







City of Schertz, Texas

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS MASTER PLAN

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-M-164

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (PROST) MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas (the "City") desires to maintain an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan by fulfilling many of the goals outlined in the Schertz Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Master Plan that provides for a diverse blend of parks, encourages conservation of natural resources and promotes a variety of recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for a strategic Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Master Plan (the Plan) to provide goals, assessments, standards, recommendations, and strategies for implementation over a ten year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces and rehabilitate existing parks in the City of Schertz; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Plan is to provide recreational services desired by the citizens of Schertz, acquire needed open spaces, and preserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Schertz has sought input from the citizens of Schertz through surveys, public input meetings, and the Parks and Recreation staff; and that input has been incorporated into the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines which require parks and recreation needs to be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having taken into consideration the results of the in-depth study conducted by the consultant in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, determines that the plan is reasonable; NOW

WHEREAS, the City's Unified Development Code Section 21.4.6.D. provides for certain conditions to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission in making recommendations to the City Council and by City Council in considering final action on an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan (the "Conditions"); and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing and, after considering the Conditions, hereby makes a recommendation of approval of the amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan by adopting the associated Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Master Plan set forth in Exhibit A attached herein (the "Parks Master Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2024, the City Council conducted a public hearing and after considering the Conditions and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission,

determined that the amendment to the Comprehensive Land Plan be approved as provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The current Comprehensive Land Plan is hereby amended to incorporate the Parks Master Plan as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section 3. All ordinances and codes, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of final adoption hereof and publication required by law.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Schertz, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any other ordinances of the City of Schertz except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED ON, the 17th day of December, 2024.

CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheree Courney, Deputy City Secretary

EXHIBIT A

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (PROST) MASTER PLAN

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CHAPTER 1

Community Analysis

INTRODUCTION

Plan Purpose

Access to parks and recreational activities is essential for enhancing the quality of life for City of Schertz (City) residents. Establishing a top-notch parks and recreation system is a gradual process that requires careful planning. Similarly, decisions regarding park amenities and recreational programs should be made with community input rather than in isolation. It is crucial to establish a unified vision for the community's parks and recreation system and gradually implement it over time. This Plan, in coordination with the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, offers the necessary guidance for achieving this vision.

This Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Master Plan:

- Identifies the implications of current community demographics and projected population growth as it relates to parks and recreation
- Analyzes the current state of the City's parks, recreation facilities, open spaces and trails
- Identifies parks and recreation deficiencies and needs
- Establishes goals, objectives and recommendations for the next five to 10 years
- Prioritizes improvements to the parks and recreation system
- Aids the City in seeking funding opportunities

This document should be used as a planning tool by City staff, elected and appointed officials, citizens, and the private development community to understand community desires and move toward long-term community success. The Plan is intended to help coordinate local efforts for Schertz and to work in conjunction with local counties (Guadalupe, Bexar, Comal), area school districts, local organizations and sports leagues.

Benefits of Parks

Access to quality parks and recreation is an important component of a high-quality community. Planning for a successful, equitable parks system ensures that all residents can experience these key benefits:

Overall Well-Being Benefits

- Contact with nature helps to improve overall well-being and quality of life
- Recreation provides multi-generational opportunities for mental, physical, social and emotional stimulation

Health Benefits

- Access to nature and recreation improves physical fitness and improves psychological health
- Play provides crucial developmental opportunities for children
- Physical activity helps to reduce obesity, depression and many other health problems

Environmental Benefits

- Parkland helps to mitigate climate, air and water pollution impacts
- Preserved open space protects vital habitat for plants and wildlife
- Parks foster environmental stewardship in citizens

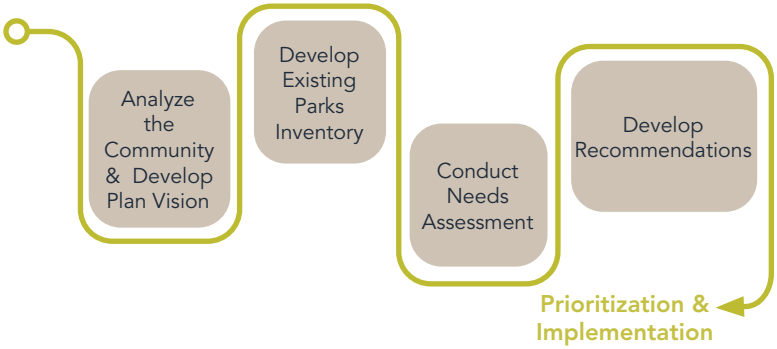
Economic Benefits

- Parkland increases property values within proximity
- Quality parks and recreation can attract new residents and businesses
- Unique park and recreation amenities can encourage tourism and associated economic benefits

Planning Process

In 2023, the City commissioned Freese and Nichols, Inc. to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan and PROST Master Plan. The Comprehensive Plan's engagement outcomes, vision and goals, and recommendations influence Schertz's parks and recreation system and carry over heavily into this PROST Plan.

The PROST Plan follows a specific process to produce a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) compliant plan.

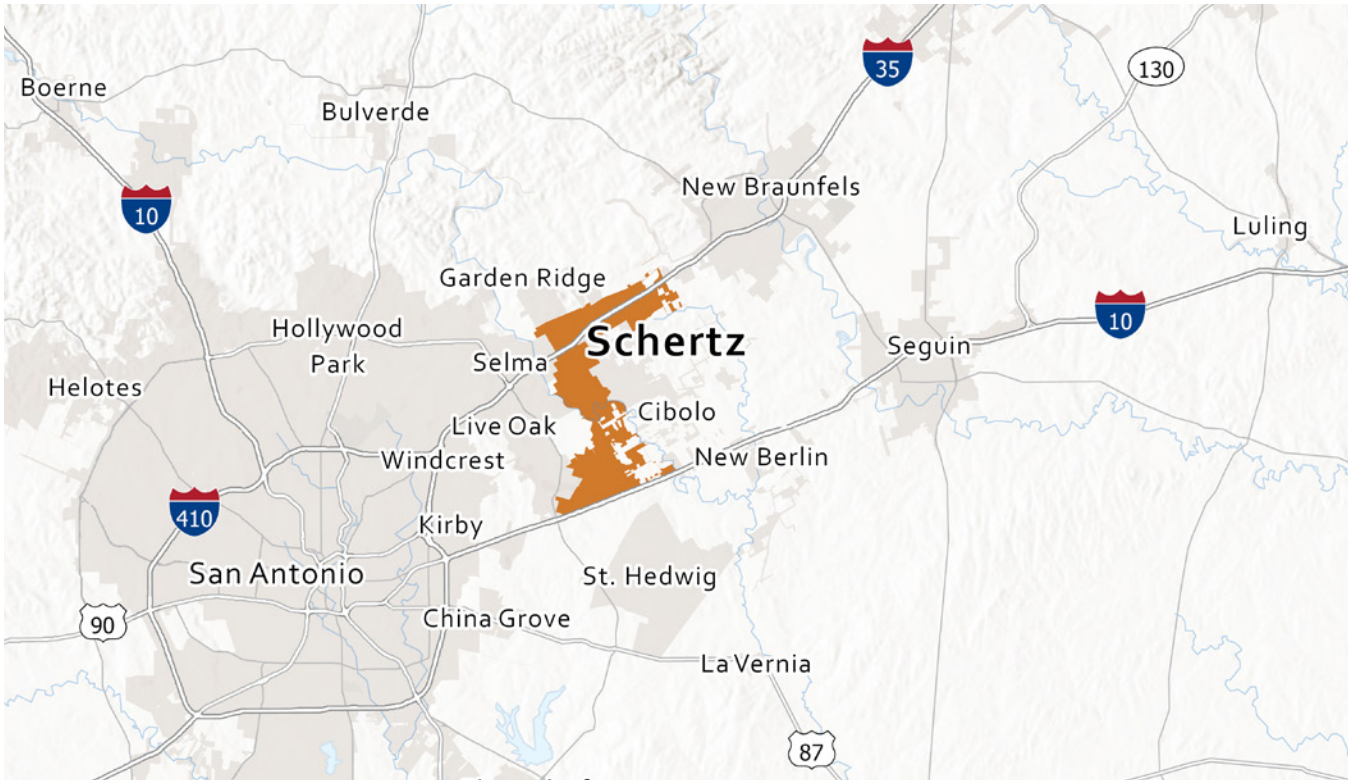


Recommendations should be re-evaluated periodically to ensure they are still valid. TPWD master plan guidelines recommend updating the Plan every five years or before any new major developments occur that significantly change the parks and recreation needs of residents.

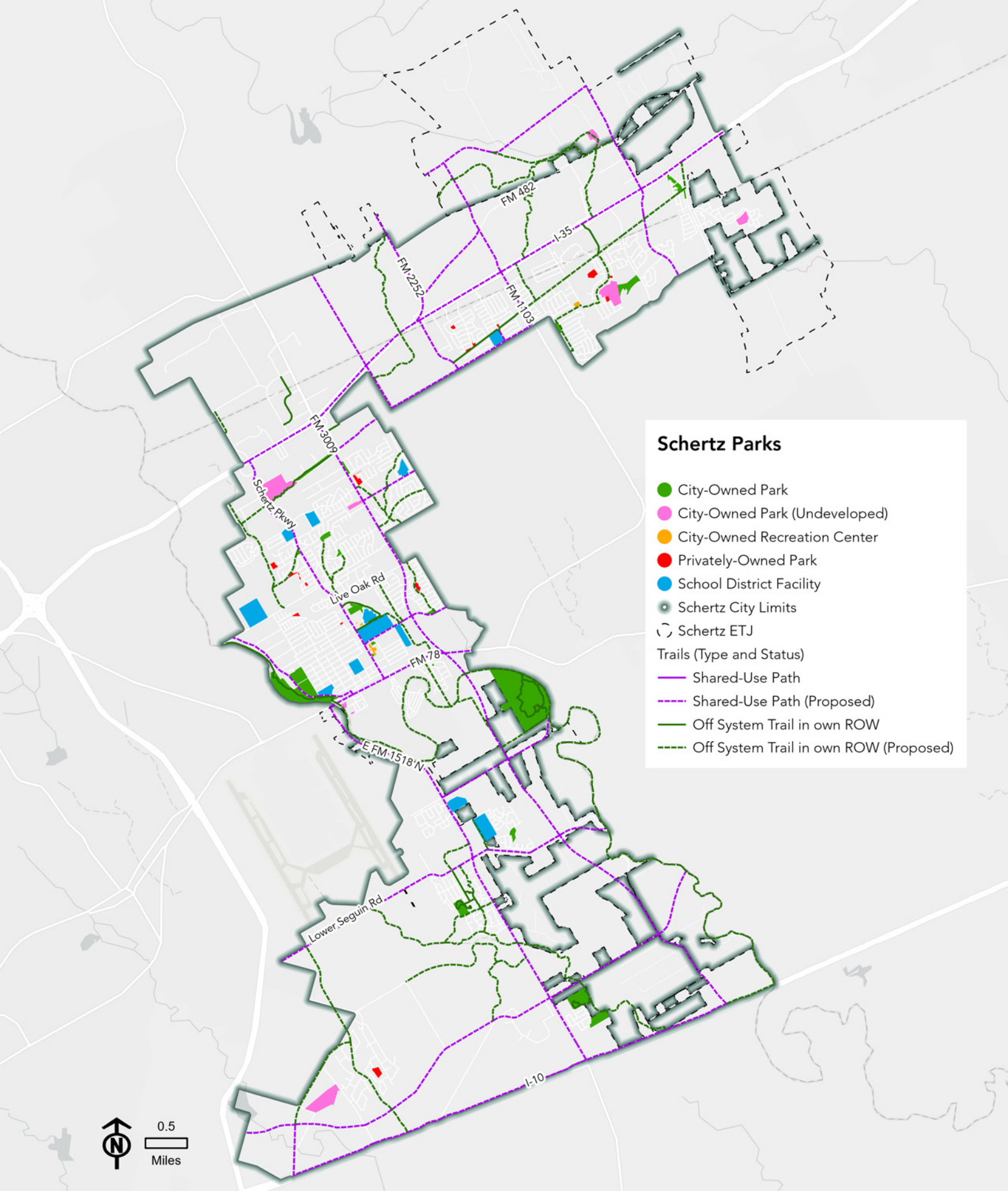
Planning Area

The scope of this Plan encompasses both the city limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Schertz, totaling approximately 28,878 acres in area. Schertz is a city located in Guadalupe, Bexar and Comal counties in the U.S. state of Texas. The City of Schertz is bordered by Garden Ridge and New Braunfels on the north, Cibolo on the east, and Bracken and Universal City on the west. Interstate 10 (I-10) runs along the southern boundary of Schertz and Interstate 35 (I-35) bisects the northern part of the City. Joint Base San Antonio - Randolph Air Force Base (JBSA-R) is located to the City's west and its presence influences various aspects of the community, including the local economy, population demographics and development patterns. Parts of southwest Schertz are impacted by JBSA-R's Air Installations Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ).

The primary responsibility for providing parks and recreation facilities for its residents falls on the City of Schertz. Although the City will take the lead in implementation, the entire community needs to be invested in the improvement and success of parks and recreation. Potential collaborators in implementation may include other governmental bodies, local businesses, industries and the people of Schertz.



Map 1. Regional Context of Schertz

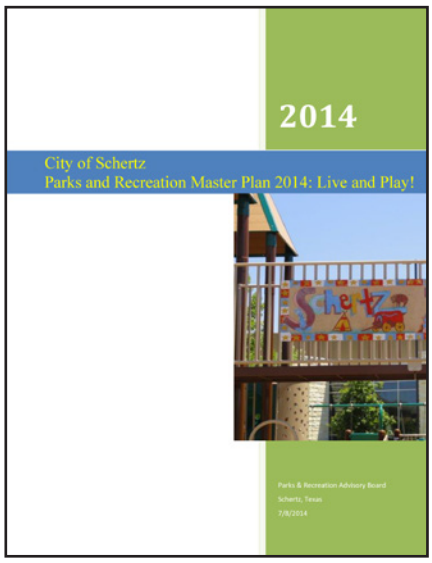


Map 2. Planning Area

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

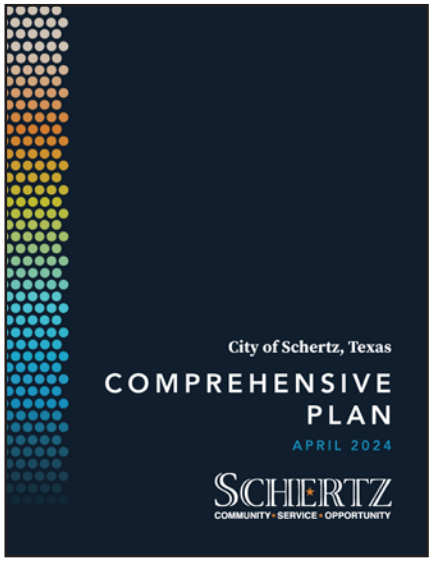
City of Schertz Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014: Live and Play!

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan built on the 2002 Comprehensive Land Plan and 2007 Parks and Open Space Master Plan and was in congruence with the 2013 Sector Plan. The 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan provided an inventory of the existing parks and recreational facilities, identified needs and gaps, and recommended strategies for improving quality of life in the City of Schertz. The strategies from the 2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will inform the current PROST planning process.



City of Schertz Comprehensive Plan 2024

This PROST Plan will build upon the foundation laid by the City of Schertz Comprehensive Plan adopted in April 2024. The plan was the result of an extensive community engagement process, which involved input from various stakeholders including community members, a steering committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council, and representatives of key groups. It identified both assets and challenges within the City and proposed strategies concerning land use and economic development. The Comprehensive Plan designated focus areas that will inform the growth areas for the purpose of the PROST Plan. Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan included an implementation strategy. The PROST Plan is a continuation of the comprehensive planning effort undertaken by the City to develop a vision for the future and ensure sustained growth. The Parks and Recreation Department will rely mainly on the Future Land Use Map and population forecasts from the Comprehensive Plan to plan for future parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The planning process included a variety of public engagement opportunities to allow community input to help shape the Plan. Engagement opportunities included:

- Parks-related feedback gathered during the recent Comprehensive Plan update process
- Parks Board advisory meetings
- Stakeholder focus groups
- Statistically valid community survey
- Community event tabling
- Public open house event
- Project website and online mapping exercise

Additional discussion, key takeaways, and full detailed responses from these engagements can be found in the demand-based assessment portion of Chapter 3 and Appendix A.

Comprehensive Plan Engagement

The Comprehensive Plan update process gathered feedback from the community through community events, an interactive online map, online survey, focus groups and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meetings. Many of the questions asked and feedback received included parks-specific content that carried over into informing this PROST Plan and process.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was the primary steering committee for the Plan's development. They guided various stages of Plan development to ensure that the Plan aligned with the community's needs and vision. Their key responsibilities included championing the planning process, providing feedback on the analysis presented by the planning team, guiding Plan recommendations, and ultimately recommending the final draft to the City Council for adoption. A total of three Parks and Recreation Board Advisory meetings were conducted throughout the process.

Stakeholder Focus Groups

Stakeholders provided feedback during a series of five focus group sessions held throughout the process. Participants were given an overview of the Plan and process, followed by discussion in which they were asked to consider the existing parks and recreation system and explain the strengths, needed improvements, and priorities for the parks system as a whole.

Statistically Valid Survey

The survey was open from June 24 through August 11, 2024, and was promoted via the project website, emails to HOAs, the City's various social media channels, signage posted in the parks, and word of mouth from stakeholder participants and Parks Board members. The survey sampling also included mailed postcards to 4,000 household addresses within Schertz. A total of 426 respondents participated in the survey, 132 of which had received a mailed postcard.

Community Event Tabling

The planning team tabled at the City of Schertz's annual 4th of July Jubilee community event held on July 4, 2024. At this event, the consultant planners had information related to this parks master plan process, conceptual parks plans, and the active online survey. The team members spoke with festival goers who stopped by the booth as well as worked the crowds to increase awareness and hand out swag with the project website on it. Most of the attendees at this event were unaware of the Plan, indicating that this outreach successfully engaged a previously unreached segment of the community.

Public Open House

A public open house was conducted on September 23, 2024, to present the Plan elements to the community and gather feedback on the recommendations of the Plan. The open house was attended by a few members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City staff.

Project Website and Interactive Map

A project website was developed to provide all stakeholders with one-stop access to all the resources and updates related to the PROST Plan. The website provided relevant information about past planning efforts, an overview of the planning process, updates on upcoming engagement opportunities, and an option to contact the project team directly. An interactive map was embedded into the website to gather issues and concerns related to specific parks and recreation amenities. The map had 103 participants who left 162 comments.



COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

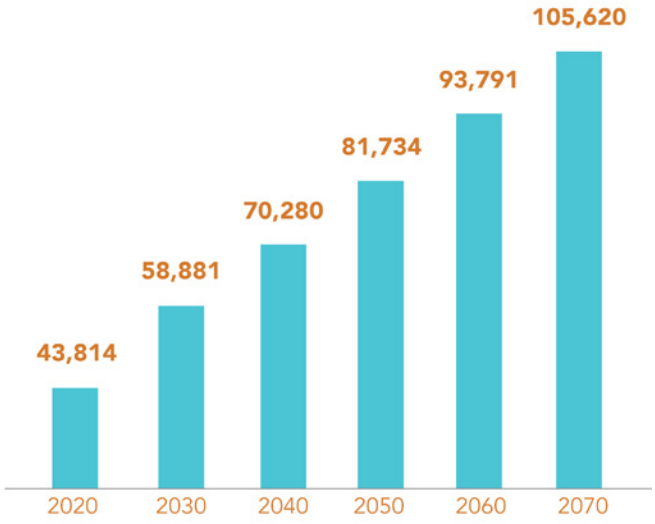
Demographics play a pivotal role in parks planning, as they inform decisions regarding park location, size, amenities and programming to meet the diverse needs and preferences of different population groups. Alongside current demographic insights, it is vital to factor in the anticipated community growth to plan for sufficient parkland and amenities for future residents.

Population Growth

The City of Schertz has continued to grow steadily in population since the 1970s. As per the Texas Water Development Board, Schertz is projected to experience faster population growth than the state, with a projected annual growth rate of 1.8%.

Population growth has a significant impact on parks and recreation planning. As the community grows, there is often an increased demand for recreational facilities to accommodate the growing population. This includes the need for additional parks, playgrounds, sports fields, walking trails and other amenities to serve residents of all ages.

Figure 1. Population Projection

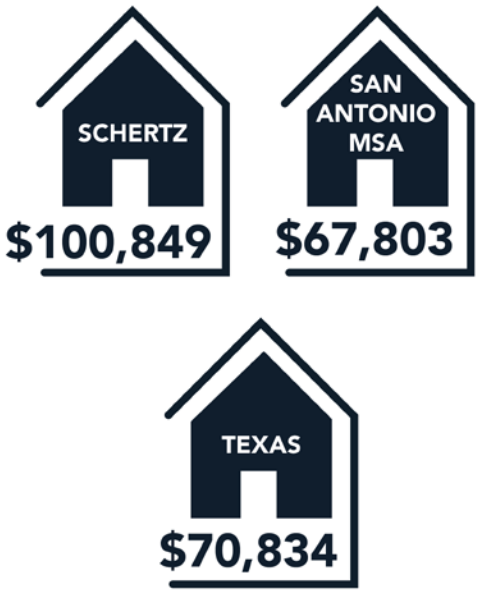


Source: Texas Water Development Board

Household Income

According to recent data, the average household income in Schertz is $118,183, which is higher than both the San Antonio MSA ($94,960) and Texas ($101,658) averages. Overall, Schertz is a relatively affluent and growing city within the larger San Antonio area. The median disposable income in Schertz is $82,732, which is significantly higher than both the San Antonio MSA ($57,231) and Texas ($59,270) medians. Income is an important consideration when determining the mix of fee-based versus free recreation opportunities to offer the community. Some residents may be willing and able to pay a fee for increased recreation options.

Figure 2. Average Household Income



Source: ESRI

Age Distribution

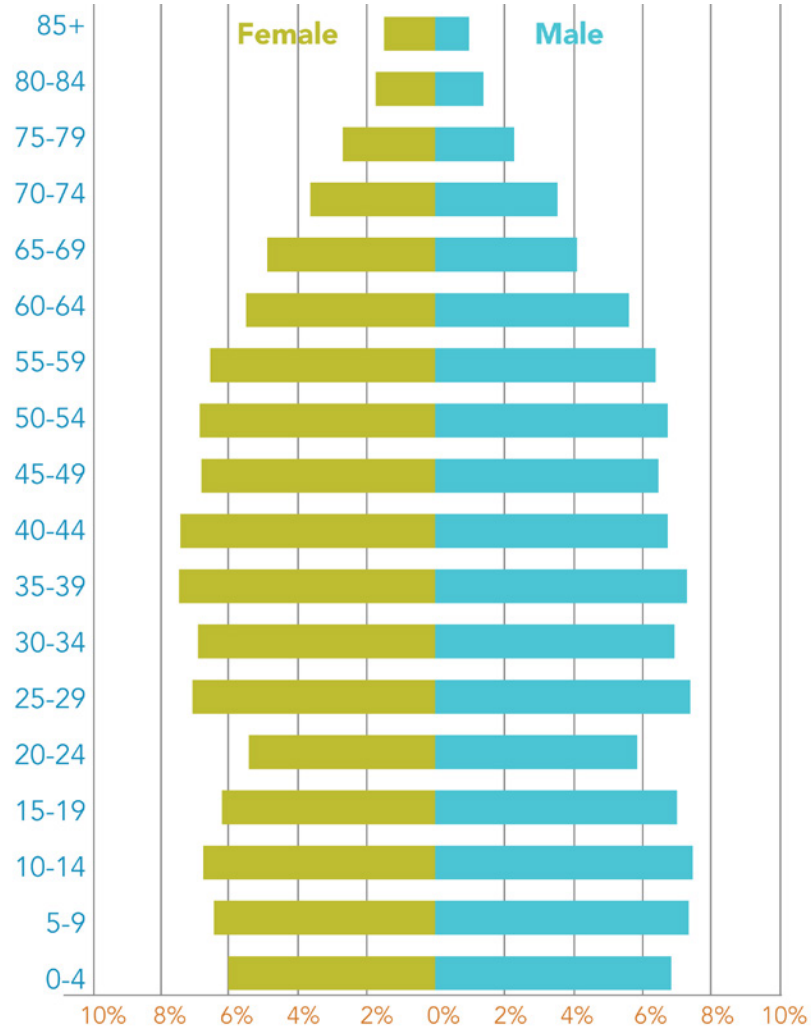
Parks and recreation amenities serve diverse age groups within communities. For example, playgrounds and sports fields are popular among families with children, whereas walking trails are multi-generational and fitness areas are often favored by adults and seniors. Considering the age distribution within a community is crucial for designing parks and recreational spaces that cater to various interests. Moreover, demographic shifts, such as an aging population, may require adaptations in park amenities and programming to address the evolving preferences and mobility requirements of older adults. Different age groups have different recreational needs.

The Schertz population has a median age of 37.2 years old, which is slightly higher than the median age of the San Antonio MSA and Texas. However, the projected population growth rate for Schertz is higher than both the MSA and Texas, indicating that the City may continue to attract a younger demographic in the coming years. Most notably, children and middle-aged adults are largely similar in distribution while having different recreational needs. This indicates a need for a highly diverse parks and recreation system that can meet the varying needs of the community.

Race and Ethnicity

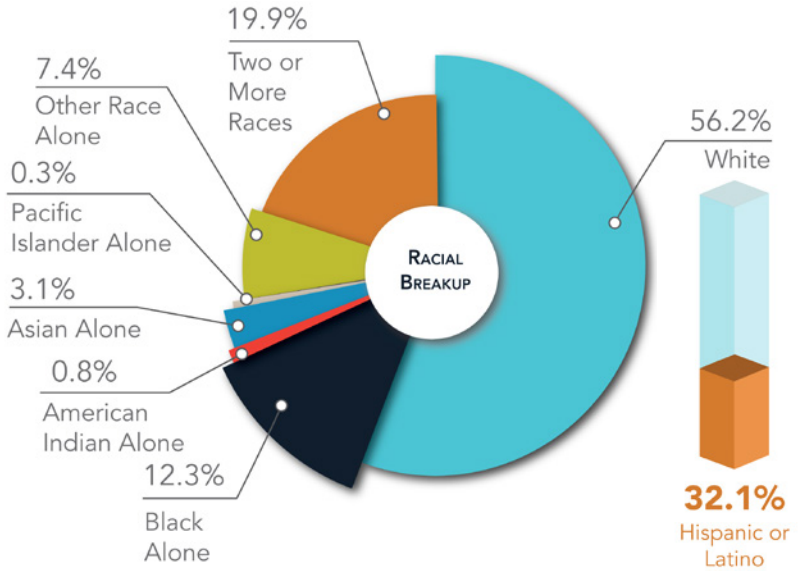
According to recent ESRI data, there have been significant changes in the racial and ethnic makeup of Schertz between 2010 and 2022. The percentage of the population that identifies as two or more races has increased from 3.9% in 2010 to 19.9% in 2022, suggesting that the population of Schertz has become more diverse in terms of racial and ethnic identity. About 32.1% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino. There may be a need for parks and recreation signage and information to be provided in Spanish and English.

Figure 3. Age Distribution



Source: ESRI

Figure 4. Race and Ethnicity



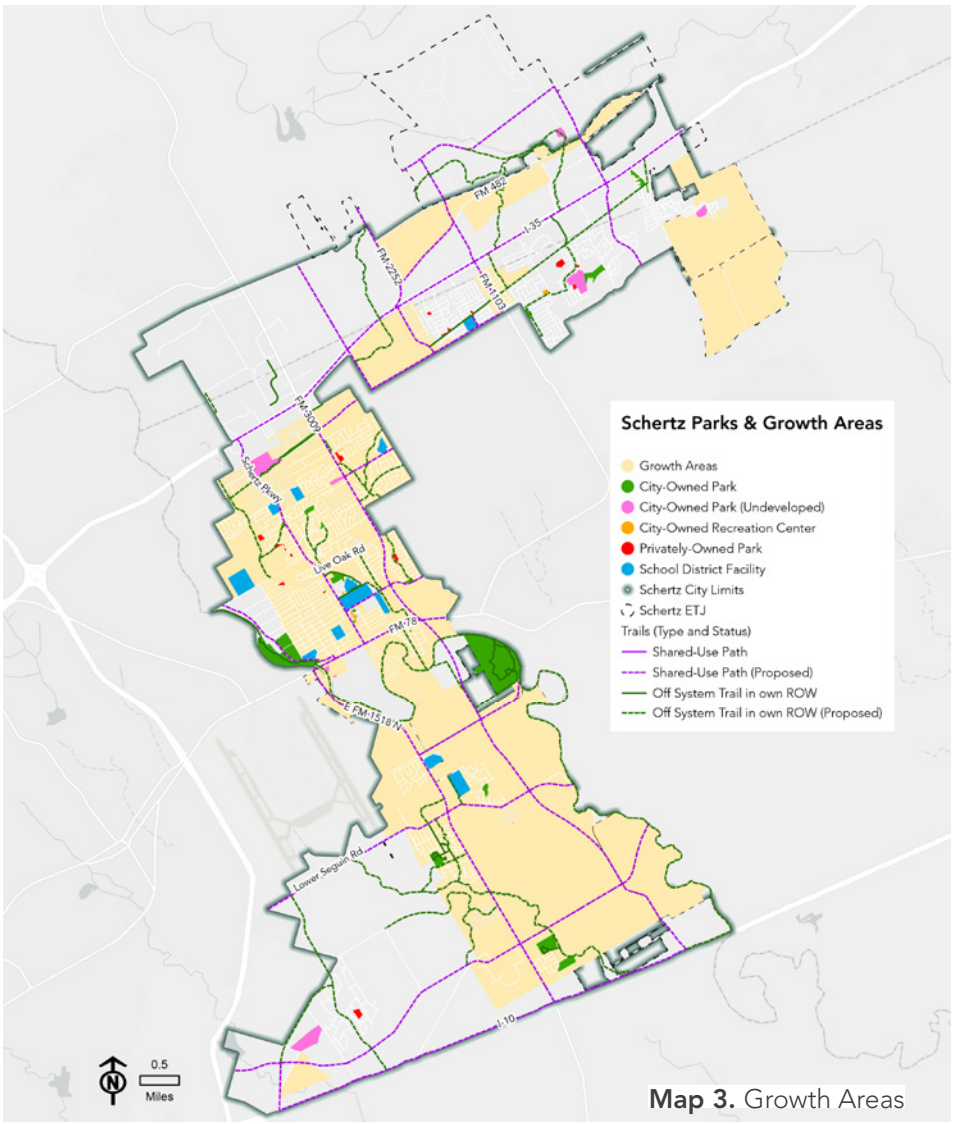
Source: ESRI

GROWTH AREAS

As the population of Schertz expands, the demand for housing will rise, necessitating the development of additional residential areas. Undertaking a coordinated effort to accommodate housing needs while also providing adequate parks and recreational spaces will be crucial for enhancing the quality of life for the Schertz community.

The Comprehensive Plan identified focus areas in the City that have larger amounts of vacant and developable land, and present the greatest potential for future residential development. Map 3 shows the potential residential growth areas in the City. This includes the focus areas mentioned above as well as areas where current or future development could include a residential component. While parkland is needed in all residential areas, new parkland is often more easily dedicated and/or developed in areas of new residential growth.

As the City considers the future of its parks system, it is important to locate parks in close proximity to residential areas. Future parkland acquisitions and/or development should aim to provide adequate parkland resources to serve any under-served neighborhoods in these areas (see the Needs Assessment later in the PROST for parkland service area maps).



Map 3. Growth Areas

VISION AND GOALS

The vision statement sets the groundwork for future growth and development of parks and recreation within the City of Schertz. A community-driven vision is crucial for the success of any plan. The vision is supported by the goals that will serve as the basis for developing measurable action items to implement the Plan.

VISION STATEMENT

Schertz's parks and recreation system aspires to enhance the quality of life for all community members by providing safe, accessible, aesthetically pleasing amenities and inclusive recreational programming. Our commitment is to create family-friendly spaces and events that cater to people of all ages and abilities, continually striving for improvement and meeting changing community needs.



The City will proactively acquire parkland and open space acreage to provide physical access to all existing and future residents of Schertz.



The City will update existing parks and improve undeveloped parkland to accommodate the changing needs of the communities.



The City will implement system-wide improvements that enhance access, usability, and aesthetics of existing and future parks.



The City will provide recreational facilities and programs that enhance the quality of life and accessibility of services for Schertz residents.



The City will maintain parks in a way that promotes full utilization of park spaces and aligns with community values.



The City will pursue/continue partnerships and seek diverse funding strategies to support the expansion of parks and recreational options.





CHAPTER 2

Parks & Recreation Inventory

INTRODUCTION

The inventory provides a comprehensive list of existing parks and recreation assets in the City of Schertz. The inventory includes City-owned parkland and facilities as well as privately owned parks (such as those provided by an HOA) and facilities owned by the school district (ISD). The privately and ISD-owned assets are listed separately from the City parks since they are only accessible by a portion of the community. This approach provides a holistic picture of amenities available for resident use and helps to identify deficiencies or gaps in specific types of parks and amenities.

This chapter provides an overview of the existing parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces in the City. Following a comprehensive inventory, a series of 13 park profiles provide more detailed information for a select group of parks.

At the time of this Plan, there are a variety of proposed parks, trails and properties proposed for consolidation or future development. They will be mentioned throughout this chapter, but the primary intent of the inventory is to describe a snapshot of the existing parks and recreational system available for community use today. The profiles that follow the inventory matrices discuss future plans in further detail.

A Note on Park Lighting

Providing lighting in parks is a balance and should be applied in a contextually sensitive way. Lighting for safety and security is important, but beyond that, considerations must be made for the impact lighting may have on the park use and adjacent properties. For example, well-lit amenities encourage use later into the evenings, which may or may not be preferable for those in the surrounding homes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS CHAPTER

- Park Classifications
- Inventory of Existing Parks and Facilities
- Profiles of Select Parks and Open Spaces
- Overview of Recreational Programming

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Parks and open space systems include a variety of different types of parkland that meet the varying recreational needs in a community. Types vary by size, function, typical amenities and service area. As the City grows and new park spaces are acquired, an adopted classification system should be used to guide the development of each type of park.

Pocket Park (P)

Pocket parks provide passive recreational opportunities and outdoor access to a concentrated population within an immediate proximity.

Typical Size

1/4 to 1 acre

Service Area

1/4-mile radius, walkable from immediate neighborhoods

Location and Access

Located within close proximity to residential areas, often located at the street edge and should be safely accessible by pedestrians. Does not require parking.

Typical Amenities

Seating and enhanced plantings, may include a small playground or picnic area. Some support facilities such as bike racks, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, signage, etc.

Optional Amenities

Shaded seating, gathering areas, water features, public art, monuments/statues, decorative fountains.

Park Lighting

As required for security and safety only



Gutierrez Garden Park

Neighborhood Park (N)

Neighborhood parks are medium-sized parks designed to be located within walking or biking distance of the surrounding neighborhoods. These parks foster a sense of belonging and community and can serve as focal points within their respective neighborhoods.

Typical Size

1 to 10 acres

Service Area

1/4- to 1/2-mile radius

Location and Access

Located in the center of neighborhoods with good public access. At least one side of the park should front a residential street. Sites should drain properly and be suitable for a variety of active and passive recreational uses. Drop off areas, on-street parking or small parking lots may be provided, but large parking areas are not necessary.

Typical Amenities

Playgrounds, sports courts, trail access, multipurpose fields, picnic pavilions, areas for family functions, support facilities (benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, signage, etc.)

Optional Amenities

Water features (such as splash pads), public art, monuments/statues, decorative fountains, community gardens, restrooms

Park Lighting

Generally intended for security and safety only. Very limited facility lighting with no glare to adjoining residential uses.



Wendy Swan Memorial Park

Community Park (C)

Community parks are larger in size and serve a broader population than neighborhood parks. They are intended to meet the recreational needs of several neighborhoods and may include special amenities that draw users from across the City. Park development should protect desirable natural amenities and include active and passive activities for all ages.

Typical Size

10 to 100 acres

Service Area

1- to 3-mile radius

Location and Access

Should be located adjacent to desirable natural resources. The parks should be connected to citywide trail networks and be conveniently accessed by cars. Also, the parks should include adequate space for off-street parking.

Typical Amenities

Playground, picnic areas, event pavilions, athletic fields, sports courts, pools, restrooms, enhanced plantings, support facilities (benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, signage, etc.)

Optional Amenities

Shaded seating, gathering areas, water features, public art, monuments/statues, decorative fountains, fishing

Park Lighting

Facility lighting at ball fields, pavilions, courts, and associated parking. Security lighting at playgrounds, trails and exterior perimeters of park structures. Avoid glare to adjoining residential uses.



Pickrell Park

Regional Park (R)

Regional parks are the largest type of park for a typical city's park system. The size varies depending on the purpose and character of the site. Regional parks provide recreational amenities for the entire community and even serve as a hub for surrounding communities to travel to and access special amenities. Regional parks often help to protect and showcase valuable natural resources such as habitat preserves or bodies of water. These parks include a very wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities and can be an economic generator by attracting sports tournaments or ecotourism or hosting large events.

Typical Size

Varies from 10 acres to several thousand acres, the "regional" draw often comes from the special amenities offered rather than the size.

Service Area

Up to 50-mile radius, depending on site features and amenities

Location and Access

These parks can be located almost anywhere in the community. They should be accessible by car and connected to citywide trail networks for locals. Large parking areas to accommodate peak use times (such as during an annual event) are likely required.

Typical Amenities

Destination playgrounds, athletic courts and field complexes, regional trail systems, water activities, unprogrammed open space, preserved natural areas, amphitheaters, large gathering areas or pavilions

Optional Amenities

Shaded seating, water features, pool, public art, monuments/statues, decorative fountains, fishing

Park Lighting

Facility and security lighting similar to a community park. Park drives and major entrance drives. Trail lighting is optional. If hosting evening events, lighting to accommodate the events as well as safe movement around the park and parking areas is necessary. Lighted sports fields often cause light pollution for surrounding properties and should be thoughtfully installed.

Linear Parks or Greenways (L)

Linear parks are typically located alongside linear natural features such as creeks or man-made features like utility easements. These parks often serve as connectors between multiple parks or points of interest within a city. They also serve purposes such as safeguarding wildlife routes and ecosystem function or facilitating floodways and stormwater drainage.

Typical Size

Varies based on surrounding environment

Service Area

Varies based on amenities

Location and Access

These parks can be located almost anywhere in the community. They should be accessible by car and connected via citywide trail networks.

Typical Amenities

Cleared trails and other amenities for walking, jogging, bicycling and/or hiking. Trails may be paved or natural. At key nodes or trailheads, benches, water fountains, restrooms, and trash cans may be provided.

Optional Amenities

Educational, safety and wayfinding signage, trailhead facilities such as information kiosks, trail maps, etc., safety and accessibility features, public art

Park Lighting

Security night lighting at picnic areas, playgrounds and trailheads. Where adjacent to streets, make dual use of street light poles to supplement park pathway or trail lighting.



Portion of the Future Great Northern Trail

Open Space or Nature Park (OS)

Open space or nature park typically refers to areas of land that are undeveloped, natural or minimally developed. These areas may include nature parks, nature reserves, meadows, forests, wetlands, riparian zones and other natural landscapes. Open spaces help preserve biodiversity, protect wildlife habitats and maintain ecological balance. They provide an environment for native flora and fauna to flourish, thus, contributing to the overall health and well-being of the ecosystem.

Typical Size

Varies

Service Area

Varies

Location and Access

Varies based on available land and appropriate adjacent uses

Typical Amenities

Natural trails, observation points, picnic areas, restrooms, parking

Optional Amenities

Educational and safety signage, visitor center, campgrounds, recreational facilities such as fishing, non-motorized boating, wildlife viewing, birdwatching, nature play or exploration, outdoor classrooms, etc.

Park Lighting

Lighting should be limited so as to preserve the natural darkness to the maximum extent possible, as light has a profound impact on ecosystem function and wildlife.

Special Purpose Park (SP)

Special purpose parks can have a wide range of uses, but park facilities are oriented toward a single purpose. Typical examples of special use parks include dog parks, golf courses, skate parks, aquatic facilities, tennis complexes, ballfield complexes or historic sites. These parks can be operated and maintained by the City or a private enterprise.

Typical Size

Varies

Service Area

Varies

Location and Access

Varies based on available land and appropriate adjacent uses. Likely require some off-street parking as they provide a special amenity that residents may travel from across the City to utilize.

Typical Amenities

Varies based on user groups that they intend to serve

Optional Amenities

Varies based on user groups that they serve

Park Lighting

Specific to the intended use, but should be sensitive to the surrounding context.



Dry Comal Creek Nature Park



Schertz Skate Park

SCHERTZ'S EXISTING PARKS AND FACILITIES

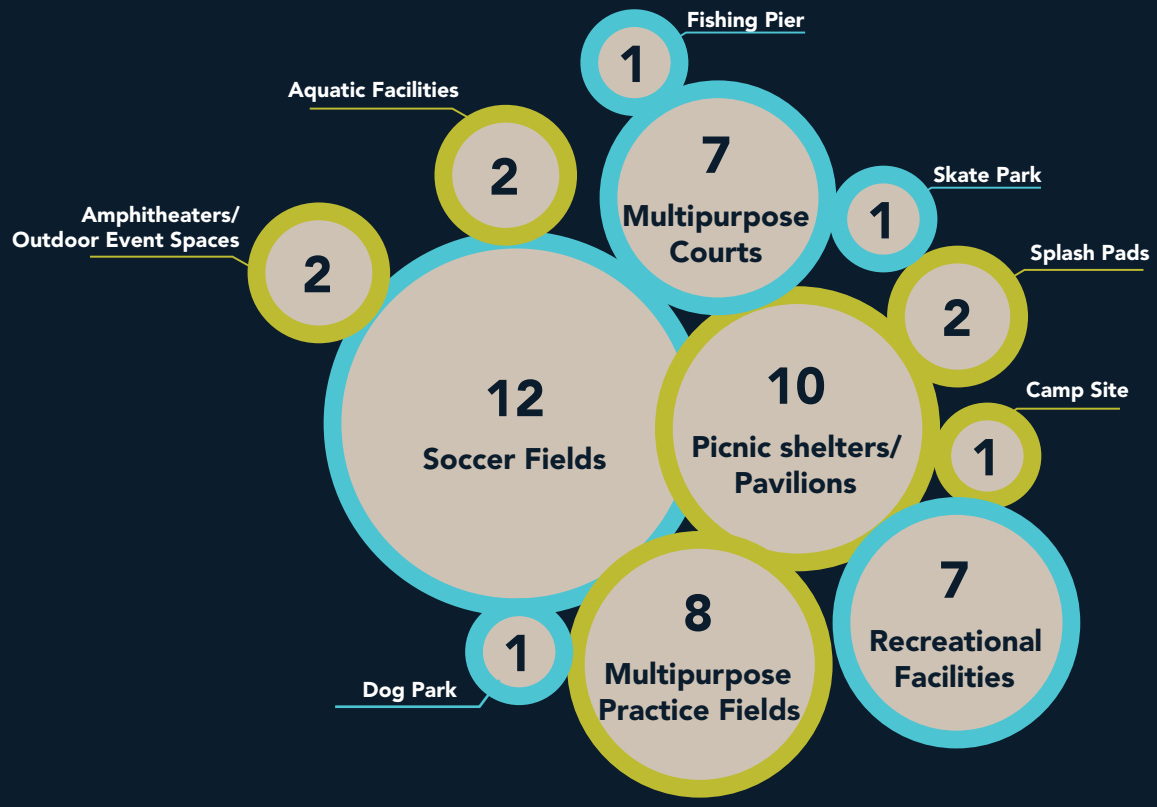
27 CITY-OWNED PARKS

457 ACRES CITY-OWNED PARK AREA

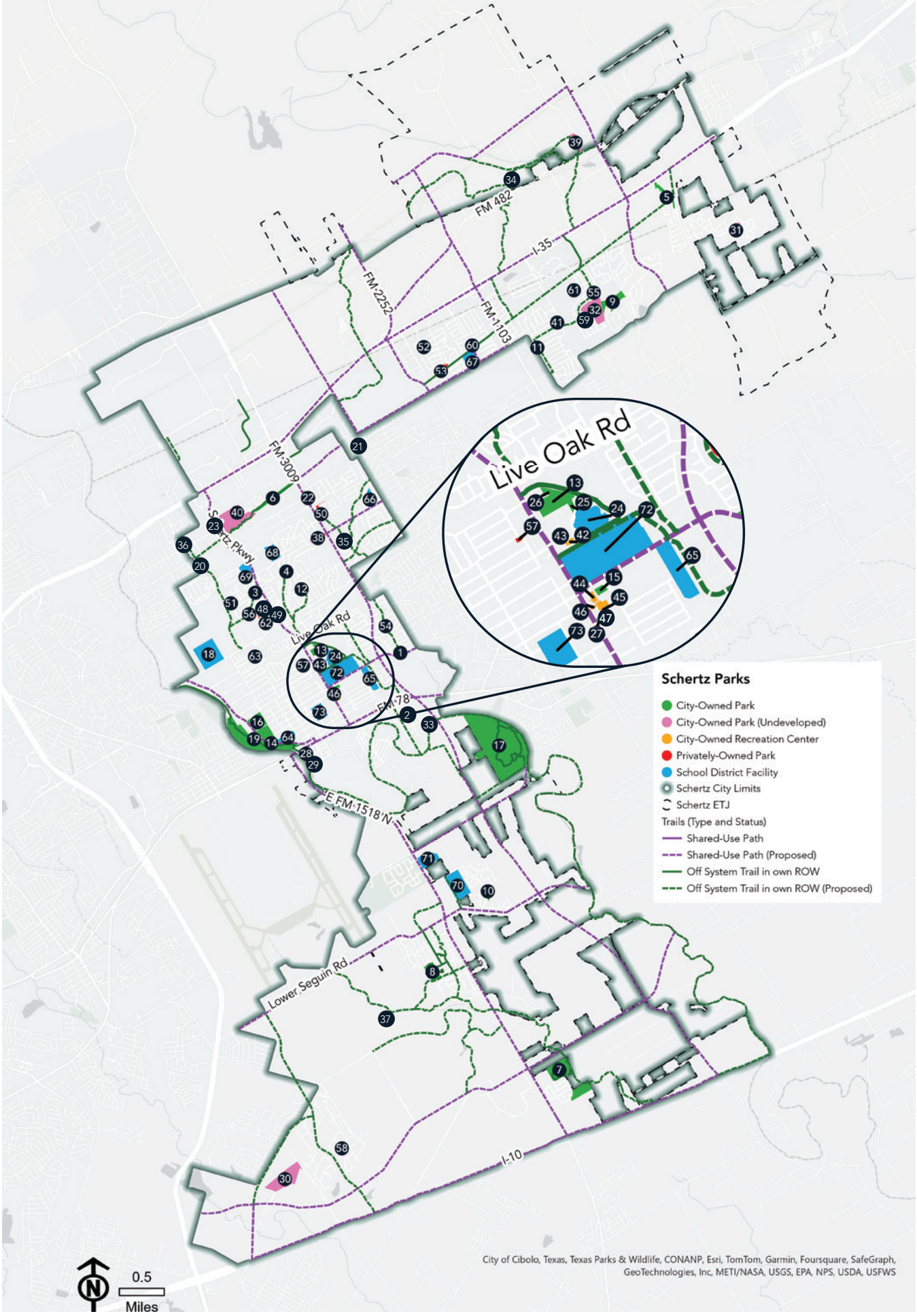
20 Miles WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS

7 COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

In total, the City of Schertz owns 27 parks covering 457 acres, with 20 miles of trails and seven recreational facilities. Privately owned amenities, such as those provided by neighborhood HOAs, provide residents with an additional 16 parks and 30 acres. The local ISD also has its own recreational facilities at schools throughout the City. It should be noted that while privately and ISD-owned facilities do provide amenities to some of the population of the City, they are often restricted for public use, so do not function like true public parks. However, with the creation of appropriate agreements, ISD facilities could potentially serve a greater portion of the population. The parks are spread throughout the City, with the majority being located in the central part of the City between I-35 and FM 78. The parks include opportunities for both active and passive recreation. Active recreation refers to structured activities for individuals and teams that often require specialized facilities such as baseball, soccer and football. Passive recreation refers to unstructured activities that typically do not require specialized facilities such as jogging, picnicking and fishing. Schertz is especially fortunate to have prime ecological assets in the form of creeks that run through the community, most notably Cibolo Creek. Schertz has been recently successful in securing funding for additional park development and has many active plans in the works. With so many existing and new park amenities throughout the City, the opportunity exists to connect theses destinations via a citywide trail network.



Note: This graphic illustrates select facilities available in City-owned parks.



Map 4. Existing and Proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities in Schertz*

* For a larger version of the map, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Community Services deoartment

Table 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory

Map Label	Park Name	Address	Acreage	Classification	Baseball/Softball Field (#)	Standalone Backstop (#)	Soccer Field (#)	Football Field (#)	Multipurpose Practice Field (#)	Basketball Court (#)	Pickleball Court (#)	Multipurpose Court (basketball, pickleball) (#)	Tennis Court (#)	Concession Stand (Y/N)	Skate Park (#)	Disc Golf Course (#)
City-Owned Parks (Developed)																
1	Gutierrez Garden Park	1231 Borgfeld Rd	2.1	P												
2	Lone Oak Park	100 Round Tree Dr	0.3	P												
3	Mary Whitfield Burks Park	3175 Schertz Parkway	2.0	P												
4	Ashley Park	534 Ashley Park	4.8	N					1			1				
5	Cypress Point Park	5526 Cypress Point	10.5	N												
6	Forest Ridge Park	17529 Wiederstein Road	11.1	N												
7	Unnamed Future Park (Hallie's Cove)*	Hallie Glade	39.7	N												
8	Heritage Oaks Park	11700 Long Leaf Pkwy	13.1	N								1				
9	Unnamed Future Park (Homestead)[3]	Homestead Parkway	14.9	N												
10	Rhine Valley Park	9958 Mulhouse Dr	5.0	N					2			1				
11	Wendy Swan Memorial Park	4601 Cherry Tree	2.7	N								1				
12	The Park at Woodland Oaks	905 Woodland Oaks Drive	1.8	N								1				
13	Community Circle Park [2]*	Community Circle Drive	8.3	C		5			5							

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	Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous								
	Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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	0.04	Y																	Y	Y	Y			
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	0.58							5										Y	Y	Y	Y	1	Y	
	0.6																				Y			
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Table 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory, *Continued*

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14	Pickrell Park	703 Oak St	17.3	C								2		Y		
15	Schertz Community Playscape	629 Westchester Dr	1.1	C												
16	Thulemeyer Park	901 Oak St	16.1	C	5									Y		
17	Crescent Bend Nature Park	12805 Schaefer Road	189.6	R												
18	Schertz Soccer Complex	75 Maske Rd	42.0	R			12							Y		
19	Cut-Off Park [1]	FM 1518 along Cibolo Creek	58.2	L												
20	Dietz Creek Trail	Community Circle Drive		L												
21	Great Northern Trail*	Varies		L												
22	Oak Forest Park	4200 Block of FM 3009	2.6	L												
23	Schertz Parkway Trail	Schertz Parkway from IH-35 to FM 78		L												
24	Johnie McDow Sports Complex [2]	955 Community Circle Drive	11.9	SP	7									Y		
25	Schertz Dog Park [2]	940 Community Circle Drive	0.6	SP												
26	Schertz Skate Park [2]	820 Community Circle Drive	0.3	SP											1	

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Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous								
Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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+ Great Northern Trail - 7 miles proposed trail length

Table 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory, *Continued*

Map Label	Park Name	Address	Acreage	Classification	Baseball/Softball Field (#)	Standalone Backstop (#)	Soccer Field (#)	Football Field (#)	Multipurpose Practice Field (#)	Basketball Court (#)	Pickleball Court (#)	Multipurpose Court (basketball, pickleball) (#)	Tennis Court (#)	Concession Stand (Y/N)	Skate Park (#)	Disc Golf Course (#)
27	Veterans Memorial Plaza	512 Schertz Parkway	0.6	SP												
		Total	456.6		12	5	12		8			7			1	
City-Owned Properties Designated for Parks Utilization (Undeveloped)																
28	Palm Park [1]	200 Block of FM 78	2.4	P												
29	Zuehl Lot [1]	107 Zuehl Rd	0.6	P												
30	Unnamed Future Park (Graytown Valley)*	Graytown Road and Boeing Drive	44.9	N												
31	Unnamed Future Park (Parklands)*	Parklands Way	8.8	N												
32	Unnamed Future Park (Hilltop) [3]*	6300 Block of Jimmy Walker Dr	28.3	C												
33	Cibolo Creek Trail & Paddle Trail [1]	Varies		L												
34	Dry Comal Creek Trail	Varies		L												
35	East Dietz Creek Trail*	Varies		L												
36	West Dietz Creek Trail*	Varies		L												
37	Woman Hollering Creek Trail*	Varies		L												
38	Berry Creek Open Space	FM 3009	5.1	OS												

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		Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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+ Cibolo Creek Trail - 3.6 miles proposed trail length, Dry Comal Creek Trail - 4 miles proposed trail length, East Dietz Creek Trail - 4 miles proposed trail length

Table 1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory, *Continued*

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39	Dry Comal Creek Nature Park*	Bunker St and FM 482	10.6	OS												
40	Unnamed Future Park (Live Oak Hills)	Schertz Parkway/ Wiederstein	52.2	OS												
		Total	152.9													
City-Owned Recreation Facilities																
41	North Center	3501 Morning Drive	2.3	-										Y		
42	Schertz Civic Center	1400 Schertz Parkway	0.5	-										Y		
43	Schertz Community Center	1400 Schertz Parkway	0.1	-										Y		
44	Schertz Library	798 Schertz Parkway	0.8	-										Y		
45	Schertz Recreation Center (Operated by the YMCA)	621 Westchester Drive	2.3	-												
46	Schertz Senior Center (Operated by the YMCA)	608 Schertz Parkway	0.2	-										Y		
47	Schertz Aquatic Center (Operated by the YMCA)	560 Schertz Parkway		-												
		Total	6.2													
		City-Owned Totals	615.7		12	5	12		8			7			1	

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		Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous								
		Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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+ West Dietz Creek Trail - 3 miles proposed total trail length, Woman Hollering Creek Trail - 5 miles proposed trail length

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Privately Owned/Home Owner Association (HOA) Parks																
48	Elm Park	Melville Lane	0.2	P												
49	Willow Park	Melville Lane	0.3	P												
50	Arroyo Verde Park	North side of Arroyo Verde	4.0	N												
51	Ashley Place Park	At the terminus of Victoria Point	2.6	N												
52	Belmont Park	Granville Peak	1.2	N												
53	Belmont Park Open Space	Intersection of Hourless Oaks/ Triple Crown	2.2	N												

Proposed Consolidations

(1)	Marked with blue in the map label column in the matrix: Cut-off, Zuehl and Palm Parks will become part of the Cibolo Creek String of Parks, as stops along a regional Cibolo Creek Trail network.
(2)	Marked with green in the map label column in the matrix: The existing Community Circle Park will be enhanced and expanded to incorporate the Johnie McDow Sports Complex, Dog Park, Skate Park, and a new community park space.
(3)	Marked with orange in the map label column in the matrix: The unnamed future park (Hilltop) will be combined with unnamed future park (Homestead) and two adjacent undeveloped parcels to create a larger park.

		Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous								
		Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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54	Dove Meadows Park	Sandy Ridge Circle	2.5	N	2				1	1						
55	Fairhaven Park	Columbia Drive	0.6	N												
56	Jonas Woods Park	Jonas Drive	1.3	N												
57	Kramer Farms Park	Corner of Hitch Road/Rooster Run	0.4	N												
58	Laura Heights	Halie Heights	5.2	N												
59	Links at Scenic Hills	6300 Block of Jimmy Walker Dr	1.5	N												
60	Riata Amenity Center	Mineral Springs & Fairlawn Ave	0.6	N												
61	Scenic Hills Lodge	Scenic Drive & Vista Drive	5.1	N												
62	Turtle Park	Thoreau Trail	0.7	N												
63	Windy Meadows Park	Windy Oaks Mobile Home Park, Meadow View Drive	1.4	N						1						
		Total	29.9		2				1	2						
SCUCISD Facilities (even if not currently open to public)																
64	Allison L. Steele Enhanced Learning Center	204 Wright Avenue	9.5	-		3			1	3						
65	Clarence Shelton Athletic Complex	Elbel Road	13.1	-						1			8			
66	Green Valley Elementary School	1694 Green Valley Road	10.2	-												

		Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous								
		Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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67	John A. Sippel Elementary School	420 Fairlawn Avenue	13.5	-												
68	Laura Ingalls Wilder Intermediate School	806 Savannah Drive	12.1	-			2	1		3						
69	Norma J. Paschal Elementary School	590 Savannah Drive	10.8	-					1	3						
70	Ray D. Corbett Junior High School	12000 Ray Corbett Drive	33.6	-		2	1		1				6			
71	Rose Garden Elementary School	10414 E Fm 1518 N	17.6							1						
72	Samuel Clemens High School	1001 Elbel Road	47.1	-	2			1								
73	Schertz Elementary School	701 Curtiss Street	13.0	-						2						
		Total	180.3		2	5	3	2	3	13			14			

		Active Facilities		Water Recreation				Passive Recreation									Miscellaneous									
		Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Fitness Equipment (Y/N)	Fishing Pier (#)	Outdoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Indoor Aquatic Facility (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Dog Park (#)	Playscape Units (#)	Gardens (Y/N)	Bird Blinds (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (Y/N)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Campsite	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space (#)	Community Recreation Facility(#)	Restrooms (Y/N)	Parking (Y/N)	Trash Cans	Water Fountain (Y/N)	Benches (Y/N)	Shade Structures (#)	Dog Waste Station (Y/N)	Bleachers (Y/N)
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									23					6									16		14

Cibolo Creek String of Parks

The Cibolo Creek String of Parks is intended to create a series of open spaces and access points along a regional walking and paddling trail along Cibolo Creek that would go through Schertz as well as its neighboring cities of Cibolo, Universal City and Selma. Parks in the "string" would encompass the existing Cut-Off Park along with some undeveloped parcels already acquired by the Parks Department, including Palm Park, Zuehl Park and an additional parcel recently donated along FM 1518. Eventually, Crescent Bend Nature Park and two Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority (CCMA) properties (one adjacent to Crescent Bend Nature Park and another near the southern city limit) would be connected to the walking and paddling trail along Cibolo Creek as well, along with any other creek-side parcels the City is able to acquire.

Location and Access

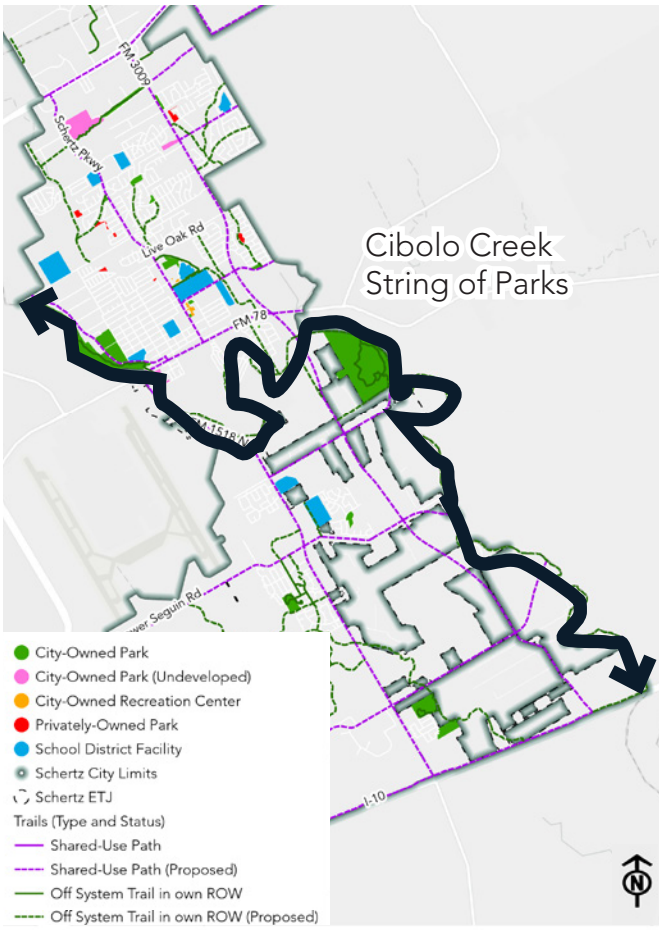
Currently, Cut-Off Park has a prime location with significant frontage along FM 1518 and one small dirt parking lot and some signage. The trails in Cut-Off Park are natural and not handicapped accessible. Palm and Zuehl Parks are tucked behind commercial and residential developments. Palm has limited parking and Zuehl has no parking. Neither park has signage.

Existing Conditions

Cut-Off Park is a linear natural area with primitive trails and Palm and Zuehl parks are both small undeveloped lots. All provide water access to Cibolo Creek.

Opportunities for Improvement

- A full trailhead at Cut-Off Park with paved parking and restroom facilities
- Accessible trails at Cut-Off Park
- The eastern edge of Cut-Off Park is near historic Downtown Schertz and could become a part of any redevelopment efforts for the Downtown area.
- Palm Park could serve youth activities, such as Scouting.
- Through the FM 78 corridor redevelopment, if the opportunity presents itself for redevelopment of the two buildings between the park and FM 78 the City could consider it.
- Zuehl Park is adjacent to single-family homes and is best suited for low-impact activities. This could be an ideal location for a kayak put-in, as the Cibolo Creek is damed and non-navigable just to the north.
- With the implementation of a regional hike and walking trail network along Cibolo Creek, the String of Parks could become a regional draw.



Map 5. Cibolo Creek String of Parks Route

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Varies	Varies	Community

Park Features

Walking and Biking Trails

Natural Area

Water Access

Picnic Tables

Parking





Existing Conditions at Palm Park

Community Circle Park

Location and Access

The proposed Community Circle Park will consolidate the existing multipurpose fields with the Skate Park, Dog Park, Johnie McDow Sports Complex, and new park amenities. This would develop a 38.5-acre community park, located in the center of Schertz adjacent to the City's Municipal Complex. Access is directly off Schertz Parkway and there is ample parking available.

Existing Conditions

The Johnie McDow Sports Complex currently contains competition-level baseball and softball fields and is one of the primary sport amenities in the City. It is managed by the City in partnership with the Buffalo Valley Youth Association (BVYA). Both the Skate Park and Dog Park are located adjacent to the sports complex and, while functional, are limited in their offerings and in need of infrastructure improvements. The current Community Circle Park is an open, multipurpose field with freestanding backstops that are used by BVYA for practice.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Implement the concept plan shown on the following page to provide improved amenities and additional recreational programming. The park improvements have been fully funded by the Schertz EDC and are expected to complete construction in 2028.
- Expand the Dietz Creek Trail to connect the park to the Cibolo Creek Trail and Great Northern Trail as shown in the map on page 19.

Great Northern Trail

The Great Northern Trail is a proposed 8-mile long trail that will span from Schertz Parkway to the Cypress Point neighborhood in northern Schertz. The trail is planned to be developed as a multi-use trail. Some sections of the trail are already developed that include a half-mile section from Schertz Parkway to Wiederstein Road and another section on the Cibolo Valley Baptist Church property at FM 1103.



Map 6. Community Circle Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Community Circle Drive	38.5 Acres	Community

Park Features

- Baseball and Softball Complex
- Standalone Backstop
- Concession Stand
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Skate Park
- Walking and Biking Trails
- Parking
- Trash Cans
- Water Fountain
- Grand Stands
- Shade Structure
- Multipurpose Practice Field
- Dog Park
- Benches

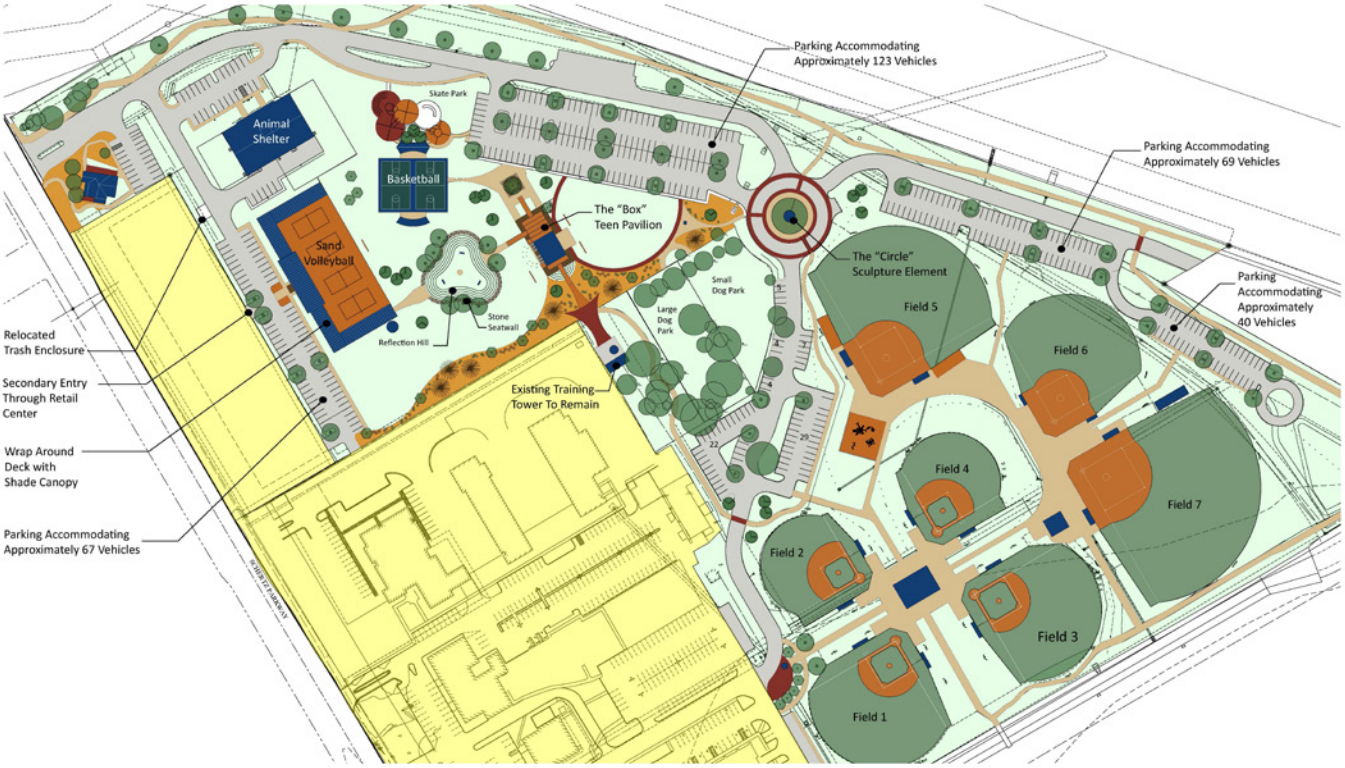




Concept for Community Circle Park (Source: City of Schertz)



Concept for an expanded Skate Park (Source: City of Schertz)



Concept for Community Circle Park (Source: City of Schertz)

Crescent Bend Nature Park

Location and Access

Crescent Bend Nature Park (CBNP) is located along the Cibolo Creek and West Schaefer Road. The park attracts visitors from the surrounding region and is accessible by personal automobiles. Eventually the park is expected to be connected to the Cibolo Creek Trail network.

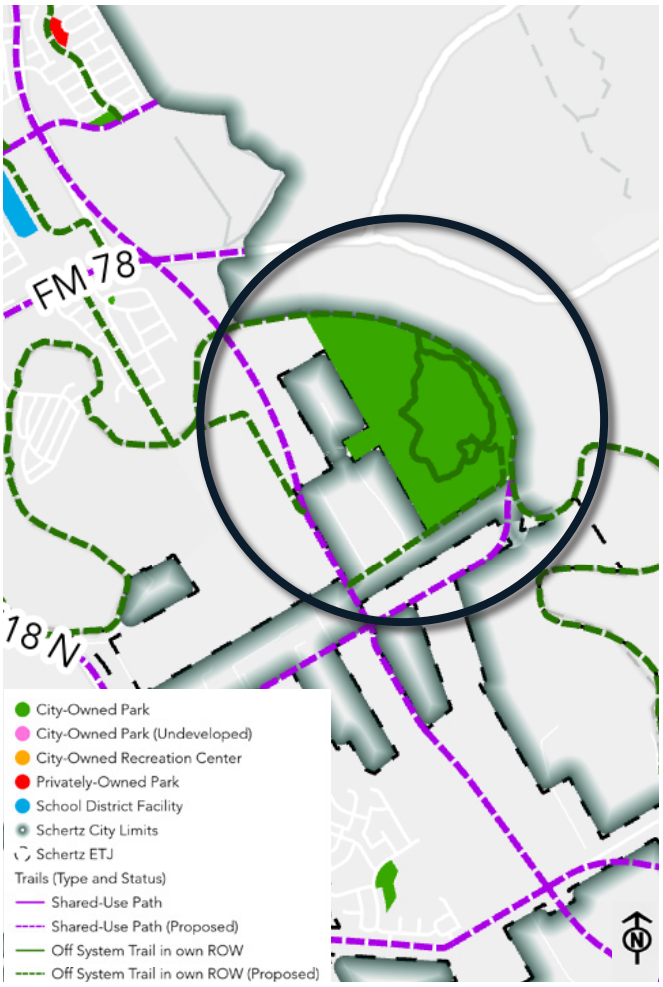
Existing Conditions

CBNP is one of the few parks with a regional draw in the City and offers unique amenities such as birding and campsites (to be used for Scouting groups only) along with walking and biking trails, picnic tables, and educational signage. The park is also a Certified Firefly Habitat and is committed to the protection of fireflies from invasive species, light pollution and habitat degradation. In addition, the park sustains multiple habitats and diverse wildlife. It also hosts events such as educational walks and Star Party.

The Friends of Crescent Bend Nature Park is a volunteer group that works with the City to spearhead conservation efforts and ensure the provision of necessary amenities in the park. The group has been involved in developing strategies and recommendations for the future development of the park.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Undertake initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park and restore habitat, such as invasive removal and soil health enhancing maintenance strategies.
- Provide fishing access along the northeast corner of the park. Identify locations for fishing piers.
- Develop a concept plan for constructing an educational pavilion in the park.
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the park through a connected trail system and introduce additional educational programming for kids and young adults.
- Provide additional parking for visitors.
- Provide additional restrooms.
- Provide natural, exploratory children's play areas.
- Provide outdoor classroom nodes along the trail network.



Map 7. Crescent Bend Nature Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
12805 Schaefer Road	180.7 Acres	Open Space

Park Features

Walking and Biking Trails	Parking
Picnic Tables	Benches
Restrooms	Campsite
Natural Areas,Habitat	Paved Trails
Birding Stations	
Water Access	













Existing Conditions in Crescent Bend Nature Park

Cypress Point Park

Location and Access

Cypress Point Park is a neighborhood park located along Cypress Point in the northern part of Schertz and will serve as the eastern end point for the proposed Great Northern Trail (see Appendix B for concept plan of the Great Northern Trail). The Park begins at a neighborhood entrance off the I-35 frontage road and follows a utility easement through single-family homes. Access is via neighborhood streets and sidewalks, and there is a small parking lot next to the playscape.

Existing Conditions

The park is irregular in shape and weaves among homes. Amenities currently consist of a small playground and walking and biking trails. It is also informally used for hosting outdoor movies. The majority of the park is open lawn space.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Utilize the natural topography of the site to develop an amphitheater to host movie nights and other programming.
- Develop a trailhead that connects to the Great Northern Trail on the west side of the park.
- Assess the potential of developing a disc golf course.



Map 8. Cypress Point Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
5526 Cypress Point	10.5 Acres	Neighborhood

Park Features

Walking and Biking Trails	Parking
	Benches
Covered Playground	







Existing Conditions in Cypress Point Park

Dry Comal Creek Nature Park

Location and Access

The Dry Comal Creek Nature Park is a recently annexed, undeveloped park located along FM 482 adjacent to Dry Comal Creek. It is in the far northeast part of the City, and a portion of the park is in Comal Township. The park is located along Comal Creek and includes a pond with wetland habitat. It is also adjacent to the historic Saint Joseph's Cemetery and is across the street from St. Joseph's German Chapel, which was designated as a historic site by the Schertz Historic Preservation Committee in 2011. It is accessed by neighborhood streets and is adjacent to single-family homes.

Existing Conditions

The area has drainage issues and is prone to flooding. The park is conceptualized to be developed as a nature park in partnership between the City and Great Springs Project.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Implement the existing concept plan shown on the following page to improve access and introduce amenities such as parking, boardwalks and trailheads.
- Develop the park as part of a greater cultural site celebrating local history.
- Provide buffering from the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Enhance the site with habitat restoration.
- Identify opportunities for recreational programming including aquatic recreation, nature play and education.





Map 9. Dry Comal Creek Nature Park Location

About the Park

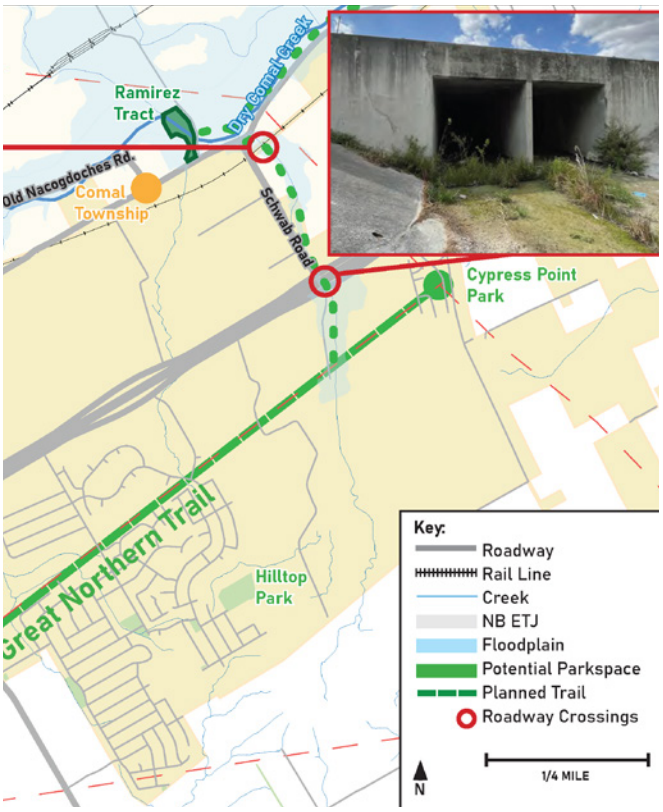
Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Intersection of Bunker Street and FM 482	10.6 Acres	Open Space

Park Features

Under Construction	Large Trees
Natural Areas	Mowed Field on Upper Portion of Site
Pond and Wetland Habitat	







Proposed Trail Connections to Dry Comal Creek Park (Source: City of Schertz)



Trailhead Vision for Dry Comal Creek Plan (Source: City of Schertz)



Boardwalk Vision for Dry Comal Creek Plan (Source: City of Schertz)

Unnamed Future Park (Graytown Valley)

Location and Access

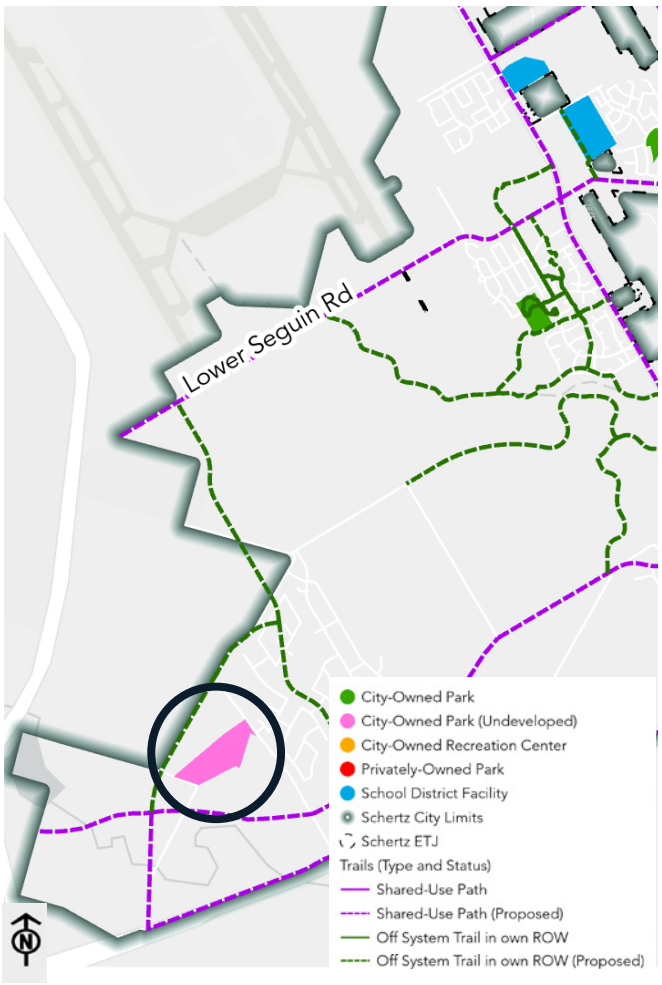
This unnamed future park is a 45-acre undeveloped park located along Graytown Road and Boeing Drive in the southwest part of Schertz. It will be accessible via neighborhood streets.

Existing Conditions

The park is currently undeveloped and features natural assets of large trees and ponds. The future concept includes a neighborhood park with trails, lakes, a multi-age playground and a pavilion as shown in the concept plan on the following page. The park is expected to be developed with the construction of the surrounding housing development.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Implement the concept plan shown on the following page to develop a playground, pavilion, trailhead, restrooms and parking as shown in Phase One of the concept plan.
- Prepare an implementation plan for Phase Two of the concept plan.



Map 10. Graytown Valley Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Intersection of Graytown Road and Boeing Drive	45 Acres	Neighborhood

Park Features
Currently Undeveloped
Natural Areas
Natural Ponds
Large Trees





Graytown Valley Park, Phase One Improvements (Source: City of Schertz)



Proposed Concept for Graytown Valley Park (Source: City of Schertz)

Heritage Oaks Park

Location and Access

Heritage Oaks Park is a neighborhood park located in the southern part of Schertz serving the adjacent neighborhood. Is is access via neighborhood roads and there is a parking lot that is shared with the adjacent amenity center.

Existing Conditions

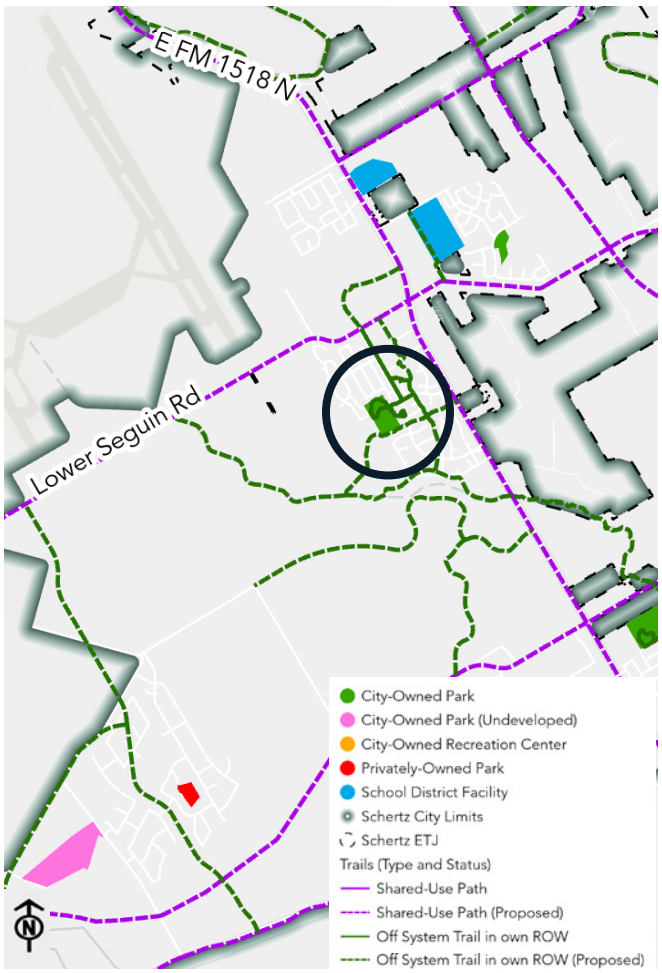
The park provides natural amenities such as large oak trees and a pond. It also houses recreational amenities including a playground, half basketball court, educational signage, picnic tables and scenic views. It is surrounded by single-family homes. The Crossvine Amenity Center, a private recreation center, is located adjacent to Heritage Oaks Park. The amenity center houses an amphitheater and events pavilion overlooking the pond.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Partner with The Crossvine to connect the park to the adjacent amenity center for special events open to the public.
- Provide more educational signage throughout the park.
- Provide nature-play elements for kids such as discovery trails, natural hiding spots, logs, etc.
- Provide accessible trails and handicapped access to the playscape.
- Provide additional parking.
- Provide water access for fishing, kayaking and birding.



Bridge Crossing at Heritage Oaks Park



Map 11. Heritage Oaks Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
11700 Long Leaf Parkway	13.1 Acres	Neighborhood

Park Features

Playground	Basketball Court (half)
Picnic Tables	Parking
Large Shade Trees	Benches
	Pond













Existing Conditions in Heritage Oaks Park

Unnamed Future Park (Hilltop)

Location and Access

This unnamed future park is a proposed consolidation of the existing unnamed park located along Columbia Drive, the adjacent unnamed park (Homestead) currently under development, and two additional undeveloped parcels. Once combined, they will create a 45-acre community park as shown in the concept plan on the following page. The park is accessed via neighborhood streets and unnamed park (Homestead) is accessed off a new collector street recently built by the adjacent housing development. There are small paved parking lots at both parks.

Existing Conditions

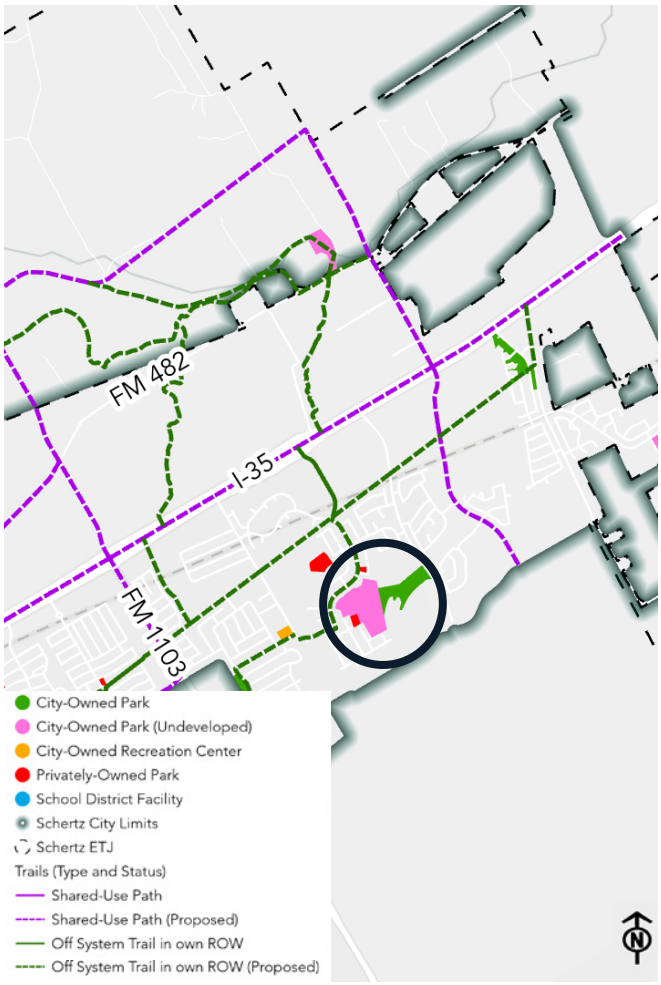
The existing parkland contains one of the highest points in the City and offers beautiful views of Schertz and the Hill Country. The park has large topographical changes and is covered in cedar trees. It is currently used for biking and hiking on primitive trails. There is some evidence of wash-out on the steeper trails.

Unnamed park (Homestead) is being built along with the surrounding housing development. It has a pond with wetland habitat, paved walking trails, lighting and a fishing pier.

The two undeveloped parcels are similar in nature to the existing unnamed park (Homestead) with hilly terrain and cedars.

Opportunities for Improvement

- The consolidated park offers a unique opportunity to become a regional draw due to its size and potential to provide desirable assets.
- Improve the trail network within the park as shown in the concept plan, with a focus on mountain biking and hiking.
- Provide a lookout tower at the highest point of the park.
- Coordinate with the respective HOA to provide more parking.
- Identify locations for interpretive signage throughout the park.
- Identify opportunities for recreational programming on the property.



Map 12. Hilltop Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
6300 Block of Jimmy Walker Dr	45 acre	Community

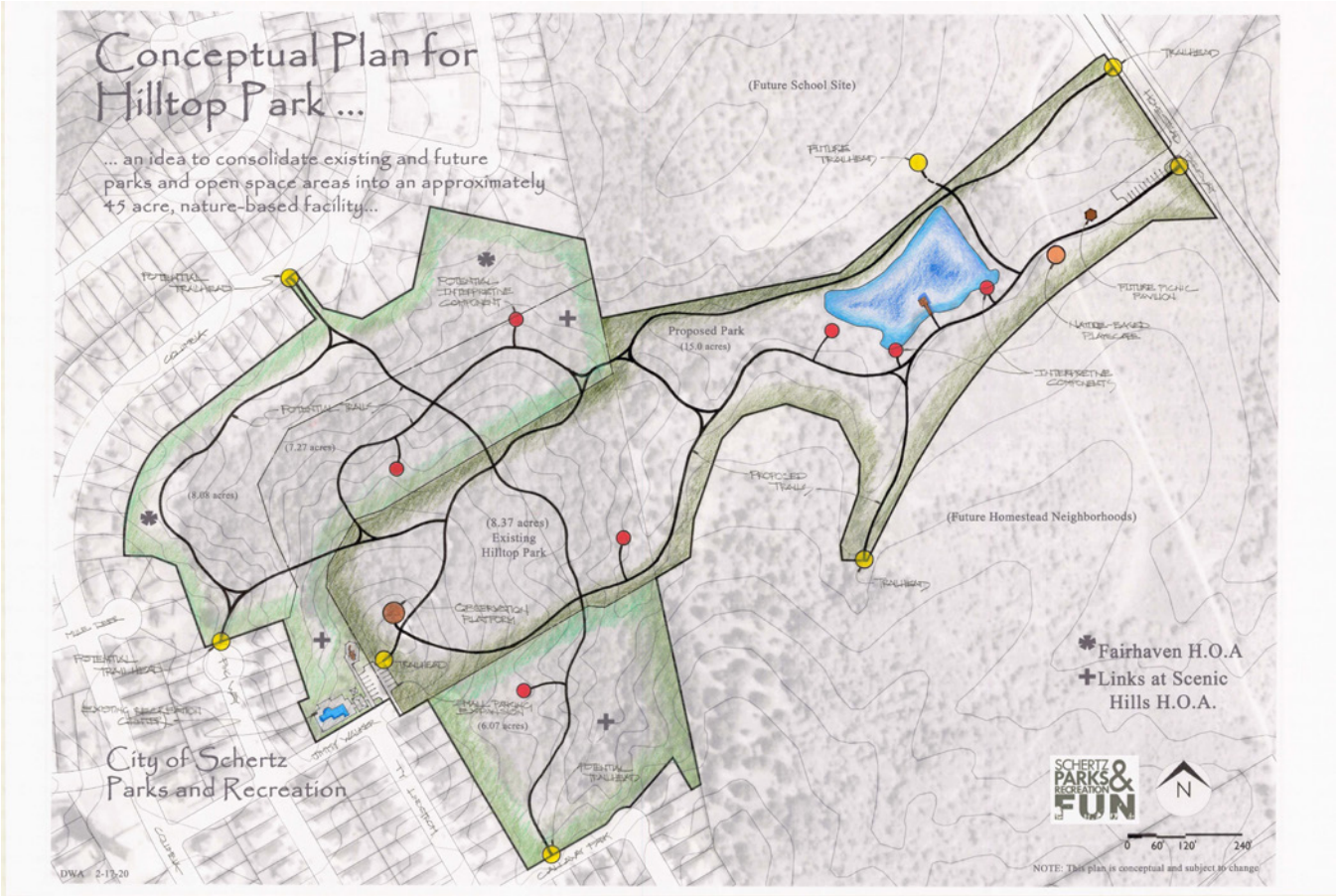
Park Features

Partially Undeveloped/ Under Construction	Natural Topographic Change, High Spot/ Viewpoint
Paved Walking Trails	Fishing Pond and Pier
Natural Walking and Biking Trails, Single Track	Parking Lot along Homestead Pkwy
Cedar Forest and Wetland Habitats	Playground and Parking Lot along Jimmy Walker (currently owned by HOA, planned to be given to the City)
Lighting	





Trail at Hilltop Park



Proposed Concept for Hilltop Park (Source: City of Schertz)

Live Oak Hills Park + Forest Ridge Park

Location and Access

The existing Forest Ridge Park is a linear park located along Wiederstein Road. It does not have parking but is accessible from the surrounding neighborhoods via sidewalks and community trails. Live Oak Hills is an undeveloped piece of parkland on the western end of Forest Ridge Park, and is anticipated to serve as the western end point for the proposed Great Northern Trail (GNT), the concept plan for which can be found in Appendix B. Existing trails stretch from Roy Richard Drive to Schertz Parkway, but are intended to connect all the way to Cibolo Creek in the future.

Existing Conditions

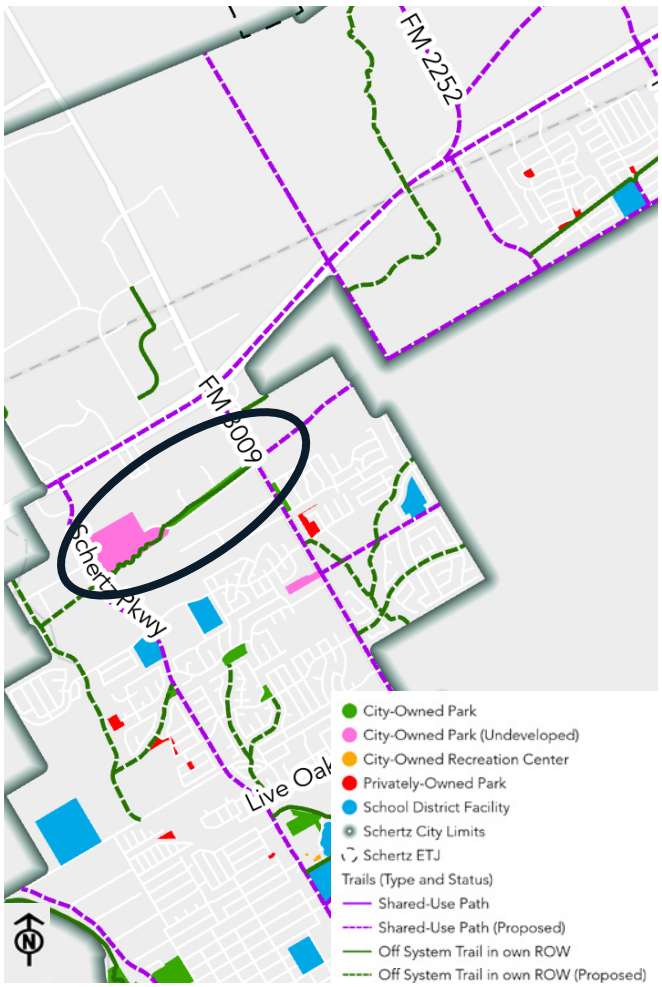
Both parks follow a major overhead utility easement and provide unpaved trails with minimal amenities. Portions of the trail are exposed, while others are shaded by tree cover. At present, Forest Ridge serves the residents of Forest Ridge Community and is an area primarily for walking. The trails must cross Widerstein Road at one point. The Live Oak Hills portion is undeveloped and unmaintained, except for a trail that follows the utility lines.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Develop a trailhead with parking and restrooms for the GNT.
- Develop amenities, such as a splashpad and trailhead closer to Schertz Parkway, in order to minimize impact on the existing neighborhoods.
- Develop maintenance guidelines that protect and enhance the natural features of the park, such as the trees and native plants and wildflowers.



Live Oak Hills



Map 13. Live Oak Hills & Forest Ridge Parks Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
17529 Wiederstein Road	36.8 Acres	Community

Park Features

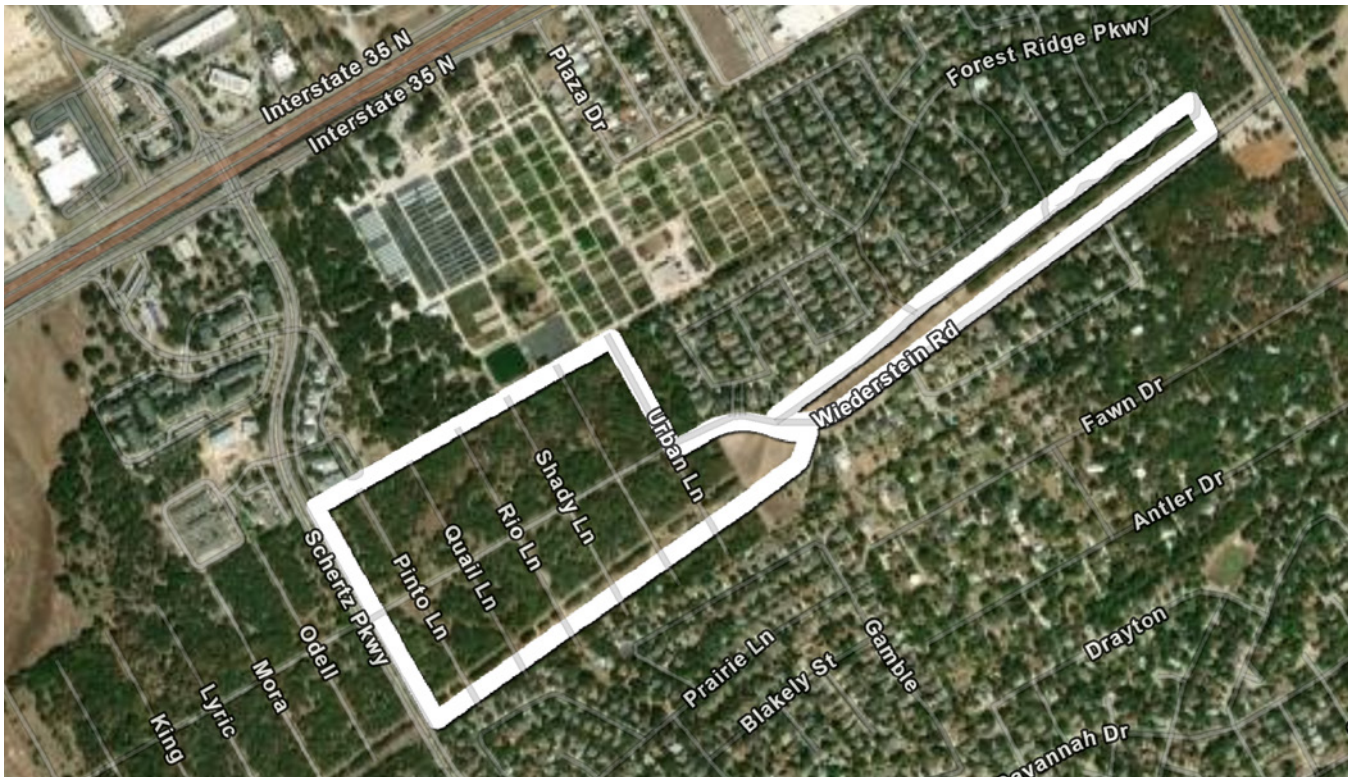
Partially Undeveloped

Unpaved Trails

Natural Areas

Prairie Habitat

Natural Tree Cover/ Shade







Existing Conditions in Live Oaks Hills

North Center

Location and Access

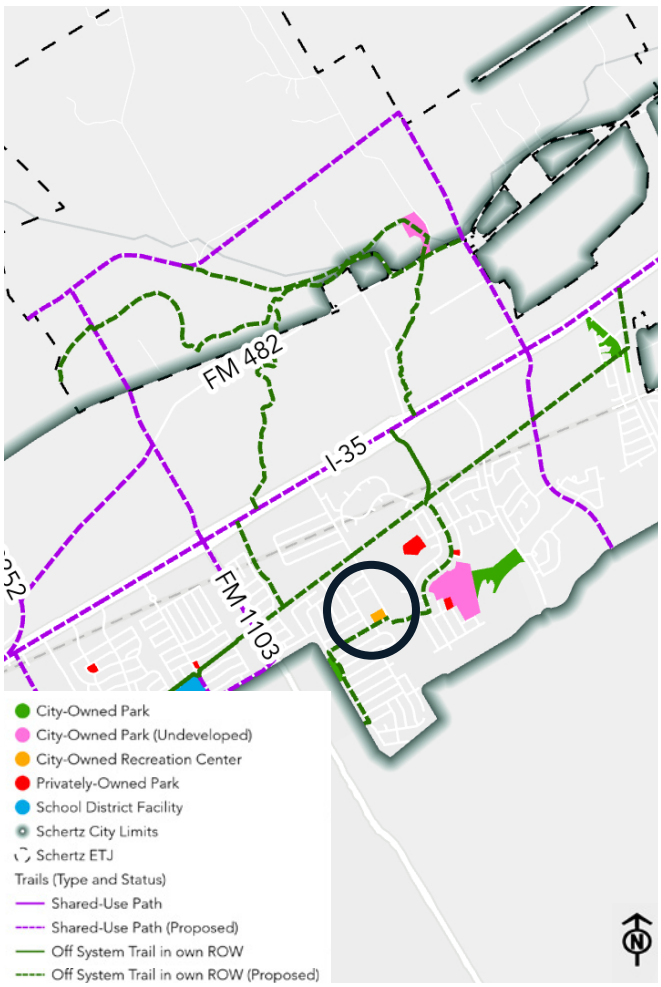
The North Center is located at the intersection of Morning Drive and Country Club Boulevard within walking distance of Wendy Swan Memorial Park, the Northcliffe Area Trails and Greenspace, and Hilltop Park. It is situated among single-family homes and accessible via neighborhood roads and sidewalks. There is a 15-spot paved parking lot.

Existing Conditions

The facility currently includes an approximately 5,200 square foot building that serves as a community center and provides additional recreational programming in the area. The remaining land is open field. There is a drainage ditch along the western boundary of the site and an undeveloped, wooded approximately 5-acre parcel to the north. The facility is planned to be developed into a formal satellite location for the Recreation Center, serving the northern part of Schertz. The City currently hosts programming such as summer camp at the location.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Develop and implement a concept plan to turn the facility into a satellite recreation center.
- Acquire adjacent land to expand the community center and provide additional facilities, outdoor amenities and parking.
- Identify a location to develop a small dog park on the site.
- Identify opportunities for hosting recreational events that incorporate Wendy Swan Memorial Park, the North Center, and Hilltop Park as destinations.
- Identify opportunities for additional outdoor recreational programming.



Map 14. The North Center Location

About the Recreation Facility

Facility Location	Property Size	Facility Type
3501 Morning Drive	5.3 Acres	Recreational Facility

Park Features

Community Center	Parking
Restrooms	Snack Bar/Kitchen
Multipurpose Field	







Existing Conditions of the North Center

Pickrell Park and Thulemeyer Park

Location and Access

Pickrell and Thulemeyer Parks are located near the City's western boundary along Cibolo Creek. They have good vehicular access off of FM 1518, a few blocks north of FM 78. They are just across FM 1518 from Cut-Off Park and the Cibolo Creek Trails, but there is no safe pedestrian crossing location along FM 1518. Both Pickrell and Thulemeyer Parks have large paved and gravel parking areas. The parks are accessible from neighborhoods to the east via some limited sidewalk infrastructure. Aero Avenue, a neighborhood collector street that runs from FM 1518 to Schertz Parkway, runs between Pickrell Park and Thulemeyer Park, with no formal pedestrian crossings provided.

Existing Conditions

These two parks currently provide some of the premier amenities in the City, including lighted sports fields at Thulemeyer Park and a large event pavilion, pool and multiple playscapes at Pickrell Park. Many large community events are held at this location. However, many of the facilities are starting to show their age and could use upgrading. There is a major drainage channel running north/south through the parks, which provides some topographical change between the east and west portions of the parks.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Enhance pedestrian connections and crossings between Thulemeyer and Pickrell Parks as well as across FM1518 to provide access to the Cibolo Creek Trails.
- Update existing amenities such as fencing, lighting and restrooms.
- Improve accessibility of existing playground and walkways.
- Provide additional parking.
- Address drainage issues.



Map 15. Pickrell and Thulemeyer Parks Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Oak Street	33.4 Acres	Community

Park Features

Softball/Baseball Fields	BBQ Grills
Standalone Backstop	Outdoor Event Space
Basketball Court	Concession Stand
Pickleball Court	Picnic Tables
Walking and Biking Trails	Restrooms
Swimming Pool	Parking
Playgrounds	Grand Stands





Pickrell Park



Pickrell Park



Thulemeyer Park



Pickrell Park



Pickrell Park

Unnamed Future Park (part of Parklands development dedication)

Location and Access

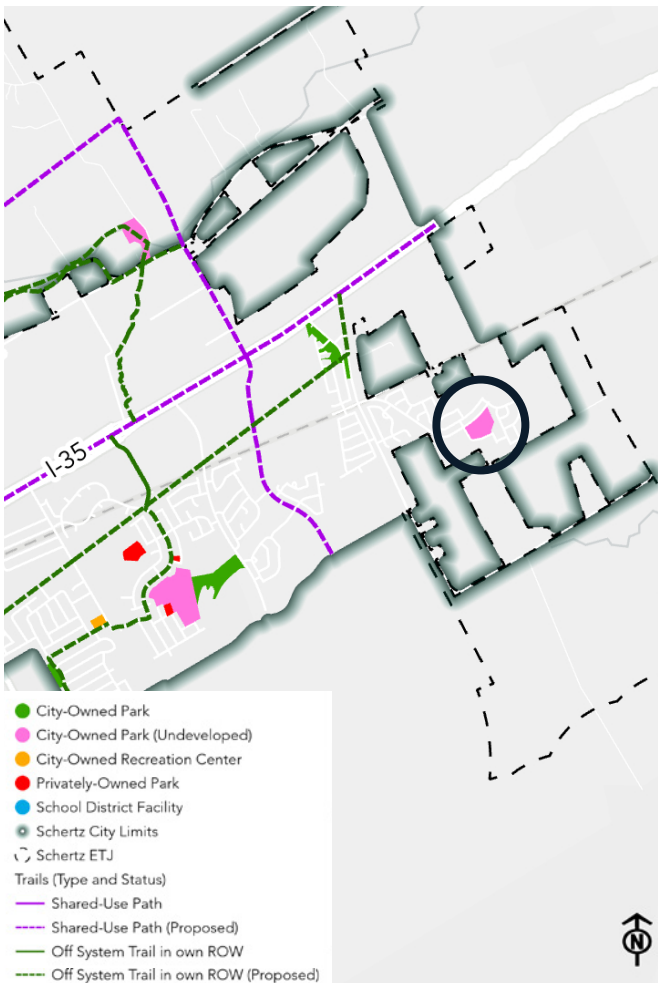
This undeveloped park is located along Parklands Way adjacent to Parklands Estate, a community collector street for a new housing development in far northeast Schertz. The park will be accessible by Parklands Way and other neighborhood streets. There is on-street parking and a future off-street parking lot. The park will primarily be accessible to the adjacent neighborhoods, as there is little else in the area currently.

Existing Conditions

The area is undeveloped. The park is planned to be developed by the developer of the housing community and deeded to the City as a neighborhood park. It will provide amenities such as playgrounds, a basketball court, soccer field, pickleball court, restrooms and a parking lot.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Implement the concept plan shown on the following page.



Map 16. Future Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Parklands Way	8.8 Acres	Neighborhood

Park Features

Currently Undeveloped





Existing Conditions at Unnamed Park (Parklands Development Dedication)



Concept Plan for Parklands Recreation (Source: City of Schertz)

Unnamed Future Park (part of Hallie's Cove development dedication)

Location and Access

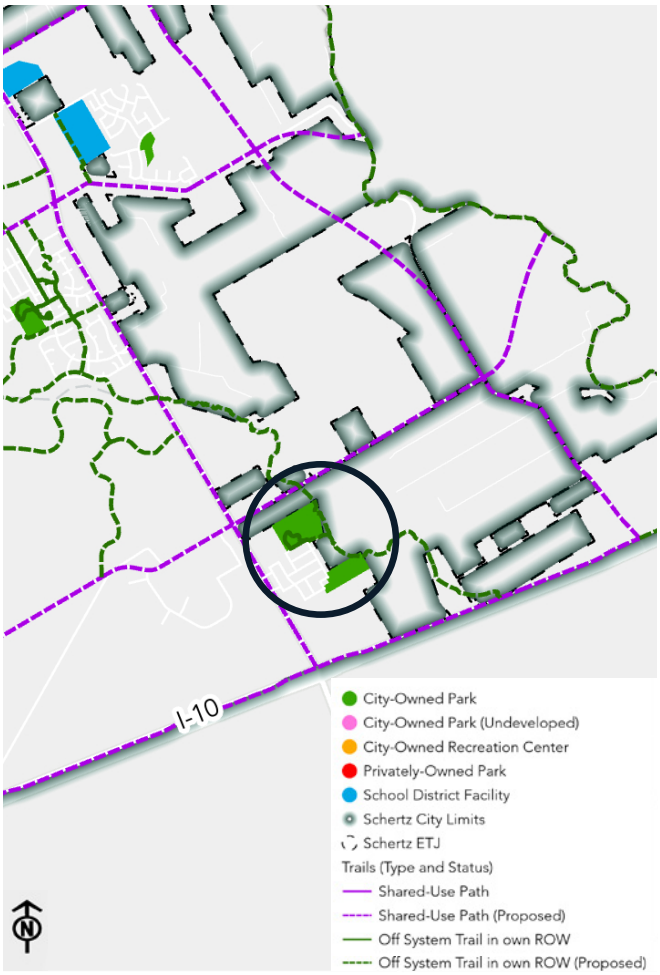
Hallie's Cove Park is an undeveloped park located at the back of the Hallie's Cove subdivision, which is off FM 1518 near the City's southern boundary. The park is accessible via neighborhood roads with good sidewalk infrastructure.

Existing Conditions

The park includes two parcels located north and south of the existing neighborhood development. There is a proposed additional phase of development located east of the current houses, which will also provide a trail easement along Woman Hollering Creek to connect the two park sites (see concept plan on the following page). Currently, the only amenities are a small paved walking loop trail and mowed fields in the northern parcel off Hallie Glade. The remaining portions of the sites are undeveloped and wooded. There is a small natural drainageway running east/west through the southern parcel that connects into Woman Hollering Creek.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Implement the existing concept plan to provide additional paved and natural trails throughout the park sites.
- Develop neighborhood park amenities, such as a playground and picnic shelter, most appropriate in the northern parcel.
- Enhance the natural function of the "secondary drainage" running through the southern parcel via habitat and ecosystem restoration.
- Provide more natural amenities in the southern parcel, such as nature play, picnic sites and seating nodes along the trail.



Map 17. Future Park Location

About the Park

Park Location	Park Size	Park Type
Hallie Glade	39.7 Acres	Neighborhood

Park Features

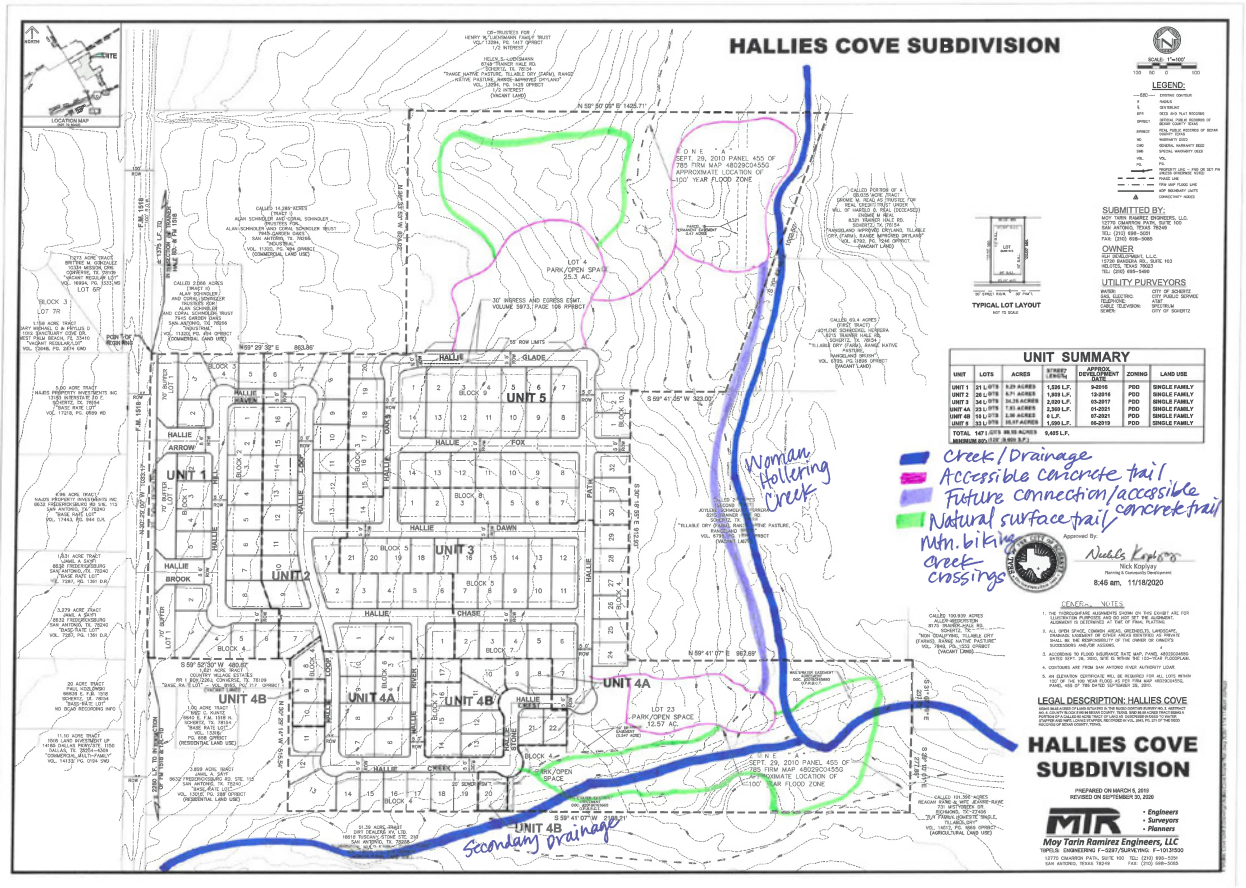
Partially Undeveloped

Paved Walking Path

Natural Tree Cover

Natural Drainage Feature





Concept Plan for Woman Hollering Creek Park (Source: City of Schertz)

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The City of Schertz is committed to ensuring that everyone in the community has access to fun, enjoyable and healthy recreational activities. The City offers various seasonal and year-round recreational programs, festivals and sports leagues for the community. The majority of the programs offered are geared toward children 12 years of age or under. The 4th of July Jubilee, Holidazzle and Movin on Main were among the most attended events held in 2023. The City also offers a significant number of events for teenagers, adults and seniors. Most of the events are open to the public either for free or at a nominal fee. Pickrell Park, Schertz North Center, Schertz Community Center, Crescent Bend Nature Park and Schertz Soccer Complex are some of the highly utilized parks and facilities in the City. Tables 2 to 7 list the recreation programming available to the Schertz community. Recreational programming should respond to community needs. The City should regularly review its list of programs and make changes as needed based on demographics, level of attendance/usage, funding and similar programs offered by other entities in the community.

In addition to recreation programs offered by the City, the Buffalo Valley Youth Association (BVYA) offers Fall Ball and Volleyball and the Schertz Youth Soccer Alliance (SYSA) offers youth soccer programs in Schertz.







Recreational Programming in Schertz

Table 2. Festivals and Events in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Participant Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Festivals/Events														
Polar Bear Plunge	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Pool	Once a year	Winter	$20		35	N/A	53	63	92
Mother/Son Dance	x	x	x	x	Civic Center	Once a year	Winter	$18 Adult/$12 Child	N/A	N/A	V	90	103	147
Daddy/Daughter Dance	x	x	x	x	Civic Center	Once a year	Winter	$18 Adult/$12 Child	300	475	V	209	270	324
Trail Riders Luncheon	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Once a year	Winter	$0		25			40	40
Kick Cancer 5K (Formerly Wilenchik Walk)	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park	Once a year	Spring	$35		200	V	223	634	583
Easter-Eggstravaganza	x	x			Schertz Aquatic Center	Once a year	Spring	$0			160	300	375	375
Movin on Main	x	x	x	x	Main Street	Once a year	Spring	$100 Business, $50 Non-profit			3 K	3 K	3 K	2 K
Movies & Music in the Park	x	x	x	x	Varies	6-8 times a year	Summer	$0				600	580	1 K
Project Flagline	x	x	x	x	Schertz Parkway	Once a year	Summer	$0	N/A	40	100	100	100	100
Let Freedom Run 5K	x	x	x	x	Schertz Parkway	Once a year	Summer	$20		N/A		141	309	296
4th of July Parade	x	x	x	x	Schertz Parkway	Once a year	Summer	$50 Business, $0 non-profit	4 K	N/A	4 K	4 K	5 K	5 K
4th of July Jubilee	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park	Once a year	Summer	$0	10 K	N/A	10 K	10 K	11 K	10 K
Float & Fireworks	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Pool	Once a year	Summer	$3	200	N/A	300	300	300	304
National Watermelon Day	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Pool	Once a year	Summer	$3				100	88	120
Paws in the Pool	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Pool	Once a year	Fall	$3	253	77	180	120	121	102

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Table 2. Festivals and Events in Schertz, *Continued*

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Participant Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Festivals/Events														
Dunkin for Pumpkins	x	x			Schertz Aquatic Center	Once a year	Fall	$0			190	200	300	
Hal Baldwin Golf Tournament	x	x	x	x	Olympia Hills	Once a year	Fall	$90 / person		150	135	151	172	
Star Party	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	3 times a year	Spring/ Fall/ Summer	$0			150	65	214	240
Deck the City Hall	x	x	x	x	Hal Baldwin Complex	Once a year	Winter	$0				100	250	
Breakfast with Santa	x	x	x	x	Bluebonnet Hall	Once a year	Winter	$10		142	63	273	272	
Kris Kringle Market	x	x	x	x	Grand Ballroom	Once a year	Winter	$50 for vendors	40	31	33	35	37	
Holiday Hoopla	x	x	x	x	Johnnie McDow Fields	Once a year	Winter	$0	2 K			3 K	5 K	
Festival of Angels Parade	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park	Once a year	Winter	$0			800	1 K	1 K	
New Years Eve in the Park	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park	Once a year	Winter	$0	N/A	RO	200	175	N/A	N/A
Trunk or Treat	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park	Once a year	Fall	$0	8 K	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Candy Cruise	x	x	x	x		Once a year	Fall	$0	N/A	N/A	200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Swim with Santa	x				Aquatics Center	Once a year	Winter		100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Swim N' S'mores	x				Aquatics Center	Twice a year	Winter				N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 3. Social Leagues/Adult Sports in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Participant Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Special Leagues/Adult Sports														
Kickball			x	x	Thulemeyer Park	Weekly	Spring/ Fall	$25/ person	78	86	293	265	295	298
Cornhole			x	x	Pickrell Park	Weekly	Spring/ Fall	$20/ person			69	55	112	42
Softball			x	x	Thulemeyer Park	Weekly	Summer	$25/ person	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	103	153
Pickleball			x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Weekly	Spring	$20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47
Pickleball Tournament			x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Once a year	Winter	$50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	

Table 4. Recreational Programs in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Recreational Programs														
Walk with a Naturalist	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	Monthly (Oct-May)	Fall/ Winter/ Spring	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	25
Nature Discovery Series	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	Monthly (Skips Nov/Jan/ Jul)	Year Round	$0					272	35
Pickleball Open Play	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Weekly	Spring/ Summer	$0				24	104	N/A
Ed-Zoo-Cation	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	3 times a year	Fall/ Spring/ Summer	$0				120	171	33
Dark Skies & Fireflies	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	Once a year	Spring	$0					65	133
Parent & Me	x	x	x	x	Schertz North Center	Weekly	Spring/ Summer	$7/ session	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	16
Owl Prowl	x	x	x	x	Crescent Bend Nature Park	Monthly (Jun-Sep)	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	105	117
Archery Camp	x	x			Schertz Community Center	Daily	Spring/ Summer	$50/ week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	46
Archery 101			x	x	Schertz Community Center	Quarterly	Year Round	$20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18
Schertz Young Leaders		x			Schertz Community Center	Monthly (Oct-May)	School Year	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	12
Sweetheart Court		x			Varies		Year Round		4	4	4	4	N/A	N/A
Battle of the Bots (iCode)	x	x			Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$200/ week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Roblox Editor (iCode)	x	x			Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$200/ week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A
Wild Adaptations	x	x			Schertz North Center	Weekly	Summer	$10/ session	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29	N/A

Table 4. Recreational Programs in Schertz, *Continued*

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Recreational Programs														
International Day of Yoga	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Once a year	Summer	$0					10	N/A
Crafty Tweens	x	x			Schertz North Center	Weekly	Summer	$10/ session	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	N/A



Recreational Programming in Schertz

Table 5. Skyhawks* Programs in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Skyhawks Programs														
Lacrosse	x				Schertz Soccer Complex	Daily	Summer	$175/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	12
Flag Football Spring Break Camp	x				Schertz North Center	Daily	Spring	$175/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8
Basketball & Swim Camp	x				Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Daily	Summer	$249/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Multi-Sport Camp	x				Schertz North Center	Weekly	Spring	$79/ participant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	7
Multi-Sport Camp	x				Schertz Soccer Complex	Daily	Summer	$175/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8
Flag Football	x				Schertz Soccer Complex	Daily	Summer	$175/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Cheer Camp	x				Schertz North Center	Weekly	Fall	$69/ participant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A
Cheer Camp	x				Schertz Soccer Complex	Daily	Summer	$175/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8
Hoopster Tots	x				Schertz North Center	Weekly	Fall	$69/ participant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Soccer Tots	x				Schertz North Center	Weekly	Spring/ Fall	$79/ participant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42
Pickleball	x				Wendy Swan	Weekly	Spring	$79/ participant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Stem Sports (Skyhawks)	x				Schertz North Center	Daily	Summer	$185/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A

*The Skyhawks Sports Academy offers camps, clinics and leagues for multiple sports including basketball, flag football, volleyball, baseball, etc. for kids between the ages of 4 and 14. The formats of the camps and programs include traditional weeklong summer day camps, year-round after-school programs, sport leagues and clinics.

Table 6. New Summer Programs in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/ Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Summer Programs														
Wild Wonderers Camp	x				Crescent Bend Nature Park	Daily	Summer	$70/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6
Minecraft: Modeling Adventure (iCode)	x				Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$200/ week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
Bluey Bonanza	x				Schetz North Center	Daily	Summer	$60/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Slime Sculptor School	x				Schetz North Center	Daily	Summer	$60/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15
Ninja Warrior Camp	x				Schetz North Center	Daily	Summer	$48/week (4 days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
Monster's Vale Junior Warrior Camp		x			Pickrell Park Poplar Pavilion	Daily	Summer	$30/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
YouTube Creator (iCode)	x				Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$200/ week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Nailed It!	x				Schertz North Center	Daily	Summer	$60/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
STEM-ulate your mind	x				Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$60/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
Day Camp Express	x				Schertz Community Center	Daily	Summer	$70/week	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Crafting Corner	x	x			Schetz North Center	Daily	Summer	56/week (4 days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Pickleball Camp	x				Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Daily	Summer	$36/week (3 days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17

Table 7. Parks and Rec Month Programs in Schertz

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Frequency	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/ Participation					
	Age 12 and under	Age 13 to 18	Adults	Seniors					2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
New Summer Programs														
Glow Party	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	126	75	351
Pupsicles in the Park	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0				75	40	20
Pickleball Open Play	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Once a Year	Summer	$0				4	51	40
Field Day	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	Rainout
Foam Party	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	230
Trivia Night	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5
Nerf War	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	130
Color Fight	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	200
Water Games	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	150
Twilight Yoga	x	x	x	x	Neighborhood Parks	Once a Year	Summer	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A
Laser Tag	x	x	x	x	Pickrell Park Large Pavilion	Weekly	July	$12			131	27	N/A	N/A







CHAPTER 3

Needs Assessment

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

This Plan uses a multifaceted analysis to help determine the parks and recreational needs of the Schertz community. The needs assessment analyzes whether those needs are being met and what types of improvements or changes would be beneficial for Schertz. Existing parks and recreation opportunities are analyzed in terms of public opinion, the location and quantity of parkland, the quantity of facilities within parks, and natural resources in the City.

The needs assessment includes three parts. These include demand-based, standards-based and resource-based assessments. The use of multiple assessment methods helps to establish an understanding of key parks and recreation needs and informs Plan recommendations to address those needs.

Demand-Based Assessment

The needs assessment starts with a demand-based assessment. This includes an analysis and summary of public feedback to identify what the community wants and expects from the parks and recreation system, and how this compares to its current state.

Standards-Based Assessment

The standards-based assessment then analyzes parkland acreage, location and amenities in comparison with the needs and location of the current population and future growth areas. This is used to determine an appropriate target level of service for the Schertz community and identify surpluses or deficits.

Resource-Based Assessment

Lastly, the resource-based assessment evaluates Schertz's existing physical, man-made and natural resources to identify opportunities to leverage for public recreation benefit.

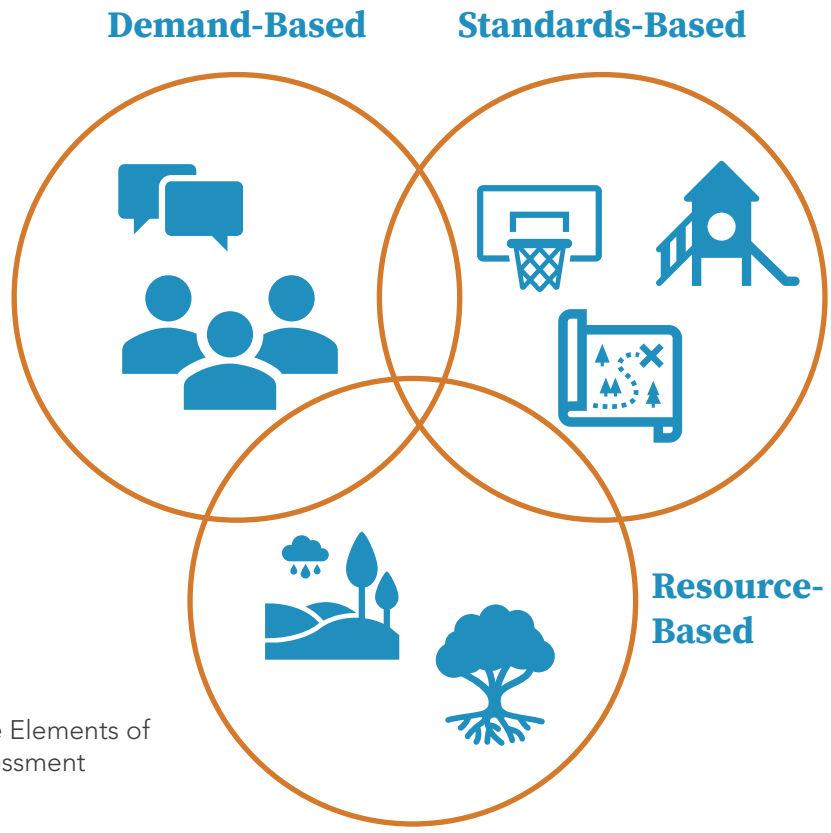


Figure 5. Three Elements of the Needs Assessment

DEMAND-BASED ASSESSMENT

The demand-based assessment is a reflection of the community's needs and desires for their parks system as expressed directly by residents through various public engagement opportunities. Community engagements utilized for this assessment included:

- Stakeholder focus groups (5)
- Tabling at the City's 4th of July Jubilee event
- Parks-specific community survey
- Project website and online mapping exercise
- Parks-related feedback gathered during the recent Comprehensive Plan update process

The following pages present highlights from the community input received. These highlights are opinions from Schertz residents and/or park users and may differ between the various engagement opportunities and questions. Additional public engagement information and details can be found in Appendix X.

Feedback Gathered During the Comprehensive Plan Update

This PROST Master Plan followed on the heels of an update to the City of Schertz's Future Land Use Plan, a process which also conducted community engagement efforts, including a community visioning survey that garnered some parks-specific feedback. During those engagements, the following parks-related items were heard:



When the survey asked what Schertz should be like in 20 years, a "Place connected with parks and trails" was #3.



When the survey asked about Schertz's most critical issue, "preserving green space" was #2.



When the survey asked what Schertz should be known for, "connected, attractive parks and greenspaces" was #2.



When the survey asked about prioritizing public facilities, "greater access to natural amenities" and "accessibility to neighborhood parks" were #3 and #4.



Many written comments received during the survey noted parks as one of their favorite things about Schertz.

Noted Parks and Open Space Needs & Desires:

- Development of a trail network/system was a priority.
- There is a desire to make sure new developments are providing recreational amenities to accommodate their residents.
- Many comments also noted the need for better parks, upkeep/maintenance and more parks.
- Many comments noted the desire for natural and preserved spaces, over improved parks.

Stakeholder Focus Groups

Stakeholders provided feedback during a series of five focus group sessions held throughout the process. Stakeholders in these focus groups included BVYA, SYSA, Schertz Area Senior Center Advisory Board, Friends of Crescent Bend Nature Park, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners and Trail Advocates. Participants were given an overview of the Plan and process, followed by discussion in which they were asked to consider the existing parks and recreation system and explain the strengths, needed improvements, and priorities for the parks system as a whole. The following are key themes that were identified during these meetings, many of which were reiterated by participants in other engagement opportunities. Full meeting notes for these focus group sessions can be found in Appendix A.

Priorities:

- Balancing needs across a variety of users.
- Enhancing park amenities in ways that are contextually appropriate for each park.
- Preservation of nature and wildlife habitat.
- Connectivity via trails between parks and regionally; more loop trails with trailheads.
- Additional opportunities for water access, including fishing and kayaking.
- Public education campaigns related to local ecology and natural systems.
- Sustainable practices in parks, such as low water-use plantings, removal of invasive species, and reduction of light pollution.
- Additional lighting at sports fields to increase field utilization and extend seasons.
- Additional competition-level sports facilities.
- Increasing the variety of offerings, such as flag football, eSports and pickleball.
- Indoor facilities for the summer months.

Concerns:

- Overcrowding of park spaces.
- Lack of public understanding of natural maintenance practices.
- Off-leash dogs.
- Maintenance of older facilities, specifically at Thulemeyer Park.
- General park beautification and enhanced landscaping needs.
- Demand for sports leagues outweighs most of the facility capacities.
- Use of school facilities is an arduous process and sometimes the facilities are unavailable.
- Extreme weather events (heat, drought, rain, freeze) and their impacts on park infrastructure and usability.
- Increasing maintenance costs.
- Water quality along natural waterways and the continued impact of local development.

Community Parks Survey

National Service Research (NSR) completed a comprehensive research study for the City as part of the PROST Master Plan. The survey was open from June 24 through August 11, 2024, and was promoted via the project website, emails to HOAs, the City's various social media channels, signage posted in the parks, and word of mouth from stakeholder participants and Parks Board members. The survey sampling plan also included mailed postcards to 4,000 household addresses within Schertz, and recipients were asked to provide their unique postcard code when taking the survey.

A total of 426 respondents participated in the survey, 132 of which had received a mailed postcard. Schertz has approximately 14,600 households, therefore, approximately 3% of the households completed a survey. The respondents span a range of ages,

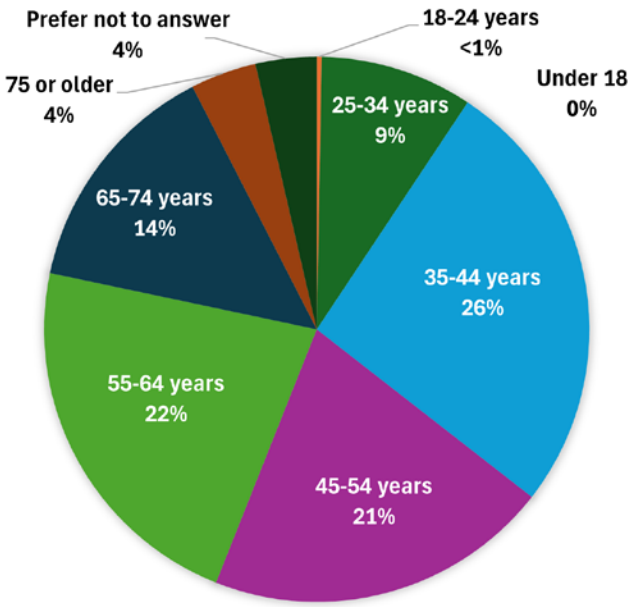


Figure 6. Age of respondents taking the survey.

with the majority falling between 35 and 64 years old. Over half of survey respondents noted the presence of children in their households. It is noteworthy that the majority of respondents (95%) are residents within the City, underscoring the local engagement and relevance of the survey findings to the community.

The following pages present the most notable takeaways from the survey. The full survey results report can be found in Appendix A.

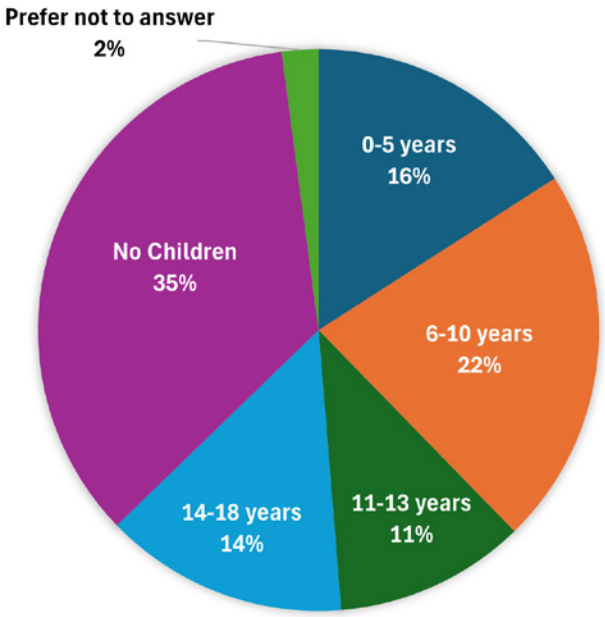


Figure 7. Age of children in respondent households.

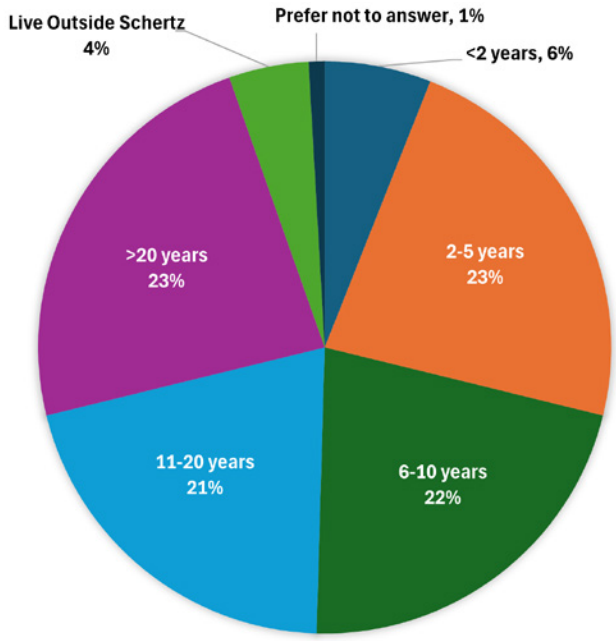


Figure 8. How long respondents have lived in Schertz.

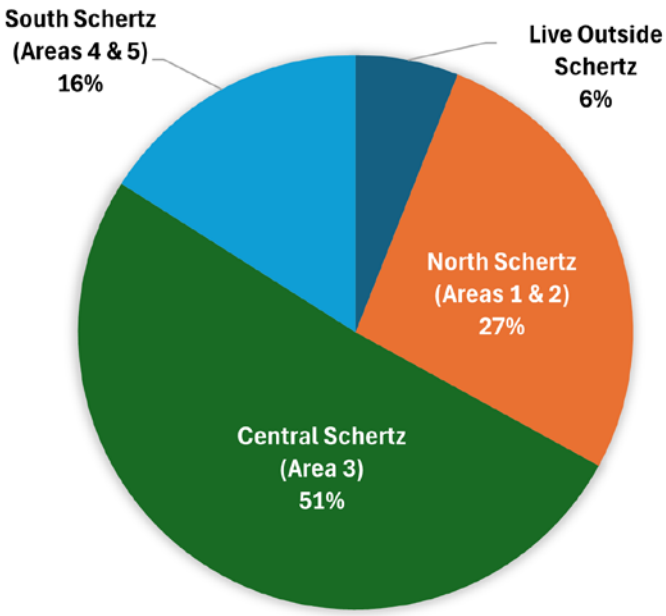
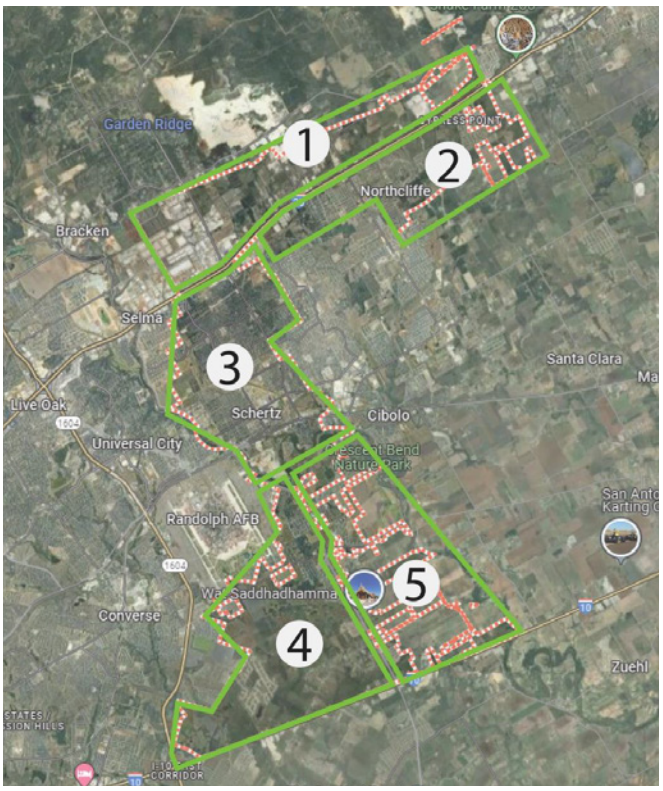


Figure 9. Where in Schertz respondents reside.



Parks & Recreation System Usage

Main Reasons for Parks & Recreation Program Usage

The main reasons respondents use Schertz's parks and recreation programs are to enjoy the outdoors and nature and for exercise, followed closely by attending special events and general leisure.

The main reasons respondents do not use parks/programs are:

- It's too far (36%)
- Not interested in visiting (16%)
- Physically unable to participate (12%)

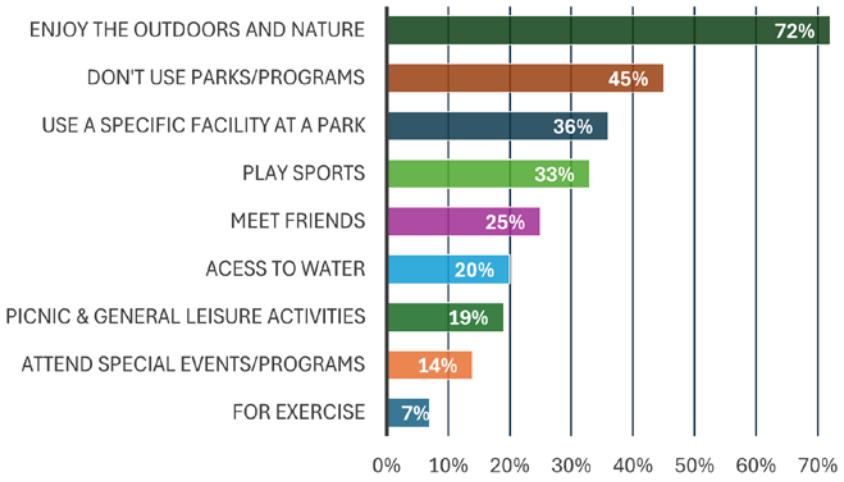


Figure 10. Reasons respondents use parks.

Frequency of Use for Schertz's Parks & Recreation Facilities

The most frequently utilized system facilities are:

- Parks
- Trails
- Special events
- Playgrounds
- Picnic pavilions
- Athletic fields

The least frequently utilized system facilities are:

- Skate park
- Senior Center
- North Center
- Pickleball courts
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Dog park

It is important to note that many of the least used facilities are special use parks or facilities that cater to a specific portion of the population, so their use by the general population is not necessarily indicative of their value to the users. Additionally, many of the least utilized facilities are items that have been expressed as priorities by the community, so their lack of use may be more indicative of the current quality of the offering rather than lack of interest in the community.

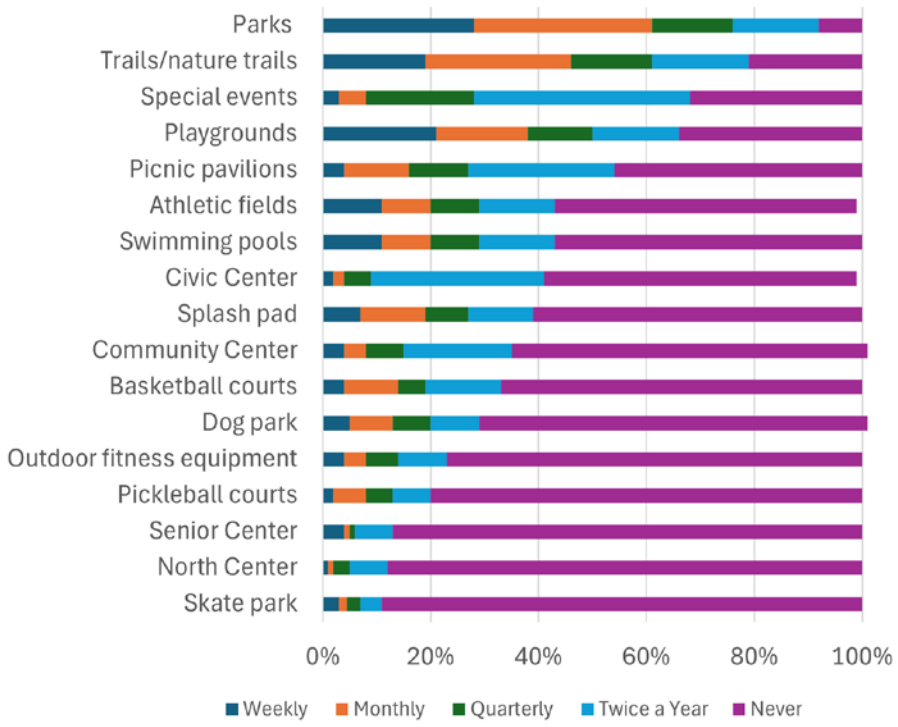


Figure 11. Frequency of use of facilities.

Overall Ratings of the Parks & Recreation System

Rating the Quality of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Opportunities in Schertz

Almost three-fourths of respondents (72%) rated the quality of parks, recreation and open space opportunities as excellent or good. Of the respondents that rated the system fair or poor, the main themes were:

- Need for more and improved pools/splash pads
- Demand for pickleball and tennis courts
- Outdated and inadequate park facilities
- Geographical disparities in park access
- Need for biking and walking trails
- Maintenance and cleanliness concerns
- Environmental and safety concerns
- Lack of facilities for various age groups
- Desire for more green spaces and nature trails
- Need for improved parking and accessibility

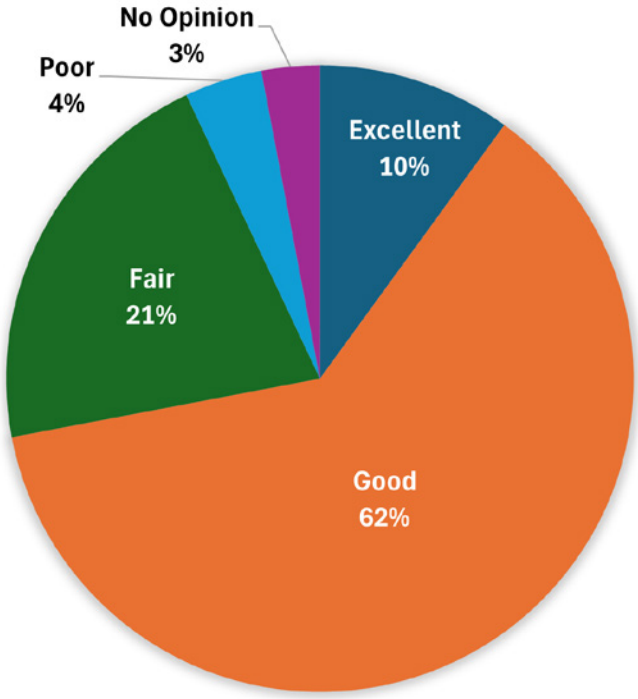


Figure 12. Quality Ratings of Parks & Open Space

Rating the Physical Condition of Parks in Schertz

Three-fourths of respondents (75%) rated the physical condition of parks as excellent or good. Of the respondents that rated the system fair or poor, the main themes were:

- Outdated and unsafe playground equipment
- Lack of maintenance of grass and landscape
- Need for more shade
- Poor pool conditions
- Insufficient restroom facilities
- Litter and trash issues
- Need for park aesthetic enhancements
- Limited park facilities; specifically workout equipment, bike trails and facilities for older children
- Safety concerns; specifically lighting

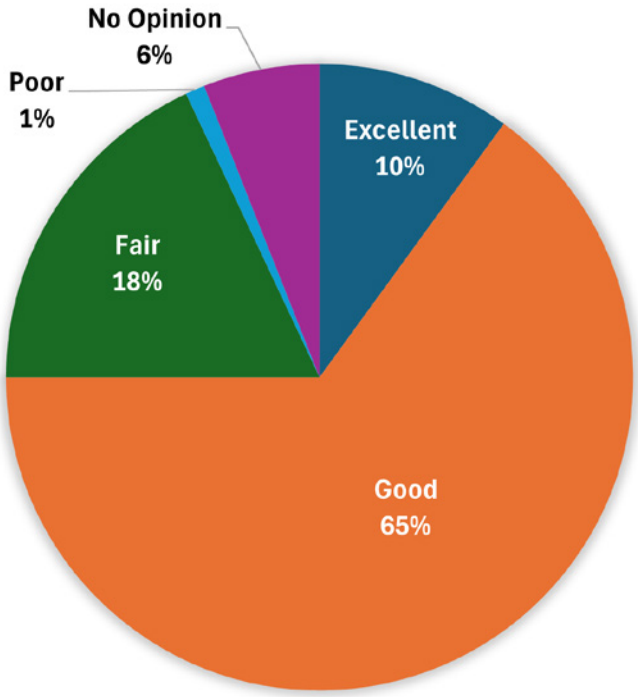


Figure 13. Condition Ratings of Parks

Parks & Recreation System Priorities

Most Important Opportunity to Have Close to Home

The majority of respondents feel the most important opportunities to have close to home are trails for walking, running and bicycling as well as a place to play or take the kids to play. Additionally, a place to relax or enjoy the outdoors was a top choice.

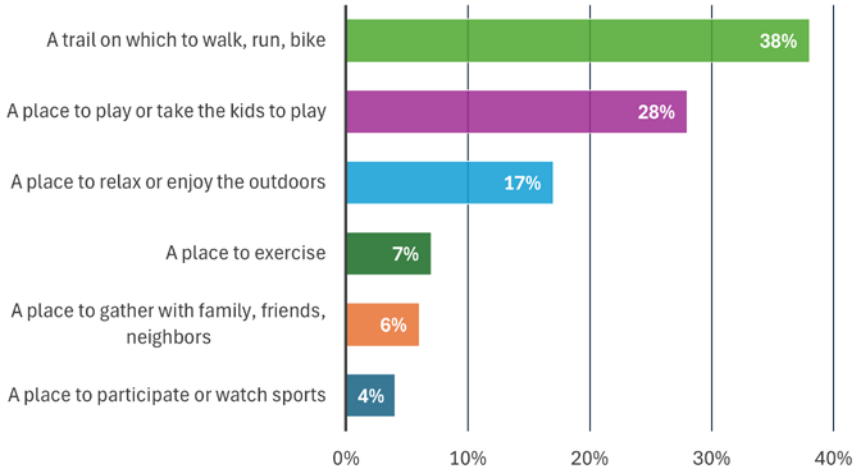


Figure 14. Respondents' priorities for close to home amenities.

Most Important Purposes/Benefits of Parks & Recreation in Schertz

The top parks and recreation benefits that respondents valued were:

- Opportunities to enjoy nature and the outdoors
- Free community events
- Protection of the natural environment and preservation of wildlife habitat
- The physical and social development of youth and teens

Notably, the lowest score (adult sports opportunities) was still rated relatively high at 2.99, meaning that none of these purposes or benefits are unimportant to the respondents.

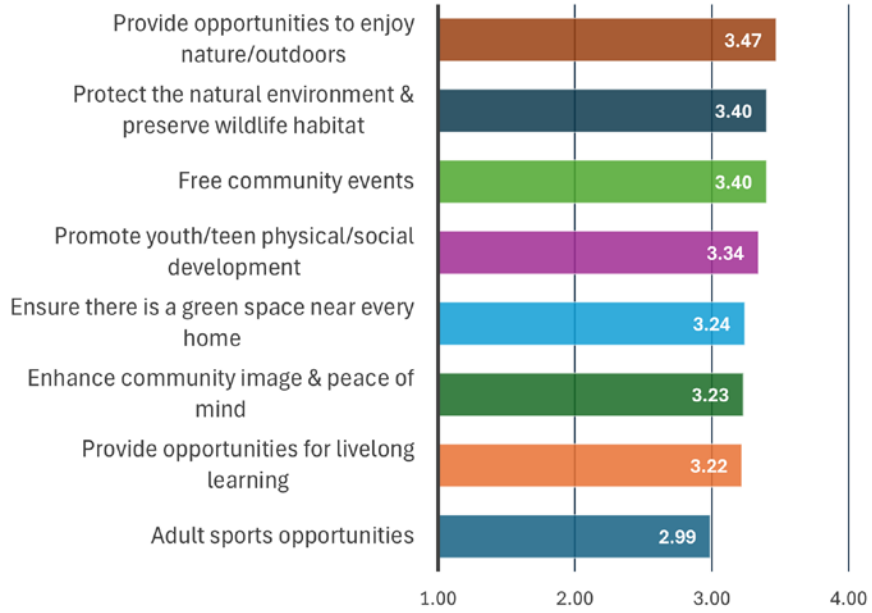


Figure 15. Respondents' priorities for the purpose of parks.

Most Important Parks & Recreation Functions Performed by the City of Schertz

The top City-performed parks and recreation functions that respondents valued were:

- Operating and maintaining parks/ facilities
- Providing trails and linear parks
- Preserving the environment and providing open space/green space
- Allocating parks facilities equally to different parts of the community

Notably, the lowest score (providing places for cultural programs) was still rated relatively high at 2.78, meaning that none of these functions are unimportant to the respondents.

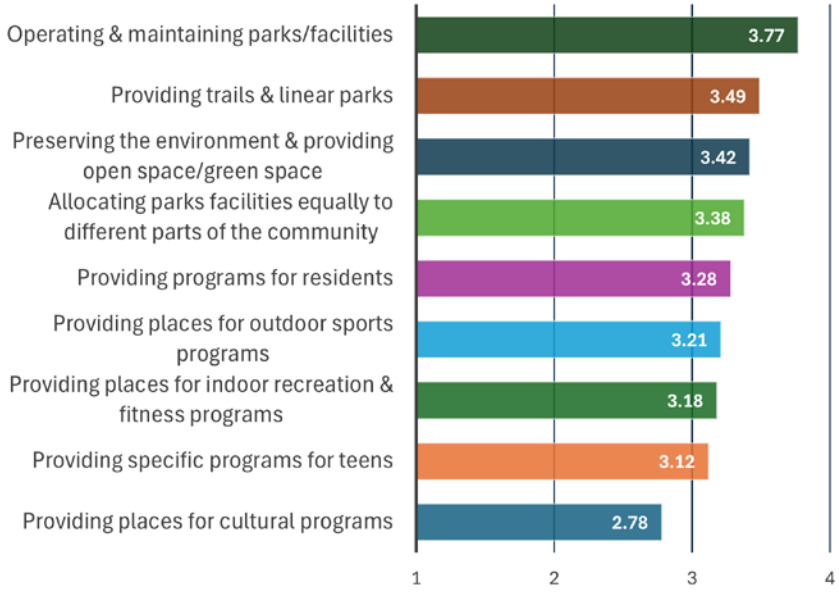


Figure 16. Respondents' priorities for City functions related to parks and recreation.

Parks & Recreation Facility Priorities

The top 10 facility priorities respondents are interested in include:

- Addition of shade to playgrounds
- Trails & trail connections throughout the City
- Nature areas/open space
- Playgrounds
- Benches/seating areas in parks/trails
- Swimming pool
- Adaptive playground equipment (for special needs)
- Covered picnic pavilions
- Splash pad/water spray ground
- Indoor recreation space (gym, fitness, etc.)



Schertz Aquatic Center

Parks & Recreation Programming

Recreational Programming Priorities

The top 10 program priorities respondents are interested in include:

- Farmers Market
- Art/music/food festivals
- Aquatic programs-all ages
- Fitness classes/events
- Arts & crafts events
- Community gardens
- Guided nature walks
- Swim lessons
- Pickleball
- Cooking & nutrition classes



North Center

Age Groups Interested in Leisure Programs

There is interest in programming for all age groups. The largest interest areas for children are the elementary ages of 5 to10 years and for adults the mid- to late-career ages of 30 to 60 years.

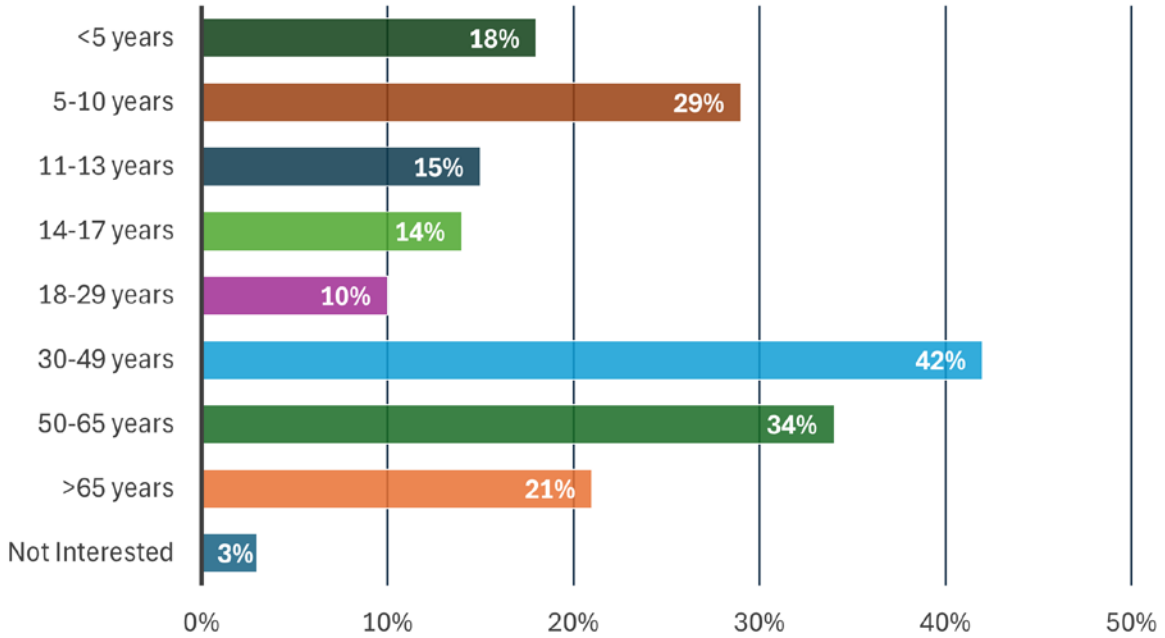


Figure 17. Programming interest by age group.

Parks & Recreation Funding

Opinions on Facility Fees

Excluding no opinion responses, 25% feel fees are too high and 74% feel fees are appropriate. 38% of respondents were unaware of facility fees, indicating that they likely don't utilize those facilities that charge fees.

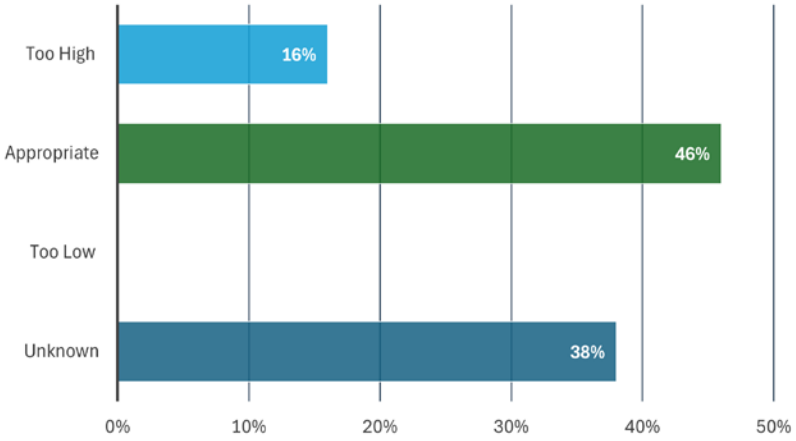


Figure 18. Respondents' feelings on facility fees.

Support for Funding Sources

Respondents were asked to rank their preferred funding sources for parks and recreation. Respondents had strong support for sponsorships and increased park improvement fees for developers as the preferred funding strategies to pay for developing and maintaining park and recreation facilities/amenities. There is less support for funding sources that pass the cost onto residents, such as increased user fees or property taxes.

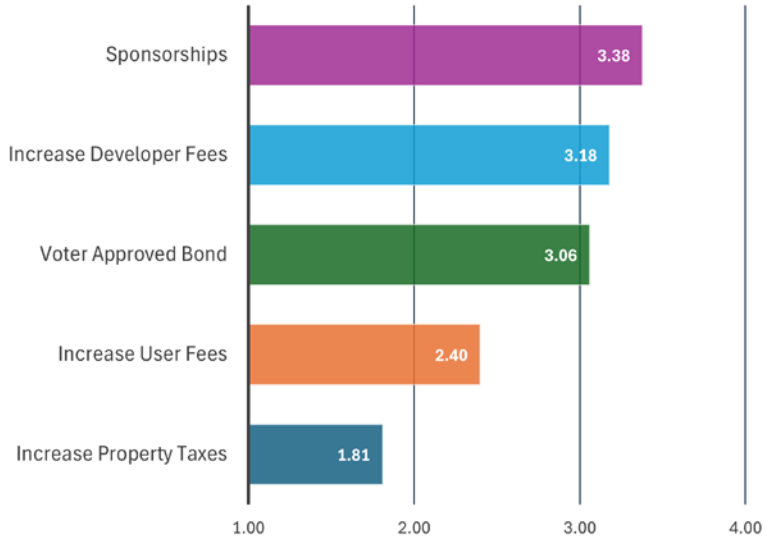


Figure 19. Respondents' preferred funding sources.

Willingness to Pay

Although increasing taxes was the least desirable funding mechnism noted above, 72% of respondents said they are willing to pay some additional property taxes annually to help fund the improvement priorities suggested in this survey. Respondents are willing to pay an average of $88 per year to help fund these priorities.

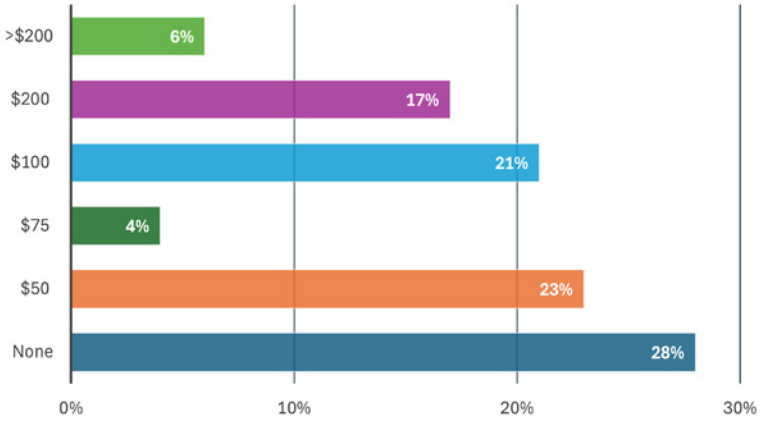


Figure 20. Amount respondents are willing to pay annually to supports parks priorities.

Online Mapping Tool

Throughout the course of the project, there was an online mapping exercise available for residents to provide comments and ideas related to specific points around Schertz parks. The map had 103 participants that left 162 comments. Participants were able to upvote and downvote other comments. The following represents the highest voted responses, exactly as they were provided. Full responses keyed to the map pins can be found in Appendix A.

1. We back up to the Preserved Greenspace/ Drainage in the Northcliffe area. We would like to see this space remain Greenspace/Drainage. This space could provide a vital area that remains undeveloped and provide a needed space for wildlife and a buffer to overdevelopment as well as the main purpose of providing proper drainage.

2. We would love a volleyball pit built at Ashley Park maybe by the back far corner past the basketball court. Just put in the border and add the sand. Can either provide a net or people can bring their own.

3. People love coming to this pond and walking the green space around it. Let's make it a park! Ducks and fish in the pond make it great too [related to the pond near the intersection of Covers Cove and Columbia Dr in the Northcliffe area].

4. Cibolo Farms [pin located along FM 1518 between Selma Parkway and Hidden Knoll] could be purchased and reserved as a green space for recreational and educational purposes. This land contains a pond that is supposedly fed by an aquifer that is unique to this area. Preservation of that aquifer and fishing pond is very important to the diverse wildlife in this area. An aquifer channel running below the property should be preserved and researched. These 40+acres that are currently for sale are also conveniently located right by the future Dietz trails that are being added. Having those walking trails along side a park / green space area would be a great addition to Schertz. With the recent attempt from a developer to build apartments on this property, the city should be aware of the challenges this property faces. Being surrounded by established neighborhoods, the city obtaining this land makes sense for maintaining the quality of life in the area. Since a portion of this land is in the Accident Potential area for JBSA, preserving that area is a service to the military as well.

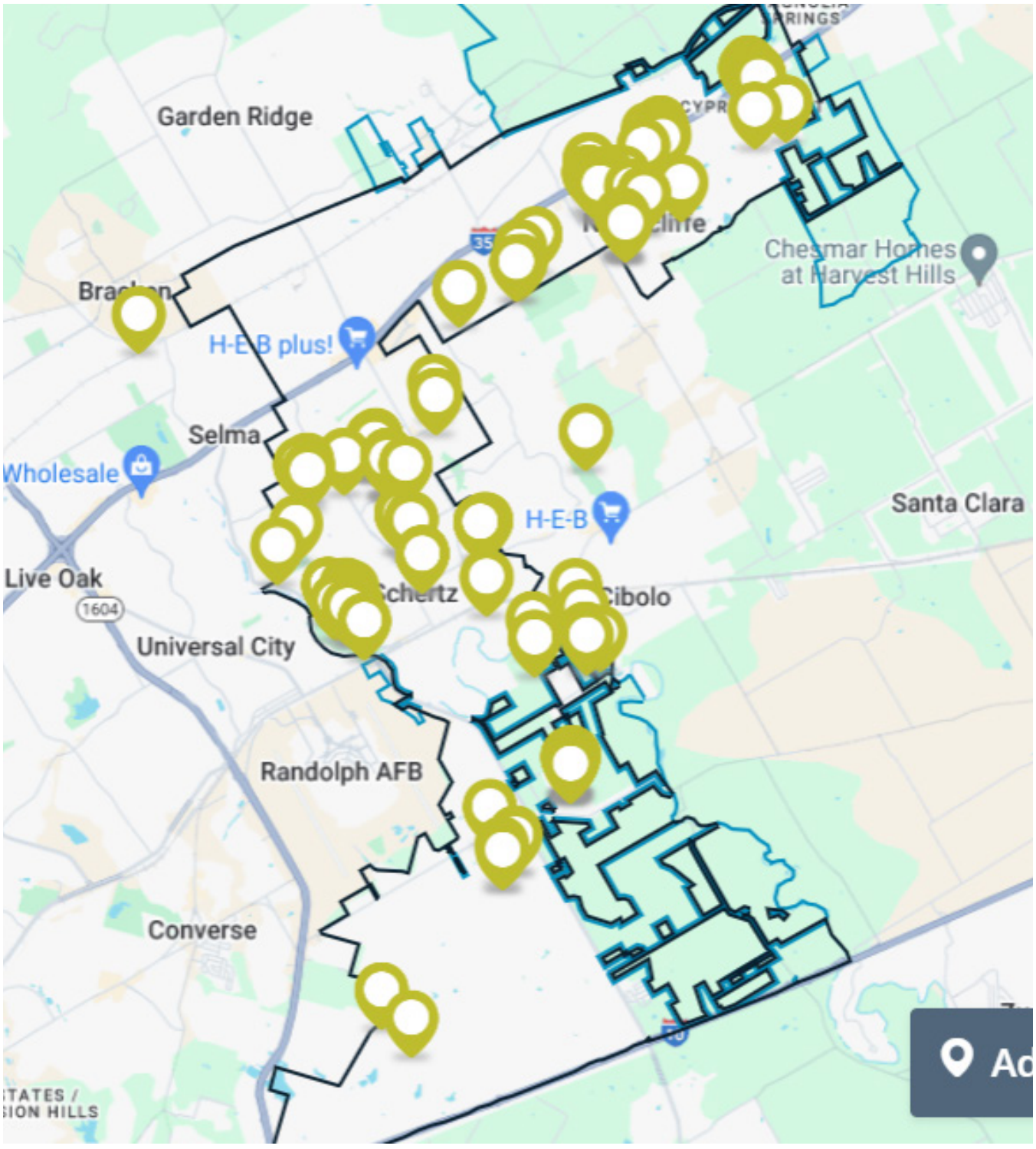
5. Would love a splash pad! This park [Ashley Park] has so much unused area and a lot of potential. The playground is basic, in need of mulch. Would love to see improvements all around for the community to enjoy

6. This area [east side of Northcliffe] needs to be saved as a green space. It is a natural drainage for our neighborhood. It is full of wildlife. Any development would disrupt nature.

7. This is hole 7 of the old golf course [west side of Northcliffe]. The "run off" ditch runs between 7-8-2-3. The ditch takes all the water run off from many neighborhoods, and flows all the way to Cibolo Creek. Would cost developers millions of dollars just to reroute enormous amounts of water from area. Then to build on low lying areas would be worthless. Parks, Greenway, walking paths are what Schertz, Cibolo needs. Not apartments on an old established single family neighborhoods.

8. Crescent Bend Nature Park. Wonderful park that has evolved considerably, in the right direction from the opening 12 years ago. The emphasis needs to remain on Nature, not an urban playscape park.

9. Please maintain this beautiful pond area as a green space, open space, nature trail, recreational area, or park! Our community needs a place where people can relax and enjoy the health-promoting benefits this scenic location provides [related to the pond near the intersection of Covers Cove and Columbia Dr in the Northcliffe area].

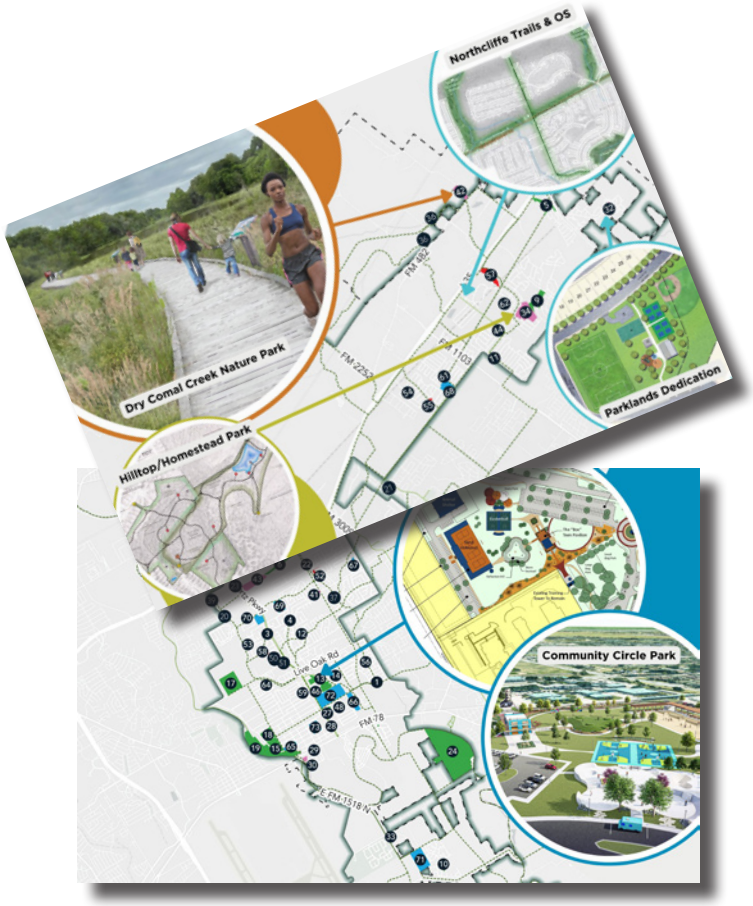


Map 18. Online Mapping Comment Pin Distribution.

Community Event

The planning team tabled at the City of Schertz's annual 4th of July Jubilee community event held on July 4, 2024 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. At this event, the consultant planners had information related to this parks master plan process, conceptual parks plans, and the active online survey. The team members spoke with festival goers who stopped by the booth as well as worked the crowds to increase awareness and hand out swag with the project website on it. Most of the attendees at this event were unaware of the Plan, indicating that this outreach successfully engaged a previously unreached segment of the community. The notable comments received at this event are listed below.

- Desire for smaller, more frequent event for locals, like a farmers market.
- Outdoor exercise and fitness equipment, especially to cater to local military members.
- Enhanced trail connections from Pickrell Park to Veterans Park, through a potential partnership with Universal City.
- Partnerships with the local VFW for community events like cornhole tournaments.
- Splash pad at Pickrell Park.
- The recent addition of playgrounds to local parks has limited the opportunities for people to find peaceful places to walk, make sure to preserve some of these places.
- Rollerblading is popular at Pickrell Park, would be great to have more opportunities for these activities.
- More shade everywhere!



Two of the many informational boards displayed at the event.

STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENT

The standards-based assessment analyzes parkland in terms of acreage, location and number of park facilities. It identifies the current level of service and whether it is meeting the community's needs. Levels of service represent a specific acreage of parkland or number of facilities needed per given population.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes their Agency Performance Review annually. It presents data and insights from 1,000 parks and recreation agencies around the country. This information was referenced throughout the standards-based assessment as a baseline comparison.

Three types of standards were examined in this assessment: acreage, location and facilities.

Acreage Level of Service

The acreage level of service defines the quantity of parkland acreage as a ratio to population. The results are expressed as park acreage per 1,000 residents. The analysis examines whether there is sufficient parkland for residents today and in the future.



Acreage levels of service define targets for how much parkland is needed to serve the community's population.

Spatial Level of Service

The spatial level of service looks at the location and distribution of different park types to identify underserved areas and where new parks may be needed.

Facility Level of Service

The facility level of service defines the number of park facilities needed to meet the community's recreational needs. Standards are expressed as a ratio of facility per population size (e.g., one baseball field per 3,500 residents).



Facility levels of service identify how many facilities, such as playscape units, are needed to provide adequate resources for Schertz residents.

Acreage Level of Service

Different types of parks are intended to serve different needs. Pocket, neighborhood and community parks, cumulatively thought of as close-to-home parks, are focused on recreational benefits for nearby residents. In addition to local residents, regional parks serve a population beyond the immediate community. Linear parks/greenways and open space/nature parks provide passive recreation opportunities for the whole community, while special purpose parks serve a focused user group (e.g., dog park).

According to the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review, the median community with 20,000-49,999 people had 11.2 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. A median community with 50,000-99,999 people had 10.2 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.[1] A target level of service has been defined for Schertz through comparison with the NRPA Agency Performance Review, and an understanding of the community's goals, opportunities and challenges.

Schertz's parks system includes over 639 acres of parkland, of which 29.9 acres are owned by homeowners associations. Existing and target levels of service per park type are listed in Table 8. The City's total combined level of service today is 14.3 acres per 1,000 residents for City-owned parks and 15.0 acres per 1,000 residents when including privately owned parks.

Considering the parks system overall, there is adequate total parkland in 2024, with a future deficit developing as the community grows toward its projected 2035 population. However, the City is lacking close-to-home parkland in 2024 and beyond, as listed in the "surplus/deficit acreage" columns in the table. Additionally, approximately 153 acres of City-owned parkland included in Table 8 remains largely undeveloped and/or is land that will be deeded to the City through development agreements. In order to truly meet the recreational needs of the community, these areas should be developed with appropriate amenities based on the type of park to provide diverse recreation opportunities and ideally address facility deficiencies identified later in this chapter.

1 *https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/*

The City should consider opportunities for additional close-to-home parks in areas with new development in the future. Based on the City's extensive amount of regional and undeveloped parkland, it will be important to add or enhance amenities (e.g., playground, basketball court, picnicking) within these parks to ensure that they can help meet the daily recreational needs for residents in the vicinity. Adding diverse recreation offerings to the parks will allow them to meet the needs of a wider user group (e.g., adding a playground to a sports complex to provide recreation for players' families).

If properly located and developed with bicycle and pedestrian trails, linear parks/greenways can greatly support citywide connectivity to parks and other points of interest. There is no specific target level of service for these parks and the City is already focusing on further developing their trail network. The City is encouraged to continue doing so.

Open spaces/nature parks are intended to remain natural or minimally developed and there is no target level of service for this type of parkland. As the City evaluates development options for these parks, consideration should be given to including trails and picnic amenities, where appropriate, to allow the acres to provide some recreational benefit.

There is no target level of service for special purpose parks.

National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) 2024 Agency Review[1]

Total Parkland per 1,000 Residents (for communities 20,000-49,999 people):

- Lower Quartile = 6.2 acres/1,000 people
- Median = 11.2 acres/1,000 people
- Upper Quartile = 18.0 acres/1,000 people

Total Parkland per 1,000 Residents (for communities 50,000-99,999 people):

- Lower Quartile = 4.8 acres/1,000 people
- Median = 10.2 acres/1,000 people
- Upper Quartile = 17.4 acres/1,000 people

Table 8. Parkland Acreage Level of Service

Park Classification	Existing Level of Service (LOS)		Recommended Level of Service (2024)			Recommended Level of Service (2035)	
	Existing Acreage (2024)	Current LOS (based on 42,545 population*)	Recommended Target LOS (2024-2035)	2024 Recommended Acreage (based on 42,545 pop.*)	Surplus/ Deficit Acreage (2024) ***	2035 Recommended Acreage (based on 56,302 pop.*)	Surplus/ Deficit Acreage (2035) ***
Close-to-Home Parks (focused on benefit to nearby residents)**							
Pocket Parks *(City-owned)*	7.4	0.17 Ac/1,000 Residents	0.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	10.6	-3.2	14.1	-6.7
Pocket Parks *(City + HOA)*	7.9	0.19 Ac/1,000 Residents			-2.7		-6.2
Neighborhood Parks *(City-owned)*	157.3	3.7 Ac/1,000 Residents	4.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	170.2	-12.9	225.2	-67.9
Neighborhood Parks *(City + HOA)*	186.7	4.4 Ac/1,000 Residents			16.5		-38.5
Community Parks *(City-owned)*	71.1	1.7 Ac/1,000 Residents	5.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	212.7	-141.6	281.5	-210.4
Community Parks *(City + HOA)*	71.1	1.7 Ac/1,000 Residents			-141.6		-210.4
Close-to-Home Parks Subtotal *(City-owned)*	235.8	5.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	9.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	393.5	-157.7	520.8	-285.0
Close-to-Home Parks Subtotal *(City + HOA)*	265.7	6.2 Ac/1,000 Residents			-127.8		-255.1
Other Parks Types** ***(All City-owned)***							
Regional Parks	231.6	5.4 Ac/1,000 Residents	4.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	170.2	61.4	225.2	6.4
Linear Parks/ Greenways	60.8	1.4 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Open Space/Nature Park	67.9	1.6 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Parks	13.4	0.3 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Parks Subtotal	373.7	8.8 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All Park Types *(City-owned)*	**609.5**	**14.3 Ac/1,000 Residents**	**13.25 Ac/1,000 Residents**	**563.7**	**45.8**	**746.0**	**-136.5**
All Park Types *(all facilities)*	**639.4**	**15.0 Ac/1,000 Residents**			**75.7**		**-106.6**

* Source:
- Current Population: United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Population Estimates
- 2035 Population: 2% Growth Rate Projections from Texas Water Development Board 2030 Population Estimate as of July 17, 2024 (51,020)

** These acreages include land that will be deeded to the City through development agreements

*** Negative numbers = acreage deficits

The bottom row includes all park types (including those without target levels of service) and an overall recommended level of service of 13.25 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The total 2024 and 2035 surplus and deficit calculations are based on all park types combined (i.e., 609.5 existing City-owned acres - 563.7 recommended acres in 2024 = 45.8 acre surplus)

Spatial Level of Service

Access to Pocket & Neighborhood Parks

Pocket parks typically serve residents within a ¼-mile area, while neighborhood parks are meant to serve residents within a ¼-mile to ½-mile radius. These parks are intended to serve daily recreational needs for nearby residents and are often accessed by foot or bike. These service areas equate to approximately a 5-minute (¼-mile) to 10-minute (½-mile) walk. Pocket and neighborhood parks should be generally located away from major arterial streets and should be accessible without requiring residents to cross major roadways.

Map 19 illustrates service areas of parks meeting local neighborhood needs. The service areas are associated with existing pedestrian infrastructure.[1] Notably, community parks can also meet the local recreational needs of residents within a ¼- to ½-mile walking distance. As such, Map 19 shows ¼-mile and ½-mile service areas around pocket, neighborhood and community parks.

When the park service areas are overlaid with the residential growth areas, it is evident where existing and future residential areas do not have adequate parkland within a short walking distance. Need areas are those areas within the growth area that are not currently serviced with appropriate parks. Primary need areas are located throughout the City, with the southern portion of the City having the largest area lacking access to neighborhood-serving parkland. As the City considers locations for new close-to-home parks, priority should be given to residential areas located within the primary need areas.

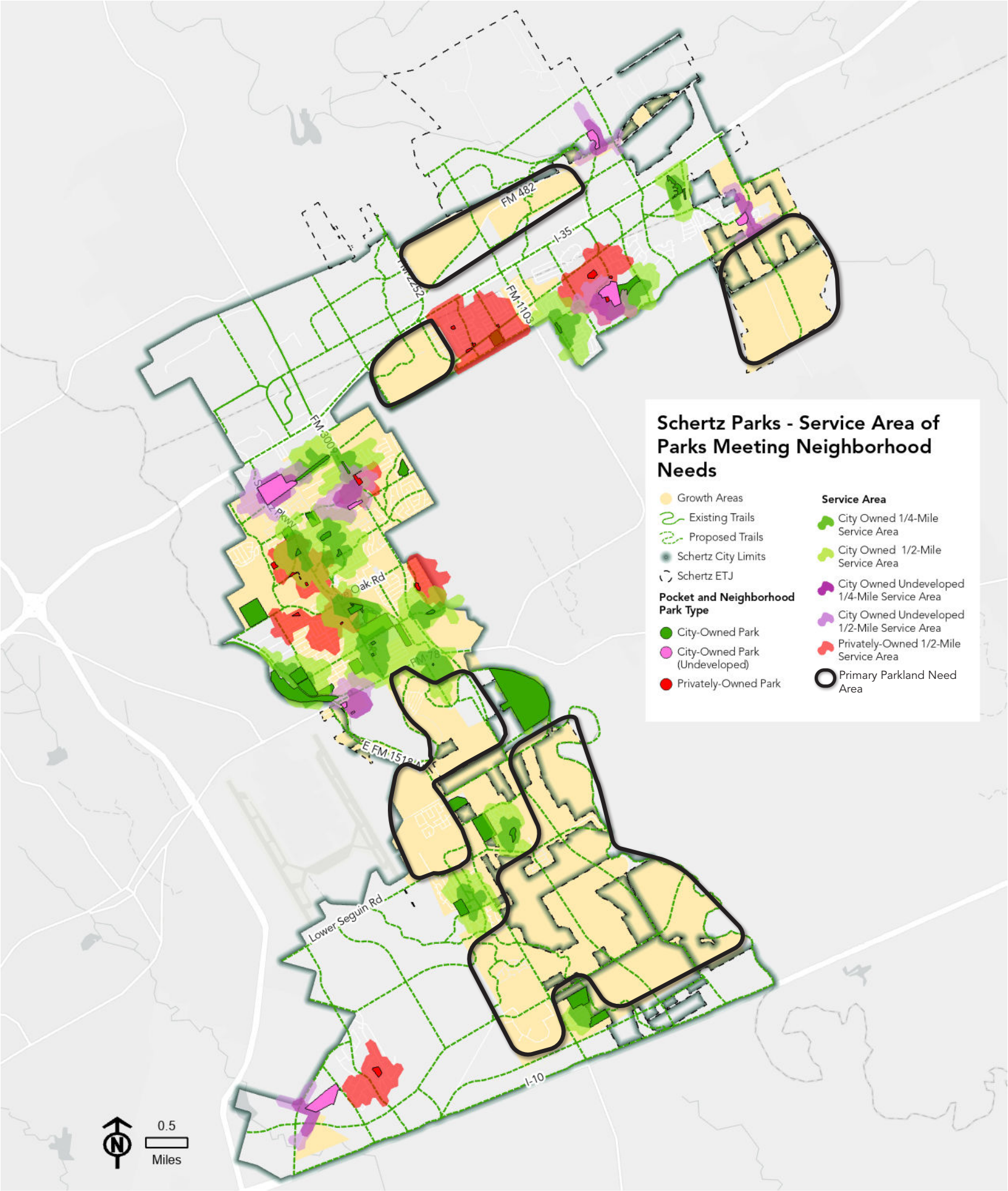
As the City considers improvements to its sidewalk and trail network, priority should be given to streets within a 1/2-mile distance of existing parks to allow nearby residents to safely walk and bike to the parks.





Pocket , neighborhood and community parks can all serve close-to-home park needs for residences within reasonable walking distances. These include daily amenities such as playgrounds, picnic areas and walking paths.

1 Based on walking distance analysis run through Network Analyst by ESRI. Analysis follows paths and roads that allow pedestrian traffic.



Map 19. Service Area of Parks Meeting Neighborhood Needs

Access to Community Parks

Community parks are large parks that are meant to serve multiple neighborhoods. They typically include a range of facilities such as playgrounds, picnic pavilions, athletic fields and courts, trails, swimming pools, and splash pads. Residents are often willing to drive to these parks for access to a greater diversity of options than at their neighborhood park.

Map 20 illustrates a 1- to 3-mile service area around community parks. The service areas are associated with existing vehicular infrastructure.[1] There are four existing community parks and one proposed community park in Schertz. All of the developed parks are located in the central part of the City.

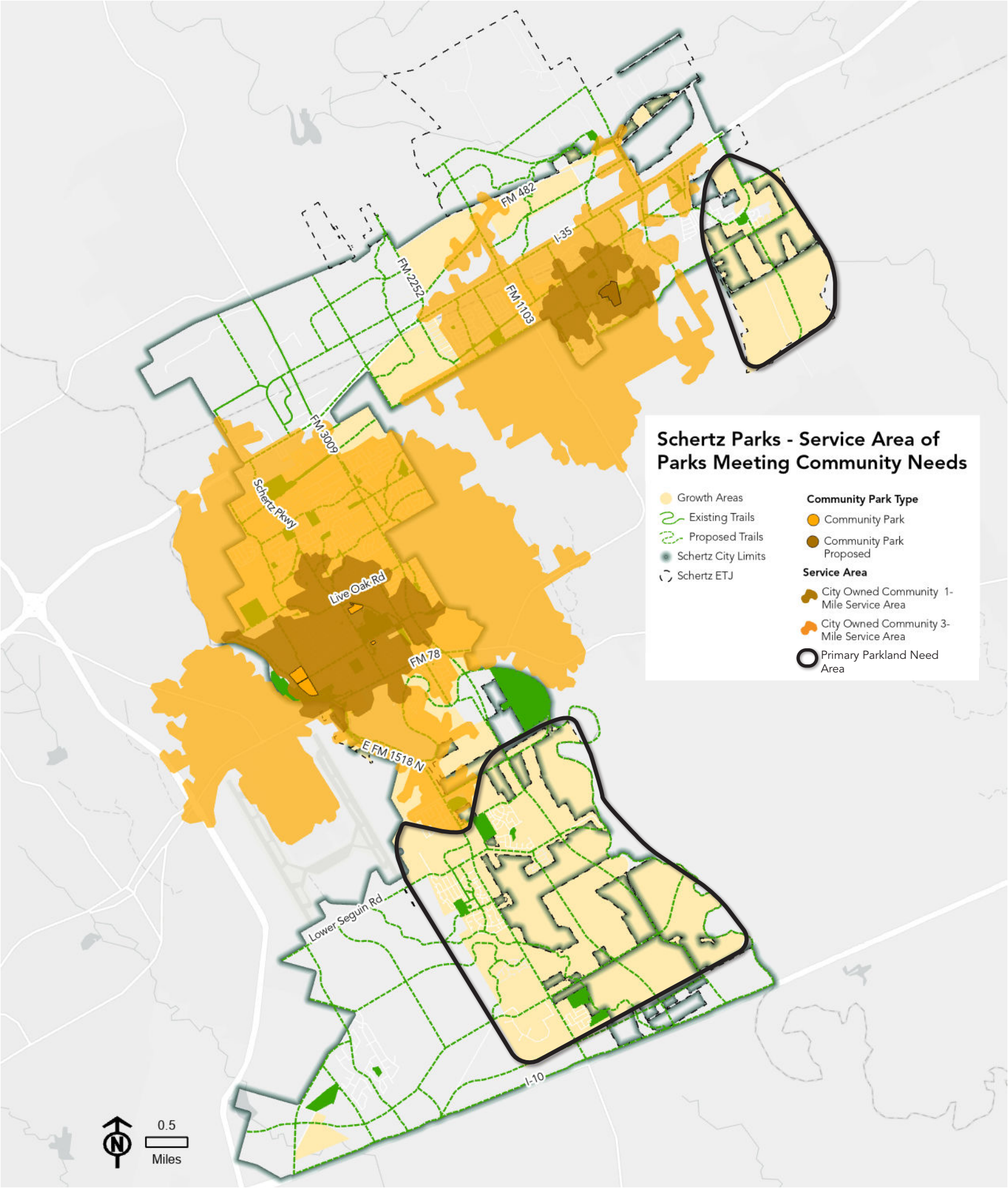
When the community park service areas are overlaid with the residential growth areas, primary parkland need areas are identified in the southern, eastern, central northern part of the City. As these areas further develop, there may be an opportunity to create community parks or upgrade existing parks to meet both community and neighborhood parkland needs for these parts of the City.

1 Based on driving distance analysis run through Network Analyst by ESRI. Analysis models the movement of cars. Travel obeys one-way roads, avoids illegal turns and follows other rules that are specific to cars.





Community parks provide larger amenities that draw from a wider area, such as pools and sports fields.



Map 20. Service Area of Parks Meeting Community Needs

Access to Trails

Similar to pocket and neighborhood parks, trails are often accessed by foot or bike. Therefore they have the same service area as pocket and neighborhood parks — ¼- to ½-mile.

There are a significant amount of proposed trail connections that will cover the majority of the City once complete; however, the existing trail system has significant gaps in several areas. Currently there are no existing trails serving any of the residential areas east of Homestead Pkwy in the northeastern corner of the City limits and the growth area that is currently ETJ. There are also large swathes of existing residential development within the anticipated growth areas south of FM 78 that are not served by any existing trails. When prioritizing future trail improvement or extension projects growth areas that not within the existing ¼- to ½-mile trailer buffer should be prioritized.

Access to Regional Parks

There are two regional parks in Schertz: Crescent Bend Nature Park and Schertz Soccer Complex. Based on their size and/or recreation options, both of these parks have large service areas that include the entirety of the City, as well as the surrounding region.

Crescent Bend Nature Park is nearly 190 acres and has potential to provide extensive passive recreation options.

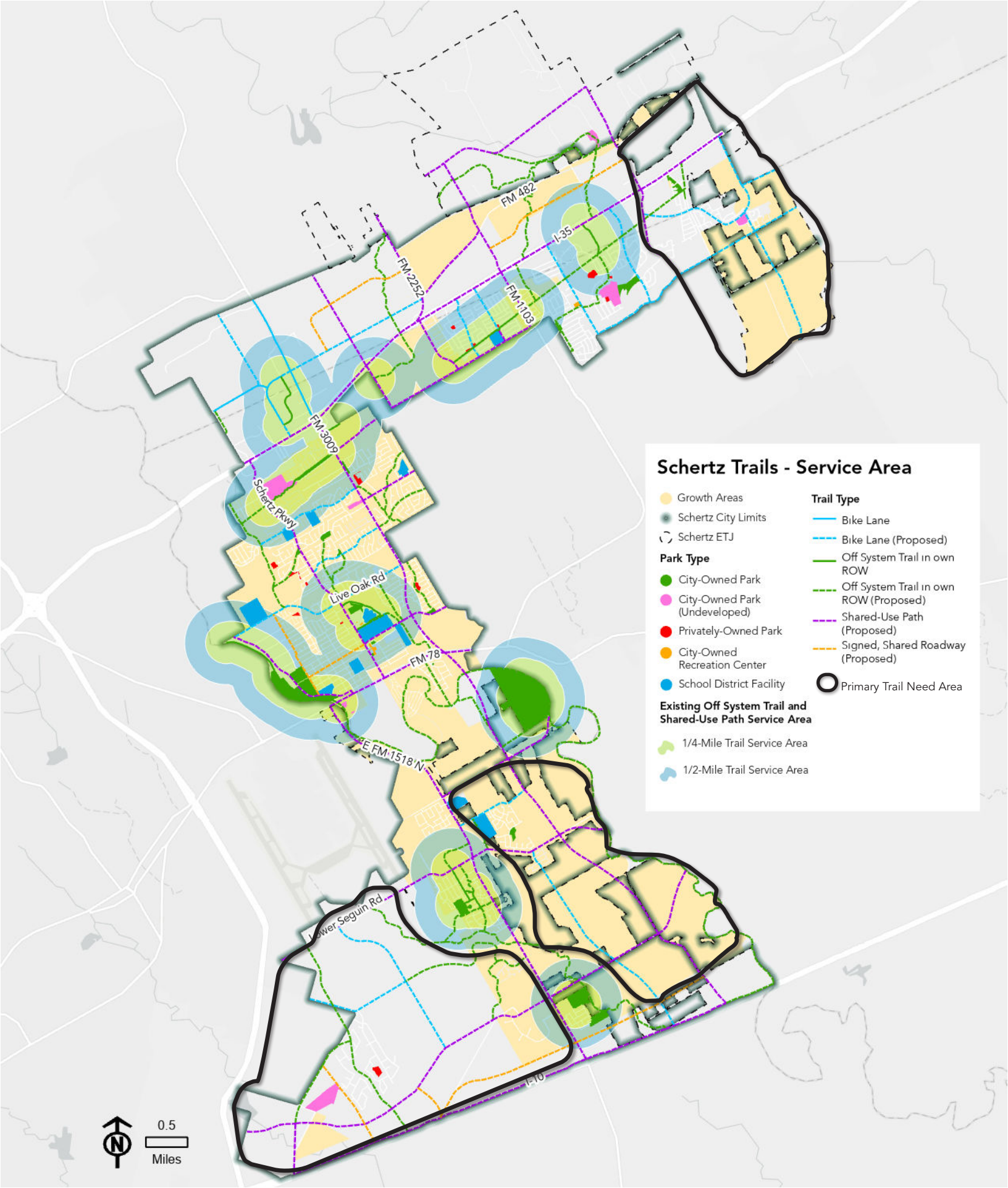
While the Schertz Soccer Complex does serve the greater region, it is also a gated special purpose park, so its use is currently largely limited to groups playing soccer.



Trails in Crescent Bend Nature Park.



Youth soccer leagues at the Schertz Soccer Complex.



Map 21. Service Area of Trails

Facility Level of Service

In addition to considering the different types of parkland, it is important to consider what types of facilities are available for resident use. The 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review also provides comparison data for the prevalence for outdoor park and recreation facilities per population. The facility target levels of service were determined through a baseline comparison of the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review results for communities with 20,000-49,999 people and communities with 50,000-99,999 people. Targets were then tailored to Schertz based on community input, goals, and an understanding of parkland and staffing opportunities and challenges.

The Facility Level of Service table on the next page illustrates the current level of service for each type of facility based on the current estimated population. Targets are applied to the facility categories to determine current and future deficits. The far right two columns display the findings from the 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review, when available.

There are currently deficiencies in the following facilities:

- Baseball/softball fields
- Standalone backstops
- Basketball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Disc golf
- Fitness equipment circuit
- Multipurpose fields
- Soccer fields
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball courts
- Trails
- Amphitheater/ outdoor event space
- Dog park
- Picnic shelters
- Picnic facilities
- Fishing piers
- Outdoor aquatic facilities
- Splash pads
- Recreation center

Looking out toward 2035, without the addition of new facilities, there will also be deficiencies in:

- Multipurpose courts
- Playscape units

Most other current deficits increase by 2035.

Based on the City's north-to-south geographic distribution, specialized facilities including dog parks, outdoor aquatic facilities and recreation centers should be geographically distributed. Ideally, as a long-term goal, the City should have one of each in the north, central and south portions of the City.

Table 9. Facility Level of Service

	Facility/Amenity	Current Available^	Current LOS (1 Facility per # Residents)		
Active	Baseball/Softball Fields	12	3,545		
	Backstop	5	8,509		
	Basketball Courts	0	0		
	Pickleball Court	0	0		
	Multipurpose Court (basketball, pickleball)	7	6,078		
	Disc Golf	0	0		
	Fitness Equipment Circuit	0	0		
	Skate Park	1	42,545		
	Multipurpose Field**	8	5,318		
	Soccer Fields	12	3,545		
	Tennis Courts	0	0		
	Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	0	0		
	Trails (miles)	20	2,127		
Passive	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space	2	21,273		
	Dog Park	1	42,545		
	Picnic Shelters/ Pavilions	10	4,255		
	Picnic Facilities (e.g., public parks with picnic tables)	14	3,039		
	Playscape Units	39	1,091		
Water	Fishing Piers	1	42,545		
	Outdoor Aquatic Facility	1	42,545		
	Indoor Aquatic Facility	1	42,545		
	Splash Pad	2	21,273		
Misc.	Recreation Center	1	42,545		
	Other Quality of Life Facilities ^^	6	7,091		
	Restrooms/Portable (in parks)	9	4,727		

	Target LOS (Per Residents)	2024 Need (based on 42,545 pop.*)	2024 Deficit or Surplus ***	2035 Need (based on 56,302 pop.*)	2035 Deficit or Surplus ***	2024 NRPA Agency Review *(some facility categories are not included in the Agency Review)*	
						Cities 20,000-49,999	Cities 50,000-99,999
	1 per 3,500	13	-1	17	-5	Diamond fields 1 per 3,007	Diamond fields 1 per 3,675
	1 per 6,000	8	-3	10	-5		
	1 per 8,000	6	-6	8	-8	1 per 7,501	1 per 8,363
	1 per 8,000	6	-6	8	-8	1 per 7,737	1 per 10,500
	1 per 8,000	6	1	8	-1	1 per 13,000	1 per 12,972
	1 per city	1	-1	1	-1	1 per 29,445	1 per 58,603
	1 per 30,000	2	-2	2	-2	1 per 27,262	1 per 35,000
	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 33,167	1 per 60,904
	1 per 4,000	11	-3	15	-7	Rectangular fields 1 per 3,333	Rectangular fields 1 per 4,070
	1 per 3,500	13	-1	17	-5		
	1 per 13,000	4	-4	5	-5	1 per 5,461	1 per 5,865
	1 per 15,000	3	-3	4	-4	1 per 14,280	1 per 26,612
	1 per 2,000	21.3	-1.3	29	-9.0	Median 10 total miles	Median 18.1 total miles
	1 per 15,000	3	-1	4	-2		
	1 per 30,000	2	-1	2	-1	1 per 27,508	1 per 55,135
	1 per 3,000	15	-5	19	-9		
	In all publicly accessed parks	In all publicly accessed parks	-26	In all publicly accessed parks	-26		
	1 per 1,200	36	3	47	-8	Playground 1 per 3,105	Playground 1 per 3,707
	1 per 15,000	3	-2	4	-3		
	1 per 25,000	2	-1	3	-2	Pool: 1 per 27,081 Water park: 1 per 32,812	Pool: 1 per 46,363 Water park: 1 per 76,780
	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 31,000	1 per 60,824
	1 per 6,000	8	-6	10	-8	1 per 30,629	1 per 54,100
	1 per 30,000	2	-1	2	-1	1 per 24,486	1 per 39,886
	Where feasible	Where feasible	Varies	Where feasible	Varies		
	Where feasible	Where feasible	Varies	Where feasible	Varies		

* Source: Current Population: United States Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Population Estimates, 2035 Population: 2% Growth Rate Projections from Texas Water Development Board 2030 Population Estimate as of July 17, 2024 (51,020)
** Multipurpose field should be appropriate for soccer, football and other rectangular field uses
*** Negative numbers = facility/amenity deficits
^ Excludes ISD and non-publicly accessible facilities (e.g., HOA facilities)
^^ E.g., Community center, library, senior center

Resource-Based Assessment

The resource-based assessment is the third analysis for the needs assessment. This exercise recognizes key physical, man-made or natural resources within the community that may provide potential recreational opportunities. These areas can either support active recreational pursuits or provide opportunities for passive enjoyment. The following areas have potential to be further leveraged for recreation or open space preservation in Schertz.

Water bodies and floodplains are areas that are inherently unsuitable for most types of development. They are also often beautiful natural areas that wind through cities. Schertz's streams, such as the Dry Comal Creek, Cibolo Creek, and associated floodplains extend across the City. With strategic development of trail infrastructure, these natural areas could be used as key elements in a citywide trail network.

Dry Comal Creek

The Dry Comal Creek drainage corridor is a natural greenway with potential to be utilized for recreation and connectivity, especially due to its inclusion as part of the Great Springs Project, a regional trail spanning from San Antonio to Austin. Once implemented, this trail will likely be popular with weekend cyclists and could bring opportunities to capture some recreational tourism income in north Schertz.

Cibolo Creek

Cibolo Creek is a major natural drainage corridor that is far reaching geographically through the City of Schertz and neighboring cities. There is much interest and opportunity along Cibolo Creek for the implementation of both hiking and paddling trails. Additionally, there are a variety of properties along Cibolo Creek that could be incorporated into the linear greenway, creating a "string" of small parks along the banks for trail heads, non-motorized boat put-ins, and fishing access. Regional coordination with adjacent municipalities could enhance the success of this amenity and create opportunities for cost sharing.

Topography

Schertz contains topographical change that creates natural high points with vistas of the Hill Country. The City's highest point is within the proposed Hilltop Park, providing opportunity for a unique experience for park users.

Utility Corridors

Utility corridors are great opportunities for multi-purpose facilities, for example, implementing trails in utility rights-of-way that would otherwise remain underutilized land.

Development of structures is largely prohibited in utility corridors. While these areas need to remain clear of vertical development, they are great locations for extensive trail segments. As the City develops additional trails, consideration should be given to best leveraging utility corridors for connectivity. To the extent possible, shrubs or small trees should be integrated to provide shade for users.

The proposed Great Northern Trail through northern Schertz is a great example of multi-purpose facilities for utilities and an idea that could be implemented elsewhere in the City as well.



A portion of the Great Northern Trail along a utility corridor.

Summary of Needs

Through the needs assessment and public engagement process, the high importance and value of parks and recreation is clear, both within the City organization as well as the community. For Schertz to maintain its high level of parks and recreation quality and services, there are some identified needs for additional distribution of parkland, increased connectivity, new and improved facilities, and expanded recreational programs. These needs include services that are currently lacking for existing residents as well as needs expected as Schertz's population grows through 2035.



Parkland Acreage and Development

- Enhanced maintenance and upgrades for older parks and equipment
- Account for additional close-to-home parks, especially in future residential areas
- Distribution of services among the City's three distinct geographies: north, central and south
- Balancing needs and amenities for all ages and abilities
- More sustainable parks maintenance practices
- Beautification and shade enhancements at existing parks



Park Facilities

- Trails
- Natural areas
- Water access
- Lighted, competition-level sports fields
- Baseball/softball practice fields
- Pickleball
- Splash pads
- Basketball courts
- Fitness equipment
- Amphitheater
- Picnic facilities & pavilions



Parkland Access and Connectivity

- A trail network that connects major park spaces
- More loop trails for exercise
- Safer and more complete sidewalk network throughout the City
- Regional trails connecting Schertz to neighboring cities as well as the wider Central Texas region



Recreational Programs

- Public education campaigns related to local ecology and natural systems.
- Farmers market
- Art/music/food festivals
- Community gardens
- Teen programming
- Adult programming
- Indoor gymnasium + eSports





CHAPTER 4

Recommendations

INTRODUCTION

This chapter details the recommendations formulated as part of this Plan. These recommendations are based on the assessment of current conditions, input from the public and stakeholders, and a needs assessment. They encompass a combination of strategies for maintaining and improving the existing parks and recreation infrastructure, as well as introducing new facilities where a need has been identified.

Goals for the Parks & Recreation System

The following goals provide overall direction for Schertz's parks and recreation system to achieve the community's vision and aspirations. These goals should be used to help guide the City's decision-making processes and form the basis of the PROST plan's recommendations.

1. The City will proactively acquire parkland and open space acreage to provide physical access to all existing and future residents of Schertz.
2. The City will update existing parks and improve undeveloped parkland to accommodate the changing needs of the communities.
3. The City will implement system-wide improvements that enhance access, usability, and aesthetics of existing and future parks.
4. The City will provide recreational facilities and programs that enhance the quality of life and accessibility of services for Schertz residents.
5. The City will maintain parks in a way that promotes full utilization of park spaces and aligns with community values.
6. The City will pursue/continue partnerships and seek diverse funding strategies to support the expansion of parks and recreational options.



Wendy Swan Memorial Park

GOAL #1: The City will proactively acquire parkland and open space acreage to provide physical access to all existing and future residents of Schertz.

Action 1.1: Proactively pursue the acquisition of additional parkland acreage in the target areas.

- Acquire land in the target areas (Map 22) noted in the Needs Assessment chapter, with the intent of providing a close-to-home park within 0.5 miles of all homes in Schertz.
- Address the concerns of Northcliffe residents by working closely with the community and future landowners or developers of the old golf course property to encourage open space preservation, especially in environmentally sensitive or valuable parts of the course such as ponds and drainageways.

Action 1.2: Proactively pursue the acquisition of additional parkland acreage along Cibolo Creek.

- Acquire parcels along Cibolo Creek to realize the "String of Parks" vision, this includes parcels that are encumbered by floodplain.
- Through the FM 78 corridor redevelopment, if the opportunity presents itself for redevelopment of the two buildings between the park and FM 78 the City could consider it for additional programming and recreational space.

Action 1.3: Update the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

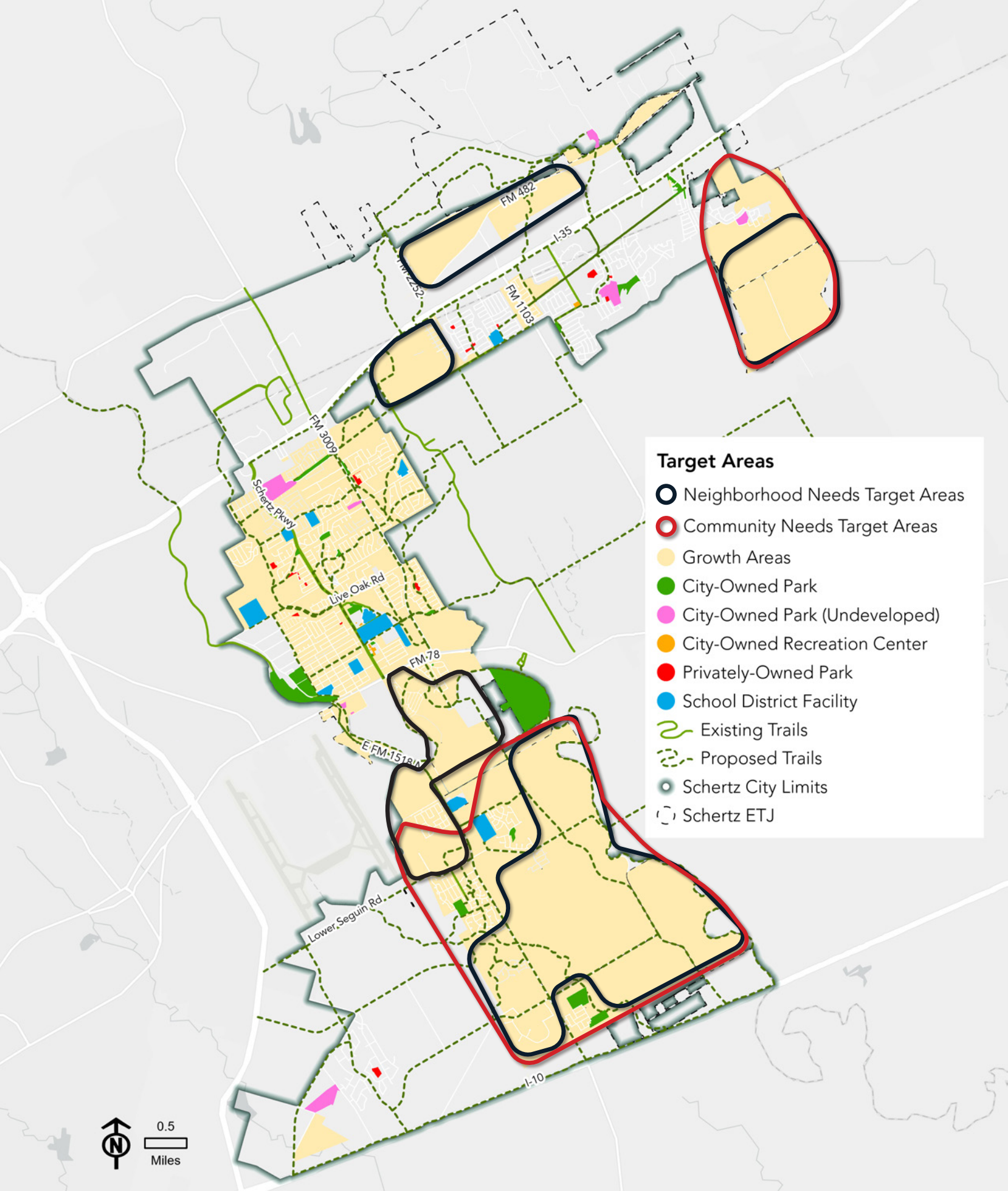
- Ensure the parkland dedication requirements are adequate to provide the necessary park access for new communities.
- Encourage the dedication of land over fee-in-lieu, unless extenuating circumstances or the City does not want the land for a strategic reason
- Explore the option to add a "regional park" category as well as a "neighborhood park" category to the dedication ordinance.

Action 1.4: Keep the PROST plan updated.

- The community's parks and recreation needs and desires will change as the population grows and demographics shift. The City should plan to update the PROST Plan periodically to ensure that it reflects current needs and priorities. The TPWD recommends updating the Plan every five years or before any new major developments occur that significantly change the parks and recreation needs of residents. This can also help the City during a TPWD grant funding evaluation, as TPWD places a higher point value on submittals that demonstrate that a plan has been updated within the previous five years. All Plan updates should include a public involvement process.
- The City should review and update the Plan per the following:
  - Annually: Staff review implementation to identify progress and provide an annual report to the City Council.
  - Every five years (or sooner if needed): Conduct a full review and make needed updates to the inventory, needs assessment, recommendations, and prioritization, if needed.

Action 1.5: Keep parks data and GIS layers updated between plan updates so there is sufficient and up-to-date information available for subsequent updates.

- The Parks, Recreation & Community Services staff should work with the City's GIS staff annually to update the City's parks-related shapefiles including trails and parkland names, locations, and status (undeveloped, under design/construction, completed, etc.)



Map 22. Target Areas

GOAL #2: The City will update existing parks and improve undeveloped parkland to accommodate the changing needs of the communities.

Action 2.1: Implement a continuous walking trail along Cibolo Creek.

- Work with adjacent municipalities to extend the trail beyond the Schertz city limits and make it a regional amenity.
- Work with Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority (CCMA) to provide public trail access through their two properties adjacent to Cibolo Creek (one adjacent to Crescent Bend Nature Park and another near the southern city limit).

Action 2.2: Provide appropriate amenities at small park locations along Cibolo Creek to support the "String of Parks" vision.

- Enhance Palm Park to provide additional parking, signage, water access, youth activities, scouting and outdoor seating nodes.
- Enhance Zuehl Park to provide additional parking, signage and water access. Zuehl Park is adjacent to single-family homes and is best suited for low-impact activities and is an ideal location for a kayak put-in, as the Cibolo Creek is dammed and non-navigable just to the north.
- Enhance Cut-Off Park to serve as a formal Cibolo Creek Trail trailhead with paved parking, restrooms and appropriate signage.
- Identify additional locations for parking, restrooms, picnic areas, kayak launches, and fishing piers along Cibolo Creek as the City acquires additional parcels.
- Connect park spaces and amenities to the Cibolo Creek walking trail.

Action 2.3: Implement a paddle trail along Cibolo Creek.

- Study the creek water levels to understand where consistent water levels exist to accommodate decent paddling and focus land acquisitions and investments in these areas.
- Remove barriers, such as brush, that block consistent paddling along the creek. Where barriers cannot be avoided, such as the dam at Aviation Blvd, provide reasonable portages for paddlers.

Action 2.4: Identify potential locations to build an amphitheater.

- Identify potential locations to build an amphitheater preferably closer to the Downtown area. The City should conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability, location, programming, cost and potential funding sources and partnerships for such a facility.

Action 2.5: Improve Community Circle Park.

- Implement the concept plan shown in Appendix B to provide improved amenities including parking, ballfields, a playscape, an enhanced dog park, a teen pavilion, basketball courts, volleyball courts and an enhanced skate park.
- As a future highly-amenitized community park, the City should strive to provide universal accessibility to all amenities and facilities at this site to the extent possible. This does not mean that all parts of all amenities are fully accessible, but that there is at least a portion of each element in the park that allows inclusive participation for all abilities to the extent possible.

Action 2.6: Expand the Dietz Creek Trail.

- Expand Dietz Creek Trail to connect Community Circle Park to the Cibolo Creek Trail and Great Northern Trail as shown in the Trails Plan in Map 23.



Action 2.7: Develop a Master Plan for Crescent Bend Nature Park.

- Create a park-specific master plan for CBNP that takes into consideration the ecological restoration and maintenance plan and selects appropriate locations for additional amenities, accounting for the different contexts and intended uses present in different areas of the park. For example, the front of the park is appropriate for more active uses, such as the pavilion and play areas, whereas the soft surface trails at the interior of the park are less suitable for additional disruption as they are utilized for wildlife viewing. Recommended amenities include:
  - Educational pavilion
  - A natural, exploratory children's play area that is contextually sensitive, utilizes natural materials and does not detract from the natural setting of the park.
  - Additional educational signage along trails
  - Additional parking and restrooms, potentially farther back in the park, to provide better access to all parts of the park and disperse crowds
  - Small, unobtrusive outdoor classroom nodes along the trail network, which can double as sitting/rest areas
  - Locations for fishing piers
  - Additional primitive trails along Cibolo Creek with water and fishing access
  - Additional primitive trails in the southern portion of the site that provide access to the pecan grove in that location
- Enhance the parking area and fishing access to Cibolo Creek in the area on the east side of Schaefer Road, across from the main park entrance.
- Expand educational programming hosted at CBNP for kids and young adults .
- Improve the small parcel on the western edge of CBNP that protrudes into the Lost Meadow neighborhood to incorporate it better with the rest of the park.

Action 2.8: Improve Cypress Point Park.

- Utilize the natural topography of the site to develop an amphitheater to host movie nights and other programming.
- Develop a trailhead that connects to the Great Northern Trail on the west side of the park.
- Consider implementing nature-based solutions, such as rain gardens, into the drainageways in this park, to provide additional environmental, educational and aesthetic benefits.
- Consider utilizing some of the open, upland field areas of this park for community gardens.

Action 2.9: Enhance Dry Comal Creek Nature Park

- Implement the existing concept plan shown in Appendix B to improve access and introduce amenities such as parking, boardwalks, picnic pavilion and educational signage.
- Develop and promote the site to function as the Schertz trailhead providing access to the regional Great Springs Project trail network. Considerations should be made to provide and maintain adequate buffering from the adjacent homes.

Action 2.10: Promote the creation of a cultural district near Dry Comal Creek Nature Park.

- Promote Dry Comal Creek Nature Park as part of a greater cultural site for celebrating local history, providing connections to nearby assets such as Saint Joseph's Cemetery and chapel, the historic Comal Settlement and "Post Road" (part of the Camino Real de los Tejas Trail) sites, and other assets that can be identified.
- Work with the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee to turn this area into a cultural destination highlighting the early days of Schertz and its agricultural roots.

Action 2.11: Improve Heritage Oaks Park.

- Provide nature-play elements for kids such as discovery trails, natural hiding spots, logs, etc.
- Provide additional parking and restrooms.
- Develop additional trails and seating/picnic areas in the underutilized southern end of the park. These trails can provide access to future water-related amenities along the pond.
- Provide more educational signage along trails throughout the park.
- Provide water access to the pond and related amenities such as a fishing pier, kayak launch, boardwalk and bird blind.

Action 2.12: Enhance Hilltop/Homestead Park.

- Improve the trail network and provide nodes within the park as shown in the existing concept plan available in Appendix B, with a focus on encouraging mountain biking and hiking uses.
- There is some evidence of wash-out on the steeper trails. Ensure that future trail design, materials and maintenance consider this.
- Construct a lookout tower at the highest point of the park.
- Provide more parking in coordination with the adjacent HOAs.
- Provide a bicycle repair station.
- Implement interpretive signage throughout the park, especially in areas of ecological significance.

Action 2.13: Enhance Live Oak Hills Park & Forest Ridge Park.

- Develop a trailhead with parking and restrooms for the Great Northern Trail (GNT).
- Consider the addition of other amenities that could allow this site to serve as a neighborhood park, such as a picnic pavilion, playground and splash pad. Develop these amenities closer to the Schertz Parkway end of Live Oak Hills Park, to minimize impact on the existing neighborhoods and provide access to the Schertz Parkway Trail.

Action 2.14: Enhance the North Center.

- Develop and implement a concept plan to turn the facility into a recreation center serving the northern geography of Schertz.
- If possible, acquire adjacent land to the north to expand the community center and provide additional amenities and parking.
- Develop a small dog park on the site.
- Provide other amenities that allow this site to serve as a neighborhood park, such as a picnic pavilion, playground and splash pad.

Action 2.15: Improve Pickrell Park & Thulemeyer Park.

- Provide designated, safe pedestrian crossings across Aero Ave, between Thulemeyer and Pickrell Parks, as well as across FM 1518 to provide access from these parks to the Cibolo Creek Trail network.
- Update existing site facilities and equipment that are showing age and wear, including fencing, lighting and restrooms.
- Pool upgrade
- Playscape upgrades
- Provide additional parking
- Improve the ADA accessibility of existing playgrounds and walkways. As the City's primary amenitized park where many community events are held, the City should strive for universal accessibility for all amenities and facilities at this site, to the extent feasible.
- Address drainage issues. Consideration could be given to implementing nature-based solutions, such as rain gardens, into the drainageways in this park, to provide additional environmental, educational and aesthetic benefits.

Action 2.16: Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Parklands Neighborhood)

- Implement the concept plan for this park shown in Appendix B to develop playgrounds, a basketball court, a soccer field, a pickleball court, restrooms and a parking lot at the site. This will provide area residents with a needed close-to-home park.

Action 2.17: Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Hallie's Cove Neighborhood)

- Implement the concept plan for this park shown in Appendix B to provide additional paved and soft-surface trails throughout the park sites.
- Develop additional amenities, such as a playground and picnic shelter, most appropriate in the northern parcel. This will provide area residents with a needed close-to-home park.
- Enhance the natural function of the drainage running through the southern parcel via habitat and ecosystem restoration strategies.
- Provide more natural amenities in the southern parcel, such as nature play, picnic sites and seating nodes along the trail.

Action 2.18: Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Graytown Valley Neighborhood)

- Implement Phase One of the concept plan shown in Appendix B to develop a playground, pavilion, trailhead, restrooms and parking at the site. This will provide area residents with a needed close-to-home park.
- Prepare an implementation plan for Phase Two of the concept plan, including ballfields, water access and loop trails.

GOAL #3: The City will implement system-wide improvements that enhance access, usability, and aesthetics of existing and future parks.

Action 3.1: Implement the City-wide Trails Plan.

- Continue the implementation of proposed trails shown in the Schertz Trails Plan, shown in Map 23. Prioritize trail segments that build network connectivity from residents' homes to close-to-home parks, increasing accessibility.
- As new parks are proposed and completed, update the Trails Plan to provide trail connectivity to those new parks.

Action 3.2: Conduct an ADA Assessment.

- Some of the amenities in the parks system are currently inaccessible to individuals who are mobility challenged. To provide equal access to park amenities, the City should conduct an ADA assessment of each of the parks including trails, playgrounds, splash pads, parking areas, picnic facilities, etc. Identified deficiencies should be addressed in a prioritized order.

Action 3.3: Improve park beautification efforts.

- The community voiced a desire for more attractive parks. Beautifying parks helps to increase community pride, attract greater usage and improve the City's overall image. The City should create a beautification program for existing parks that includes enhanced landscaping in high-visibility areas, upgrading materials for durability and aesthetics (e.g., furnishings and pavilions), and proactively repairing and replacing amenities as needed. Beautification efforts are a great opportunity to bring out community members for park clean-up and planting days.
- Develop a program for the installation of art in public places, including in parks and along trails.

Action 3.4: Increase shade within parks.

- In Texas's climate, shade is an important element in making the parks usable and comfortable and in promoting community health and wellness in public spaces. It is recommended that the City provide additional shaded areas in all parks. This can be through the use of shade structures, shade fabric or the planting of more shade trees. Shade trees is the preferred shade strategy, since tree planting brings additional multi-benefits to the community. Shade investments should be focused around gathering areas, at amenities and along walking trails.

Action 3.5: Develop a photography policy for public parks.

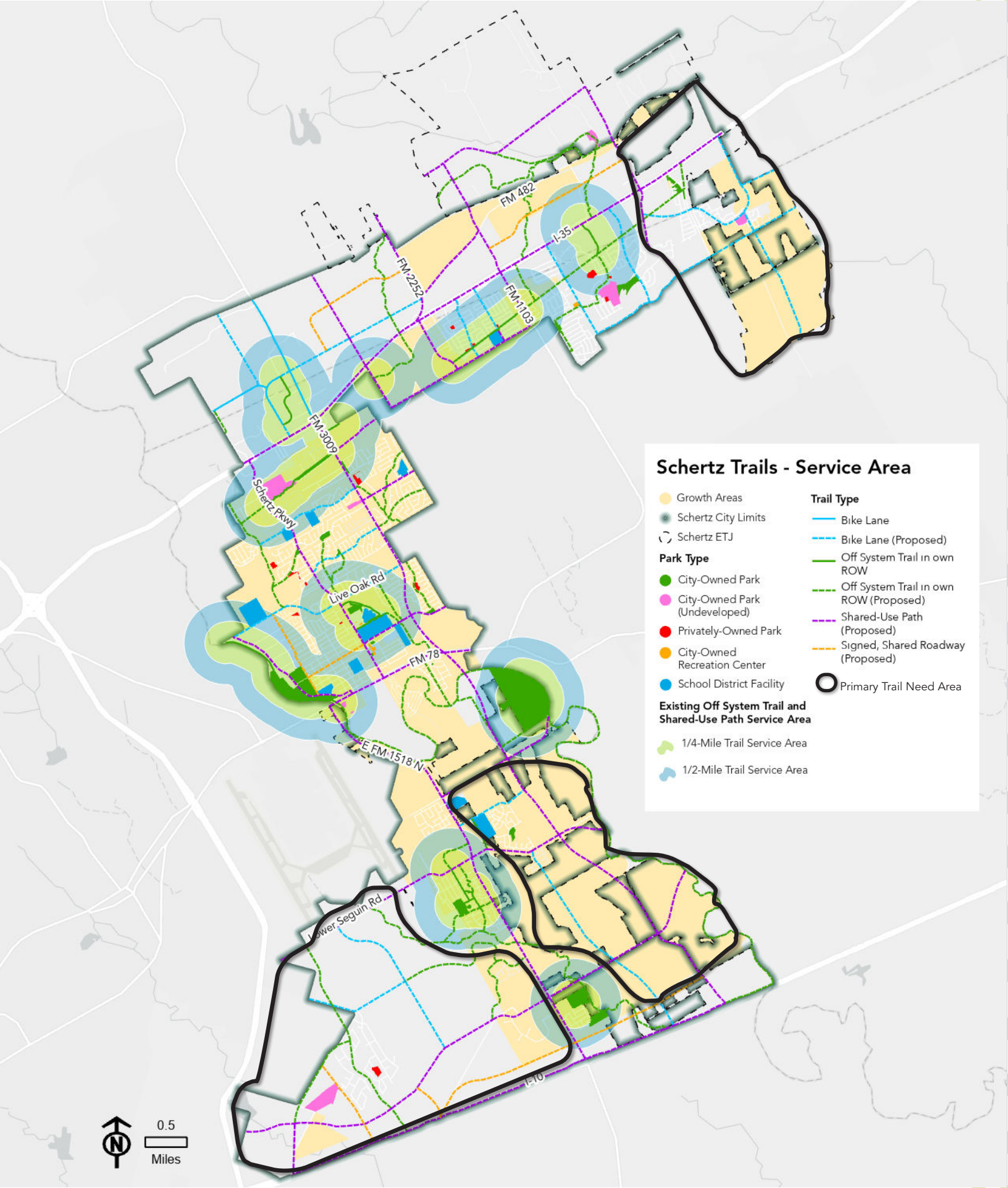
- The City should consider a photography policy for public parks, specifically focused on addressing photography for commercial purposes.

Action 3.6: Update and provide additional lighting at sports fields throughout the City.

- Improve the usability of existing baseball/softball and soccer facilities by adding lighting that allows for extended evening and seasonal use. This could enable the City to make sufficient use of existing fields to meet the demand for practice areas, eliminating the need to construct additional facilities.

Action 3.7: Offer free Wi-Fi at all neighborhood and community parks.

- The City should seek to provide public WiFi access at all neighborhood and community level parks.
- The City can also utilize QR code quick links on signs throughout the parks to allow people to report an issue, learn about a recreation opportunity, educate themselves about natural features or participate in organized activities (e.g., digital scavenger hunt).



Map 23. Proposed Trails Plan

Action 3.8: Develop Park Design Guidelines.

- These guidelines should be applied to all new park design and construction projects as well as any park renovations. The guidelines should consider providing guidance on the following, and more as deemed necessary:
  - Accessibility requirements
  - Signage design and location
  - Park lighting policies and guidelines per park classification, including the use of dark skies strategies for all park lighting.
  - Contextual considerations; buffers, etc.
  - Plant species selection; native plantings, low water use plantings, etc.
  - Reduction of light pollution
  - Use of low-maintenance, high-quality materials and furnishings
  - Resilience and sustainability strategies. The City may consider utilizing Sustainable SITES strategies to improve environmental performance; even if certification is not desirable, Sustainable SITES can still be used as a framework for designing, implementing, and maintaining parks for better performance.



Schertz Soccer Complex

GOAL #4: The City will provide recreational facilities and programs that enhance the quality of life and accessibility of services for Schertz residents.

Action 4.1: Provide suitable facilities in each of the three geographical regions of Schertz (North, Central and South).

- In addition to the close-to-home park needs identified in the target need areas, the City should seek to provide the following amenities in each of the City's three geographic areas:
  - A satellite recreation/community center offering programs and services for kids, teens, adults, and seniors, library services and basic indoor recreation including eSports, fitness, volleyball, basketball, and multi-purpose gym space.
  - An outdoor swimming pool
  - A dog park

Action 4.2: Work to address facility deficiencies as the City continues to develop the park system.

- The needs assessment identified gaps in the provision of a variety of amenities and facilities. The City should proactively seek opportunities to address facility deficiencies as funding and space allow in existing and future parks and recreation facilities. Based on community input, the following are considered the highest priorities:
  - Stand-alone pickleball courts
  - Outdoor fitness equipment
  - Splash pads
  - Community gardens
  - Baseball and softball practice fields
  - Outdoor basketball courts
  - Picnic pavilions
  - Disc golf

Action 4.3: Evaluate opportunities to provide a city-wide market pavilion and festival plaza.

- Based on community input, there is a strong desire for a more frequent farmers market and more locally focused community events. The City should conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability, location, programming, cost and potential funding sources and partnerships for such a program. The location identification should consider:
  - Space for a festival plaza that is primarily hardscape
  - Space for a permanent market stalls/ pavilion
  - Pedestrian-oriented
  - Parking availability
- The preferred location for this market pavilion and festival plaza would be Schertz's Main Street, which also has good adjacency to Cut-Off and Pickrell Parks. A secondary option would be utilizing the Pickrell Park pavilion.
- The creation of a Downtown Area or Main Street Plan is a short-term priority in the City's recent Comprehensive Plan update, and this market pavilion and festival plaza idea should be considered in that Plan. The City does have incentives and economic development programs promoting Main Street Development.

Action 4.4: Identify locations for additional competition-level sports fields.

- Schertz is known regionally for its sports leagues and facilities. In order to maintain and boost this reputation, the City may wish to provide additional competition-level baseball/softball and soccer facilities.
  - Enhance existing baseball/softball fields including lighting, restrooms, grandstands, and other amenities, allowing them to host tournaments.
  - Enhance the Schertz Soccer Complex to include a tournament stadium facility.

Action 4.5: Create a community garden program and expand farmers' markets.

- Community gardens were an identified need by the community and can provide a variety of health and wellness benefits for community members. The City should seek to provide community garden plots in their parks as noted elsewhere in these recommendations. Along with the provision of the physical garden, there must be a program in place to ensure proper use and maintenance of plots. This can be a community or City-led program that is responsible for member and plot management as well as the communal elements of the garden, such as:
    - General area upkeep and workdays.
    - Communal tools.
    - Rules and security.
    - Educational programs, either for members or external groups.
    - Care trades (for when members are out of town and need extra help caring for their plot).

Action 4.6: Enhance recreational programming.

- Based on survey results and stakeholder conversations, the City should focus on adding or expanding the following programs:
    - Farmers Market
    - Art/music/food festivals
    - Fitness classes/events
    - Arts & crafts events
    - Guided nature walks and public education campaigns related to local ecology and natural systems.
    - Cooking & nutrition classes; to note cooking classes are popular events for date nights, girls nights, and similar social outings.



Recreational Programming in Schertz

GOAL #5: The City will maintain parks in a way that promotes full utilization of park spaces and aligns with community values.

Action 5.1: Conduct a staffing assessment.

- The City should conduct a Parks, Recreation, and Community Services staffing assessment to determine needs for additional staff. The assessment should consider increased maintenance regularity, capacity to quickly address safety and security concerns, and handle recreational programming as the parks and recreation network in the City expands.

Action 5.2: Ensure adequate funding and staffing accompany park system expansions and increased expectations of residents.

- The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services staff currently does a good job maintaining parks throughout the City. However, as the City develops additional park facilities, it is crucial to budget adequate funding and staffing to allow for increased park system maintenance, repairs and program/event production at this same high level of service.

Action 5.3: Develop a proactive maintenance plan that prioritizes maintaining safety, accessibility, and aesthetics.

- A maintenance plan that focuses on proactive updates and quickly addresses any equipment safety concerns should be created. Proactive maintenance can help prevent unexpected costs and undue risk for the City as well as allow staff to identify the most efficient and effective way to maintain parks. At a minimum, this plan should include:
  - An inventory of park assets.
  - Proactive park maintenance plans and schedules for each park.
  - Replacement or upgrade plans for furniture and amenities.
  - Required training necessary to develop the specialized skill sets needed to maintain the parks. Specialized training is especially important for the maintenance of green infrastructure, such as rain gardens.

Action 5.4: Create Ecological Restoration and Maintenance Plans (ERMPs) for appropriate parks.

- Future climate conditions and the possible impact of those on plants and animals in the parks should be studied as a part of these plans, and recommendations should be made that carefully consider this.
- Develop an ERMP for Crescent Bend Nature Park that focuses on initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives, improve water quality and enhance soil health.
- Develop an ERMP for Dry Comal Creek Park that focuses on initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives and enhance water quality.
- Develop an ERMP for Heritage Oaks Park that includes initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives and enhance water quality.
- Develop an ERMP for Hilltop/Homestead Park that includes initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives and enhance water quality.
- Develop an ERMP for Live Oak Hills Park that includes initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives and enhance the natural features of the park, such as the trees, native plants and wildflowers.
- Given the natural assets of Unnamed Future Park in the Graytown Valley Neighborhood, consider developing an ERMP that includes initiatives to preserve the biodiversity of the park, restore habitat, remove invasives and enhance water quality.

Action 5.5: Adopt sustainable maintenance practices for all park maintenance work.

- Fleet and equipment/tool upgrades
- No-mow, fertilizer, etc. policies
- Training for staff on nature-based solutions (NbS), green infrastructure (GI), rain gardens, etc.

Action 5.6: Develop a Parks & Recreation Asset Resilience Plan

- Assess extreme weather events (heat, drought, rain, freeze) and their potential impacts on park assets, infrastructure and maintenance.
- Develop strategies to mitigate or adapt to these impacts.

GOAL #6: The City will pursue/continue partnerships and seek diverse funding strategies to support the expansion of parks and recreational options.

Action 6.1: Organizations that run recreational facilities, programs and sports leagues, including YMCA, BVYA, and SYSA

Action 6.2: Additional community support groups, like Friends of Crescent Bend

Action 6.3: Great Springs Project

Action 6.4: Historical Society

Action 6.5: VFW or similar groups that organize regular recreational tournaments

Action 6.6: Adjacent jurisdictions

Action 6.7: Work with SCUCISD for expanded joint-use of playgrounds, practice facilities and indoor gymnasiums during non-school hours and on weekends.

Action 6.8 Scouting Organizations

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CHAPTER 5

Implementation

INTRODUCTION

The City of Schertz Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department is reponsible for planning, upkeep, and improvement of the public parks, trails, and recreation facilities in the City. The department also plans and manages recreational programs, special events, nature education, and youth sports. The department will work with the Schertz community and respective stakeholder to ensure the implementation of the PROST Plan.

High Priority Needs

This Plan includes a variety of recommendations to improve and expand the parks, facilities, trails and recreational programming in Schertz. The Plan meets the TPWD's requirements for a parks, recreation and open space master plan, and can help increase the City's competitiveness when applying for TPWD grant funding.

Schertz's top priority parks facility needs are summarized in the table below. These are based on community input, needs assessments, consultant evaluation, and staff input. Future parks and recreation efforts should work toward fulfilling these community needs.

Table 10. Top Priority Facility Needs

New facilities needed based on community input	New facilities needed based on level of service	Upgraded facilities needed based on existing condition
1. Trails and linear parks 2. Places to relax and enjoy nature 3. Shaded playgrounds 4. Water access, including fishing and kayaking 5. Fitness equipment 6. Sports facilities 7. Splash pads	1. Shaded picnic facilities, shelters and pavilions 2. Baseball/softball Fields 3. Trails 4. Basketball court 5. Pickleball court 6. Playscapes 7. Splash pads 8. Dog park	1. Shade, generally 2. Improved pool 3. Upgraded play equipment 4. Enhanced maintenance and beautification 5. Improved accessibility, generally 6. Improved softball/baseball fields

Top cumulative outdoor facility needs	Top cumulative indoor facility needs
1. Trails, especially nature trails 2. Access to nature and natural waterbodies 3. Improved playground equipment/inclusive playgrounds 4. Shaded picnic facilities, shelters and pavilions 5. Splash pads and pools 6. Events pavilion and amphitheatre 7. Baseball/softball fields 8. Sports courts (basketball/pickleball) 9. Community gardens 10. Fitness equipment	1. Indoor multipurpose gym (basketball/volleyball) 2. Indoor fitness 3. Recreation/community center with programming and services 4. Library services 5. Office/admin space and storage for sports leagues 6. Commercial kitchen spaces

Prioritized Action Plan

Prioritization

The recommended actions of this Plan have been prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Level of need based on community input
- Level of need based on the level of service
- Existing conditions evaluations
- Less complex actions that can create early wins

Actions have been organized into near-term (1-2 years), mid-term (3-7 years) and long-term (8-10+ years) time frames, with an indication of actions that will be ongoing. Some actions will be initiated and completed within their designated time frame, while others may be initiated during their designated time frame and then completed over time. Near- and mid-term actions have been ranked. Long-term actions should be further prioritized in subsequent Plan updates.

The priorities set forth in the Prioritized Action Plan on the next page are intended to guide staff and the City Council as they improve and operate the parks and recreation system for the next five to 10 years. This does not, however, preclude the City from initiating an action sooner than recommended if opportune circumstances arise.

Potential Cost Ranges

Order of magnitude potential cost ranges are provided where possible in the action plan. These planning level cost ranges were created in 2024, based on a current understanding of the industry. Ultimate costs will be dependent on detailed design and construction plans, industry trends, and timing of implementation. Considering current high levels of inflation, costs should be re-evaluated closer to budgeting and implementation phases. Final costs will be dependent on further decisions by the City.



Heritage Oaks Park

Table 11. Prioritized Action Plan

Rank	Action Items		Initiation Timeframe				Potential Cost Range
			Short-term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-term (3-7 yrs)	Long-term (8-10+ yrs)	Ongoing	
Goal 1: The City will proactively acquire parkland and open space acreage to provide physical access to all existing and future residents of Schertz.							
1	1.3	Update the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.	◆	◆			-
2	1.1	Proactively pursue the acquisition of additional parkland acreage in the target areas.		◆			-
3	1.2	Proactively pursue the acquisition of additional parkland acreage along Cibolo Creek.		◆			-
4	1.5	Keep parks data and GIS layers updated between Plan updates so there is sufficient and up-to-date information available for subsequent updates.	◆				-
5	1.4	Keep the PROST Plan updated.		◆		◆	-
Goal 2: The City will update existing parks and improve undeveloped parkland to accommodate the changing needs of the communities.							
1	2.7	Develop a Master Plan for Crescent Bend Nature Park.	◆				▪ Master Plan via a consultant $100,000 - $150,000.
2	2.1	Implement a continuous walking trail along Cibolo Creek.			◆		▪ Assumed no land acquisition costs: ▪ 12' wide concrete trail is generally $1-million dollars per mile ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost

Rank	Action Items		Initiation Timeframe				Potential Cost Range
			Short-term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-term (3-7 yrs)	Long-term (8-10+ yrs)	Ongoing	
3	2.2	Provide appropriate amenities at small park locations along Cibolo Creek to support the "String of Parks" vision.			◆		▪ Parking ($4500/space) ▪ 12' wide concrete trail ($1-million per mile) ▪ Landscape and Irrigation ($65,000 per acre) ▪ Small Shade Pavilion - ($80,000 - $100,000 (ea)(including slab and tables)) ▪ Small playscape, shade and fall surfacing - ($75,000 - $125,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Prefabricated restroom - ($125,000 - $150,000) ▪ Standardized Park System Sign - ($5,000 - $15,000 per each (depending on complexity)) ▪ Exercise Equipment Allowance ($10,000 - $15,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Site Furniture Allowance ($10,000-$15,000 each) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
4	2.3	Implement a paddle trail along Cibolo Creek.			◆		▪ Debris Removal (TBD) ▪ Small floating kayak launch ($20,000 - $30,000) ▪ Portage Structure ($50,000 allowance)
5	2.12	Enhance Hilltop/ Homestead Park.		◆			▪ 6' Natural Surface Trail (8500 LF) - ($300,000 - $350,000) ▪ Parking lot expansion ($55,000 - $60,000) ▪ Trailhead ($10,000 - $15,000/each depending on complexity) ▪ Interpretive Signage Package - ($15,000 - $20,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Bicycle Repair Station ($3000) ▪ Lookout Tower (TBD) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost

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			Short-term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-term (3-7 yrs)	Long-term (8-10+ yrs)	Ongoing	
6	2.9	Enhance Dry Comal Creek Nature Park		◆			▪ Natural Surface Trail (6') (3500 lf @ $35/lf) ▪ Boardwalk Trail (6') (1200 lf @ $450/lf) ▪ Parking Lot - ($45,000 - $50,000) ▪ Trailhead ($10,000 - $15,000 depending on complexity) ▪ Standardized Park System Sign - ($5,000 - $15,000 per each (depending on complexity)) ▪ Small Shade Pavilion - ($80,000 - $100,000 (ea)(including slab and tables)) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
6	2.10	Promote the creation of a cultural district near Dry Comal Creek Nature Park.			◆		-
7	2.5	Improve Community Circle Park.		◆			▪ City provided 2020 cost estimate $11 million (assume 14% cost escalation to current costs) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
8	2.11	Improve Heritage Oaks Park.		◆			▪ Natural Play Area ($75,000 - $100,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Parking ($4500/space) ▪ Water Access/Fishing Pier Allowance ($40,000) ▪ Interpretive Signage Package - ($5,000 - $15,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Prefabricated restroom - ($125,000 - $150,000) ▪ 8' Concrete Trail - $96/LF ▪ Picnic Stations ($7500/ea) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost

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			Short-term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-term (3-7 yrs)	Long-term (8-10+ yrs)	Ongoing	
8	2.15	Improve Pickrell Park & Thulemeyer Park.	◆				▪ Pedestrian Crossing (further study needed) ▪ Fencing replacement per LF ($20 - $75) ▪ Lighting replacement ($2500 - $7500) each ▪ Restroom replacement ($150,000 - $300,000) ▪ Pool Upgrades (further study needed) ▪ Playscape upgrades ($100,000 - $400,000) ▪ Provide additional parking ($4500/space) ▪ Drainage improvements (further study needed) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
9	2.13	Enhance Live Oak Hills Park & Forest Ridge Park.		◆			▪ Trailhead ($10,000 - $15,000/each depending on complexity) ▪ Picnic Pavilion - $120,000 - $150,000 (including slab/tables) ▪ Med playscape, shade and fall surfacing - ($125,000 - $200,000 (depending on complexity)) ▪ Splash Pad ($250,000 - $850,000) ▪ Site Furnishing Allowance ($15,000 - $20,000) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
9	2.14	Enhance the North Center.		◆			-
10	2.6	Expand the Dietz Creek Trail.			◆		▪ Assumed no land acquisition costs: ▪ 12' wide concrete trail is generally $1-million dollars per mile ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
11	2.16	Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Parklands Neighborhood)		◆			-

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11	2.17	Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Hallie's Cove Neighborhood)		◆			-
11	2.18	Enhance the Unnamed Future Park (in Graytown Valley Neighborhood)		◆			▪ Lighted youth field (225'-250' outfield) - $250,000 to $300,000 per field ▪ Lighted adult field (300' outfield) - $300,000 to $350,000 per field ▪ Stadium bleacher seating - $100,000 per field ▪ Parking requirements for league fields - 40 spaces per field ($4,500/space)
12	2.8	Improve Cypress Point Park.		◆			▪ 4'x 8' raised box garden ($500 each) ▪ Trailhead ($10,000 - $15,000 depending on complexity) ▪ Drainage Improvements ($TBD) ▪ Amphitheatre ($800,000-$1 million (depending on size) ▪ Site work and improvements allowance ($250,000) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost
13	2.4	Identify potential locations to build an amphitheater.			◆		▪ Amphitheatre ($1.5-$2 million (depending on size) ▪ Site work and improvements allowance ($500,000) ▪ Landscape and Irrigation ($65,000/ acre) ▪ Site Furniture Allowance ($25,000-$40,000) ▪ Professional services/ survey/geotech - 18% of construction cost

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Goal 3: The City will implement system-wide improvements that enhance access, usability, and aesthetics of existing and future parks.							
1	3.1	Implement the City-wide Trails Plan.			◆		-
2	3.4	Increase shade within parks.	◆			◆	▪ Shade structures $75,000 - $150,000 per each ▪ Shade Sails - $25,000 - $75,000 depending on complexity ▪ Shade trees - $600 - $800 per each
3	3.8	Develop Park Design Guidelines.	◆				-
4	3.3	Improve park beautification efforts.	◆			◆	▪ Landscape material varies in cost, but a budgeting $700-$1000 per tree (30gal-45gal size). Costs could be reduced by having city staff procure and plant these materials. ▪ Planting bed installation costs typically range between $4.50 - $7.00 per SF.
5	3.2	Conduct an ADA Assessment.	◆				-
6	3.7	Offer free Wi-Fi at all neighborhood and community parks.		◆			-
7	3.5	Develop a photography policy for public parks.	◆				-
8	3.6	Update and provide additional lighting at sports fields throughout the City.		◆			▪ Cost Range between $100,000 and $150,000 per field.
Goal 4: The City will provide recreational facilities and programs that enhance the quality of life and accessibility of services for Schertz residents.							
1	4.1	Provide suitable facilities in each of the three geographical regions of Schertz (North, Central and South).		◆		◆	-
2	4.2	Work to address facility deficiencies as the City continues to develop the park system.	◆			◆	-

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3	4.6	Enhance recreational programming.	◆			◆	-
4	4.3	Evaluate opportunities to provide a city-wide market pavilion and festival plaza.		◆			▪ Further Study Needed
5	4.4	Identify locations for additional competition-level sports fields.	◆				-
6	4.5	Create a community garden program and expand farmers' markets.	◆				-
Goal 5: The City will maintain parks in a way that promotes full utilization of park spaces and aligns with community values.							
1	5.2	Ensure adequate funding and staffing accompany park system expansions and increased expectations of residents.	◆			◆	-
2	5.1	Conduct a staffing assessment.	◆				-
3	5.4	Create Ecological Restoration and Maintenance Plans (ERMPs) for appropriate parks.		◆			-
4	5.5	Adopt sustainable maintenance practices for all park maintenance work.	◆				-
5	5.6	Develop a Parks & Recreation Asset Resilience Plan		◆			-
6	5.3	Develop a proactive maintenance plan that prioritizes maintaining safety, accessibility, and aesthetics.	◆				-
Goal 6: The City will pursue/continue and expand partnerships and seek diverse funding strategies to support the expansion of parks and recreational options.							
N/A	6.1	Organizations that run recreational facilities, programs and sports leagues, including YMCA, BVYA, and SYSA	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.2	Additional community support groups, like Friends of Crescent Bend	◆			◆	-

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N/A	6.3	Great Springs Project	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.4	Historical Society	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.5	VFW or similar groups that organize regular recreational tournaments	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.6	Adjacent jurisdictions	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.7	Work with SCUCISD for expanded joint-use of playgrounds, practice facilities and indoor gymnasiums during non-school hours and on weekends.	◆			◆	-
N/A	6.8	Scouting organizations	◆			◆	-

Funding Sources

General Funds

This source of funding is supported by ad valorem tax revenues and is generally the primary source of funds for maintenance and operation of the existing park system. The general fund is also the source for projects requiring smaller amounts of capital investment. It is important to include funding for ongoing maintenance and staff requirements for new trail and park improvements.

Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development Corporations (EDCs) are often utilized in communities as a means of concentrating resources toward economic development and creating new jobs. One advantage to EDCs is that they may exist as a public entity (directly associated with municipal government) or as a non-profit organization. EDCs may be created to promote and attract economic development for the City as a whole, or they may be created to specifically address issues within a particular neighborhood or area within the community. EDCs often receive funding from both public and private sources, such as funding by 4B sales tax revenues, and essentially act as an ambassador for the area that they serve. Advocacy and proactive outreach are important functions of EDCs in their attempt to reach out to potential development and provide reasons and incentives for choosing to locate within the identified area.

Bonds

Bonds are generally the most common source used by cities for the purchase of land and for providing development monies. Debt financing through the issuance of municipal bonds is one of the most common ways to fund park, recreation and open space projects. This type of funding is a strategy wherein a city issues a bond, receives an immediate cash payment to finance projects, and must repay the bond with interest over a set period of time ranging from a few years to several decades.

A general obligation bond is amortized using ad valorem taxes and is used to fund capital projects that are not supported by a revenue source. These projects include water service, sanitary sewer service, and park acquisition and development. The availability of bonding for parks is often dependent upon the overall municipal needs financed by this source. Capital items such as purchase of land and physical improvements with a usable life expectancy of 15 to 20 years can be funded with general obligation bonds.

A revenue bond finances projects which produce enough revenue to retire their debt, such as golf courses, batting cages and enterprise-oriented park projects.

Developer Requirements

This involves requiring new development to provide a dedication of land for parks (or fee-in-lieu of land), park development fees, and trail rights-of-way or easements to offset the City's costs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Park Grants

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Grant Program includes five individual programs that assist local governmental entities with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities. In general, these grants provide percentage matching grant funds to local units of government to acquire and develop parkland, renovate existing public recreation areas, or construct recreation centers, nature centers and other indoor recreation-related buildings. Current grant requirements can be found at https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants.

Grant Program	Eligible Population
Small Community	<20,000
Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation	<500,000
Urban Outdoor Recreation	<500,000
Non-Urban Indoor Recreation	>500,000
Urban Indoor Recreation	>500,000

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

The CO-OP grant helps to introduce underserved populations to the services, programs and sites of TPWD. This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities and other tax-exempt groups. Funds may be used for direct program costs for outdoor recreation or environmental education and conservation programs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trail Grants

TPWD administers the National Recreational Trail Grants in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.

Private Donations

This source of financial assistance would usually come from a citizen, organization or business that has an interest in assisting with the development of the park system. Land dedication is a common occurrence when property is being developed. The location of a neighborhood park within a residential development offers additional value to residential units within that neighborhood, especially if the residential development is occupied by younger families with children. Once property is acquired through this method, the City should be prepared to improve the facility for use within a reasonable length of time and to maintain the new facility.

Private donations may also be received in the form of funds, facilities, recreation equipment, art and in-kind services. Donations from local and regional businesses as sponsors for events or facilities should be pursued. A Parks Improvement Trust Fund may be set up to manage donations by service organizations, benevolent citizens, willed estates and other donated sources. The purpose of this trust is to establish a permanent source of principal value that will increase as donations occur. The principal cannot be decreased; however, the annual interest can be used for park development.

Public Improvement District (PID)

When authorized by City Council in compliance with state laws, new developments can establish a Public Improvement District (PID). As a taxing district, the PID provides funds specifically for the operation and maintenance of public facilities such as parks and major boulevards.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ)

A TIRZ is a tool used by local governments to finance public improvements in a defined area as approved by the City Council. When an area is designated as a TIRZ district, the tax base is frozen at the current level. As development occurs within the TIRZ, the increased value of property, or the tax increment, is captured. The tax increments are posted to a separate fund to finance public improvements within the district.

Partnership with the School District and County

The City can investigate opportunities to share park facilities and their associated cost with both the local school district and county as they have many common goals. Additionally, assets and costs can be shared between the entities to help meet each of their specific needs. For example, the City may purchase land next to a future school site and a school district may install the facilities, such as a playground, which can be enjoyed by the entire community. As a result, the entire community benefits.





APPENDIX

A Community Engagement

MINUTES FROM STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUPS

Friends of Crescent Bend Nature Park | May 10, 2024

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	**Preservation of nature, natural systems, and wildlife habitat is the priority for CBNP.**
2.	**Noted issues:** • Off-leash dogs • Light pollution from fields • Crowds picked up a lot during COVID and have remained, how to ensure this does not lead to detrimental impacts on the park and that amenities are right sized for the number of users. • People bring large items into the park, such as mattresses and furniture for use in photoshoots. • Visitors/residents don't understand the purpose of a "nature park" and are asking for amenities and maintenance practices that are not appropriate
3.	**Specific needs include:** • A pavilion and outdoor classroom space, potential for smaller education nodes along the trails? • Additional parking, especially in the back part of the park (to increase access and spread people out) • More amenities for birders – trails, blinds, etc • Improve restrooms, and potentially add more restrooms further back in the park. • Updated maps and directional/wayfinding signage • Nature play area; keep it very natural/informal, like the idea of exploratory play (stumps, sticks, etc) • Enhance the small dirt parking lot on the other side of Schaefer Rd, used heavily by people fishing. • Public education about the purpose of a nature park, why it's maintained (or not) the way it is; for example, why we leave dead logs and stumps
4.	**Trails Discussion:** • Do not necessarily need an increase in the amount of trails (don't want to cut up the habitat), leave the paved and natural trails where they are; but could look at enhancing the trails • Specifically, updating the old roads into a more formalized walking and biking path, keep them clear of weeds creeping in from the sides and potentially stripe specific pedestrian vs bicycle lanes. Mile markers and maps/wayfinding signage.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
	• Primitive trails along the creek for fishing/birding access, currently there are informal trails. Be careful not to disturb the habitat. Also note the presence of poison ivy in that area which could pose a risk for users.
5.	**Other opportunities:** • Increasing access to the beautiful pecan grove along Schaefer Rd, maybe a small loop trail that allows visitors to enjoy the area but does not disturb too much of the habitat. Note that this is the most low-lying part of the park. • Enhancing the scouting camp area, but make sure it's clearly marked for use by the scouts only. • Coordinate with CCMA for expanding access into their adjacent property (note historic cemetery location). Could implement flood-resistant amenities there. At a minimum, continue the trail system along Cibolo Creek. • The City should consider approaching the owners of the 3 plots of land on the other side of Schaefer Rd (surrounded by the "bend" of Cibolo Creek) about having a first right of refusal to purchase that land should they ever want to sell. • Connecting the Grand Creek Parkway, connecting to Cut-Off Park and Hallie's Cove
6.	**Plan and policy considerations:** • The park needs a detailed concept plan (will not be a part of this PROST plan, but could be a next step) • Dark Sky Ordinance • Restoration and maintenance plan; including eradication of invasives, riparian restoration, and mowing strategies. • Photography policy; there could be a variety of ways to do this, which needs further discussion. This could be applied to all Schertz parks. This should address the bringing of large items into the park and using the parks for commercial photography.

Buffalo Valley Youth Association (BVYA) | May 13, 2024

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	**General Notes:** • Provide youth baseball/softball, volleyball, basketball and swimming leagues, heavily services Schertz residents with some players from surrounding communities • Current baseball/softball facilities include the use of 5 fields at Thulemeyer Park, 3 at Allison Steele School, and 5 at Community Circle – all with a heavily utilized practice load. • Use school gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball • Use Pickrell Park pool for aquatics. • High demand, their programs are growing! • The number of players doesn't accurately represent the number of community members involved/community impact (includes parents, grandparents, volunteers, coaches) • BVYA is a major feeder for the local high school sports.
2.	**Noted issues:** • Two of the fields at Community Circle are unused due to conflicts with adjacent businesses • Will lose all of the Community Circle fields with the new concept plan for that location. • The school requires a lot of paperwork to use their facilities and often cancels on them with little warning. • Lack of lighting on fields are an issue before the time changes, working parents struggle to get their kids there in time to have daylight left • Registration for aquatics programs are capped/limited at 150-175 participants due to facility capacity • Price increases for lifeguards (provided by YMCA)
3.	**Near-term needs for baseball/softball:** • Proactive plan with plenty of warning to replace the fields used at Community Circle and Allison Steele (8 fields) • If they can expand and get a couple additional fields too that would be great (10 fields total) • Location agnostic in terms of where in Schertz these fields go, need ample parking and preferably restrooms. Ashley Park was brought up as an example park that has the ideal setup for fields, BVYA plans to identify additional parks in the City that would work as well.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
	• Would need signage to reserve fields for their times, but can be open to use publicly at other times • Better backstops, what they have now works but they are somewhat piecemealed • Lighted fields could allow them to add a 3rd practice time slot, and need less fields
4.	**Thulemeyer Park Feedback:** • Lighting system is old, they replace bulbs but many of the light poles/fixtures don't work anymore (used to have 8 poles per field, some are gone/have blown over in wind, etc) • Needs new fences, dugouts, lighting and more equipment storage. • Main park bathroom needs to be updated. • It would be a dream to upgrade it to something similar to the game fields over off of Schertz Parkway (Johnie McDow?) → more GOOD practice space with lights and potentially more game facilities • An inventory of unused and derelict buildings to be demolished would be useful
5.	**Big Dreams:** • A fully lit baseball/softball complex – upgrades to Thulemeyer? • Indoor facility with 5-6 gymnasiums, HQ/office space, and storage • Additional outdoor pool facility • Have looked at adding flag football to offerings, it's an issue of having the space, potential for a partnership with Under Armour • Like the idea of offering eSports; could be a part of the indoor facility noted above? • Potential other sports to consider include pickleball or tennis, which are large active communities there

Schertz Youth Soccer Alliance (SYSA) | May 23, 2024

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	**General Parks Notes:** • Individual park offerings are nice • Would like to see more connectivity between the park facilities and destinations via trails; longer trail loops and trailheads, San Antonio is a good example • Some of the parks could use some updating, they like the new landscape at Veterans Plaza. Would like to see more lighting in parks overall. • Appreciate that the parks allow the City to feel more green and like "not every space is taken up with something" • Generally feel that Schertz has better parks compared to other cities in the region, specifically noted easy access and good maintenance • Some of the smaller parks could be better utilized, specifically some of the pocket parks • SYSA gets asked by other orgs to use their fields for football, football fields may be a noted need within the Schertz sports community • Would like to see more fishing opportunities
2.	**Noted SYSA Facility Strengths:** • High utilization – hosts 329 games in one tournament, will host 12 tourneys this year, this is beyond the regular season games • The facility is a great location regionally, one of the best facilities of its type in the region • Best concessions in Texas! • SYSA is not a grant-available org itself, but the individual member orgs can apply for grants • Adjacent Lions Pride Park is a member org of SYSA and will partner with SYSA for big tourneys, SYSA can lease their fields and parking for overflow
3.	**Noted SYSA Facility Issues:** • People park across the street on private property, which has not been an issue with the property owner but that may change with expected future development • Lack of shade • Loose balls going into adjacent properties • The irrigation system is a constant maintenance issue, especially with recent extreme weather, this has major budget impacts • Walking areas can get muddy after rain • Limited capacity for winter trouneys, due to lack of lighting

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
4.	**SYSA Facility Needs (generally in priority order):** • More lighting is their #1 priority, would love to be able to offer night games • Irrigation is another very high priority, needs to be upgraded and weatherized against freezing temps to avoid continued costly repairs • More parking, additional land or potentially a parking garage to preserve ground space, especially for tournaments • Team benches, shade canopies over benches on the full-size fields • Walking paths; both a recreational walking loop around the fields as well as enhanced pathways in the highly trafficked areas between fields • Fields need general dirt, levelling and grass work • Storage building with garage doors • Catch nets to block balls from going into adjacent properties • Enhanced building facility would be welcome, amenities could include: ○ Upgraded electrical, HVAC, and WiFi systems; solar panels to reduce electricity costs ○ More seating and tables for guests, some shaded, possibly misters ○ Upgraded bathrooms, with non-slip surfaces for cleats ○ Indoor air-conditioned seating area for guests to cool off ○ Conference room and office area for tournaments, referee lounge separated from guests – could be in a second story ○ *Do not* need locker rooms, that is just more maintenance • Could use 1 or 2 turf fields. Dream would be to have a true championship stadium, could incorporate some of the amenities noted above • Overall, SYSA is very maintenance conscious, all facility upgrades and enhancements should be as low-maintenance as possible

Trails Advocates & Master Naturalists | June 27, 2024

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	**Future Vision/Priorities and Big Ideas:** • Have opportunities to experience natural settings/real nature, keep certain parks as natural and pristine as possible • Educational opportunities; learning and education for kids and people new to the community, pass along generational knowledge • Balance and provide a variety of parks and recreational opportunities (passive, active, age- and ability-inclusive, improved, natural, etc.), doing so in a thoughtful and contextually appropriate way • More opportunities for smaller/frequent access to nature and parks; pocket parks, pollinator gardens, small underutilized sites where something more imaginative can happen. • Links – corridors that connect all the green spaces together; for people and wildlife • Increase Parks and Rec Dept budget to ensure balance, continue and expand what they're doing • People (community and City staff) need to understand how parks can be the solution to a variety of the City's problems/priorities; parks as a way to be a proactive and cost-saving solution
2.	**Strengths & Unique Assets:** • The City still has some natural land: this is unique compared to nearby communities, needs to be preserved, it's a precious resource that can't be restored once it's gone. These areas are a resource for wildlife, which have increasingly less space • The community is highly supportive of preservation efforts, the cultural relevance is there in Schertz • The City's aggressive tree ordinance has been successful • Crescent Bend Nature Park is (CBNP) a true jewel • Youth sports programs and facilities are some of the best in the region • Parks and Rec Dept is doing a good job ○ Provides a good balance between all offerings, everyone has plenty of things they can participate in ○ The magazine provides good information to the community ○ Parks Dept has been improving over the last 10 years

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
	• Cibolo Creek is an underutilized asset: natural springs, real opportunity, fishing; needs some clean up, more access.
3.	**Opportunities and Needs:** • For CBNP: ○ Has 3-4 specific ecosystems, it would be great to differentiate and highlight those within the park with education for each area ○ The pathways along Cibolo Creek are informal, improve those for better access to the creek ○ Education pavilion, minimalistic ○ Keep this park natural • Clean up invasives, especially in CBNP and along Cibolo Creek • Education; in-person programs and signage in parks/along trails • Water quality concerns with continued development • More bicycle and pedestrian connections, especially between parks and natural spaces, extension of the trail network • Pools are dated and needs improvement • Add other water elements in parks, such as splash pads; free to use, include water conservation elements • Stewardship programs: partner with community members, local orgs, higher ed, businesses, and ISD (potential HS credit); encourage/support more groups like Friends of CBNP • More interpretive signage in parks and along trails: a relatively easy/cheap thing that can be done; focus on topics like highlighting specimen trees, local plants and wildlife, pollinators • Access to the pond at Heritage Oaks, fishing pier • Shaded playgrounds • Group fitness classes in parks • Frisbee golf, maybe at Pickrell Park
4.	**General Notes** • Natural surface trails are user preference trend • All fishing should be catch and release only, not edible • Note that this is not an unbiased group in this meeting, make sure this feedback is being balanced with other community input • Work to break down silos between City depts, more collaboration between depts to find collaboration and common interest/alignment – can lead to lots of possibilities, smaller scale opportunities • This plan needs to provide specific objectives and outcomes to help get grants and increase community support for parks funding/spending

Schertz Senior Center | May 22, 2024

No stakeholder/user participants showed up to the meeting, the Director of the Center chatted briefly with us, but FNI did not make the presentation or facilitate the planned discussion. One set of users did stop in, but did not want to stay for the presentation/discussion, their concerns were related to pickleball and are noted below.

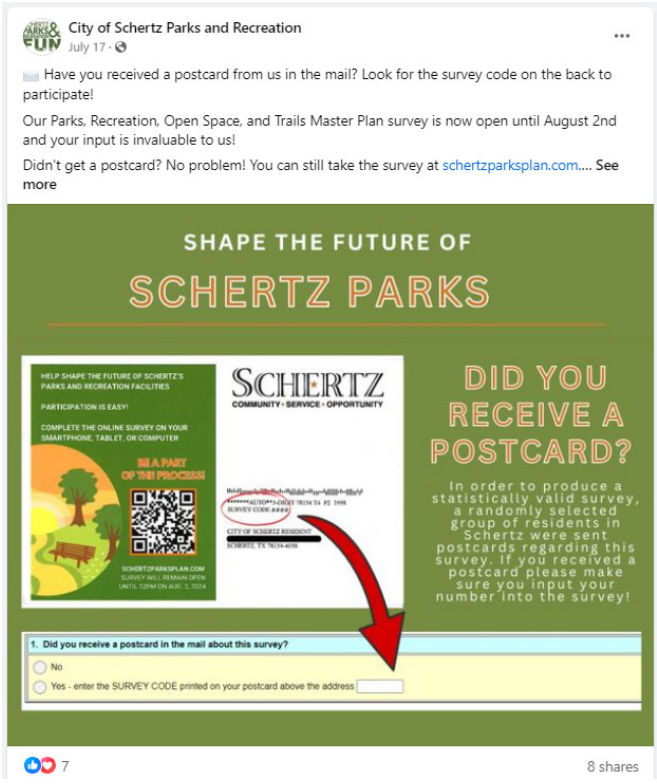
ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1.	**Pickleball:** • Wondering what is happening with the provision of pickleball, were informed by Staff of the progress on adding lines to some parks with nets available to rent. They were satisfied with that answer and left. • FNI/Staff discussed options for potentially providing designated times when the nets could be set up and available for use, so that people don't have to come in and rent them, set up, and takedown themselves.
2.	**Discussion with the Director:** • Her "big wish" is for everyone to get along – *how can parks play a role in that?* • Most users of the Center are pretty satisfied with the programs and offerings • Users come to the Center for socialization, generally have their own agenda/plan • Most users access the center via driving themselves, ART (?) bus, or family brings them and drops them off • Garden is going great, working on getting more facilitators for related programming such as planting, cooking and nutrition • YMCA is about to start a year-long diabetes program, including healthy eating habits • Free lunch program, seniors only (defined as 60+ by the AACOG program that funds it, but the Center serves 50+ so the City covers the cost for those that are not considered "reimbursable" by AACOG). Utilizes a large indoor area where everyone eats together (cannot take the food off site) – *would there be any interest in an outdoor eating aera?* • They take fieldtrips, such as an upcoming trip to Gruene. *Might need to ask follow up on what types of amenities at local parks would make them more desirable to use for Center field trips.*

PUBLIC OUTREACH

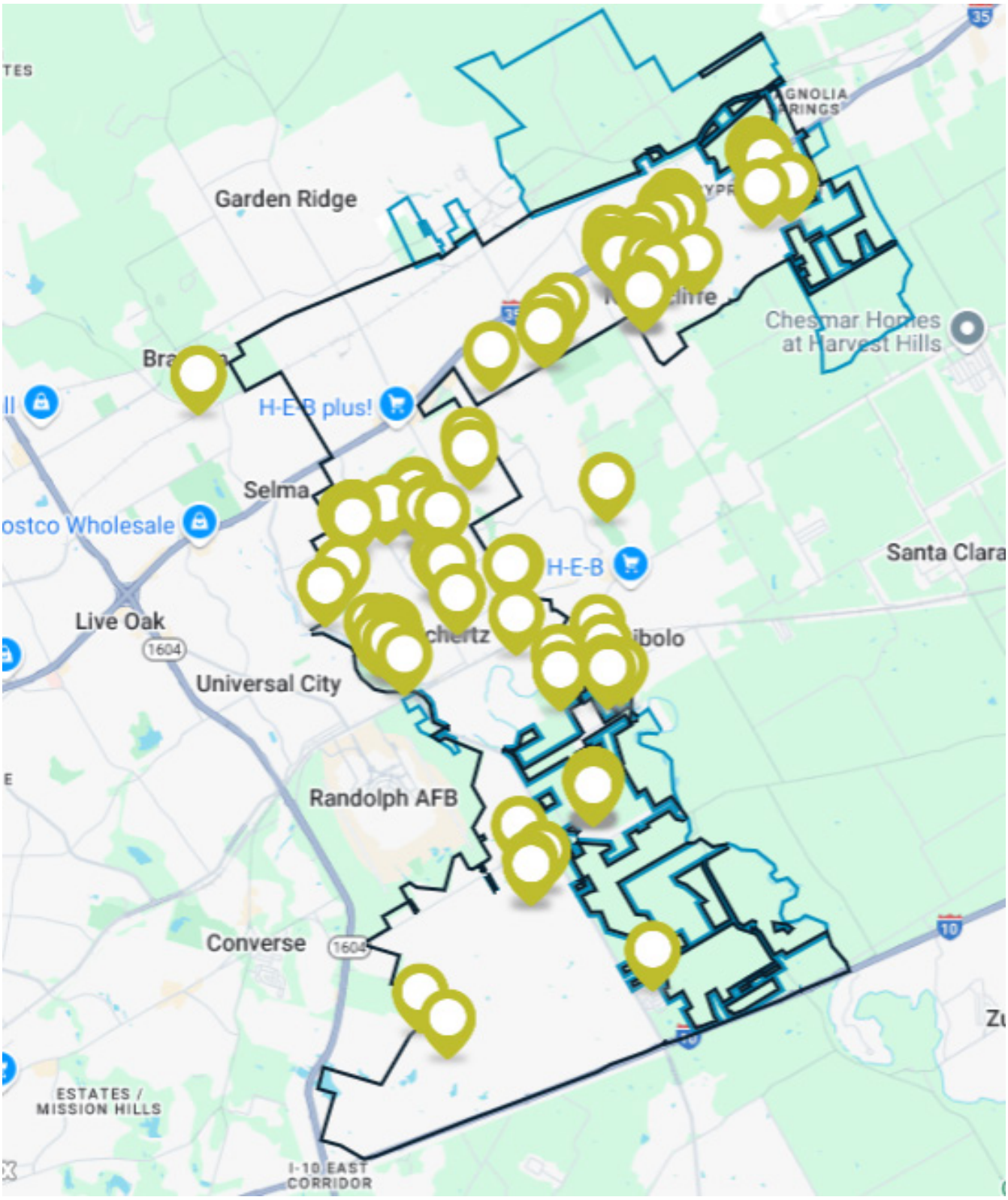
The planning process included a variety of public engagement opportunities to allow community input to help shape the Plan. The responses from the Community Survey and Online Mapping Tool are included in this section.







ONLINE MAPPING RESPONSES



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1	We really enjoy the green space behind our home. It's a great habitat for wildlife and a buffer for the interstate road noise.	6034 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.631	-98.222	0	0	0	0
2	The former golf course should be used for trails, sports fields, green space preservation, wildlife protection--all desperately needed with the rapid residential & commercial development in the area--before the available land is gone!	Northcliffe Golf Course, 5301 Country Club Blvd, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.625	-98.228	0	0	0	0
3	This empty space could have a kids playground, splash pad, benches etc	13218 Hallie Glade, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.498	-98.226	0	0	0	0
4	Pool with slide,volleyball court,movie in park,tennis court.	3 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	0	0	0	0
5	Pool,volleyball,movie in park	3 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	0	0	0	0
6	Pool,volleyball court	3 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	0	0	0	0
7	Would love to see some toddler friendly equipment at this park when developed.	5701 Ty Lindstrom, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.621	-98.217	0	0	0	0
8	Please enforce no cars and parking inside the park perhaps with sinage that is more clear or effective barriers. I was informed the fence was put around the park to protect children from traffic however when people decide to park inside the park you can't let your child run freely as they should for concern of moving vehicles.	Schertz Pool, 1 1988, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.553	-98.278	0	0	0	0

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9	Good little park. Great shade. Could probably use a little more upkeep. Kids could not stay to play because the play structure was covered in ants and many cobwebs.	11700 Long Leaf Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.516	-98.248	0	0	0	0
10	More shaded seating - benches and tables	1231 Borgfeld Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.567	-98.254	0	0	0	0
11	This is such a nice natural area with big trees. Could this property be acquired for potential walking trails for the city? But leave it as wooded as possible.	1505 Green Valley Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.589	-98.264	0	1	1	1
12	I'm a resident of Belmont Park. We keep hearing about the city wanting to use our neighborhood walking trails to connect other citywide trails. I would greatly oppose this idea unless the city commits to contributing money and resources for the upkeep of the trails and other features along these trails (picnic tables, benches, playground equipment, etc.). All of these were funded and are managed through our neighborhood HOA dues. If made accessible as a citywide trail, usage would surely increase. People not living in this neighborhood may not be as motivated to maintain these amenities that we greatly value here and that concerns me.	2600 Cloverbrook Lane, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.613	-98.245	0	0	0	0

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13	I read that the part of warbler woods that has been sold to Schertz to become a new park will have "open spaces." I am greatly disappointed if that's the case. This region is losing its natural areas SO rapidly, and we desperately need to preserve natural, wooded areas for what little wildlife we are able to protect and to create shaded walking trails. While the city is adding walking trails, many are along roads or under power lines and in the blazing sun. It's far too hot here most of the year to really enjoy such trails.	627 Dean Road, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.609	-98.247	0	0	0	0
14	Is there a way to connect these parks with a trail and to larger Schertz/Cibolo trail system?	12479 Lake View Drive, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.556	-98.237	0	0	0	0
15	I really don't see anyone using this park	3175 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.280	0	0	0	0
16	Work with UC/Selma to connect to parks and trails toward San Antonio trail system.	49 Maske Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.563	-98.293	0	0	0	0
17	Work with Cibolo to connect to their Town Creek trail to take folks from Great Northern Trail to Steele HS/ HEB/Downtown Cibolo.	19021 Old Wiederstein Road, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.608	-98.248	0	0	0	0
18	Trail connection to EVO and HEB?	2505 Pillory Pointe, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.611	-98.248	0	0	0	0
19	Would love the trail along this creek (East Dietz?) to connect up to Ripps Kreusler and down to Elbel and FM 78 in coordination with Cibolo.	3424 Estates Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.587	-98.263	0	1	1	1

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20	Add library services to the city's North Community Center.	3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.620	-98.224	0	0	0	0
21	Continuation of linear park along the abandoned "Lazar Pkwy" right of way	Ivy Pond, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.486	-98.268	0	0	0	0
22	Linear Park in the "Lazar Pkwy" abandoned right of way near The Reserve @ Schertz and Laura Heights Estates	7117 Sheila Pond, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.490	-98.273	0	0	0	0
23	Need better mosquito control in this park , or fix some of the low areas that cause standing water	608 Bison Lane, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.581	-98.235	0	0	0	0
24	Replace outdated and unused gazebo with more playground equipment	905 Woodland Oaks Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	1	1	1
25	We love that we have a park near our house but there are some problems with it. Ashley Park absolutely has no shade for the equipment, there is limited equipment for kids to play on, and the mulch around the equipment is old and a breeding place for bugs. When I see pictures of the parks around town, Ashley Park seems to be a forgotten park. :(	2568 Cove Trail, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	0	1	1	1
26	Add lighting along the trail and on the basketball court, soccer field, playground and in the parking lot of the park.	9876 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	1	1	1
27	Add a fence around the play ground	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	0	0	0	0

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28	pool or splash pad	10046 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.237	0	1	1	1
29	Add. better grass in the soccer field area. There are to many little rock's in the hard dirt.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
30	A splash pad or a pool would be a nice addition to the park.	10046 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	1	1	2	0
31	Covered picnic tables would be a great addition to Cypress Point Park!	5526 Cypress Point, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.639	-98.203	0	0	0	0

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32	This a moderate income family community surrounded by schools. Rose Garden, Ray Corbett, Founders, Heritage, Schertz Elementary, Sam Clemens, etc. Most people live here for the schools, because this is the best ISD. There are more than enough places for old people and dog owners to go out into thick country and have a good time away from other people. The rest of us with kids, would love a splash pad or way to stay cool in our remote community. It's hard to entertain kids and stay cool over summer break. They need more reasons to play outside in their own neighborhood. During the summer we can't use the playground, soccer field or basketball court because it's too hot. A large splash pad would be worth all the money we're paying the city and HOA! :D All the kids are going to grow up and add to this community someday. The cranky old people with dogs, who don't like kids, won't be here…	9864 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.527	-98.238	0	1	1	1
33	Recreation facility that includes a branch library for residents of north Schertz	4913 Wedgewood Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.621	-98.227	0	0	0	0
34	We would love to have a slash pad here being that we are so far out from the rest of town	10009 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	0	2	2	2

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35	Let's create a awesome facility in this area for recreation AND library services! This area of Schertz is sorely in need of easier access to both types of services and they could be co-located in one building.	3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.620	-98.224	0	1	1	1
36	The old golf course should remain green space. We hope the city will work with us as we do our best to work within the confines of it currently being privately owned. Help us preserve our nature!!! It is the responsible thing to do for the environment, native species, and humans!	3417 Sherwin Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.623	-98.231	0	2	2	2
37	This pond is one of the most beautiful parts of our neighborhood. It should be preserved out of respect for the environment, species, and for the humans that live here too.	6112 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	4	4	4
38	Sand volleyball	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
39	Just "discovered" this beautiful park in South Schertz. It has a large pond, but could use some access... perhaps a small fishing pier.	3216 Pencil Cholla, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.516	-98.248	0	0	0	0
40	Would love to get a better hoop for the basketball court and a cover for the court with lights. Youth have to wait until the end of the day in the summer (or most of the year) to play, but then there isn't enough daylight. It's hot out there! Maybe a water fountain as well.	9959 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.239	0	0	0	0

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41	As others have mentioned, I think a large splash pad would do absolute wonders for Pickerell! The pool is nice but a splash pad would be incredible! Also, shade covers over the playgrounds! We love to come to the park but during the summer, we get an hour of play at best until it's too hot.	503 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.553	-98.278	0	0	0	0
42	I would love to see more toddler/new walker activities at this park! We love the library and love to play at the playground, but it doesn't lend itself to the smaller guys!	629 Westchester Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.561	-98.266	0	1	1	1
43	We love this park but don't like how it's almost completely surrounded by busy roads. We'd feel better as parents of a small child, if there was a fence around it or at least on the Woodland Oaks Drive side!	905 Woodland Oaks Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	1	1	1
44	I have never seen the splash pad open. It is always down for maintenance. I thought it was new but it is always closed.	4318 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.616	-98.228	0	0	0	0
45	I would love to see this area updated with walking and bicycling trails, like a nature preserve or a park area similar to Landa Park. It is easily accessible to the highway which could make it usable to a greater amount of people in the area.	5713 Fairways Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.625	-98.235	0	5	5	5

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46	I cannot think of a better use for this piece of land than to make it a community space that can be enjoyed by the surrounding neighborhoods, communities and visitors to Schertz. The vision: Fishing pond, wildlife area, walking trails, biking trails, maybe even equestrian trails, playground, clean restrooms, covered pavillion (for community events), preserving and repurposing the existing buildings (maybe renting space to an ice cream shop/ restaurant/ bar/ bakery for the enjoyment of those visiting the park)… the possibilities are really endless. A portion could also be used as an ag barn or community garden. Liberty Park in Inverness Florida would be a great park to draw inspiration from!	316 Sunset Ridge, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.576	-98.287	0	0	0	0
47	Not only is this former golf course critical habitat for all sorts of native wildlife, it is also critical for flood control. From the pond to the drainage area that funnels water off the streets and land into the creek. This side of Schertz has very little public green space as it is and even though this land is privately owned, it is currently not zoned and should kept that way. Outside owners/ developers took that chance when they purchased it and the City of Schertz must preserve our own city by controlling the zoning. Please don't allow outside entities dictate what happens to our city.	6058 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.222	0	2	2	2

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48	Please keep this area natural! It is a beautiful area for all ages to enjoy and just meander around the quiet area!	3804 Columbia, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.222	0	3	3	3
49	This is home to many kinds of wildlife and provides drainage for this area. Would make great nature trails along with the trail that will be out in along electrical lines.	5705 Pelican Hill, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.627	-98.225	0	1	1	1
50	I'd love to see some public pickleball courts or tennis courts and Ashley Park has great flat space to do that.	3 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.274	0	2	2	2
51	Northcliffe Golf Course should become a trail!	3301 Sherwin Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.621	-98.233	0	5	5	5
52	This space is home to 81 documented bird species. https://ebird.org/hotspot/L25223965	6116 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	3	3	3
53	This space is home to 146 species of birds documented so far. https://ebird.org/hotspot/L23112494	5021 Whisper Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.623	-98.230	0	5	5	5
54	Green space!! Keep it green please. Schertz is going to be seriously struggling for water and green in a year or two. We need to preserve some of our long established green spaces.	5024 Eagle Valley, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.622	-98.233	0	5	5	5

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55	This is hole 7 of the old golf course. The "run off" ditch runs between 7-8-2-3. The ditch takes all the water run off from many neighborhoods, and flows all the way to Cibolo Creek. Would cost developers millions of dollars just to reroute enormous amounts of water from area. Then to build on low lying areas would be worthless. Parks, Greenway, walking paths are what Schertz, Cibolo needs.. Not apartments on an old established single family neighborhoods..	5116 Eagle Valley, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.623	-98.235	0	6	6	6
56	Beautiful green space that me and my family love to walk along.	3325 Sherwin Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.621	-98.232	0	5	5	5
57	Add a multi purpose park here. Keep it green.	3421 Mayfair Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.623	-98.228	0	4	4	4
58	Add some senior friendly exercise equipment and expand the walkway to encompass the play area also.	4601 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.616	-98.228	0	0	0	0
59	Wishing for a bike trail or sidewalk along 1518 from Schertz Main Street to Highway 35.	1220 Fm 1518, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.556	-98.283	0	0	0	0
60	Can the city please repaint the Bike Lane along Oak Street? It's almost completely gone or invisible	901 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.556	-98.279	0	0	0	0
61	Gutierrez Park is so relaxing and peaceful.	1231 Borgfeld Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.567	-98.254	0	0	0	0

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62	There aren't many places left around our neighborhood that aren't going to be developed. The pond is a beautiful spot for the kids,wildlife, and tranquility. Please leave our little pond alone	6112 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	3	3	3
63	Add a dog park please!	5703 Devonwood Street, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.640	-98.206	0	0	0	0
64	Add a pool to this community.	5703 Devonwood Street, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.640	-98.206	0	1	1	1
65	Keep this area a green space!	5100 Eagle Valley, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.622	-98.234	0	5	5	5
66	Please leave this area a green space. I love the idea of a frisbee course and open space. This is a long time habitat for many animals and birds.	5024 Eagle Valley, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.622	-98.233	0	5	5	5

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67	Although my property is not directly adjacent to the natural drainage area and pond in this area, maintaining the green space and pond will provide a pleasing view from my back yard as opposed to having to install a privacy fence if further development is approved for the area. The area directly behind my property has a paved path in place from the golf course and is used by people as a walking trail. It would be nice to maintain that trail as it is safe for people and pets since it is away from normal traffic patterns. My request is that the property adjacent to the green space and pond be developed into a park type setting for residents to enjoy. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input into this process.	3795 Pebble Beach, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.224	0	2	2	2
68	I believe it is important to maintain green space where ever possible. Preserving the green space, the natural drainage and the pond in this location provides benefits to the local residents and migratory birds and other animals that benefit from the water source provided by the pond.	6074 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.222	0	1	1	1
69	HUGE improvement from Fall 2022 when this park was a health hazard of dog feces. Though this is a PUBLIC NEIGHBORHOOD'S responsibility to CLEAN UP after their own dogs, the city seems to be assisting with the matter. Thank you!	4601 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.615	-98.228	0	0	0	0

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70	Bastard Cabbage - an invasive non-native weed- has proliferated to the extent that the native wildflowers are almost gone. The Parks and Rec department should make a concerted removal effort.	12043 Crooked Tree Rd Rd, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.548	-98.235	0	0	0	0
71	Keep this pond and all of the old golf course natural. We need this green space!	6112 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.222	0	4	4	4
72	Increase maintenance of the existing ball fields. The Schertz ballpark is great but public can't use without permission. This use to be a good spot but it's in desperate need of repair and updates.	901 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.556	-98.280	0	0	0	0
73	Please leave this pond alone. It is part of the drainage area for our neighborhood, a habitat for many different plants and animals, and a very nice place to walk. A park can be created, leaving the pond alone. Thank you.	5100 Columbia, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	5	5	5
74	Greenspace for the animals. Please don't disturb it. Thank You.	6082 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	3	3	3
75	Please do NOT destroy our pond. We enjoy the birds turtles and wild life to that area. We the people want it to stay.	6050 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.631	-98.221	0	2	2	2
76	Please do not destroy, change, eradicate, develop over this pond! This is a much needed natural space, source of drainage, and home to native and traveling birds and other creatures.	6112 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	5	5	5

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77	Please keep the pond. It is a beautiful spot we like to take walks thru. The ducks have lived there for years. Please no more concrete or buildings. Lets keep some country life in the country.	6082 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.222	0	4	4	4
78	I love these ponds in the green space. They have never gone dry so, they have to be natural. The frogs, turtles, birds are a wonder to watch. I have also seen deer, opossums, and raccoons. Please save our green space and ponds the animals and our neighborhood needs this space.	5024 Eagle Valley, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.622	-98.233	0	1	1	1
79	Living right off 35 has its limitations on viewing nature up close. This needs to be preserved. So many of us enjoy the space.	6112 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	5	5	5
80	I would suggest addressing the drainage issues definitely and improving the grass area which is currently all weeds. It might be nice to include native plants around the walking trail or pollinator plants even. It would also be nice to have more shade trees along the path and/ or in the open area with picnic tables and benches. An enclosed basketball court might make for a versatile multi-use court with retractable nets for other court sports as well.	9882 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
81	Would like to see a gaga ball pit built for the Woodland Oaks park. Monkey bars would be a fun addition too.	2705 Cotton King, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	1	1	1

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82	Like the parks.hoping you can spruce up the parkway. Put compost / dirt on the medium clean out/replace the dead remains of some of the trees but by vehicles maybe make it a city event to do the medium ???	2501 Star Light Lane, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.576	-98.269	0	0	0	0
83	Would like more walking trails around nature/open space areas instead of only parks with equipment.	1222 Borgfeld Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.566	-98.255	0	0	0	0
84	Would like to have more benches or seating options.	1231 Borgfeld Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.566	-98.254	0	0	0	0
85	This pond area and location should be saved as green space or open space for people to enjoy. We see many people young and old using this natural and beautiful location for recreational purposes.	6078 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	2	2	2
86	I been living in this neighborhood for 11 years. Me and my kids have enjoyed this area from moment the golf course was shut down. Now that I am a newly grandmother it felt special strolling the baby around this area. Please keep this area green so we can build more memories.	3804 Columbia, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.222	0	4	4	4
87	It is such a peaceful view that we enjoy as elders. Seeing families gathering together and seeing the little ones playing with each other. For us it is very soothing and reassuring that there will be a very special place for people to enjoy for years to come.	6066 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	4	4	4

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88	Please maintain this pond and surrounding area as green space or open space. This is such a great area for our community to enjoy and it should be preserved. People are using this area on a daily basis to walk their children and pets, to fish and enjoy as families, to play and relax.	6086 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	4	4	4
89	The Library park desperately needs more shaded areas. The playground equipment gets too hot to use for most of the day during summer months. My kids only last 15 minutes before they are done; Compared to the Stage stop park, which the majority is covered, they can play for hours.	Schertz Texas Playground, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.561	-98.266	0	5	5	5
90	This would be a great park if it had a little bit more to do. A few items that have broken were not replaced and the see saws are hard to use. I LOVE the shade a new swings, an accessible swing would be a cool addition. This is a great spot to add a couple of pickleball courts as well. Or even a disc golf course!	5524 Eckhardt Road, Cibolo, Texas 78132, United States	29.639	-98.203	0	2	2	2
91	Cypress Point Park-speed bumps on Eckhard Rd by the park, better fencing, a splash pad, monkey bars, more benches with shade, and A Free Little Library.	5526 Cypress Point, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.639	-98.203	0	1	1	1
92	A play ground would come in handy for the unused open field. It's normally not maintained, so a playground, preferably a basketball court would enhanced the beauty within the area.	11631 Chalk Stem, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.520	-98.253	0	0	0	0

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93	We want this area behind our homes to remain an open/ green space. The pond in this location provides a beautiful and perfect spot for people, pets and wildlife to intermingle. Please do all you can to preserve this space for many to enjoy for years to come!	6074 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	1	5	6	4
94	Dreaming, a large community center, with gym, courts, indoor pools, 1 for adults 1 for children with water playground.	901 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.556	-98.280	0	0	0	0
95	A forest playground, wooden structure, a sand box for kids. Access to the shallow part of the creek would be nice for kids to explore, sand with river rocks	12126 Crooked Tree Rd Rd, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.549	-98.235	0	1	1	1
96	Possibly* a pool	905 Woodland Oaks Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	0	0	0
97	Possible a pool	905 Woodland Oaks Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	1	0	1	-1
98	This basketball court is run down and not maintained with a old gazebo that would be nicer with minor repairs to refresh and some outlets and public barbecue pits for outside gatherings	2713 Cotton King, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	2	2	2
99	This would be a great spot for a tennis court. There are no public tennis courts in the area.	2473 Grove Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.577	-98.272	0	4	4	4

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100	Pls add coverings to the playground equipment. The plastic gets to hot during the summer. Most other playgrounds have coverings, so don't be a cheapo city, please.	4601 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.615	-98.228	0	1	1	1
101	Expand water park or make a pool. Make some exercise stations	4318 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.616	-98.229	0	2	2	2
102	The basketball court should remain as it is used daily. The playground equipment needs to be updated There needs to be lighting as there is nothing there except pavilion on the mo this it gets dark early. Live to see the field turned into a fun such as a pickleball court interactive playground with benches for parents to be able to sit and watch their kids. The walking trail is used a lot so I wouldn't remove it	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	1	2	3	1
103	This park doesn't have street lights and is not safe when the sun goes down. In the winter time this means we aren't able to utilize the park after 5-6pm	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
104	Would love to see a disc golf course in a Schertz park!	5059 Top Ridge Lane, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.633	-98.204	0	1	1	1
105	needs a public restroom.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	1	1	1
106	I would recommend adding a tennis court that can serve both Tennis and Pickleball. This would give residence more options besides basketball and field sports.	9882 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0

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107	The city needs to look at the drainage for this park. During rainstorms the park floods in some areas and the stale water attracts mosquitos.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
108	Recommend adding benches around the walkway and around the field to allow member to sit down and enjoy the park.	9882 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	2	2	2
109	I would recommend they replace the metal open fence to something solid. Children at the park tend to throw rocks at the house next door. Having a higher solid fence would prevent those type of issues.	10046 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	0	0	0	0
110	Recommend adding lights to illuminate the Rhine Valley Park sign. You cannot see the sign during the evening and would boost park appeal.	9959 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.239	0	0	0	0
111	The pavillion light is aways on. There is no timer or sensor that turns the lights off.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	0	0	0	0
112	Need to fix grass and holes in the park.	9882 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	1	1	1
113	Need to add lights around the walkway for safety and to allow residence to use the park. Most residence will use the walkway in the evenings during the summer so having light will allow more people to enjoy the park during the hottest times of the year.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	1	1	1

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114	Need to upgrade drainage (storm drain) next to the park. Not sure if this is the responsibility of the HOA or the city. During rain, the water is backed up because there is dirt and the vegetation at the end of the storm drain blocks the water. The concrete storm drain has to be extended to connect with the other storm drain to allow for water to flow correctly.	10046 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	0	2	2	2
115	Needs lights around walking trail to allow residence to talk in the evenings or early mornings. Additionally, the parking lot needs lights for safety and security. There have been numerous times late at night cars would park in the parking lot with their lights off. With this city park being in the middle of a neighborhood there needs to be some form of security since the park at night is really dark.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	0	0	0	0
116	It would be nice if heritage oaks had public bathroom access	8522 Greaves Lane, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.513	-98.251	0	0	0	0
117	A park for walking with a fenced in area for dogs would greatly benefit our Kensington Ranch subdivision residents please! Thanks J Stewart	390 Savannah Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.576	-98.289	0	1	1	1

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118	Bathrooms, lights, and more walking/running/biking trails. We need to encourage healthy outdoor activities all around Schertz and not just in the heart of Schertz, those of us living off 1518 would like more stuff in our area as well. Not all of us in Rhine Valley have little kids a fair amount of us have older kids, adult kids and we ourselves want safe places to be in nature.	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	1	3	4	2
119	Would be nice if there was a basketball court or a volleyball court or tennis court.	4835 Park Leaf, Marion, Texas 78124, United States	29.634	-98.198	0	0	0	0
120	Please add a pool here.	5721 Cypress Point, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.640	-98.204	0	1	1	1
121	Bathrooms, a splash pad, and swings	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	3	1	4	-2
122	It would be nice if you added a small splash pad to cypress point park. Especially since the summer heat is brutal and continues to get worse every year.	5526 Cypress Point, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.638	-98.203	1	1	2	0
123	Please consider a splash pad for rhine valley park. We are far from any places for our children to cool off in the summer time	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.529	-98.238	3	2	5	-1
124	Beautiful park.this is my go to park thats close by.	12516 Crescent Bend Dr Dr, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.552	-98.236	0	1	1	1

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125	A water fountain with a dog attachment would be great. It's Texas summer.. it's hot.. The Park (Heritage Oaks 11700 Longleaf pkwy) is inside a sub division. I'm certain the HOA would let you attach to their water lines if need be.	8522 Greaves Lane, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.513	-98.251	0	1	1	1
126		Antarctica	-76.729	-103.360	0	0	0	0
127	WHAT THE SIGMA	2576 Cove Trail, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.579	-98.275	0	0	0	0
128	Add a skatepark,please be better than the one near the ball park	2560 Cove Trail, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.274	0	0	0	0
129	Wendy Swan Memorial Park Splash Pad When I moved to Whisper Meadow 3 years ago one of my criteria was to have a neighborhood pool. Found a great house and saw there was a pool at Wendy Swan, unfortunately it never opened. Instead it was closed and replaced with the splash pad. Really wish we had a pool instead, my kiddos have outgrown splash pads, we would use the pool more. Otherwise, we've enjoyed the neighborhood.	4314 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.615	-98.228	0	2	2	2
130	Lone Oak Park, I'd like to see some changes to this park for the children in the neighborhood and make a place for them to play sports and possibly have some sort of playground.	100 Valley Oak, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.557	-98.254	0	1	1	1
131	Hike and bike trails along Cibolo Creek across city limits IH10 to IH35 and continue Eastward and Westward	Private Road, San Antonio, Texas 78266, United States	29.600	-98.319	0	0	0	0

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132	A splash pad would be awesome . A soft park for toddlers would be appreciated for example (woodchase park in Houston) we loved it on our last trip there. & shade of the playscapes this summer heat has those slides burning up	503 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.553	-98.278	1	3	4	2
133	Having a splash pad in Pickrell park would greatly benefit the community. To me this park seems to get neglected a lot but has great potential.	909 Fm 1518, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.553	-98.280	1	1	2	0

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134	Cibolo Farms could be purchased and reserved as a green space for recreational and educational purposes. This Land contains a pond that is supposedly fed by an aquifer that is unique to this area. Preservation of that aquifer and fishing pond is very important to the diverse wildlife in this area. An aquifer channel running below the property should be preserved and researched. These 40+acres that are currently for sale are also conveniently located right by the future Dietz trails that are being added. Having those walking trails along side a park / green space area would be a great addition to Schertz. With the recent attempt from a developer to build apartments on this property, the city should be aware of the challenges this property faces. Being surrounded by established neighborhoods, the city obtaining this land makes sense for maintaining the quality of life in the area. Since a portion of this land is in the Accident Potential area for JBSA, preserving that area is a service to the military as well.	3327 E Fm 1518 N, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.575	-98.287	0	7	7	7
135	Where it makes sense, it would be nice to have an amphitheater-type park space for movies and concerts in the park.	703 Oak Street, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.555	-98.279	0	1	1	1

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136	It would be fun to have an archery range. I don't know if this is an ideal spot (it can be moved around if needed - I'm just going based on logistics[?]). I would love to see more archery opportunities, especially for adults since it seems that there are plenty of archery opportunities for kids and elders.	75 Maske Road, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.566	-98.289	1	0	1	-1
137	Please budget to add on to the so-called skatepark which is so inferior for this city. Visit other skateparks to see how to improve this area for kids. Schertz never got past phase 1. What happened to phase 2?	820 Community Circle, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.568	-98.270	0	2	2	2
138	Would love a splash pad! This park has so much unused area and a lot of potential. The playground is basic, in need of mulch. Would love to see improvements all around for the community to enjoy	534 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	1	8	9	7
139	These 43 acres (former equestrian farm) could be made into a beautiful park that would benefit the community and could be accessed by all of the surrounding areas via the trail system.	316 Sunset Ridge, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.576	-98.287	0	4	4	4
140	Would love to see this area expanded. More than just walking paths and skate park phases. Something for all ages preferred.	820 Community Circle, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.568	-98.270	0	0	0	0

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141	Cypress Point Park - the small fence that runs along the park by Eckhardt Rd needs to be more substantial in length and height. Traffic speeds by on Eckhardt all day long and a vehicle could easily go thru the existing fence and plow into the playground. Also, speed bumps on Cypress Point road in front of the park would be an added benefit to the safety of those enjoying the playground equipment.	5508 Eckhardt Road, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.639	-98.203	0	2	2	2
142	Needs work on invasive species like bastard cabbage so the native wildflowers can flourish in the spring. An updated bathroom would be nice. No dogs should be allowed in the bird blinds. Professional Photographers should limit props-no balloons, etc.	12691 Schaefer Road, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.548	-98.233	0	2	2	2
143	Heritage oaks park needs a pickleball court!! One that is separate from the basketball court.	11800 Canopy Bend, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.514	-98.251	0	0	0	0
144	A three to four zone dog park. Area for large dogs, area for small dogs, training area and obstacles coarse. Multiple area entry area to keep dogs from getting away. New Braunfels Puppy Playland is a starter model.	Oakwood Lane, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.641	-98.205	0	4	4	4
145	Crescent Bend park is made more valuable thanks to the Friends Of Crescent Bend who fill bird feeders at the blinds among other things. Thank you! I agree that the emphasis should remain on nature. I hope never to see a swing set or soccer field!	Cibolo Creek Muncpl Authority Road, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.551	-98.245	0	4	4	4

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146	As I am the closest leaving I this area if all parks had the same care as we (the neighborhood) do to this area we all pitched in to look the best of them all.	6082 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	3	3	3
147	Would love to see the Walking Trails continue past 3009 to 1103.	Old Wiederstein Road, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.604	-98.259	0	2	2	2
148	Crescent Bend Nature Park. Wonderful park that has evolved considerably, in the right direction from the opening 12 years ago. The emphasis needs to remain on Nature, not an urban playscape park.	Cibolo Creek Muncpl Authority Road, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.548	-98.245	0	6	6	6
149	We back up to the Preserved Greenspace/Drainage in the Northcliffe area. We would like to see this space remain Greenspace/ Drainage. This space could provide a vital area that remains undeveloped and provide a needed space for wildlife and a buffer to overdevelopment as well as the main purpose of providing proper drainage.	6050 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.631	-98.221	0	10	10	10
150	This area needs to be saved as a green space. It is a natural drainage for our neighborhood. It is full of wildlife. Any development would disrupt nature.	6074 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.221	0	7	7	7
151	Large community with lots of dogs, need enclosed dog run at our park! Needs massive upgrades to the grass and cracked areas	9958 Mulhouse Drive, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.528	-98.238	4	1	5	-3
152	A trashcan located at the trail head would be a great addition	909 Fm 1518, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.553	-98.282	0	0	0	0

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153	Section of fence facing the fire station needs repairing as dogs are able to crawl under it and get out. Lighting and some more grass would be amazing as well. This dog park has a great community and most people who visit really try to take care of the park.	940 Community Circle, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.567	-98.268	0	1	1	1
154	I'm unsure whether the playground here is part of Schertz Parks, but I think it's the best playground for small children since it has all abilities equipment and is newer and up to current safety codes as far as heights/enclosed areas at heights, etc. I have comments about other parks that I wanted to add, and overall I think most of the playgrounds need to be updated with climbing/ slides equipment that meets current safety standards especially so that there are safe play areas for children under age 5. Additionally, something I love about Landa Park that would be a reasonable addition to some Schertz playgrounds are the double swings that can accommodate a young child (or adult) on a wide seat and an infant/toddler in a bucket seat on the other side.	431 East Aviation Boulevard, Universal City, Texas 78148, United States	29.550	-98.277	0	2	2	2
155	I really think Schertz is lacking covered pavilions (smaller than the one by the pool). This was a major reason I've chosen to hold celebration events at parks in neighboring cities. I Think it would be a good revenue generator for the city to have covered pavilion options at the larger parks that are near playgrounds, possible to add grills, and/or near the pool.	1980 Brooks Avenue, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.554	-98.279	0	2	2	2

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156	Ashley Park also really needs more mulch.	3 Ashley Park, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.275	0	2	2	2
157	I've only been to the new splash pad a couple of times last summer right after it opened, but I was disappointed that the paint had already peeled off the pavement. Also the second time we visited, the water was not working properly. We called maintenance and they did arrive promptly and fixed it. It's great to have a splash pad like this, I just hope it is maintained regularly when running during the summer months.	4601 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.615	-98.228	0	2	2	2
158	Schertz park by the library desperately needs more mulch. Spaces under the steps/tunnel on the baby Playscape (train) are almost 2 ft. Safety is compromised if mulch is not kept up at least annually - possibly 2x/yr with these hot summers breaking it down. Also this is the most high traffic park, with high school kids etc, and often has litter and recently a section of the climbing area for older kids became torn… I don't know if/when this park is maintained, but a weekly cleanup and walk through would be much appreciated especially for parents of small children who are most at risk of injury.	Schertz Texas Playground, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.561	-98.266	0	2	2	2
159	Add lighting to basketball court area, it gets dark fast and providing lighting will ensure we feel safe walking around the trail/playing basketball	4318 Cherry Tree Drive, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.616	-98.229	0	3	3	3

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160	Add more toddler friendly play areas	City of Schertz Northcliff Park, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.615	-98.228	0	1	1	1
161	This area of Schertz feels neglected as we are so distant from most of what the city has to offer. It would be great to add courts of some type, splash pad or public pool. Shade was added to the park, but the playground itself is nothing special for the kids. Extending the fencing further along Ekhart or wrapping it around would be helpful as well since the little ones could easily run off onto a busy road with cars going very fast.	5712 Cypress Point, Cibolo, Texas 78108, United States	29.640	-98.204	1	4	5	3
162	We really need some lighting for the dog park (especially for when it gets dark early in the winter) and it would be great to have some dedicated parking spots during ball season. Another bench or two would be nice as well. Thanks!!	940 Community Circle, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.567	-98.268	0	4	4	4
163	We would love a volleyball pit built at Ashley Park maybe by the back far corner past the basketball court. Just put in the boarder and add the sand. Can either provide a net or people can bring their own.	2560 Cove Trail, Schertz, Texas 78154, United States	29.580	-98.274	0	9	9	9
164	People love coming to this pond and walking the green space around it. Let's make it a park! Ducks and fish in the pond make it great too	6108 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.629	-98.221	0	8	8	8

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165	Please maintain this beautiful pond area as a green space, open space, nature trail, recreational area, or park! Our community needs a place where people can relax and enjoy the health-promoting benefits this scenic location provides.	6078 Covers Cove, Schertz, Texas 78108, United States	29.630	-98.222	0	6	6	6





APPENDIX

B Proposed Concept Plans

PROPOSED PARKS CONCEPT PLANS

Community Circle Park













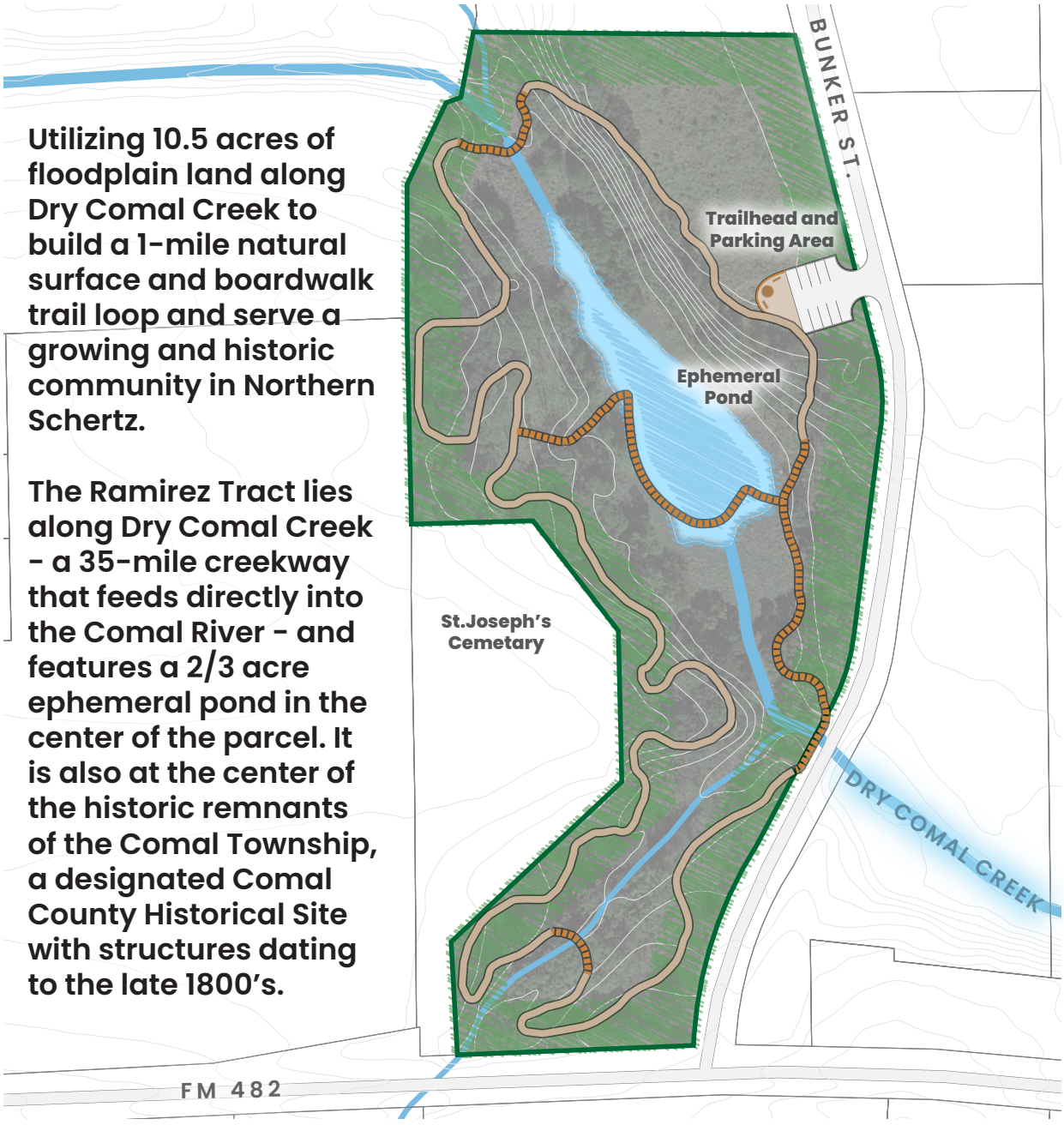




Ramirez Tract – Conceptual Plan

Utilizing 10.5 acres of floodplain land along Dry Comal Creek to build a 1-mile natural surface and boardwalk trail loop and serve a growing and historic community in Northern Schertz.

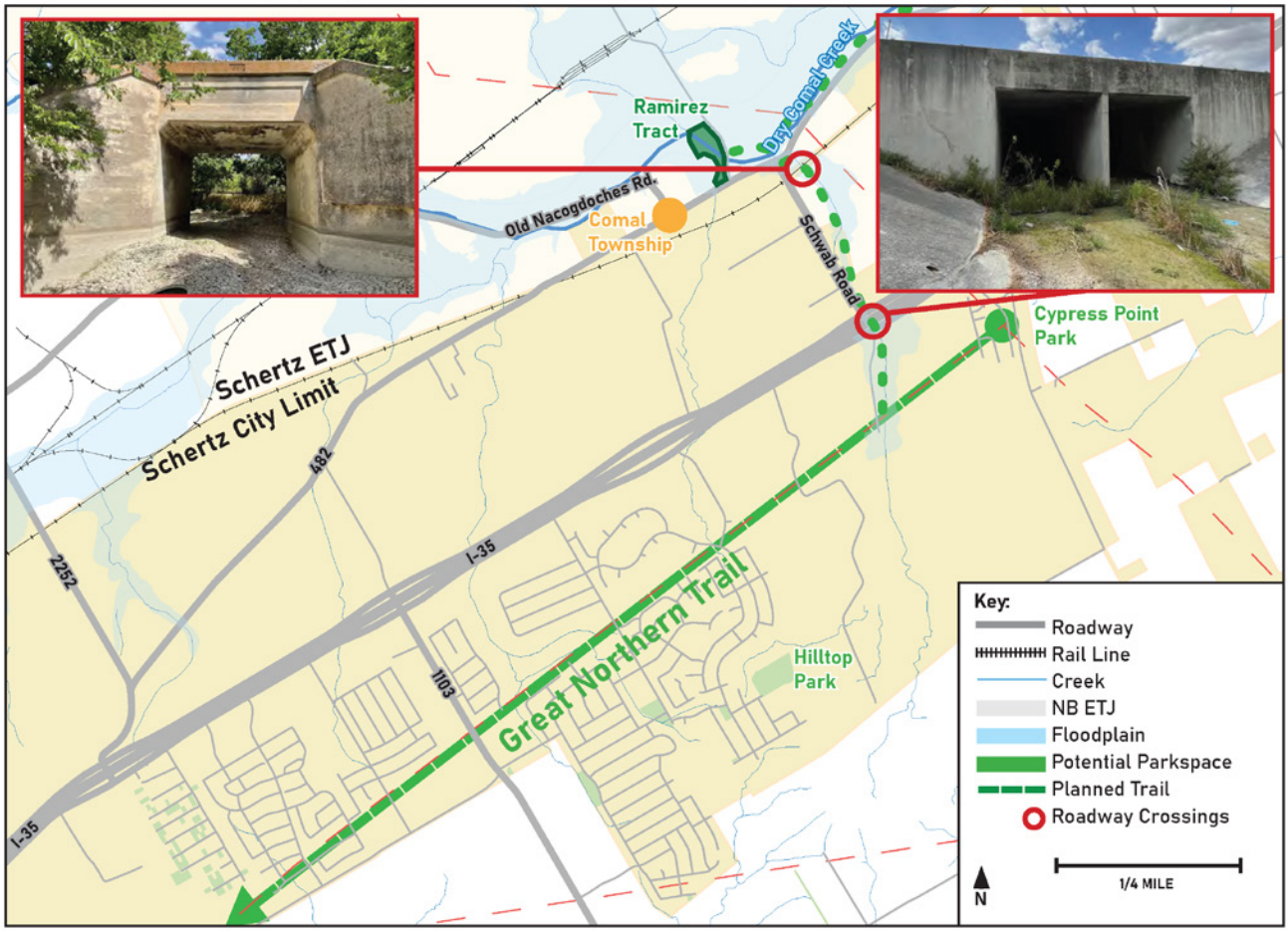
The Ramirez Tract lies along Dry Comal Creek – a 35-mile creekway that feeds directly into the Comal River – and features a 2/3 acre ephemeral pond in the center of the parcel. It is also at the center of the historic remnants of the Comal Township, a designated Comal County Historical Site with structures dating to the late 1800's.



Key:

- Ramirez Tract
- Standing Water Level
- Creekway
- Roadway
- Natural Surface Trail
- Boardwalk Trail
- N
- 250 FEET

Ramirez Tract Great Northern Trail Connection







Unnamed Future Park (Graytown Valley)



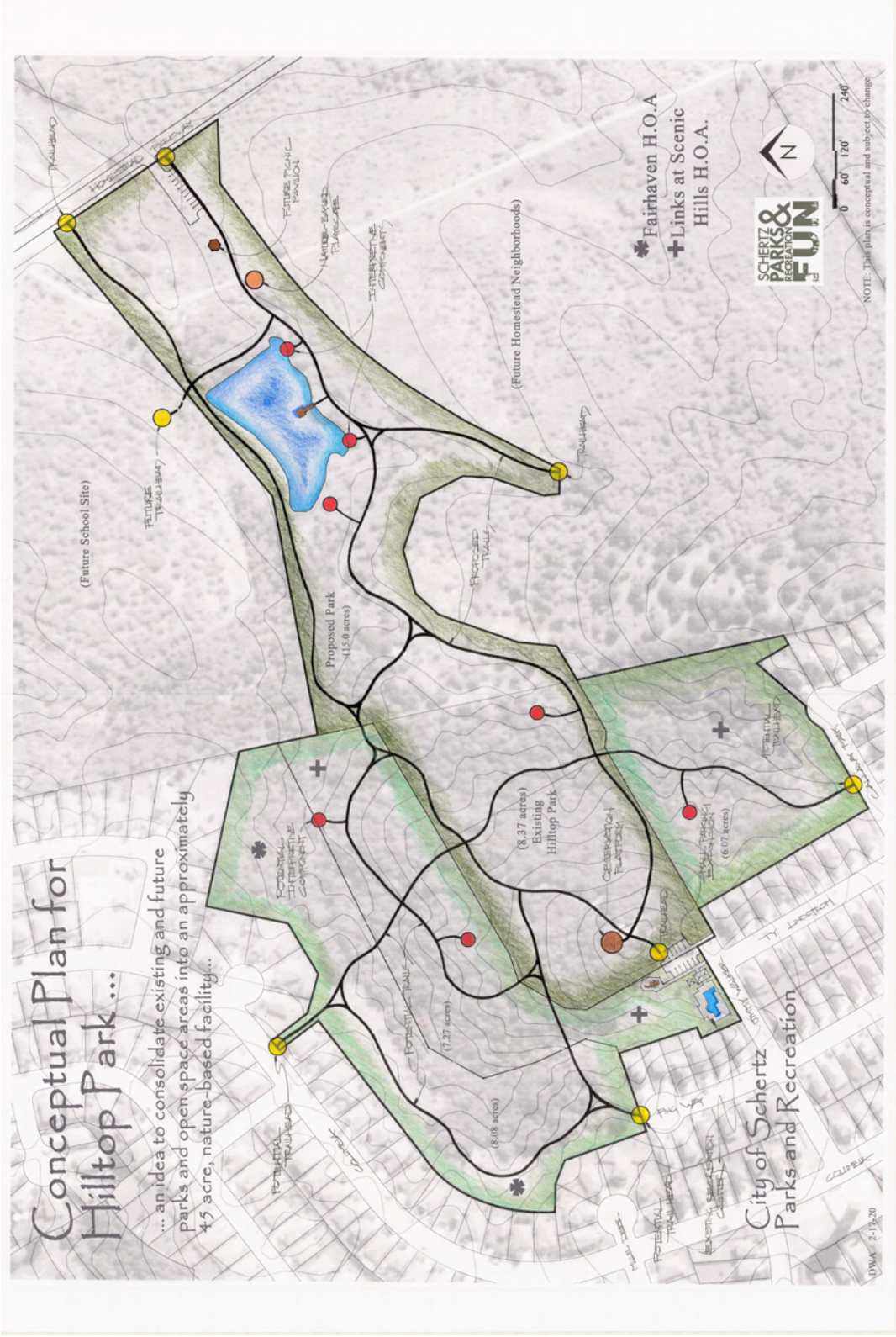
Graytown Valley Park, Overall Conceptual Plan



Graytown Valley Park, Phase One Improvements

Scale 1" = 50'

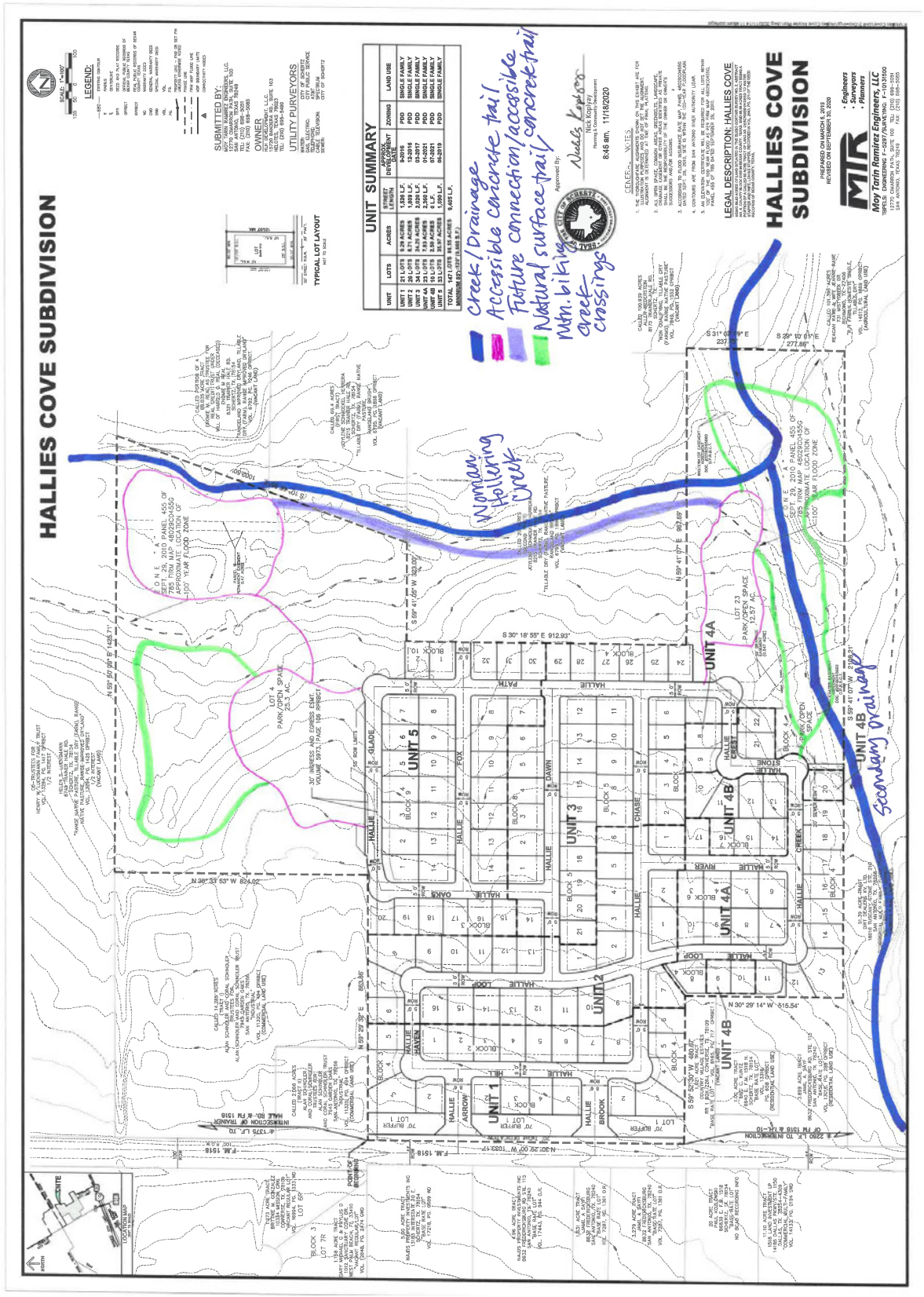
Unnamed Future Park (Hilltop)



Unnamed Future Park (part of Parklands development dedication)

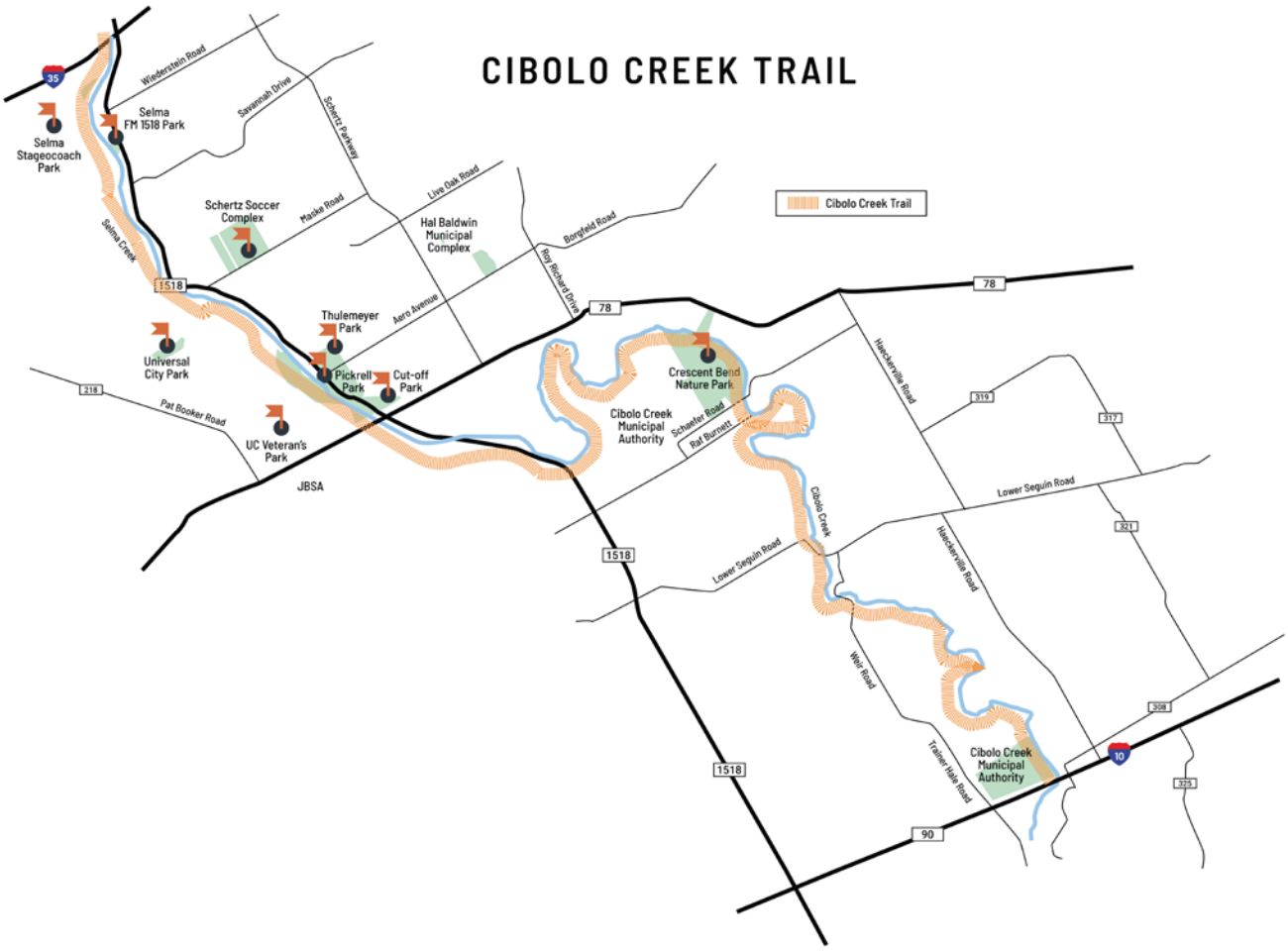


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PROPOSED TRAILS CONCEPT PLANS

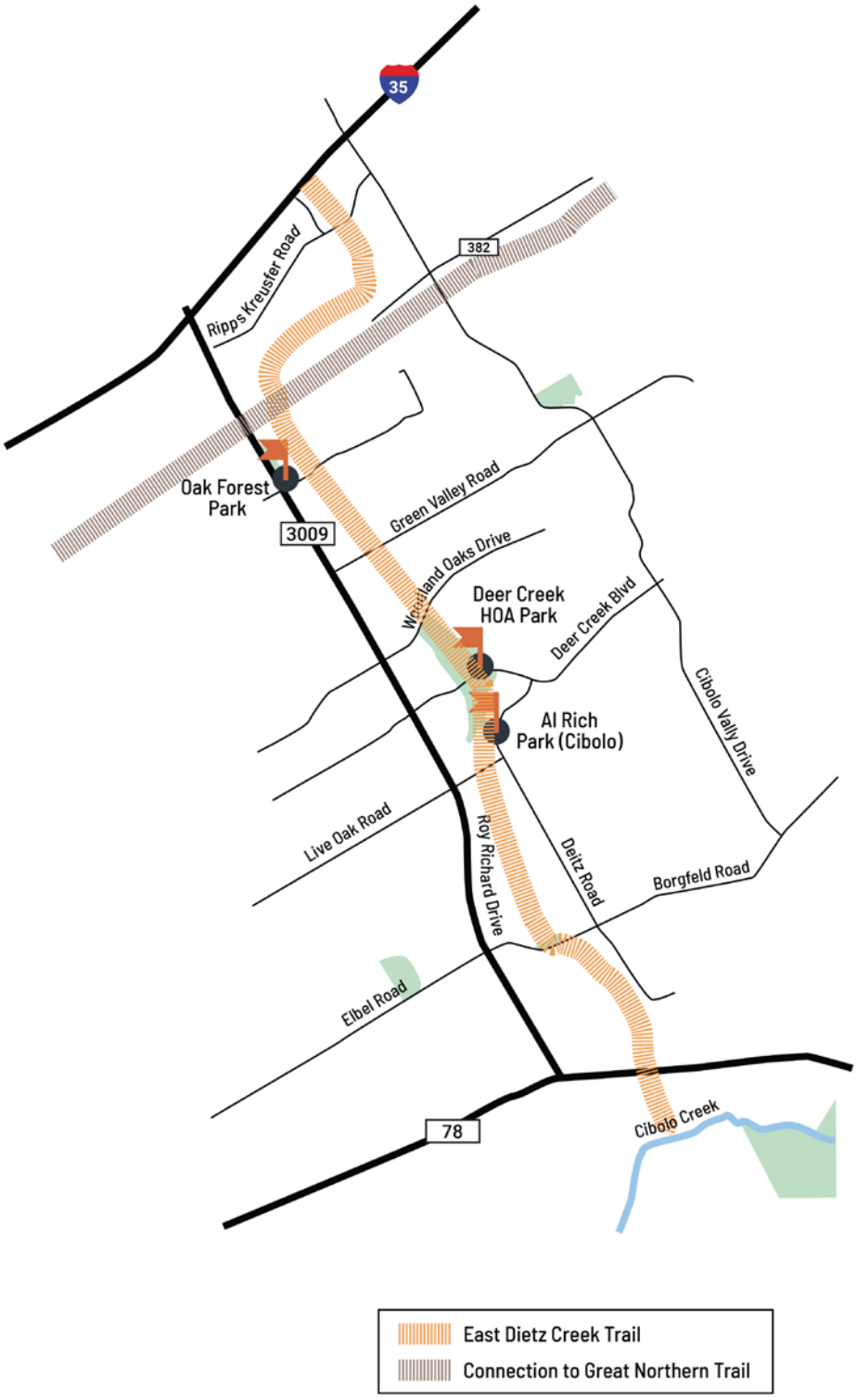
Cibolo Creek Trail



Dry Comal Creek Trail



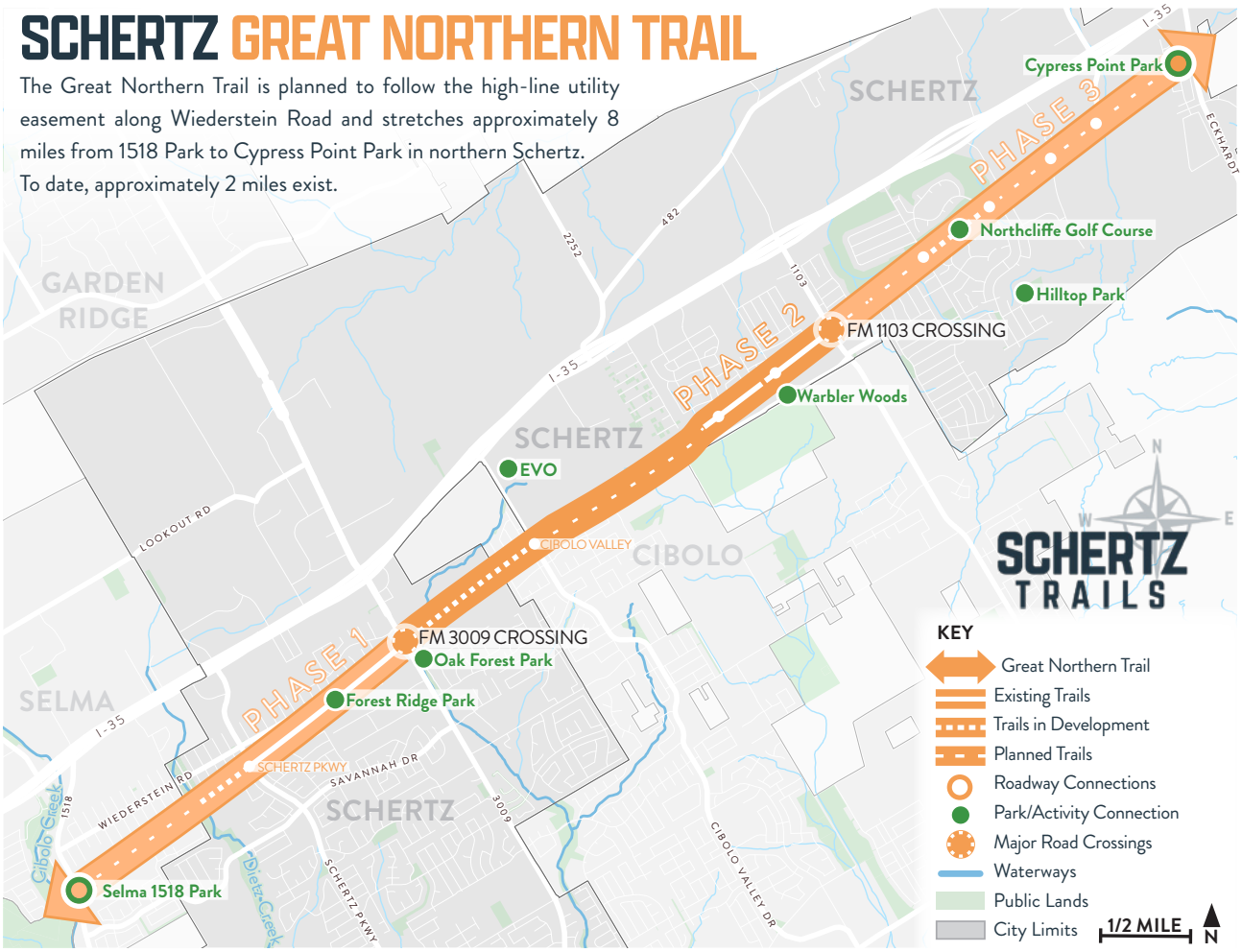
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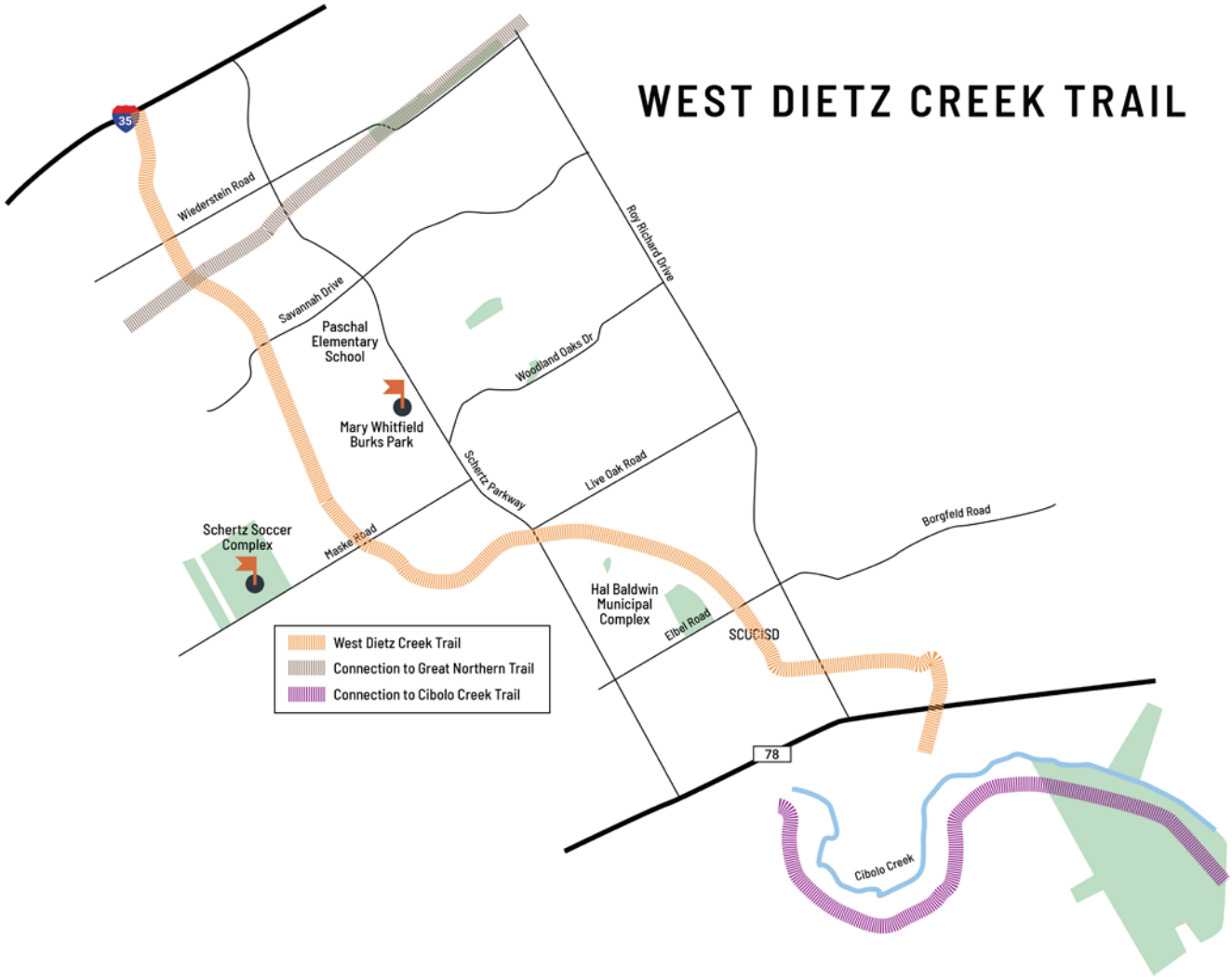
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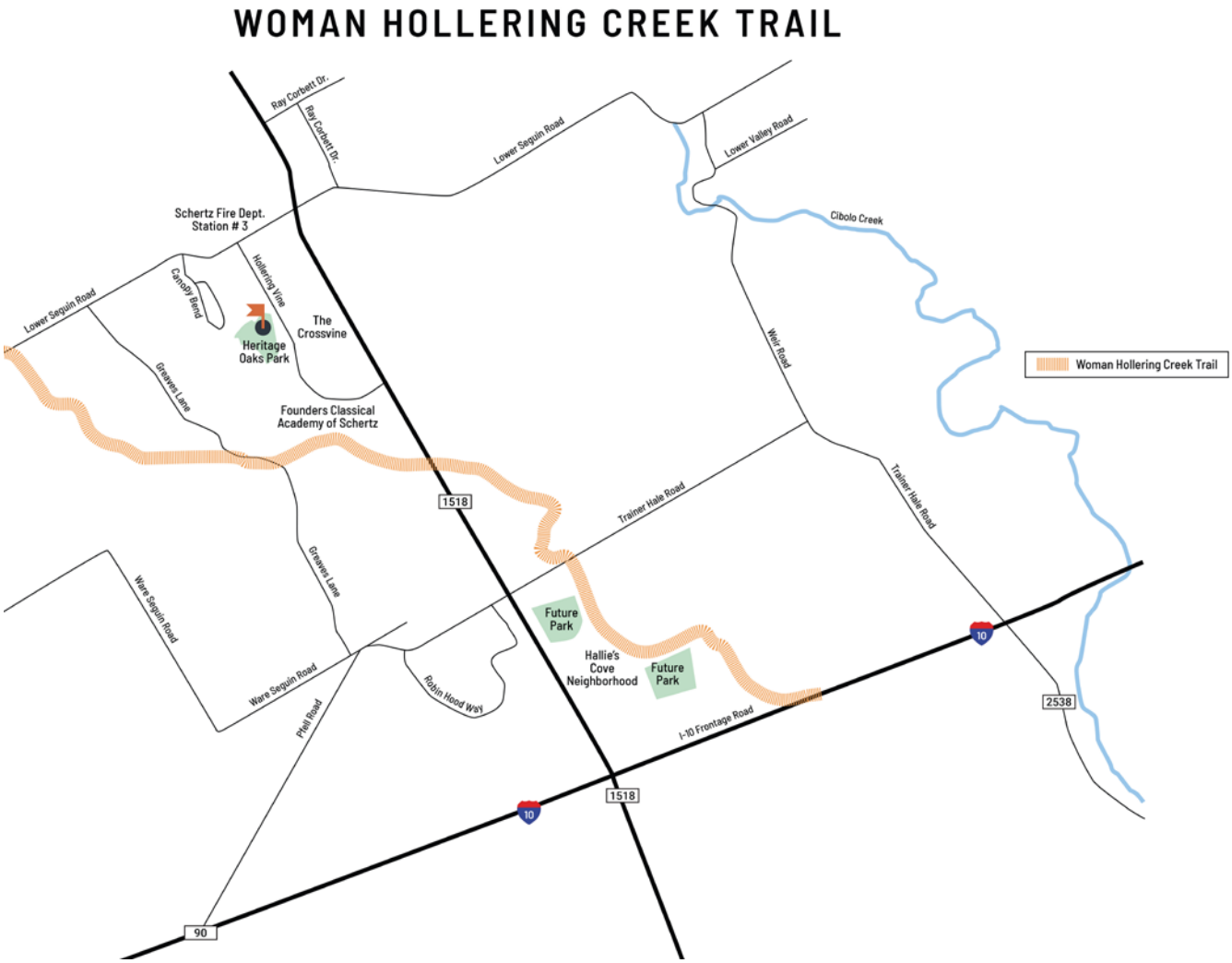
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West Dietz Creek Trail



Woman Hollering Creek Trail



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