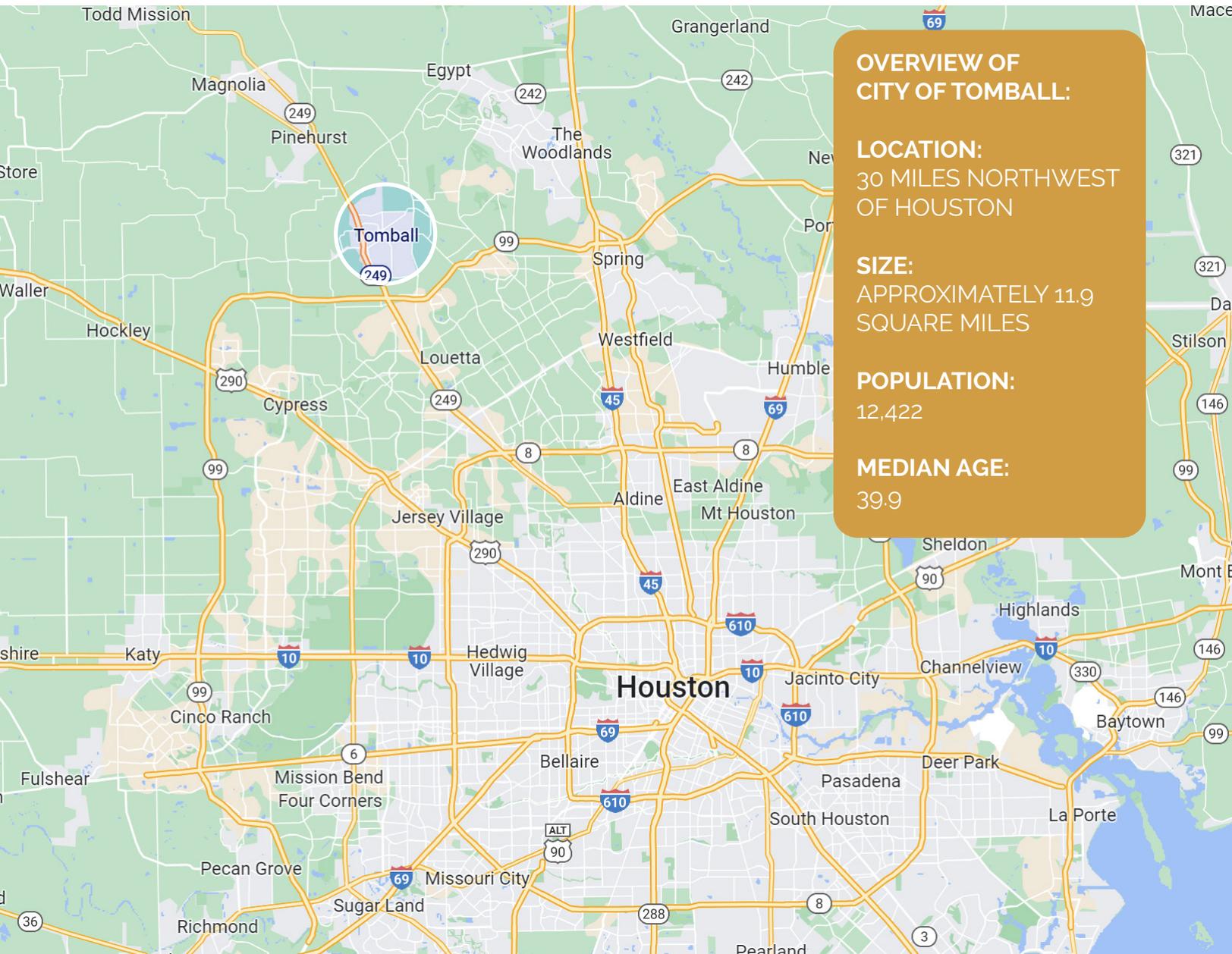
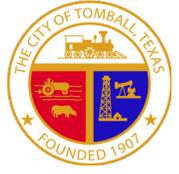


Image Source: Google Maps. (2023). Retrieved January 17, 2023, from <https://www.google.com/maps/@29.8810914,-95.3773315,10z?entry=ttu>



Map of Downtown Tomball



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Downtown Tomball - Festivals & Events

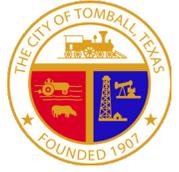
The City of Tomball is known for its vibrant and diverse festivals. Throughout the year, Tomball hosts a variety of festivals that attract visitors from across the region. One of the most popular events is the Tomball German Heritage Festival, which takes place annually in the spring and celebrates the city's rich German heritage. This festival features live music, authentic German food and drink, and a variety of activities for all ages. There is also the German Christmas Market which takes place in December.

Most festivals and celebrations in Downtown Tomball include live music, food vendors, and a variety of activities for all ages. They also provide an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to come together and enjoy all that Tomball has to offer. These festivals not only provide entertainment and cultural experiences but also have a positive impact on the local economy, bringing in visitors and supporting local businesses.

Through the Parks and Trails Master Plan, one of the goals is to enhance the festival experience by identifying ways The Depot could be better programmed, could have better pedestrian circulation, and could provide more parking. The Master Plan also looks at ways to improve walk-ability to Downtown Tomball.



Image Source: Touchstone District Services. Drone Photo Over German Fest



Downtown Tomball - Festivals & Events

ANNUAL TOMBALL FESTIVALS & EVENTS

TOMBALL GERMAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL (MARCH)

RAILS & TAILS CRAWFISH FESTIVAL (MAY)

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION & STREET FEST (JULY)

GROOVFEST (SEPTEMBER)

SPOOKTACULAR (OCTOBER)

DEPOT DAY FALL FEST (NOVEMBER)

DECK THE DEPOT TREE LIGHTING (DECEMBER)

TOMBALL GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET (DECEMBER)

REOCCURING EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY AT THE DEPOT (JUNE-NOVEMBER)

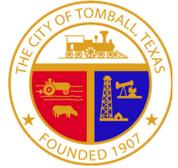
TOMBALL FARMERS MARKET (EVERY SATURDAY)

Another major event that is held every Saturday is the Tomball Farmer's Market. The City of Tomball Farmers Market is a beloved community institution that provides residents and visitors with access to fresh, locally-sourced produce, and other goods. It is certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture as a true all local Farmers Market with 51% local farmers year round.

The Market features a variety of vendors offering everything from fruits and vegetables to baked goods, crafts, and other unique products. The Market serves as an important gathering place for the community. It provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to connect with one another and support local businesses. In addition to promoting healthy eating and sustainable agriculture, the Market also contributes to the local economy and helps to foster a greater sense of community spirit in the City of Tomball.

The Parks and Trails Master Plan identifies the importance of trail connections to safely get local residents to this area through walking or cycling which can alleviate some of the parking constraints. However, the downtown should be looked at as a future Master Plan specific to walkability and infrastructure improvements, such as drainage, needed in Old Town Tomball.





German Fest Photos

Market Street & The Depot

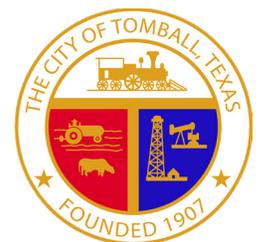


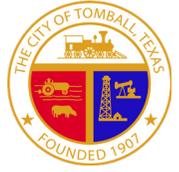
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Our Parks & Recreation System





NRPA Park Classification Standards

In accordance with the 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards, traditional park categories were established to guide the planning, development, and management of outdoor recreational spaces. It's important to note that NRPA standards acknowledge the potential for variations to accommodate the distinctive social and geographical conditions of each community, recognizing that one-size-fits-all classifications may not accurately represent the diverse array of facilities and amenities that contribute to a community's recreational landscape. Tomball's seven existing park facilities can be categorized into one of the following traditional NRPA classifications:

POCKET PARK (1-3 acres & service area 1/2 mile)

The 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards describe a pocket park as a small-scale, urban or neighborhood-based outdoor space, typically covering a few acres or less. These parks are designed to serve the local community, providing accessible and functional green areas within densely populated or urban environments. Pocket parks may include features such as benches, walking paths, and minimalist play structures, focusing on creating recreational opportunities and enhancing community well-being within a limited footprint.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK (3-15 acres & service area 1/2 mile)

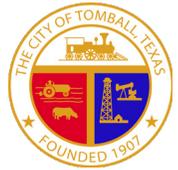
The 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards define a neighborhood park as a local outdoor recreational area typically serving residents within a specified radius, such as a one-half mile or a ten-minute walk. These parks are designed to meet the recreational needs of nearby residents and may include amenities like playgrounds, sports fields, picnic areas, and walking paths. The goal is to provide accessible and community-oriented spaces that enhance the quality of life for residents within the immediate neighborhood.

SPECIAL USE PARK (no minimum acres)

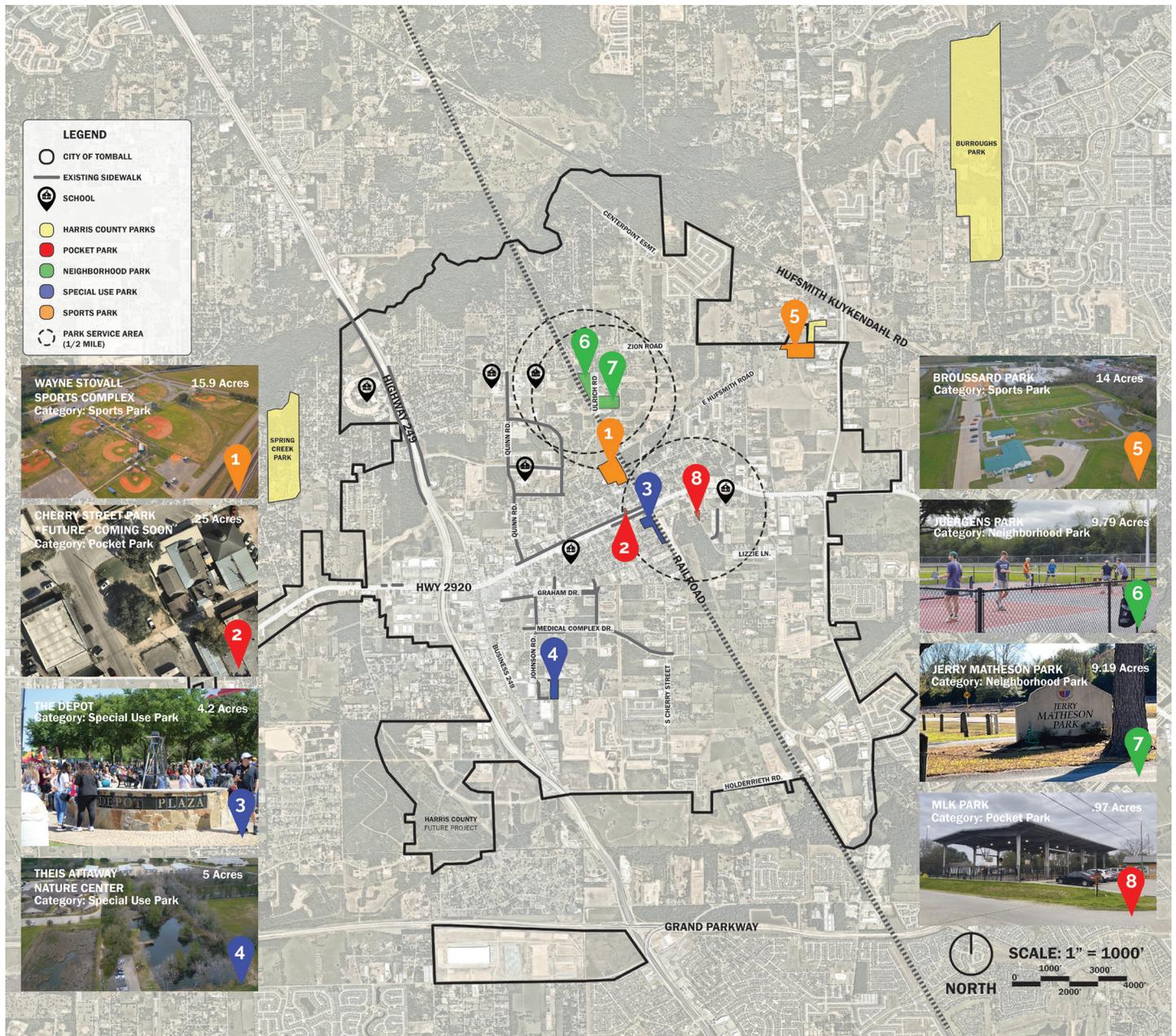
The 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards define a special use park as an outdoor recreational area designed to accommodate specific activities or serve particular user groups. Unlike general parks, special use parks are tailored to meet the unique needs and interests of specific communities or individuals. These parks may feature specialized facilities or amenities, such as sports complexes, cultural spaces, or areas designed for specific events or recreational purposes. The design and programming of special use parks are intended to cater to the specialized requirements of the targeted user groups or activities.

SPORTS PARK (10+ acres)

The 1996 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards define a sports park as an outdoor recreational area primarily designed to accommodate organized sports activities. These parks typically feature specialized facilities such as sports fields, courts, and related amenities to support various sports and athletic events. The design of sports parks according to NRPA standards emphasizes providing spaces for sports leagues, tournaments, and community sports activities. These parks aim to promote physical activity, community engagement, and the development of athletic skills within the context of organized sports.

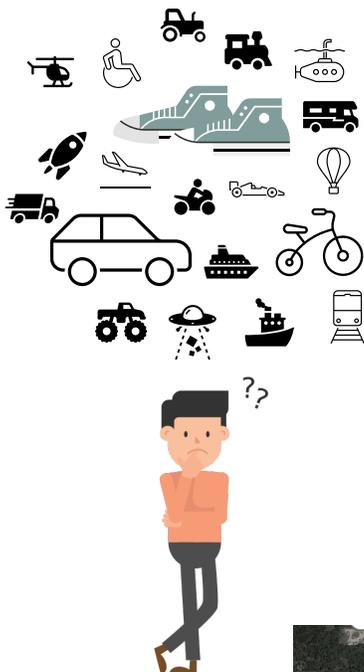


Map of Existing Tomball Parks & Trails





10 Minute Walk Analysis



The "10-Minute Walk" is an initiative led by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) that aims to ensure that every person in an urban area has access to a quality park or green space within a 10-minute walk from their home. The concept recognizes the importance of providing equitable and convenient access to parks, promoting physical and mental well-being, fostering social connections, and enhancing the livability of communities.

Currently, Tomball does not have a trail system or any pedestrian connectivity between parks. The proposed trail system map (page 92) identifies several opportunities to help create a better connected trail system in Tomball. One of the biggest challenges with establishing trails in Tomball is the lack of space due to open drainage systems along roadways. Many of the roadways in Tomball have ditches that hug each side of the road; leaving little space to add a sidewalk. Several of the proposed trail routes would require infrastructure improvements in order to accomplish the overall trail plan.

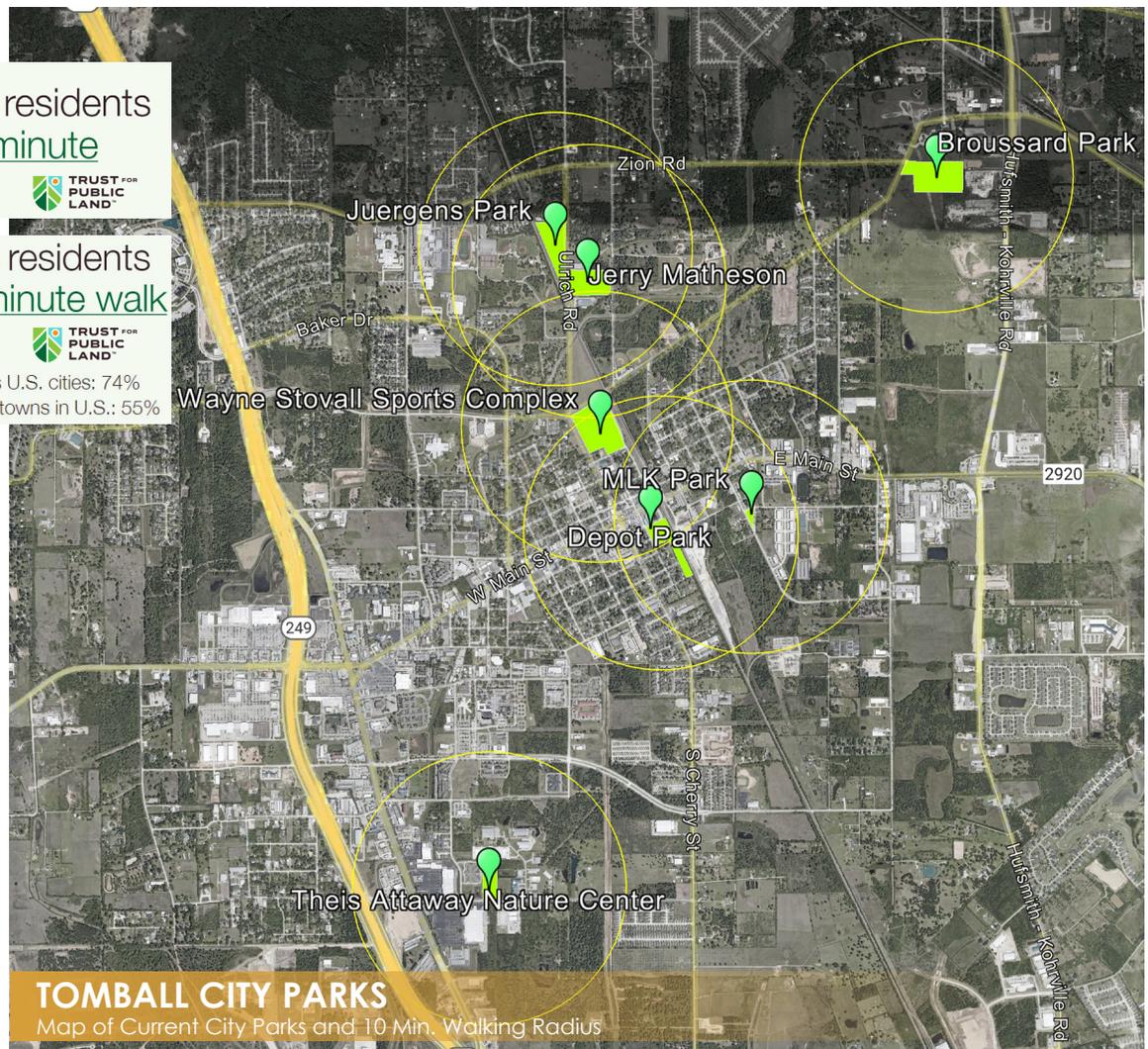
22% of Tomball residents live within a **10-minute walk** of a park.



61% of Houston residents live within a **10-minute walk** of a park.



Median City, 100 most populous U.S. cities: 74%
Median City, all urban cities and towns in U.S.: 55%

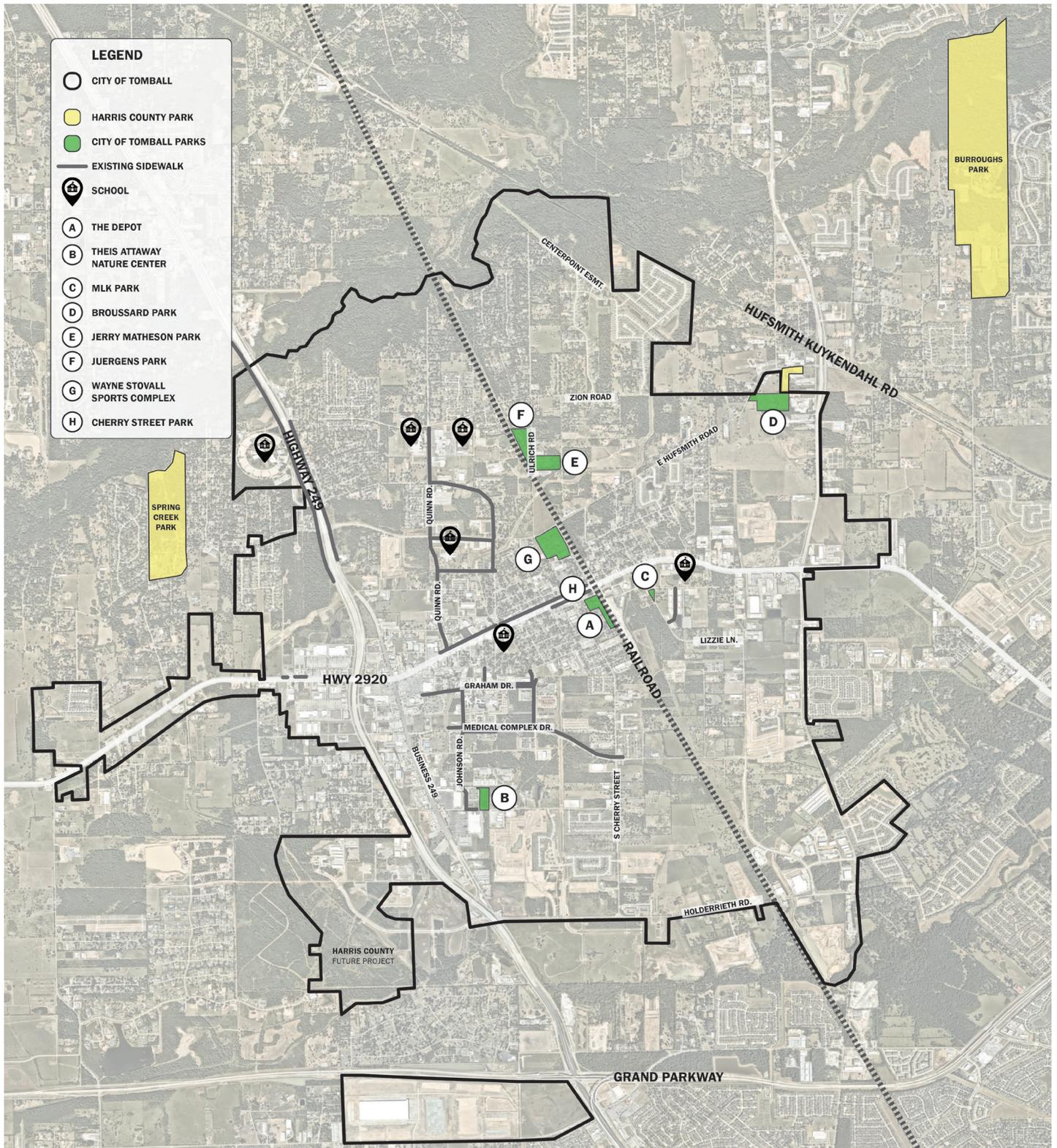


TOMBALL CITY PARKS

Map of Current City Parks and 10 Min. Walking Radius



Existing Trail System





Existing Trail Conditions

Site Photos



SIDEWALK ALONG ZION RD. @ SPRING PINE ESTATES



JUERGENS PARK TRAIL



SIDEWALK ALONG MEDICAL COMPLEX DR. @ CHERRY



BROUSSARD PARK TRAIL



THEIS ATTAWAY NATURE CENTER TRAIL



CORNER OF CHERRY & MARKET STREET



CORNER OF CHERRY & MARKET STREET



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CORNER OF MARKET & WALNUT STREET



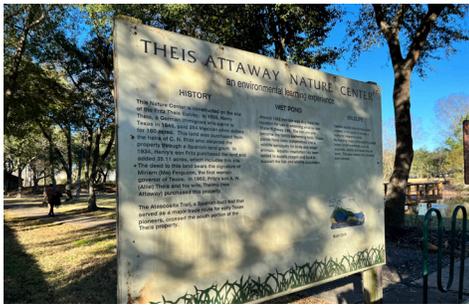
CORNER OF MARKET & WALNUT STREET

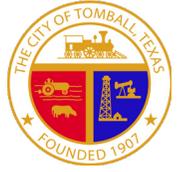


CORNER OF WALNUT & MARKET STREET



Existing Signage Site Photos





Broussard Park

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

SIZE:
14 ACRES

LOCATION:
1414 E. HUFSMITH RD.

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② playground
- ③ pond
- ④ soccer fields/detention
- ⑤ wildflower meadow
- ⑥ low marshy area
- ✳ maintenance building
- ✳ restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Youth Soccer Fields for HTX Soccer League
- Restrooms
- Concessions Pavilion
- Storage/Maintenance Building (shared with county)
- Playground
- Fishing Pond and Pier
- Asphalt Walking Trail
- Outdoor Fitness Stations
- Wildflower Meadow
- Picnic Areas
- Parking



Broussard Park

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Develop a Master Plan for Broussard Park:

If Broussard Park continues to be the home for HTX Soccer, a site plan should be developed to create better parking, more efficient field layout, and improved drainage strategy. If soccer fields are moved to a new recreational facility, a master plan should be done to develop a new program for Broussard Park.

2. Soccer Field Expansion or Relocation:

Address high foot-traffic during HTX Soccer events by expanding the number of soccer fields. Due to increased demand for fields during soccer season, the plan should consider relocating this recreational amenity to a new location to provide adequate space for league play.

3. Walking Trail Expansion:

Expand the walking trail length to meander towards the west side of the park. There are some amenities provided here, such as the wildflower area, that do not have an accessible path.

4. Underutilized Area Activation:

Transform the front 1/2 of the property from underutilized space into an active and engaging area. Provide more amenities to promote more foot-traffic and daily use.

5. Drainage Improvement or Program Reevaluation:

Address poor drainage by implementing improvements or re-evaluating current program use in detention areas. The many swales and low areas that hold water are not ideal for active recreation use or for allowing spectators to watch games.

6. Signage and Storyboard Enhancement:

To enhance visitor experience and information, update park signage and install storyboards to showcase the park's history.

7. Improve Wildflower Area:

Establish an accessible route to the wildflower area for all visitors. This area is too wet for wildflowers. Implement educational signage. Be intentional with mowed and un-mowed areas so that it looks cared for and designed.

8. Pedestrian Lighting Addition:

Enhance safety and accessibility by adding pedestrian lighting in key areas. Install pedestrian light fixtures around the walking trail, fitness equipment, and sports fields, to improve nighttime usability and security.

9. Shade Improvement:

Increase the availability of shaded areas throughout the park. Plant and establish new shade trees to provide additional shaded spots for park users such as around the walking trail, fitness stations, playground, and other gathering spaces. Existing large canopy trees are at the end of their lifespan and need to be replaced.

10. Memorial Tree Placement:

Optimize the placement of memorial trees for maximum benefit to park users. Existing memorial trees are isolated to an area of the park that is under utilized. Place any future memorial trees in more advantageous locations, such as by benches, walking trails, or play areas, to create more shade for visitors.

11. Sidewalk Addition for Trail Integration:

Integrate the park with the future trail system by adding a connecting sidewalk and trailhead. Construct a new sidewalk linking the park to the planned trail system to improve accessibility and connectivity.

12. Concessions Pavilion:

Maintain the good condition of the concessions pavilion. Conduct regular maintenance checks and repairs as needed, for a well-maintained pavilion for park visitors.

13. Site Furnishing Relocation & Replacement:

Optimize the placement of site furnishings and trash receptacles for improved convenience. Replace site furnishings to match Tomball's park standards. Consider concrete pads for surface mount to make it more ADA accessible.

14. Renovate Storage Building

Maximize usage of the main storage building that is shared with Harris County. Develop a plan to renovate and make the building multi-functional.

15. Add Parking

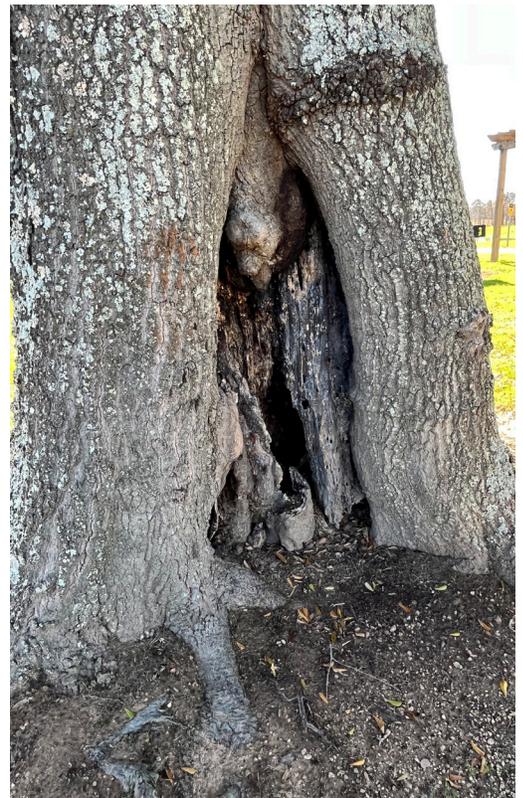
Parking during soccer season is limited. Develop plans for parking expansion and better circulation.



Broussard Park Existing Site Photos



Image Source: Touchstone District Services. Drone Photo Over Broussard Park





Broussard Park

Existing Site Photos





Depot Plaza Park

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

SIZE:
6.52 ACRES

LOCATION:
201 S. ELM STREET

LEGEND

- ① parking
- ② plaza
- ③ concrete pad/pickleball
- ④ splashpad & fountain
- ⑤ pond
- ★ depot museum
- ★ train car
- ★ gazebo
- ★ restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- The Depot Museum & Train Car
- Gazebo
- Restrooms
- Splash Pad
- Open Space
- Fountain



Depot Plaza Park

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Overall Site Plan Design:

Develop a Conceptual Design Plan to help the revitalization efforts and economic growth in Downtown Tomball. The Plan should outline a clear direction and vision, and coordinate with ongoing planning efforts. Conduct focus group meetings to gain feedback on conceptual design options. Finalize and present an integrated site plan for The Depot to the public. Plan options should align with downtown parking improvements, alley enhancements, and F.M. 2920 roadway improvements.

2. Event Usage Enhancement:

Enhance The Depot's functionality for festivals and events to accommodate the 10+ annual events and summertime schedules. Provide upgraded facilities and amenities that can support multi-functional uses. Study potential locations for an open-air pavilion to double as a stage for events and provide more parking.

3. Farmers Market Impact:

Capitalize on higher foot traffic generated by the Farmers Market to enhance park utilization. Consider relocating the Farmers Market to The Depot area. Provide more parking and better circulation. By improving the overall aesthetic and functionality of The Depot, shoppers will have a place to gather and enjoy their Saturday mornings.

4. Depot Museum, Plaza, and Foot Traffic:

Update the Depot Museum to attract visitors to the park. Consider extending hours of operation to increase park visitation and engagement. Consider adding additional train cars and design a space that better highlights the history and story of The Depot. The plaza space is in poor condition and should be redesigned for better connectivity to the park space.

5. Daily Use Enhancement:

Enhance the park's appeal for daily visitors, including strollers, dog walkers, and other pedestrians. Implement features such as improved seating, dog-friendly amenities, play spaces, and relaxation spots, to increase daily park usage. Provide more program and amenities to attract more daily users.

6. Open Lawn Programming Opportunities:

Redevelop an open lawn area for diverse program and activities to take place. Consider a different orientation or layout to accommodate more people during festivals and events.

7. Restroom Facilities Improvement:

Upgrade the frequently used restroom facilities to ensure optimal condition. Consider integrating restrooms into a future open-air pavilion to maximize the use of an architectural footprint.

8. Entry Plaza & Splash Pad Redevelopment:

Redevelop the main entry plaza space to enhance its welcoming and aesthetic appeal. The entry fountain and splash pad are both in poor condition and should be redesigned.

9. Enhance Shade Opportunities:

Existing tree canopy could be improved. Manage large canopy trees by proper spacing to optimize shade provision. Adjust tree planting and spacing to achieve optimal canopy coverage without overcrowding.

10. Redesign Detention Area:

Existing pond is in poor condition and needs to be redesigned. Integrate detention areas into the new park design.

11. Circulation Improvement:

Enhance pedestrian and vehicular circulation within and around the park. Implement circulation improvements, including pathways and traffic flow adjustments, to optimize accessibility and safety.

12. Remove Concrete Pad:

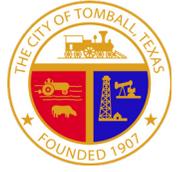
Consider removing the concrete pad that is used for the German Fest Tent. Consider relocating the tent location for the festival or providing a permanent multi-use pavilion to host performances.

13. Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement:

Enhance pedestrian connectivity by improving sidewalks downtown which will provide better access to The Depot. Remove furnishings from path of travel.

14. Signage and History Enhancement:

Replace outdated signage and create storyboards to showcase the park's history.



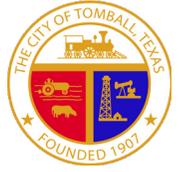
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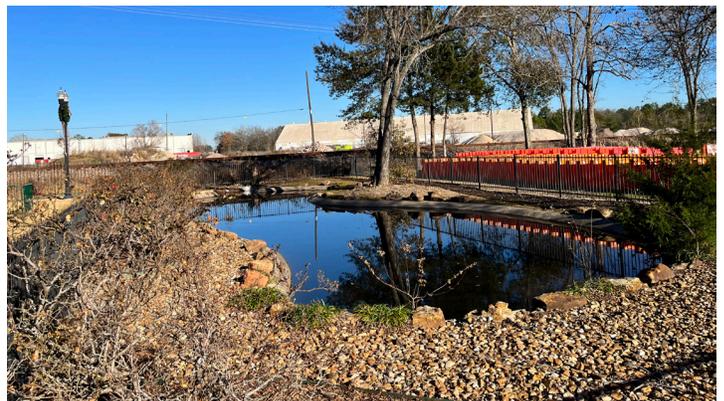
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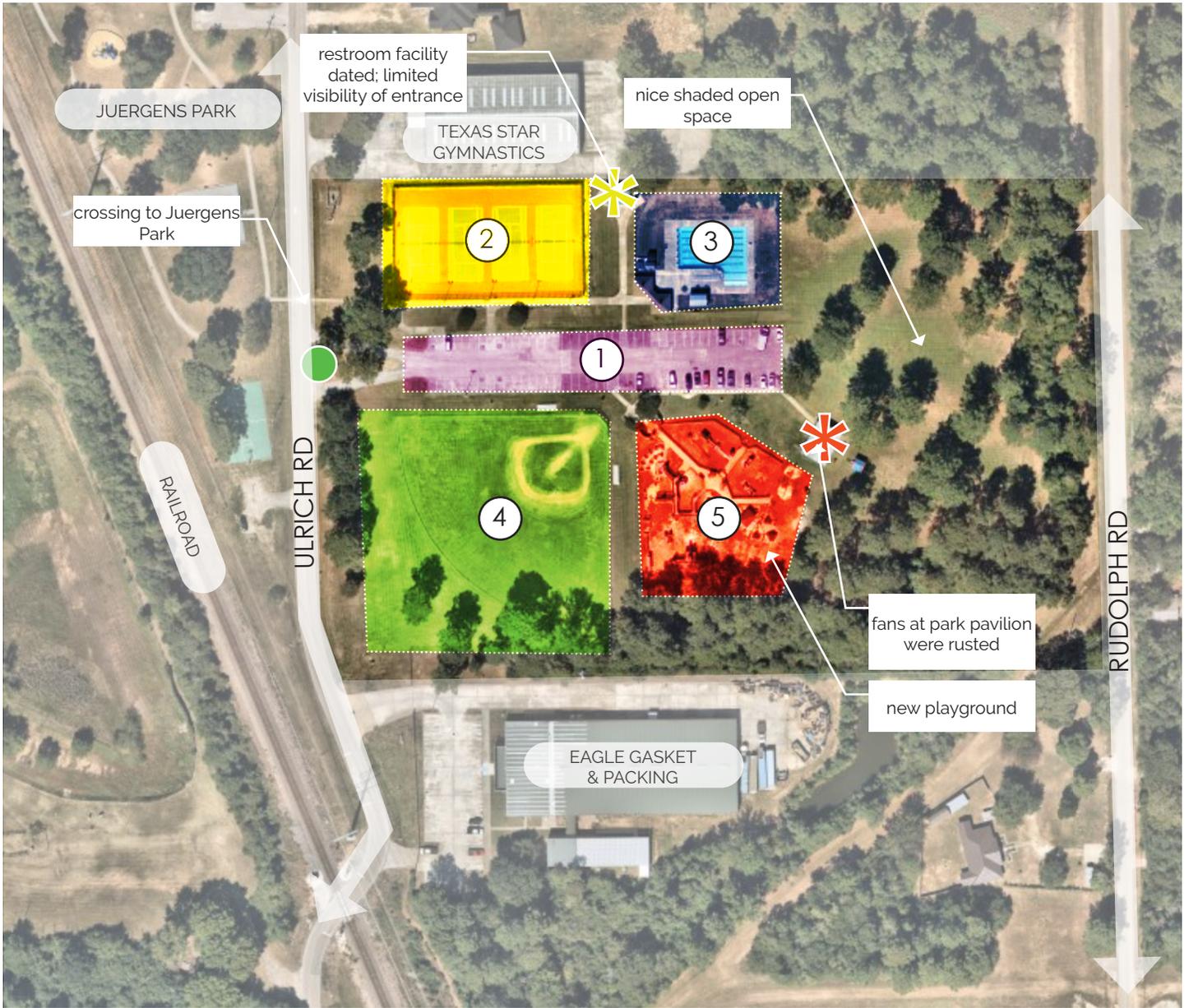
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Jerry Matheson Park

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

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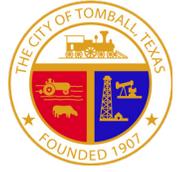
LOCATION:
1240 ULRICH RD.

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② tennis courts
- ③ pool
- ④ baseball field
- ⑤ playground
- * park pavilion
- * restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Swimming Pool
- Tennis Courts
- Restrooms
- Baseball Field
- Playground
- Small Picnic Pavilion
- Parking



Jerry Matheson Park

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement:

Enhance pedestrian connectivity between Juergens and Matheson. Implement pedestrian crossing improvements, such as signage and crosswalk enhancements to ensure safer passage for pedestrians.

2. Integration with Future Trail System:

Establish pedestrian connections that seamlessly tie into the future trail system outlined in the overall master plan.

3. Site Furnishings Upgrades:

Update site furnishings by replacing items that are in poor condition to match Tomball park standards.

4. Restroom Facility Enhancement:

Renovate the restroom facility to upgrade its condition and address visibility issues caused by the existing front wall.

5. Signage Modernization:

Replace all signage throughout the park to enhance its visual appeal and provide accurate information.

6. Memorial Garden Redevelopment:

Revitalize the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial and the Never Forget Garden, relocating them to a more suitable and respectful location.

7. Pool Facility Enhancement:

Upgrade the dated pool facility to improve its appearance and functionality. Specifically the pool building needs upgrades and improvements to improve the overall appearance and functionality. If upgraded, consider a usage fee or concession opportunity to allow for a fiscal return to help offset operation/maintenance costs.

8. Tennis Court Maintenance:

Maintain the good condition of the tennis courts to ensure they remain suitable for leagues and informal play. Regularly conduct maintenance and inspections to ensure the tennis courts remain in good condition, resulting in a safe and enjoyable playing environment.

9. Baseball Field Improvement:

The baseball (T-ball/kickball) field could be improved with upgraded playing surfaces and facilities. Consider upgrading surfaces to artificial turf. Replace signage to match signage standards and to encourage use.

10. Playground Shade:

Enhance the playground's comfort and safety by adding additional tree canopy for shade. Plant and establish a minimum of 10 trees around the playground area outside the fall zones of new equipment.

11. Future Recreational Plan Progress:

Continue implementation of the Jerry Matheson Park Master Plan for future amenities, including pickleball courts, a splash pad, and a walking trail. See Master Plan by White Oak Studio on next page.



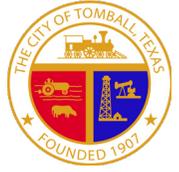
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MASTER PLAN BY WHITE OAK STUDIO - FOR REFERENCE ONLY





Jerry Matheson Park

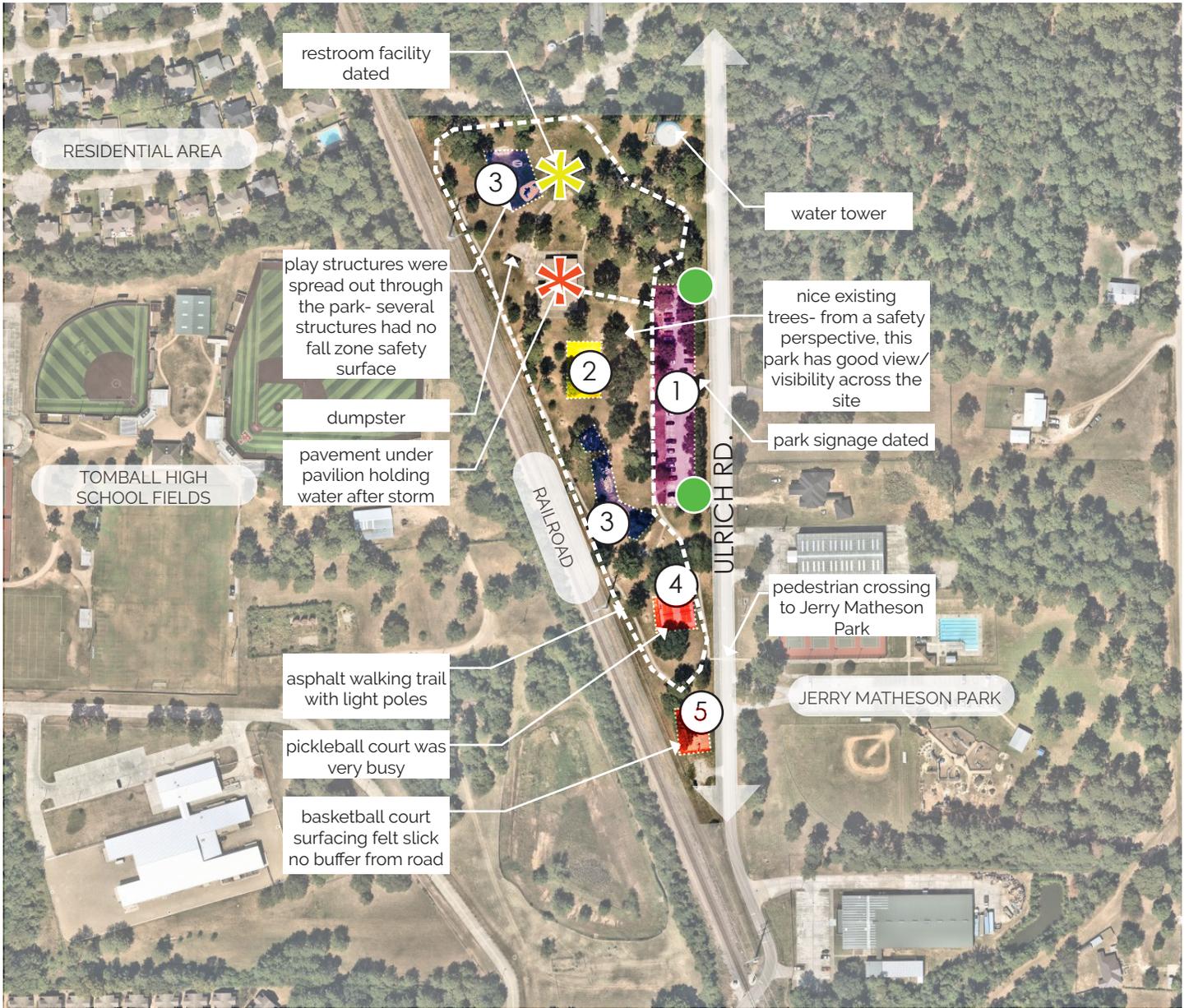
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Juergens Park

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

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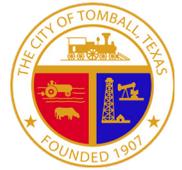
LOCATION:
1331 ULRICH RD.

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② sand volleyball court
- ③ playground structures
- ④ pickleball court
- ⑤ basketball court
- * park pavilion
- ✱ restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Playground
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Open Air Pavilion
- Restroom
- Walking Trail
- Basketball Court
- Pickleball Courts
- Parking



Juergens Park

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Develop a Master Plan for Juergens Park:

The amenities provided at Juergens Park are in need of upgrading. A site plan should be developed to create better cohesion between park programs.

2. Trail Improvement and Expansion:

Enhance the asphalt walking trail at Juergens Park by upgrading it to concrete and widening the trail to accommodate multiple users comfortably.

3. Pedestrian Lighting Enhancement:

Improve visibility and safety by enhancing pedestrian lighting along the trail.

4. Dumpster Relocation:

Relocate pavilion dumpster away from the main pavilion to enhance park aesthetics and functionality.

5. Signage Modernization:

Replace outdated signage with new and informative signs throughout the park. Install updated signage to provide clear and accurate information for visitors.

6. Dedication Wall Redesign and Relocation:

Redesign and relocate the dedication wall to achieve a visually appealing look that does not impede sight visibility.

7. Pickleball Court Expansion:

Address the popularity of pickleball by expanding the number of available courts. Due to high demand, consider adding multiple pickleball courts to promote future tournament play.

8. ADA-Accessible Walkways Implementation:

Ensure accessibility for all by adding ADA-compliant walkways to connect all amenities.

9. Playground Consolidation and Inclusive Design:

Enhance the playground area by consolidating equipment and incorporating inclusive play designs. Redesign and relocate playground equipment into a single area with inclusive features to provide a more engaging and accessible play space.

10. Inclusive Play Equipment Addition:

Improve play equipment options by replacing the existing ADA wheelchair swing with modernized inclusive swings and appropriate fall surfacing.

11. Pedestrian Crossing Enhancement:

Enhance pedestrian connectivity between Juergens and Matheson. Implement pedestrian crossing improvements, such as signage and crosswalk enhancements to ensure safer passage for pedestrians.

12. Basketball Court Buffer and Resurfacing:

Enhance the basketball court's safety and usability by adding a buffer and improving court surfacing to be slip resistant. Add a buffer between the court and road to prevent basketballs from rolling onto the street and ensuring better playing conditions. Resurface the court to be playful and engaging.

13. Eliminate Sand Volleyball Court:

Eliminate the sand volleyball court as it is an underutilized amenity. This will gain the opportunity to relocate this amenity to a future sports complex with more visibility and adequate maintenance budget.

14. Site Furnishing and Bleacher Update:

Enhance park aesthetics and functionality by updating site furnishings and bleachers. Replace all site furnishings with updated versions to create a unified and attractive park environment.

15. Planting Area Revitalization:

Improve the condition and shade provided by planting areas through replacement and redesign. Revitalize planting areas by replacing ornamental plants and introducing new designs with pine straw and smaller tree groupings for increased shade and less water use once established.

15. Renovate Restroom:

Develop plans to renovate the restroom at Juergens Park. The facility is in poor condition and not desirable for park users.

16. Integration with Future Trail System:

Establish pedestrian connections that seamlessly tie into the future trail system outlined in the overall master plan with trailhead.



Juergens Park Existing Site Photos

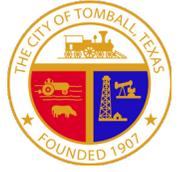




Juergens Park

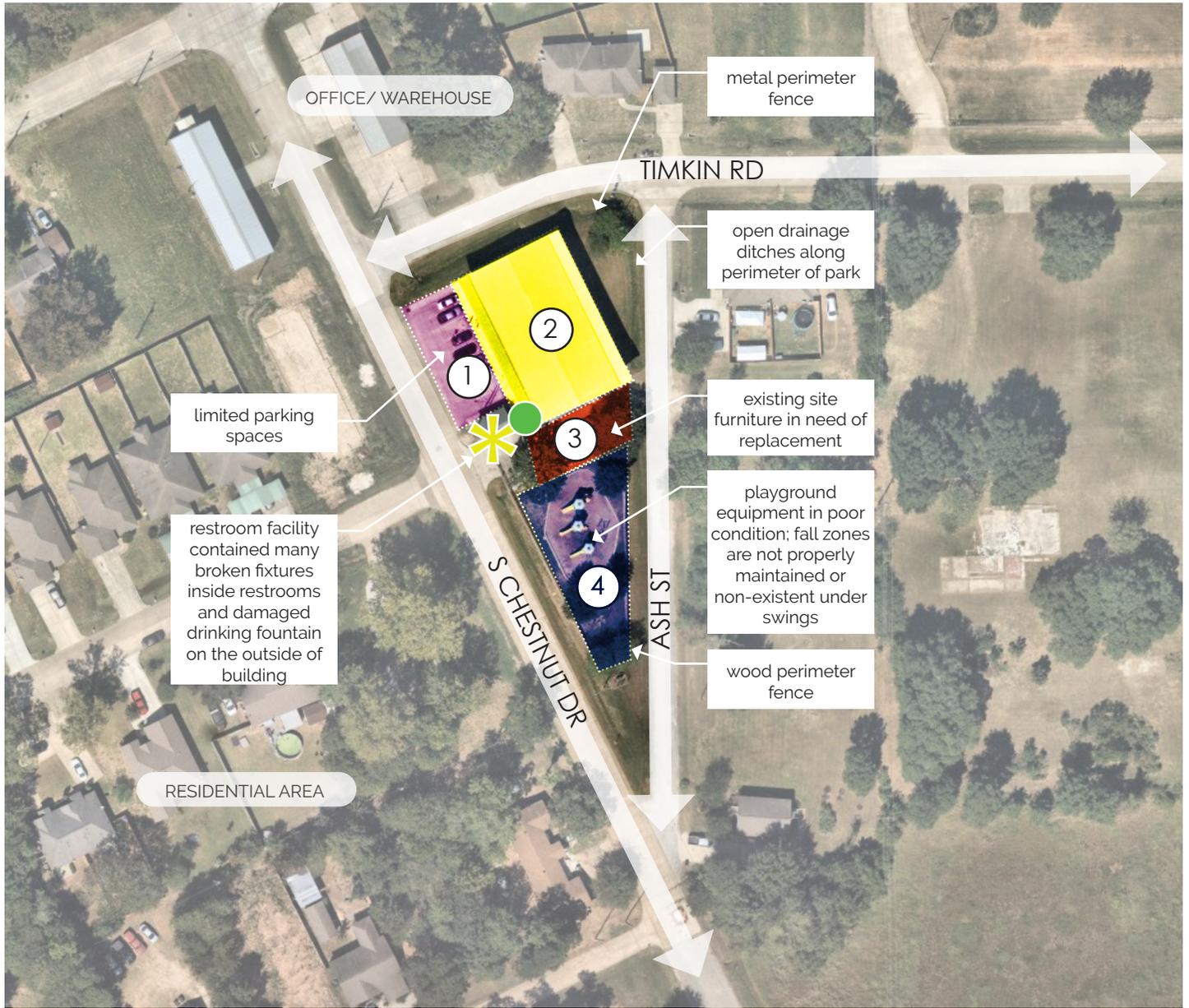
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Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

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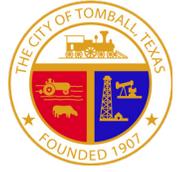
LOCATION:
403 S. CHESTNUT DR.

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② covered basketball court
- ③ picnic area w/ grills
- ④ playground
- * restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Covered Basketball Court
- Playground
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Parking



Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Basketball Court Surface Improvement:

Enhance the condition of the covered basketball court by resurfacing the court.

2. Covered Structure Maintenance:

Covered structure appeared to be in fair condition. Conduct regular inspections and address any necessary repairs or consider repainting upgrade the aesthetics and keep the structure in good condition.

3. Restroom Facility Renovation:

Renovate the restroom facility to address poor condition and reduce vandalism issues.

4. Perimeter Fence Upgrade:

Upgrade the perimeter fence to enhance uniformity and inviting aesthetics. Replace the existing perimeter fence with a more uniform and attractive design to improve the park's overall appearance.

5. Playground Equipment Replacement and Fall Surfacing:

Replace the poor condition playground equipment and enhance fall surfacing for safety. Install new play pieces that are smaller and less obtrusive than a large play structure and improve fall surfacing to ensure safer and more engaging play experiences.

6. Site Furniture Replacement:

Existing site furniture was broken and in poor condition. Replace all site furnishings with new and functional pieces to enhance park aesthetics and visitor comfort. Furnishings should match Tomball park standards.

7. Pedestrian Access and Bike Parking:

Address limited parking by implementing solutions to accommodate park visitors. Provide better accessibility with sidewalks and new bike racks.

8. Outdoor Gaming Features Addition:

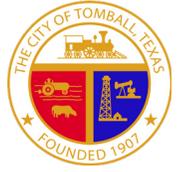
This park is highly used by teenagers and young adults. Consider adding additional amenities that appeal to this age range. Enhance recreational options by adding outdoor gaming features such as ping pong, foosball, cornhole, or chess.

10. Remove Outdoor Grills:

Remove outdoor grills as they are not very well utilized and in poor condition. This is an opportunity to add outdoor games instead of grills in this area.

11. Integration with Future Trail System:

Establish pedestrian connections that seamlessly tie into the future trail system outlined in the overall master plan.



Martin Luther King Jr. Park Existing Site Photos



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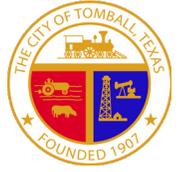
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Martin Luther King Jr. Park

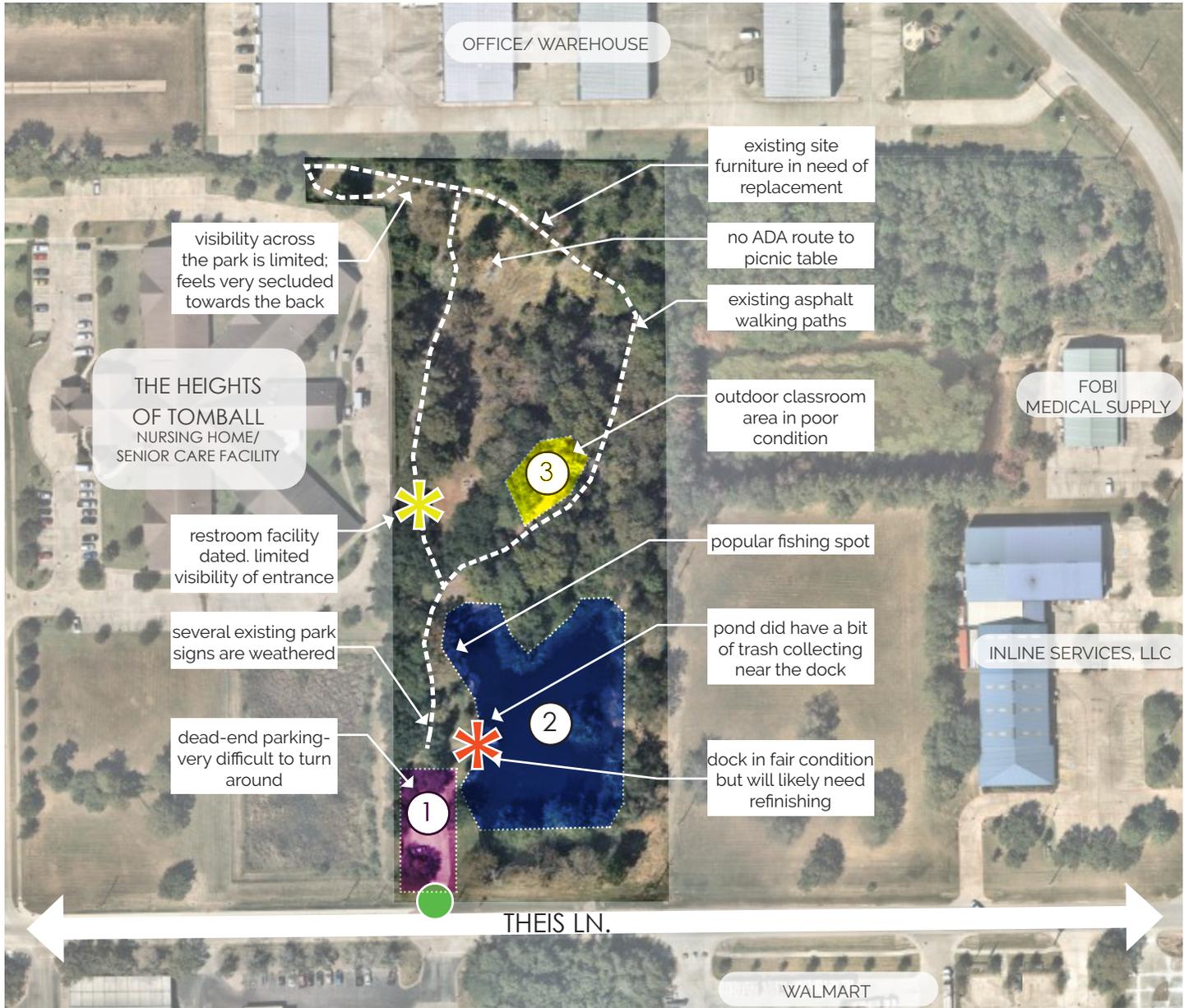
Existing Site Photos





Theis Attaway Nature Center

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

SIZE:
5 ACRES

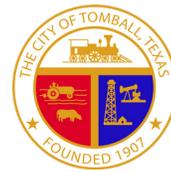
LOCATION:
13509 THEIS LN.

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② pond
- ③ outdoor classroom
- * fishing dock
- * restroom building
- main entry

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Fishing Pond
- Fishing Dock
- Outdoor Classroom
- Restroom
- Walking Trail
- Wildflower Area
- Parking



Theis Attaway Nature Center

Field Observations & Recommendations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Parking and Vehicular Circulation Improvement:

Expand parking area and improve vehicular circulation. Consider extending the entry drive and parking area along the west side of the park for police or emergency vehicles to be able to drive through for access.

2. Restroom Facility Redesign and Update:

Re-design the restroom facility to improve its visibility and design. The structure is dated and doesn't feel inviting. Design a new restroom facility with architectural plans ensuring better visibility, accessibility, and aesthetics. Consider adjusting its location within the park and incorporating a pavilion/shade structure.

3. Walking Trail Rehabilitation:

Improve the condition of the asphalt walking trail. Replace with a concrete trail for long-term durability. Ensure that other park amenities have accessible routes that link them to the primary trail. Eliminate the portion of trail that is secluded in the Northwest corner of the park.

4. Fishing Pier Updates:

Fishing Pier was in fair condition. Conduct regular inspections and address necessary repairs to ensure the fishing pier remains functional and attractive. Consider refinishing the deck boards or explore the idea of rebuilding with more robust materials such as concrete or recycled plastic for long term stability and less maintenance.

5. Park Signage Upgrade:

Upgrade all park signage and add educational and historical storyboard signage. Replace all existing

signage and install educational, interactive, historical, and botanical storyboard signage at key locations. Providing new signage will enhance visitor experience and education.

6. Site Furnishing Replacement:

Existing site furnishings are in poor condition. Replace the park's site furnishings with new and functional pieces that match Tomball park standards to enhance the park's aesthetic and visitor comfort.

7. Improving Visibility Across the Park:

Improve visibility towards the back of the park. Implement strategies such as improved lighting or vegetation management to ensure a safer and more inviting park environment.

8. Outdoor Classroom Renovation:

Renovate the outdoor classroom to improve its condition. The stone seatwalls are in poor condition. Consider improving this space to be more functional, safe, and engaging educational space.

9. Naturalized Area Restoration:

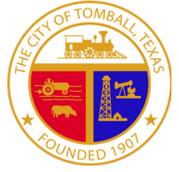
Restore the naturalized areas through selective clean out and maintenance to improve ecological health and aesthetics. Partner with a Master Naturalist to help revitalize the natural areas within the park to kick-start volunteer and educational opportunities.

10. Certified Arborist Assessment:

Assess and manage trees exceeding their lifespan for potential removal. Hire a certified arborist to evaluate and address trees beyond their lifespan to ensure safety and proper vegetation management.

11. Sidewalk Connection Implementation:

Establish a sidewalk connection to integrate the park with the future trail system. Construct a new sidewalk connecting to the planned trail system and trailhead to improve accessibility and connectivity.



Theis Attaway Nature Center Existing Site Photos



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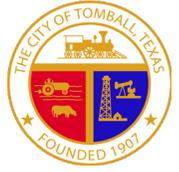
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Theis Attaway Nature Center

Existing Site Photos





Wayne Stovall Sports Complex

Existing Site Conditions



OVERVIEW

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15.9 ACRES

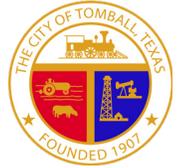
LOCATION:
N. CHERRY STREET

LEGEND

- ① parking lot
- ② baseball fields
- ③ playground
- * concessions building
- * storage building

RECREATION PROVIDED

- Home of Tomball Little League
- (2) T-ball Fields
- (5) Little League Fields
- (1) Baseball Field
- Playground
- Concessions Building
- Storage Building
- Parking



Wayne Stovall Sports Complex

Field Observations

OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Ballpark Renovation/Develop a Master Plan:

The ballfields and recreational amenities at Wayne Stovall have reached the end of their lifespan. Develop a plan to update all site amenities including fields, bleachers, fence lines, and backstops to ensure improved functionality and safety.

2. Concessions Building Renovation:

Concessions building is in poor condition. Design a new concessions building with architectural plans to enhance functionality and appearance. Consider a new location for the building to better facilitate the users and accessibility.

3. Parking Expansion and Layout Improvement:

Expand parking capacity and improve vehicular circulation and layout. Increase parking capacity and implement improved parking layout and circulation design to accommodate higher demand and improve traffic flow.

4. Field Layout Reorganization:

Reorganize the field layout for better space utilization and pedestrian circulation. Consider Tomball Little League's request for more fields.

5. Facility Expansion Consideration:

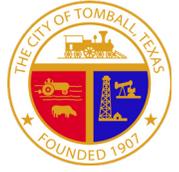
Explore options to expand the facility to meet the needs of Tomball Little League. Provide design options that maximize the number of fields on both the existing park site and the property owned by City of Tomball to the north. Evaluate the feasibility of expanding the facility versus creating a new premiere facility in another location and selling the adjacent city property or this property to help fund other park improvements and maintenance.

6. Artificial Turf Upgrade for T-Ball Fields:

Consider upgrading t-ball fields with artificial turf to improve playability and maintenance. This could also allow these fields to be rented or utilized by non-Little League groups to generate revenue for park maintenance or future improvement. Utilizing artificial turf would allow fields to be utilized by those with physical disabilities. This could create an inclusive/adaptive sport opportunity for those residents with special needs in Tomball.

7. Signage and Scoreboard Enhancement:

Upgrade signage and scoreboards to enhance the park's aesthetics and small-town feel. Replace existing signage and scoreboards with new ones that evoke a small-town atmosphere and enhance overall park ambiance. Look to local groups or businesses to assist with funding.



Wayne Stovall Sports Complex Existing Site Photos



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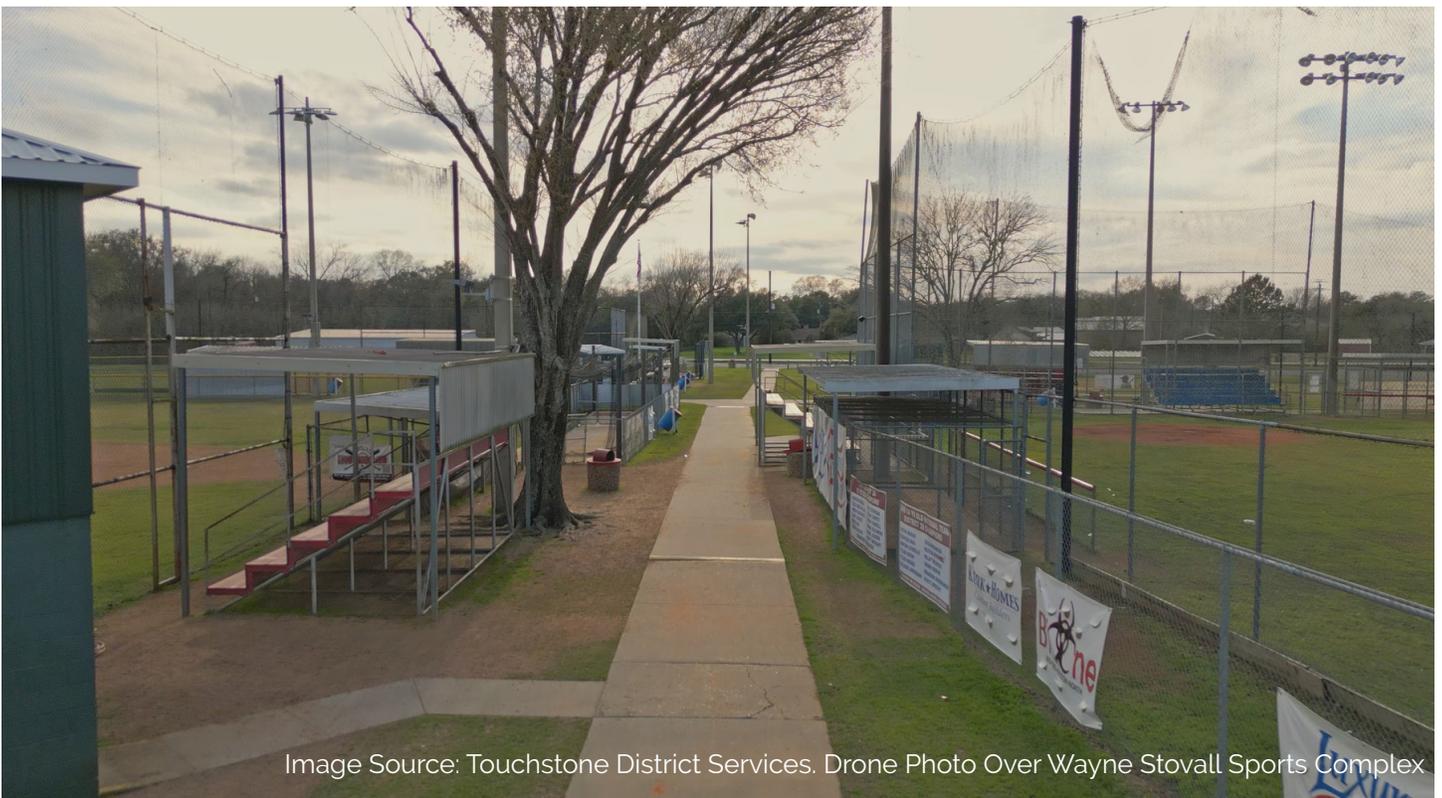
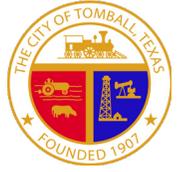


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Wayne Stovall Sports Complex

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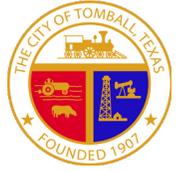


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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Community Input & Key Findings



Focus Group Meetings

Focus Group Meetings & Questionnaire

The City of Tomball conducted three focus group meetings as a part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to gather insights and feedback from various groups and organizations in the community. The purpose of these meetings was to engage with local sports organizations, business and non-profit groups in order to better understand their expectations and priorities for parks and recreational activities. The focus group meetings aimed to elicit feedback on a range of topics, including park amenities, trail connectivity, accessibility, and programming.

Focus Group participants were given the opportunity to complete a survey to share their input. Here is what they had to say:



WE ASKED:

Do you support the idea of enhancing or improving City of Tomball Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities?

Do you feel that there is a need for additional park amenities in Tomball?

Are you in support of a NEW park?

100%

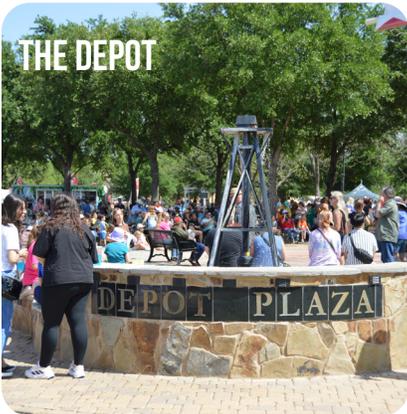
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ANSWERED YES!





Focus Group Meetings

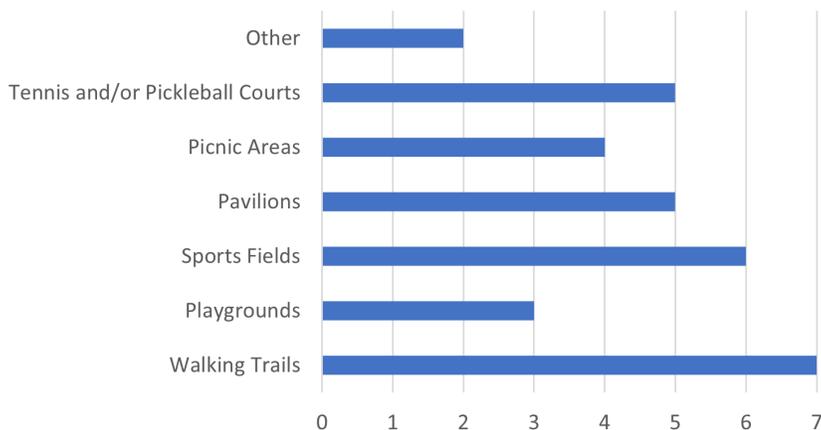
WHICH PARKS ARE FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS USING? TOP 3 MOST VISITED TOMBALL PARKS



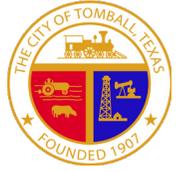
LEAST VISITED TOMBALL PARKS



What are some amenities within the current City of Tomball Parks that you would like to see improved?



Many of the representatives from local sport organizations gave helpful input on their specific needs. For example, Tomball Little League, Pickleball, and HTX Youth Soccer League have all expressed the need for more fields or courts. Tennis and Farmer's Market representatives gave input on the need for improvements to park restrooms. Participants also suggested adding other amenities like a dog park and a community garden.



Public Input

Public Meeting & Questionnaire

The City of Tomball held a public meeting in an open house format to gather input from community members regarding the Parks and Recreation facilities. The purpose of the meeting was to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on what they value in their local parks and recreational areas. The methodology for collecting this feedback involved several interactive stations where attendees could add sticky notes or sticker dots to display their preferences for various amenities, such as playgrounds, active sports or passive amenities like walking trails. In addition, attendees were given a token and asked to make a decision between prioritizing spending on existing parks, creating new parks, focusing on downtown improvements, or building trails. By the end of the meeting, the box containing the most tokens was the box for downtown improvements followed by the box for spending money to improve existing parks.

After the public meeting, the feedback collected was compiled into charts and graphs to better visualize the results. The charts and graphs were categorized into specific themes, such as amenities, accessibility, and programming, to help identify common themes and areas of focus. For example, the charts and graphs showed that there was a strong preference for walking trails and bike paths, and that there was a desire for more shaded areas and picnic tables in the parks.

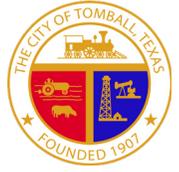
Overall, the public meeting was a successful way to engage the community in the planning process for the Parks and Recreation facilities in Tomball. By using interactive stations, community members were able to provide meaningful input that has been translated into charts and graphs to help inform the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

472 surveys received.
Survey data collected between April 1st - May 15th.



INFO CARDS WITH SURVEY LINK





Public Input

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The City of Tomball is creating a comprehensive master plan for parks and recreational facilities, and **we want your help** to shape the future of our community.



TOMBALL PARKS



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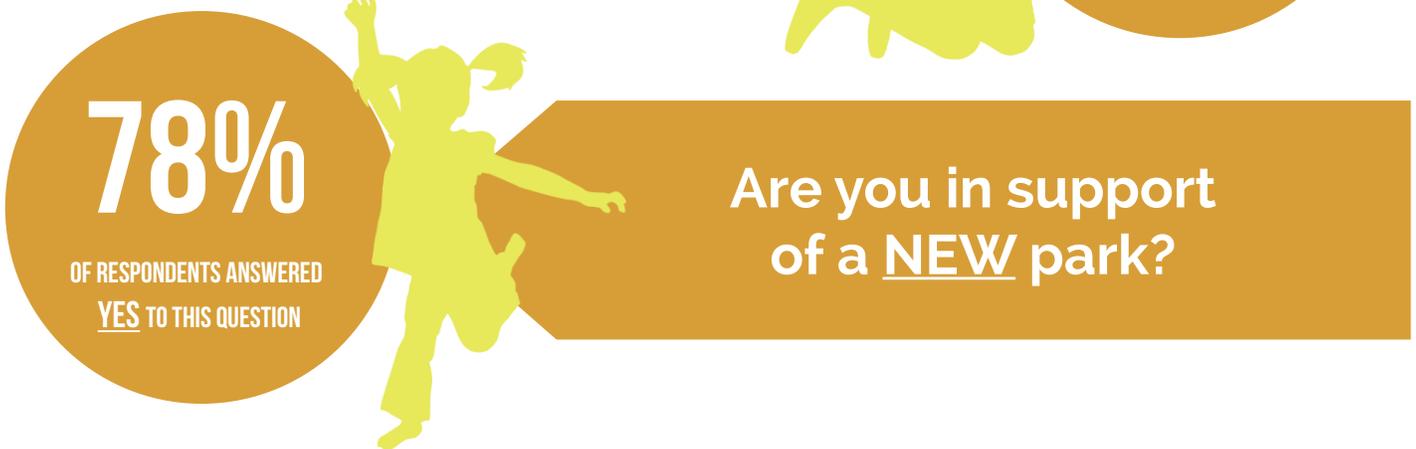
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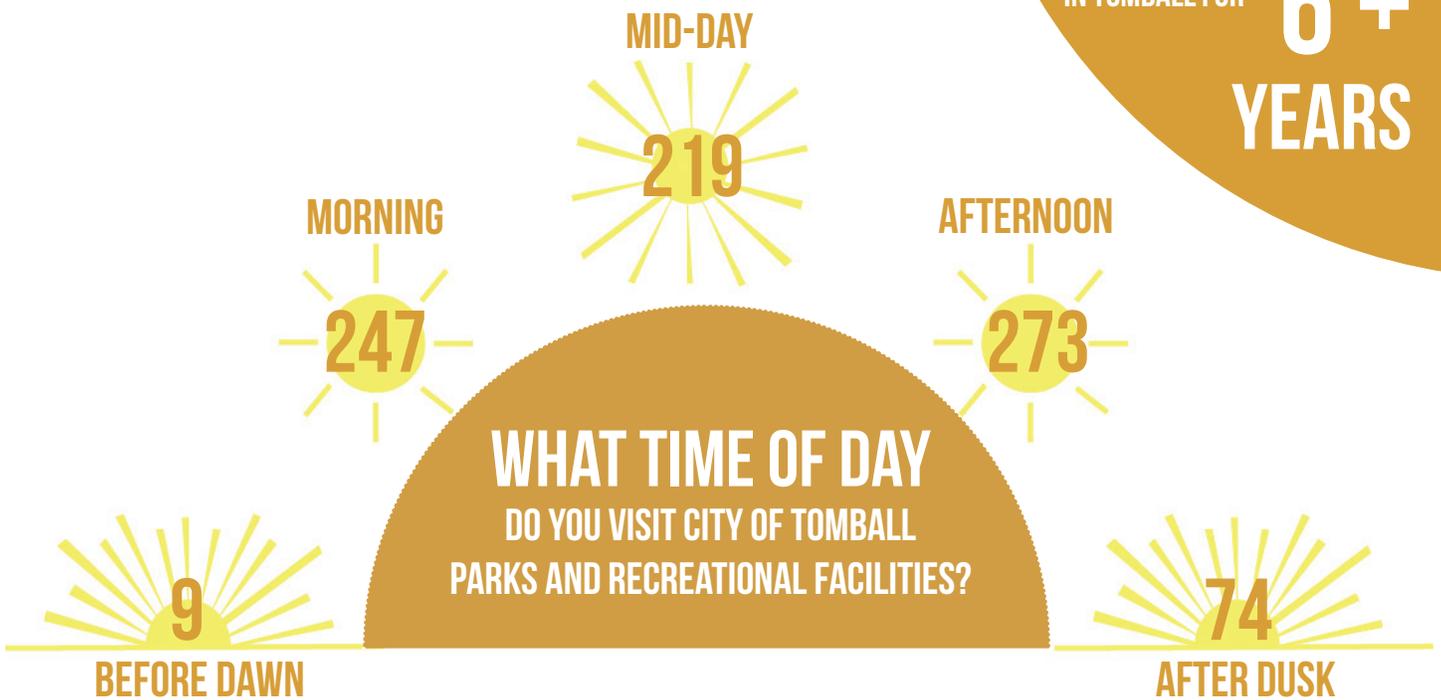
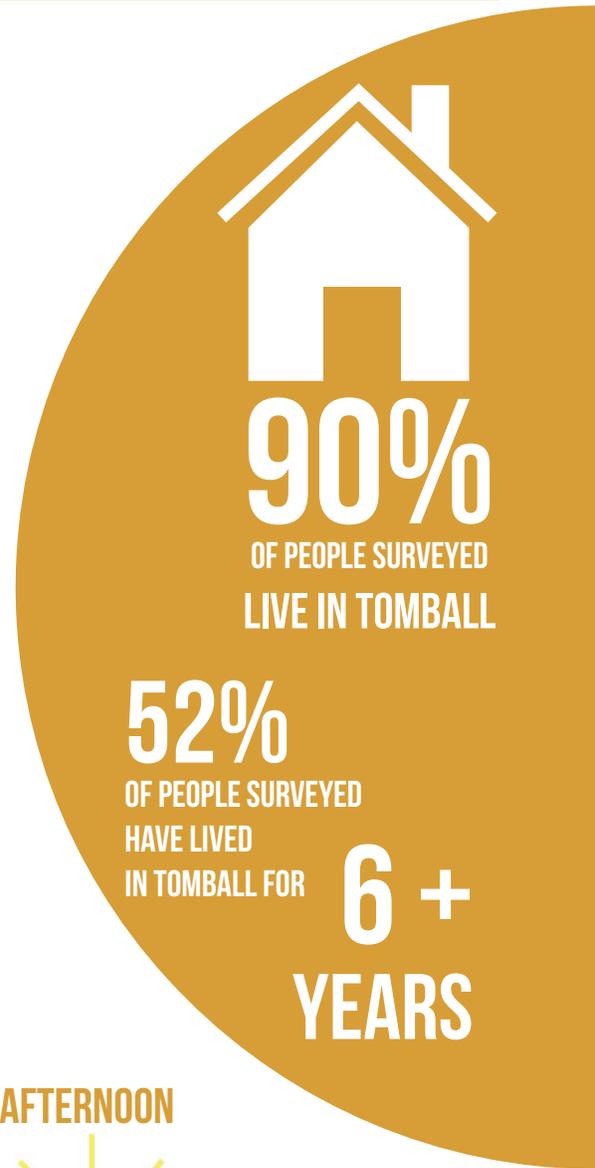


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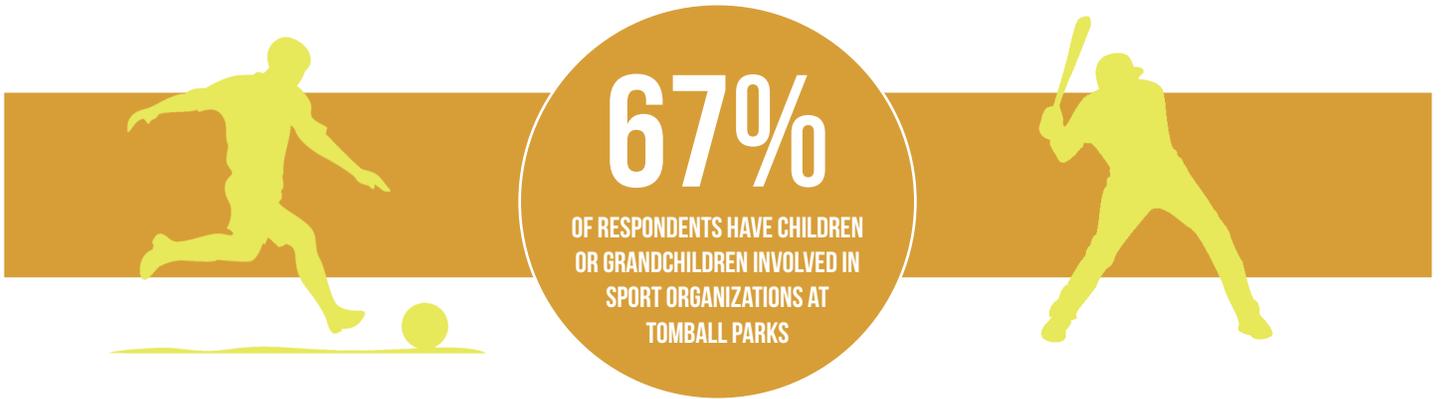


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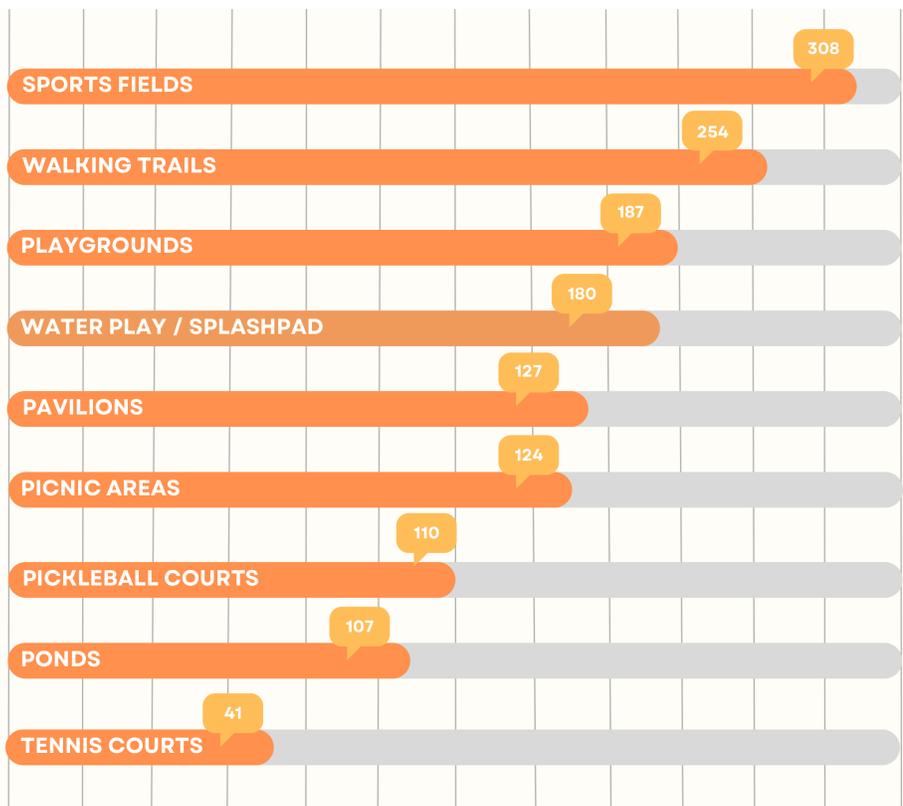




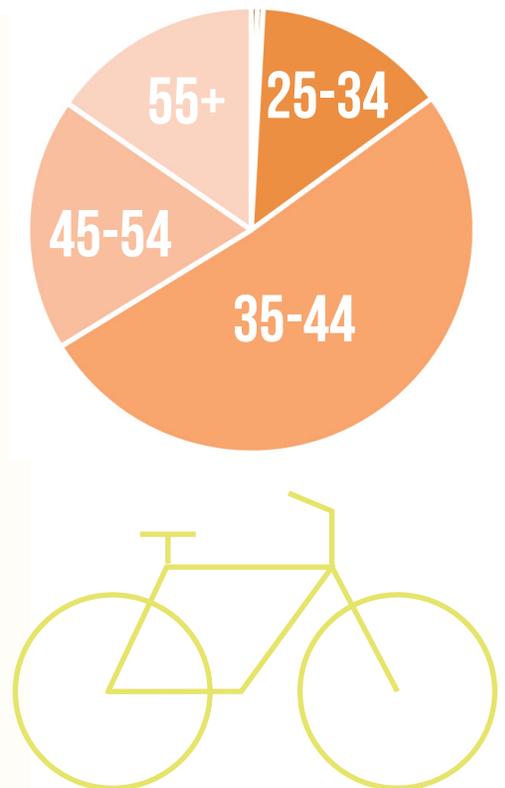
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WHAT AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED WITHIN THE EXISTING TOMBALL PARKS?



AGE RANGE OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS

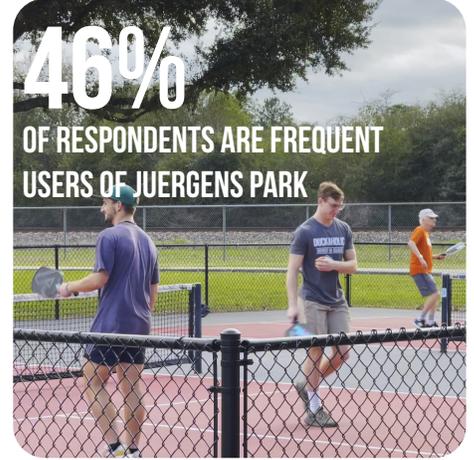
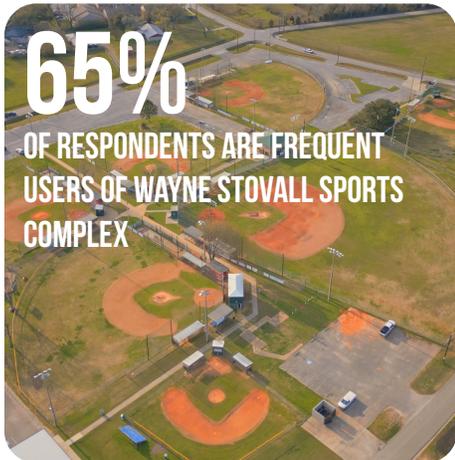




Public Input

WHICH PARKS ARE PEOPLE USING?

TOP 3 MOST VISITED TOMBALL PARKS



LEAST VISITED TOMBALL PARKS



67% of respondents have never visited MLK Park



52% of respondents have never visited Theis Attaway Nature Center

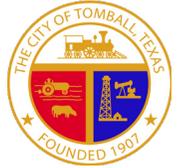
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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Master Plan

Goals & Objectives

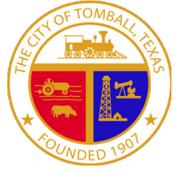


Master Plan Goals & Objectives

The development of a comprehensive master plan for parks, trails, and recreational facilities in the City of Tomball is a significant endeavor that requires a clear understanding of the goals and objectives to be achieved. This process entails identifying the community's aspirations, needs, and priorities to ensure that the master plan aligns with the unique character and vision of Tomball. By identifying these goals and objectives, the City can lay a strong foundation for the planning and development of parks, trails, and recreational facilities that will enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike. This comprehensive master plan aims to propose a vibrant and sustainable network of parks, trails, and recreational amenities that promote active living, offer diverse recreational activities, and enhance the overall quality of life in Tomball.

In order to create a clear vision for the Master Plan, the following goals and objectives were developed based on public input, discussions with City staff, standard-based needs (NRPA standards and data from the Trust for Public Land ParkScore).





Master Plan Goals & Objectives

Goal #1 Enhance the experience of both residents and visitors of the greater Tomball area. Specifically focusing on enhancing the downtown experience, festivals, parks, open spaces, recreation, and trails.

Objective 1.1 - Redevelop The Depot to enhance the small town vibe, environment, and history.

Objective 1.2: Establish a downtown beautification initiative, adding public art installations, and well-maintained greenery to enhance the visual appeal and create a welcoming atmosphere.

Objective 1.3 - Enhance all festival and event experiences for residents and visitors by developing a diverse annual events calendar, including cultural festivals, music performances, and food fairs, resulting in an increase in overall event attendance.

Objective 1.4: Implement an event feedback mechanism to continuously improve the festival experience based on participant input, resulting in an increase in attendee satisfaction.

Objective 1.5 - Improve quality of life in Tomball through the Parks and Recreation system by creating an interconnected trail network. Connect key attractions and neighborhoods. Aim to increase trail accessibility by implementing more trails and sidewalks throughout Tomball.



Master Plan Goals & Objectives

Goal #2 **To elevate the community's quality of life, stimulate economic growth, and foster healthier lifestyles by leveraging the potential of parks, recreation, and the establishment of a city-wide trail system.**

Objective 2.1 - Upgrade existing recreation facilities to meet current standards and accommodate a wider range of activities, resulting in an increase in park usage.

Objective 2.2 - Preserve environmentally sensitive areas, designating greenbelts, open space, and trails.

Objective 2.3 - Enhance the natural character of parks by adding nature trails and tree canopy for natural shade and beautification.

Objective 2.4 - Use low impact development, sustainable practices, and crime prevention through environmental design to enhance the parks system, mitigate impacts of flooding and develop safe healthy parks.

Objective 2.5 - Establish a trail network plan to accommodate the growing needs for hiking, walking, running, and cycling. Develop a trail network that connects Tomball parks, neighborhoods, schools, and public spaces.

Objective 2.6 - Develop a multi-sport recreational facility, through public-private partnerships, suitable for hosting regional tournaments.

Goal #3 **Provide safe, clean, and accessible parks, promoting healthy lifestyle choices for people in the community**

Objective 3.1 - Increase the accessibility of parks and recreational facilities within a 10-minute walk or bike ride over the next 15 years.

Objective 3.2 - Establish a trail maintenance and safety program, ensuring trails are well-maintained and secure, leading to an increase in trail usage.

Objective 3.3 - Improve lighting and security measures in all parks to ensure a safe environment.



Master Plan Goals & Objectives

Objective 3.4 - Expand the range of recreational activities offered in parks to cater to different age groups and interests.

Objective 3.5 - Establish educational signage within parks that promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and provide information about available activities, leading to improved awareness and participation.

Goal #4

Explore opportunities for future expansion of Tomball's park system. Prioritize the integration of a park dedication ordinance for developers and incorporate provisions for parks and trails in upcoming infrastructure and drainage projects.

Objective 4.1 - Integrate pedestrian and cycling trails into future transportation infrastructure projects, such as road expansion, bridge construction, or drainage improvements.

Objective 4.2 - Draft a comprehensive parks dedication ordinance that outlines the criteria, standards, procedures, and requirements for developers to dedicate land or contribute funds for parks.

Objective 4.3 - Engage developers, community members, and local stakeholders through workshops, forums, and surveys to gather input on the proposed park dedication ordinance and potential park expansion areas.

Goal #5

Acquire and retain dedicated City Staff to focus on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), operations, and maintenance of Tomball's Parks.

Objective 5.1 - Develop a comprehensive staffing plan outlining the specific roles and responsibilities needed to effectively manage parks C.I.P., operations, and maintenance. This includes defining positions such as project managers, maintenance crew members, horticulturists, and supervisors.

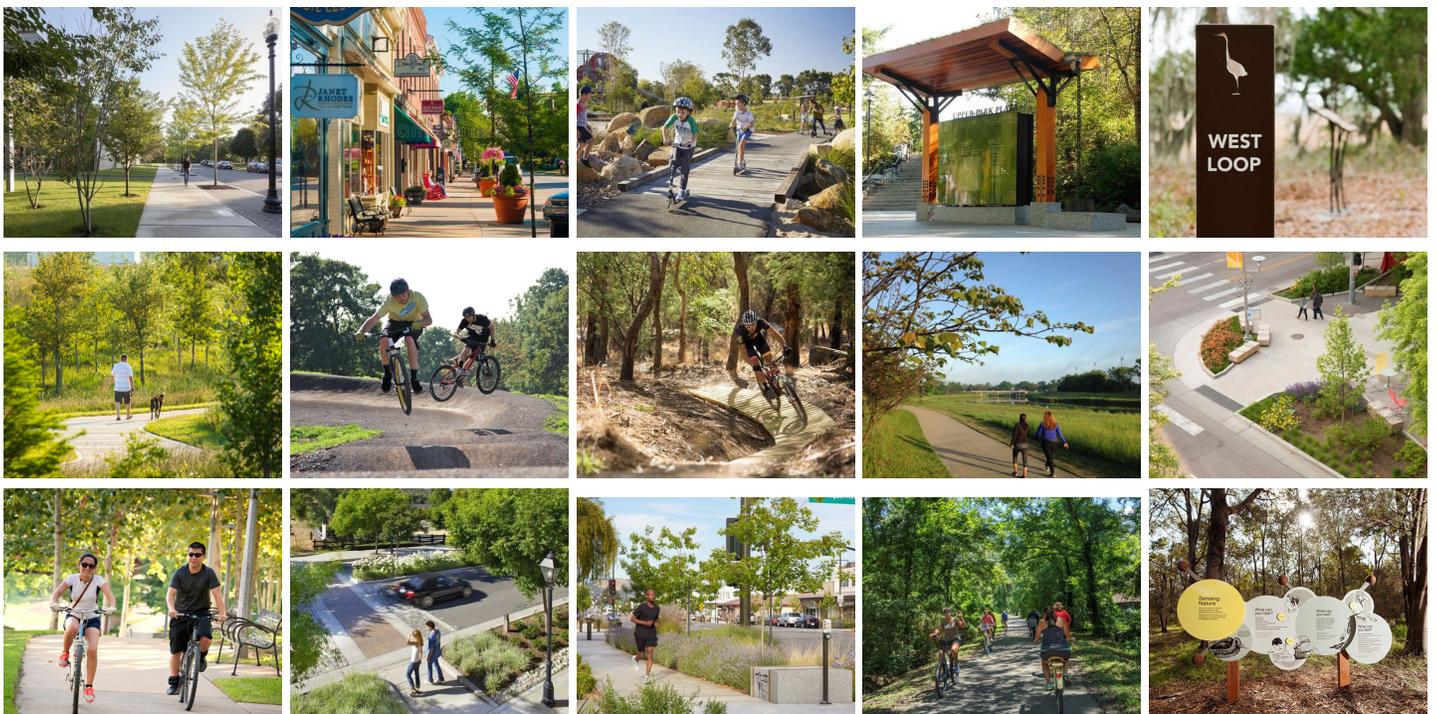
Objective 5.2 - Develop a training program to educate staff in proper maintenance practices and help facilitate licensure and certifications in the industry to invest in staff's professional success which in turn improves the park's success.



A Vision for Tomball's Trail System

Connectivity through trails is an essential component of a city's recreational and transportation infrastructure. Trails provide safe and accessible routes for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized modes of transportation, connecting people to various amenities and recreational activities. In addition to providing a transportation alternative, trails also have immense recreational value, allowing individuals and families to experience nature, enjoy outdoor activities, and lead a healthy lifestyle. Trails can be used for a wide variety of activities, such as hiking, biking, running. Trails can also serve as a space for educational and cultural activities. By promoting connectivity through trails, cities like Tomball can enhance the quality of life for their residents and attract visitors who are interested in outdoor recreation and connecting people to downtown without the need for a car.

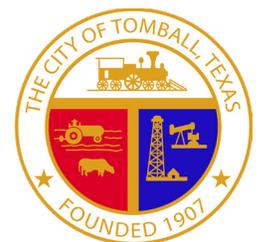
One component of the Master Plan is to propose a comprehensive and connected trail system throughout Tomball. The City of Tomball currently lacks pedestrian connectivity. According to the Trust for Public Land Parkserve data, **only 22% of Tomball residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park (National Average is 55%)**. Tomball needs to develop a trail system that will link community members with parks, recreation facilities, and downtown destinations by using partnerships with the county and others when doing infrastructure improvements on roadways, floodways, and other utility easements. There are several opportunities to create multi-use trails on HCFCD channels. These trails could provide connections through the city as well as along Spring Creek and Willow Creek, which border Tomball on the north and south boundary. Tomball should start discussions with these agencies to explore possibilities.

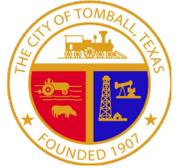




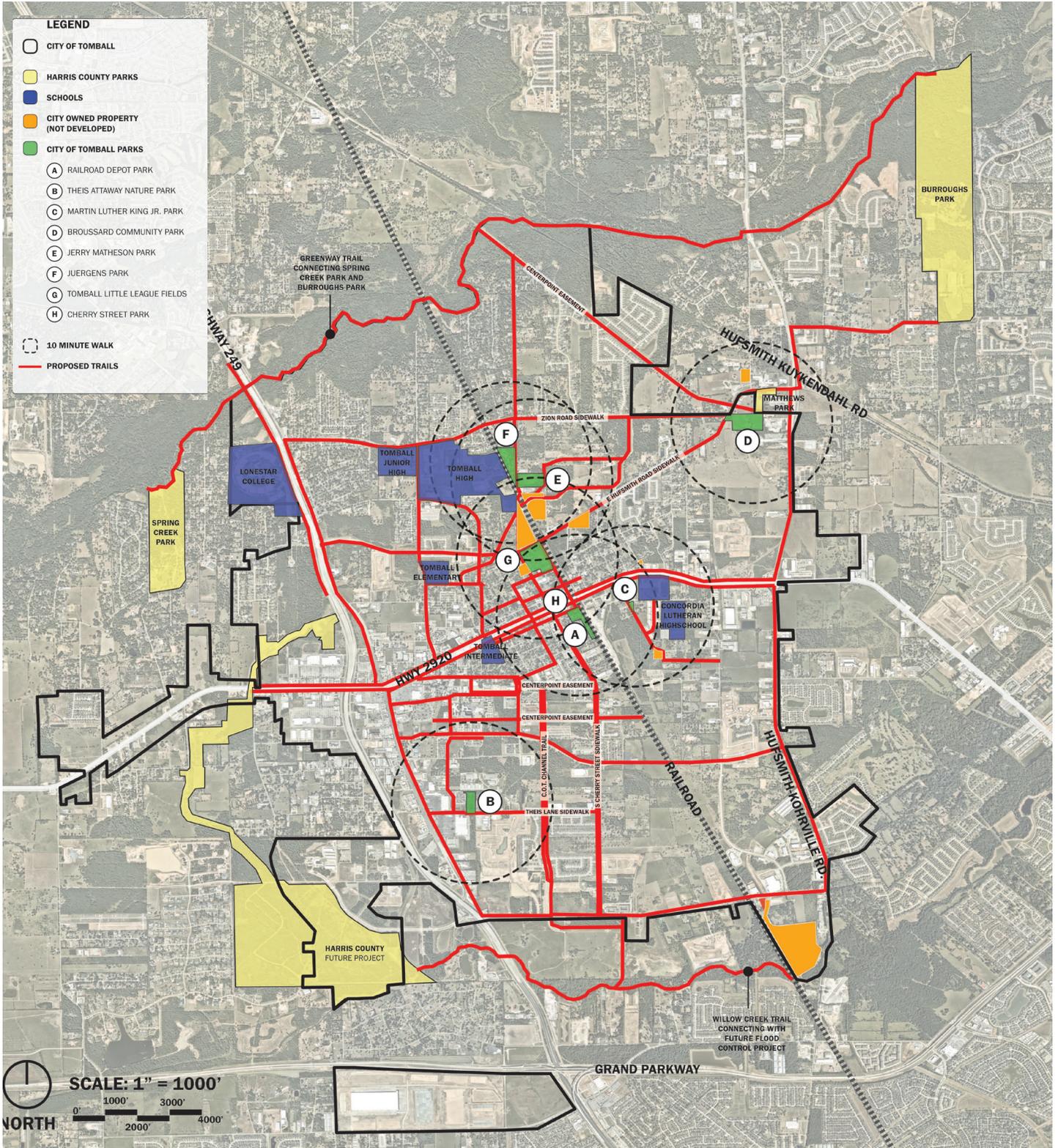
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Parks & Trails System Recommendations





Overall Master Plan for Parks & Trails





Recommendations

The Master Plan will serve as a guiding document for the next 10-15 years, outlining goals, strategies, and recommendations for the improvement and expansion of Tomball's parks, trails, and recreational facilities. With its implementation, the city will offer diverse outdoor spaces and promote healthy lifestyles, while enhancing Tomball's small town charm.

Below is a general summary of recommendations for the City of Tomball to consider based on the information collected throughout the master planning process.

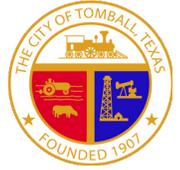
1. Improve Downtown Parks & Trails:

Participants at the public meeting expressed a strong interest in focusing on downtown improvements. Downtown Tomball is a hub for local festivals and events and The Depot plays an important role in facilitating greenspace for the festivals. There is still a large portion of downtown that is not pedestrian friendly and has many sidewalks that are due for improvements. The City should work with a Landscape Architect to develop a conceptual design plan for the Depot that enhances the experience of local festivals and events, but also makes it a destination for families and visitors. The current amenities provided at the Depot are outdated and there are very few daily users of this park. The City needs to create a signature park in the heart of the downtown area to help drive economic growth to the local businesses with increased foot traffic.

2. Implement a Parks Dedication & Development Ordinance:

Through the public input process, the feedback expressed the need for additional amenities. As the population of Tomball continues to grow, the need for more greenspace and recreational amenities will increase. The last time Tomball grew in regards to green space was in 2014, with the donation of 14 acres of land, now known as Broussard Park. Today Tomball only has approximately 59 acres of amenitized park facilities, which falls well below the national standards when compared to other cities similar in size. One way to grow Tomball's park system would be to implement a parks dedication and development ordinance. It would ensure availability of adequate green spaces





Recommendations

and parks as the City continues to grow; thereby addressing the needs of a larger population, and promoting a healthier and more active lifestyle. Such an ordinance would help preserve and protect green spaces, ensuring that they are not lost to development which assists in "heat island effects" and flood mitigation. It can also provide additional opportunities for recreational activities, environmental conservation, and community gatherings. A parks dedication and development ordinance would help create a sustainable funding mechanism for the ongoing maintenance, improvement, and expansion of parks and recreational facilities, ensuring their long-term viability and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

3. Create Park Design Guidelines:

Another consideration is to establish design guidelines for park and recreational facilities to ensure cohesive development and maximize the community's enjoyment of these spaces. Design guidelines for park and recreation design are a set of principles and standards that provide direction and recommendations for the planning, development, and enhancement of public parks and recreational facilities. These guidelines typically cover aspects such as site layout, landscaping, amenities, accessibility, sustainability, and aesthetics, aiming to create functional, attractive, and inclusive spaces for the community to enjoy.

4. Create Conceptual Design Plans for Each Existing Park:

The existing parks in Tomball each have their own charm; however, they are also aging and with age most do not meet current standards for health, safety, and welfare of the users. All the existing parks would benefit from better planning and organization of scope items to be more inclusive and better accessible to all users. Tomball has a very active community with a strong interest in organized sports. Through the public input process, respondents expressed a major need for improvements to existing city parks. Tomball needs to take the next step to explore each park's potential through conceptual design and master planning for each individual park. This would include meeting with focus group members and professional consultants to develop meaningful design concepts that address amenities, long term sustainability, infrastructure improvements, and operations/maintenance to work for Tomball's long-term goals for these greenspaces.





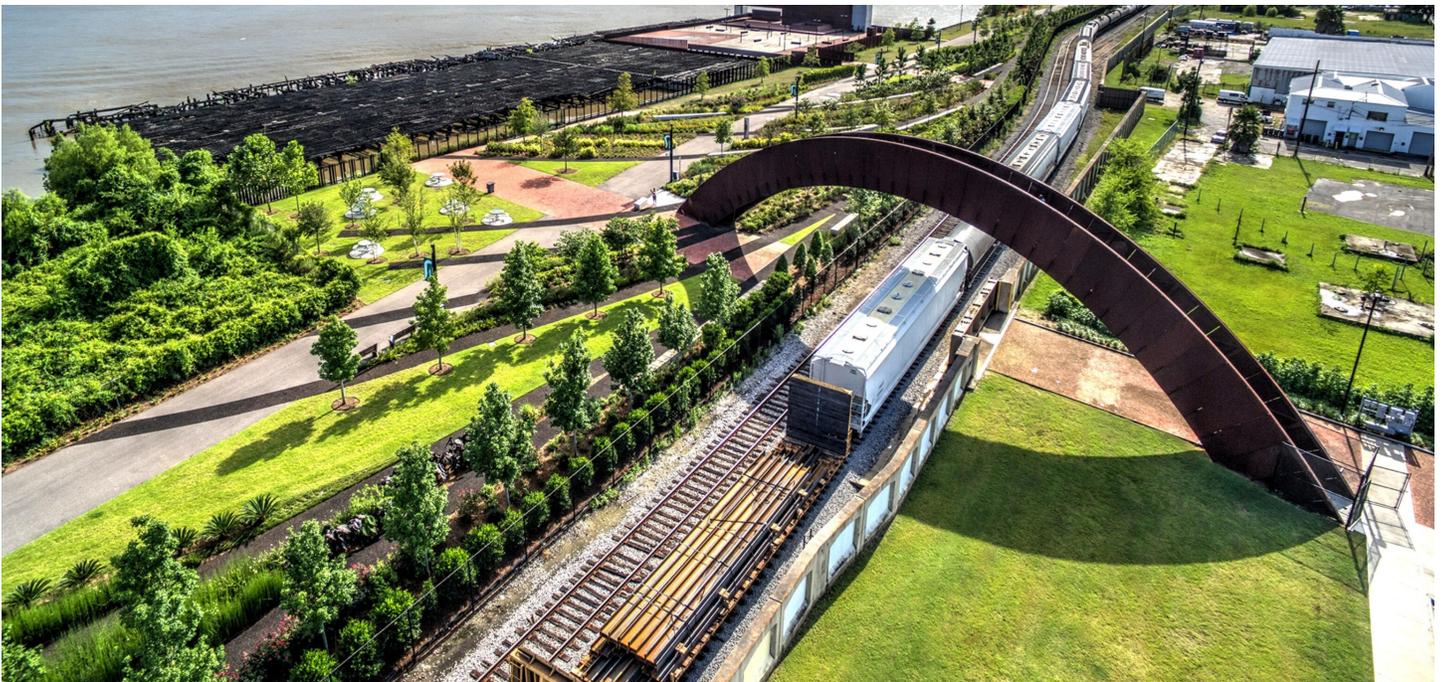
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5. Create a Detailed Cost/Budget Plan for Each Existing Park:

Tomball has limited internal funds for park facilities, which is why a budget exercise is imperative for future planning and implementation of recreational amenities. Engaging in a budget exercise for a conceptual design plan is crucial as it helps align aspirations with financial realities. By considering budgetary constraints and evaluating funding options, the exercise ensures a realistic and feasible implementation of the master plan, maximizing the potential for successful development and long-term sustainability of parks, trails, and recreational facilities. It enables decision-makers to make informed choices, allocate resources effectively, and optimize the overall impact of the conceptual design plan on the community. It also will create a better understanding of whether or not external funding sources are necessary. To achieve goals of the master plan Tomball needs to set larger budgets for parks and commitment of both time and resources of the city personnel.

6. Create Standards for Park Maintenance:

Tomball needs dedicated park leadership and staff to put a focus on Capital Improvement Projects (C.I.P.), Operations, and Maintenance of its park system. Helping facilitate these people with a maintenance manual or standards package will improve communication and provide the personnel responsible for the park with a better platform for ongoing maintenance. Creating maintenance standards is crucial as it provides essential guidance for the ongoing care and upkeep of the greenspaces. Standards typically





Recommendations

outline specific maintenance tasks, schedules, best practices, and ensures that the landscape retains its intended beauty and functionality over time. By promoting proactive maintenance, the manual will preserve the investment made in the greenspace; enhance its longevity; and ensure a consistently pleasant and inviting environment for the users.

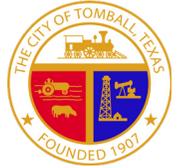
7. Create Design Guidelines or Standards for Signage:

Tomball needs standards for signage to help consistency, cohesiveness, and clarity in communication throughout the park system. Current park signage is in poor condition and lacks cohesiveness in design styles. By establishing specific design guidelines, such as font choices, color schemes, and placement, the signage becomes a unified and recognizable element, enhancing wayfinding, information dissemination, and overall user experience. Design standards also contribute to the park's aesthetic appeal, reflecting the park's identity and creating a cohesive visual language that enhances the park's brand and sense of place to make Tomball's parks recognizable.

8. Acquire and retain dedicated City Staff to focus on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), operations, and maintenance of Tomball's Parks

Develop a comprehensive staffing plan outlining the specific roles and responsibilities needed to effectively manage parks C.I.P., operations, and maintenance. This includes defining positions such as project managers, maintenance crew members, horticulturists, and supervisors. Develop a training program to educate staff in proper maintenance practices and help facilitate licensure and certifications in the industry to invest in staff's professional success which in turn improves the park's success.



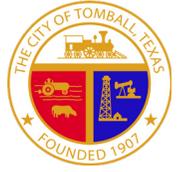


Concept Sketch for Juergens & Matheson

Juergens & Jerry Matheson Park Concept | Visionary Plan | 9.79 & 9.19 ACRES



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Concept Sketch for Theis Nature Center

Theis Attaway Nature Center Concept | Visionary Plan | 5 ACRE PARK



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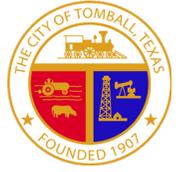


Concept Sketch for MLK Park

Martin Luther King Jr. Park Concept | Visionary Plan | .94 ACRE PARK



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Historical Imagery

TOMBALL: A TOWN ROOTED IN SPORTS

Historical Imagery



One of the First Little League Teams. 1st Row: Henry Taylor, Joe Mahan, Jr.. 2nd Row: Leighton Stallones, Frank Sifferman, Larry Doerre, Charles Rudel. 3rd Row: Bill Kreinhop, manager, Sheriff Buster Kern, Organizer J.C. Browder. 4th Row: ?, Tommy Jo Anders, ?, Billy Kreinhop, Jimmy Wilson, Jr.



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Concept Sketch for Wayne Stovall

WAYNE STOVALL SPORTS COMPLEX Concept | Visionary Plan

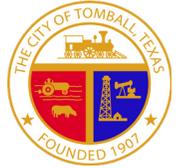


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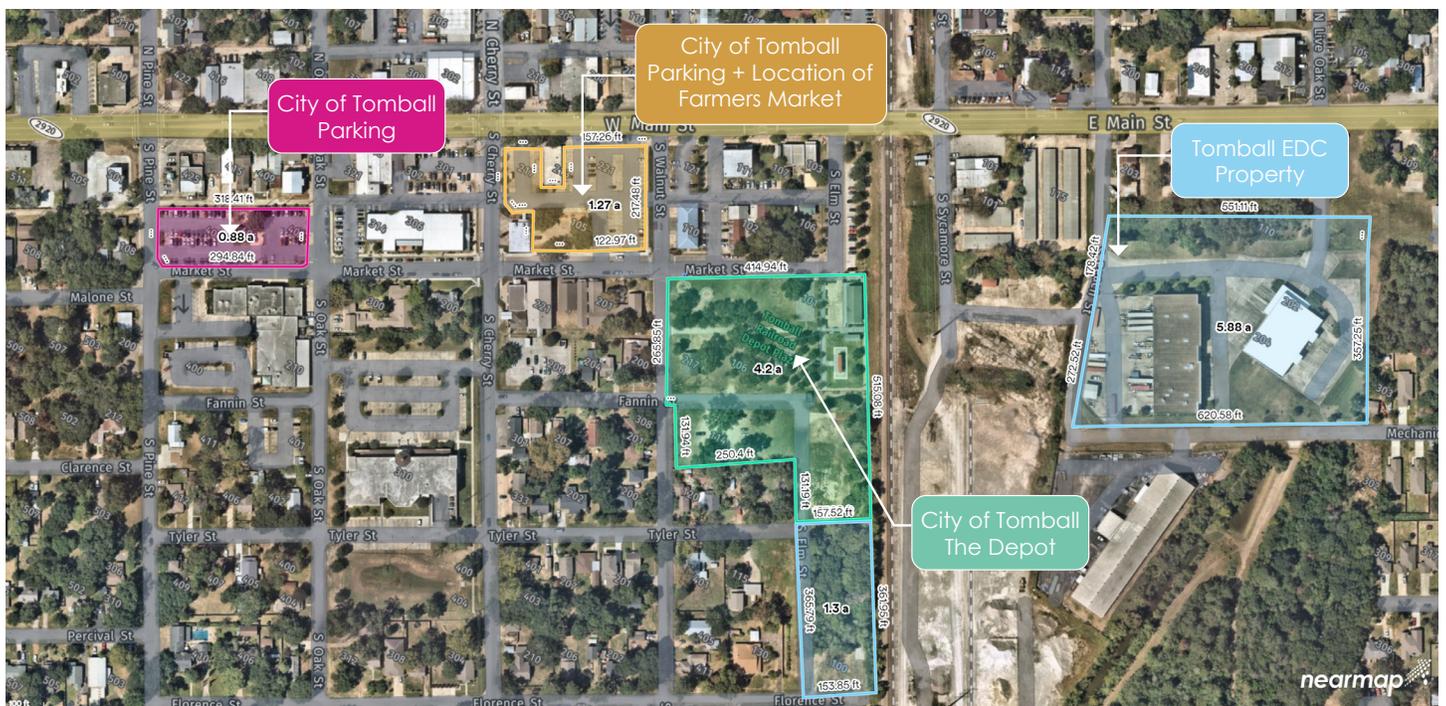


The Depot: A Vision for the Future

Downtown Tomball, while exuding charm and community spirit, is conspicuously lacking in the essential element of park amenities. The local festivals that bring life to the heart of the City underscore the urgency for a premier gathering space to host these events. As families enjoy strolls down Market Street, savor ice cream, dine at restaurants, and cheer on the Tomball Little League, it becomes evident that what makes Tomball truly special is its small-town ambiance, excellent schools, and the warm connections between neighbors. Yet, the existing Depot Park's recreational offerings have become outdated, warranting a revitalization that resonates with the vibrancy of Tomball. The Depot Park holds the potential to act as a catalyst for a thriving Downtown, infusing new energy and vitality into the local economy. The impact of well-designed parks on enhancing quality of life is undeniable, transforming an area into a desirable hub for both living and working.

Recognizing this potential, the team has envisioned four conceptual sketches to re-imagine the Depot Park. These "big ideas" explore avenues to make the park more functional and appealing, aligning with the Downtown's character. These sketches, while merely conceptual and adaptable, visually represent the transformative power of greenspaces. While not binding, they encapsulate the direction for a more vibrant Depot Park that can serve as a nucleus for community engagement.

A full conceptual and design development package is suggested to seize the opportunity and materialize the potential of this revitalization project. Ultimately, the goal is not just about enhancing a park, but about enhancing the very essence of Tomball itself.





Concept Imagery for The Depot

A Vision for The Depot



MOVIE NIGHTS AND FLEXIBLE EVENT SPACE



CROSSING THE TRACKS



CREATING A DOWNTOWN DESTINATION



SPACE FOR VENDORS & EVERYDAY USE



TELLING TOMBALL'S STORY



OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE VENUE



CELEBRATE SMALL TOWN CHARM

Note: All imagery is conceptual and subject to change.



Concept Sketches for The Depot

SCHEME A

between two train cars



SCHEME B

pavilion at market street



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Concept Sketches for The Depot

SCHEME C

two pavilions



SCHEME D

spanning the block



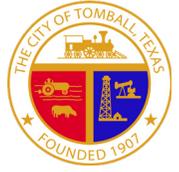
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Conceptual Renderings for The Depot



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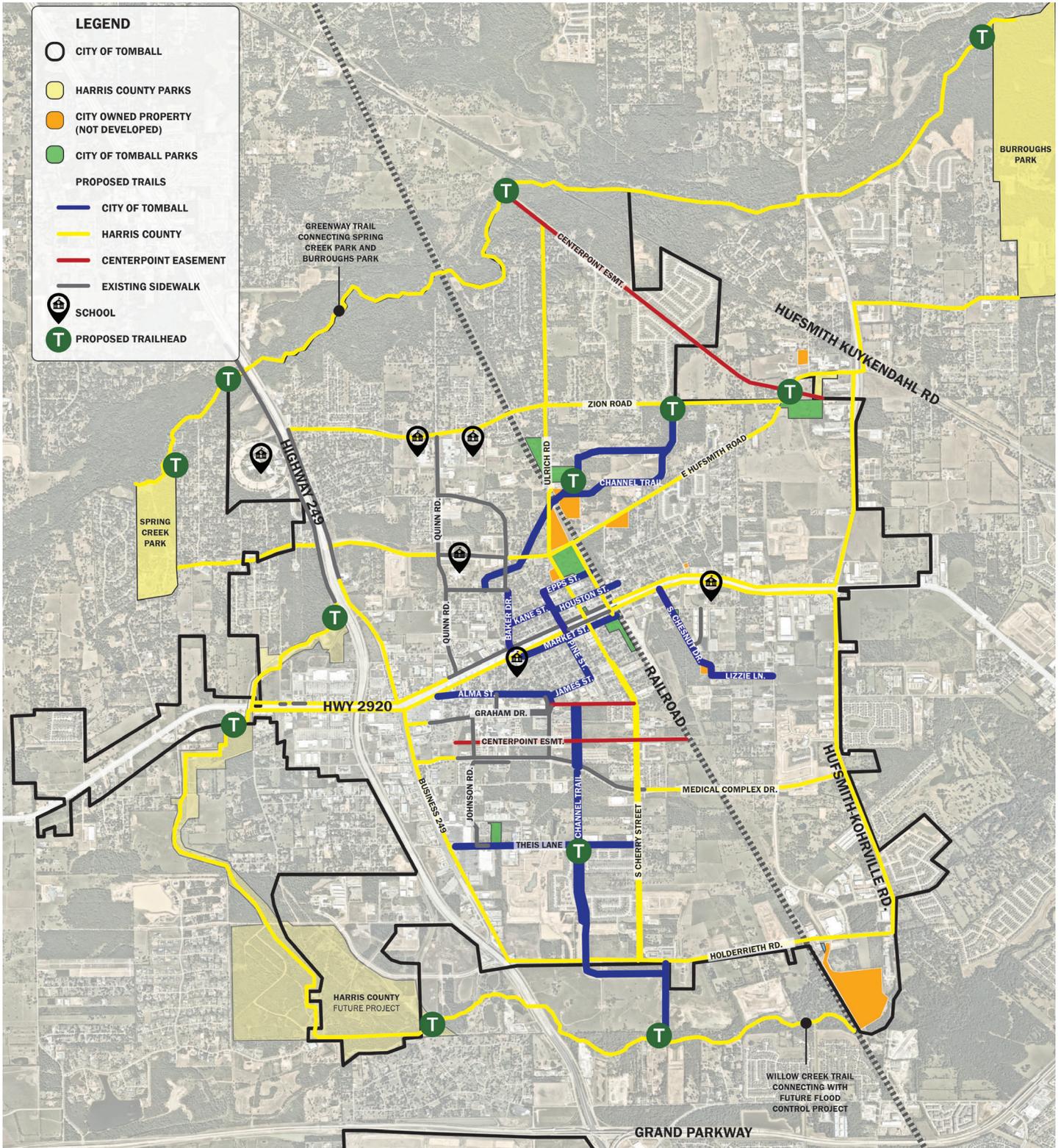
Recommendations for Tomball's Trail System

The following goals were developed to set a standard for a trail system in Tomball based on community feedback and discussions with City staff.

1. Create a comprehensive and **connected trail system** throughout Tomball. Aim to meet the national average for the "10-Minute Walk" (55%) by 2033.
2. Increase accessibility to outdoor recreation for all members of the community regardless of age and abilities.
3. Improve public health and wellness by encouraging physical activity through trail usage and educational components along the trail.
4. Create trail connections between existing Tomball parks.
5. Create trail connections between schools, including but not limited to Tomball ISD campuses such as a trail connection between Tomball High School and Lone Star College.
6. Enhance connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, and other amenities in the city.
7. Improve walk-ability to and from Old Town Tomball and throughout the central business district to help reduce the need for parking during festivals and events.
8. Incorporate trails with wider widths to accommodate bicycle users.
9. **Set a minimum standard width of 8' for primary trails. Secondary trails or typical sidewalks where space is not available should have a minimum width of 5'.**
10. **Downtown sidewalks/ trails should have a minimum standard of 6' width and meet Texas Accessibility Standards.**
11. Trails should be integrated with other foundational public realm plans, such as long-range transportation plans, stormwater master plans, habitat conservation plans, and future land-use plans.



Proposed Tomball Trail Map





Trailheads

Trailheads serve as important access points and starting locations for trails, providing a designated area where trail users can gather and begin their outdoor adventures. They serve as informational hubs, often featuring maps, signage, and amenities like restrooms or picnic areas. Additionally, trailheads can serve as gateways to natural and recreational areas, offering opportunities for education, interpretation, and enhancing the overall trail experience for hikers, bikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. Below are some images that show some of the typical components of trailheads.





Concrete Trails



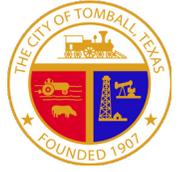
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\$5.50 - \$10.00 PER SF

MAINTENANCE :
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Reasons for Using Concrete Trails

1. **Durability:** Concrete trails are known for their durability and longevity. When properly constructed and maintained, concrete trails can withstand foot and bicycle traffic, as well as various weather conditions, without significant deterioration.
2. **Accessibility:** Concrete trails are often designed to meet accessibility standards, making them suitable for people with disabilities or mobility challenges. They typically provide a smooth and stable surface that is wheelchair-friendly and easy to navigate for users of all abilities.
3. **Low Maintenance:** Concrete trails generally require minimal maintenance compared to other trail surfaces. They are resistant to erosion, weed growth, and damage from natural elements. Regular inspections and occasional repairs may be needed to ensure the trail's optimal condition.
4. **Versatility:** Concrete trails offer flexibility in design, allowing for customization based on the surrounding landscape and intended use. They can accommodate various widths, gradients, and configurations, making them suitable for different recreational activities, including walking, running, biking, and roller-blading.
5. **Aesthetics:** Concrete trails can enhance the visual appeal of an area, providing a clean and polished appearance. They can be finished with different textures, colors, or decorative patterns to complement the surroundings and create an inviting and attractive trail experience.
6. **Cost:** While the initial installation cost of concrete trails may be higher than some other trail surfaces, their long-term durability and low maintenance needs can result in cost savings over time. Concrete trails can offer a cost-effective solution, especially in high-traffic or heavily-used areas where regular repairs or replacement would be more expensive.
7. **Environmental Impact:** Concrete trails can have environmental considerations. Proper planning and design can incorporate environmentally friendly features such as permeable concrete to promote stormwater infiltration, utilizing materials with low carbon footprint, and minimizing disruption to natural habitats during construction.
8. Overall, concrete trails are a popular choice for recreational pathways due to their durability, accessibility, low maintenance requirements, and design flexibility.



Signage Recommendations

This chapter focuses on ideas and recommendations for setting signage standards in City of Tomball Parks, Trails and Recreational Facilities. Having consistency and uniformity with signage helps to create an identity for the City of Tomball's Park system. Many parks and trails require several types of signs so it is important to explore design options that are scalable and give a cohesive look to the park or amenity space.

From a long-term maintenance perspective, signage should be easy to repair and economical to fabricate and install.

Types of Signage:

Park Entry Signs/Monument Signs : Tomball City Parks should have identification signage at the main entry(s) with the park name. All trails should have identification signage at the entry trailhead.

Park Rules or Information Signs: Park identification, information and regulatory signage should be uniform in design and complement the overall park design.

Map/Wayfinding Signs: Map panels should be included on larger wayfinding signs to provide visitors with an overview of the park layout and highlight points of interest. Information panels should be added to include additional details about the park's features, rules, and any upcoming events or programs.

Mile/Trail Markers: Display the distance information prominently on the markers. Include the mileage in both numerical and graphical formats to cater to different preferences and comprehension levels. Use large, easy-to-read numbers to ensure quick and accurate interpretation.

Educational/ Interpretive Signs: Consider incorporating interactive elements into the design, such as flip panels, sliders, or QR codes. These can provide an interactive and hands-on learning experience, allowing visitors to explore additional content or access multimedia resources.

Directional Signs: Buildings at park facilities should include signage and street address. Numbers and lettering should be clear and easy to read from the street. Directional signage should enhance the wayfinding experience.



Concept Imagery for Park Signage



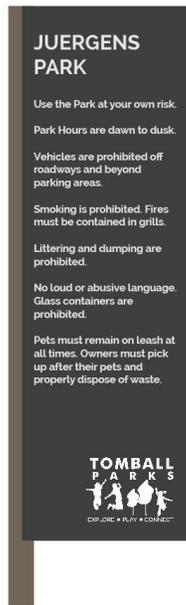


Signage Concepts for Tomball Parks

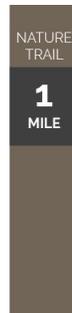
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Map/
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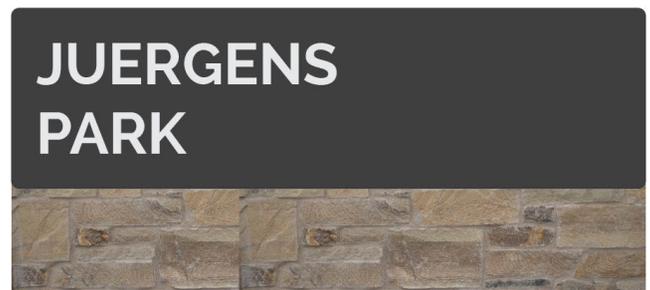


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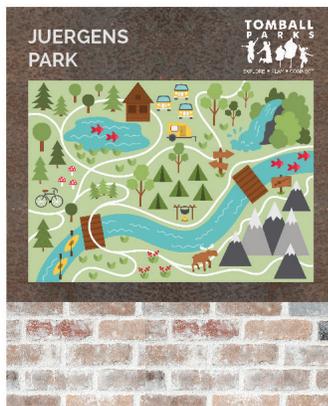
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Note: these are preliminary sign concepts and subject to change.
Consider working with an Environmental Graphics Firm to help with branding and design a detailed signage and wayfinding package.



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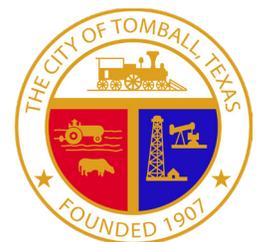
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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Future Parks & Recreation Expansion





NRPA Guidelines for Park Space Per Resident

City of Tomball has a population of about **12,000 residents** and the total acreage of amenitized park space currently owned by the City is approximately **59 acres** within the city limits. This puts Tomball at roughly **4.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents**. Based on NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) guidelines, Tomball falls below the national average. See the chart below for comparison.

$$59 \div 12 = 4.9$$

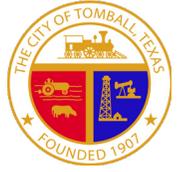
59 acres of amenitized park in COT
12,000 residents
4.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents

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	More Than 250,000
Median	10.8	13.0	11.3	11.2	8.9	10.1
Lower Quartile	5.3	6.0	5.9	5.0	4.5	5.2
Upper Quartile	18.4	21.1	17.9	17.3	17.1	17.4

Data Source:
 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review.
 Figure 2: Acres of Parkland Per 1,000 Residents.
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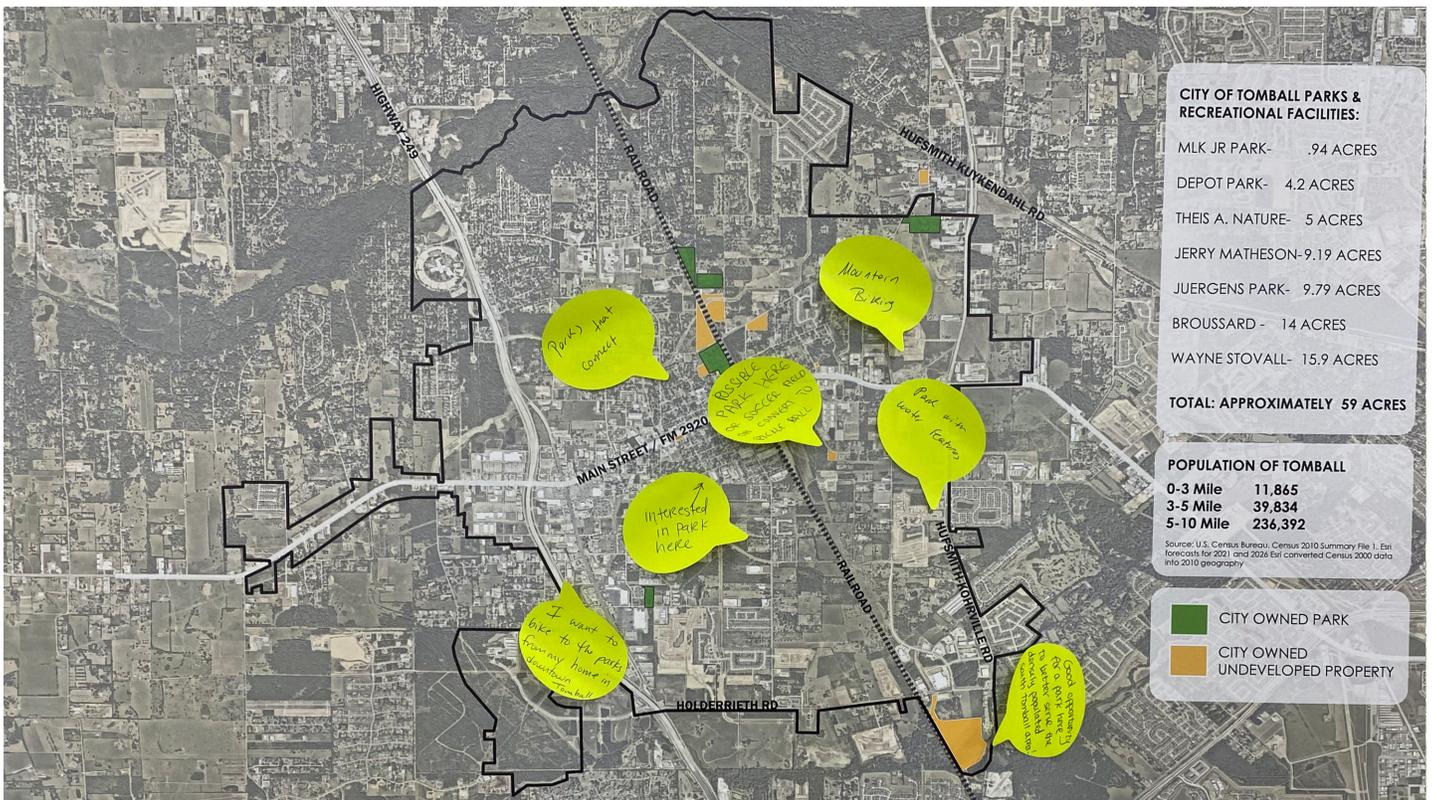
It's important to note that these are general guidelines, and communities may have their own specific standards based on local needs and resources. However, the NRPA standards serve as a benchmark to ensure that communities provide an adequate amount of park space to meet the recreational needs of residents and support a high quality of life.



Population Growth & The Need for More Parks

Through the public input process, many respondents noted that there is a need for more active recreation facilities. Users from Little League baseball, pickleball, and HTX Youth Soccer league all expressed the need for more space due to growth and increased participation from the community within their organizations. Most of the sports fields found in Tomball parks are in poor condition and need to be redone.

The last time Tomball grew in green space was in 2014, with the donation of 14 acres of land; this site is now known as Broussard Park. The fact that Tomball only has about 59 acres of amenitized park facilities, puts Tomball well below the national standards for acres of parkland per population.



CITY OF TOMBALL PARKS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

MLK JR PARK-	.94 ACRES
DEPOT PARK-	4.2 ACRES
THEIS A. NATURE-	5 ACRES
JERRY MATHESON-	9.19 ACRES
JUERGENS PARK-	9.79 ACRES
BOUSSARD -	14 ACRES
WAYNE STOVALL-	15.9 ACRES
TOTAL:	APPROXIMATELY 59 ACRES

POPULATION OF TOMBALL

0-3 Mile	11,865
3-5 Mile	39,834
5-10 Mile	236,392

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1, Est. forecasts for 2021 and 2026 for converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

Legend:

- CITY OWNED PARK
- CITY OWNED UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY

GROWTH & GREENSPACE

CONSIDERATIONS FOR NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TOMBALL



Considerations for a Park Dedication & Development Ordinance

One recommendation would be for the City of Tomball to adopt a Park Dedication and Development Ordinance. This kind of ordinance is a local regulation that requires developers to contribute land, funds, or other resources towards the establishment or improvement of parks and open spaces as part of their development projects. It ensures that as new developments occur, there is a provision for the creation or enhancement of park facilities, promoting the availability of recreational spaces and contributing to the overall well-being of the community.

A Park Dedication and Development Ordinance typically works by requiring developers to dedicate a certain percentage of their land for park purposes or to provide financial contributions in lieu of land dedication. The specific calculations and requirements can vary depending on the local jurisdiction and the particular ordinance in place.

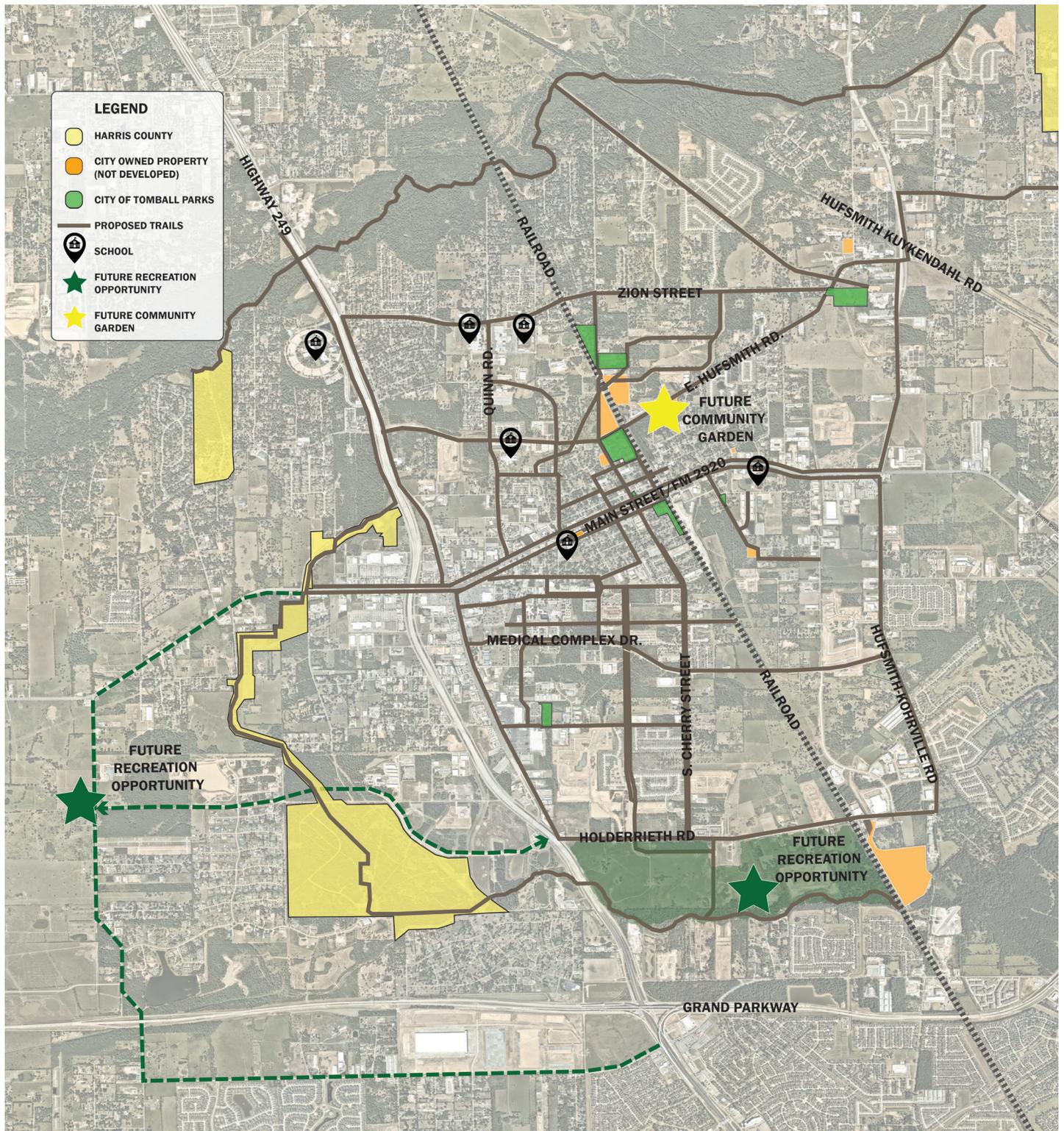
In the case of land dedication, the Ordinance may specify the percentage of land that must be set aside for parks or open spaces based on the size or type of development. For example, it might require 5% of a residential development's total area to be dedicated to parks. The ordinance may also outline standards for the size, location, and accessibility of the dedicated parkland.

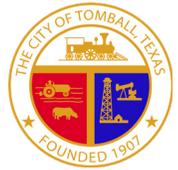
In situations where land dedication is not feasible, the ordinance may allow developers to make a financial contribution to a park fund. The calculation of the financial contribution is typically based on a formula, which could involve a per-unit or per-square-foot assessment. The funds collected are then used by the local government to acquire land, develop new parks, or improve existing park facilities.

The specific calculations and requirements of a park dedication and development ordinance are typically determined through a public process, involving input from city planners, policymakers, developers, and community stakeholders. These calculations aim to strike a balance between the needs for development and the provision of adequate parkland and recreational amenities to support the community's needs and enhance the overall quality of life.



Future Project Opportunities





Investing in Parks

Investing in public parks enhances the overall quality of life in cities. Parks improve air and water quality, mitigate the urban heat island effect, and provide habitats for biodiversity, contributing to the ecological health of the surrounding areas. Well-designed parks can increase property values and attract businesses, tourism, and investment. They also play a significant role in supporting public health initiatives, providing spaces for exercise, reducing stress levels, and promoting overall community wellness.

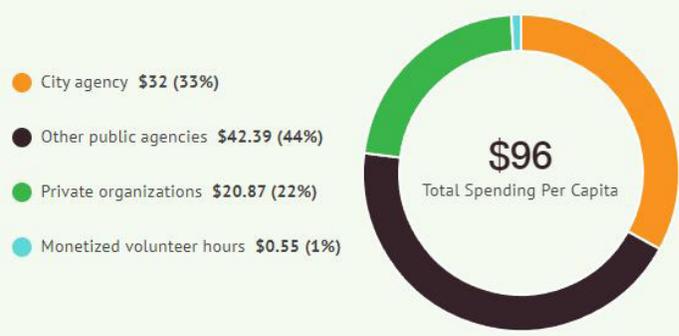
Public parks offer significant economic benefits to cities and local economies. They attract visitors, tourists, and businesses, stimulating economic activity and generating revenue. Well-maintained and attractive parks can increase property values in surrounding areas, leading to higher tax revenues for the city. Parks also support job creation and contribute to the growth of sectors such as tourism, hospitality, and outdoor recreation. Additionally, public parks enhance the appeal and livability of a city, making it more attractive for residents, workers, and businesses, which in turn can spur economic development and investment. Overall, investing in public parks has a positive economic ripple effect, benefiting both the local community and the city as a whole.

How much is Houston investing in parks?

We compared Houston with the other 100 most populous cities in the nation on total park investment per person, aggregating all public and private spending for any publicly accessible park in the city.

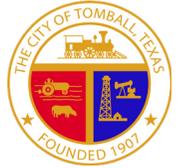
\$108 per person

PARK INVESTMENT (THREE-YEAR AVERAGE) ⓘ



National benchmark: Relative park spending by organization type
 Average among 100 most populous cities
 City agency: 85.5%
 Other public agencies: 7%
 Private organizations: 5.5%
 Monetized volunteer hours: 2%
 Total per capita spending: \$108 per person





How Parks Can Increase Surrounding Property Values

Proximity to Parks

Proximity to well-maintained parks has been found to positively impact property values, with homes near parks often experiencing higher appreciation rates over time.

Desirability and Demand

Parks contribute to the desirability of a neighborhood, attracting home buyers seeking access to recreational amenities, green spaces, and a higher quality of life. Increased demand can drive up property values.

Lifestyle and Amenities

Access to parks and their amenities, such as walking trails, playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas, can contribute to a desirable lifestyle, attracting home buyers willing to pay a premium for such amenities.

Scenic Views and Open Space

Parks offer scenic views and create open space buffers, which can enhance the appeal of nearby properties, especially those with views of greenery, water features, or well-designed park landscapes.

It's important to note that specific property value impacts can vary depending on factors such as park size, quality, proximity, and the overall real estate market conditions. These examples provide general illustrations of how parks can positively influence property values in Texas, but it's advisable to consult local real estate experts or data sources for more detailed and specific information about particular areas and parks.



Local Examples of Parks that Increase Surrounding Property Values

Public Parks



1. Hermann Park in Houston has been known to have a positive effect on nearby property values, with homes in the surrounding areas benefiting from the park's amenities and green spaces.
2. Zilker Park in Austin is a popular destination with its large green space, trails, and recreational facilities. Homes in close proximity to Zilker Park often command higher prices due to the park's attractiveness and recreational opportunities. This park also hosts festivals which drives tourism and economic growth to the area.
3. The Memorial Park in Houston provides beautiful scenery and expansive green spaces. Properties located near the park, such as those in the Memorial area, may enjoy higher property values due to the park's aesthetic qualities.
4. Klyde Warren Park in Dallas has become a vibrant urban oasis, offering recreational activities and hosting community events. Properties near the park have seen increased demand and potential property value gains due to the park's amenities and lifestyle benefits.
5. Buffalo Bayou Park: Buffalo Bayou Park is a 160-acre green space located in the heart of Houston. The park offers trails, gardens, and recreational amenities. Properties near Buffalo Bayou Park, such as those in the surrounding neighborhoods of Memorial, River Oaks, and Montrose, have experienced increased property values due to the park's amenities and the scenic views it offers.
6. Located in downtown Houston, Discovery Green is a popular urban park that features a variety of amenities, including a lake, playgrounds, gardens, and event spaces. Properties near Discovery Green have seen an increase in demand and property values due to the park's central location and the vibrant atmosphere it brings to the neighborhood.
7. Levy Park, located in the Upper Kirby neighborhood, underwent a significant revitalization in recent years. The park now offers a variety of amenities, including a splash pad, playground, and dog park. Properties in the vicinity of Levy Park have experienced a boost in property values as the park has become a focal point of community activity and a desirable neighborhood amenity.



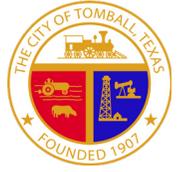
Local Examples of Parks that Increase Surrounding Property Values



8. Located in The Woodlands, Bear Branch Park features a community pool, sports fields, picnic areas, and a playground. Its well-maintained facilities and recreational options make it a popular destination for families and outdoor enthusiasts.
9. James Driver Inclusive Park, in East Aldine, is a premiere park designed to be accessible and inclusive for individuals of all abilities. It features inclusive playground equipment, sensory areas, and adaptive sports facilities, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for children and adults to play, interact, and enjoy outdoor activities together. Located in an under served part of Harris County, the improvements added to James Driver Park should also help to revitalize the surrounding community and serve as a destination for visitors.
10. Rob Fleming Park in the Woodlands is a highly regarded community park known for its scenic beauty and array of amenities, including trails, sports fields, and a fishing pond. Its development has had a positive impact on surrounding property values, with nearby homes experiencing an increase due to the park's recreational opportunities, green spaces, and the overall enhancement it brings to the quality of life in the area.



11. Josie Lake Park is one of the many parks within the Bridgeland master-planned community in Cypress. It features open spaces, a playground, and picnic areas. "Bridgeland's master plan calls for having every home within one-quarter mile from a park or green space, making outdoor activity easily accessible and walkable." (Source: <https://www.bridgeland.com/the-many-parks-of-bridgeland/>)
12. Harvest Green Park is a pocket park within the Harvest Green community in Richmond. It offers green spaces, walking trails, a splash pad, and community gardens. Homes near Harvest Green Central Park have experienced increased property values as the park contributes to the overall appeal and lifestyle amenities of the Harvest Green community.
13. The Groves is a master-planned community in Humble, Texas that features several pocket parks throughout its neighborhoods. These parks offer amenities such as premiere playgrounds, splash play, and picnic areas. Residents are attracted to the area because of the recreational opportunities offered and the community's commitment to providing well-maintained green spaces.



How Successful Parks Can Have A Positive Impact On Local Businesses

Parks and local businesses have a synergistic relationship where they mutually benefit and support each other. Parks attract visitors and residents, creating increased foot traffic and potential customers for nearby businesses. In turn, local businesses provide services, amenities, and products that enhance the park experience, encouraging people to spend more time and money in the area, ultimately driving economic growth and contributing to the overall vitality of the community.

Ways Parks Can Have A Positive Impact on Local Business:

- Increased foot traffic: Parks attract visitors and residents, which can result in increased foot traffic in nearby commercial areas. This can benefit local businesses, such as restaurants, cafes, and shops, as park-goers may choose to dine or shop before or after their park visit.
- Recreation and leisure spending: Parks provide recreational opportunities that encourage people to engage in activities such as sports, picnicking, or outdoor events. This can lead to increased spending on equipment rentals, sports gear, food, and beverages, boosting local businesses that cater to these needs.
- Tourism and visitor spending: Well-known parks and natural attractions can attract tourists and visitors, who may contribute to the local economy through expenditures on accommodations, dining, shopping, and entertainment. Parks can serve as a draw for travelers and contribute to the tourism industry in a region.
- Property value and real estate: Proximity to well-maintained parks and green spaces can enhance property values in surrounding neighborhoods. Higher property values can attract businesses to invest in the area, leading to new commercial developments, increased property tax revenue, and job opportunities.
- Events and festivals: Parks often serve as venues for community events, festivals, and concerts. These events can draw large crowds, stimulate local businesses, and generate economic activity through ticket sales, vendor participation, and ancillary spending by attendees.
- Health and wellness services: Parks contribute to the overall well-being of a community by providing spaces for physical activity, exercise, and relaxation. This can lead to increased demand for health and wellness services, such as fitness classes, wellness programs, and outdoor recreational equipment rentals.



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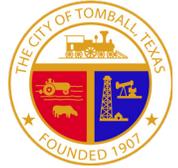
Action Plan - Trail Projects

TRAIL PROJECTS

HARRIS COUNTY			
ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along Cherry Street & Ulrich Road	92	10 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, and Public-Private Partnerships
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along Zion Road		10 years	
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along E. Hufsmith Road		10 years	
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along Hufsmith-Kohrville Road		10 years	
2920 improvements/ pedestrian sidewalks along Main Street		ONGOING	
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along Theis Lane		10 years	
Work with Harris County to incorporate sidewalks along Holderrieth Road		10 years	
Work with Harris County to establish connections to the planned greenway trail along Spring Creek to connect Spring Creek Park & Burroughs Park to Tomball		10 years	
Work with Harris County to establish a greenway trail along Willow Creek to connect City Of Tomball Property with Future Harris County Flood Control Projects		10 years	

CITY OF TOMBALL			
ACTION STRATEGY		TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Drainage Channel Trail connection between Zion Road and Baker Dr.	92	10 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, and Public-Private Partnerships
Drainage Channel Trail connection between Centerpoint Easement and Willow Creek		10 years	
Downtown Pedestrian Sidewalk improvements along Epps Street, Kane Street, Houston Street, Market Street, James Street, Pine Street, Alma Street, S. Chesnut Dr. and Lizzie Lane		10 years	

CENTERPOINT EASEMENTS			
ACTION STRATEGY		TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Trail along Centerpoint Easement connecting future Spring Creek Trail with Broussard Park	92	10 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, and Public-Private Partnerships
Trail along both Centerpoint Easements south of James Street		10 years	



Action Plan - Revitalization Projects

REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

These parks are in need of comprehensive restoration, expansion, or strategic site planning to rejuvenate their vitality. Several of these parks host very popular active recreation programs that have outgrown their current space. The goal is to enhance the functionality of these parks, creating spaces that not only promote physical activity and recreational programs but also prioritize the health, safety, and welfare of Tomball's residents. Revitalization park projects encompass intricate challenges that extend beyond surface-level issues, demanding a holistic approach to ensure lasting impact. **It's imperative to address the park as a whole, as merely applying quick fixes would neglect underlying issues and hinder the potential for meaningful transformation.** Engaging the right consultants and experts is essential to formulate strategies that navigate the complexities, fostering a more functional, creative, and re-imagined park. With many existing parks outdated and not aligned with current standards, a comprehensive overhaul allows Tomball to create spaces that meet today's diverse needs.

REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

DEPOT PLAZA PARK

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Hold Focus Group Meetings and Collect Public Input specific to Re-Imagining The Depot	32-35, 84-89	3 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Develop a Conceptual Design Plan- Explore options		3 years	
Produce Design Development Drawings		5 years	
Produce Construction Drawings		5 years	
Construct a park that incorporates the community's input for amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions. ~6.5 acres		10 years	

JUERGENS PARK

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Develop a Conceptual Design Plan for the Entire Park to be Inclusive	40-43, 79	5 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Continue Raising Funds for Louie's Playground		1 year	
Produce Design Development Drawings		5 years	
Produce Construction Drawings		5 years	
Construct the park that incorporates the community's input for amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions. ~10.3 acres		5 years	

WAYNE STOVALL SPORTS COMPLEX

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Develop a Conceptual Design Plan for the Entire Park	52-55, 83	10 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Develop a Conceptual Design Plan		10 years	
Produce Design Development Drawings		10 years	
Produce Construction Drawings		10 years	
Construct the park that incorporates the community's input for amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions. ~15 acres		10 years	

BROUSSARD PARK

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Develop Master Plan for a Re-Imagined Program for Broussard Park	28-31, 90	8 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Develop a Conceptual Design Plan		8 years	
Produce Design Development Drawings		8 years	
Produce Construction Drawings		10 years	
Construct the park that incorporates the community's input for amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions. ~17 acres		10 years	



Action Plan - Enhancement Projects

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

These projects are aimed at ensuring that Tomball parks continue to align with the evolving needs and preferences of the community. The proposed action strategies represent a strategic roadmap to propel these parks forward, enhancing their functionality and appeal without necessitating a full-scale renovation. These action strategies have been formulated through a meticulous process that incorporates both on-site field observations and input gathered from the community.

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

JERRY MATHESON PARK

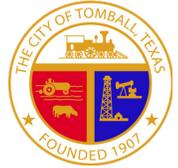
ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	SOURCES
Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement	36-39,79	3 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Integration with Future Trail System		5 years	
Site Furnishings Upgrade		Ongoing	
Restroom Facility Enhancement		5 years	
Signage Modernization		5 years	
Memorial Garden Redevelopment		3 years	
Pool Facility Enhancement		1 year	
Baseball Field Improvements		1 year	
Playground Shade		2 years	
Implement Master Plan by White Oak Studio		Ongoing	

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	SOURCES
Basketball Court Surface Improvement	44-47,81	2 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Covered Structure Maintenance		Ongoing	
Restroom Facility Renovation		5 years	
Perimeter Fence Upgrade		5 years	
Playground Replacement and Fall Surfacing Repair		1 year	
Site Furniture Replacement		Ongoing	
Pedestrian Access and Bike Parking		8 years	
Outdoor Gaming Features Addition		3 years	
Integration with Future Trail System		10 years	

THEIS ATTAWAY NATURE CENTER

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	SOURCES
Parking and Vehicular Circulation Improvement	48-51,80	Ongoing	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
Restroom Facility Redesign and Update		10 years	
Walking Trail Rehabilitation		Ongoing	
Fishing Pier Updates & Maintenance		Ongoing	
Park Signage Upgrade		5 years	
Site Furnishing Replacement		Ongoing	
Improving Visibility Across the Park		Ongoing	
Outdoor Classroom Renovation		4 years	
Naturalized Area Restoration		Ongoing	
Certified Arborist Assessment		2 years	
Sidewalk/Trail Connection to Theis Lane		10 years	



Action Plan - New Projects

NEW PROJECTS

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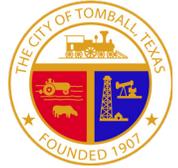
NEW PROJECTS

EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR C.O.T. PROPERTY NORTH OF WAYNE STOVALL

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Land Negotiations and Acquisition: This property still has several parcels that are not owned by the city. Initiate negotiations with landowners to acquire the remaining parcels of land or consider selling this property.	83	Ongoing	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program
While the property is not currently being utilized, explore the option to create a tree farm to grow out trees for future park needs, downtown tree canopy, or as a revenue source to sell off trees to local developers. This space if planned properly can also be used as a parking lot for festival and event parking.		3 years	
Master Planning: Develop a master plan for the new park that incorporates the community's input and outlines the park's layout, amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions. This property would be a potential location for expansion for baseball or soccer fields		Ongoing	

EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR C.O.T. PROPERTY ON LIZZIE LANE

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Master Planning: Develop a master plan for the new park that incorporates the community's input and outlines the park's layout, amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions.		3 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, "Friends of" Associations, & Memorial Dedication Program



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ACQUIRE NEW PARK PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOLDERRIETH ROAD			
ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Site Inventory and Evaluation: Evaluate potential parcels of land to assess their size, topography, existing infrastructure, and natural features. Consider factors such as soil quality, drainage, and ecological value to ensure the viability of a new park site.	103	Ongoing	Public-Private Partnerships, Local Government Funds, Grants, & Park Dedication & Development Fees
Strategic Partnerships: Collaborate with local governments, land trusts, non-profit organizations, private sports leagues, and developers to explore opportunities for acquiring land for parks through partnerships, joint ventures, or land donations.		Ongoing	
Budgeting and Funding Strategies: Develop a comprehensive budget that includes land acquisition costs, design, development, and ongoing maintenance expenses. Explore funding options such as public-private partnerships with sports organizations, park bonds, grants, impact fees, and community fundraising efforts.		Ongoing	
Land Negotiations and Acquisition: Initiate negotiations with landowners and sellers to acquire the identified parcels of land. Consider both direct purchases and potential land exchanges to secure suitable park sites.		Ongoing	
Master Planning: Develop a master plan for the new park that incorporates the community's input and outlines the park's layout, amenities, landscaping, infrastructure, and potential future expansions.		Ongoing	



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ACQUIRE NEW PARK PROPERTY ON WEST SIDE OF TOMBALL		
ACTION STRATEGY	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Site Inventory and Evaluation: Evaluate potential parcels of land to assess their size, topography, existing infrastructure, and natural features. Consider factors such as soil quality, drainage, and ecological value to ensure the viability of the new park site.	Ongoing	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, & Park Dedication & Development Fees
Strategic Partnerships: Collaborate with local governments, land trusts, non-profit organizations, and developers to explore opportunities for acquiring land for parks through partnerships, joint ventures, or land donations.	Ongoing	
Budgeting and Funding Strategies: Develop a comprehensive budget that includes land acquisition costs, design, development, and ongoing maintenance expenses. Explore funding options such as grants, public-private partnerships, impact fees, and community fundraising efforts.	103 Ongoing	
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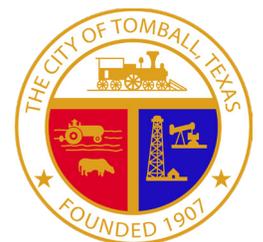
COMMUNITY GARDEN		
ACTION STRATEGY	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Explore opportunities for a community garden near downtown. This could be a resource and benefit as a resource for the Tomball Farmers Market	103 8 years	Local Government Funds, Grants, Public-Private Partnerships, & Park Dedication & Development Fees

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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Community Involvement & Funding





Potential Funding Sources

There are several potential funding sources that Tomball could explore for building new parks or improving existing ones. Some common funding sources include:

Local Government Funds: Cities can allocate funds from their own budgets for park development and improvement projects. This may involve dedicating a portion of property taxes, sales taxes, or other local revenue streams specifically for parks and recreational facilities.

Grants: The state of Texas offers various grant programs that cities can apply for to fund park projects. For example, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) provides grants through programs like the Local Park Grant Program and the Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program.

Public-Private Partnerships: Cities can form partnerships with private entities, non-profit organizations, or foundations to secure funding for park projects. These partnerships may involve financial contributions, sponsorships, or in-kind donations from private stakeholders invested in promoting community well-being and environmental initiatives.

Other partnerships with Harris County, Harris County Flood Control District, and Centerpoint will be extremely important when implementing trails.

Bond Issuance: Cities can issue bonds to finance park projects. By issuing municipal bonds, cities can generate upfront capital to invest in park infrastructure and pay back the debt over time using future revenue streams or tax revenue.

Park Dedication & Development Fees: Cities can impose fees on new developments to fund park improvements. These fees are charged to developers and are intended to offset the impact of new developments on public amenities, such as parks and recreation facilities.

"Friends Of" Associations: "Friends of" organizations for parks are nonprofit volunteer groups that are dedicated to supporting and advocating for a specific park or group of parks. These organizations work in partnership with park management and local authorities to enhance, preserve, and promote the park's resources and recreational opportunities.

It's important for cities to research and explore a combination of funding sources that align with their specific needs and priorities. Additionally, leveraging multiple funding streams and engaging in community partnerships can enhance the financial feasibility of park projects and help ensure their successful implementation.



Memorial Donation Program

MEMORIAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

○ **MEMORIAL BENCH - \$2,500.00**

This includes bench, concrete base, plaque and installation. City staff will work with donor on location options.

○ **MEMORIAL TREE - \$600**

Memorial trees purchased will be planted at a location determined by the donor and City staff. This includes a plaque and tree installation. For plaque inscription, please see below.

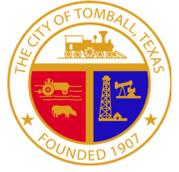
○ **MEMORIAL BRICKS - \$400**

For inscription, please see below.

- Jerry Matheson Park
- Jeurgens Park
- Theis Park
- MLK Jr. Park
- The Depot Park

Purchaser's Name:	Date of Purchase:
Purchaser's Phone Number:	Purchaser's Email Address:
Bench Purchase-Suggested Location:	Tree Purchase-Suggested Location:
Brick Purchase-Location:	Plaque/Brick Wording – 2 lines of up to 14 characters each line (including spaces): Line 1) Line 2)

For a more detailed description, please feel free to include below:



Tomball Legacy Fund

The Tomball Legacy Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization, created by the City of Tomball in 2014 to allow the City to receive private and corporate grant funds to supplement the City's ability to fund various programs, projects, and community events.

<https://tomballtx.gov/538/Tomball-Legacy-Fund-Inc>

Tomball Legacy Fund

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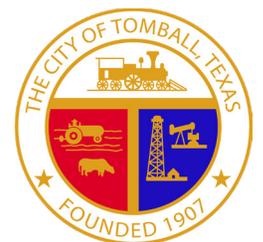
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PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Appendices





Public Survey Questionnaire

TOMBALL MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION FACILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you support the idea of enhancing or improving City of Tomball Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities?

- Yes
- No

Do you feel that there is a need for additional park amenities in Tomball?

- Yes
- No

What is your age range?

- Under 25 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65+ years old

How often do you visit or utilize City of Tomball Parks?

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- 1-3 times a month
- 2-10 times a year
- Once a year or less

Which parks do you frequent most? (Select all that apply)

- Railroad Depot
- Broussard Community Park
- Jerry Matheson Park
- Juergens Park
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Theis Attaway Nature Center
- Wayne Stovall Sports Complex (Tomball Little League Fields)

Are there any parks listed that you have never visited? (Select all that apply)

- Railroad Depot
- Broussard Community Park
- Jerry Matheson Park
- Juergens Park
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Theis Attaway Nature Center
- Wayne Stovall Sports Complex (Tomball Little League Fields)

What time of day do you typically utilize City of Tomball Parks and Recreational facilities? (Select all that apply)

- Morning (dawn-11:00)
- Mid-day (11:00-1:00)
- Late Afternoon (2:00-5:00)
- Evening (5:00-dusk)
- After dusk



Public Survey Questionnaire

TOMBALL MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION FACILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

How long is your typical visit to a City of Tomball Park?

- 30 minutes or less
- 45 minutes - 1.5 hours
- 2+ or more hours

What are some amenities within the current City of Tomball Parks that you would like to see improved? (Select all that apply)

- Walking Trails
- Playgrounds
- Sports Fields
- Pavilions
- Picnic Areas
- Water Play/ Splashpad
- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Ponds
- Other

What activities, amenities or facilities do you and your family use the most at any of the listed City of Tomball Parks?

Are you in support of a new park?

- Yes
- No

Do you have children or grandchildren involved in sport organizations in Tomball?

- Yes
- No

Do you have children? What age range? (Select all that apply)

- Newborn - 4 years
- 5 years - 12 years
- 13 years - 18 years

How long have you lived in Tomball?

- Less than 2 Years
- 2-5 Years
- 6-10 Years
- 11-20 Years
- 20+ Years
- I do not live in Tomball



Additional Comments from Public Survey

**"We love Tomball!!
Thank you!"**

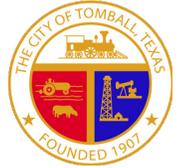
**"I love the small
town feel of the
current parks."**

**"Best town in the
world. Deserves the
best parks in the
world!"**

**"I love the small town
atmosphere of Tomball Texas.
I like the Farmers Market and all
the festivals. Tomball is a unique
place to live."**

**"Very excited to see
that the city is reaching
out to see what the
community wants!"**



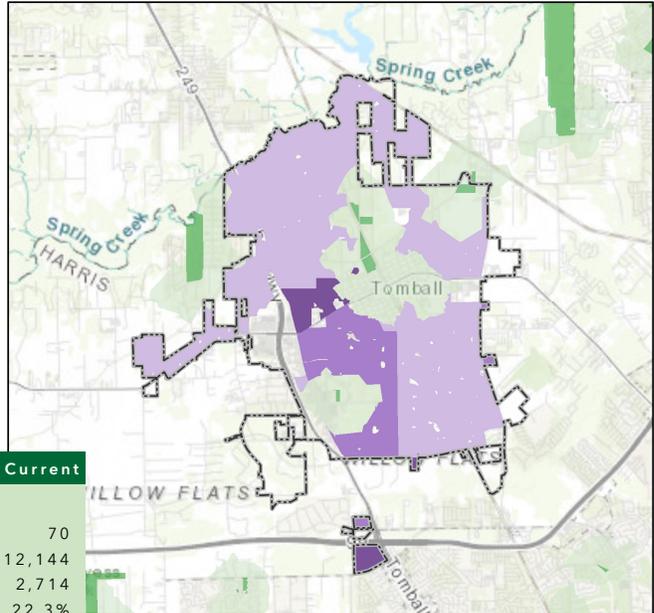


Trust for Public Land Parkserve Data City Level Report - Tomball, TX

The Trust for Public Land Parkserve Data is useful for a variety of purposes. It helps city officials, planners, and community organizations understand the current state of parks and recreational spaces within a specific area, including details about park acreage, proximity to residents, and available amenities. This data can inform decision-making processes related to park development, conservation efforts, equitable distribution of green spaces, and identifying areas in need of improvement or expansion. Additionally, the data can be used to advocate for funding and support for parks and outdoor recreation initiatives.

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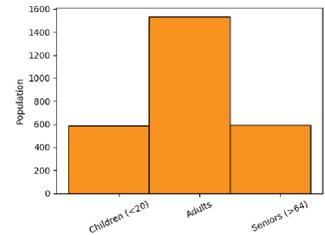
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 - High priority
 - Moderate priority



City Statistics Current

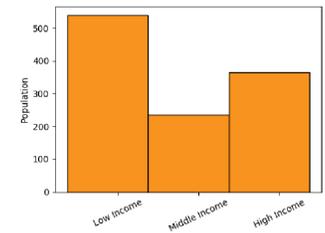
City: Tomball, TX	
Park Acres	70
Total Population	12,144
Served Population	2,714
Percent Served	22.3%

Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	586
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	1,534
Seniors (age 65 and up)	593



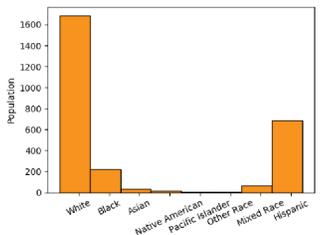
Households by Income	Served
Low income	539
Middle income	236
High income	365

(Generated From Regional Median Incomes)



Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	1,685
Black*	220
Asian*	36
Native American*	13
Pacific Islander*	3
Other Race*	5
Mixed Race*	62
Hispanic	689

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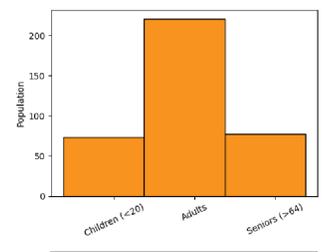
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Broussard Park Report



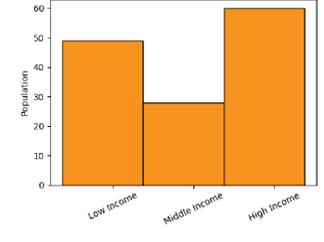
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Total Population	370

Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	73
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	221
Seniors (age 65 and up)	77



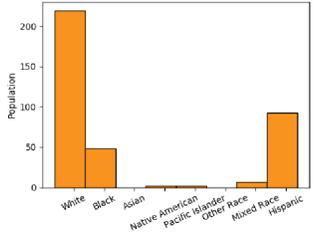
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Middle income	28
High income	60

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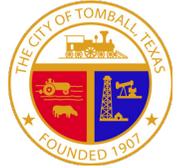
Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	219
Black*	48
Asian*	0
Native American*	2
Pacific Islander*	2
Other Race*	0
Mixed Race*	7
Hispanic	92

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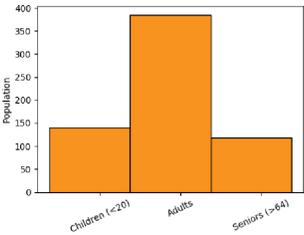
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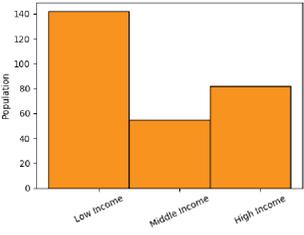
Population	Served
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Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	140
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	385
Seniors (age 65 and up)	118



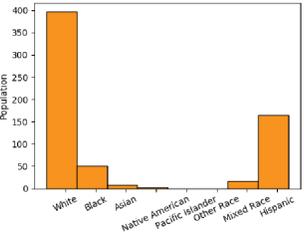
Households by Income	Served
Low income	142
Middle income	55
High income	82

(Generated From Regional Median Incomes)



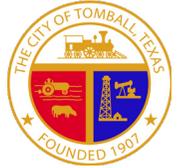
Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	397
Black*	50
Asian*	8
Native American*	2
Pacific Islander*	0
Other Race*	0
Mixed Race*	16
Hispanic	164

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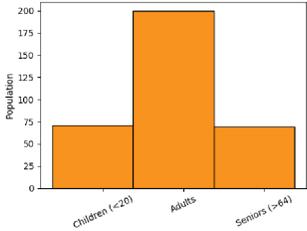
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Jerry Matheson Park Report



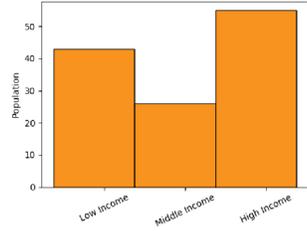
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Total Population	342

Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	71
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	200
Seniors (age 65 and up)	69

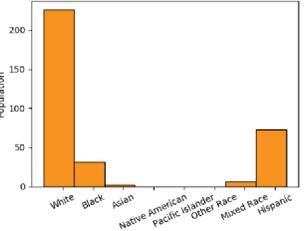


Households by Income	Served
Low income	43
Middle income	26
High income	55

(Generated From Regional Median Incomes)



Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	226
Black*	31
Asian*	2
Native American*	0
Pacific Islander*	0
Other Race*	0
Mixed Race*	6
Hispanic	73



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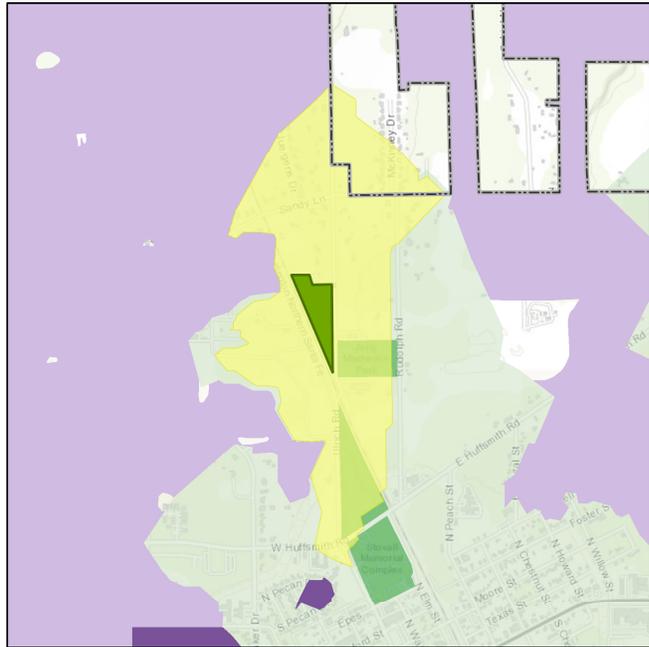


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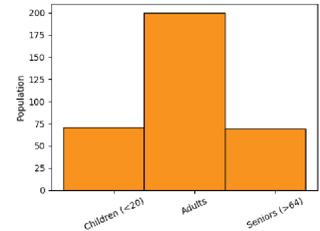
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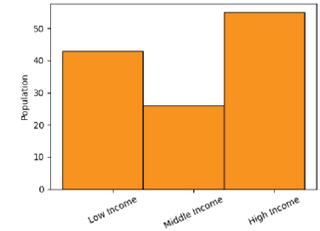
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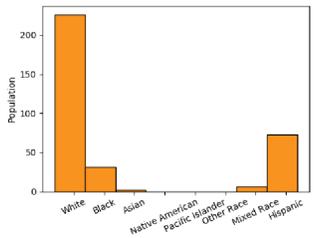
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High income	55

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Asian*	2
Native American*	0
Pacific Islander*	0
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Mixed Race*	6
Hispanic	73

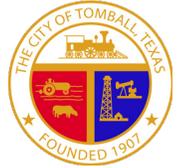
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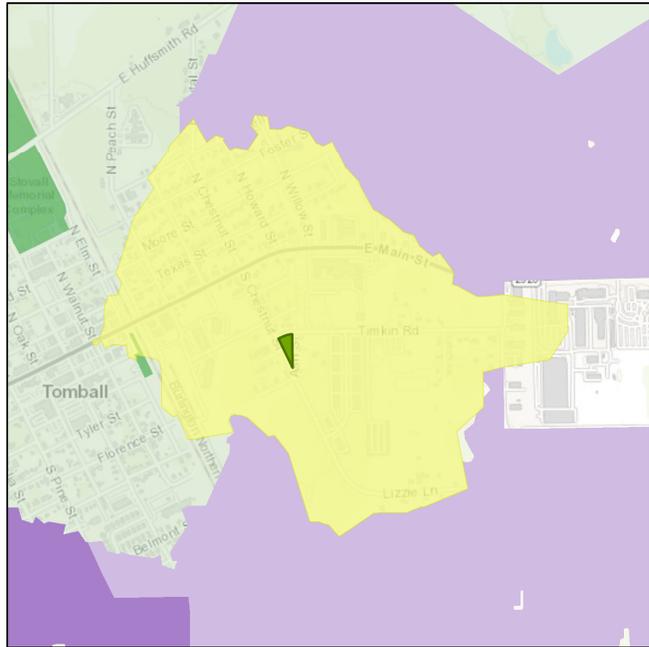


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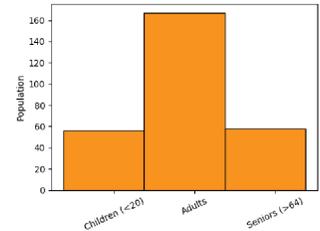
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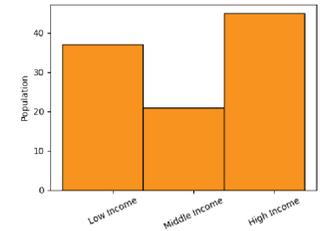
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Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	56
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	167
Seniors (age 65 and up)	58

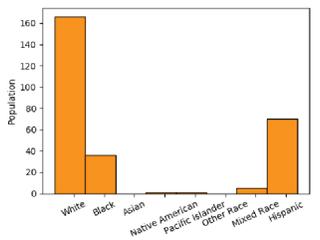


Households by Income	Served
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Middle income	21
High income	45

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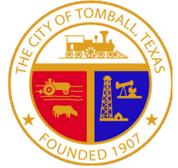
Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	166
Black*	36
Asian*	0
Native American*	1
Pacific Islander*	1
Other Race*	0
Mixed Race*	5
Hispanic	70



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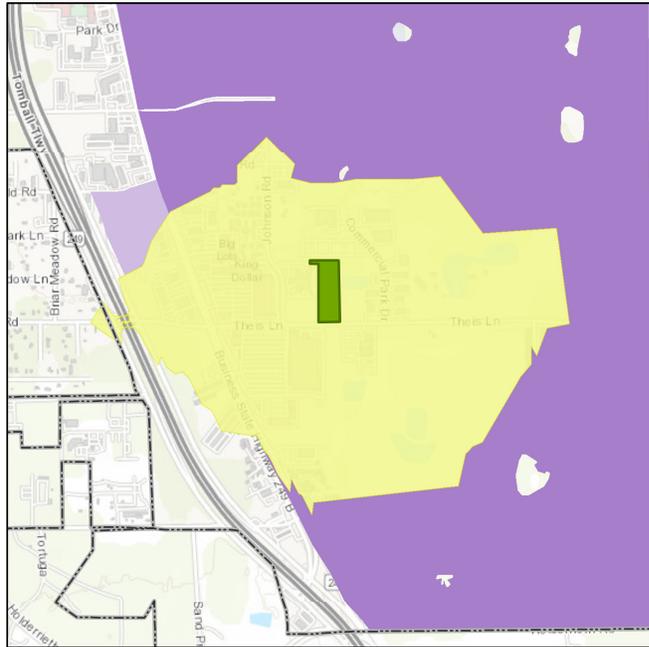


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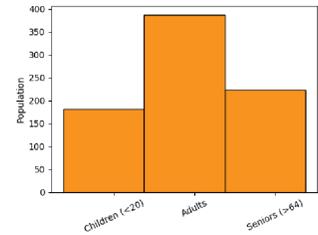
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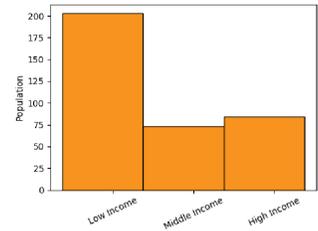
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Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	181
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	387
Seniors (age 65 and up)	223



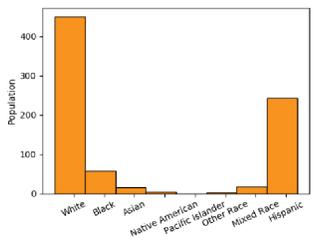
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Low income	203
Middle income	73
High income	84

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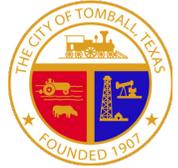
Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	450
Black*	58
Asian*	15
Native American*	4
Pacific Islander*	0
Other Race*	3
Mixed Race*	17
Hispanic	243

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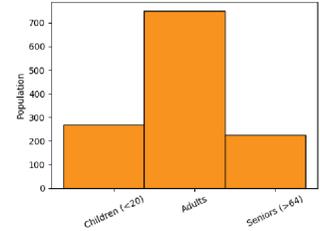
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Wayne Stovall Sports Complex Report



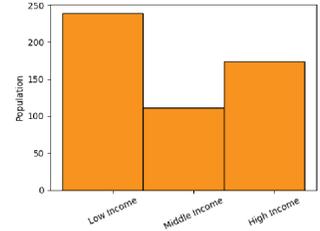
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Age	Served
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Adults (age 20 to age 64)	751
Seniors (age 65 and up)	225



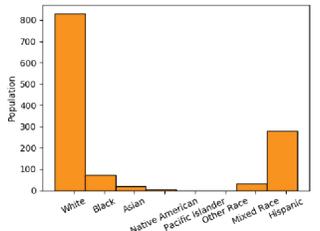
Households by Income	Served
Low income	239
Middle income	111
High income	174

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Race/Ethnicity	Served
White*	830
Black*	74
Asian*	19
Native American*	5
Pacific Islander*	0
Other Race*	0
Mixed Race*	32
Hispanic	279

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Action Plan- With Costs

NEW PROJECTS

EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR C.O.T. PROPERTY NORTH OF WAYNE STOVALL	\$ 10,400,000.00
AQUIRE NEW PARK PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOLDERRIETH ROAD	\$ 48,750,000.00
AQUIRE NEW PARK PROPERTY ON WEST SIDE OF TOMBALL	\$ 4,800,000.00

REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

DEPOT PLAZA PARK	\$ 10,800,000.00
JUERGENS PARK	\$ 6,655,000.00
WAYNE STOVALL SPORTS COMPLEX	\$ 12,750,000.00
BROUSSARD PARK	\$ 11,500,000.00

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

JERRY MATHESON PARK \$ 1,020,000.00

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Pedestrian Connectivity Improvement	36-39,79	3 years	\$ 75,000.00
Integration with Future Trail System		5 years	
Site Furnishings Upgrade		Ongoing	\$ 55,000.00
Restroom Facility Enhancement		5 years	\$ 150,000.00
Signage Modernization		5 years	\$ 30,000.00
Memorial Garden Redevelopment		3 years	\$ 25,000.00
Pool Facility Enhancement		1 year	\$ 250,000.00
Baseball Field Improvements		1 year	\$ 85,000.00
Playground Shade		2 years	\$ 100,000.00
Implement Master Plan by White Oak Studio		Ongoing	\$ 250,000.00

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK \$ 700,000.00

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES
Basketball Court Surface Improvement	44-47,81	2 years	\$ 50,000.00
Covered Structure Maintenance		Ongoing	\$ 15,000.00
Restroom Facility Renovation		5 years	\$ 250,000.00
Perimeter Fence Upgrade		5 years	\$ 60,000.00
Playground Replacement and Fall Surfacing Repair		1 year	\$ 100,000.00
Site Furniture Replacement		Ongoing	\$ 25,000.00
Pedestrian Access and Bike Parking		8 years	\$ 175,000.00
Outdoor Gaming Features Addition		3 years	\$ 25,000.00
Integration with Future Trail System			10 years

THEIS ATTAWAY NATURE CENTER \$ 802,500.00

ACTION STRATEGY	PLAN PAGE	TIME FRAME	SOURCES
Parking and Vehicular Circulation Improvement	48-51,80	Ongoing	\$ 75,000.00
Restroom Facility Redesign and Update		10 years	\$ 250,000.00
Walking Trail Rehabilitation		Ongoing	\$ 100,000.00
Fishing Pier Updates & Maintenance		Ongoing	\$ 25,000.00
Park Signage Upgrade		5 years	\$ 25,000.00
Site Furnishing Replacement		Ongoing	
Improving Visibility Across the Park		Ongoing	\$ 75,000.00
Outdoor Classroom Renovation		4 years	\$ 180,000.00
Naturalized Area Restoration		Ongoing	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Arborist Assessment		2 years	\$ 15,000.00
Sidewalk/Trail Connection to Theis Lane			10 years

TOMBALL PARKS



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