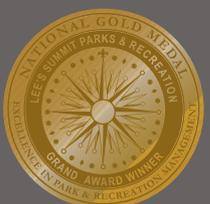




The Legacy for Tomorrow... **CONTINUES**

A vision for our parks, recreation, and cultural development.



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PARKS
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MISSION

Serving the needs of our citizens through activities and parks that are representative of the best practices of our profession and offering better quality of life.



8 Community Priorities / 33 Goals

The following 8 Priorities and 33 Goals were developed using research and data collected, analyzing trends, and implementing the best practices of our profession. LSPR has significant support from Lee's Summit citizens (approximately 88%) for the continuation of the 1/4-cent sales tax to support improvements to our parks system.

Neighborhood Park Acquisition & Development



- Goal** — Acquire and develop open green space to address the outdoor recreational needs of our community. *Est. cost: \$12.5m (\$2.5m/park x 5 parks).^a*
- Goal** — Develop additional youth practice space. *Est. cost: \$1.5m.^b*
- Goal** — Develop a sled hill.
- Goal** — Develop a park within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of every residence where feasible.^c

Goal — Develop 10 acres of neighborhood parks per 1,000 population. Current acreage LSPR has for neighborhood parks, 500 acres—53% to goal.^d

Goal — Develop 10 acres of community parks per 1,000 population. Current acreage LSPR has for neighborhood parks, 700 acres—75% to goal.^e



Neighborhood Park Renovation

- Goal** — Improve existing parks to include, but not be limited to, upgrades and/or installation of the following amenities: shelters, shade, restrooms, trails, outdoor fitness equipment, playgrounds, and climbing structures. *Est. cost: \$6m (\$400k/yr x 15 yrs).^f*
- Goal** — Review parks annually and redevelop with citizen input as needed.
- Goal** — Add splashpads in areas of our community under-served by water play opportunities. *Est. cost: \$1m (\$250k per).^g*

Community Outdoor Facilities

Goal — Development of an outdoor adventure park with various elements to challenge participants of all ages. *Est. cost: \$2m.^h*

Goal — Development of an ice rink. *Est. cost: \$1m.^h*

Goal — Continued development of Sylvia Bailey Park. *Est. cost: \$2.5m.*

Goal — Continue to make improvements to Summit Waves including more open swim water. *Est. cost: \$5m.*

Goal — Development of a safety town facility. *Est. cost: \$800k.*



Community Indoor Facilities

Goal — Development of an athletic field house to serve the diverse recreational needs of our community. *Est. cost: \$12m.*

Goal — Development of a fourth and fifth community center in the south and north areas of our community. *Est. cost: \$10m (\$5m ea.).*

Goal — Development of a nature center. *Est. cost: \$3m.*



Trails/Greenway & Blueway Development

Goal — Complete the greenway master plan and connect parks to neighborhoods. *Est. cost: \$3.75m (\$250k/yr X 15 yrs).*

Goal — Development of a blueway for recreational water use along the Little Blue Trace. *Est. cost: \$1.5m.*

Goal — Support acquisition and development of the Rock Island corridor and connection to the Katy Trail.

Goal — Development of off-road dirt trails for biking and running.

Goal — Advocacy for the continuation of the Livable Streets concept.

Footnotes **a** — Locations ready for development: South Site, Sampson property, Unity Village property. **b** — Proposed locations: Legacy Park, Summit Park, Other TBD. **c** — Estimated that 80-85% of Lee's Summit residents fall within this standard. **d** — 430 acres currently needed to meet this standard. **e** — 230 acres currently needed to meet this standard. **f** — Proposed locations: Pleasant Lea, Lowenstein, Howard, Summit, Velie, Williams-Grant, Lea McKeigha North, Lower Banner. **g** — Proposed location: South Site, Legacy Park, Hartman. **h** — Proposed location: Lea McKeighan North.

Programs & Events

Goal – Development of programming specifically for teens.

Goal – Development and/or support individual and group community fitness opportunities such as 5k's, marathons, bike rides, and obstacle course races.

Goal – Support Cultural Arts through the addition of public arts in parks, programming, and amphitheater events. *Est. cost: \$150k (\$10k/yr X 15 yrs).*

Goal – Continued development and support for community wellness programs such as individual and group fitness and RevUP.

Goal – Develop programming to support outdoor education.



and facilities including energy efficiencies, sustainable landscape, and storm water management.

Goal – Develop an asset management and needs assessment plan for all parks and facilities.

Goal – Continue to provide an annual operational subsidy for Gamber Community Center. *Est. cost: \$2.625m (\$175k/yr X 15 yrs).*

Administrative

Goal – Seek partnership opportunities with other government and non-government organizations to support and enhance the outdoor, indoor, and programming needs of our community.

Goal – Seek grants and alternative funding to compliment the existing financial resources.

Goal – Continue to engage the community and solicit input through facility membership and program listening sessions, program and event surveys, comment cards, focus groups, task forces, and community surveys.



Operations & Maintenance

Goal – Continue to invest in the maintenance of the existing parks at a standard meeting or exceeding the expectations of our community.

Goal – Utilize the best practices for the maintenance and operations of parks

From Your LSPR Board of Directors



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The continuation of this small 1/4 cent sales tax will allow LSPR to continue the process started by our citizens in 1996 with the passage of the first sales tax. Without this insightful investment in Lee's Summit Parks, there would be no Legacy Park & 39 athletic fields for boys baseball, girls softball, soccer, and football; no Legacy Park Community Center serving over 300,000 patrons per year; no early childhood development center; no Legacy Park Amphitheater; no Splashpad at Miller J. Feilds Park; no Summit Waves Aquatic Park; no Gamber Community Center... These and many more investments are serving over 1 million participants each year. But there is much more to do, and we hope you will join us in this effort to continue to make Lee's Summit a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family!

For more information, visit lsparks.net or call **816-969-1500**

Summary of Projects Cost

15 Year Sunset

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	Estimated Investment	
Park Development (\$2.5M/park x 5 parks)	\$12,500,000	Neighborhood Park Acquisition & Development
Practice Space	\$1,500,000	
Park Improvements (\$400,000/annually x 15 years)	\$6,000,000	Neighborhood Park Renovation
Splashpad (4 x \$250,000/per)	\$1,000,000	
Outdoor Adventure Park	\$2,000,000	Community Outdoor Facilities
Ice rink (outdoor)	\$1,000,000	
Sylvia Bailey Park development	\$2,500,000	
Wave pool	\$5,000,000	
Safety Town	\$800,000	Community Indoor Facilities
Athletic Fieldhouse	\$12,000,000	
Community Center #4	\$5,000,000	
Community Center #5	\$5,000,000	Trails/Greenway & Blueway Development
Nature Center	\$3,000,000	
Greenway & Trail development (\$250,000/annually x 15 years)	\$3,750,000	Programs & Events Operations & Maintenance
Blueway Development	\$1,500,000	
Art in Parks (\$10,000/annually x 15 years)	\$150,000	
GCC subsidy (\$175,000/annually x 15 years)	\$2,625,000	
Estimated Total	\$ 65,325,000	
Estimated sales tax funding (15 yrs x \$3.5M)	\$ 52,500,000	
Difference	\$ (12,825,000)	

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Did You Know?



Children are 5 times more likely to be a healthy weight if they live within ½ mile of a park. It is estimated that 80%-85% of our community meet this important standard.

Source: Health Affairs

According to multiple sources, walking is the most popular fitness activity in the United States. LSPR has 73 miles of multi-use trails for patrons to walk which helps improved overall physical and mental health.

Sources: ACSM, ACE, Athletic Business



\$1 of every \$5 spent on health care in the US is spent on caring for people with diabetes. Adults can reduce their risk by 58% simply by exercising two or more hours per week and reducing their weight by 5% - 7%. LSPR has three community centers and over 100 fitness programs to help you stay active.

Source: National Prevention Council

Preservation of open space and the development of safe, well-maintained parks in Lee's Summit benefits real estate values in our community. For example, the average single family home appraised at \$200,000 would sell for between \$220,000 - \$240,000 if located near a Lee's Summit park.

Source: Dr. John Crompton, *The Economic Benefits of Parks & Trust for Public Land*



70% of survey respondents say they enjoy outdoor recreational activities for the primary purpose of exercise. LSPR has over 1,000 acres of park land to support outdoor activities.

Source: Outdoor Industry Association, *Outdoor Recreation Participation Report 2013*

LSPR uses an environmentally sensitive approach to park development specifically in the area of Legacy Park where the storm water system uses minimal piping and reuses storm water runoff to supply the 22 acre lake. Each year an estimated 44,616,000 gallons of water are used to irrigate the 39 athletic fields saving LSPR and our community \$370,000 annually.



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What People Are Saying About LSPR On Social Media



Melanie Olson-Cox reviewed [Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation](#)



Outstanding parks. Well maintained & beautiful.



Matt Brickell reviewed [Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation](#)



Great job overall. I'm consistently impressed with LSPR. You guys have a lot of playgrounds and parks to maintain, can't be easy. Nice work.



Sarah M Tharp reviewed [Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation](#)



Love the fenced in area. Bathrooms very close! Girls loved it. Only thing I think is lacking is more benches and shade for parents!



Vishnu Priya Polepalli reviewed [Lea McKeighan Park](#)



Awesome place with something for everyone alike! Great to visit for a picnic with family and friends. Nicely thought out and planned. Thanks for giving us a great time



Skye Steph Dixon reviewed [Lea McKeighan Park](#)



Love this park. This kids have a great time... as do the adults



Jin H Kim reviewed [Lea McKeighan Park](#)



One of the best parks I've been to! They have something for kids of all ages, so glad it's here in Lee's Summit!



Tanja Kubis reviewed [Legacy Park Community Center](#)



We have been here a couple of times and have loved it! The staff is friendly and very helpful. There is so much room in the pool area to play. We have a disabled child and it is accessible with both a lift and a beach entry. We also appreciated not having to pay as a caregiver. We will definitely be back!



Amy Brennaman Miguel reviewed [Gamber Community Center](#)



The best staff! Always clean and friendly - Love this place !



Santana Cummings reviewed [Summit Waves](#)



Summit waves is a safe and family oriented environment to have summer fun all day long. My children love the lazy river and there is plenty of action for all age groups. Highly recommend Summit Waves.



Jamie Page reviewed [Lea McKeighan Park](#)



Nice, clean and lots of fun! Went there for a class field trip, will definitely go back!