

CITY OF LEANDER PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



2011-2021



ORDINANCE # 11-023-00

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2011-2021 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Leander City Council desires to create an unparalleled park and recreation system for the use and enjoyment of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide recreation and open space opportunities into the next decade and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish priorities for park improvements and recreation programming through an implementation plan for future components of the parks and recreation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. 2011-2021 City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan adopted. The City Council hereby adopts the 2011-2021 City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan of the City of Leander that is spread upon in the minutes of the meeting. The Plan shall be kept in the office of the City Secretary and shall be available for public inspection during normal office hours.

Section 3. Effective Date. The Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below.

Section 4. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't. Code.*

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Leander, Texas on the 18th day of August, 2011.

Attest:


Debbie Haile, City Secretary

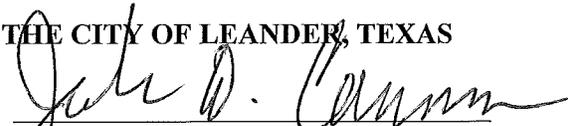
THE CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS

John D. Cowman, Mayor

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Leander partnered with LUCK Design Team, LLC to prepare the City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan 2011-2021. The plan was developed October 2010 thru August 2011 through efforts of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, City staff and the LUCK Design Team. The City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan reflects a range of issues and levels of planning within the broad-scale contextual relationships of parks in the community. We thank the following individuals for their guidance in the development of this plan.

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METHODOLOGY

In 2004 the City of Leander completed its first Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, and for seven years that plan has been the document the City used to guide its growth.

The City began the process of revising the 2004 plan in October 2010 when a planning consultant was hired to coordinate the work. The design team included Brent Luck with Luck Design Team, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City staff. The Luck Design Team met with the Advisory Board and staff monthly throughout this process and in December 2010 a survey of residents was conducted to identify park and recreation needs and priorities. Over 245 people responded to the survey.



The next step was to prepare an inventory of public and private parks in Leander. Upon conclusion of the inventory, proposed acreage and facility standards were developed to guide future planning and development through 2021. The proposed standards took into account the current level of service and expressed needs of survey respondents.

On April 11, 2011 an Open House was held at the Library to discuss survey results, preliminary goals and objectives and the inventory of existing parks and programs. Twenty-seven (27) individuals attended the Open House and provide input relative to their desires for the City park and recreation system. After the Open House, park needs were sorted into high, medium and low priorities for indoor and outdoor facilities, and recreation programs. The priorities were derived from the public input and survey responses, plus input from the Advisory Board and City staff. Recommendations on priorities were also developed to assist with the 10-year implementation plan that outlines when the prioritized projects should be accomplished.

The plan was endorsed by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board August 1st and placed on the City website for review and comments from the general public. Copies of the plan were also available for viewing at the Library, City Hall and Parks & Recreation Office.

The revised 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan was approved by the City Council on August 18, 2011.

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ABOUT LEANDER

LOCATION²

Leander lies on the northeast edge of Texas' Hill Country, roughly ten miles due west of Interstate 35 on US 183, just north of Austin, Texas. Since 2000, the community has grown from 7,600 residents to more than 26,000 in 2010. This makes Leander the 37th fastest growing City in the United States (US Census Bureau, 2009).

Affordability and quality schools have been the historical drivers for the community's growth. Single-family residential homes run the gamut from first-time to executive styled living. The Leander Independent School District's (LISD) 37 campuses provide a varied curriculum. This gives more than 30,000 students a great start to their future.

NEARBY CITIES AND PROXIMITY TO MAJOR METROS (DISTANCE IN MILES)

Austin	26
Dallas	181
Houston	176
Round Rock	16
San Antonio	105



CLIMATE³

Leander, Texas gets an average of 34 inches of rain per year while the US average is 37 inches. The number of days with any measurable precipitation is 78.

On average, there are 229 sunny days per year in Leander, Texas. The July high is around 96 degrees while the January low is 36 degrees.

HISTORY OF LEANDER ²

The City of Leander, originally called Bagdad, was established on July 17, 1882. The first settlers arrived in the area around 1845, receiving bounty land grants in exchange for service in the Texas Revolution. These settlers lived in log cabins and were frequently subjected to being attacked by Indians that also called this area of central Texas their home. If it had not been for the many Indian attacks, the area of Bagdad would probably have been settled earlier. Although, because of these frequent attacks, the Texas Rangers were called in to protect the settlers and they constructed a building that would house up to sixty men. This was one of the first buildings of what is now Williamson County.

During the 1850's, the town of Bagdad was surveyed and many businesses began opening. One of

the first stores was a blacksmith shop. The first post office was opened in 1858. Although the location was isolated the abundance of water and timber attracted many settlers. Farming became the mainstay of the area, with the settlers growing much of their own food and making most of their own clothing.

During the Civil War many men left to join the Southern forces. At the end of the war most of the men returned to the local community, as well as many of the freed slaves. Bagdad Cemetery was established in 1857 with the burial of three-year-old John Babcock whose father gave the tract of land where the cemetery now exists, to the community. Other earlier burials were Civil War veterans. The United Methodist church was established in 1860.



Bagdad was also a stop on the stage line from Austin to Lampasas; the settlers were now able to have goods delivered to them from Austin. By the 1870's, Bagdad had a hotel, school, several general stores, two blacksmith shops, and several churches. In 1871, the first school was started in Bagdad by the Masonic Lodge; it was the only free school in the area. Church socials played a very important role in the lives of the settlers and were the main entertainment for the early residents of Bagdad.

The Railroad Comes Through

By the 1880's many changes were on the way. The railroad industry expanded to Texas with plans to build tracks through Bagdad's downtown area. The citizens opposed the railroad and the Austin & Northwestern Railroad officials decided instead to build the tracks one mile east of town. Soon after the railroad was completed the townspeople realized they had made a mistake and it could be of great benefit to their businesses to be located near the railroad. The original Bagdad settlers started moving their businesses and homes nearer to the railroad tracks.

The area was surveyed, lots were sold by the railroad and the new town of Leander was established in 1882. The town of Leander was named after Leander "Catfish" Brown, who was one of the men who was responsible for completion of the rail line. The post office was brought from Bagdad to Leander in 1882 and the first bank, Humble & Chapman, was established. Doctors' offices, lawyers' offices, and a drug store had also joined this new community. In 1883, the Leander Presbyterian Church was established. The cedar post busi-

ness was prospering, with most of the posts being shipped out by railway. Ranching and farming were increasing. Cotton was the main crop and soon Wesley Craven and J. Sampley built cotton gins.

The population of Leander in the early 1890's was estimated to be around 329 people. In 1893, the first public schools were opened both in Leander and Bagdad. On June 7, 1899, the Leander High School Association incorporated under Texas law. The school was formed without profit for a period of fifty years.

The population of Leander in the 1900's had dropped to 283. Mules moved the Leander Methodist Church to its present location in 1901. Farming was still the main activity and life had become centered on the schools and churches. Baseball teams were quite popular at this time, as well as community theatre. School only went to the 10th grade and if you wanted to go any higher, you had to go to Liberty Hill or Georgetown. In 1919 A. K. Davis went to Mexico to bring workers to the Leander area. He brought back many families, some of which became American citizens and also Williamson County's earliest Hispanic settlers.

The Depression Hits Leander

When the depression hit, the population dropped to 200. The schools continued to grow and were consolidated with Pleasant Hill in 1928. After the school burned down in 1938 the district continued growing, consolidating with Round Mountain and Volente in 1938, and then with Nameless. Whitestone joined the district in 1952. The school was still the most important part of the community. Churches provided the social life where many community gatherings were held.

Many young men left to join the war effort during World War Two. The local citizens had to adjust to such things as sugar rationing. They also organized watch groups to report any sightings of enemy aircraft to authorities. During this time traveling shows would set up at Brushy and Willis streets for entertaining the townspeople. Three more churches were established during the 1940's, St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church, Leander Church of Christ, and First Baptist Church of Leander. Many citizens banked at the 1st State Bank of Leander and Barnes & Jones Lumber Company was a well-established business. During the 1950's the population had risen back up to around 300 people. There were three stores that provided the community with groceries and goods, MacFarland Grocery, The Red and White Store, and Hub Powell's. Housing subdivisions began to develop in the area in the late 1950's and early 1960's. A new high school was built in 1969, but at this time the population was still around 300 people. Many citizens worked in the Austin area with Highway 183 being a major thoroughfare to assist in their commute in to the Austin area. Shopping trips to Austin were common for residents of Leander by this time.

On January 21, 1978 the City of Leander was incorporated and Joe Bates was its first mayor. The City was continuing to grow more rapidly. Subdivisions were being developed west of the city where the water and sewer system was available. As the city continued to grow into the 1980's additional schools were being built in the Cedar Park area. The Leander School District was experiencing tremendous growth. A new city hall was established along with some new additions in the old downtown area. With all of this growth, Leander still continued to be mostly a rural community.

With more homes being built in the west part of Leander, the population by the 1990's was 3,398.

The school district was growing rapidly and built its second high school in Cedar Park. Many businesses such as service shops and fast food establishments began to locate to the Leander area. The Crystal Falls Municipal Golf Course was built and has proven to be one of the most beautiful and challenging golf courses in the area.



Leander Today

Leander, presently, has a population estimated at over 26,000. The Leander Independent School District has grown into the largest school district in Williamson County and the fastest growing district in the state of Texas. It presently has a total of five high schools, seven middle schools and twenty-three elementary schools. It encompasses the cities of Leander, Cedar Park, Jonestown, and parts of Northwest Austin. New businesses are on their way and the residential growth that has been experienced over the past few years is phenomenal. The long-term water supply is now secure for the city’s residents and an expanded wastewater treatment plant is on-line. The city continues to expand its roadway network to assist the residents of Leander in traveling into the Austin area.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

- March Devine Lake Kite Festival
- April Spring Egg-Stravaganza
- May Bledsoe Park Water Playscape Opens
Bledsoe Pool Opens on Weekends
- June Bledsoe Pool Opens for Operation Tuesdays through Sundays
Teaching Kids to Fish Event
- July Liberty Fest
- September Bluegrass Festival
- December Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting



CITY OF LEANDER - 2010 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE DATA

TOTAL POPULATION¹: 26,521

AGE¹

Median Age:	31.4 years old	
Under 5 years	2,529	9.5 %
5 to 9 years	2,769	10.4%
10 to 14 years	2,466	9.3%
15 to 19 years	1,932	7.3%
20 to 24 years	1,085	4.1%
25 to 29 years	1,823	6.9%
30 to 34 years	2,439	9.2%
35 to 39 years	2,706	10.2%
40 to 44 years	2,215	8.4%
45 to 49 years	1,831	6.9%
50 to 54 years	1,400	5.3%
55 to 59 years	1,153	4.3%
60 to 64 years	865	3.3%
65 to 69 years	542	2.0%
70 to 74 years	317	1.2%
75 to 79 years	208	0.8%
80 to 84 years	137	0.5%
85 years and older	104	0.4%

GENDER¹

Males	13,066	49.3%
Females:	13,455	50.7%

RACE¹

Total Population	26,521	49.3%
Hispanic/Latino	6,500	24.5%
Mexican	5,328	20.1%
Puerto Rican	219	0.8%
Cuban	75	0.3%
Other Hispanic	878	3.3%
Not Hispanic/Latino	20,021	75.5%
White Alone	17,459	65.8%
Black or African American Alone	1,171	4.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native Alone	109	0.4%
Asian Alone	592	2.2%
Native Hawaiian Alone	22	0.1%
Some Other Race Alone	64	0.2%
Two or more Races	604	2.3%

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS ¹	8,557	
Households with individuals under 18	4,592	53.7%
Households with individuals 65 years+	1,005	11.7%
Average Household Size	3.10	
HOUSING TENURE ¹		
Owner- Occupied Housing Units	6,873	80.3%
Renter- Occupied Housing Units	1,684	19.7%

SOURCE:

1. U.S. Census, 2010 Census
2. City of Leander: www.leandertx.org/page.php?page_id=34,
retrieved 7.25.11.
3. Sperling's Best Places: www.bestplaces.net/climate/city/texas/leander,
retrieved 7.25.11.



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives for the City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan 2011-2021 were developed by Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City staff. The goals and objectives revise and build upon those stated in the 2004 Master Plan.

GOAL ONE

Provide and promote a comprehensive system of parks, greenbelts and open space that is compatible with the environment and an integral part of the community and developing neighborhoods

OBJECTIVES:

- Create a Parks Recreation & Open Space Master Plan that meets a variety of community and neighborhood needs for all City areas within the ETJ boundary, and incorporates regional planning for trails and parks
- Encourage greenbelt, parkland and open space dedication and recreational improvements, or payment in lieu, during the development process
- Create a park system that provides 11 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents (public and private parks acreage combined)
- Acquire a site for a community sports complex (50-100 acres)
- Establish a linear park along the San Gabriel River that connects primary trail corridors to the County Regional Park in Liberty Hill
- Establish community parks in the northeast, southeast and far southwest areas of the City
- Acquire land for additional parking in Robin Bledsoe Park
- Promote community pride and involvement by offering programs and activities for all ages
- Incorporate green technologies and education opportunities into the City park system to promote environmental sustainability
- Improve community awareness of parks and recreational opportunities
- Develop and strengthen partnerships with public and private entities to assist in the implementation of the City Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan and recreational programming goals

GOAL TWO:

Create pedestrian and bicycle linkages between parks, residential neighborhoods, greenbelts, schools, public facilities, commercial/retail centers and other activity centers whenever possible

OBJECTIVES:

- Establish trails that connect residential and commercial areas, schools, parks and the Leander Transit Station
- Coordinate trail and greenbelt planning with Williamson Count, Travis County and adjacent communities
- Identify arterial and connector streets suitable for bike lanes and incorporate bike lanes into new street construction

GOAL THREE:

Facilitate a comprehensive system of recreational program opportunities compatible with the needs of all citizens

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide programming and events that foster a sense of pride and attachment in the community
- Facilitate the availability of sports leagues for all ages, including field allocation and collaboration in establishing leagues as needed
- Promote Leander as a destination for visual and performing arts



5 INVENTORY

LEANDER PARKS & FACILITIES INVENTORY SUMMARY (As of July 1, 2011)

PRIVATE PARKS	ACREAGE	AMENITIES	STATUS
Boulders @ Crystal Falls	4.80	Pool, bathhouse/rest room, playscape, picnic area, volleyball court, parking lot	Improved
Cold Springs	7.20	Pavilion, pool, water playscape, playscape, trail, basketball court, bathhouse/rest room, parking lot	Improved
Crystal Crossing	2.85	Pavilion, playscape, picnic area, trail, benches	Improved
Grand Mesa @ Crystal Falls	1.80	Tennis court, picnic area	Improved
Hazelwood Park	0.79	Pool, Bathhouse/rest room, playscape, storage building, parking lot	Improved
Highlands @ Crystal Falls	11.40	Pool, disc golf course, pond, picnic area, parking lot, bathhouse/rest room	Improved
Horizon Union Park (#1)	4.50	Pool, bathhouse/rest room, basketball court, pavilion, playscape, soccer field, picnic area, trail, parking lot	Improved
Horizon Sunset Park (#2)	2.20	Volleyball court, pavilion, basketball court	Improved
Horizon #3	1.90	Trail, pavilion, playscape, picnic area	Improved
Horizon #4	1.10	Picnic area	Improved
Lakeline Ranch #1	2.40		Unimproved
Lakeline Ranch #2	2.00	Benches, sidewalk, maintained open space	Improved
Lakeline Ranch #3	4.60	Pool, bathhouse/rest room, pavilions, basketball court, playscape, picnic area, disc golf course	Improved

PRIVATE PARKS - CONTINUED

Mason Creek HOA	0.90	Pool, bathhouse/rest rooms, basketball court, picnic area	Improved
Oak Ridge	5.90	Playscape, picnic area, lighted tennis court, lighted basketball court, pool, bathhouse/rest room, parking lot	Improved
Old Town Village	4.20	Playscape, picnic area	Improved
Ridgewood North	1.00	Playscape, picnic area	Improved
Ridgewood South	0.90	Pool, bathhouse, parking lot	Improved
Sarita Valley	12.71	Pool, playscape, trail picnic tables	Improved
Vista Ridge	1.80	Pool, playscape	Improved
Westview Meadows	3.20	Pool, bathhouse/rest room, playscape, basketball court, pavilion, parking lot	Improved
Westwood	2.00	Pool, bathhouse/rest room, playscape, parking lot	Improved



CITY PARKS	ACREAGE	AMENITIES	STATUS
Benbrook Ranch	46.5	7 soccer/football fields, pavilion, playscape, trail, disc golf course, skatepark, softball/baseball field, BMX track, 2 rest rooms, 2 parking lots	Improved
Devine Lake	46.0	Lake, pavilion, picnic area, playscape, trail, off-leash pet area, parking, rest room	Improved
Northcreek Ranch	2.2	Playscape, pavilion, trail, multi-purpose field	Improved
Mason Creek	4.0	Soccer/football field, playscape, picnic area, trail	Improved
Robin Bledsoe	16.6	2 lighted multi-purpose fields, pool, water playscape, lighted basketball court, pavilion, picnic area, playscape, trail, amphitheater, rest room, rest room/concession building, parking lot	Improved
Sarita Valley Greenbelt	24.3	Trail	Improved

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES	ACREAGE	AMENITIES	STATUS
Crystal Falls Golf Club	142.0	18 holes, clubhouse (pro-shop, snack bar) cart barn, maintenance yard	Improved

BENBROOK RANCH PARK 1100 HALSEY DRIVE



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Benches	1	1			Yes
BMX Track	1		1		No
Disc Golf Course	1	1			No
Multi-Use Fields	2		2		Yes
Picnic Tables	4	4			Yes
Pavilions	1	1			Yes
Playgrounds	1	1			Yes
Soccer Fields	1	1			Yes
Trails	.75 miles	.75 miles			Yes

ACREAGE: 46.5 ACRES

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: COMMUNITY PARK

DEVINE LAKE PARK 1000 MAPLE CREEK



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
BBQ Grills	9	9			No
Benches	8	8			No
Fishing Dock	1			1	No
Lake	1	1			No
Picnic Tables	9	8	1		Yes
Pavilions	1	1			No
Playgrounds	1	1			Yes
Trails	.25 miles	.25 miles			Yes

ACREAGE: **46.0 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **COMMUNITY PARK**

NORTHCREEK RANCH PARK



		CONDITION			
EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	ACCESSIBILITY
BBQ Grills	1	1			Yes
Benches	1	1			Yes
Pavilions	1	1			Yes
Picnic Tables	2	2			Yes
Playgrounds	1	1			Yes
Trails	.20 Miles	.20 Miles			Yes

ACREAGE: **2.2 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

MASON CREEK PARK 801 EAGLES WAY



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Multi-Use Field	1		1		Yes
Picnic Tables	4	4			Yes
Playgrounds	1	1			No
Trails	.2 Miles	.2 Miles			Yes

ACREAGE: **4.0 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

ROBIN BLEDSOE PARK 601 S. BAGDAD



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	DELETE / REPAIR	
Amphitheater	1	1			Yes
Basketball Court -lighted	1	1			Yes
BBQ Grills	1	1			No
Benches	8	8			No
Concession Building	1	1			Yes
Pavilions	1	1			Yes
Picnic Tables	9	7	2		Yes
Playgrounds	1	1			Yes
Softball Field	2	2			Yes
Spalsh Pad	1	1			Yes
Pool	1	1			Yes
Trails	.50 miles	.50 miles			No

ACREAGE: **16.6 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **COMMUNITY PARK**

ROBIN BLEDSOE PARK CONTINUED



SUMMARY OF CITY & PRIVATE PARKS & GOLF COURSES

	Improved	Unimproved	Total
City Parks	6 parks – 138.60 acres	None	6 parks – 138.60 acres
Private Parks	21 parks – 78.05 acres	1 park – 2.4 acres	22 parks – 80.45 acres
Public Golf Courses	1 course – 142 acres	None	1 course – 142 acres
TOTAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE	28 parks – 358.65 acres	1 parks – 2.4 acres	29 parks – 361.05 acres



Recreational Amenities Table - City of Leander

Park Facility Name	Acres	Park Classification	Amphitheaters	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	BBQ Grills	Benches	Boardwalks / Piers	BMX Track	Concession Buildings	Disc Golf Courses	Exercise Stations	Fishing Decks	Football Fields	Golf Course	Gymnasiums
PUBLIC PARKS																
Benbrook Ranch Park	46.50	C		1			1		1		1					
Devine Lake Park	46.00	C				9	8						1			
Northcreek Ranch Park	2.20	N				1	1									
Mason Creek Park	4.00	N														
Robin Bledsoe Park	16.60	C	1		1	1	8			1						
Sarita Valley Greenbelt	24.30	G														
GOLF COURSE																
Crystal Falls Golf Club	142.00									1						1
PRIVATE PARKS																
Boulders @ Crystal Falls	4.80	N				4										
Cold Springs	7.20	N			1		2									
Crystal Crossing	2.85	N					1									
Grand Mesa @ Crystal Falls	1.80	N														
Hazelwood Park	0.79	N														
Highlands @ Crystal Falls	11.40	N									1					
Horizon Union Park #1	4.50	N			1	3	5									
Horizon Sunset Park #2	2.20	N			1	2	4									
Horizon Park #3	1.90	N														
Horizon Park#4	1.10	N				3	4									
Lakeline Ranch Park #1	2.40	N														
Lakeline Ranch Park #2	2.00	N					4									
Lakeline Ranch Park #3	4.60	N			1	4	4				1					
Mason Creek HOA Park	0.90	N			1		3									
Oak Ridge Park	5.90	N			1	1	2									
Old Town Village Park	4.20	N					2									
Ridgewood North Park	1.00	N				2	6									
Ridgewood South Park	0.90	N														
Sarita Valley Park	12.71	N														
Vista Ridge Park	1.80	N					2									
Westview Meadows Park	3.20	N			1		4									
Westwood Park	2.00	N			1		2									
Total	361.75		1	1	9	30	63	0		2	3	0	1	0	1	0
		N=Neighborhood														
		C=Community														
		G= Greenbelt														



Recreational Amenities Table Continued - City of Leander

Park Facility Name	Lake Recreation	Meeting Rooms	Multi-Purpose Fields	Pavilions	Picnic Tables	Playgrounds	Skate parks	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Splash Pads	Swimming Pools	Tennis Courts	Trails (in Miles)	Volleyball
PUBLIC PARKS														
Benbrook Ranch Park			2	1	4	1	1	1					0.75	
Devine Lake Park	1			1	9	1							0.25	
Northcreek Ranch Park				1	2	1							0.2	
Mason Creek Park			1		4	1							0.2	
Robin Bledsoe Park				1	9	1			2	1	1		0.50	
Sarita Valley Greenbelt													0.67	
PRIVATE PARKS														
Boulders @ Crystal Falls			1		10	1					1			1
Cold Springs				1	4	1				1	1			
Crystal Crossing					1								0.2	
Grand Mesa @ Crystal Falls					4	1						1		
Hazelwood Park						1					1			
Highlands @ Crystal Falls					4						1			
Horizon Union Park #1				1	11	1		1			1		0.15	
Horizon Sunset Park #2				1	4									
Horizon Park #3					3									
Horizon Park#4				1	5	1							0.15	
Lakeline Ranch Park #1														
Lakeline Ranch Park #2														
Lakeline Ranch Park #3				1	4	1					1			1
Mason Creek HOA Park					1	1					1			
Oak Ridge Park					2	1					1	1		
Old Town Village Park			1		2	1								
Ridgewood North Park					4	1								
Ridgewood South Park											1			
Sarita Valley Park					4	1					1		0.34	
Vista Ridge Park					1	1					1			
Westview Meadows Park				1	4	1					1			
Westwood Park					1	1					1			
Total		0	5	10	97	20	1	2	2	2	14	2	3.41	2



INSERT PARKS MAP

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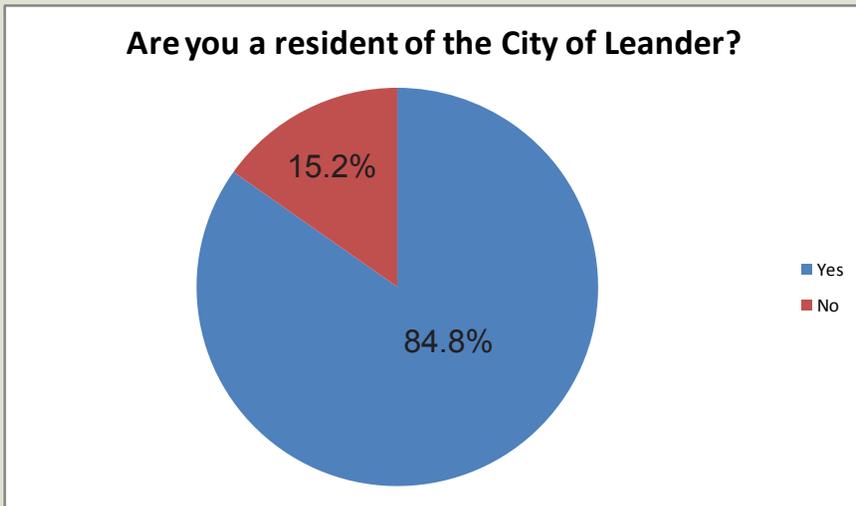
NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY PRIORITIES

In January of 2011 the City distributed the Community Needs Survey to citizens to solicit public input regarding the general growth direction they would like for the City park and recreation system. (Survey included in Appendix.) Through mail and the web-based responses, the City received 245 completed surveys. Survey results are provided on the following pages.

The results of the survey are indicated on the following pages.

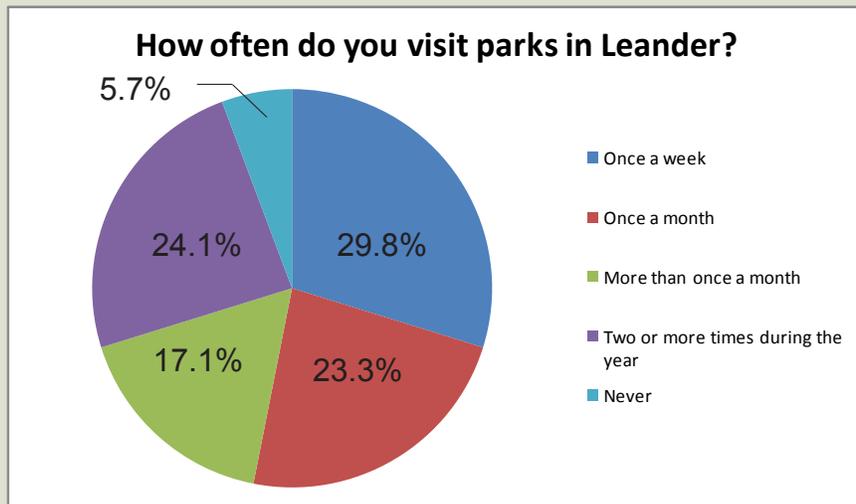
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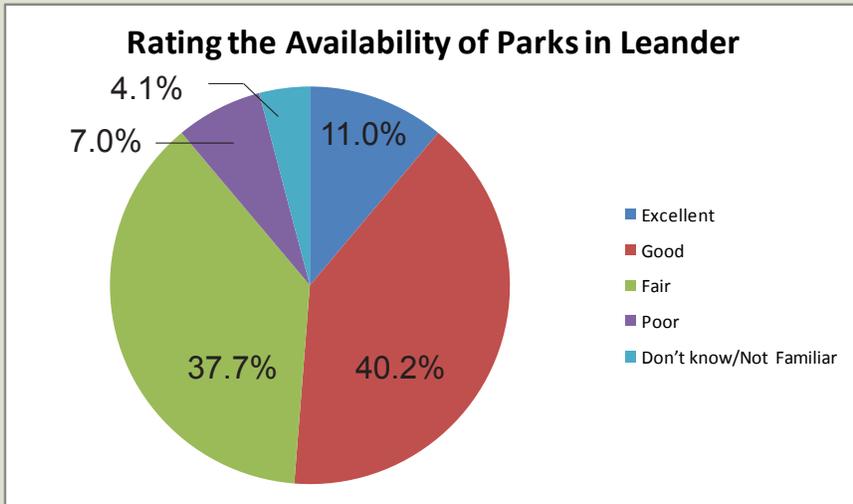
QUESTION 2:

How often have you or members of your household visited parks or used recreation facilities in Leander in 2010? Your activities could include visiting or using City parks, private parks, golf courses or school facilities. (Please indicate one answer.)



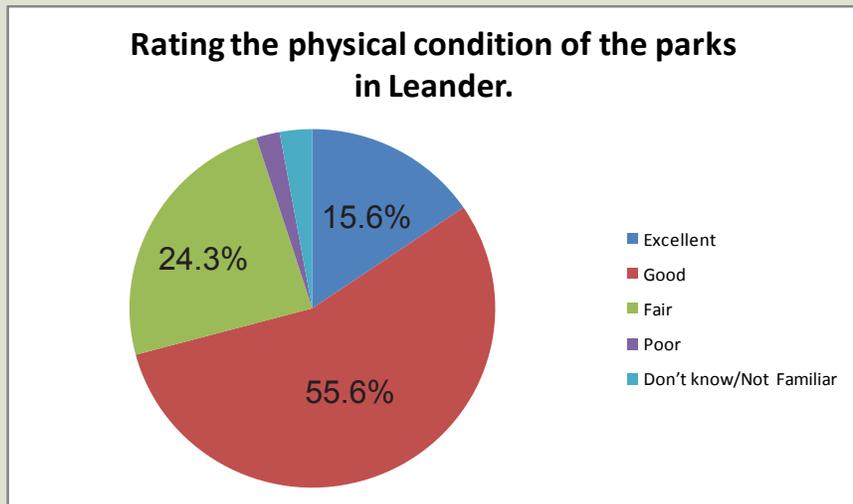
QUESTION 3:

How would you rate the availability of park facilities in Leander? (Please indicate one answer.)



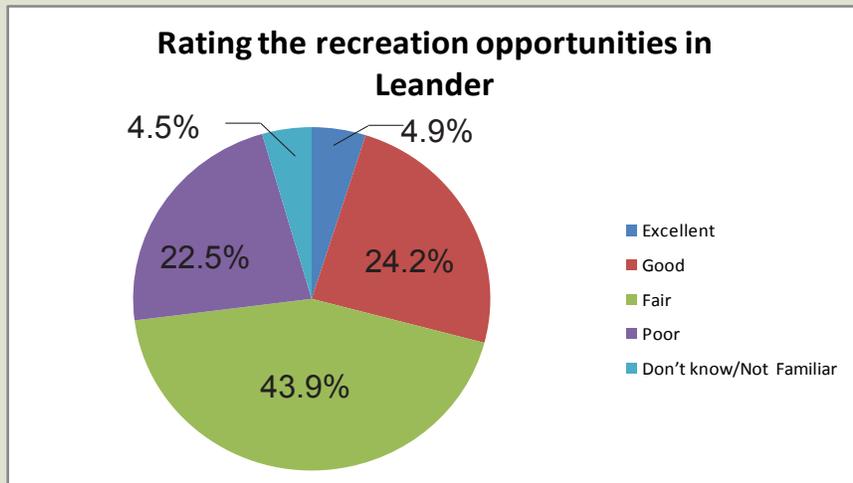
QUESTION 4:

How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Leander? (Please indicate one answer.)



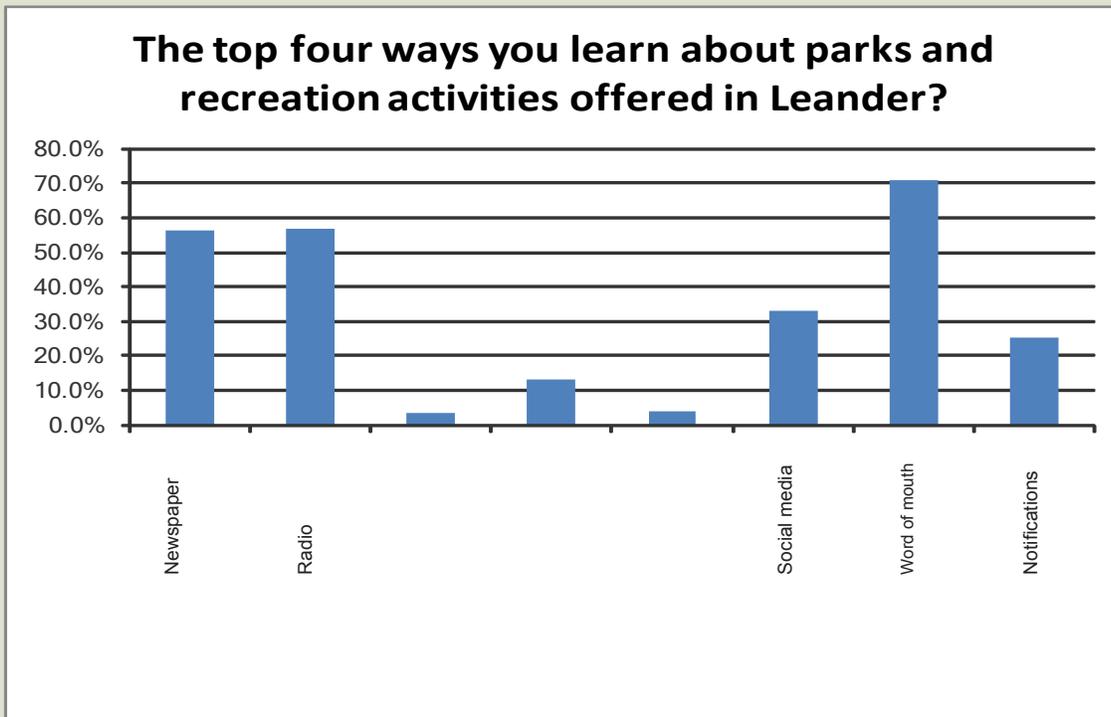
QUESTION 5:

Overall, how would you rate the recreation opportunities in Leander? (Please indicate one answer.)



QUESTION 6:

From the list below, please mark the top four ways you learn about parks and recreation activities offered in Leander? (Indicate only four answers.)



QUESTION 7:

Which social media do you prefer?

Facebook: 83.2%	You Tube: 4.0%
Twitter: 8.8%	Other: 4.0%

QUESTION 8:

From the FACILITIES listed below, please indicate if you or someone in your household believes there is a need for these facilities to be added in existing or future parks in Leander. (Please indicate "yes" or "no" for each facility.)

1. Trails
2. Picnic Areas
3. Natural Areas & Open Space
4. Pavilions/Shelters
5. Multi-Purpose Indoor Center
6. Water playscapes/Splash pads
7. Playscapes/Playgrounds
8. Leisure Pools
9. Community Gardens
10. Fishing Access Areas
11. Dog Park
12. Botanical Gardens
13. Baseball Fields
14. Basketball Courts
15. Tennis Courts
16. Soccer Fields
17. Volleyball Courts
18. Senior Center
19. Softball Fields
20. Football Fields
21. Disc Golf
22. Skate Parks
23. BMX Track

QUESTION 9:

From the FACILITIES listed in Question 8, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Indicate your preference using the letter code associated with each program. Example: for Baseball Fields write down letter code "A".)

1. Trails
2. Multi-Purpose Indoor Center
3. Natural Areas & Open Space
4. Dog Park
5. Water playscapes/Splash pads
6. Leisure Pools
7. Playscapes/Playgrounds
8. Community Gardens
9. Fishing Access Areas
10. Baseball
11. Botanical Gardens
12. Tennis Courts
13. Pavilions/Shelters
14. Senior Center
15. Football Fields
16. Picnic Areas
17. Disc Golf
18. Softball Fields
19. Soccer Fields
20. BMX Track
21. Basketball Courts
22. Skate Parks
23. Volleyball Courts

QUESTION 11:

From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed below, please indicate if you or someone in your household has a need for each of the sports activities or recreational programs. (Please indicate "yes" or "no" for each activity.)

- 1. Lifetime Fitness & Wellness
- 2. Music in the Park
- 3. Swimming & Aquatics
- 4. Indoor Recreation
- 5. Movies in the Park
- 6. Youth Sports
- 7. Adult Sports
- 8. Outdoor Adventure Sports
- 9. Creative Arts & Crafts
- 10. Visual & Performing Arts
- 11. Senior Programming

QUESTION 12:

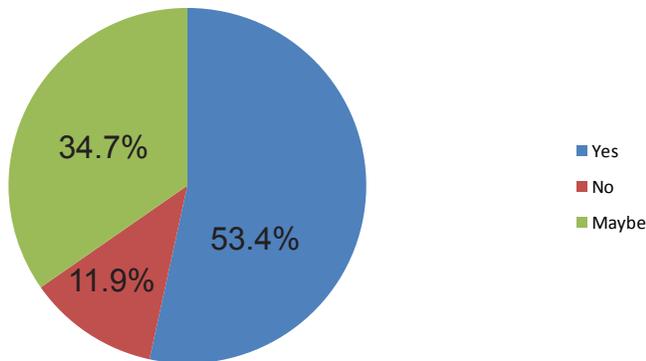
From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed in Question 11, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household?

- 1. Youth Sports
- 2. Lifetime Fitness & Wellness
- 3. Swimming & Aquatics
- 4. Music in the Park
- 5. Adult Sports
- 6. Outdoor Adventure Sports
- 7. Indoor Recreation
- 8. Movies in the Park
- 9. Visual & Performing Arts
- 10. Creative Arts & Crafts
- 11. Senior Programming

QUESTION 14:

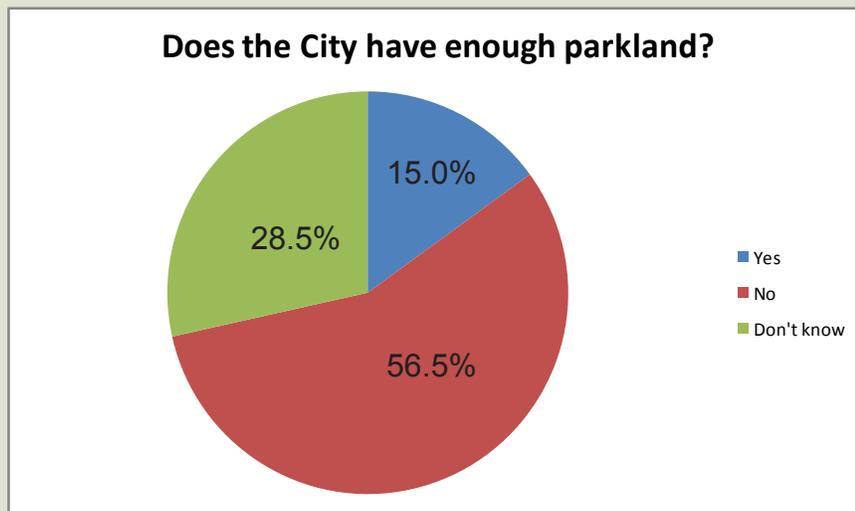
Would you support a Bond Election for funds to acquire and develop new public parks and recreation facilities?

Support a Bond Election for to Fund New Parks



QUESTION 15:

Does the City have enough parkland? (Please indicate one answer.)



QUESTION 16:

What is the single most important issue or need concerning City of Leander parks or recreation programs? (Write in any comments.)

Sample Responses of Common Themes:

- More activities for kids; stay out of trouble opportunities; diversity of activities.
- The need for young adults ages 14 to 19 to have a place to go. A community center for the teenagers to hang out would be a great place and do the community some good. They are bored and they get into trouble when they have nothing to do during their break time and summer time. We need to get them involved in the community and having a community center in the city would do some good.
- Add hike and bike trails.
- Need a recreation Center.
- WE ARE GROWING; WE JUST NEED IT ALL.
- Not enough green space for practices and games. Parks are very limited compared to other cities in our area.
- Communication with the residents of Leander as to availability and what's available.
- Also better use of online media like facebook and your web site to advertise your events. In the past I have seen very inconsistent advertising through this and poor updating of events like the kite festival on the city web site. Makes it hard to go to something.
- Balancing growth with keeping and developing some significant greenbelt areas with recreational trails. We have some significantly beautiful areas with views that are rapidly disappearing. With good leadership and good planning we can have growth and natural beauty side by side.
- We seem to be able to keep up with the need for schools, but have not fully addressed the need for parks.

NOTE: A complete list of citizen comments may be found in the appendix.

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STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Two sources were utilized for the City population.

1. The 2010 United States Census (March 2011) established the City of Leander 2010 benchmark population at 26,521 (See Section 3 - Demographics).
2. The second source used was the "Land Use Assumptions for Roadway Impact Fees Report: 2011 Roadway Impact Fee Study, City of Leander 2011" authored by the Freese & Nichols, Inc. consulting firm, dated July 15, 2011. This document is referenced for population projections in the years 2016 and 2021 and utilized by the City Engineering Department.

FACILITY BASED GUIDELINES

The National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) provides industry standards for parks, recreation and open space design as recognized by park planning professionals throughout the country. This master plan follows the latest published nomenclature and standards as outlined by NRPA in the Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines 1990 Edition. NRPA infers that each municipality or governmental agency should develop and provide its own guideline for growth and planning as dictated by local conditions. As such, a numerical nation wide template of standards for parks growth does not exist, although the development of one for each municipality is exhorted. Previously NRPA had published a minimum of 11 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

On the proceeding page, information from the NRPA guidelines is listed along with facility development guideline recommendations from LUCK Design Team specific to the City of Leander. The recommendations from LUCK Design Team are in reference to facilities that were not covered in the NRPA recommendations. Proposed guidelines for fiscal years 2016 and 2021 as developed by City staff are also on the following page.



City of Leander Park Facility Guidelines

Activity / Facility	Guidelines Recommended For Facilities Per Population	Existing Facilities In 2011 Pop. of 26,521~	Facilities Proposed For 2016 Pop. of 44,370+	Facilities Proposed For 2021 Pop. of 62,219+
Amphitheaters	1/50,000^	1	1	1
Baseball Fields	1/5,000*	1	4	6
Basketball Courts (outdoors)	1/5,000*	9	9	11
BMX Track	1 track/40,000^	1	1	1
Disc Golf	18 holes/20,000^	3	3	3
Fishing Docks	1/10,000^	1	2	2
Football Fields	1/20,000*	0	1	2
Golf Course	1/50,000*	1	1	1
Multi-Purpose Fields	1/20,000*	4	5	6
Pavilion/Shelters	1/2,000*	10	20	30
Picnic Tables	1 table/300*	97	100	110
Playgrounds	1 area/1,000*	20	25	30
Recreation Centers	1/20,000-30,000*	0	1	1
Skate Parks	1/20,000^	1	1	2
Soccer Fields	1/5,000*	2	4	6
Softball Fields	1/5,000*	2	2	4
Swimming Pools/ Splash Pads	1/20,000*	16	16	18
Tennis Courts	1/5,000*	2	2	4
Trails	1/2-1 mile/1,000*	17.85 miles	23.95 miles	42.21 miles
Volleyball Area (outdoors)	1/5,000*	2	3	4

* - Source: Guidelines from Appendix A in Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, p. 60-61, 4th printing 1990, a publication of the National Recreation and Park Association.

^ - Source: LUCK Design Team professional recommendation for the City of Leander.

~ - Source: 2010 U.S. Census

+ - Source: "Land Use Assumptions for Roadway Impact Fees Report: 2011 Roadway Impact Fee Study, City of Leander 2011" authored by the consulting firm of Freese and Nichols dated July 15, 2011. Note: the 2016 population projection noted in this table is the average of the 2010 population as defined by the U.S. Census and the 2021 population projected by the Freese and Nichols report.

PARKLAND ACQUISITION

As highlighted in the table below, the City currently has 337.48 acres of parkland. This acreage is divided into the following four classifications: neighborhood parks, community parks, greenbelts, and golf courses.

Park Classification	Existing Parks	Acreage
Neighborhood Parks	Northcreek Ranch Park	2.20
	Mason Creek Park	4.00
	Boulders @ Crystal Falls*	4.80
	Cold Springs*	7.20
	Crystal Crossing*	2.85
	Grand Mesa @ Crystal Falls*	1.80
	Hazelwood Park*	0.79
	Highlands @ Crystal Falls*	11.40
	Horizon Union Park #1*	4.50
	Horizon Sunset Park #2*	2.20
	Horizon Park #3*	1.90
	Horizon Park #4*	1.10
	Lakeline Ranch Park #1*	2.40
	Lakeline Ranch Park #2*	2.00
	Lakeline Ranch Park #3*	4.60
	Mason Creek HOA Park*	0.90
	Oak Ridge Park*	5.90
	Old Town Village Park*	4.20
	Ridgewood North Park*	1.00
	Ridgewood South Park*	0.90
	Sarita Valley*	12.71
	Vista Ridge Park*	1.80
	Westview Meadows Park*	3.20
Westwood Park*	2.00	
	Total Neighborhood Parks Acreage=86.35	
Community Parks	Benbrook Ranch Park	46.50
	Devine Lake Park	46.00
	Robin Bledsoe Park	16.60
		Total Community Parks Acreage= 109.10
Greenbelts	Sarita Valley Greenbelt	24.30
		Total Natural Resource Parks Acreage= 24.30
Golf Courses	Crystal Falls Golf Club	142.00
		Total Natural Resource Parks Acreage= 142.00
		TOTAL PARK ACREAGE 361.75
* - Denotes private parks that serve City of Leander park and recreation needs.		

With a 2010 total population of 26,521, the total existing park acreage of 337.48 acres for the City equals 12.71 acres per 1,000 residents. The plan recommends that the City should purchase land for a multi-purpose indoor center and 100 acre Community Park in the southeast area of the City within the next five years. The additional acreage is reflected under the "Community Parks" category for the 2016 park acreage column below.

Assuming that the acreage for neighborhood parks also grows at the existing 2.77 acres per 1,000 resident rate, and that approximately 20 acres of addition greenbelt acreage will be added from 2011 to 2016, the total park acreage for 2016 will be a suggested 521 acres. This is a parkland-to-resident ratio of 11.74 acres per 1,000 residents.

For 2021 suggested guidelines, the addition of another 100 acres for a Northeast Community Park, plus typical neighborhood park growth and an additional 30 acres for greenbelts brings the overall suggested park acreage to 700.69 acres, for a parkland ratio of 11.26 acres per 1,000 residents.

City of Leander Park Acreage Guidelines

Park Facility	Existing 2011 Population of 26,521~ Existing Parks AC/1000	Guidelines for 2016 Population of 44,370+ Suggested AC/1000	Guidelines for 2021 Population of 62,219+ Suggested AC/1000
Neighborhood Parks	86.35 3.25 ac/1000	135.61 3.05 ac/1000	185.05 2.97 ac/1000
Community Parks	109.10 4.11 ac/1000	223.61 5.03 ac/1000	323.61 5.20 ac/1000
Greenbelts	24.30 .91 ac/1000	44.30 .99 ac/1000	74.30 1.19 ac/1000
Golf Courses	142.00 5.35 ac/1000	142.00 3.20 ac/1000	142.00 2.28 ac/1000
Totals	361.75 13.64 ac/1000	545.52 12.29 ac/1000	724.96 11.64 ac/1000

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The most important part of any parks, recreation and open space master plan is the identification of the priorities through inventory analysis, needs assessment, public input, input from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and City Staff. Once this process is completed, the establishment of an implementation program is the next step.

This section identifies a 10-year implementation and action plan focused along three congruent tracks: outdoor facilities; indoor facilities; and land acquisition.



OUTDOOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The first part of the implementation plan focuses on outdoor facilities. Questions Eight and Nine of the needs survey focused on identifying needs for park facilities and amenities. Once the results were tabulated, they were reviewed and a list of priorities was developed, as follows.

High Priority Item #1. Trails (Secondary and Connector)

The overwhelming need identified by the needs assessment was trails. As the trails master plan graphic illustrates, there are three main classifications of trails within the City: Primary; Secondary; and Connector Trails.

Most of the primary trails shown on the map indicate corridors and pathways that will be implemented when roadway infrastructure occurs. For this reason, the Parks & Open Space Master Plan focuses primarily on secondary and connector trails.

Primary Trails (Red trails on the plan map) are located along arterial streets and sidewalks, and constructed out of reinforced concrete.

Secondary Trails (Green trails on the plan map) are located in parks, greenbelts and open space areas and provide connec-

Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities

High Priority Needs

- 1) Trails (Secondary and Connector)
- 2) Youth Sports Facilities
- 3) Natural Areas & Open Space (with complimentary amenities - picnic areas, pavilions, trails, playgrounds)
- 4) Recreational Water Facilities
- 5) Playscapes/Playgrounds

Medium Priority Needs

- 6) Community Gardens
- 7) Fishing Access Areas
- 8) Dog Parks
- 9) Botanical Gardens
- 10) Basketball Courts

Low Priority Needs

- 11) Tennis Courts
- 12) Skate Parks
- 13) Disc Golf
- 14) BMX Tracks

tions to primary trails, parks, schools, retail areas, and other cultural amenities within the City. They may be constructed out of reinforced concrete, compacted granite or wood chips, depending upon the location and use.

Connector Trails (Blue trails on the plan map) are trails that connect primary and secondary trails and they are constructed out of reinforced concrete.

High Priority Item #2. Youth Sports Facilities

Youth sports facilities are the second highest priority identified in the master plan. Currently, there are no dedicated playing fields for any of the youth sports associations in Leander. Associations for soccer, baseball, football and other team sports share the multi-use fields in Bledsoe Park. While the City does a great job in scheduling association use, the Bledsoe Park fields are overused and the excessive play has resulted in the decline of field quality. Year-round use leaves little time for the fields to recover and fields that were once considered game-quality have deteriorated.



There is little other green space for practice beyond Benbrook Ranch Park and Leander ISD facilities. The use of Benbrook Ranch Park field is limited because there are no lights, and public access to LISD fields is limited (except for LISD sanctioned activities), but even then the excessive rental costs for LISD facilities discourage public use.

During the master planning process it was learned that approximately 40% of the registrars for the Cedar Park Youth League have Leander addresses (CPYL game facilities are located in Cedar Park). This indicates that the City is essentially outsourcing the demand for recreational sports play because it does not have the current park facility infrastructure in place to support it.

The master plan needs assessment revealed that most sports activities ranked low in priority, but "youth sports" ranked number one as "Programs and Activities" priority; therefore, this master plan promotes dedicated youth sports facilities as it #2 high priority item.

High Priority Item #3 -Natural Areas & Open Space (with complimentary amenities - picnic areas, pavilions, trail heads, playgrounds).

Natural areas, open space and supporting amenities rank very high as a priority. Trails and open space provide low impact, passive recreation experiences such as walking, picnicking and nature observation, and they were ranked as a very high priority by survey respondents.

High Priority Item #4. Recreational Water Facilities

For purpose of definition, "recreational water facilities" include water playscapes, splash pads and leisure pools.

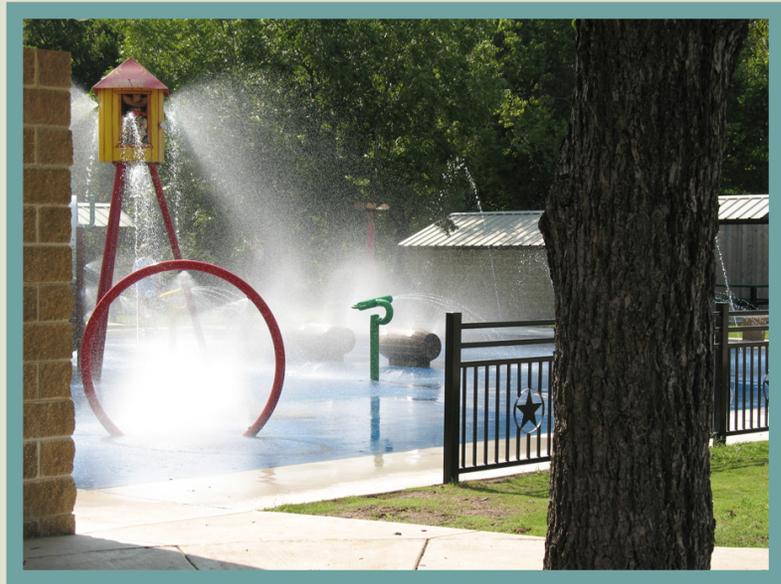
The City currently has one public swimming pool in Bledsoe Park. The pool was constructed in 1985 as a traditional swimming pool with a shallow end (3'-8") and deep end with a diving board (12'). While still functional, the facility is dated and does not provide a variety of opportunities like the newer aquatic facilities.

Today, families and children expect the newest trends in recreational water facilities such as zero depth access, slides, shoots, sprays, splash areas, diving boards, lazy rivers, lap lanes and wave action.

Playground manufacturers recognize that children have different motor skills and that play experiences are age dependent. That is why playgrounds are constructed with areas for children ages 2-5 and 5-2. In the same way, the new aquatic facilities provide a variety of experiences for different age groups and users.

High Priority Item #5 -Play-scapes/Playgrounds

Playgrounds/playscapes were also rated as a high priority and should be included in neighborhood and community parks, trail corridors, greenbelts, open space areas and sports complexes.



As connector trails are developed (the #1 priority in the Implementation Plan), there is an opportunity to program playground "spots" along the trail at mile-to-mile increments.

The medium and low outdoor facility priorities are listed below:

Medium Priority Needs

- 6) Community Gardens
- 7) Fishing Access Areas
- 8) Dog Parks
- 9) Botanical Gardens
- 10) Basketball Courts

Low Priority Needs

- 11) Tennis Courts
- 12) Skate Parks
- 13) Disc Golf
- 14) BMX Tracks

INDOOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Throughout the Needs Assessment process, much of the feedback received from the public focused on the desire for indoor programming activities, and specifically a multi-purpose recreation center to house them. The City's population has grown to the point where it can warrant and support a recreation center and the master plan identifies the need for one within the next five years. A multi-purpose recreation center is the City's number one indoor facility priority.

Indoor Recreational Facility Priorities

High Priority Needs

1) Multi-Purpose Center

Medium Priority Needs

2) Senior Center

Low Priority Needs

3) Aquatics Center

Two other indoor facilities were identified as priorities as well. A senior center is a medium priority and an aquatics center is a low facility priority. Any future aquatics center or natatorium should be considered as a "regional facility" and financed through partnerships with the Leander Independent School District, perhaps Williamson County or adjacent communities.

PARKLAND ACQUISITION

As the park acreage based guidelines on page 36 indicate, it is imperative to increase park acreage at the same rate as population growth. As part of the planning process, land acquisition priorities were established to guide the City in obtaining these goals at certain yearly benchmarks.

The following parkland acquisition items were identified for the Years 2011 through 2016:

- Acquire and/or develop land for a multi-purpose center (12-15 acres)
- Acquire land for a community park in the southeast area of the City (50 to 100 acres)
- Acquire one acre of land for additional parking at Bledsoe Park
- Identify land along the Brushy Creek Trail Corridor for acquisition
- Review and revise the parkland dedication ordinance to ensure that the ordinance requires adequate developer participation relative to the creation of new parks and facilities envisioned in the Master Plan

The following parkland acquisition items were identified for the Years 2017 through 2021:

- Evaluate the need to acquire and development land for a community park in the north east area of the City (50 - 100 acres)
- Evaluate the need to acquire land for a senior center
- Evaluate the need to acquire land and develop an aquatics center in conjunction with the Leander ISD, Williamson County and adjacent communities.

The following Implementation Action Plan provides an executive summary for park, recreation facility and land acquisition priorities for the next decade.

City of Leander PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements	Indoor Facility Improvements	Parkland Acquisition
<p>1) <u>Trails (Primary, Secondary and Connector)</u></p> <p>Complete the <u>primary trail</u> connecting Bledsoe Park to the existing trail at Crystal Falls Parkway.</p> <p>Complete the <u>primary trail</u> located along Crystal Falls Parkway from Bagdad Road to US 183.</p> <p>Complete the <u>secondary trail</u> along Brushy Creek from the east end of Benbrook Ranch Park to the existing trail at 183A.</p> <p>Complete the <u>secondary trail</u> along Brushy Creek from 183A to Reagan / Parmer Trail.</p> <p>Complete the <u>primary trail</u> along Old 2243 by filling in the gaps between 183 and Bagdad Road.</p> <p>Extend the <u>connector trail</u> at the Benbrook Ranch community north as part of the Halsey Drive Trail; extend to the city limits.</p> <p>Complete the section of the Lakeline Boulevard <u>primary trail</u> from Old 2243 to Crystal Falls Parkway.</p>	<p>1) <u>Multi-Purpose Center</u></p> <p>Acquire and/or develop a Multi-Purpose Center.</p>	<p>Acquire fifty to one hundred acres of land for a Southeast Community Park; bring the land into a trust to hold for the City until grants are available.</p> <p>Acquire one acre of land for additional parking at Bledsoe Park.</p> <p>Identify land along the Brushy Creek Trail Corridor for acquisition.</p> <p>Review the parkland dedication ordinance to ensure that the ordinance is allowing an adequate amount of developer participation in helping the City correlate the park system, to population growth and to assure parkland dedication requirements and/or “fee in lieu of” meet the on going Parks Master plan endeavor.</p>

**Years One
Thru Five**

City of Leander PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements	Indoor Facility Improvements	Parkland Acquisition
<p>2) <u>Youth Sports Facilities</u> Construct a youth baseball complex.</p> <p>Add lights to existing facilities to allow for expanded use.</p> <p>3) <u>Natural Areas & Open Space with complimentary amenities (picnic areas, pavilions, trails, playgrounds)</u> Master plan Southeast Community Park.</p> <p>Identify land along the Brushy Creek Trail Corridor for acquisition.</p> <p>4) <u>Recreational Water Facilities</u> Identify land for acquisition.</p> <p>5) <u>Playscapes/Playgrounds</u> Add playgrounds to land along the Brushy Creek Trail as that trail along the creek corridor is developed.</p> <p>Construct playgrounds and playscapes in all newly developed parks (this includes both private parks and public parks).</p> <p>6) <u>Community Gardens</u> Develop a partnership with a private organization to administer and upkeep a community garden at Lake Devine Park.</p>		

Years One
Thru Five

City of Leander PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

	Outdoor Facility Improvements	Indoor Facility Improvements	Parkland Acquisition
Years One Thru Five	<p>7) <u>Fishing Access Areas</u></p> <p>Re-establish the fishing dock access at Devine Lake Park.</p> <p>Develop fishing opportunities at Southeast Community Park.</p>		
Years Six Thru Ten	<p>8) <u>Dog Parks</u></p> <p>Look at opportunities to design and construct a dog park in community parks as they are programmed in the future.</p> <p>9) <u>Botanical Gardens</u></p> <p>Develop a partnership with a private organization to administer and maintain a botanic garden at the three acre tract on the north side of Municipal Road (between Southwest Street and Bagdad).</p> <p>10) <u>Basketball Courts</u></p> <p>Construct basketball courts in all newly developed parks (this includes both private parks and public parks).</p>	<p>2) <u>Senior Center</u></p> <p>Evaluate the need for the acquisition and development of a Senior Center.</p> <p>3) <u>Aquatics Center</u></p> <p>Evaluate the need for the acquisition and development of an Aquatics Center, particularly in conjunction with the ISD</p>	<p>Evaluate the need for the acquisition and development of a Northeast Community Park.</p>

City of Leander PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements	Indoor Facility Improvements	Parkland Acquisition
<p>11) <u>Tennis Courts</u></p> <p>12) <u>Skate Parks</u> Construct on the east side of 183.</p> <p>13) <u>Disc Golf</u> Look at opportunities to design and construct a disc golf courses in community parks as they are programmed in the future.</p> <p>14) <u>BMX Track</u></p> <p>Note: Items 10-14 ranked as low priorities during the needs assessment process. These amenities and their priorities ranking will be re-evaluated after five years.</p>		

Years Six
Thru Ten

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE NEEDS SURVEY

What is the single most important issue or need concerning City of Leander parks or recreation programs? (Write in any comments.)

- 1 Devine Lake Park has lots of beautiful space but the equipment and facilities could be improved.
- 2 Sidewalks to/from neighboring parks.
- 3 More activities for kids; stay out of trouble opportunities.
- 4 Diversity of activities.
- 5 Keeping kids busy, but also enforcing park rules, i.e.: bikes in skate park
- 6 Need more parks. Our neighborhood has nothing and no facilities are within walking distance.
- 7 Plenty of land, nature trails should be more available to public. Beautiful hill country should be used.
- 8 More parkland is needed. Be sure to devote new parkland to multi-use planning--not specific to one sport or activity whenever possible. Flat, open fields could be used for football, soccer, lacrosse, etc if they do not contain permanent structures (fencing or other intrusions).
- 9 Sidewalk access from one part of town to the next is severely lacking to non-existent.
- 10 Walking and Biking Trails.
- 11 A Community Center.
- 12 I drive to Cedar Park to enjoy their larger, connected trails for longer walks and biking. It would be great if Leander had something like that, or could somehow connect with the Cedar Park trails.
- 13 I would like to see more variety in the parks areas, rather than the normal ball fields, courts, and playgrounds. The City needs facilities that are unique and/or rare.
- 14 We need more hike and bike trails.
- 15 Enclosed dog park.
- 16 Would like a city recreation center...
- 17 Enough parks.
- 18 Be sure you can afford them.
- 19 We need a rec center. A city that is growing as fast as Leander needs an indoor rec area with programs for the community.
- 20 Diversity of programs.
- 21 Safety and lighting for all parks.
- 22 Availability.
- 23 Add Hike & Bike Trails.
- 24 I'm not sure; we have the resource and the land. Maybe budget?
- 25 Summer accessibility - it's so hot in the summer that mom's sometimes avoid the park. More shade, water access, cooling areas, refreshments, vendors for food/drink. What about encourage food trailers?

- 26 Developing new possibilities.
- 27 Possibly security at parks for safety and to eliminate vandalism.
- 28 Keeping existing parks usable.
- 29 The City of Leander has a tremendous need for a rec/convention center. We currently use the City of Cedar Park's rec center.
- 30 Safe.
- 31 More things to do.
- 32 WE ARE GROWING WE JUST NEED IT ALL.
- 33 Trails that connect the subdivisions to the parks so that kids can get to the parks without having to be driven.
- 34 Not really sure at this time. Need to give it some more thought and visit the area we do have.
- 35 Security and maintenance.
- 36 Disc golf course need huge improvement
- 37 I think the most important issue is that Leander doesn't have long enough (up to 3 to 6 miles or more) of safe trails. I have been to Benbrook but have to go on the sidewalks of the street to go far enough to benefit. It would be nice to have trails like trail behind the YMCA, with steams, birds, scenic.
- 38 Dog Park and fishing lake.
- 39 The parks of Leander need to be cleaner, bigger, and the rest rooms should be available at all times. A clean, big water park would be nice, similar to the one in Cedar Park off of New Hope. It would be nice to be notified of the events taking place in Leander and to have more events for families to participate in.....that are organized.
- 40 Equitable distribution of parkland throughout the city for ease of citizen access.
- 41 Senior Center/Multi purpose facility.
- 42 Lack of a Baseball facility to support leagues.
- 43 Keeping it family oriented and controlling the teens who want to drink and party in the area.
- 44 Safety.
- 45 There are not enough parks in the city and different diversity within the parks.
- 46 More land for park facilities.
- 47 Youth sports programs.
- 48 The biggest issue facing the Leander Parks is getting information to the public about events. I think an electronic billboard with events is needed somewhere along US 183 near a major intersection like Crystal Falls.
- 49 They offer any youth or adult sport activities.
- 50 Recreation Center.
- 51 Really don't know the full scope of what the city has available.
- 52 Having more members of the community using the parks on a regular basis - creating more opportunities to get people out in to parks.
- 53 (Deleted due to improper content.)
- 54 THE NEED TO TURN BRUSHY CREEK LAKE AREA INTO A PARK.
- 55 Money.
- 56 Keep current parks in good condition.
- 57 Tennis courts, more programs for youth and adults.
- 58 Lack of playgrounds.
- 59 Getting information out.

- 60 Daytime INDOOR activities for seniors and in summer INDOOR activities for the children and youth.
- 61 Tennis courts, rec center.
- 62 Issue: prime land is being purchased for commercial use without enough green space required to offset concrete.
- 63 Hiking/Walking trails.
- 64 Not enough green space for practices and games. Parks are very limited compared to other cities in our area.
- 65 Parks need to contain multiple sporting types to keep kids off the streets and out of trouble. BMX, skate, baseball, basketball courts, etc should be contained in parks. Kids have no place to hangout and be themselves without getting harassed.
- 66 A recreation center and or baseball/softball fields for the youth of Leander.
- 67 More programming and facilities, like a recreation center. We lack a recreational, indoor community gathering place.
- 68 Maintaining a sense of the outdoors.
- 69 It would be wonderful to have something similar to Brushy Creek Park... a large area with parks connected by running/biking trails with different activities available at each park.
- 70 Better communication channels to residents like weekly e-mails to those residents that would sign up for this.
- 71 There is a need for senior programs especially fitness programs such as yoga and cardio. Also needed are more walking/running trails.
- 72 Not enough park land and no rec center or pools.
- 73 There are not any running trails that I can run safely with my children on. There are also not enough parks and when you visit the main park Robin Bledsoe, it is always crowded so we normally do not stay long. As a parent with 2 small children we need more recreational programs both indoor and outdoor.
- 74 Leander needs a rec center where citizens can workout, play, have meetings and grab a bite to eat. The city of Arvada, CO has a great facility (<http://apexprd.org/facilities/apex-center>) and would be an excellent model to follow. A rec center is a great benefit and can be enjoyed by anyone: young children, elderly, families and singles. It encourages fitness year round which is sometimes difficult during the hot Texas summers. I'd also like to see the facility built to sustain future growth not accommodate our current population. Having a great indoor facility would help attract additional growth in the Leander area.
- 75 Fenced off leash dog parks.
- 76 Bike Trails and sidewalks down Bagdad. We need to connect all the sidewalks from vista ridge down to Leander High School.
- 77 If we need land we can count on Cowman and some of the real estate business kick back so we can all have fun.
- 78 Baseball fields.
- 79 Crime.
- 80 Need for more parks throughout the city, similar to Robin Bledsoe with multiple features for sports, swimming, recreation, pavilions, etc.
- 81 Upkeep of what you have. Bledsoe park bathrooms are always gross. Also better use of on line media like facebook and your web site to advertise your events. In the past I have seen very inconsistent advertising through this and poor updating of events like the kite festival on the city web site. Makes it hard to go to something.

- 82 Senior and full service indoor recreation center.
- 83 Communication with the residents of Leander as to availability and what's available.
- 84 Adding Shade in the form of BIGGER TREES to the already existing parks. I'd honestly rather go to Pflugerville parks than Leander parks because they've got more shade for my little boys to play out in the open without getting burned.
- 85 Community Center.
- 86 There are no BMX tracks within a 10+ mile radius. That would be huge for Leander and would bring in a lot of business if it was used for races etc! Leander needs more usable space for hiking, running & biking. The area is perfect for it with all the hills, creeks & trees we have here. Let's utilize it. :) Also, we need some public tennis courts.
- 87 Availability and quality/needs more variety added playscapes/swings at Devine park for example.
- 88 Communication of existing opportunities. The city does not use social media effectively.
- 89 Why does it have to be funded by the city? Why can't it be funded privately?
- 90 needs to develop a community center somewhat like CP Center or else something like the YMCA with an indoor pool.
- 91 Safety.
- 92 Not enough rec facilities. Need a gym with fitness programs.
- 93 Balancing growth with keeping and developing some significant greenbelt areas with recreational trails. We have some significantly beautiful areas with views that are rapidly disappearing. With good leadership and good planning we can have growth and natural beauty side by side.
- 94 Surveys and public input.
- 95 Low-cost water park and free pools for children.
- 96 Getting Kicked out of skate parks because my friends and I ride bikes Sidewalks (or lack there of)
- 97 Bmxers need a place to ride.
- 98 Providing varied venues and activities for families and especially for adolescents and teenagers to encourage physical activities, programs and recreation activities that keep them entertained and engaged, which promotes wellness, character promotes a sense of community.
- 99 Senior facilities.
- 100 Leander does NOT need a park. Instead let's put the million or so dollars y'all want to spend on this park towards education. What is up with society today?
- 101 Make Leander more walkable. Pedestrians should be able to cross Business 183 safely.
- 102 The need for young adults ages 14 to 19 to have a place to go. A community center for the teenagers to hang out would be a great place and do the community some good. They are bored and they get into trouble when they have nothing to do during their break time and summer time. We need to get them involved in the community and having a community center in the city would do some good.
- 103 Safety, easy access, maintaining native landscape.
- 104 Need more places to play lacrosse.
- 105 Access and availability.
- 106 There continue to be rumors of the City purchasing land along 2243 between 183A and Parmer for a hike and bike. All land on the other side of Brushy Creek that runs along that proposed path is private property. We would not support a hike & bike along this route

as it is a dangerous road, there are already people fishing from the bridge in the creek on private property and the trash and debris from those people is an eyesore. Plus we don't need explorers to cross the creek when it is low and explore our property where we have livestock. We cherish our privacy and think this is a bad idea for a hike and bike as many accidents that happen along this stretch. We would vigorously oppose the creation of a hike and bike trail along Brushy Creek between Parmer/Ronald Reagan and 183A.

- 107 Youth sports.
- 108 Baseball fields and leisure pool.
- 109 Lighting at existing parks.
- 110 The single most important thing for us is outdoor hiking trails. We enjoy taking long hikes but have to drive out to Camp Tejas on the San Gabriel or over to brushy creek would be nice to have some long nature trails around the 2243 / Bagdad area... other request would be to enforce the leash laws at the parks. We take our dogs to the park daily but more times that not our trip is ruined by others not having there dogs on leashes.
- 111 Quality...Size...Location.
- 112 Available space for fields.
- 113 We need an indoor rec facility to get us through these winter months.
- 114 More space or a sports complex dedicated to community sports programs (particularly youth).
- 115 LCP Pop Warner is a program of close to 650 children (ages 5-13) who desperately need facilities for both an indoor cheer practice area and open field space for football practices and at least 2 football fields for game day use. Establishing a park for this type of use is imperative to keeping children active and involved. LCP is a self-sufficient program and they just need space for this. They are a non-profit program and also offer financial aid to those with financial hardships.
- 116 IMPROVE ON DEVINE LAKE PARK IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
- 117 Hike and Bike trails.
- 118 Lack of trails.
- 119 ACCESS.
- 120 Hike and bike trails.
- 121 We seem to be able to keep up with the need for schools, but have not fully addressed the need for parks.
- 122 Model Cedar Park's park program. They have done a GREAT job.
- 123 Hike and Bike Trails Providing and maintaining natural outdoor space
- 124 I think Leander needs to build an indoor multi use center, similar to Cedar Park's or the wonderful George Town facility. It would have a large impact on the cities future growth. This facility should also be located near a play area and park with trails.
- 125 The city needs a rec center that is strategically placed in the center of town or near HEB, so ALL residents of Leander could use it. This would be a perfect place to have an indoor swimming pool, too.
- 126 Small shelters are missing from some sections of some parks (dog area at Devine Lake, Benbrook could use one or two more).
- 127 We need more public park space, running and walking trails, bicycle lanes, nice large community pool.
- 128 More shelter from sun/weather in the leash free area at Devine Lake.
- 129 More Senior friendly activities and reasonably priced indoor recreation facilities.

- 130 I'd like to see more information on how we are integrating with other regional parks & trails (state parks, city parks). Also, lots of cycling around my area. I'd like to see more to help these folks safely enjoy this activity.
- 131 NEED TRAILS.
- 132 Female Youth Sports.
- 133 We need a field for lacrosse.
- 134 Need to make sure we keep Bledsoe Park Available for soccer! I have four kids in the LYS program.
- 135 Competition for sports fields between different sports.
- 136 Soccer field.
- 137 Adequate space for youth sports - keeping Leander Youth Soccer in the fields at Bledsoe Park or a new space.
- 138 Keeping the fields at Bledsoe Park available to The Leander Youth Soccer League.
- 139 Needs a dedicated big field sport as a "home" field.
- 140 Complete exposure to all sports not just popular sports; this would help ensure true growth and involvement of our youth in sports that interest them other than football, soccer, baseball.
- 141 For me that the kids have a place to have their organized activities, it helps keeps kids out of trouble!

City of Leander Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trail Master Plan Survey 2011-2021

The City of Leander is developing a ten (10) year *Parks, Open Space & Trails Plan* for recreation facilities and programs throughout the Community. Through this survey we are asking City residents for input to determine where parks should be located and what activities and programs are needed both now and in the future. This Plan will prepare Leander for the future and help to leverage grants and funds to acquire and build new parks in our community.

Please take a few moments to fill out the survey to voice your opinion on issues that will affect the quality of life in Leander. Complete the survey by indicating the answers that best reflect your attitudes and opinions, and return by March 5, 2011 to:

City of Leander Parks & Recreation Department
P.O. Box 319
Leander, TX 78646

Thank you for being a part of this important process.

1) Are you a resident of the City of Leander?

Yes No

2) How often have you or members of your household visited parks or used recreation facilities in Leander in 2010? Your activities could include visiting or using City parks, private parks, golf courses or school facilities. (Please indicate one answer.)

- Once a week
- Once a month
- More than once a month
- Two or more times during the year
- Never

3) How would you rate the availability of park facilities in Leander?

(Please indicate one answer.)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know/Not Familiar

4) How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Leander?

(Please indicate one answer.)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know/Not Familiar

5) Overall, how would you rate the recreation opportunities in Leander?

(Please indicate one answer.)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know/Not Familiar

6) From the list below, please mark the top four ways you learn about parks and recreation activities offered in Leander? (Indicate only four answers.)

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| City website | Newspaper (hard copy or digital) |
| Radio | Calling/talking to City Park employees |
| Television | Social Media (twitter/facebook/etc.) |
| Word of Mouth | Notifications posted at Park Facilities |
| Other (List): _____ | |

7) If you selected "social media" in Question 6 as one of the top four ways you learn about parks and recreation activities offered by the City of Leander, which social media platform do you prefer? (Indicate only one answer.)

- Facebook
 Twitter
 YouTube
 Other (Please specify): _____

8) From the FACILITIES listed below, please indicate if you or someone in your household believes there is a need for these facilities to be added in existing or future parks in Leander. (Please indicate "yes" or "no" for each activity.)

Facility

A	Baseball Fields	Yes	No
B	Basketball Courts	Yes	No
C	BMX Track	Yes	No
D	Botanical Gardens	Yes	No
E	Community Gardens	Yes	No
F	Disc Golf	Yes	No
G	Fishing Access Areas	Yes	No
H	Football Fields	Yes	No
I	Leisure Pools	Yes	No
J	Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	Yes	No
K	Natural Areas & Open Space	Yes	No
L	Pavilions/Shelters	Yes	No
M	Picnic Areas	Yes	No
N	Playscapes/Playgrounds	Yes	No
O	Senior Center	Yes	No
P	Skate Parks	Yes	No
Q	Soccer Fields	Yes	No
R	Softball Fields	Yes	No
S	Tennis Courts	Yes	No
T	Trails	Yes	No
U	Volleyball Courts	Yes	No
V	Water playscapes / Splash pads	Yes	No
W	Dog Park	Yes	No

9) From the FACILITIES listed in Question 8, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Indicate your preference using the letter code associated with each program. Example: for Baseball Fields write down letter code "A".)

_____1st _____2nd _____3rd

10) Please list any FACILITIES not noted in the survey that the City of Leander should consider constructing in the future. (List & Write in any comments.)

11) From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed below, please indicate if you or someone in your household has a need for each of the sports activities or recreational programs. (Please indicate "yes" or "no" for each activity.)

Program & Activity Types

A	Youth Sports	Yes	No
B	Adult Sports	Yes	No
C	Outdoor Adventure Sports	Yes	No
D	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	Yes	No
E	Senior Programming	Yes	No
F	Visual & Performing Arts	Yes	No
G	Creative Arts & Crafts	Yes	No
H	Swimming & Aquatics	Yes	No
I	Indoor Recreation	Yes	No
J	Music in the Park	Yes	No
K	Movies in the Park	Yes	No

12) From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed in Question 11, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Indicate your preference using the letter code associated with each program. Example: for Youth Sports write down letter code "A".)

_____1st _____2nd _____3rd

13) Please list any PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES not noted in the survey that the City of Leander should consider providing in the future. (List & write in any comments.)

14) Would you support a Bond Election for funds to acquire and develop new public parks and recreation facilities?

Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

15) Does the City have enough parkland? (Please indicate one answer.)

Yes ___ No ___ Don't know ___

If you answered "No" where do you think new parks are needed?

16) What is the single most important issue or need concerning City of Leander parks or recreation programs? (Write in any comments.)

About you:

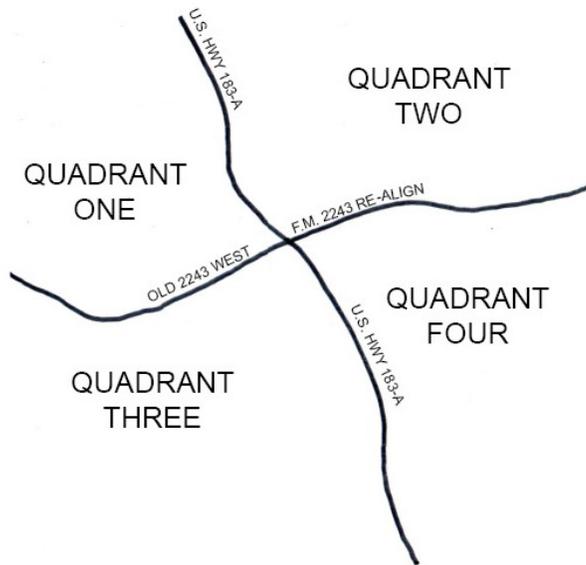
17) I am Male / Female

18) I Own my home / Rent my home

19) I have lived in Leander for _____ years.

20) Which quadrant do you live in? (Please circle one answer.)

One Two Three Four



21) I Am / Am not the head of household.

- 22) I am:**
- Employed full-time**
 - Self-employed**
 - Employed part-time**
 - Unemployed**
 - Homemaker**
 - Student**
 - Retired**

23) Including yourself, indicate the NUMBER of people in your household who are in the following age categories. (If none, write "0".)

- _____ Under 6 yrs
- _____ 6-12 years
- _____ 13-18 years
- _____ 19-24 years
- _____ 25-44 years
- _____ 45-64 years
- _____ 65 yrs & older

24) The year I was born: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY. YOUR INPUT WILL HELP DEVELOP THE FUTURE VISION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE CITY OF LEANDER.

APPENDIX C

POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES & COST APPROXIMATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

YEARS ONE THROUGH FIVE						
Projects	Potential Funding Opportunities					
	Parkland Dedication Ordinance	Roadway Plan *	Grants	CIP Bonds	Donations	Approx. City Cost
TRAILS						
• Complete Bagdad Heritage Trail from Bledsoe Park to Crystal Falls Parkway		X	X			\$100,000 (Local grant match)
• Complete Crystal Falls Pkwy Trail from Bagdad Rd to US 183		X				0
• Complete North Branch Brushy Cr Trail from Benbrook Ranch Park to the existing 183-A Trail	X					0
• Complete Main Branch Brushy Cr Trail from 183-A to Parmer/Reagan Blvd Trail	X					0
• Complete FM 2243 Trail between Bagdad Rd and US 183		X				0
• Extend Haisey Dr Trail from San Gabriel Pkwy to northern City limits		X				0
• Extend Lakeline Blvd Trail from Crystal Falls Pkwy to FM 2243		X				0
MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER (See Multi-Purpose Center Feasibility Study)			X	X		\$4 - \$20 million
LAND ACQUISITIONS						
• 50-100 acres for Southeast Community Park	X					0
• 1 acre for additional parking in Bledsoe Park				X	X	\$20,000-\$30,000
• Brushy Creek Trail Corridor	X					0
• Update Parkland Dedication Ordinance						NA
YOUTH SPORTS FACILITIES						
• Construct a youth baseball complex in Benbrook Ranch Park			X			\$1.2-\$1.5 million
• Add lights to existing facilities				X		\$50,000 per field
NATURAL AREAS & OPEN SPACE (with complementary amenities - picnic areas, pavilions, trails, playgrounds)						
• Master Plan Southeast Community Park	X				X	\$30,000

* Roadway Plan projects are intended to be financed by development at no expense to the City. ** Range of cost for Multi-Purpose Center dependent on acquisition/development methods (See Multi-Purpose Center Feasibility Study). *** Land Values: Buildable/Non-Floodplain = \$20,000 to \$30,000 per acre; Non-Buildable/Floodplain = \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre.

YEARS ONE THROUGH FIVE (Continued)						
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Projects	Potential Funding Opportunities					Approx. City Cost
	Parkland Dedication Ordinance	Roadway Plan *	Grants	CIP Bonds	Donations	
RECREATIONAL WATER FACILITIES						
• Land acquisition (10 acres)	X			X		\$200,000-\$300,000
PLAYSCAPES						
• Playscapes along the Brushy Creek Trail Corridor and in new parks	X			X		\$50,000-\$75,000 each
COMMUNITY GARDENS						
• Develop a partnership with a private organization to manage and maintain facility			X	X	X	\$5,000-\$10,000
FISHING ACCESS AREAS						
• Rebuild Devine Lake Park fishing dock	X					\$2,000
• Fishing access in SE Community Park				X		\$5,000
YEARS SIX THROUGH TEN						
* Roadway Plan projects are intended to be financed by development at no expense to the City; ** Range of cost for Multi-Purpose Center dependent on acquisition and development methods (See Multi-Purpose Center Feasibility Study). *** Land Values: Buildable/Non-Floodplain = \$20,00 to \$30,00 per acre; Non-Buildable/Floodplain = \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre.						
Projects	Potential Funding Opportunities					Approx. Cost ***
	Parkland Dedication Ordinance	Roadway Plan *	Grants	CIP Bonds	Donations	
DOG PARK						
EVALUATE THE NEED TO ACQUIRE & DEVELOP A SENIOR CENTER						
• Land (5 acres)				X		\$50,000-\$100,000
• Construction				X		\$2 - \$3 million
EVALUATE THE NEED TO ACQUIRE & DEVELOP A NORTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK						
• Land (50-100 acres)				X		\$100,000-\$150,000
• Construction				X		\$1.2 - \$1.6 million
BOTANICAL GARDEN (Construct on City-owned land on Municipal Drive)						\$1.5 - \$2 million
BASKETBALL COURTS (New parks)	X		X	X	X	\$50,000-\$100,000
EVALUATE THE NEED TO ACQUIRE & DEVELOP AN AQUATICS CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH LISD						\$75,000 each
• Land (5 acres)				X		\$100,000-\$150,000
• Construction				X		\$10 - \$15 million
TENNIS COURTS	X			X		\$75,000-\$100,000
SKATE PARK	X			X		\$250,000
DISC GOLF	X			X		\$25,000
BMX TRACK	X			X	X	\$25,000